

JUNE
2018

THE VOICE

SIVAN/TAMMUZ
5778

Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

A Brother's Tale

Cantor Samuel Cohen

a musical
journey

Cantor Yudi Cohen

*Cantors
Concert*

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 5:30pm

THANK YOU! JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

Thank you. It has been a privilege and an honor – and actually, quite a bit of fun – to serve as President of our wonderful congregation these last three years. (Note to self: *how the hell did THREE years go by so quickly?*)

Our community has much to be proud of and much to be thankful for. Over the last several years, we have worked together to make a number of structural changes (such as Life Cycle and Investment Committees) and physical changes (new sound system, new security system, soon-to-be new bathrooms, etc.) and to tackle a number of assorted challenges that have made us stronger and better. Thanks to the dedication and creativity of our staff, our celebration of Jewish life has grown deeper, broader and more interesting (and, if I may use that word again, more “fun”) with each passing year. And thanks to the efforts of all of us, and especially the Meltzner Family, which has contributed over \$500,000 this past fiscal year, we will end this year in the strongest financial shape in recent memory – certainly in the last 10 years.

We have also made real progress towards assuring our future. Our *Generations Endowment Fund*, conceived by Sharon Krischer and implemented through the hard work of the committee that she and Bernie Bienstock co-chaired, has raised over \$1 million in pledges – over ¼ of our goal – in one year. And our Investment Committee has invested the money that has been paid in so far (and the money and our Building Fund and other non-operational accounts) in conservative and diversified investment portfolios.

But we have more to do. We especially need new people with new ideas to get involved in running our synagogue. As you have already seen, we will be voting at our annual meeting on **Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm** on a slate of officers that has unfilled vacancies. We must get those filled. We also have committees that need new chairs and new members to help with planning events, running membership drives and generally lending a helping hand. PLEASE do not wait for somebody else to do these important jobs. The time commitment is not large, and the emo-

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tional fulfillment of helping our community is enormous. Tell Kathie or our incoming President, Allison Goldberger, that you can and will help and where you think you will be most valuable. And do it NOW. Get involved. You – and our entire community -- will be glad that you did.

Thanks again for the honor of serving as your President. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting so that you can vote on our slate of officers, so that you can hear more details about our accomplishments this past year and so that I can say thank you again. In person.

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Alan & Halina Alter 46th anniversary	Leonid Kruglyak & Hilary Coller 19th anniversary	Yossi & Alisa Gabbai 5th anniversary	Paul & Sue Hoffman 44th anniversary	Pat & Harla Levitt 43rd anniversary	Joseph & Natalie Powers 11th anniversary	Arthur & Norma Stein 46th anniversary
Dotan & Lisa Ben-Tal 15th anniversary	David & Alla Feldman 40th anniversary	Boris & Faina Gelman 50th anniversary	Larry & Kim Israel 38th anniversary	Joseph & Helayne Levy 39th anniversary	Zvi & Perla Rothenberg 38th anniversary	David & Mary Jo Wilzig 19th anniversary
Larry & Miyako Berkin 37th anniversary	Richard & Adinah Finn 19th anniversary	Tom & Sonia Glasner 45th anniversary	Elsa & Gregory Jones 44th anniversary	Dmitry & Michelle Liberman 14th anniversary	Kevin Root & Rachel Shapiro 14th anniversary	Lou & Judy Zucker 54th anniversary
Michael Morrisette & Prissi Cohen 22nd anniversary	David & Karen Fleiss 50th anniversary	Charles & Marian Goldsmith 54th anniversary	Alec & Tamara Levenson 28th anniversary	Joseph & Nancy Peters 36th anniversary		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2018					1	2
SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5778					5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat services 7:42pm Candle Lighting	9:30am Shabbat Services-Bat Mitzvah Noa Krop 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
3 11:00am RS LAST SUNDAY - Family Beach Day	4	5 3:45pm RS 2-7 End of Year-Closing Ceremony 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	6	7 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 7:00pm Challah Bake	8 7:46pm Candle Lighting	9 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
10 5:30pm Cantors Concert	11 11:00am Yiddish Class 7:00pm Men's & Women's Club Event-Beverly Gray on The Graduate	12 7:15pm KM Choir	13 7:00pm KM Annual Meeting	14 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	15 7:49pm Candle Lighting	16 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
17	18	19	20 6:15pm KM Exec Board Mtg 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm KM Board of Trustees Mtg	21 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	22 7:51pm Candle Lighting	23 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
24	25	26 7:15pm KM Choir	27	28 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	29 7:51pm Candle Lighting	30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

Valerie Alter	Bryan Ira Goldberg	Aaron Kahan	Jonah Krop	Paul Muller	Sandie Sampson	David Wilzig
David Brook	Margalit Goldberger	Norman Karchem	Marsha Lewin Latiner	Natasha Nemanim	Nathan Shapiro	Ted Wolfberg
Natalie Cohen	Shelley Gould	Paul M. Karchem	Polly Levine	Maxwell D. Norman	Elyse Singer	Diane Wolfberg
Jacob Samuel De-Hovitz	Joseph Green	Linda A. Karchem	Dylan Lazarus Levitt	Susan Oberman	Carolyn Sotto	Geoffrey Woodhall
Ryan Morton Dunn	Jonathan Hamrell	Chase Klevens	Richard Levy	Elaine Olken	Judith Spector	Wendy Woodhall
Alissa Fierstadt	Mark Hirschberg	Cody Klevens	Jessica Lewin	Maury Pearl	Lauren Swerdloff	Becca Yure'
Marta Fuchs	Gregory Hirschberg	Jackie Kosecoff	Jared Lewin	April Peterson	Linda Topal	Jacob Zeitlin
Michelle Gaster	Leon Janks	Josephine Sophia	Aron Meltzner	Ava Rose Pomerantz	Jack Topal	Matthew Zeitlin
Richard Gaster	Marc Janks	Kramarsky	Alana Menitoff	Natalie Powers	Jonah Ullendorff	
	Gregory Jones	Jennifer Krischer	Natalie Moadeb	Alana Rotter	Vanessa Wendling	

Meet Our Bat Mitzvah! Noa Krop - June 2



Hello my name is Noa Krop, and I'm in seventh grade at John Adams Middle School. I really like playing soccer and art, especially painting. I play soccer on a team called LA United with a bunch of really nice girls. I play the clarinet in school and my favorite subject in school is history. I like to hang out with my friends, visit new places, and eat new foods. I haven't been to many places in the world, so I want to travel more. Places like France, Italy, and Bora Bora interest me. My family has been a part of this KM community for many years. My brother Jonah and my sister Lila also had their bar/bat mitzvahs here at KM. My Parasha is really interesting, and I can't wait to share it with everyone. I have really enjoyed the experience of learning the parts that make up my bat mitzvah material. I hope you can all join me on this special day.

CONDOLENCES TO

Nathalie Hoffman and Robert Ditchey on the passing of Nathalie's mother, Rosella Shirley Cohen, on Thursday, April 26, in Orlando, FL.

CONTRIBUTIONS *(as of May 30, 2018)*

GENERAL FUND

Speedy recovery to

Steve Shapiro, by Fay and Neville Pimstone

Mazel Tov to

Barbara and Richard Levy on the birth of their granddaughters, Ella and Oriana, by Susie & Marc Yure'

Dena and Gerald Karsenty and Sharon and Joel Krischer on the birth of Penelope Lane Karsenty, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Larry and Miyako Berkin, Judy and Les Eber, Karen Gottlieb, Diane and Eugene Grumer, Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum, Leah Mendelsohn, Tammy Steinsapir, Susie & Marc Yure'

Ellis Kirschenbaum on his 70th birthday, by the Altura family, Judy and Les Eber, Diane and Larry Levin, Ida and Nat Trives

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her granddaughter, Sakshi Elia Mendelsohn, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Judy and Les Eber

Carole Meltzner on her birthday, by Judy and Les Eber

Norma Stein on her birthday, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

In memory of

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

• HENRY BAUMRING, grandfather of Holly Strom, by Holly and Joel Strom

• IRVING BERKIN, father of Larry Berkin, by Larry and Miyako Berkin

• SALLY BERKIN, grandmother of Larry Berkin, by Larry and Miyako Berkin

• HELENE DANIEL, mother of Harla Levitt, by Harla and Pat Levitt

• TOURAN HEKMAT, by Randy and Susan Ziegler

• EDITH KERTESZ, sister of Manny Baker, by Manny and Judy Baker

• MARVIN MASS, father of Judy Blake, by Judy and Mitch Blake

• JACK ROSENFELD, father of Irv Rosenfeld, by Irv and Gail Rosenfeld

• DOROTHY ROTHENBERG, mother of Shelley Gould, by Shelley and Mark Gould

• DAVID SALOSHIN, grandfather of Holly Strom, by Holly and Joel Strom

• ESTHER STEIN, sister of Fay Pimstone, by Fay and Neville Pimstone

• BELLA TOPAL, mother of Jack Topal, by Jack and Linda Topal

• ARTHUR URWITZ, father of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne and Stuart Schweitzer

• ISSAC WEINSTEIN, grandfather of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

• SELMA WEINSTEIN, aunt of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly Vedres and Tom Vedres

• MEIR WEISS, grandfather of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

• SUZANNE WOLFF, mother of Sharon Krischer, by Sharon and Joel Krischer

CAMP RAMAH FUND

In memory of

Rose Gross, grandmother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

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Tributes con't...

KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of

Linda and Jack Topal's birthdays, by Linda and Jack Topal

In memory of

Mildred Samson, mother of Gary Samson, by Gary and Laurie Samson

Louis Turetsky, father of Carol Turetsky, by Carol Turetsky

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of

Sylvia Maibaum, mother of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

Hans Zwang, father of Linda Zwang-Weissman, by Barry and Linda Zwang-Weissman

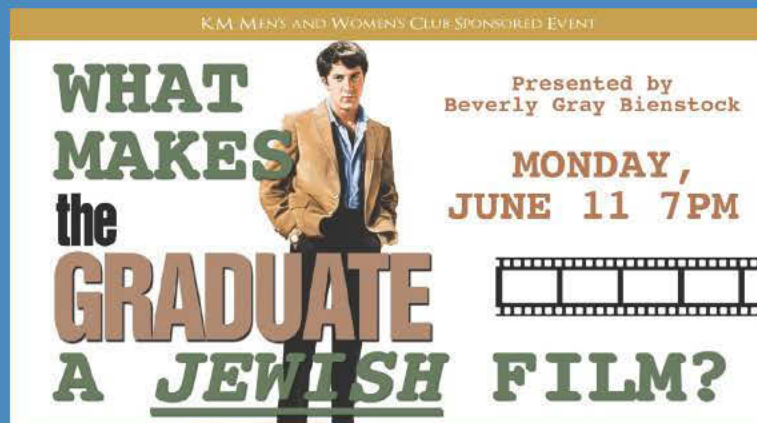
Moses Weissman, father of Barry Zwang-Weissman, by Barry and Linda Zwang-Weissman

UPCOMING EVENTS



KM Monthly
Challah Bake
 Thursday, June 7
 7:00pm
All ages welcome!

KM MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENT



WHAT MAKES the GRADUATE A JEWISH FILM?

Presented by Beverly Gray Bienstock

MONDAY, JUNE 11 7PM



Would you like to have an interesting conversation in **קהילותנו**?

Mondays at 11AM monthly (in the KM Library)

NEXT CLASS: JUNE 11



Kehillat Ma'arav קהלת מערב

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 @ 7:00 PM

Your participation is vital for the continued success of our KM community!

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.

- Rabbi
- Cantor
- Executive Director
- Director of Education & Youth
- Head of Early Childhood & Arts
- Events Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant
- Business Manager
- Communications
- Building Manager
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- Samuel Cohen
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