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THE VOICE

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Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

CELEBRATE SHAVUOT

SATURDAY, MAY 19
6:30PM

DAIRY DINNER
SINGING UNDER
THE STARS

CHEESECAKE
DESSERT*

TIKKUN LEIL

* Will be made by our congregation
at the In-House "challah bake" on
Thursday, May 17. All are welcome!

THE JOYFUL MUSIC OF KM JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

They have become regulars at our First-Friday-Night-of-the-Month Shabbat services over the last couple of years. They have also made a couple of "guest" appearances at Purim.

"They" (ok, "we") are the members of our in-house KM Band, sometimes affectionately called "Flashes of Adequacy": Alan Alter (piano and ukulele), Alan Sperling (guitar), Jeremy Zwang-Weissman (percussion) (plus his occasional understudy/substitute Livya Howard-Yashar) and your humble scribe (12-string guitar) (all of us also pitch in vocally from time-to-time.)

Conceived of, and brought together and musically arranged by, Cantor Cohen, (and helped enormously by our pianist Diana Volman) the Band members cover a broad range of ages, backgrounds and (ahem) (in)formal musical training, but we share and work together for one simple mission: to help bring joy to the arrival of Shabbat on Friday nights and to pitch in on other occasional events at which we appear. Mostly, all of us pretty much just have a blast. In the words of the Alan(s):

Alan S: "I enjoy the informality of the service. Since we only do it once a month, it never really gets 'old.' I like when the Cantor changes and adds something different, like when he brings in a guest cantor. It really makes for a meaningful and enjoyable service."

Alan A: "'Jewish' music is any music made by Jews. It is the unifying force that brings together two thirty-somethings, occa-

sionally a twenty-something, and a few really-old-somethings to play a variety of music. From straight liturgical, current or older popular to 'cross-overs' like Alan Sperling's "Hello Shabbos My Old Friends" riff on Paul Simon's "Sounds of Silence," it brings us and people all around us together."

In Cantor Cohen's words: "Music is perhaps the purist form of expression; combined with Tefila it is incredibly powerful. It can inspire, even uplift, both life and *Neshama*. That is why I am a cantor. Having our own 'house band,' where our members give their time and effort, enhances the music's connection to our community and communal services and events. I thank the Band for helping me lead Shabbat services with music, joy and *simchah*."

It is in this spirit of joy that, while we seriously try to get the music right (your humble scribe manages to get musically lost at least once each Friday), we also feel free (and have Rabbi's blessing) to have fun in how we play and even in some of our apparel accessorizing.

If you haven't attended Friday Night services for a while, give it a try and see how KM can jumpstart your Shabbat by putting a smile on your face. We're sure - at least we hope -- you will enjoy the icing that the members of Flashes of Adequacy try to apply to KM's joyful Shabbat cake.

A final note on an unrelated topic. Our Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm. By any reasonable measure,

this has been an outstanding year for our community. This is even true on the financial front. Thanks to a tremendous one-time gift (from a family that, so far, wishes to remain anonymous) we will finish in the black for this year; and thanks to very broad and gratifying support we have received pledges getting us to over 25% (over \$1 million) to the funding of our Generations Endowment Fund, giving us a head start on as-

sureing our finances for the future. The annual meeting is your chance to hear about all of that in detail, and more important, to vote on our slate of officers and trustees for the upcoming 2018-19 year and to hear about our collective vision for that year and beyond.

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Matt & Svetlana Averbukh <i>34th anniversary</i>	Lee & Cande Friedman <i>34th anniversary</i>	Joel & Sharon Krischer <i>45th anniversary</i>	Lloyd Wagner & Simone Matzer <i>25th anniversary</i>	Stan & Rhonda Rubin <i>48th anniversary</i>	Michael Sopher & Debra Vilinsky <i>34th anniversary</i>
Martin & Jan Berkowitz <i>36th anniversary</i>	Lew & Eileen Goldberg <i>55th anniversary</i>	Richard & Cathy Krop <i>26th anniversary</i>	David & Susan Oberman <i>26th anniversary</i>	Ian & Julie Slater <i>14th anniversary</i>	Randy & Susan Ziegler <i>34th anniversary</i>
Israel & Yehudit Coutin <i>37th anniversary</i>	Gerard & Dena Karsenty <i>6th anniversary</i>	Alan & Manja Lenkin <i>18th anniversary</i>	Arturo & Sara Palencia <i>3rd anniversary</i>	Jack & Linda Topal <i>35th anniversary</i>	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2018 IYAR/SIVAN 5778		1 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	2	3 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	4 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat services 7:22pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	5 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
6 9:00am RS 2-7 11:30am Men's & Women's Club Event- Wine Tasting off-site	7	8 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	9	10 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	11 7:28pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	12 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
13	14 11:00am Yiddish Class	15 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	16 6:15pm Exec Comm Mtg 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg	17 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 7:00pm Challah & Cheesecake Bake	18 7:33pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	19 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 6:30pm SHAVUOT CELEBRATION
20 9:30am Shavuot Services - 1st day	21 9:30am Shavuot Services - 2nd day	22 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	23	24 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	25 7:38pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	26 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
27	28 OFFICE CLOSED: Memorial Day	29 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	30	31 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

Matthew Albert	Marissa Joy Freeman	Nancy Greystone	Sophia Joelle Lippman	Norma Stein
Edith Ballonoff	Ari Friedman	Ira Grose	Charles Louy	Tammy Steinsapir
Ruth Barnett	Kaden Nessim Gabbai	Adam Gross	Brad Manning	Addison Rose Ben-Tal
Coby Bolanos	Sabine Rose Ganezer	Joshua Hamrell	Evan Elan Muller	Dotan Ben-Tal
Eliana Bono	Peter Gardner	Homa Harounian	Tamara Beliak Neumeier	Jonathan Trester
Nadav Broekman	Roman Gelman	David Hoffman	Joshua Packer	Gilbert Trester
Noa Broekman	Jacob Alexander Glaser	Larry Israel	Kevin Rael Pimstone	Cookie Valente
Susan Bronstein	Joshua William Glaser	Mya Jacob	Kathie Rose	Sarah Weber
Avi Coutin	Patricia Glasner	Andrea Jussim	Phil Rose	Avery Michelle Weinberg
Sam Daghighian	Connie Goldberg	Noah Jussim	Shelley Rose	Jeanne Weiss
Dan DeHovitz	Mark Goldberg	Alex Kahan	Suzanne Schweitzer	Yardena Zwang-Weissman
Heather Dula	Allison Goldberger	Evan Wolff Karsenty	Ellen Shapiro	Linda Zwang-Weissman
Isaac Eden Elgrably	Matthew Goldstone	Sara Klevens	Daniella Sherman	Melissa Witt
Lenora Farnam	Benjamin Goldstone	Joel Krischer	Isabel Skye Silverman	Alexander Wolfberg
Boris Feldman	Jason Gottlieb	Omri Amram Kuba	Louis Sneh	Sidney Auri Zohar
Yael Gali Finn	Noah Gottlieb	Forrest Latiner	Ariana Moselle Sopher	
JoJo Fleiss	Louis Gottlieb	Michelle Liberman	Matthew Stein	

MAZEL TOV TO

Marlyna and Eric Wagreich on the birth of their daughter, Emily Dora, born on Saturday, March 31.

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her granddaughter, Sakshi Elia Mendelsohn, born on Tuesday, April 10. Sakshi is the daughter of Leah's son, Josh, and his wife, Nisha Mendelsohn.

Dena and Gerard Karsenty and Sharon and Joel Krischer on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Penelope Lane Karsenty on Sunday, April 29.

CONDOLENCES TO

Joanne and Paul Klein on the passing of Joanne's aunt, Gladys Baar Forman, on Saturday, April 21, in New Jersey.

CONTRIBUTIONS *(as of April 30, 2018)*

GENERAL FUND

A donation by
Gerald Rankin

Speedy recovery to
Carole Meltzner, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Lolly Bennett, Stan Ziegler

Mazel Tov to
Les Eber on his 80th birthday, by Sharon and Joel Krischer, Marta and Bob Lent, Jo Ann and Robert Meth, Tammy Steinsapir

Dena and Gerard Karsenty and Sharon and Joel Krischer on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Penelope Lane Karsenty, by Halina and Alan Alter, Judy and Manny Baker, Judy and Mitch Blake, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Mimi Klein, Gary Samson, and Suzanne and Stuart Schweitzer

Ellis Kirschenbaum on his 70th birthday, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Marion Klein, Elaine Korowitz, Linda Negrin, Lynne and Lawrence Rosenberg, the Melamed family

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her granddaughter, Sakshi Elia Mendelsohn, by Susan and Richard Ross

In memory of

• **ANNETTE ALTER**,
mother of Alan Alter, by Alan and Halina Alter

• **JEFF BERNSTEIN**,
brother of Jessica Sacher, by Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum

• **LARRY COHEN**,
father of Gail Neiman, by Gail Neiman

• **STEVE CRAIG**,
son-in-law of Norma Laine, by Norma Laine

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

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

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

• **LEE LAINE**,
husband of Norma Laine, by Norma Laine

• **EVA MASS**,
mother of Judy Blake, by Judy and Mitch Blake

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husband of Lily Muller, by Lily Muller

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mother of Alla Feldman and Faina Gelman, by Alla and David Feldman, Faina and Boris Gelman

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mother of Albert Reff, by Albert Reff

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mother of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt by Ellis Rosenblatt, Sandy and Loana Rosenblatt

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mother of Shelly Gould, by Shelly and Mark Gould

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mother of Alan Sperling, by Alan and Susan Sperling

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

• **REBECCA WEISS**,
grandmother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

April VOICE corrections:

In memory of Jeff Bernstein, by Sharon and Joel Krischer (*not Sharone*)

Mazel tov to Izzy and Marilyn Freeman on the marriage of their daughter, Marissa, to Brandon Nadel (*not Eydel*)

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Tributes con't...

FLORENCE AND GEORGE EBER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to

Les Eber on his 80th birthday, by Lee and Harriet Lisak

KIDDUSH FUND

In memory of

Robert Goldstone, husband of Barbara Goldstone, by Barbara Goldstone

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

A donation by

Peter and Karla Gardner

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In appreciation of

Your care and concern, by Jeff and Minda Salberg

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Mazel Tov to

Rachel Nagler and Taku Yamazaki on the birth of their daughter, Julie Enid Nagler Yamazaki, by Susan Karpel

In memory of

Aaron Kamion, grandfather of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

Leo Kamion, uncle of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

KM MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENT

Kosher Wine Tasting & Tour

AT HERZOG WINERY
SUNDAY, MAY 6 2PM

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCEPTIONAL TASTING!
THE WINERY IS APPROXIMATELY A 1 HOUR DRIVE FROM SANTA MONICA:
3201 CAMINO DEL SOL, OXNARD, CA 93030

COST IS \$15/PERSON (WAIVED IF YOU PURCHASE WINE)
(Lunch is available on site at the Tierra Sur Restaurant. Please contact the restaurant for reservations at (805) 983-1560 if you are interested. If you are having lunch, please arrive early enough since the Wine Tasting & Tour will start promptly at 2 pm.)

KM "In-House" Challah & Cheesecake Bake

Thursday, May 17
7:00pm - 8:30pm

All ages welcome!

Please RSVP to the KM office.
All ingredients will be provided along with light refreshments.

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