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A LETTER FROM OUR NEW KM PRESIDENT, SAM LEVITT

Dear KM Community,

I write this article today humbled, excited, and nervous about what lies ahead. As we live through this unprecedented time in our history, there are many changes and challenges we are all experiencing and navigating together. Covid-19 represents both an opportunity and a daunting reality that we are all adjusting to daily. The answers are not always easily found, but we are all committed to working hard to find the solutions that will allow KM and our entire membership to learn, grow, thrive, and stay safe.

I am humbled to have this opportunity to lead this wonderful congregation that has meant so much to my family since we entered through those doors 5 years ago. We were looking for a new spiritual and Jewish communal home for our young family of 4 that had recently moved to Santa Monica. Rabbi, Cantor and so many of you welcomed us with open arms, showering us with love, joy, affection, care, and support. Today, my family of 5, my sister's family of 4, and my parents are ever present in person, and now online, as part of the KM community, continuing to feel the warmth and support of so many. And now, all of you have given me this opportunity to lead

the congregation, to return that help to so many of you, and to share that welcoming spirit with others who join us.

I am excited by what the present holds. The chance to help steer the continued growth and development of our community as we work to honor our past, succeed in the present, and build an even stronger foundation for the future is one I do not take lightly. To serve a congregation full of passion, energy, love, dedication to Torah and the community is one that reflects my family's own personal mantras. The opportunity to lead KM, fortify our efforts and solve problems is a challenge I relish.

But I will not pretend that I do not enter this time with trepidation. The nervousness around assuming a leadership position such as this is only amplified by the challenges we face in the time of Covid-19. We face both continued physical and spiritual distance, as well as financial concerns we cannot ignore. Over the past few months and in the months ahead, we will be faced with more hurdles to overcome. Our current efforts, led by Rabbi, Cantor, Kate, and the entire KM team, have been nothing short of spectacular. They have challenged themselves to adjust to

this new normal, offering religious, cultural, educational, and social programs and opportunities for us to all stay engaged and connect with KM, our friends, family, and community. And we have come along for the ride, engaging throughout, welcoming videos into our living rooms, offices, backyards, and greenscreens, participating in services, watching comedians, sharing stories, helping our kids learn from distance and much more.

Recently, Rabbi and Cantor have begun hosting Shabbat services weekly through Zoom, adding another wonderful opportunity for us to come together virtually. We have assembled a Return to Facility Committee that is working to assess all aspects of what a return to KM will look like in the weeks and months ahead. We know that many of you want to come together in person sooner rather than later. However, we are dedicated to using science and medicine to guide us and what we can do to keep our population safe, while meeting the needs of the community we serve. I thank you in advance for your patience as we deal with an ever-evolving situation and please look for updates in the weeks ahead.

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A Letter From Our New KM President, Sam Levitt ... cont'd

I cannot thank you all enough for your continued commitment to KM throughout the past few months. So many of you fulfilled your membership, tuition, and donation pledges, allowing us to continue to offer these programs and keep our wonderful staff with us throughout the year. We know this was not easy, but we are eternally grateful that you have chosen to focus your support on KM during these times.

And so, my final message of this opening letter is to ask for your commitment and support once again. As we continue to navigate these uncertain times, I am asking you to commit to us, your KM family. While normally many of us wait until the High Holidays or end of the calendar year to finalize membership, tuition and/or donations, these uncertain times present new challenges to our staff and board. Having a fi-

nancial understanding of where we stand will allow for us to better manage our efforts in the coming year and help those in our community who might need extra help during these times.

Please reach out to us to reaffirm your membership, enrollment, and any other additional financial support you might be able to provide or that you might need. Likewise, please be in touch if you are struggling right now. We want to hear from you. We want to know how we can help. You are all a part of our community, our family, and one that we will continue to support however we can.

Thank you for welcoming my family years ago. Thank you for your continued membership as part of our KM family. Do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas and

more. For easy access, we have created an email address: president@km-synagogue.org. Use it, find me and let's connect however we can. Thank you for entrusting me to lead us in the days, weeks, and months ahead. It is an honor and a privilege, one I do not take lightly, and one I look forward to fulfilling.

B'Shalom,



Sam

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 2020 TAMMUZ/AV 5780			1	2 10:00am Coffee with Kate	3 3:00pm Shabbat Kids 6:30pm Virtual Community Candle Lighting 7:51pm Candle Lighting	4 10:00am Shabbat Morning via ZOOM
5	6	7 8:00pm Virtual Weeknight Minyan	8	9 10:00am Coffee with Kate 7:00pm Timeless Torah with Rabbi Gotlieb	10 3:00pm Shabbat Kids 6:30pm Virtual Community Candle Lighting 7:49pm Candle Lighting	11 10:00am Shabbat Morning via ZOOM 8:00pm Summer Havdalah Series: Cantors Reunion
12	13 11:00am Cantor's Playlist 7:00pm Men's & Women's Club event: "Carl Laemmle" film discussion	14 8:00pm Virtual Weeknight Minyan	15	16 9:00am Investment Comm Mtg 10:00am Coffee with Kate 7:00pm Timeless Torah with Rabbi Gotlieb	17 3:00pm Shabbat Kids 6:30pm Virtual Community Candle Lighting 7:46pm Candle Lighting	18 10:00am Shabbat Morning via ZOOM
19 10:00am KM Board Retreat	20 11:00am Cantor's Playlist	21 8:00pm Virtual Weeknight Minyan	22 7:00pm KM Executive Comm Mtg	23 10:00am Coffee with Kate 7:00pm Timeless Torah with Rabbi Gotlieb	24 3:00pm Shabbat Kids 6:30pm Virtual Community Candle Lighting 7:42pm Candle Lighting	25 10:00am Shabbat Morning via ZOOM
26	27 11:00am Cantor's Playlist	28 8:00pm Virtual Weeknight Minyan	29	30 TISHA B'AV	31 7:37pm Candle Lighting	

JULY BIRTHDAYS *Yom Huledet Sameach!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Charles Abrams
Yona Bogale Arussi
Deborah Berenbach
Evelyn Berger
Larry Berkin
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Arthur Stein
Nancy Usen
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Eric Wagreich

JULY ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

Haim Dov & Lynn Beliak
49th anniversary
Pepe & Diane Cancino
14th anniversary
Eugene & Heather Dula
20th anniversary
Garry & Eve Edelman
44th anniversary
Michael & Jill Gotlieb
36th anniversary

Richard & Adinah Finn
21st anniversary
Boris & Faina Gelman
52nd anniversary
Charles & Marian Goldsmith
56th anniversary
Paul & Sue Hoffman
46th anniversary
Larry & Kim Israel
40th anniversary

Wayne & Gaylen Grody
30th anniversary
Evan & Brenda Krantz
49th anniversary
Jeff Kravitz & Shelley Rose
40th anniversary
Forrest Latiner & Marsha
Lewin Latiner
19th anniversary

Donald & Lynda Moses
51st anniversary
Steven Popper & Veronica
Kun
34th anniversary
Jeffrey & Minda Salberg
22nd anniversary
David Shapendonk & Marla
Rubin
16th anniversary

Marc Sniderman & Merle
Newman
33rd anniversary
Russell & Melissa Witt
7th anniversary
Barry & Linda Zwang-
Weissman
43rd anniversary

MAZEL TOV TO

Sarah and Jeremy Zwang-Weissman and Linda and Barry Zwang-Weissman on the birth of their son/grandson, Zachary Ethan Zwang-Weissman, born on Sunday, June 7.

Minda and Jeffrey Salberg on the birth of their grandson, Ethan Shai Wasserman, born on Tuesday, June 16.

CONDOLENCES

The passing of Rita Schreiber, sister of Barry and Rodger Schreiber, on Tuesday, June 9.

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make-believe
monsters... then
saved people from
a real one



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documentary online
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