

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV

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A MEMBER!
2019-20**

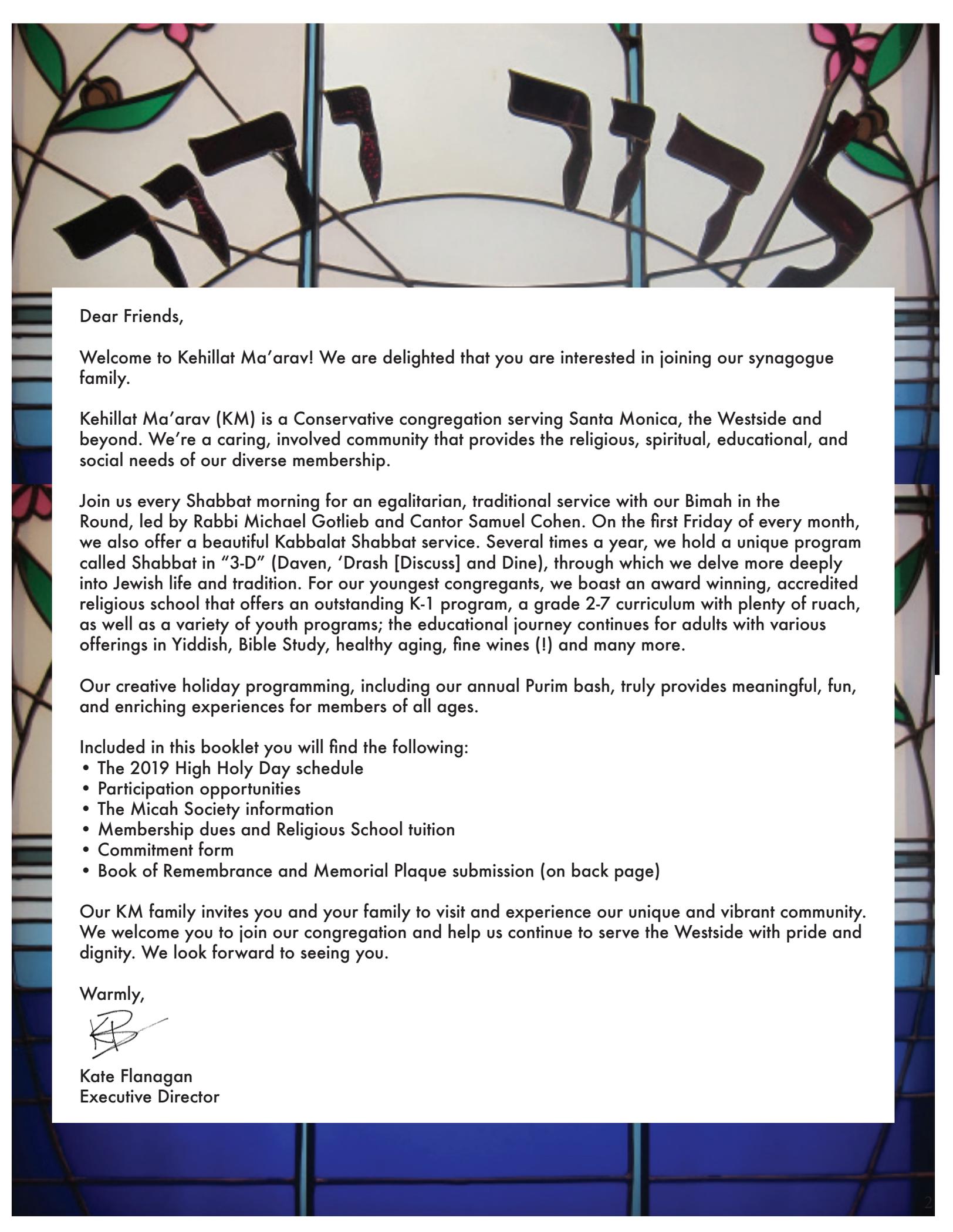
KM WELCOMES YOU!



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.



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Kehillat Ma'arav! We are delighted that you are interested in joining our synagogue family.

Kehillat Ma'arav (KM) is a Conservative congregation serving Santa Monica, the Westside and beyond. We're a caring, involved community that provides the religious, spiritual, educational, and social needs of our diverse membership.

Join us every Shabbat morning for an egalitarian, traditional service with our Bimah in the Round, led by Rabbi Michael Gotlieb and Cantor Samuel Cohen. On the first Friday of every month, we also offer a beautiful Kabbalat Shabbat service. Several times a year, we hold a unique program called Shabbat in "3-D" (Daven, 'Drash [Discuss] and Dine), through which we delve more deeply into Jewish life and tradition. For our youngest congregants, we boast an award winning, accredited religious school that offers an outstanding K-1 program, a grade 2-7 curriculum with plenty of ruach, as well as a variety of youth programs; the educational journey continues for adults with various offerings in Yiddish, Bible Study, healthy aging, fine wines (!) and many more.

Our creative holiday programming, including our annual Purim bash, truly provides meaningful, fun, and enriching experiences for members of all ages.

Included in this booklet you will find the following:

- The 2019 High Holy Day schedule
- Participation opportunities
- The Micah Society information
- Membership dues and Religious School tuition
- Commitment form
- Book of Remembrance and Memorial Plaque submission (on back page)

Our KM family invites you and your family to visit and experience our unique and vibrant community. We welcome you to join our congregation and help us continue to serve the Westside with pride and dignity. We look forward to seeing you.

Warmly,



Kate Flanagan
Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Kehillat Ma'arav is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue that embraces the religious, spiritual, social, and educational needs of its diverse membership.

WHO WE ARE

We're a congregation of approximately 300 families who truly embody the meaning of l'dor va dor, "from generation to generation."

"Do not separate yourself from the community."
Rabbi Hillel, Perkei Avot 2:5

We are the only Conservative synagogue in Santa Monica, yet the 39 zip codes in which our members live span far beyond Santa Monica's borders. We're a welcoming community where you won't get lost.

"Build me a community that I may dwell among you."
Exodus, 25:8

WHAT WE SEEK

"Get Wisdom, Gain Understanding." Proverbs, 4:5

Striving to achieve the Jewish ideal of being a light unto the nations, we offer classes ranging from kindergarten through adulthood.

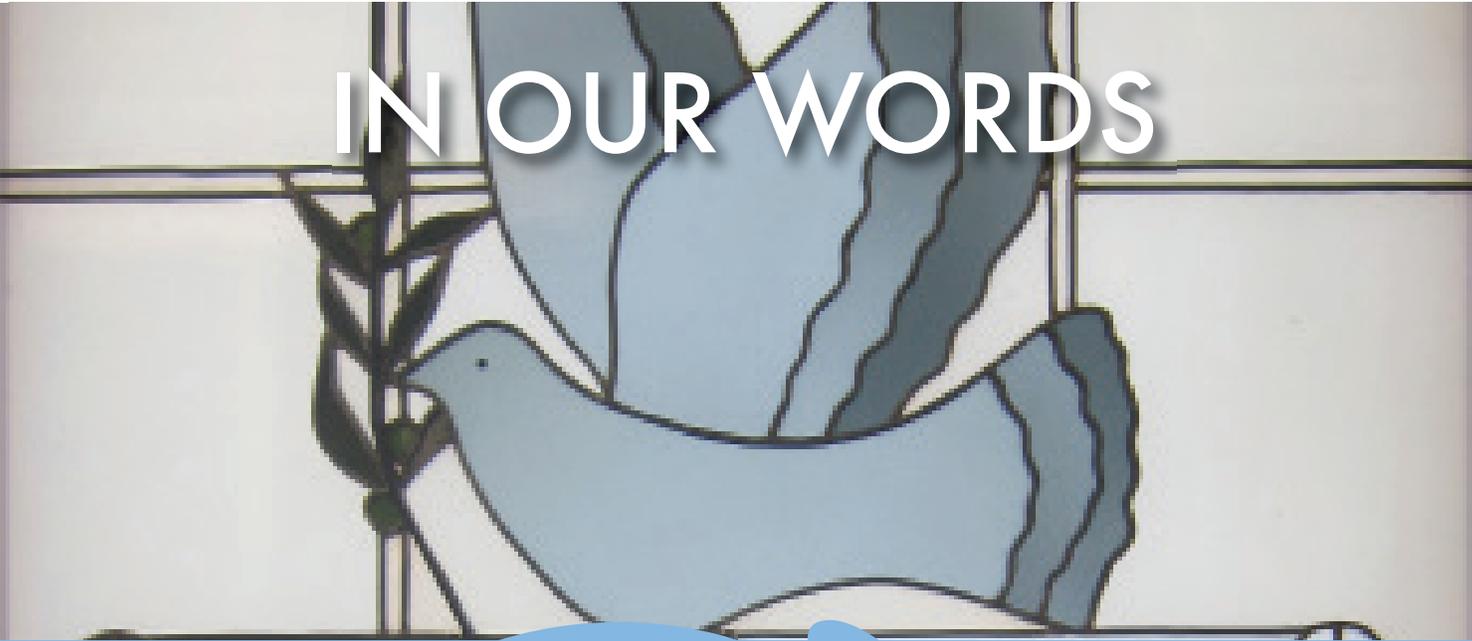


COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We encourage all congregants to become involved in the many aspects of life in our community. We have activities, events, and programs for a wide variety of interests. Please check as many as you'd like, and then see page 14 to list your choices!

- Adult Education**
Provides ongoing continuing learning opportunities for our adult members
- College Outreach**
Reaches out to college-age children of members so that they may remain in contact with their synagogue family
- Finance / Investment**
Works with the Treasurer to oversee synagogue finances and investments
- Havurah**
Helps arrange circles of friends within the larger synagogue community to share activities and interests together in a smaller group setting
- Life Cycle Committee**
Coordinates synagogue response to all life cycle events and reaches out to KM families in times of need and times of celebration
- Membership**
Develops and implements programs to attract and retain membership
- Publicity**
Assists with the KM newsletter and various on-line and digital publications
- Catering / Hospitality**
Oversees all food related functions at KM, coordinates vendors and consults with the Rabbi regarding *kashrut*
- Education**
Works in partnership with the Director of Education on educational policies to strengthen our children's religious, educational programs
- Gift Shop**
Staffs our gift shop during school hours and special events
- Holiday Celebrations**
Assists in planning holiday dinners and activities such as the Passover Seder, Hanukkah celebration, and other yearly festival activities
- Long Range Planning**
Works to develop, coordinate and manage long-term synagogue goals
- Men's and Women's Club**
Fosters a connection between our spiritual Jewish lives and our physical ones. Provides periodic programming and invites speakers to KM
- Social Action**
Organizes and promotes the Congregation's activities in the performance of Mitzvot in the community
- Choir**
Meets weekly and performs for the KM Community. Carries on a tradition of Jewish music in the synagogue
- Facility**
Monitors and oversees synagogue maintenance of the building and grounds
- Greeters and Ushers**
Greet members and guests during our Shabbat Worship Services and usher during the High Holy Days
- Library**
Works to create an inviting resource for our entire congregation
- Major Gifts / Endowment**
Supports KM in ongoing major fund raising endeavors
- Programming**
Oversees and / or plans lectures, field trips and other synagogue events for the benefit of our congregation and community
- Ways and Means**
Develops and plans fund-raising programs throughout the year such as concerts, annual dinner dance, etc.

IN OUR WORDS



Harla and Pat Levitt – “Since we moved to LA in 2009, this has been the most welcoming experience for us, our children and our grandchildren. They all look forward to coming to Shul, which is all you want for your children.”

Barbara and Richard Levy – “KM has been such an open and welcoming community for us. After moving back to CA after living on the East Coast for 40 years we were worried that it would be hard to find and feel comfortable in a new shul community. Luckily for us, we found a home at KM.”

Michael and Susan Norman –

“I give here because this is how the Jewish people continue. Starting these kids here, with these activities (PJ Library), with their parents involved, it is so important that this be here.”

Mark and Connie Goldberg – “I was happy to see that we read the Torah in the midst of the congregation, not “far away” from us up on the bima. It is accessible and relevant. It puts into practice the verse from Deuteronomy 30:12, which states - “It is not in the heavens, for you to say, Who can ascend to the heavens for us and take it for us, and let us hear it, so that we can perform it?”

Sumena and Joshua Dunn – “PJ library has been so fun for Ryan and at the same time he learned about Jewish traditions. He enjoys making the crafts.”

Wendy and Woody Woodhall – “Step into the synagogue on a Tuesday early evening and you can’t help but be overcome by the warmth and energy of this first class educational program in action. ”

Eric and JoJo Fleiss – “PJ Library has been an incredible continuation of the great religious education our children receive at KM. We look forward to the wonderful PJ events at KM the first Shabbat of every month!”

Sue and Paul Hoffman – “We came and stayed because of the community - our extended family.”

Andrew and Tally Lippman – “KM is a shining example of what a synagogue should represent: commitment from its members and a dedication to passing down the values of Judaism to the next generation through volunteering and creating a sense of community.”

Karen Gottlieb – “KM -where I have found my Jewish home - spiritually, emotionally and socially.”

Minda and Jeff Salberg – “We love KM because the Rabbi, Cantor and the administration make it a point to get to know each member personally and they established a culture of caring and kindness among the congregation where everyone matters.”

Mimi Klein - “Being part of the KM Community always means a warm welcome.”

Linda & Barry Zwang Weissman – “Kehillat Ma’arav is Tradition, Family, and Haverim.”

Lew and Eileen Goldberg – “Kehillat Ma’arav is not only ‘Our Shul’, it is Family, Warm, Loving & Caring!!”

KM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL PROGRAMMING CAN BE FOUND IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BROCHURE.

KINDERGARTEN AND 1st GRADE

Tuesdays: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Learning explodes in the classroom as children become familiar with the aleph bet, holidays and Torah stories. Age appropriate activities including music, art and games will bring Judaism to life. Students come home with beautiful handmade ritual objects, a budding Hebrew vocabulary and lots of joy.

2-7 GRADES

Tuesdays: 3:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Sundays: 1 x per month, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Kehillat Ma'arav

Saturdays: 1 x per month, 11:00 am -12:00 pm (Family Shabbat Program)

All students in grades 2 - 7 will have an opportunity to study with wonderful professional teachers, each of who specialize in a particular subject area. Special classes/chugim outside of the Core Subjects include: Drama, Art, Music, Ohr L'Olam (Social Action) Days, Cooking, and Educational Family Days

Core Subjects Include:

A) HEBREW / T'FILLAH (PRAYERS) / HEBREW SONGS / BRACHOT (BLESSINGS)

Reading, Writing, Reading Prayers, Vocabulary, Friday Evening Service, Shabbat Morning Service, Torah Service

B) TORAH STUDY / JEWISH VALUES / ISRAEL / HOLIDAYS / HISTORY

Jewish Life Cycle, Jewish Ethics, God, Jewish Heroes, Mitzvot, Ancient and Modern Israel

8th GRADE

Tuesdays: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

A 20 week program to keep 8th grade students connected to Judaism and KM, and to raise Jewish identity and awareness. Through informal weekly discussions, guided by a facilitator and guest speakers, students will be challenged to think and question beyond their formal Religious School curriculum.

TUITION:

K-1 \$180 per child

2-3rd \$1,510 per child

4-6th \$1,835 per child Fee includes Kadima Membership and Camp Ramah

7th \$1,855 per child Fee includes USY membership and Camp Ramah

8th \$350 per child

WESTSIDE CHAI / USY EVENTS

Community-wide monthly educational and social events for 7th-11th grade teens. Fee determined by activity.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH FEE

\$2,000 per child (Must be paid 9 months prior to scheduled date. Includes personal instruction, materials, DVD, security, and B'nai Mitzvah seminars for the whole family.)

THE MICAH SOCIETY

Join a visionary group of KM families whose leadership makes our community strong.



Congregation members who join The Micah Society help make it possible for us to provide synagogue services and excellent programs for everyone, regardless of means. Your generous support enables our community to continue to meet the quality educational, programming and spiritual needs of our members and insures that no one is ever turned away for financial considerations and offers a Jewish education to children whose families cannot afford one. An annual contribution at one of the levels below demonstrates an investment in Kehillat Ma'arav's future.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BENEFITS (all enhanced dues include membership) Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

SPONSOR...\$5,000

Includes:

- Invitation to a special Micah Society reception**
- 15 Tribute or Memorial Cards per year at no additional charge**
- Up to 2 Complimentary Guest High Holy Day Tickets**
- One Parking pass for High Holy Days**

BENEFACTOR...\$7,500

Same as Sponsor PLUS

- 5 additional Tribute or Memorial Cards per year (total 20)**
- 2 additional Complimentary Guest High Holy Day Tickets (total of 4)**

PILLAR...\$10,000

Same as Benefactor PLUS

- 5 additional Tribute or Memorial Cards per year (total 25)**
- 2 additional Complimentary Guest High Holy Day Tickets (total 6)**
- 1 additional Parking pass for High Holy Days (total 2)**

CHAI...\$18,000

Same as Pillar PLUS

- Unlimited Tribute or Memorial Cards per year**
- 2 additional Complimentary Guest High Holy Day Tickets (total 8)**
- Complimentary KM Kabbalat Shabbat dinners for two**
- Entry to special events**

**Single members may participate at a reduced rate.
For information, please contact the office.**

It has been told to you...what does God require of you? To do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5780 SERVICES

LEIL SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

*EREV ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

*ROSH HASHANAH

FIRST DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

SECOND DAY: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

*KOL NIDRE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

*YOM KIPPUR & YIZKOR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

SUKKOT SERVICES

FIRST DAY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

SECOND DAY: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

SHIMINI ATZERET & YIZKOR SERVICES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Call KM for information 310-829-0566.

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9 These services are held at the Olympic Collection: 11301 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064. Childcare available.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome to our Synagogue Family! We hope that you will find your membership an enriching experience. We encourage you to explore the diverse opportunities that Kehillat Ma'arav offers.

CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION	Adult 1 Gender:	Adult 2 (if applicable) Gender:
Full Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Personal Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married _____ (date married) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnered <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
Hebrew Name (if known)		
Date of Birth		
Home Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Cell Phone		
Email		
Congregation most recently affiliated with		
Have you ever been a member of Kehillat Ma'arav? If so, when?		
Please list any relatives/friends who are members of Kehillat Ma'arav		
Occupation/Title		
Employer		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Business Phone		
How did you hear about Kehillat Ma'arav?		
Please list other organizations you are involved with		

CHILD INFORMATION

	Child 1 Gender:	Child 2 Gender:	Child 3 Gender:	Child 4 Gender:
First and middle names				
Last name (if different)				
Hebrew name (if known)				
Birthdate (and grade if applicable)				
Address (if not living with you)				
Marital status (if adult)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married			
Was mother Jewish at child's birth?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Will this child be attending Religious School at Kehillat Ma'arav?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If previously attending Religious School, list City and Congregation				

If you have more than four children, please attach an additional page.

Yahrzeit Information

Name	Date of Death	Before After Sunset?	Family Relationship
		Before After	

Would you like to observe Hebrew or English Yahrzeit? Hebrew English

EMERGENCY CONTACT

OTHER THAN IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Name(s): _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Family Doctor Name & Phone: _____

Health Care Proxy: _____

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT

Standard dues categories are in accordance with a schedule established by our Board of Trustees. Standard membership includes High Holy Days tickets for your immediate household. If you are able to do more, please consider joining The Micah Society with additional member benefits (see page 8).

Please select your commitment based on the following schedules

Member under 35 - Single:	\$1,195
Member under 35 - Couple:	\$1,950
Member 35-70 - Single:	\$1,760
Member 35-70 - Couple:	\$2,650
Member 71+ - Single:	\$1,295
Member 71+ - Couple:	\$2,110

Associate Members - must be full dues paying members of another synagogue: \$895
(KM High Holy Days tickets \$125 per person for Associate Members)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION

Grade level	Fee*	# of Students	Total
Kindergarten - 1 st grade	\$180 X	_____ =	\$_____
2 nd , 3 rd grade	\$1,510 X	_____ =	\$_____
4 th , 5 th , 6 th grade Fee includes Kadima Membership and Camp Ramah	\$1,835 X	_____ =	\$_____
7 th Grade Fee includes USY membership and Camp Ramah	\$1,855 X	_____ =	\$_____
8 th Grade	\$350 X	_____ =	\$_____
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fee (Must be paid 9 months prior to scheduled date. Includes personal instruction, materials, DVD, security, B'nai Mitzvah seminars)	\$2,000 X	_____ =	\$_____

MEMBERSHIP

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NAME(S) _____

Name(s) of adult members as you'd like them to appear on mailings/directory.

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ALL MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION (INCLUDING CELL PHONES) IS PUBLISHED IN OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.

I DO NOT wish to be listed in the directory.

I am interested in the following KM community participation groups (see page 3):

MEMBERSHIP DUES (see prev page): \$ _____

Building Fund: \$150 \$ _____ 150

Security Fee: \$200 \$ _____ 200

United Synagogue Membership:
\$45 per adult \$ _____ 45/90

SCHOOL TUITION (see previous page): \$ _____

HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKETS (Membership includes tickets for 2 adults and dependent children)

Adults (up to 2): # _____ no charge

Dependent Children (tickets not required):
_____ no charge

Family Guest Tickets: \$125 X _____ = \$ _____

PARKING (good for 5 days self-parking): \$50X _____ = \$ _____

HIGH HOLY DAYS MAHZOR(S): \$54X _____ = \$ _____

LULAV & ETROG FOR SUKKOT: \$60X _____ = \$ _____

BIMA FLOWERS (all donations welcome) \$ _____

QUICK BITE (after YK) (all donations welcome) \$ _____

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: (List names on back of page) **

\$20 X _____ = \$ _____

MEMORIAL PLAQUE: (List names on back of page) **

\$500 X _____ = \$ _____

TREE OF LIFE PLAQUE: (List names on back of page) **

\$500 X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

PAYMENT PLAN:

- Payment in full
- First payment of 50% enclosed; balance to be paid by 12/31/19
- 10 Equal Monthly Payments ending 5/31/20 (Credit Card required)
- Please add 3% donation to recover the fees charged by using a credit card

AMOUNT PAID NOW: \$ _____

Check enclosed Credit Card

CREDIT CARD:

AMEX MasterCard VISA

Card # _____

Expiration _____ CVV _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address with Zip Code:

Signature _____

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TREE OF LIFE

Honor someone on a wedding, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, birthday, recovery from an illness, or any special occasion by donating an inscribed leaf on Kehillat Ma'arav's Tree of Life.

The engraved metal leaf (\$500 per leaf) will state the honoree's name, the occasion being commemorated, and the donor's name.

The Tree of Life is located on a prominent wall in the synagogue sanctuary where it will be on permanent display for generations to come. Help our tree of life to grow.

NAME OF HONOREE: _____

OCCASION COMMEMORATED: _____

DONOR'S NAME: _____

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Ours is a time-honored practice of paying homage to our dearly departed. This book contains memorial prayers along with your name and the name(s) of anyone you wish to remember during the High Holy Days time. Our Kehillat Ma'arav Memorial Book is distributed on Yom Kippur afternoon for all to share.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NAMES IN KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. A donation of \$20 or more per name is suggested.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Please consider permanently honoring your loved ones by reserving a plaque in Kehillat Ma'arav's sanctuary. To reserve a plaque, please complete the information below for each plaque ordered. For assistance please contact the KM office. Plaque donation @ \$500 each.

REMEMBERED BY: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

HEBREW NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

DATE OF DEATH: _____

