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Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

CESHVAN/  
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# THE VOICE

*You're Invited*

Endowment  
Campaign  
Launch

Sunday,  
November 19

Kehillat Ma'arav  
**Generations**



4:30pm -  
6:00pm

Musical  
performances  
• Food • Lively  
Presentations

## THE LAST FURLONGS

JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

We are down to the last two furlongs of 2017.

OK, that's a bit of a stretch, but bear with me. A "furlong" (if the term is used in anything but horse racing, I am unaware of it) is 1/8 of a mile. The Kentucky Derby is 10 furlongs (1-1/4 mile), the Preakness is 10.5 furlongs (1-3/16 miles) and the Belmont Stakes is 12 furlongs (1-1/2 mile). The winning time in the Belmont Stakes is always within a few seconds of two minutes and 30 seconds, which to me, is the amount of time it seems to take for a whole year to go by. So, a month is to time what a furlong is to distance? That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

And we have a busy and important final two furlongs ahead of us in 2017. On November 19 from 4:30-6:00 pm we will have the official kickoff event for our Generations Endowment Fund. This is a vital first step to ensure the financial future of our wonderful congregation. As we enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, we will celebrate with multi-generational musical performances by our KM choirs and the U.S. premiere performance of "Yad Vashem," composed by Israeli composer and Julliard graduate, Haim Shtrum, specifically for our own flutist, Susan Greenberg Norman. Don't miss this wonderful event for a wonderful cause. (There will be no solicitation at the event.)

Later that week, on Thanksgiving Day, we will host the annual

interfaith breakfast with our friends from Brentwood Presbyterian Church. (Just in case anybody does not know, during its infancy KM rented space from BPC for about 10 years before moving into our own building, and we have remained friends with that congregation ever since.) This is a wonderful way to launch the Thanksgiving holiday and underscore that our American values are universal and cut across all religious (and even non-religious) denominations.

Next month (furlong), of course, brings us Hanukkah (December 12-20) and we will have a range of activities for which we will provide the details later. The general mood of people just seems to be a little sunnier, more uplifted, more energetic during the holiday season. Collectively, for many of us, it is a time to be thankful, to spend time with family and to share with those that are less fortunate.

Lastly, the end of the year also brings us to the end of . . . . . the tax year (at least for most of us). Our annual fundraising efforts continue (well, they never really end), and while we are doing very well, we have still not met our goals of 100% participation (we are at 40%) and \$200,000 (\$60,000) raised. (As I write this, we have not yet learned what, if any, impact the soon-to-be-announced tax reform proposal may have on charitable contributions.) So if you haven't made/paid your pledge, please do so soon. And if you are able, become one of our major "angels."

# ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Ron and Ruth Barnett <i>59th anniversary</i>	Louis and Sandi Diamant <i>58th anniversary</i>	Ted and Amy Kahan <i>28th anniversary</i>	Massoud and Azita Nemanim <i>30th anniversary</i>	Jonathan and Elizabeth Saven <i>15th anniversary</i>
Michael Amster and Susan Charette <i>19th anniversary</i>	Izzy and Marilyn Freeman <i>34th anniversary</i>	Leon and Doreen Lewin <i>49th anniversary</i>	Michael and Jessica Sacher <i>35th anniversary</i>	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

Elaine Albert	Veronica Kun	Darryl C. Marks	Elizabeth Saven	(18 and Under)
Toby Brannen	Kathryn Kushlan	Sid Meltzner	Benjamin Shapiro	Kaden Nessim Gabbai
Hilary Coller	Avi Kushlan	Nicholas Mitchell	Holly Strom	Taylor Ann Denise Gabbai
Harold Erdley	Sherrill Kushner	Michael Norman	Shelly Vedres	Sophie Goldberger
Alan Fein	Bernard Laufer	Fay Pimstone	Steve Weinberg	Jay Jacob
Tom Glasner	Manja Lenkin	Emma Ramey	Susan Yure'	Steven Lenkin
Sonia Glasner	Daniel Levi	Jack Roth	Melodee Eva-Zacchara	Eve Leah Melzer Levenson
Charles Goldsmith	Judith Levine	Elana Cohen-Roth	Sharon Zeitlin	Sasha Maya Liberman
Dennis Gura	Kevin Lewin	Zvi Rothenberg	Judy Zucker	Billy Shapiro
Ronald Hall	Lisa Lewin	Sara Rothenberg	Adar Broekman	Jack Shapiro
Lori Harrison	Joseph Loewenbein	Jeffrey Salberg	Sadie Fay Finn	Jeremy Alex Steiglitz
Ted Kahan	Mayer Margolis	Morris Salem	Golda Ruth Louise Fleiss	Henry Ullendorff
				Regina (Rachel) Weber

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2017 CHESHVAN/KISLEV 5778			1	2 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn  7:00pm Challah Bake	3  5:41pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	4 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
5  9:00am RS 2-7  12:30pm Kadima	6  7:30pm Investment Committee Mtg	7  3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1  7:15pm KM Choir	8	9  12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn  6:30pm Intro to Judaism	10  Veterans Day Office Closed  4:35pm Candle Lighting	11 9:30am Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah Aaron Dunn 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
12  11:00am "Mysteries of Life: Darwin vs Intelligent Design" - KM Mens and Womens Club event	13	14  3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1  7:15pm KM Choir	15	16  12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn  6:30pm Intro to Judaism	17  4:31pm Candle Lighting	18 9:30am Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah Sharry Eydel 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
19  4:30pm Endowment Kickoff	20  11:00am Yiddish Class  7:15pm KM Choir	21  3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	22	23  Thanksgiving  8:30am Thanksgiving Interfaith Service	24  4:28pm Candle Lighting	25  9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
26	27	28  3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1  7:15pm KM Choir	29	30  12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn  6:30pm Intro to Judaism		

*Meet Our Bar Mitzvah!***Aaron Dunn - November 11**

Hi! My name is Aaron Dunn. I am an 8th grader at Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies Middle School. My favorite subjects are Science and History. I have a younger brother, Ryan, who is 5 years-old, and a big sister, Gillian, who is 14. I play soccer and football. I also enjoy playing the piano. I have been playing soccer and piano since I was 4 and I really enjoy both.

I also love to travel. I have been to China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Israel, France and Italy.

My Torah Portion is Chayei Sarah which deals with Sarah's Death and the remaining years of Abraham's life. I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah on November 11, 2017. I'm excited to be a

Bar Mitzvah because it's an important part of my Jewish heritage.

*Meet Our Bat Mitzvah!***Sharry Eydal - November 18**

My name is Sharry Eydal, and I'm a senior at Hale Charter Academy in Woodland Hills. I love to play Uno and Monopoly with my family. I also enjoy computer coding, especially for Minecraft. I have a little brother, Jacob, who's four and an older sister Kayla, who is in high school. Being in the middle is tough sometimes, but it is also fun to be a part of a big family.

I'm really excited about my Bat Mitzvah because I'm the first one in four generations in my family to celebrate being Bat Mitzvah. My mom and dad come from Soviet Union where my parents, grandparent and even great-grandparents were not allowed to celebrate their Judaism. My favorite parts of my Bat Mitzvah practice has been learning about how to properly read important blessings and how to push myself to get something done, and done right. I can't wait to show the results of my commitment and hard work at my Bat Mitzvah.

**MAZEL TOV TO**

Sharon and Leon Janks on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Madison Jasper, born on Monday, October 16.

Michael Sopher and Debra Vilinsky on the birth of their granddaughter, Aderet Nediva Sopher, born on Tuesday, September 26.

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*Kehillat Ma'arav's*  
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**THANKSGIVING  
INTERFAITH  
BREAKFAST & SERVICE**  
with Brentwood Presbyterian Church

**Thursday, November 23**  
**8:30am**

*located this year at:*  
**Kehillat Ma'arav**

Family friendly event; All ages are welcome.

Light breakfast followed by a lovely service.

This special interfaith service with Kehillat Ma'arav and Brentwood Presbyterian includes songs, prayers & reflections and is led by clergy from both congregations.

*SUGGESTED DONATION:*  
\$4 and a can of food

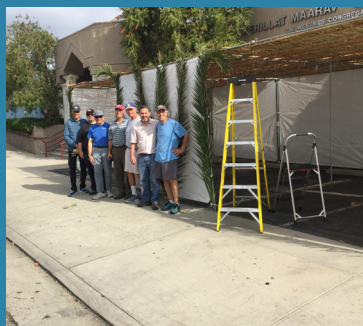


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**THANK YOU TO OUR KM SUKKAH BUILDERS!**

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- Herb Sabin
- Barry Smith
- Michael Sopher
- Lou Zucker



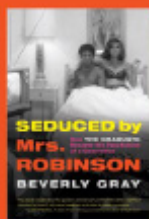
**BOOK LAUNCH BY OUR OWN BEVERLY GRAY BIENSTOCK!**

**Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m.** - Launch party at Diesel (bookstore at the Brentwood Country Mart)

**Sunday, December 3 at 3 p.m.** - (at AJU)  
**Film Screening & Author Discussion**  
50th Anniversary Screening

**THE GRADUATE**

**SEDUCED by Mrs. ROBINSON:**  
How THE GRADUATE Became the Touchstone for a Generation



**Sunday, December 3, 2017 | 3:00pm | Familian Campus | Gindi Auditorium**  
\$18 Premium/\$12 Reserved. All tickets include popcorn!

**Celebrate the golden anniversary of this groundbreaking 1967 comedy classic by watching it again on the big screen!**

A fixture of best movie lists, the film stars **Dustin Hoffman** as a disillusioned college graduate who wrestles with life decisions while balancing a relationship with the older **Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft)** and her daughter (**Katharine Ross**). It features the remarkable **Simon & Garfunkel** soundtrack and was nominated for seven Academy Awards.

Following the screening, join us for a discussion about this unexpected cultural phenomenon with **Beverly Gray**, author of *Seduced by Mrs. Robinson: How The Graduate Became the Touchstone of a Generation*. This book puts the movie in historical context and offers a fascinating behind-the-scenes look into the making of this iconic film, including newly-revealed factoids, while explaining why it has had such a lasting impact on popular culture.



**Beverly Gray** is the author of *Roger Corman: Blood-Sucking Vampires, Flesh-Eating Cockroaches, and Driller Killers* and *Ron Howard: From Mayberry to the Moon... and Beyond*. She was Corman's story editor and has covered the entertainment industry for the *Hollywood Reporter*.

The author will be in conversation with **Craig Modderno**, an entertainment journalist who conducted the interviews for an early DVD edition of the film and also wrote *The Graduate: One on One with Dustin Hoffman*.

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