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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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 Shapiro  
Anat Shemesh  
Holly Strom  
Shelly Vedres  
Susan Yuré  
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.

**"It's a boy!"**

# MY KM: WHY WE BELONG THE WAGREICH FAMILY



Eric, Marlyna, and their daughter, Emily, attend the KM 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 Intro to Judaism course at American Jewish University while dating. “Meeting Rabbi Gotlieb, 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 Rabbi taught was also so refreshing. It’s been very organic and wonderful having it be part of our life.”

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

***— Marlyna Wagreich***

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 lived as far away as Long Beach and Culver City at times. “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

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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!



### Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Now through November 21, we will be collecting non-perishable, unopened and unexpired pantry items for those in need. Look for the dedicated bins at our front entrance. Thank you!

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Save the date:  
"Mitzvah Day" at KM  
Sunday, January 30, 2022

Join us for a community gathering with various opportunities to give back.



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

## INSTRUCTIONS:

### Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 8 1/2 x 4 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, on 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*

Rabbi Morris Baker, father of Manny Baker, by Manny and Judy Baker

Richard Blake, father of Mitch Blake, by Mitch and Judy Blake

Anny Croheim, grandmother of Linda Zwang-Weissman, by Linda and Barry Zwang-Weissman

Milton Eidelberg, uncle of Lori Papernik, by Lori and Brian Papernik

Jacques Elmaleh, father of Philippe Elmaleh, by Philippe and Shirley Elmaleh

Musya Gelman, mother of Boris Gelman, by Boris and Faina Gelman

Carol Goldstein, cousin of Ellis Rosenblatt, by Ellis Rosenblatt

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

Al Israel, father of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

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

Audrey Klein, mother of Mimi Klein, by Mimi Klein

Alex Lowenthal, brother-in-law of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

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

Faye Mutal, grandmother of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

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Scott Mitchel Olken, son of Elaine and Sherwin Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

Nissan Pardo, husband of Carmella Pardo, by Carmella Pardo

Dinah Posternack, mother of Elaine Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

Marvin (Nick) Resnick, step-father of Joanne Klein, by Joanne and Paul Klein

Gladys Rosenberg, sister of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

Milton Rothenberg, father of Shelley Gould, by Shelley and Mark Gould

Paul King Tamaroff, brother of Tammy Steinsapir, by Tammy Steinsapir

Jack Topal, husband of Linda Topal, by Linda Topal

Ruth Turetsky, mother of Carol Turetsky, by Carol Turetsky

Frances Urwitz, mother of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne Schweitzer

Robert Wagner, grandfather of Jordan Ogron, by Eileen and Lew Goldberg

## ENID KARPEL NAGLER FUND

### *In memory of*

Enid Karpel Nagler, sister of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### *In memory of*

Bernard Karpel, father of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

Alex Lowenthal, uncle of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom

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### *A donation by*

Teri Lewis

### *In memory of*

Rena Epstein, grandmother of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom

Estelle Karpel, mother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

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

*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***





## 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, 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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