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News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

TISHREI/  
HESHVAN 5775



Kadima Kids with their hula hoops enjoying "Hoopnotica." See page 5 for more pictures.

## SIMCHAT TORAH "REWIND"

Thursday, October 16th  
6:00pm

Join us as we celebrate Simchat Torah with dancing, singing, music, and delicious treats. You won't want to miss this community event as we dance with the Torah with Rabbi Michael Gotlieb and Cantor Samuel Cohen.

We look forward to seeing you there as we enjoy a festive evening! Bring your friends— all are welcome.

## THE MEASURE OF A LIFE

### RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

By what standards will our lives be measured? No doubt, a tough question. The Talmud (Shabbat 31a) lists six questions God will ask us; four of which I care to focus on briefly below.

The first: *Nassata v'nattata b'emunah?* Were you honest in business? (Literally, did you deal in good faith?) You don't have to be a corporate executive to answer that question. Every time you intentionally fill out your tax return improperly or inflate an insurance claim, that query is relevant. Every time you misrepresent yourself and manipulate, lie, or cheat, the question applies.

Second: *Asakta b'priyah v'rivyah?* Did you work at having a family? The Talmud fully acknowledges not everyone has,

can have, or chooses to have children (let alone get married). A more inclusive read of the question would be: did you work at *being a family—a Jewish family?* Our Jewish family needs your help, particularly now. Intermarriage, assimilation, and indifference plague the Jewish family. The aggregate number of Jews is down and that downward trend is being felt worldwide. Judaism, unfortunately, is not a "growth industry."

Third: *Kavatah eitim la Torah?* Did you make time for Torah [in your life]? Regardless of one's religious orientation, Torah is the bedrock upon which Judaism is defined. It is the foundation for all that is Jewish.

Fourth: *Tzipita La yeshua?* Did you hope for (anticipate) redemption? Or, as I would

apply the question, were you optimistic? An inherent optimism comes from living a God-filled life. Living such a life infuses a higher, ultimate purpose to our existence. Does your life reflect that God-filled element; do you at least grapple with the notion?

As the Jewish New Year is upon us, and with it the hope of another year of life, these ethical measurements, these questions are more pressing; they become ever more personal. I suspect, in the final analysis, the standard by which all of us will be measured is whether the world is a qualitatively better place as a result of our having been born—may that be so. In the meantime, and beyond, I hope all of you are blessed with a year of goodness, health, and meaning. *Shana Tova.*

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Our students had a great first day of Religious School! Pics inside.

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# PERSPECTIVES ON SECURITY



**MANNY BAKER, President**

I recently attended a security workshop at the American Jewish University (AJU). A number of incidents in the past few months have sparked a variety of different workshops and seminars on the topic; for example, the rise of ISIS, the beheading of James Foley, and attacks on Jews in predominantly Jewish neighborhoods in New York and Los Angeles. All things considered, there is concern in the Jewish community about the prospect

of terrorism, especially around the High Holidays. Accordingly, a number of these workshops and seminars were sponsored by Jewish organizations. At this workshop, there were presentations made by a number of groups: the district attorney's office, law enforcement and crime prevention, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and the Los Angeles Jewish Federation.

Elan Carr, Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles, candidate to represent the 33rd district in California in the US House of Representatives, and a major in the US Army reserves, led off. (Carr is also the son of our own Carmella Pardo). Carr served a tour of duty in Iraq, leading a counter-terrorism team and interrogated a large number of terrorists. He had some interesting perspectives on the differences between interrogating common criminals and terrorists. Terrorists are great at saying nothing.

He stated that there was no intelligence indicating an imminent threat from Islamist terrorists for the upcoming High Holiday services, but that there was a very real threat from a shooter acting alone or in concert with another. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agents have indicated to Carr that there have been a significant number of terrorists caught and deported but that there are still number remaining in the US. These operatives have a great deal of patience and will often take years to meticulously plan and execute terror attacks. Al Qaeda waited eight years after the first attack on the World Trade Center before 9/11, and it was very meticulously planned. They are probably in the process of planning some horrendous attack, but it's not expected for this High Holiday season. And my guess is that Kehillat Ma'arav would not be a likely target – not now or in the future. Terrorists like high profile targets, and that is not us.

The rest of the program dealt with steps that can be taken before, during, and after a shooter attack. Personnel from the LAPD, Sherriff's Department, and private security firms participated in this session. They provided much advice on how to make our facility more secure. This was followed by a presentation by the ADL on anti-Semitic incidents in the Los Angeles area, including actions to take when such acts are spotted. Finally, there was a presentation by the Jewish Federation on the assistance they can provide to improve the security of Jewish facilities. They do a cost-free walkthrough which identifies vulnerabilities and steps that can be taken to improve safety, and we plan on having the Federation come in and do a walkthrough here at Kehillat Ma'arav.

# TIMELESS MUSIC



**CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN**

The year ends and begins again, but it does not truly come to a final stop as it starts up again right away. The musical term for this is a false cadence. The song feels like it ended, but then continues. Aside from Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, the Jewish equivalent of this false cadence is the holiday of Simchat Torah. It is the holiday where we finish the Torah reading cycle and restart it immediately

thereafter. In addition to this musical parallel, Simchat Torah is also celebrated with dance, song, and music.

An interesting way of looking at the history of music is through the lens of false cadences. Each style of music comes to an end, from the inception of music, to the baroque style, followed by the classical period, all the way through today, creating an everlasting false cadence. Music has always been an expression of its time, yet some music, such as Mozart, Beethoven, and the more contemporary Beatles, have withstood this test of time.

The following quote about the Beatles is by a well-noted music critic. The Rabbi mentioned the quote during our recent "Shabbat in 3D" to illustrate how we should not be so critical, yet it also proves how music is a reflection of its time, and how, on the rare occasion, one can create music that is timeless.

"The Beatles are not merely awful; I would consider it sacrilegious to say anything less than that they are god awful. They are so unbelievably horribly, so appallingly unmusical, so dogmatically insensitive to the magic of the art that they

qualify as crowned heads of anti-music, even as the imposter popes went down in history as "anti-popes."

William F. Buckley Jr.  
Boston Globe  
Sept. 13, 1964

William F. Buckley Jr. could not have been more wrong, and history has proven that. However, was he simply expressing how he felt at the time, so how was he to know that the Beatles would become the biggest thing since sliced bread? He *couldn't* know and I would venture to say he might not have even been able to envision the possibility of the music's future impact because he was used to hearing the music of his own time. The Beatles did not make music of the time because their legend was achieved by creating music that is timeless.

Jewish music, like the music Cantors sing today in synagogues around the world in every denomination and like everything else in Judaism, is always evolving. This is one of the reasons that the "Guys and Maidels" group of which I am a part is so exciting and fun; everyone in the group is constantly looking for innovative music to continue the false cadence of the past and, if we are fortunate enough, to create some timeless music along the way.

There is, however, one Cantorial piece of music that is both of its time and timeless. All attempts to remove it from services throughout history have consistently failed. I am, of course, referring to the Kol Nidrei. It has been sung and rearranged in every way possible; even non-Jews have recorded it, most notably the recording by Perry Como and the magnificent Max Bruch's composition for cello. The Kol Nidrei melody is haunting, stirring, and inspirational. It reaches a place in the soul that is beyond the dimensions of time. *Shana Tovah.*



# LIVELY FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

SUSIE YURE' Membership Committee

One of my favorite things at KM is our once-a-month Kabbalat Shabbat Services. We brought back the Friday night services about five years ago with the help of long-time member Sherrill Kushner. Our services are quite musical, always with congregational singing, and originally with limited piano accompaniment as well. It's been a bonus to enjoy the KM Choir as their music enhances services many times throughout the year. Last August, we stepped it up and introduced tambourines and the KM Band. Due to the popularity of the percussion instruments, we doubled our supply to accommodate the crowd. Our best attendance is when we have a catered dinner following services, however, at services this past year we've had 50-75 congregants lured only by snacks and coffee! Many congregants then go out to dinner together following services and schmoozing.

Ushering in Shabbat on Friday night at KM is a spiritual party. Many people arrive early, filling the atrium with *ruach* as we greet each other and, as this continues, we move into the sanctuary. Cantor Cohen's enthusiasm sets the tone for a lively experience and Rabbi Gotlieb shares a timely D'var Torah and helps to lead the service. There is a special community moment when Rabbi takes out five minutes to encourage congregants to extend a hand of welcome to those they don't know. We are so grateful to the KM Band and the Choir for their dedication to enhancing our services with their music. Before these services, we now have PJ Library, a pre-school program brought to us by the Jewish Federation and led by Masha Savitz, Director of Early Education and Arts Programs at KM (see page 5 for pictures from September's PJ Library). Some of these families also stay to enjoy our services.

On September 5th, we welcomed over 100 people for services and dinner at our Annual Membership Kabbalat Shabbat Service. There was an added energy that night as 30% of the congregation consisted of prospective members. The dinner, catered by Balabusta, was delicious and the evening was complete with prospective members sharing stories. If you've yet to join us or haven't attended in a while, please do mark the first Friday night of the month on your calendars. See you there!

## AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK

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## YOUTH DIRECTOR & EVENT COORDINATOR CINDY ROTH

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NextGen Saturday Night Live  
Wine Expo Chanukah Celebration

### NextGen

We have some great events planned for you in 5775. Don't miss out!

Contact Cindy Roth: (310)829-0566 or e-mail [youthdirector@km-synagogue.org](mailto:youthdirector@km-synagogue.org)

# MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

**STEPHEN SHAPIRO**  
Men's Club President

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Join us for *Classical Music at the Synagogue* on Monday, October 27 at 7pm, featuring the music of Chopin ("Poet of the Piano") and Wieniawski ("Chopin of the Violin"). Cantor Samuel Cohen, Pianist Diana Volman, and Violinist Ludmila Adzhemova will teach and perform for us. Admission: \$25

On Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm, we will present a showing of *Through These Eyes*, narrated by Maya Angelou and produced, directed, and written by Hilary Helstein. The documentary consists of interviews with artists who survived the Holocaust. A Q&A session with Hilary Helstein will follow the film.

Please RSVP for events to the KM Synagogue Office at 310-829-0566.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD & ARTS PROGRAMS

MASHA SAVITZ



From the back classroom during our PJ Library Rosh Hashana program this September 5, *tekiah, shevarim*, and *teruah* could be heard blasting from colorful plastic shofarot followed by giggles. Along with reading *Sammy The Spider's First Rosh Hashana*, the preschool-aged children and their parents decorated cards, munched on apples and honey, and joined together for Shabbat *brachot* with candle lighting, grape juice, and challah.

Since April, the first Friday evening of the month here means our synagogue is bustling with families with young children, many of them newcomers to KM, as we host a PJ Library event. This Jewish Family Engagement Program, implemented on a local level throughout North America, comes to us through a partnership with LA's Jewish Federation. All families raising Jewish children from six months old through five, six, seven or eight years (depending on the community) are welcome to sign up to receive Jewish themed books every month, and are subsequently invited to our program through their robust mailing list. Each of our PJ events concludes with a tasty light Shabbat dinner where families sit together to celebrate community, Shabbat and the joy of creative educational play. Enjoy a few pictures from September's PJ Library below.



**PAST EVENTS:**

Our interesting and informative event in September was a showing of the movie *The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life*, which won an Academy Award for "Best Short Subject Documentary." The movie told the story of Holocaust survivor Alice Herz-Sommer who recently died at age 110. This was followed by audience discussion with Producer Phillip Goldfine, and Hilary Helstein, Director of the Los Angeles Jewish Film Festival and Producer of the documentary (pictured above).

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First day of Religious School followed by a Kadima event: "Hoopnotical!"

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

SHARONE WEIZMAN, Director of Education



*Shalom Chaverim!* Wow, what an exciting beginning to our school year. Thank you to all our parents who attended our Open House and Parent Orientation on the first Sunday of Religious School. We would like to officially welcome all of our new parents and students to our KM family; we have 11 new children and 7 new families in our Religious School this year! It has been wonderful

getting to know our new children during the opening days of school and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the High Holy Day services. I cannot thank our Education Committee, parent volunteers, and faculty enough for helping us get off to such a fantastic start!

Our halls are already filled with your children's laughter and smiles. I've enjoyed observing our classrooms this past month and seeing all the active learning and engagement that is happening each and every class. Our fabulous team of instructors brings a new energy and buzz to our school. Both our students and teachers are off to a great start!

This year we are implementing a new Joint Community High School experience for 8th-10th Graders. Kehillat Ma'arav is joining forces with Mishkon Tephilo and Adat Shalom for our Westside Chai Program. Teens, you are welcome to join us for our Westside Chai pool party kick-off at Sophie Goldberger's house on Sunday, October 12th. The first official night of Westside Chai is on Tuesday, October 14th at KM. For more information please contact Sharone Weizman at eddirector@km-synagogue.org.

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur children's programming is designed to meet the needs of students and parents alike.

This year, our 2nd-7th Grade programming will include four interactive station rotations designed to make learning both effective and enjoyable. Similarly, our Youth T'fillah service will occur while our teens enjoy a special experience tailored just for them. Thanks to all our parent volunteers, teachers and assistants who are helping to make the High Holidays truly memorable for our students!

Parents, please mark your calendars for our **Back-To-School-Day on Sunday, October 26th**. Your children will have already been in school for a month and a half and I'm sure you will have plenty of questions. Come and meet your child's teacher while rotating through their classes. Find out more about our curriculum and get a taste of all the excitement that has been happening in our Religious School.

As we continue to reflect on our actions and what truly matters during the High Holiday season, I would like to close with one of my favorite learning quotes from Mishna 1 – Pirkei Avot:

"Ben Zoma said: Who is wise? He who learns from every person, as it is stated: 'From all those who have taught me I have gained wisdom...'"

The Mishna adds that one must learn from every person; one must learn not only Torah from one's teachers, but also the good qualities of character and upright conduct which one discerns in any person. It is my hope that together, as we continue to welcome in the new year, we keep this Mishna quote in mind and learn from each other not only Torah but positive values and G'millut Chasadim (acts of loving kindness). I'm very much looking forward to a year filled with learning and positive growth for each and every one of us. *L'Shana Tova!*

# REFLECTIONS ON JOY

## DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

Hermann Cohen deserves to be much better known today. He might be the most important Jewish philosopher of the 19th century. A leader of the Neo-Kantian School, he taught in Marburg at the College for the Science of Judaism in Berlin until 1912 and thereafter until his death in 1918. Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig can be counted among his students, although they had reservations about his framing of Judaism as "ethical monotheism," as expounded in his Jewish magnum opus, "The Religion of Reason: Out of the Sources of Judaism."

Cohen's reflections on Sukkot and Simhat Torah:

....(J)oy in the festival--which joy is its very meaning and foundation--is also a symbol of peace. If it is true that holidays make joy a reality among men, the road to peace becomes a road to life. It is no illusion that they holidays are festivals of joy. The joy that is realized in the holiday of freedom, of deliverance from slavery and of the divine call to become a kingdom of priests, is no deceptive joy. It is a truly historical joy that celebrates the revelation on Mount Sinai, the legislation of a moral

world. And it is also true joy which links the Festival of Harvest with the wanderings through the wilderness, concluding with the Rejoicing in the Law as a whole.

Joy is a well-established rubric for these holidays. Joy in the holidays proves peace a fundamental force of the soul and an important road to virtue...

Peace in the joy of the festival is characteristic of Jewish life. It is a miracle that, in spite of all the sufferings which have marked his history, the Jew has been able to preserve such equanimity, even humor, without which he could not have managed to rise out of the deepest humiliation to such proud heights. This miracle is due to the festivals. On the Sabbath as on the holidays, there was joy in the ghetto, no matter what sufferings the week had brought. Joy in the festival was a religious duty, and became an unshakable and vital force to Jewish consciousness. (Translated by William Wolf, from Phillip Goodman's "The Sukkot and Simhat Torah Anthology")

## Meet the Bat Mitzvah

## ERIS ADINA SOLOMON



Hello, my name is Eris Solomon. I live I Reno, NV and I am about to have my Bat Mitzvah. I live with my mom, stepdad, and two baby brothers, who are very cute but also can be extremely annoying. I am 13 years old, I attend BD Billingham Middle School, and I am in eighth grade. I love to sing, so I am in three different choirs associated with my school this year. Some of my favorite extra-curricular activities are art, fencing, and travelling. I hope to someday travel to many different countries, try various exotic foods, and see famous sites.

My Torah portion is *Bereshit*, the first portion in the Torah. This parsha is special because it talks about the beginnings of the world, and creation. It also discusses the origin of human kind. By reading this parsha every year, we can come up with ways to get through the hard end of the last year and push into a fresh start in the next. It is important because we can't ever have a story without a beginning. It sets the scene for the rest of time and ultimately decides what is going to happen next.

I'm excited to have my Bat Mitzvah at KM even though I live far away, partly because my Saba recently passed away. He was an active KM member, so it feels as though he will be there with me. Also when I was young, and I lived in San Diego, I often came up to visit my grandparents and attend KM services, so I am very comfortable at KM.

I hope to see you at my Bat Mitzvah soon, celebrating the dawn of creation and the beginning of my adult life as a Jew.

## MUSIC & DESSERTS

### DEBBY KENNEL

An enthusiastic group of KM music lovers experienced a summer treat at the gracious home of Susan Greenberg Norman and Michael Norman. Those of us who have been lucky enough to hear Susan in past performances were not surprised by her crystalline tone, perfect pitch, and excellent phrasing. The bonus was hearing two other outstanding musicians who joined her in this special chamber concert. Susan soloed in a lovely contemporary piece by an English composer named John Rutter, ironically named *Antique Suite*, and also played a delightful polka on the piccolo. She was joined by noted local pianist Diana Volman and talented clarinetist Ryan Yure', who came from Boston to join Susan and Diana in two trios for flute, clarinet and piano. Playing a trio reduction of an orchestral score is a challenge, but all three musicians acquitted themselves very effectively in a suite from the opera *Carmen*. They also introduced us to the music of a Beethoven contemporary named Danzi in a second gracefully played trio. Hearing Susan join Diana in a 4-handed piano version of Liszt's *Hungarian Fantasy #2* was a lovely surprise ending to the musical part of the evening.

Enjoying the elegant wine, cheese, and dessert buffet sponsored by Susan and Michael's havurah in a atmosphere of warm camaraderie was one more reminder of how lucky we KM members are to belong to such a deeply talented and friendly community. Enjoy a few pictures from the event below.





# TRIBUTES *(as of September 16th, 2014)*

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- **LOLLY BENNETT'S**  
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on the birth of their grandson  
Ethan Bradley Shore  
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- **MARSHA AND LAURIE FURST**  
on the birth of their grandson  
Jackson Morris Israeli  
by Norma Laine  
Susan and Richard Ross  
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Linda and Jack Topal  
Sandy and Stan Ziegler
- **ELLIOT GOLDBERG**  
on his 80th birthday  
by Judy and Manny Baker
- **SHARON AND LEON JANKS**  
on the marriage of their son  
Marc to Margot Bookspan  
by Shirley Strom  
Sandy and Stan Ziegler
- **LEAH MENDELSON**  
on the birth of her grandson  
Shiv Solomon Mendelsohn  
by Judy and Manny Baker  
Lolly Bennett  
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Norma Laine  
Susan and Richard Ross  
Shirley Strom
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by Joel and Holly Strom
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by Elaine Albert
- **DAVID HOFFMAN**  
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by Paul and Sue Hoffman
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by Jerry Pomerantz  
and Nancy Greystone
- **MARIE SALOSHIN**  
grandmother of Holly Strom  
by Holly Strom
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by Lolly Bennett
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by Carol Turetsky
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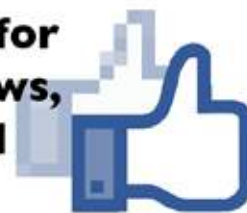
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## OUR CONDOLENCES

Judy and Ness Moadeb on the passing of  
Judy's mother, Katalin Fischl, on Wednesday,  
September 17.

Donna Simon on the passing of her husband,  
Gil Simon on Saturday, September 6.

## MAZEL TOV!

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her grandson, Shiv Solomon Mendelsohn, on Sunday, September 14. He is the son of Leah's son, Josh, and his wife, Nisha.

Sharon and Leon Janks on the marriage of their son, Marc, to Margot Bookspan on Sunday, August 31, 2014.

Marsha and Laurie Furst on the birth of their grandson, Jackson Morris Israeli born on

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## *My Brother's Keeper*

# STAND WITH ISRAEL IN ISRAEL

Kehillat Ma'arav, in conjunction with Israel Tour Connections (ITC), has planned a solidarity mission to Israel. There's no time like the present to show Israel our love and support. This Jerusalem—based trip will be meaningful both to you personally and to the people of Israel.

We'll spend 5 nights in Jerusalem touring an Iron Dome battery, visiting wounded soldiers in the Negev, delivering gifts to lone soldiers, touring the Old City, and more. There will also be plenty of time for you to explore on your own. If you are interested in joining us on this mission, please contact Rabbi Gotlieb or Kathie Rose ASAP as we need to secure airfare before there is a price increase.

Join us as we stand with Israel by standing in Israel. Why wait? NOW is the time.

Yallah Yallah! (Let's go, LET'S GO!)

**November 11 through November 18**



# Upcoming Events at Kehillat Ma'arav

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Saturday  
OCTOBER

4

following  
services

### COMMUNITY BREAK FAST

This year, we're breaking fast together as a community! Immediately following Yom Kippur services at the Olympic Collection, join your KM community for a delicious meal and wonderful company as we usher in the New Year together. Cost: \$25 per person

Sunday  
OCTOBER

12

4:00pm

### KM'S SUKKAH HOP/PROGRESSIVE POTLUCK

Why eat in just one Sukkah when you can enjoy three? Nosh and schmooze in your fellow congregants' sukkas as we hop from one home to another. Please RSVP to the KM office at (310) 829-0566 and we'll contact you with which dish to bring. RSVP now - space is limited!

Thursday  
OCTOBER

16

6:00pm

### SIMCHAT TORAH "REWIND"

Join us as we celebrate Simchat Torah with dancing, singing, music, and delicious treats. You won't want to miss this community event as we dance around the Torah with Rabbi Gotlieb and Cantor Cohen and turn this holiday UPSIDE DOWN! We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your friends - all are welcome.

Saturday  
OCTOBER

18

7:00pm

### SCOTCH, CIGARS, AND SIMCHA

Join the NextGen on Saturday, October 18th at the home of Rabbi Michael & Jill Gotlieb as we celebrate the season with spirits and snacks. NextGen members and friends are welcome. Please call the office at (310) 829-0566 for the address and to RSVP.

Monday  
OCTOBER

27

7:00pm

### CLASSICAL MUSIC AT THE SYNAGOGUE

Our Men's Club brings you *Classical Music at the Synagogue*, featuring the music of Chopin ("Poet of the Piano") and Wieniawski ("Chopin of the Violin"). Cantor Samuel Cohen, Pianist Diana Volman, and Violinist Ludmila Adzhemova will teach and perform for us. All are welcome. Admission: \$25

NOVEMBER

11

through

NOVEMBER

18

### KM SOLIDARITY MISSION TO ISRAEL

Join us as we stand *with* Israel by standing *in* Israel. Why wait? NOW is the time. CONFIRMED DATES for our solidarity mission are November 11-18. We'll spend 5 nights in Jerusalem visiting an Iron Dome battery, delivering gifts to lone soldiers, touring around the Old City, and more. If you are interested in joining us on this mission, please contact Rabbi Gotlieb or Kathie Rose as soon as possible as we need to secure airfare before the price increases.

# OCTOBER 2014

# TISHREI/HESHVAN 5775

## Kehillat Ma'arav Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Shabbat Club</b> Fun & interactive services for kids grades 2-6  <b>Tot Shabbat</b> Energetic services for kids	<b>PJ Library</b> Books, crafts, and dinner for preschool-aged kids on the 1st Friday of every month.	<b>30 SEPTEMBER</b>	1  <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir	2  <b>7:30pm</b> Investment Comm. Mtg.	3  <b>EREV YOM KIPPUR</b>  <b>6:00pm</b> Kol Nidre & Shabbat Services <b>6:17pm</b> Candle Lighting	4  <b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <b>9:00am</b> Services at the Olympic Collection <b>7:00pm</b> Break Fast (following services)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		<b>3:45pm (RS)</b> 2nd-7th <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1		<b>SUKKOT</b> <b>9:30am</b> Services	<b>SUKKOT</b> <b>9:30am</b> Services  <b>6:08pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>SUKKOT</b> <b>9:30am</b> Services <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>SUKKOT</b>  <b>4:00pm</b> Progressive Sukkot Dinner	<b>SUKKOT</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> Membership Comm. Mtg.	<b>SUKKOT</b>  <b>3:45pm (RS)</b> 2nd-7th <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1 <b>6:00pm</b> Westside Chai	<b>HOSHANA RABBAH</b>	<b>SHIMINI ATZERET</b> <b>9:30am</b> Shimini Atzeret Services/ Yizkor  <b>6:00pm</b> Simchat Torah Celebration	<b>SIMCHAT TORAH</b>  <b>9:30am</b> Simchat Torah Services  <b>5:59pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>9:30am</b> Services & Bat Mitzvah of Eris Solomon <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat <b>7:00pm</b> NextGen Event
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		<b>3:45pm (RS)</b> 2nd-7th <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1 <b>6:00pm</b> Westside Chai	<b>6:00pm</b> Exec. Comm. Mtg. <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Board of Trustees Mtg.	<b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb	<b>5:51pm</b> Candle Lighting	<b>9:30am</b> Services <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 NOVEMBER
<b>9:00am</b> RS <b>12:30pm</b> Kadima Event	<b>7:00pm</b> Men's Club Event	<b>3:45pm (RS)</b> 2nd-7th <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1 <b>6:00pm</b> Westside Chai	<b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir	<b>12:00pm</b> Lunch & learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb <b>6:30pm</b> Intro to Judaism Class <b>7:30pm</b> Investment Comm. Mtg.	<b>5:44pm</b> Candle Lighting	

### Happy Birthday!

(Celebrants 18 & Younger)

Joanna Cancino	Daniel Rotberg
Claire Castel	Elizabeth Jean (Betty) Roth
Brit-El Gibson	Robert Armand Roth
Jared Ivan Levin	Naama Shemesh
Phoebe Lewin	Jaden Asher Steiglitz
Emily Rose Lippman	Tracey Thompson
Michael Lippman	Joshua Wagner
Zia Lilly Peterson	

### Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Tamara Bernstein 17th Anniversary	Michael & Roz Menitoff 34th Anniversary
Brian & Eileen Cohen 18th Anniversary	Brian & Lori Papernik 21st Anniversary
Aziz & Louise Farnam 30th Anniversary	Nancy Greystone & Jerry Pomerantz 24th Anniversary
Ronald & Brana Hall 35th Anniversary	Morris & Elizabeth Salem 13th Anniversary
Brenda Ligorsky & Mark Hirschberg 15th Anniversary	Avi & Anat Shemesh 13th Anniversary
Andrew & Tally Lippman 14th Anniversary	Steve & Audra Silon 34th Anniversary
	Lauren Levine & Barry Smith 13th Anniversary