

**MARCH 2022**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**IN MEMORY OF  
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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!**

**Judith Baker  
Sara Barnard  
Elaine Behnken  
Noah Bolanos  
Bernie Bronstein  
Annie Chang  
Susan Charette  
Brian Cohen  
Prissi Cohen  
Israel Coutin  
Eve Edelman  
Thomas Erdosi**

**Ira Fistell  
Dorita Gotlieb  
Mark Gould  
Jamie Green  
Brenda Krantz  
Sharon Krischer  
Cathy Krop  
Anat Kuba  
Helayne Levy  
Doreen Lewin  
Andrew Lippman  
Cheryl Lorenzo**

**Ness Moadeb  
Donald Moses  
Brian Papernik  
Lori Papernik  
Ellis Rosenblatt  
Loana Rosenblatt  
Baruch Rothenberg  
Marla Rubin  
Scott Saliman  
Darcy Savoy  
Alan Sperling  
Marc Yuré**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Laurie (Phillip) &  
Marsha Furst**

46th anniversary

**Nicholas Mitchell &  
Dorine Kramer**

39th anniversary

**David Packer & Lori  
Mendez**

37th anniversary

**Peter & Karla  
Gardner**

22nd anniversary

**Michael Norman &  
Susan Greenberg  
Norman**

49th anniversary

**Maury & Nancy  
Pearl**

28th anniversary

**Benjamin & Shaina  
Shapiro**

14th anniversary

**Stephen & Judith  
Shapiro**

54th anniversary

**Eric & Marlyna  
Wagreich**

9th anniversary

**Joseph & Naomi  
Yadegar**

39th anniversary

**MAZEL TOV!**



# NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## ELDA LAZARO & DANIEL BRINKENHOFF

Elda Lazaro and Daniel Brinkenhoff are excited to join the KM community. They are both SoCal natives, Elda from Los Angeles and Daniel from Ventura. They met in Santa Monica nearly a decade ago, married in 2019 and moved to Santa Monica from Brentwood in late 2019. Elda works as a social worker at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Daniel works in finance for a New York-based firm. They are expecting their first child (a boy) this month and look forward to meeting other KM members as things get back to normal.

## ASK THE KM STAFF!

**Q: “Hey, Masha—Is it true you attended rabbinical school?”**

**Masha Savitz Keys,  
Head of Early Childhood  
and Arts Programs**



Yes, it is true!

In fact, that is why I moved to LA, to attend what is now AJU (at that time, it was The UJ).

My mom is an artist, and I went to art school in Boston. But from time to time, I wondered about becoming a rabbi. My father was a rabbi, and I grew up with so many wonderful rabbis in my life. So, I decided I would try to see if becoming a rabbi was the path for me.

Near the end of rabbinical school (or the middle), I realized that I really am 100% both my parents (and then some), and therefore needed to pursue creative endeavors as well as striving to bring more holiness into the world.

I don't regret rabbinical school at all; it deepened my Jewish literacy, making me a better teacher. I made life-long friends, and it helped clarify my path—creating work that I hope engages the mind, edifies the soul, and affirms the heart.







# My Mama's Best Ever Hamantaschen

**Prep Time: 5 mins + 2 hours chill time**

**Cook Time: 15 minutes**

**Total Time: 31 minute**

**Yield: About 2 dozen cookies**

## INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup softened butter (can likely use vegan butter too)	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup coconut sugar or cane sugar	2 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons orange juice (we juiced a sumo orange – so good!)	Jam/filling of choice: I used raspberry jam + sprinkles
2 eggs	2 cups flour

## DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar with a mixer until combined

Add in the eggs, orange juice and vanilla extract and mix again until fully combined

Mix in the baking powder and flour to form the dough

Form the dough into a thick circle and wrap it in plastic wrap and add to fridge for at least 2 hours (or overnight)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and line 2-3 baking sheets with parchment paper

Roll the chilled dough onto a lightly floured surface to about 1/8 inch thick

Cut out circles about 3 inches in diameter (I used a large drinking glass)

Place a teaspoon of filling into the center of each circle

Fold up the edges to form a triangle and pinch together edges firmly

Add to the baking sheet and bake in oven for 12-15 minutes

Allow the cookies to cool for a few then enjoy!

# DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

## GENERAL FUND

### A speedy recovery to

Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, by Elaine Albert, Ruth Barnett, Judy and Mitch Blake, Brana Hall, the Moses Family, Gary and Laurie Samson, Suzanne Schweitzer, Stan Ziegler

### Mazel Tov to

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Susan Greenberg Norman and Michael Norman, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jonah

### In honor of

Jacolyn Bron, for leading our Red Cross Blood Drive, by Gloria and Ellis Kirschenbaum

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Irving Alter, father of Alan Alter, by Alan and Halina Alter

Dorothy Andrew, mother of Gary Andrew, by Gary Andrew

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Jeffrey Bernstein, brother of Jessica Sacher, by Jessica and Michael Sacher

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Jennie Eckstein, grandmother of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

Morton Fuchs, father of Marta Fuchs, by Marta Fuchs

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Joseph Gottlieb, grandfather of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

Norman T. Gottlieb, father of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

Eve Kramer, mother of Beverly Schwartz, by Beverly Schwartz

Seymour Kramer, father of Beverly Schwartz, by Beverly Schwartz

Forrest Latiner, husband of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Judy and Manny Baker, Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Eileen and Brian Cohen, Judy and Les Eber, Karen Gottlieb, Brana Hall, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Sharon and Joel Krischer, Ellis Rosenblatt, Loana and Sandy Rosenblatt, Minda and Jeffrey Salberg, Shirley Strom, Susan and Alan Sperling, Judy and Lou Zucker

Elizabeth Lewin, sister-in-law of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner

Michael Morrisette, husband of Prissi Cohen and father of Tillie Morrisette, by Judy and Manny Baker, Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Eileen and Brian Cohen, Fernanda Gray and Elliot Goldberg, Marian and Charley Goldsmith, Karen Gottlieb, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Mimi Klein, Sharon and Joel Krischer, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Marsha Lewin Latiner, Helayne and Joe Levy, Lori Mendez and David Packer, Lori and Brian Papernik, Loana and Sandy Rosenblatt, Laurie and Gary Samson, Suzanne Schweitzer, Shirley Strom, Stan Ziegler

Esther Moadeb, mother of Ness Moadeb, by Ness and Judy Moadeb

Edward Nemeroff, nephew of Eileen and Lew Goldberg, by Judy and Manny Baker, Beverly and Bernie Bienstock, Fay and Neville Pimstone

Jack Sabin, father of Herbert Sabin, by Herbert Sabin

Audrey Lou Sagerman, mother of Nancy Pearl, by Judy and Les Eber

Louis Pasternak, father of Elaine Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin Olken

Peter Schwartz, brother of Eileen Cohen, by Ruth Barnett, Judy and Les Eber, Marla Rubin and David Shapendonk

Louis Sneh, by Judy and Les Eber, Gail Rosenfeld

David Strom, husband of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

Lena Strom, mother-in-law of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

William Strom, father-in-law of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

Lillian Turk, aunt of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Strom

Thomas Vedres, husband of Shelly Vedres, by Judy and Les Eber, Sharon and Joel Krischer

Sam Wolff, father of Sharon Krischer, by Sharon and Joel Krischer

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### In memory of

Herman Robbins, father of Sandi Diamant, by Sandi and Louis Diamant

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### In memory of

David Oberman, husband of Susan Oberman and son of Deedy Oberman, by Susanne and Robert Reyto, Tamara and Robert Bernstein

## CAMP RAMAH FUND

### In memory of

Michael Morrisette, husband of Prissi Cohen and father of Tillie Morrisette, by Carol and Chuck Abrams

## CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### In appreciation of

Cantor Melanie Fine, for your help and support on the passing of Forrest Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner and family

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Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, by Susan Karpel

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### In memory of

Forrest Latiner, husband of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Mona Garber

Michael Morrisette, husband of Prissi Cohen, and father of Tillie Morrisette, by Alan Puklin

Harry Salberg, father of Jeffrey Salberg, by Minda and Jeffrey Salberg

David Strom, father of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom

Lena Strom, grandmother of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom

William Strom, grandfather of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom



## March 5

Dorothy Andrew, mother of Gary Andrew  
 Maurice Senturia, grandfather of Dan DeHovitz  
 Morton Fuchs, father of Marta Fuchs  
 Jennie Eckstein, grandmother of Karen Sue Gottlieb  
 Joseph Gottlieb, grandfather of Karen Sue Gottlieb  
 Sidney Gould, father of Mark Gould  
 Jack Sabin, father of Fern Margolis and Herbert Sabin  
 Minnie Wexler, grandmother of Sandie Sampson  
 Lena Strom, mother-in-law of Shirley Strom and  
 grandmother of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom  
 Stewart Gross, uncle of Shelly Vedres  
 Mary Lou Frazier, mother of Mary Jo Wilzig

## March 12

Mary Goldberg, mother of Mark Goldberg  
 Esther Moadeb, mother of Ness Moadeb  
 William Strom, father-in-law of Shirley Strom and  
 grandfather of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom

## March 19

Charles Abrams, father of Chuck Abrams  
 Norma Glick, mother of Susan Bronstein  
 Jeff Finn, brother of Richard Finn  
 Louis Posternack, father of Elaine Olken  
 Ethel Sniderman, mother of Marc Sniderman  
 Milton Yuré, father of Marc Yuré

## March 26

Irving Alter, father of Alan Alter and grandfather of  
 Valerie Alter  
 Shmil Fikhman, father of Diana Volman  
 Norman T. Gottlieb, father of Karen Gottlieb  
 Elizabeth Lewin, sister in law of Marsha Lewin Latiner  
 Frida Mucasey, mother of Dorita Gotlieb and  
 grandmother of Rabbi Michael Michael Gotlieb  
 Sandra Shacter, niece of Sid & Carole Meltzner

# NORMAN T. GOTTLIEB Remembered by Karen Gottlieb



My father, Norman T. Gottlieb was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1914, to Anna and Joseph Gottlieb. He attended Boys High School, New York University (from which he graduated in three years) and Howard University Medical School, a black university, during a time when Jews were not being accepted to white medical schools. For many years he lived next door to Jennie and Rubin Eckstein, and their daughters Sarah and Miriam, and developed a budding love for Sarah who he eventually married. He was father to me and my brother, Kenneth.

Norman Gottlieb was an officer and a gentleman. He served in the army in Morocco, played violin in the Doctors Symphony Orchestra, attended opera, symphonic concerts and theater, read numerous medical journals, participated in groups supporting young opera singers, and even sang with the Verdi Chorus in Santa Monica. Above all, he was a well-respected and notable internist, a lifetime pursuit he enjoyed until poor health forced him into retirement. I was surprised to learn that one of my brother's childhood friends pursued a medical career because he wanted to emulate my Dad.

Despite his demanding practice, he always had time for his children, reading and editing my term papers, recounting the plot of the opera he was going to attend, complete with snippets of arias, chastising me for trying to cancel a date with one gentleman when another whom I preferred called, and making sure my spoken and written English was always impeccable. It is from my Dad that I gained my love for music, and learned honesty, kindness, respect and integrity.

My father died on April 5, 2000, five days before my birthday. The pain was unbearable. To this day, with every endeavor, I hope that I am making him proud. I am so grateful to have been raised by this intellectually curious, charismatic, warm, loving, and caring man.

# THANKS FOR JOINING US AT THE FEBRUARY CHALLAH BAKE!



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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@km-synagogue.org) to participate.

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