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Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

Tuesday,
May 30, 2017

FESTIVITIES BEGIN @ KM
5:30pm

LEIL TIKKUN
(ALL NIGHT LEARNING)
9:00pm

SHAVUOT SERVICES
Wednesday, May 31 9:30am
Thursday, June 1 (Yizkor) 9:30am

UPCOMING MILESTONES JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

As we enter the last two months of our fiscal year (which ends on June 30) we have much to be proud of but also much to do. From the High Holidays last fall through our recent Passover Seder, it seems like the quality – from religiosity and spirituality to attendance vitality and plain old fun – met or exceeded anything we have ever had. We can thank and congratulate our staff and ourselves for that. As a congregation, we are firing on all figurative cylinders. And don't forget that Shavout is coming up from May 30-June 1.

On the financial front, we are having another strong year, but unlike last year, we will not be able to show a surplus. To help address this issue for the future, and in honor of our 36th year, the Board has approved the creation of our first-ever endowment fund – the KM Generations Fund – for the express purpose of generating earnings from financial investments that we can use to help cover our annual operating expenses. The preliminary fund-raising for the Fund has recently begun (and is off to a good start), and stay tuned for our kick-off date. We are asking for every single member to participate and contribute. You will hear more on this soon.

Finally, there is one other date to put on your calendar. Our Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 pm. This is your chance to hear in detail about our accomplishments in the year that is ending and our plans for the coming year. More important, it is your opportunity to vote on our slate of officers and trustees. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

Matt and Svetlana Averbukh
33rd anniversary
Martin and Jan Berkowitz
35th anniversary
Carl and Cari Coulam
18th anniversary
Israel and Yehudit Coutin
26th anniversary
Lee and Cande Friedman
33rd anniversary
Lew and Eileen Goldberg
54th anniversary
Robert Ditchey and Nathalie Hoffman
30th anniversary

Gerard and Dena Karsenty
5th anniversary
Joel and Sharon Krischer
44th anniversary
Richard and Cathy Krop
25th anniversary
Alan and Manja Lenkin
17th anniversary
Lloyd Wagner and Simone Matzer
24th anniversary
David and Susan Oberman
25th anniversary
Stan and Rhonda Rubin
47th anniversary

Ian and Julie Slater
13th anniversary
Jack and Linda Topal
34th anniversary
Frank Laski and Kirsten Turlo
7th anniversary
Michael Sopher and Debra Vilinsky
33rd anniversary
Randy and Susan Ziegler
33rd anniversary

BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

Coby Bolanos
Eliana Bono
Mitchell Isaac Brodie
Noa Broekman
Nadav Broekman
Isaac Eden Elgrably
Yael Gali Finn
Jacob Alexander Glaser
Joshua William Glaser
Mya Jacob
Evan Wolff Karsenty
Sophia Joelle Lippman
Arabella Feldman-Milliken
Evan Elan Muller
Isabel Skye Silverman
Avery Michelle Weinberg
Alexander Wolfberg

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 6:00pm RS Family Dinner Yom Ha'atzmaut 7:15pm KM Choir	3 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	4 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 7:00pm Challah Baking	5 7:02pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	6 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
7 9am RS 2-7 9:15am Ed Comm Mtg 1pm Kadima event	8 11:00am Yiddish Class 7:00pm Membership Comm Mtg	9 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	10	11 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	12 7:07pm Candle Lighting	13 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
14	15	16 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 4:00pm RS Lag B'Omer event 7:15pm KM Choir	17 6:00pm Executive Comm. Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg	18 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	19 7:07pm Candle Lighting	20 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
21 11am Men's & Women's Club Speaker 5:30pm Westside Chai /USY event	22	23 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	24	25 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	26 7:12pm Candle Lighting	27 9:30am Shabbat Services-Bat Mitzvah Zia Peterson 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
28	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir 5:30pm Shavuot Celebration	31 9:30am 1st Day Shavuot Services Office Closed	<h2 style="margin: 0;">MAY 2017</h2> <h2 style="margin: 0;">IYAR/SIVAN 5777</h2>		

*Meet Our Bat Mitzvah!***Zia Peterson** May 27

Hello, my name is Zia Peterson and I am in 7th grade going to Emerson Middle school. My favorite class in school is PE because I enjoy playing sports, especially Spikeball. Some of my favorite things to do outside of school are playing tennis and flute, watching YouTube and fangirling about Fast and Furious. I absolutely love hanging out with my friends because they always make me smile.

I am really thankful that close family and friends from a distance are able to come witness this big milestone. I've worked so hard to prepare for this day, and I look forward to sharing it with you.

UPCOMING EVENT *Sponsored by the KM Men's & Women's Club*

Speaker, Dr. Michael Harris Sunday, May 21 11am at KM



Dr. Michael Harris, a Bay Area pediatrician & author, and one of the founders of the Bay Area chapter of San Francisco Voice for Israel (now StandWithUs) will speak on: "Winning a Debate with An Israel Hater: How to Effectively Challenge Anti-Israel Extremists in Your Neighborhood". Dr. Harris has made appearances on radio shows in the US and Israel. He has also appeared on television news reports as a local spokesperson, countering misinformation about Israel. He has given speeches to groups at synagogues, churches, political organizations, and senior citizen centers. All are invited to attend this outstanding presentation. Recommended donation: \$5.00. RSVP at KM office.



TRIBUTES *(as of April 21, 2017)*

MAZEL TOV TO

Sue and Paul Hoffman on the birth of their grandson, Noah Eliezer Rotter, by Susie and Marc Yure'

IN HONOR OF

Carole Meltzner's 80th birthday, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock

Tammy Steinsapir 80th birthday, by Sandy and Henry Abouaf, Lolly Bennett, Sherman and Marlene Chessler, Judy and Les Eber, Michael Finch, Benjamin Greenberg, Patricia Greenberg, Kathy and Dennis Gura, Daniel Henninger, Joanne and Paul Klein, Joseph Lappan, Kathleen Patterson and Chuck Griffin, Lori and Brian Papernik, Leland Reicher, Bill and Willa Shapiro, Benjamin Savoy, Darcy and Michael Savoy, Skye Savoy, Sloane Savoy

GENERAL FUND

In memory of

- **ED BAIZER**,
by Mimi Klein, Stan Ziegler
- **HENRY BERKIN**,
grandfather of Larry Berkin, by Larry and Miyako Berkin
- **SALLY BERKIN**,
grandmother of Larry Berkin, by Larry and Miyako Berkin

- **MINNIE BERNSTEIN**,
mother of Susan Bernstein, by Susan Bernstein

- **IDA BRONSTEIN**,
mother of Bernie Bronstein, by Bernie and Susan Bronstein

- **BILL COHEN**,
husband of Miriam Cohen, by Carol Turetsky, Stan Ziegler

- **DAVID GRAY**,
father of Beverly Bienstock, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock

- **ROSE GROSS**,
grandmother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

- **WILLIAM GROSSMAN**,
uncle of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

- **ZELMA JANKELOWITZ**,
mother of Leon Janks, by Leon and Sharon Janks

- **IRVING KAGAN**,
father of Marsha Furst, by Marsha and Laurie Furst

- **CLARA KAPLAN**,
mother of Marsha Latiner, by Marsha and Forrest Latiner

- **MINNIE KARPEL**,
grandmother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

- **SHIRLEY NEMEROFF**,
sister of Eileen Goldberg, by Judy and Manny Baker, Evelyn Berger, Mimi Klein, Minda and Jeffrey Salberg, Shelly and Tom Vedres

- **SUSAN LAINE**,
daughter of Norma Laine, by Norma Laine

- **LORRAINE LAUFER**,
wife of Bernard Laufer, by Bernard Laufer

- **MADELINE LEVINE**,
mother of Lauren Levine, by Lauren Levine and Barry Smith

- **ROSE GROSS MELLON**,
mother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

- **ENTA NISELEVICH**,
mother of Faina Gelman, by Faina and Boris Gelman

- **SARAH SCHWARTZ**,
mother-in-law of Beverly Schwartz, by Beverly Schwartz

- **SAM STOVER**,
grandfather of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

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Tributes con't...

- **MARSHALL SMITH**,
father of Barry Smith, by Barry Smith and Lauren Levine
- **CHANA WEINSTEIN**,
grandmother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres
- **MORRIS WITTENBERG**,
father of Marsha Latiner, by Marsha and Forrest Latiner
- **CAROL ZIM**,
mother of Valerie Zim, by Valerie Zim

GEORGE AND FLORENCE EBER MEMORIAL LECTURE FUND

In memory of

Stuart Sostrin, husband of Sandy Sostrin, by Melinda Smith and Bruce Altshuler

KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of

Naomi and Joseph Yadegar anniversary, by Naomi and Joseph Yadegar

In memory of

Michael Diamant, father of Lou Diamant, by Lou and Sandi Diamant

Steve Craig, son-in-law of Norma Laine, by Norma Laine

Lee Laine, husband of Norma Laine, by Norma Laine

Sylvia Robbins, mother of Sandi Diamant, by Sandi and Lou Diamant

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

In memory of

Herb Berger, husband of Evelyn Berger, by Evelyn Berger and family

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A donation by

Matthew Maibaum

In honor of

Tammy Steinsapir's 80th Birthday, by Kathy and Dennis Gura

In memory of

Herb Berger, husband of Evelyn Berger, by Evelyn Berger and family

MAZEL TOV TO

Yafit and Oran Josephson on the birth of their son, Maor, born on Tuesday, March 24.

CONDOLENCES TO

Miriam Cohen on the passing of her husband, Bill Cohen, on Friday, April 14.

Eileen and Lew Goldberg on the passing of Eileen's sister, Shirley Nemeroff, on Tuesday, April 11.

The Baizer family on the passing of Ed Baizer, Monday, April 10.



Kehillat Ma'arav (KM) is a Conservative congregation serving Santa Monica, the Westside and beyond. KM is a caring, involved community striving to meet the religious, spiritual, educational, and social needs of our diverse membership. Join us Shabbat mornings for an egalitarian, traditional service. We maintain an award winning K-12 religious school as well as youth programs and continuing adult education opportunities. We invite you to experience our community and help us serve the Westside with pride and dignity.

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