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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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HONORING DAVID OBERMAN

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH

Elaine Albert
Gisella Alietti
Hilary Collier
Harold Erdley
Alan Fein
Hannah Ganezer
Charles Goldsmith
Dennis Gura
Lori Harrison
Veronica Kun
Sherrill Kushner
Bernard Laufer
Manja Lenkin
Joseph Loewenbein
Mayer Margolis
Sid Meltzner

Nicholas Mitchell
Michael Norman
Fay Pimstone
Jack Roth
Elana Cohen-Roth
Sara Rothenberg
Jeffrey Salberg
Benjamin Shapiro
Jack Shaprio
Anat Shemesh
Holly Strom
Shelly Vedres
Susan Yurè
Sharon Zeitlin
Judy Zucker

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Michael Amster & Susan Charette
23rd anniversary

Ron & Ruth Barnett
63rd anniversary

Louis & Sandi Diamant
62nd anniversary

Izzy & Marilyn Freeman
38th anniversary

Joel & Jennifer Glaser
18th anniversary

Leon & Doreen Lewin
53rd anniversary

Massoud & Azita Nemanim
34th anniversary

Michael & Jessica Sacher
39th anniversary

Rachel & Simon Steinhardt
8th anniversary

WELCOME
TO THE
FAMILY!



**Louis John
Mendez Packer**

Louis was born on Monday, October 4, and is the grandson of Lori Mendez and David Packer.



Leon Ichabod Millican

Leon was born on Thursday, October 28, and is the grandson of Deborah Berenbach.

MY KM: WHY WE BELONG

THE WAGREICH FAMILY



Eric, Marlyna, and their daughter, Emily, attend the Challah Bake.

Eric grew up in a Reform family that was culturally Jewish—celebrating holidays, but not deeply observing rituals and traditions. Marlyna had a Catholic upbringing but chose to convert before she and Eric got married eight years ago.

This young couple—who now have a 3-year-old daughter, Emily—discovered Kehillat Ma’arav while taking an

***“It’s been very organic
and wonderful...”***

— Marlyna Wagreich

Intro to Judaism course at American Jewish University while dating. “Meeting the Rabbi, who was teaching the course, and then finding a place that felt very welcoming and understanding was why we chose it as our synagogue home,” says Marlyna. “I never felt pressured or judged. The way the Rabbi taught was also so refreshing. It’s been very organic and wonderful having it be part of our life.”

Eric agrees that when they first met the Rabbi, it felt like a perfect fit. In fact, they’ve continued to come to Kehillat Ma’arav even though they’ve moved as far out as Long Beach and Culver City. “We liked the Rabbi and his approach and the KM family and how open everyone was,” shares Eric. “Since then, it’s really been ‘Let’s make it work wherever we are living.’ It’s been so fluid and progressive—everyone is involved and knows us, which makes it continuously welcoming.”

MEET OUR B'NAI MITZVAH

NOVEMBER 6

OWEN FISHER



Hi! My name is Owen Fisher. I am 13 years old, I like playing video games of all sorts, creating projects with cardboard and hot glue, and swimming. I am currently swimming at Westwood pool. I also spent a long time earning and saving money to buy components for a computer that I built. My favorite subject in school is probably English at the moment, because I have a really wonderful English teacher. The B'nai Mitzvah that my sister and I will be having is going to fall right before Hanukkah, which I love as I have many great memories of celebrating Hanukkah with my family.

I can't wait to see you there!

ILIANA FISHER



My name is Iliana Fisher. I turned 13 in March and my twin brother and I are going to have our B'nai Mitzvah this November. I love sketching, painting, and just creating art in general. In my free time, listening to music is one of my favorite things to do. I also love hanging out with friends, running, traveling, and sleeping. A few years ago, my family and I were fortunate enough to travel to Hong Kong, where we were enveloped in the rich culture, met many new people, and ate lots of amazing food. I have been working very hard and I am super excited to share my B'nai Mitzvah with all of you!

JOIN KM IN SOCIAL ACTION!



Find out more about upcoming mitzvah opportunities and contribute your ideas. Join us for a KM Social Action Committee Meeting on

Wednesday, November 3 at 7pm on Zoom

The personal recipe of our beloved KM Member, David Oberman, who's memory shall be a blessing.

David Oberman's (z'l) Famous Cranberry Bread

INGREDIENTS:

Makes 1 loaf (about 8 servings)

- 2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR
- 1 CUP SUGAR
- 1 1/2 TSP. BAKING POWDER
- 1/2 TSP. BAKING SODA
- 3/4 CUP ORANGE JUICE
- 1 TBSP. ORANGE PEEL
- 2 TBSP. VEGETABLE OIL
- 1 EGG
- 1/2 TSP. VANILLA
- 1 3/4 CUPS FRESH CRANBERRIES

INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 8 1/2x4 1/2-inch loaf pan.

Step 2

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in a bowl. Stir vegetable oil into flour mixture until combined. Add orange juice, orange zest, and egg; mix well. Fold in cranberries. Spoon batter into the prepared pan.

Step 3

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 60 to 75 minutes. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.



DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

In memory of

David Oberman, husband of Susan Oberman, by Jeff Baker and the AGF Team, Dennis and Kathy Gura

GENERAL FUND

Mazel to

Lori Mendez and David Packer of the birth of their grandson, Louis John Mendez Packer, by Judy and Manny Baker, Judy and Mitch Blake, Karen Gottlieb, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Loana and Sandy Rosenblatt

A speedy recovery to

Deborah Kennel, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Susan and Bernie Bronstein, Marla Rubin and David Shapendock

Ricky Stajer, cousin of Judy Zucker, by Judy and Lou Zucker

In memory of

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Jack Kern, father of Harvey Kern, by Harvey Kern and Ann Hayman

Audrey Klein, mother of Mimi Klein, by Mimi Klein

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Alvin Matzer, father of Simone Matzer, by Simone Matzer and Lloyd Wagner

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Sherwin Olken

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In memory of

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Estelle Karpel, mother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

David Oberman, husband of Susan Oberman, by Scott and Marcie Howard, Carol Muchin

Dear KM Members,

Thank you so very much for your kind and caring words, cards, etc. I think I will have a long recovery, but at least for now my "vitals, as the medical community calls them, are stable and my searing pain has definitely abated.

*With gratitude and fondness, **Debby Kennel***

YAHREZITS

Listings by date read on Shabbat.



November 6

Rose Berkin, mother of Larry Berkin

May Charette, mother of Susan Charette

Sharlene Lauretz, remembered by the KM congregation

Thomas Flanagan, grandfather of Kate Flanagan

Alvin Matzer, father of Simone Matzer

Meta Katz, sister of Gail Neiman
Elsa Gottesman, mother-in-law of Gail Neiman

Frances Urwitz, mother of Suzanne Schweitzer

Rena Epstein, mother of Shirley Strom and grandmother of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom

Adolf Wilzig, father of David Wilzig

Henry Chernoff, father of Judy Zucker

November 13

George Louis, father of Carol Abrams

Ella Stern, Yehudit's mother of Yehudit Coutin

Jeanette DeHovitz, grandmother of Dan DeHovitz

Fred Sack, grandfather of Eileen Cohen

Rose Goldenberg, sister of Celeste Erdley and aunt of Alyssa Ganezer

Kenneth Ganezer, brother of David Ganezer

Ruth Ducker, mother of Gaylen Grody

Gerald Hayman, father of Ann Hayman

Selma Greenberg, grandmother of Sharon Krischer

Chic Lippman, mother of Tamara Bernstein, Andrew Lippman and William Lippman

Shirley Shuman, sister of Sid Meltzner

Nissan Pardo, husband of Carmella Pardo

Carol Goldstein, cousin of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Bertha Solomon, mother-in-law of Patricia Solomon

Alex Lowenthal, uncle of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom

Anny Cronheim, grandmother of Linda Zwang-Weissman

November 20

Baby Kranz, daughter of Judy Baker

Herman Schwartz, grandfather of Eileen Cohen

Bernard Cohen, father of Brian Cohen

Milton Rothenberg, father of Shelley Gould

Al Israel, father of Larry Israel
Leo Kirschenbaum, father of Ellis Kirschenbaum

Debby Green, step-mother of Area Kramarsky

Stanley Krantz, father of Evan Krantz

Scott Mitchel Olken, son of Sherwin and Elaine Olken

Dinah Posternack, mother of Elaine Olken

Zelda Yudelevicz, mother of Maury Pearl

Paul King Tamaroff, brother of Tammy Steinsapir

November 27

Louis Weinberger, father of Ruth Barnett

Gilda Bram, sister-in-law of Edith Ballonoff and aunt of Lynn Beliak

Albert Bernstein, father of Susan Bernstein

Joseph Bronstein, father of Bernie Bronstein

Fannie Finn, mother of Richard Finn

Seymour Nemeroff, brother of Eileen Goldberg

Sarah Kraft, grandmother of Dorita Gotlieb and great-grandmother of Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

Jeanette Gleich, mother of Ann Harris

Bernard Karpel, father of Susan Karpel

Audrey Klein, mother of Mimi Klein

Minnie Wolfberg, grandmother of Kathie Rose

Norman Karchem, husband of Joan Karchem and father of Debra Silverman

Harry Molberger, father of Cookie Valente

Yetta Wienshienk, mother of Roselynn Wolfberg

Sandy Ziegler, wife of Stan Ziegler and mother of Randy Ziegler



IN MEMORY OF

Alvin Matzer (April 7, 1929 – December 2, 2019)

WRITTEN BY SIMONE WAGNER

My dad, Alvin Matzer, was a modest man with a big heart who cared deeply about his family, his country, and his religion. His daily ritual

of Tefillin and Jewish observances never wavered. My dad had a sharp mind, incredible sense of humor, and fondness for the stock market as well as the racetrack. He had a strong sense of principles and values and tried to instill that in everyone around

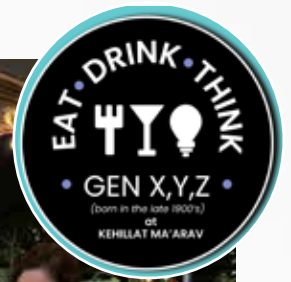
him. Alvin served in the Korean War and loved to share stories about his service in the army, be it basic training at Fort Dix or the multiple times he was able to use his cunning and wit to evade KP duty. My dad was always grateful to Hashem who blessed him with 90 years of life, a beautiful and loving wife Goldie, and the nachas of attending the Bar Mitzvahs of his 6 grandsons. He was a living role model of justice, compassion, and tzedakah. We miss him everyday.

Photo: Alvin Matzer provided by Simone Wagner.

We love seeing you in person!



**Lil' Hands
Challah
Bake**



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