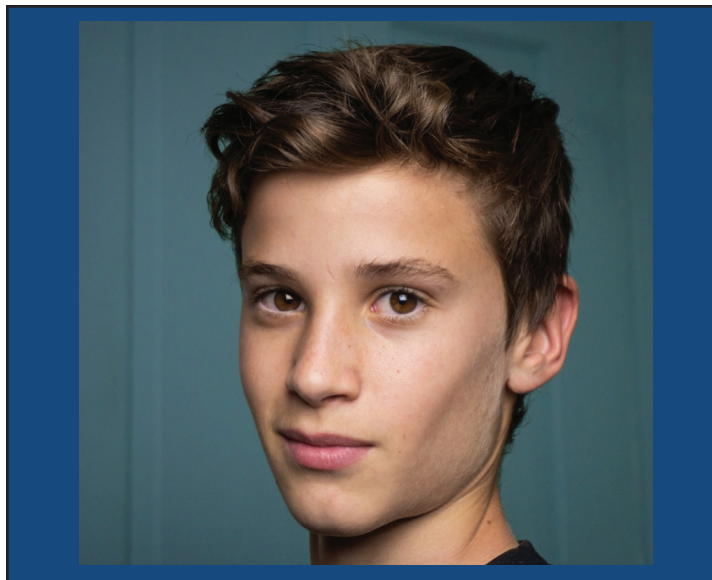


BAR MITZVAH OF
STEVIE LENKIN



January 2, 2021
18 Tevet 5781

Kehillat Ma'arav Synagogue
The Westside Congregation

WELCOME & SHABBAT SHALOM!

PARASHAT VAY'HI

Congregation led by Rabbi Michael Gotlieb & Cantor Samuel Cohen
Torah reading: Genesis 49:1 (page 298) read by Cantor Melanie Fine,
Alan Lenkin and Sasha Lenkin

Haftorah: I Kings 2:1 (page 312) chanted by Stevie Lenkin

Maftir: Genesis 50 (page 310) chanted by Stevie Lenkin

In this morning's Torah portion, Vay'hi, we find Jacob offering his final words to his sons. His words are a combination of prayer, blessing, curse, psychological assessment and hope. Jacob's words are spoken in poetic form on his death bed. The Talmud equates words of a dying man to be as binding as a deed which is written and delivered. Traditional commentators have understood Jacob's final words as prophetic. As we say farewell to this wondrous book, Genesis/Bereshit, may we be blessed with the privilege to revisit it again next year, gleaned yet more insight into God and life.

ABOUT OUR BAR MITZVAH — STEVIE LENKIN

Hello, my name is Stevie Lenkin and I will be KM's first Bar Mitzvah of 2021. Happy New Year!

I attend John Adams Middle School and will graduate from seventh grade this year. My favorite subjects at school are mathematics and PE. I also play the saxophone. In my free time, I enjoy playing all kinds of sports like football, basketball and baseball. If I don't play a sport, I watch sports, play sport video games, or talk sports with my family and friends. I even joined the "Sports Talk" club at my school. This year has been different because all my team sports have been canceled since March. My family and I started to surf and play golf a lot because it allows us to stay active and socially distant. I am sad that my family and friends will not be able to join us in person. I am looking forward to showing all my family and friends what I have been learning for the past 4 years at KM Religious School.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Juergen Lohse "Opa"
Jeannette and COL Norris Ansell
Francis and Irvin Rubin
Lisa and Gerhard Lohse
Lea Hammer

Their presence here today is greatly missed, but their spirits live on within our hearts.

ALIYOT & PARTICIPANTS

Ark Opening

KM Congregation

First Aliya

Charles Lenkin (Grandfather)

Second Aliya

Milo Hoffman (Cousin)

Third Aliya

Rochelle and Peter Berman (Aunt & Uncle)

Fourth Aliya

Tom and Lori Pogue (Family Friends)

Fifth Aliya

Sasha Lenkin (Brother)

Sixth Aliya

KM Congregation

Seventh Aliya

Manja and Alan Lenkin (Mother & Father)

Maftir

Stevie Lenkin

Hagbah

KM Congregation

Ark Closing

KM Congregation

Prayer for Peace

Gesine and Sebastian Lohse (Grandmother & Uncle)

Prayer for Israel

Elysha, David and Gemma Hoffman (Aunt & Uncle, Cousin)

Prayer for Country

Dona Lenkin and Alan Hoshor (Grandparents)

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