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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*PASSOVER
CHAROSET
RECIPE*

MAZEL TOV
IT'S A BOY!

IN MEMORY OF
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MARCIA SHAPIRO

ASK THE
STAFF:
SHARONE
WEIZMAN



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

Howard Behnken
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**Manny & Judy
Baker**

51st anniversary

**Thomas & Sidne
Erdosi**

50th anniversary

**Ellis & Gloria
Kirschenbaum**

41st anniversary

**Dave Klevens &
Cheryl Lorenzo**

16th anniversary

**David & Beth
Ricanati**

27th anniversary

**Ted & Roselynn
Wolfberg**

57th anniversary

MAZEL TOV!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, LITTLE ONE!



Samuel Koufax Brinkenhoff

Samuel was born on Saturday, March 26, and is the baby boy of Elda Lazaro and Daniel Brinkenhoff.

THE KM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENJOYED A FUN & EDUCATIONAL "CHOCOLATE" SEDER!



ASK THE KM STAFF!

Q: "Hey, Sharone—What inspired you to become a Jewish educator?"

**Sharone Weizman,
Director of Education
and Youth Programs**



Being the child of two Jewish educators, I guess you could say it was my destiny....

Upon my return from spending a gap year in Israel after High School, I landed my first job as a Hebrew teacher. What initially drew me in was my love of Judaism, the Hebrew language and my deep desire to share it with the next generation. What I didn't realize was the inspiration and fulfillment I would receive from my students and community.

When I first stepped into my classroom, I immediately fell in love with teaching; having the ability to watch your students grow and see that gleam in their eye when they learn a new concept, triggered a passion that I never knew existed. My zest for Jewish education was born, which led me to teach in schools all over Florida and later in Los Angeles.

Along my teaching journey, I worked closely with an exceptional Principal in Los Angeles who brought an experiential approach to her school, which made the kids and families engage in the learning process in a fun and interactive way. That was my true, inspirational "Ah-ha" moment. She made the Religious School progressive, innovative and fun without compromising content by creating a student driven, camp model approach. I realized "I want to do that! I want to inspire and impact a community of learners not just the students in my classroom." It clicked for me that this was my true-life passion and inspired me to go back to school where I completed my B.A. in Jewish Studies and Hebrew Literature, and then a Master's in Education. Immediately following graduation in 2007, I was offered my first Director position in Washington DC, and the rest as they say, is history.

Traditional Charoset for Passover

Charoset, also known as haroset, is a mixture fruits and nuts eaten at the Passover Seder. Charoset is easy to make, and it's one of those fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants recipes, as you adjust as you go! It's naturally gluten-free of course, and is a yummy, sweet condiment.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 10 minutes

Yield: 10



INGREDIENTS:

6 apples, finely diced

1 tablespoon cinnamon, more as desired

1/3 cup red wine, more as desired

1-1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped

1 tablespoon honey, maple syrup, or coconut sugar (optional)

1/4 cup chopped dates or 1/4 cup raisins (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

In large bowl, stir together all ingredients. Store, covered, at room temperature until ready to serve. If making it early, store covered in the refrigerator.

NOTES:

It's helpful to prepare the day before and store in the refrigerator.

You can toast the walnuts if desired!

Not recommended to use a food processor to dice your apples, simply use a knife and cut them up small.

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

A speedy recovery to

Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, by Andrea and Noah Jussim, Ellis Rosenblatt

Mazel Tov to

Ellis Rosenblatt on his birthday, by Shirley Strom

In honor of

The KM staff and their work through the pandemic, by Kate Flanagan

In memory of

Daniel H. Andrew, father of Gary Andrew, by Gary Andrew

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CAMP RAMAH FUND

In memory of

Charles Abrams, father of Chuck Abrams, by Chuck and Carol Abrams

JACK TOPAL KIDDUSH FUND *NEWLY ESTABLISHED!*

In loving memory of past president and board member, Jack Topal. The Jack Topal Kiddush Fund has been established by his loving family, Linda, Lauren, Joshua and soon to be Kate AjnassianTopal.

Jack's favorite Saturday activities were praying at K.M. and schmoozing while enjoying a Shabbat lunch of a bagel and tuna (sometimes lox). Jack would be so delighted to know that Kiddush is finally back.

In memory of

Sylvia Robbins, mother of Sandi Diamant, by Sandi and Louis Diamant

Jack Topal, husband of Linda Topal, by Linda Topal, Michael Sopher and Debra Vilinsky

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A donation by

Matthew Maibaum
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A speedy recovery to

Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody, Minda and Jeffrey Salberg, Marla Rubin and David Shapendonk

In memory of

Leon Kamion, uncle of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

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Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, for honoring Michael Morrisette and our family with your words and helping us to begin the healing process, by Prissi Cohen and Tillie Morrisette

Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, for guiding us through the next chapter of our lives, by Nicole and Eric Kaczelnik

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By the B'Yachad Chavurah: Judy and Manny Baker, Evie Berger, Lillian and Michael Frisch, Eileen and Lew Goldberg, Sandie Sampson and Chris Stellavato, Judy and Steve Shapiro, Linda Topal



April 2

Jimmy Beliak, brother of Rabbi Haim Dov Beliak
Bessie Berger, mother-in-law of Evelyn Berger
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April 9

Grusha Paterson-Mills, mother of Judy Baker
David Stein, cousin of Evelyn Berger
Henry Berkin, grandfather of Larry Berkin
Betty Brook, mother of Robert Brook
Marvin Mord, father of Fran Cohen
Sylvia Robbins, mother of Sandi Diamant
Sadie Goldberg, mother of Elliot Goldberg
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Naomi Bochner, mother of Deborah Bochner Kennel
Sigmund Kohn, father of Stanley Kohn
Morris Wittenberg, father of Marsha Lewin Latiner
Morris Raider, uncle of Carole Meltzner
Rivka Vienfald Night, wife of Allan Night
Rose Olken, mother of Sherwin Olken
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Joyce Weissman, stepmother of Barry Zwang-Weissman

April 16

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Shirley Feiner, aunt of Alyssa Ganezer and sister of Celeste Erdley
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Millie Fox, remembered by Gail Rosenfeld
Sidney Roth, father of Cindy Roth
Linda Kaplan, sister of Arthur Stein
Esther Glazer Stadtmauer, friend of Carol Turetsky

April 23

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Nat Karchem, brother-in-law of Joan Karchem and uncle of Debra Silverman
Max Karchem, father-in-law of Joan Karchem and grandfather of Debra Silverman
Andras Kovacs, remembered by Shelly Vedres
Chana Weinstein, grandmother of Shelly Vedres

April 30

Harry Berger, father-in-law of Evelyn Berger
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Marcia Shapiro, mother of Rachael Shapiro
Milton Ziegler, brother of Stan Ziegler an uncle of Randy Ziegler
Ray Zucker, mother of Lou Zucker

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



ERIC L. MULLER

Remembered by Paul and Lily Muller

My dad, Eric L. Muller, was born in Vienna on Nov. 7, 1922.

He was a true Renaissance man, he grew up in Vienna where he learned to sing, play classical piano, draw, ski and ice skate.

His family immigrated to South Africa when he was 14 years old in 1936.

In South Africa, he pursued his figure skating, and became South Africa's figure skating champion two years running.

He was awarded a scholarship to MIT but turned it down to help his dad in his business, as his dad had just had a heart attack. He got his Electrical Engineering degree in South Africa but went into his dad's business.

His interests were vast and encompassed martial arts, magic, poetry, calligraphy and philanthropy. He founded a charity called Charities Anonymous where he assumed the pseudonym Alliosious Brown.

He was very involved with raising money for the State of Israel and formed relationships with the "old guard" including Shimon Peres.

Most importantly, he was a great dad to me and helped me in many areas including giving me a start in my business. I will always be grateful for our close relationship.

MARCIA SHAPIRO Remembered by Rachael Shapiro

Photo: Marcia with her grandson, Noah.



My mother, Marcia Shapiro, was born in 1939, on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. She loved and valued family, her recollections of her youth always including cherished times spent with her much loved only sister Barbara, whose untimely death caused her lasting despair. She was proud of her own lineage – the Bernstein clan – who emigrated to the US from Poland in 1910, founders of Bernstein's on Essex, a favorite hot-spot for Jewish New Yorkers for several decades. She attended New York's

prestigious High School of Music and Art, graduating in 1955 at the age of 16, and went on to complete her undergraduate degree from Barnard University and a Masters in Library Science from Columbia.

She was married to my father, Herman Shapiro, for 46 years, and while raising a family and creating a Jewish home on Long Island, with all that entails, took priority in their early years, their time together later in life was marked with new

interests and new friends. And while my earliest memories include their annual ballet subscription, glamorous evenings out in the City, all dressed up with a close group of friends, a date night of sorts, later on they discovered Israeli folk dancing and an active and vibrant community.

And then too, there was music, art appreciation and cooking, the former perhaps fostered by a youth spent in the City, and evident in the talents that both my brothers possess, the latter something she felt determined to learn for herself and her loved ones. Not one to shy away from a new Sephardic recipe for lamb, or a Passover cake that promised to taste "Just Like The Real Thing", she applied her research librarian skills to make it the most authentic rendering she could achieve, eager to see the joy it brought to family and guests.

And finally, her love of Israel and interest in Jewish practice and learning were lifelong pursuits, demonstrated in any number of ways, from her sending us off to the Jewish summer camp of her youth, Cejwin, to her lifelong membership of her Synagogue, Temple Israel of Great Neck – where her own parents married as well as she and my dad – and are perhaps best expressed by the following message she had left behind:

"I bequeath to you the most important thing of all: an ethical will from Dad and myself. Always behave towards your families, spouses families, community and strangers as you would wish to be treated. If you can all find your way to Torah learning and the real precepts of Judaism, including the necessary rituals which allow you to express them, I believe it would be a fine moral way to live."

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