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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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VOICE

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"IT'S A BOY!"**

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**IN MEMORY OF
MORRIS GOLDBERG**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

Alan Alter
Lynn Beliak
Miyako Berkin
Mia Bolanos
Eileen Cohen
Sandi Diamant
Moshe Ayal Elgrably
Philippe Elmaleh
Benjamin Elmaleh
Marilyn Freeman
Marsha Furst
Jill Gottlieb
Nathalie Hoffman
Susan Karpel
Richard Krop
Leonid Kruglyak
Shaul Kuba

Teri Lewis
Roz Menitoff
Rabbi Michael Menitoff
Michael Morrisette
Lily Muller
Lazaro Pedroza
Robert Schechter
David Silverman
Eric Steiglitz
Skyler Steiglitz
Shirley Strom
Thomas Vedres
Stuart Warren
Jennifer Wolfberg
Naomi Yadegar
Stan Ziegler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Charles & Carol Abrams
55th anniversary

Eugene & Dorita Gottlieb
69th anniversary

Mark & Shelley Gould
29th anniversary

William & Orit Lippman
21st anniversary

Lauren Swerdloff & Lazaro Pedroza
5th anniversary

Phil & Kathie Rose
24th anniversary

Joel & Holly Strom
31st anniversary

Marc & Susan Yuré
47th anniversary

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, LITTLE ONE!



Sascha David Fierstadt

Sascha was born on Thursday, December 2, and is the grandson of Jill and Rabbi Gottlieb. The baby boy is the son of their daughter, Alissa, and her husband, Zachary Fierstadt.

*It's a
Boy*

MY KM: WHY I BELONG



SHIRLEY STROM

"...as much as I give, I get back."

When Kehillat Ma'arav was in the process of being founded over four decades ago, Shirley just happened to pick up a newspaper and see an ad. "We were looking for a new synagogue because we were unhappy with where we had been, so we attended a few meetings in people's homes and joined immediately."

What was true back then that remains today is how happy and welcoming the community is. "I was looking for something different—more warmth and a religious home," shares Shirley. "I call myself a 'cafeteria Jew' where I pick those things that I am able to follow and participate in and do them."

Over the years, this has meant serving on the lifecycle and other committees; attending classes; volunteering to stuff envelopes for mailings; and singing in the choir (which she calls her "greatest pleasure"). "I have participated very much as I have been able to give it time," she says. "I've found that as much as I give, I get back."

"To me," she adds, "it's become like a second family."

We'd love to hear from you!

Twenty Questions!

What do YOU want to know about the clergy and staff at KM? Send us your questions for a casual and comedic version of 20 Questions to be published in monthly editions of The Voice. What made Rabbi Gotlieb want to be a rabbi? How does someone named Kate Flanagan end up working at a synagogue? What is Cantor Fine's favorite piece of music? Ask away! Send your questions to Mia Schai Labowitz at communications@km-synagogue.org.

What's Your KM Story?

Tell us all about how you found Kehillat Ma'arav and what it means to you now. Family stories, b'nai mitzvah memories, any special sentiments that are tied up in the sacred and hamish community we all love so much. We want to hear from you and your fellow congregants do too. Contact Mia Schai Labowitz at communications@km-synagogue.org to participate..

JOIN KM IN SOCIAL ACTION!

CLOTHING DRIVE & CHRISTMAS DAY WITH FAITH IN CHRIST MINISTRIES



We are collecting gently-used, warm clothing and new socks for those in need, as well as preparing and serving lunch on Christmas day. This KM tradition has endured for decades.

Bring your clothing and (new) sock donations directly to KM. All donations should be dropped off by Friday, December 24 at 10am (synagogue office closes at 12pm).

Visit the KM website or the KM weekly to sign up to volunteer on Christmas day alongside other members of KM and the greater Los Angeles community.

SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE

Sunday, January 30, 2022
Mitzvah Day

The Kehillat Ma'arav Social Action Committee is pleased to announce that we have partnered with The American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Sunday, **January 30, 2022**. As the largest project in our evolving plans for a synagogue-wide **Mitzvah Day**, our Blood Drive will be a meaningful and life-saving day for so many.



We are committed to gathering a group of **at least fifty (50) donors!** If you've donated blood before, great—thank you for signing up again! If you are unsure about whether you are able to donate, the American Red Cross has a wealth of information to answer those musings. The truth is, more often than not, folks believe they are ineligible to donate, but they are absolutely fine to perform this life-saving mitzvah.

Visit the KM website, or see the weekly for more information. You can also call the Red Cross at (866) 236-3276 to find out if you are eligible to give.

There will be many opportunities to participate, even if you cannot donate blood. In the days ahead, we look forward to sharing information about donor outreach, financial contributions, and day-of hospitality for everyone who joins us onsite that day. Please contact Kate Flanagan at kateflanagan@km-synagogue.org to sign up to help, or if you have any questions.

Warm up your appetite with a treat this winter!

"BLACK RUSSIAN" BUNDT CAKE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 box of YELLOW cake mix (yes, it's a cheat, but it why not!)
- 1 4oz box of instant CHOCOLATE pudding
- ¼ cup of Kahlua
- ¼ cup of Vodka
- 1 cup of oil
- 4 eggs
- Optional: Chocolate Chips

DIRECTIONS:

Use non-stick cooking spray (best choice) or grease your Bundt pan with butter or margarine.

Combine eggs, oil, vodka & Kahlua. Blend well. Add cake mix and instant pudding. Blend well. DO NOT add the chocolate chips yet. (They will sink to the bottom and make getting your cake out of the pan much harder.)

Pour the batter into the Bundt pan and put the pan in the middle of the preheated oven for about 50 minutes.

If you want to add chocolate chips, add them about 10 minutes into the bake. Gently push the chocolate chips partway down into the yummy goodness that is this cake.

After 50 minutes, your cake should be done, but if it doesn't pass the toothpick test, leave it in the oven a few minutes, but TURN THE OVEN OFF.

Take it out of the oven and let it cool. Take it out of the pan and put it on a nice plate.

ICING: Mix ¼ cup of Kahlua and as much powdered sugar as you can dissolve in the ¼ cup of Kahlua. At least a cup of powdered sugar will work. This makes a nice "regular coffee" colored icing to drip over your cooled Bundt cake.

The cake will keep moist for days. Enjoy!

Recipe suggested by Joanne Klein

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

A donation by

Ness and Judy Moadeb

Robert Schechter and Elisabeth Klock-Schechter

Mazel to

Deborah Berenbach on the birth of her grandson, Leon, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Kate Flanagan, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum, Marsha Lewin-Latiner and Forrest Latiner

Holly Strom on her birthday, by Mitchel Silberman

In appreciation of

Marla Rubin, by Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum

In honor of

Elaine Albert's granddaughter Tali Albert's Bat Mitzvah, by Elaine Albert

In memory of

Rozalye Averbukh, mother of Mathew Averbukh, by Mathew and Svetlana Averbukh

Ben Bennett, husband of Lolly Bennett, by Lolly Bennett

Joseph Bronstein, father of Bernie Bronstein, by Bernie and Susan Bernstein

Rose Cohen, grandmother of Beverly Bienstock, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock

Ruth Ducker, mother of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

Sydney Ducker, father of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

Rena Epstein, mother of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

Morris Freeman, father of Izzy Freeman, by Izzy and Marilyn Freeman

Esther Gura, mother of Dennis Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Rebecca Gura, daughter of Dennis and Kathy Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Sol Gura, father of Dennis Gura, by Dennis and Kathy Gura

Rebekah Gusse, grandmother of Sara Barnard, by Sara Barnard

Marie Halfon, mother of Laurie Samson, by Judy and Mitch Blake, Marian and Charley Goldsmith, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Sharon and Joel Krischer, Susan and Alan Sperling

Ruth Hoffman, mother of Paul Hoffman, by Paul and Sue Hoffman

Morris Horwitz, father of Susie Yuré, by Susie and Marc Yuré

Bernard Karpel, father of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

Estelle Karpel, mother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

John Kovacs, cousin of Thomas Vedres, by Thomas and Shelly Vedres

Seymour Kramer, father of Dorine Kramer, by Dorine Kramer and Nicholas Mitchell

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

Zelda Joy Mitchell, mother of Nicholas Mitchell, by Nicholas Mitchell and Dorine Kramer

Harry Molberger, father of Cookie Valente, by Cookie Valente

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

David Oberman, husband of Susan Oberman, by Gail and Richard Carson, Judy and Les Eber, Daniel and Brynne Fellman, Linda and Jim Freund, Gloria and Ron Provisor, Ann and Gerald Saltsman

Esther Rabb, mother of Kathy Gura, by Kathy and Dennis Gura

Larry Rabb, father of Kathy Gura, by Kathy and Dennis Gura

Judith Baar Resnick, mother of Joanne Klein, by Joanne and Paul Klein

Sharon Rosenthal, niece of Edith Ballonoff and cousin of Lynn Beliak by, Edith Ballonoff and Lynn and Haim Dov Beliak

Jeffrey A. Roth, brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner and Forrest Latiner

Bernard Samson, father of Gary Samson, by Gary and Laurie Samson

Sidney Schulman, husband of Naomi Schulman, by Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum

Stuart Schweitzer, husband of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne Schweitzer

Harry Segal, grandfather of Lolly Bennett, by Lolly Bennett

Alvin Stover, uncle of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

Ruth Turetsky, mother of Carol Turetsky, by Carol Turetsky

David Haber Warshawsky, father of Beth Ricanati, by Beth and David Ricanati

Ann Yuré, mother of Marc Yuré, by Marc and Susie Yuré

KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of

Sandi and Louis Diamant's 62nd Wedding Anniversary, by Sandi and Louis Diamant

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A donation by

Adinah and Richard Finn

Emily Miller and Jay Goldman

Linda Topal

In honor of

Elaine Albert's granddaughter Tali Albert's Bat Mitzvah, by Elaine Albert

In memory of

Richard Maibaum, father of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

YAHREZEITS

Listed by date name is read at Shabbat Services.



December 4

Joan Mass, sister of Judy Blake

Nicholas Schwartz, father of Eileen Cohen

Isidore Finn, father of Richard Finn

Sydney Ducker, father of Gaylen Grody

Larry Rabb, father of Kathy Gura

Ruth Hoffman, mother of Paul Hoffman

Seymour Kramer, father of Dorine Kramer and Beverly Schwartz and grandfather of Andrea Jussim

Estelle Karpel, mother of Susan Karpel

Ida Levy, mother of Joe Levy

David Haber Warshawsky, father of Beth Ricanati

Sam Bernstein, father of Jessica Sacher

Naftali Sneh, son of Louis Sneh

Milton Kaplan, brother-in-law of Arthur Stein

Ann Yuré, mother of Marc Yuré

December 11

Phil Baker, brother of Manny Baker

Sarah Agata, mother of Deborah Berenbach

Rose Cohen, grandmother of Beverly Bienstock

Edith Spector, aunt of Eileen Cohen

Gladys Dunn, mother of Joshua Dunn

Parviz Ebrahemi, father of Fred Ebrahemi

Harry Fistell, father of Ira Fistell

Jack Furst, father of Phillip Furst

Ruth Green, grandmother of Jamie Green

Hilda W. Hersh, mother of Elsa Jones

Enid Karpel-Nagler, sister of Susan Karpel

Marvin J. Kohn, brother of Stanley Kohn

Mathilde Margolis, mother of Mayer Margolis

Zelda Joy Mitchell, mother of Nicholas Mitchell

Rabbi Michael Roth, brother of Jack Roth

Stuart Schweitzer, husband of Suzanne Schweitzer

Michael Jaffe, father of Libby Silverman

December 18

Bess Abrams, mother of Chuck Abrams

Rebekah Gusse, grandmother of Sara Barnard

Myra Levine, sister of Lorna Belman

Esther Sack Kass, grandmother of Eileen Cohen

Fritzi Erdosi, mother of Thomas Erdosi

Zelma Kramer, mother of Jill Gotlieb

Richard Maibaum, father of Matthew Maibaum

Sandor Fischl, father of Judy Moadeb

Lena Albert, grandmother of Susan Greenberg Norman

Bernard Pimstone, brother of Neville Pimstone

James Bennett Osterman, brother of Kathie Rose

Rose Rosenblatt, grandmother of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Esther Rosenfeld, mother-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld

Doris Posner, mother of Judy Shapiro

Sheldon Spector, husband of Judy Spector

Harlen Hurwitz, father of Susan Sperling

David Stern, uncle of Linda Topal

Rose Stern, grandmother of Linda Topal

Thelma Alpern, sister-in-law of Stan Ziegler and aunt of Randy Ziegler

December 25

Sharon Rosenthal, niece of Edith Ballonoff and cousin of Lynn Beliak

Harry Segal, grandfather of Lolly Benhett

Moiz Mesulam, grandfather of Gina Epstein

Anna Feldman, mother of David Feldman

Morris Freeman, father of Izzy Freeman

Matilde Guendelman-Glasner, mother of Tom Glasner

Morris Goldberg, father of Elliot Goldberg

Alvin Stover, uncle of Gaylen Grody

Lisa Hall, step-daughter of Brana Hall

Stephen Klevens, father of Dave Klevens

Jeffrey A. Roth, brother-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner

Martin Levine, brother of Lauren Levine

Gertrude Lowis, grandmother of Roz Menitoff

Martin Peters, father of Joseph Peters

Aaron Osterman, grandfather of Kathie Rose

Robert Kohler Osterman, father of Kathie Rose

Bernard Samson, father of Gary Samson

Samuel Tamaroff, father of Tammy Steinsapir

Robert Witt, father of Russell Witt

Morris Horwitz, father of Susan Yuré

IN MEMORY OF

Morris Goldberg (April 10, 1897 - December 29, 1994)

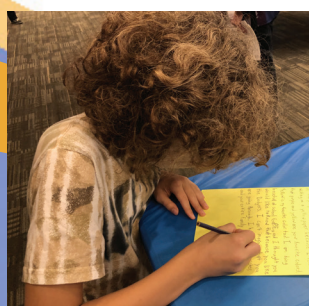
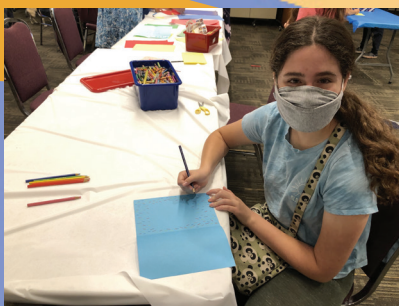
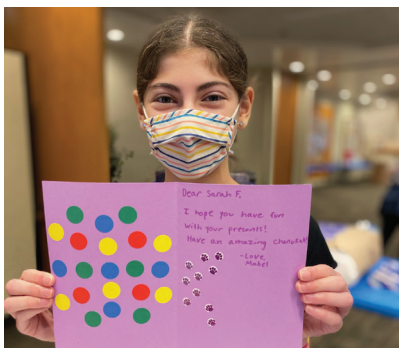
REMEMBERED BY ELLIOT GOLDBERG

In 1899, Morris Goldberg was 2 years old and 1 of 9 children when his family immigrated to America from Eastern Europe (Odessa). They eventually settled in Albany, New York. The family struggled financially and Morris was forced to leave school at age 11 to take on various jobs. At the age of 17, Morris joined the military and served in WWI in Belgium. He was awarded American citizenship upon the end of his tour.

After the war, Morris met his wife, Sadie, in Detroit, Michigan. They raised two sons, Elliot and Stan. Morris and Sadie built a successful business in the clothing trade, opening their own store. After a fire nearly destroyed the store, the family worked hard to rebuild the business. Later, Morris and Sadie retired to Sunrise, Florida. Morris lived there until he was 97 years old.

Community-wide
Mitzvah Program
Hanukkah Angels
Gift Wrapping Program

Thank you Hanukkah Angels!



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