

**JANUARY 2025**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**VOICE**

**SNAPSHOTS:  
HANUKKAH IN  
SANTA MONICA**



**LET'S EAT:  
TORAH TUILES**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Michael Amster  
Robert Bernstein  
Bernie Bienstock  
Curt Biren  
Oscar Bolanos  
Robert Ditchey  
Joshua Dunn  
Sumena Dunn  
David Feldman  
Benedetta Guetta

Sue Hoffman  
Paul Klein  
Tally Lippman  
Joseph Peters  
Albert Reff  
Sandy Rosenblatt  
Jessica Sacher  
Laurie Salberg  
Gary Samson  
Michael Sela

Ben Sheffner  
Avraham Shemesh  
Debra Silverman  
Marc Sniderman  
Diana Volman  
Russell Witt  
Lily Yadegar

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

*MAZEL TOV!*

Robert Brook & Jackie Kosecoff

43rd anniversary

Jonathan & Area Kramarsky

23rd anniversary

Alexander Popper & Sara Hooker

9th anniversary

## SNAPSHOTS:

### *HANUKKAH IN SANTA MONICA DECEMBER 28*





LET'S EAT

# Torah Tuiles

## Ingredients:

3 large egg whites

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup confectioners sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup all purpose flour

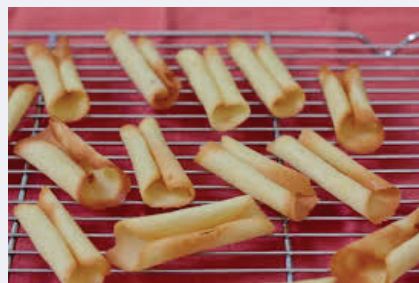
$\frac{1}{3}$  cup unsalted butter, melted

$1\frac{1}{2}$  tsp finely grated lemon zest

$\frac{1}{2}$  tsp vanilla

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp almond extract

$\frac{1}{4}$  tsp salt



## Directions:

Preheat oven to 350F with rack in the middle. Line baking sheet with Silpat or parchment.

Whisk together all ingredients until combined. Working in batches of 4, drop  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tsp batter for each cookie about 3" apart on sheet. Spread each into a 3" circle with offset spatula or the back of a small spoon.

Bake cookies until edges are golden, 6 to 8 minutes.

Working quickly and with one at a time, lift cookie off sheet with a spatula, then roll two ends around chopstick or pencil to meet in the center. Immediately slide off chopsticks or pencils and transfer to a rack to cool. Make more "torahs" in same manner. If cookies become too brittle to roll, return to oven for 1 minute to soften. Make more cookies in same manner on cooled baking sheets.



## January 4

Sarah Agata, mother of Deborah Berenbach  
Rose Cohen, grandmother of Beverly Bienstock  
Joan Mass, sister of Judy Blake  
Edith Spector, aunt of Eileen Cohen  
Parviz Ebrahemi, father of Fred Ebrahemi  
Jack Furst, father of Laurie Furst  
Ruth Green, grandmother of Jamie Green  
Sydney Ducker, father of Gaylen Grody  
Larry Rabb, father of Kathy Gura  
Hilda W. Hersh, mother of Elsa Jones  
Seymour Kramer, father of Dorine Kramer & Beverly Schwartz, and grandfather of Andrea Jussim  
Zelda Joy Mitchell, mother of Nicholas Mitchell  
David Haber Warshawsky, father of Beth Ricanati  
Stuart Schweitzer, husband of Suzanne Schweitzer  
Milton Kaplan, brother-in-law of Arthur Stein  
Ann Yuré, mother of Marc Yuré

## January 11

Phil Baker, brother of Manny Baker  
Esther Sack Kass, grandmother of Eileen Cohen  
Gladys Dunn, mother of Josh Dunn  
Zelma Kramer, mother of Jill Gotlieb  
Enid Karpel-Nagler, sister of Susan Karpel  
Marvin J. Kohn, brother of Stanley Kohn  
Mathilde Margolis, mother of Mayer Margolis  
Sandor Fischl, father of Judy Moadeb  
Lena Albert, grandmother of Susan Greenberg Norman  
Bernard Pimstone, brother-in-law of Fay Pimstone  
James Bennett Osterman, brother of Kathie Rose  
Rose Rosenblatt, grandmother of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt  
Sheldon Spector, husband of Judy Spector  
Harlen Hurwitz, father of Susan Sperling  
David Stern, uncle of Linda Topal  
Rose Stern, grandmother of Linda Topal  
Thelma Alpern, aunt of Randy Ziegler and Julie Ziegler

## January 18

Rebekah Gusse, grandmother of Sara Barnard  
Harry Segal, grandfather of Lolly Bennett  
Moiz Mesulam, grandfather of Gina Epstein  
Fritzi Erdosi, mother of Thomas Erdosi  
Alvin Stover, uncle of Gaylen Grody  
Jeffrey A. Roth, brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner  
Richard Maibaum, father of Matthew Maibaum  
Robert Kohler Osterman, father of Kathie Rose  
Esther Rosenfeld, mother-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld  
Bernard Samson, father of Gary Samson  
Doris Posner, mother of Judy Shapiro  
Samuel Tamaroff, father of Tammy Steinsapir  
Morris Horwitz, father of Susie Yuré

## January 25

Shraga Amster, father of Michael Amster  
Anna Feldman, mother of David Feldman  
Morris Freeman, father of Izzy Freeman  
Morris Goldberg, father of Elliot Goldberg  
Gabriel Rosenthal, father of Marian Goldsmith  
David Sage, father of Diana Guth  
Judith Baar Resnick, mother of Joanne Klein  
Lea Kramarsky, mother of Jonathan Kramarsky  
Eva Kramer, mother of Dorine Kramer & Beverly Schwartz, and grandmother of Andrea Jussim  
Henry Latiner, father-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner  
Gertrude Lewis, grandmother of Roz Menitoff  
Martin Peters, father of Joseph Peters  
Florence Warshawsky, grandmother of Beth Ricanati  
Aaron Osterman, grandfather of Kathie Rose  
Abraham Gross, grandfather of Shelly Vedres  
Yehudit Soltz, mother-in-law of Michael Wyte  
Wendy Zeitlin, mother of Sharon Zeitlin

## GENERAL FUND

### In celebration of

Shirley Strom's birthday, by Marsha Lewin Latiner

### In honor of

Michael Sopher, for his compassion, leadership, and commitment to doing the right thing, by Prissi Cohen

The baby naming of Jacob Short, grandson of Holly & Joel Strom and great-grandson of Shirley Strom, and the birthdays of Shirley Strom and Reno Behnken, by Holly & Joel Strom

Jacob Short, grandson of Holly & Joel Strom and great-grandson of Shirley Strom, by Ellis Rosenblatt

### In memory of

- **DINAH POSTERNACK**,  
mother of Elaine Olken, by Elaine & Sherwin Olken
- **SCOTT OLKEN**,  
son of Elaine & Sherwin Olken, by Elaine & Sherwin Olken
- **CHIC LIPPMAN**,  
mother of Andrew and William Lippman and Tamara Bernstein, by Andrew & Tally Lippman, William & Orit Lippman, and Robert & Tamara Bernstein
- **LARRY & ESTHER RABB**,  
parents of Kathy Gura, by Kathy & Dennis Gura
- **SOL & ESTHER GURA**,  
parents of Dennis Gura, by Kathy & Dennis Gura
- **REBECCA GURA**,  
daughter of Kathy & Dennis Gura, by Kathy & Dennis Gura
- **REBEKAH GUSSE**,  
grandmother of Sara Barnard, by Sara Barnard
- **JOSEPH BRONSTEIN**,  
father of Bernie Bronstein, by Bernie & Susan Bronstein
- **CAROL GOLDSTEIN**,  
cousin of Ellis Rosenblatt, by Ellis Rosenblatt
- **JEFFREY A. ROTH**,  
brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner
- **HENRY LATINER**,  
father-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner
- **HARRY SEGAL**,  
grandfather of Lolly Bennett, by Lolly Bennett
- **FRITZI ERDOSI**,  
mother of Thomas Erdosi, by Thomas & Sidne Erdosi
- **ROSE COHEN**,  
grandmother of Beverly Bienstock, by Beverly & Bernie Bienstock
- **RENA EPSTEIN**,  
mother of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom
- **ALEX LOWENTHAL**,  
brother-in-law of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom
- **AL ISRAEL**,  
father of Larry Israel, by Larry & Kim Israel
- **FRANCES URWITZ**,  
mother of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne Schweitzer
- **HARRY MOLBERGER**,  
father of Cookie Valente, by Cookie Valente
- **MARIE HALFON**,  
mother of Laurie Samson, by Laurie & Gary Samson

- **ANNY CRONHEIM**,  
grandmother of Linda Zwang-Weissman, by Linda & Barry Zwang-Weissman
- **ALVIN MATZER**,  
father of Simone Matzer, by Simone Matzer & Lloyd Wagner
- **MILTON ROSENBERG**,  
father of Shelley Gould, by Shelley & Mark Gould
- **SAM BERNSTEIN**,  
father of Jessica Sacher, by Jessica & Mike Sacher
- **JIM KENT**,  
brother-in-law of Laurie Samson, by Marsha & Laurie Furst, Sue & Paul Hoffman
- **RUTH HOFFMAN**,  
mother of Paul Hoffman, by Paul & Sue Hoffman
- **NEVILLE PIMSTONE**,  
husband of Fay Pimstone, by Marsha Lewin Latiner, Sue & Paul Hoffman, Minda & Jeff Salberg, Judy & Manny Baker, Evelyn Berger
- **MINA ETA ESTHER COHEN**,  
mother of Cantor Samuel Cohen, by Gary & Laurie Samson, Judy & Manny Baker, Lolly Bennett
- **YETTA WIENSHIENK**,  
mother of Roselynn Wolfberg, by Roselynn & Ted Wolfberg
- **BERNARD SAMSON**,  
father of Gary Samson, by Gary & Laurie Samson
- **NISSAN PARDO**,  
husband of Carmella Pardo, by Carmella Pardo
- **MARVIN HAFFNER**,  
father of Beverly Teller and Howard Haffner, by Evelyn Berger
- **SEYMOUR AND EVA KRAMER**,  
by Beverly Schwartz
- **DAVID HABER WARSHAWSKY**,  
father of Beth Ricanati, by Beth & David Ricanati
- **SELMA GREENBERG**,  
grandmother of Sharon Krischer, by Sharon & Joel Krischer
- **ROSE ROSENBLATT**,  
grandmother of Ellis Rosenblatt, by Ellis Rosenblatt

## THE JACK TOPAL KIDDUSH FUND

### In memory of

Alex Lowenthal, by Holly & Joel Strom

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In memory of

Rena Epstein (Grandma Ray), by Holly & Joel Strom



*for your donations*

# MEET OUR NEW KM STAFF MEMBER, SHELBY BURKE

Shalom, Kehillat Ma'arav family! My name is Shelby, and I've recently joined as the new Operations Coordinator. I wanted to take a moment to share a bit about myself. I was born in Toledo, Ohio, and after my two brothers moved here, I followed suit and made the move in 2013. Before that, I spent some time in Chicago, where I studied art and design in college.

Growing up in a Jewish household, celebrating my bat mitzvah, and visiting Israel twice have all played a big role in shaping my connection to our community and traditions.

Professionally, I've had the chance to explore creative fields, from filmmaking to life coaching. These experiences have taught me a lot about the importance of community, creativity, and personal growth, things I'm excited to bring to my work here at the temple.

In my free time, I love spending time with my family, boyfriend and our dog. We enjoy traveling and discovering new places together. I'm happy to be here and looking forward to getting to know all of you better as we move forward together.

Thanks for having me!

## Ongoing Clergy Classes



### Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Gotlieb Thursdays at 11:30am

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



### Cantor's Cantillation Class Saturdays after kiddush

Cantor Malachi Kanfer is teaching an ongoing class on Shabbats, after kiddush. All levels welcome!

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