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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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VOICE



"BE THE LIGHT"
by Ellis
Kirschenbaum

**MAZEL TOV
TO OUR BAR
MITZVAH,
SAMUEL EISEN!**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

Shaul Kuba
Philippe Elmaleh
Roz Menitoff
Marilyn Freeman
Marsha Furst
Jacob Yadegar
Richard Krop
Teri Lewis
Eileen Cohen
Sandi Diamant
Jay Fisher

Susan Karpel
Nathalie Hoffman
Robert Schechter
Naomi Yadegar
Jill Gotlieb
Lily Muller
Miyako Berkin
Shirley Strom
Stuart Warren
Leonid Kruglyak
Rabbi Michael Menitoff

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MAZEL TOV!

Mark & Shelley Gould

32nd anniversary

William & Orit Lippman

24th anniversary

Phil & Kathie Rose

27th anniversary

Joel & Holly Strom

34th anniversary

Marc & Susan Yuré

50th anniversary

MEET OUR BAR MITZVAH

SAMUEL MATTATHIAS EISEN – DECEMBER 7



Samuel was born on December 8th, 2010 which corresponds to the 1 Tevet 5771 on the Hebrew calendar. He was born on the 7th Day of Hanukah. Just as Hanukah recounts a miracle of light, Samuel's Hebrew name is Me'ir which translates to "giving light."

Samuel is a miracle to his family. He's got an amazing imagination and this manifests in so many creative ways. Samuel enjoys History and could give a masterclass on the topic. Don't let his good looks fool you, he's a stærker! (Yiddish & German for tough guy). He is a fearless downhill skier. Samuel is also a deep thinker which shouldn't come as a complete surprise because Me'ir can also translate to "enlightened" which at times he is.

Samuel loves his sister Ella and brothers Jakob and Benjamin. He adores his two dogs Apollonia and Boston.

Be the Light

Or L'olam – We are instructed to live our lives so we are a light to the world. In recent times that responsibility is often described as including a reinterpretation of the ancient concept of *Tikkun Olam* – Repairing the World. At Kehillat Ma'arav, we are going to live this ideal by hosting another Mitzvah Day in February. We are seeking suggestions from our congregants for activities you wish to lead. How do you want to make this world a better place? Do you wish to lead an effort to collect blankets for an animal shelter? Diapers for a children's charity? Non-perishable items for a food bank? If a group of us work together, each making a commitment limited in time and scope, we can jointly make a significant impact. Let me know how YOU want to be the light. All suggestions welcome but activities suitable for students as well as adults are preferred.



L'shalom,
Ellis Kirschenbaum elliskirsch@gmail.com
Chair, Social Action Committee



December 7

Ella Stern, mother of Yehudit Coutin

Max Eisen, father of Glenn Eisen

Rose Goldenberg, sister of Celeste Erdley and aunt of Alyssa Ganezer

Nissan Pardo, husband of Carmella Pardo

Carol Goldstein, cousin of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Rena Epstein, mother of Shirley Strom and grandmother of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom

Alex Lowenthal, brother-in-law of Shirley Strom and uncle of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom

Adolf Wilzig, father of David Wilzig

Akhtar Aframian-Yadegar, mother of Joseph Yadegar

December 14

Baby Kranz, daughter of Judy Baker

Chic Lippman, mother of Tamara Bernstein, Andrew Lippman, and Bill Lippman

Fred Sack, grandfather of Eileen Cohen

Jeanette DeHovitz, grandmother of Dan DeHovitz

Kenneth Ganezer, brother of David Ganezer

Eugene Gotlieb, father of Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

Ruth Ducker, mother of Gaylen Grody

Al Israel, father of Larry Israel

Leo Kirschenbaum, father of Ellis Kirschenbaum

Stanley Krantz, father of Evan Krantz

Selma Greenberg, grandmother of Sharon Krischer

Scott Mitchel Olken, son of Sherwin & Elaine Olken

Bertha Solomon, mother-in-law of Patricia Solomon

Paul King Tamaroff, brother of Tammy Steinsapir

Anny Cronheim, grandmother of Linda Zwang-Weissman

December 21

Bernard Cohen, father of Brian Cohen

Herman Schwartz, grandfather of Eileen Cohen

Seymour Nemeroff, brother of Eileen Goldberg

Milton Rothenberg, father of Shelley Gould

Audrey Klein, mother of Mimi Klein

Debby Green, step-mother of Area Kramarsky

Dinah Posternack, mother of Elaine Olken

Zelda Yudelevicz, mother of Maury Pearl

Minnie Wolfberg, grandmother of Kathie Rose

Marie Halfon, mother of Laurie Samson

Norman Karchem, father of Debra Silverman

Harry Molberger, father of Cookie Valente

Yetta Wienshienk, mother of Roselynn Wolfberg

December 28

Joseph Bronstein, father of Bernie Bronstein

Esther Cohen, mother of Brian Cohen

Nicholas Schwartz, father of Eileen Cohen

Jeanette Gleich, mother of Ann Harris

Ruth Hoffman, mother of Paul Hoffman

Bernard Karpel, father of Susan Karpel

Estelle Karpel, mother of Susan Karpel

Ida Levy, mother of Joseph Levy

Gertrude Pimstone, mother of Neville Pimstone

Sam Bernstein, father of Jessica Sacher

GENERAL FUND

A donation by

Stu Bernstein, Martin Bernstein and the Bernstein Family for Sukkot Etrogim & Lulavim

In celebration of

KM's Simchat Torah festivities, by Kim & Larry Israel

In honor of

Marian Goldsmith, for her kindness and thoughtfulness, by Karen Gottlieb

James Green, on his appointment as Kern County Superior Court Commissioner, by Shirley Strom

Karen Gottlieb becoming a bat mitzvah, by Nathan Greenblatt

In memory of

• **SID & CAROL MELTZNER,**
parents of Aron Meltzner, by Les & Judy Eber

• **DORITA GOTLIEB,**
mother of Michael Gotlieb, by Les & Judy Eber, Karen Gottlieb, Ellis & Gloria Kirschenbaum, David Soebbing & Karen Kramer, Shirley Strom, Diane Wolfberg & Family, Minda & Jeff Salberg

• **CHARLOTTE HOFFMAN,**
mother of Gail Rosenfeld, by Gail Rosenfeld

• **IRV ROSENFELD,**
husband of Gail Rosenfeld, by Gail Rosenfeld

• **RUBIN ECKSTEIN,**
grandfather of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

• **SID MELTZNER,**
father of Aron Meltzner, by Karen Gottlieb, Shirley Strom, Minda & Jeff Salberg

• **BERNARD KARPEL,**
father of Susie Karpel, by Susie Karpel

• **ESTELLE KARPEL,**
mother of Susie Karpel, by Susie Karpel

• **ENID KARPEL NAGLER,**
sister of Susie Karpel, by Susie Karpel

HIGH HOLIDAY FUND

A donation by

Daniel S. Berman MD Family Fund
Michael & Darcy Savoy

THE JACK TOPAL KIDDUSH FUND

In memory of

Dorita Gotlieb (mother of Michael Gotlieb) and Sid Meltzner (father of Aron Meltzner), by Marcia & Laurie Furst
Jack Topal, by Carrie and Rahmat Ajnassian

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of

Rabbi Gotlieb, by Gary and Laurie Samson

In memory of

Dorita Gotlieb, mother of Michael Gotlieb, by Barbara Goldstone, Deedy Oberman & Mickey Meyers, Michael & Darcy Savoy, Mimi Klein, Tammy Steinsapir



The Return of Lunch & Learn



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gottlieb **Thursdays at 11:30am**

This weekly class returned to the KM Library. We are discussing the Book of Samuel I led by Rabbi Michael Gottlieb. Feel free to bring your own sack dairy lunch. Bagels will be provided. All are welcome!

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