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THE VOICE

KISLEV-TEVET
5779

Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

HANUKKAH PARTY

"A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED HERE (AT KM)"



SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8 5:30PM

DINNER & MUSIC

ENTERTAINMENT FOR
ALL AGES

BRING YOUR MENORAHS

\$18/PERSON; \$54/FAMILY

PLEASE RSVP BY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

HAPPY HANUKKAH ALLISON GOLDBERGER, PRESIDENT

Hanukkah starts this Sunday, December 1st.

KM is having a Hanukkah party Saturday, December 8th with lots of good food, entertainment, and activities for everyone. Come and celebrate for what is sure to be a great time.

Since my last newsletter so much has happened, and not all for the good. As a community, we came together for so many of the events.

From the tragedy at the synagogue in Pittsburgh came Solidarity Shabbat. We, among many synagogues nationwide, came together to grieve and lend support to the Jewish community of Squirrel Hill. KM sent out an email instructing how we can personally help financially.

We then experienced the bar shooting in Thousand Oaks, and not a day later, came the wildfires in Ventura County and Northern California. Again, KM emailed out instructions as to help financially.

On Thanksgiving day, our community gathered with Brentwood Presbyterian Church at their location for our joint annual interfaith service. I have been told that it's an inspiring morning. To be totally transparent, I have never attended. I have promised myself that the first time I don't make Thanksgiving dinner, I will attend.

Looking forward there are many events planned for December. Please check our "new" website launching mid-month for all the information.

If you will be around on Christmas morning, we have an event planned to volunteer our time to help serve lunch at a church. We have done this in the past and want to participate again. Details to follow in an email.

The new year is right around the corner. I am hopeful for a calm, peaceful December and beginning of the new year.

Wishing everyone a very happy Hanukkah and New Year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR DECEMBER CELEBRANTS!

Alan Alter
Mark Anderson
Reno Behnken
Lynn Beliak
Lorna Belman
Brian Douglas Berger
Miyako Berkin
Mia Bolanos
Pepe Cancino
Eileen Cohen
Sandi Diamant
Moshe Ayal Elgrably
Philippe Elmaleh
Benjamin Elmaleh

Natasha Farnam
Iliana Fisher
Marilyn Freeman
Marsha Furst
Jill Gotlieb
Josh Ross Gottlieb
Nathalie Hoffman
Susan Karpel
Sarah Kirschenbaum
Richard Krop
Lila Davis Krop
Noa Rae Krop
Leonid Kruglyak
Shaul Kuba

Samuel Levitt
Sam Levitt
Jordan Lilly Levitt
Justin Tyler Lewin
Roz Menitoff
Rabbi Michael Menitoff
Benjamin Mitchell
Jenny Muller
Lily Muller
David Oberman
Madeline Packer
Lazaro Pedroza
Gregory Pimstone
Sylvie Rivin

Jack Rosenfeld
Liam Jacob Saven
Skye Emily Savoy
Robert Schechter
Erika Schwartz
Stuart Schweitzer
David Silverman
Ivy Cesena-Sinjur
Daniel Joseph Spector
Tahlia Sima Spector
Daniel Sperling
Eric Steiglitz
Skyler Ariel Steiglitz
Shirley Strom

Sonya Sultan
Rachel Toooh
Thomas Vedres
Stuart Warren
Jennifer Wolfberg
Yael Wyte
Mina Yadegar
Naomi Yadegar
Stan Ziegler

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2018 KISLEV-TEVET 5779						1 9:30am Services- Shabbat in "3-D" 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
2 9:00am RS 2-7 12:30pm Kadima Westside Chai/USY	3	4 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	5	6 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 6:30pm Challah Bake	7 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat services 4:27pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	8 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 5:30pm Hanukkah Party
9	10 7:00pm Mens & Womens Club event- Movie	11 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	12	13 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism	14 4:28pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	15 9:30am Shabbat Services 10:00am Shabbat B'Yachcad 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged; Tot Shabbat
16 9:00am Schechter Lecture (2 of 4)	17	18 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	19 6:15pm KM Exec Board Mtg 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm KM Board of Trustees Mtg	20 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism	21 4:31pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	22 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
23 30	24 11:00am Yiddish Class 31	25 OFFICE CLOSED: Christmas Day	26 7:15pm KM Choir	27 NO CLASSES	28 4:35pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	29 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Charles & Carol Abrams
52nd anniversary

Eugene & Dorita Gotlieb
66th anniversary

Mark & Shelley Gould
26th anniversary

William & Orit Lippman
18th anniversary

Nissan & Carmella Pardo
38th anniversary

Lauren Swerdloff & Lazaro Pedroza
2nd anniversary

Gilbert Trester & Sharon Pushkin
33rd anniversary

Phil and Kathie Rose
21st anniversary

Stuart & Suzanne Schweitzer
52nd anniversary

Joel & Holly Strom
28th anniversary

Geoffrey & Wendy Woodhall
17th anniversary

Marc & Susan Yure'
44th anniversary

MAZEL TOV TO

Amy and Ted Kahan on the marriage of their son, Aaron to Ari Hill on October 13.

Jeremey Zwang Weissman for winning teacher of the month.

Lori Mendez and David Packer on the marriage of their son, Josh to Carrie Robinson on September 22.

Marian and Charley Goldsmith on the marriage of their daughter, Suzy, to Kassie Rohrbach on November 18.

CONDOLENCES TO

David and Alyssa Ganezer on the passing of David's brother, Kenneth Ganezer on November 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS (as of November 30, 2018)

GENERAL FUND

A donation by

Rev. Robert A. Eichenberger
Homa Mikael
Ted and Roselynn Wolfberg

In honor of

Alissa and Zach Fierstadt and Jill and Rabbi Michael Gotlieb on the birth of Leonard (Leo) Zev Fierstadt, their son and grandson, by Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum

Sandi and Louis Diamant's 59th Wedding Anniversary, by Sandi and Lou Diamant

Mazel Tov to

Amy and Ted Kahan on the marriage of their son, Aaron to Ari Hill, by Nancy Greystone and Jerry Pomerantz

Lori Mendez and David Packer on the marriage of their son, Josh to Carrie Robinson by Nancy Greystone and Jerry Pomerantz

Marian and Charley Goldsmith on the marriage of their daughter, Suzy, to Kassie Rohrbach, by Lolly Bennett, Mimi Klein, Susan Freiman Ross and Richard Ross, Shirley Strom

A speedy recovery to

Brana and Ron Hall, by Susan and Alan Sperling

In memory of

- **PHIL BAKER**, brother of Manny Baker, by Manny and Judy Baker
- **BEN BENNETT**, husband of Lolly Bennett, by Lolly Bennett
- **ROSE BERKIN**, mother of Larry Berkin, by Larry and Miyako Berkin

• **SAM BERNSTEIN**, father of Jessica Sacher, by Jessica and Michael Sacher

• **MICHAEL BONO**, husband of Valerie Zim Bono, by Valerie Zim Bono

• **JOSEPH BRONSTEIN**, father of Bernie Bronstein, by Bernie and Susan Bronstein

• **ROSE COHEN**, grandmother of Beverly Bienstock, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock

• **RUTH DUCKER**, mother of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

• **ABRAHAM AND BETTY FINE**, by Bruce Fine

• **HARRY FISTELL**, father of Ira Fistell, by Ira Fistell

• **KENNETH GANEZER**, brother of David Ganezer, by Judy and Manny Baker

• **CAROL GOLDSTEIN**, cousin of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt, by Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy and Loana Rosenblatt

• **SELMA GREENBERG**, grandmother of Sharon Krischer, by Sharon and Joel Krischer

• **REBEKAH GUSSE**, grandmother of Sara Barnard, by Sara Barnard

• **RUTH HOFFMAN**, mother of Paul Hoffman, by Paul and Sue Hoffman

• **AL ISRAEL**, father of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

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

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

• **AUDREY KLEIN**, mother of Mimi Klein, by Mimi Klein

• **HARRY MOLBERGER**, father of Cookie Valente, by Cookie Valente

• **FAYE MUTAL**, grandmother of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

• **ENID KARPEL-NAGLER**, sister of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

• **MILTON ROTHENBERG**, father of Shelley Gould, by Shelley and Mark Gould

• **DAVID HABER WARSHAWSKY**, father of Beth Ricanati, by Beth and David Ricanati

KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of

Sasha Liberman's Bat Mitzvah, by Michelle and Dmitry Liberman

Jeremy Steiglitz's Bar Mitzvah, by Sharon and Eric Steiglitz

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Thank you to

Cantor Samuel Cohen, by Mr. and Mrs. Tisser

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE JEWISH TRADITION

An interactive learning series with the Schechter Institute continues at Kehillat Ma'arav



Sunday, December 16 9:00AM

The Sandwich Generation: Taking Care of Aging Parents
with DR. EINAT RAMON, Founding Director of Marpe, Israel's first academic CPE Program, Senior Lecturer in Women's Studies and Jewish Thought

SEE INDIVIDUAL FLYERS FOR MORE DETAILS ON THESE

Daven, 'Drash & Dine
SHABBAT IN "3-D"
Saturday, December 1
9:30am
with Beth Ricanati

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5:30PM

Challah Bake
Thursday, December 6
6:30pm
All ages welcome!

KM Men's and Women's Club Sponsored Event
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 7 PM
THE CATCHER WAS A SPY
BASED ON THE TRUE STORY OF MOE BERG

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.

TOUR DE SUMMER CAMPS 2018



Many thanks to our KM community who turned out with their bicycles and sharp looking bike outfits to participate in the Tour de Summer Camps cycling

event on Sunday, October 28, at Camp Alonim in Simi Valley. We started off with a brisk morning that turned into a gorgeous, sunny day.



There was a somber and poignant moment just prior to the start of the ride, with a moment of silence acknowledging the tragic loss and murder of our fellow Jews in Pennsylvania at the Tree of Life Synagogue just the day before. This message had the effect of energizing us with purpose that we are supporting the next generation of Jewish children as

we gathered that morning. And then off we went on the ride. Rabbi and Jill Gotlieb, and Cantor Cohen were part of our KM team of 14 cyclists, most riding the 18 and 36 mile courses. Cantor Cohen and Israel Coutin took up the challenge of the 64 mile course. And our hats go off to Robert Bernstein who completed the 100 mile ride! Special thanks go out to those of you who volunteered at the rest stops and those who contributed financially to this great cause. There were 58 teams that signed up for this year's Tour de Summer Camps, and we ranked number 8 in highest contributions. Our KM community raised over \$11,000 to ensure that needy Jewish children are able to attend Jewish summer camps. Alan Alter and I were the co-captains of our KM team, and we are especially proud and grateful for our community's efforts and turnout.

Many thanks,
David Oberman and Alan Alter

The KM cycling participants were: Alan Alter, Robert Bernstein, Brian Cohen, Cantor Sam Cohen, Israel Coutin, Charlie Goldsmith, Rabbi and Jill Gotlieb, Joel and Sharon Krischer, David and Mark Oberman, Richard Ross, and Gary Samson. With many more contributors and volunteers.



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