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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

My

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VOICE

HAPPY
SHAVUOT!

**MAZEL TOV:
IT'S A BOY!**

**YASHER KOACH:
EBRAHEMI
HAGOOI BOLANOS
GOLDBERG**

**LET'S EAT:
WATERMELON
SUMMER SALAD**

**IN MEMORY OF
DAVID GRAY
SUZANNE
MICHELSON WOLFF**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Valerie Alter
Ryan Dunn
Marta Fuchs
Brian Goldberg
Mark Hirschberg
Leon Janks
Gregory Jones
Chase Klevens
Cody Klevens

Marsha Lewin Latiner
Paul Muller
Allan Night
Susan Oberman
Elaine Olken
Maury Pearl
Shelley Gould
April Peterson
Sandie Sampson

Elyse Singer
Judith Spector
Lauren Swerdloff
Linda Topal
Vanessa Wendling
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Ted Wolfberg
Diane Wolfberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Alan & Halina Alter
Larry & Miyako Berkin
Leonid Kruglyak & Hilary Collier
Philippe & Shirley Elmaleh
David & Alla Feldman
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Paul & Sue Hoffman
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Gregory & Elsa Jones
Alec & Tamara Levenson
Joseph & Helayne Levy
Joseph & Nancy Peters
Scott & Lisa Saliman
Kevin Root & Rachael Shapiro
Richard & Debra Silverman
Arthur & Norma Stein
David & Mary Jo Wilzig
Lou & Judy Zucker

50th anniversary
41st anniversary
23rd anniversary
17th anniversary
44th anniversary
58th anniversary
48th anniversary
42nd anniversary
48th anniversary
32nd anniversary
43rd anniversary
40th anniversary
33rd anniversary
18th anniversary
37th anniversary
50th anniversary
23rd anniversary
58th anniversary

Mazel Tov!

To Mitch and Judy Blake on the birth of their grandson,
Ari Jonah Eisen-Blake,
born on Friday, April 29.

Ari is the son of their son, Jonathan, and his wife,
Shulie Eisen.

Welcome to the KM family, Ari!

MAZEL TOV TO OUR MAY B'NOT MITZVAH!

Brianna Ebrahemi, May 14



Hi, my name is Brianna and I am 13 years old. I currently attend Harvard Westlake Middle School. I also play for LA Bulls Soccer Club as center back. I love to play soccer and I have been playing since I was 5 years old. One of my favorite things to do in soccer is juggling. My high score for juggling is 222 juggles. I have two sisters and like to hang out with them. Some things I like to do is play chess with my dad and hangout and go shopping with my friends. My favorite subject in school is math and Spanish because I am experienced in Spanish since my dad has been

speaking to my sisters and I since we were babies. I also love solving algebraic problems in math. I also enjoy my morning car rides with my mom. I also love to travel and have traveled many places throughout the years. We just recently traveled to London and two years ago we traveled to France where we visited Paris, Bordeaux, Nice, and Provence. I was thrilled to share my bat mitzvah with you.

Talya Ebrahemi, May 14



My name is Talya. I am a seventh grader at Harvard-Westlake. I enjoy playing soccer and have been playing since I was 5. I currently play for the LA Bulls. A fun fact about myself is that I can juggle with both my hands and feet: a soccer ball with my feet, and three tennis balls with my hands. I also really enjoy running and skiing. My favorite subject in school is math and I am looking forward to taking robotics and programming. I am quite interested in languages and I speak English, Spanish, can understand Farsi, and am teaching myself French. I also really like to travel. Some places

I have traveled to are Colorado, New York, Boston, Hawaii, France (Paris, aux en Provence, Bordeaux) and London. I hope to travel more during the summer and apply the languages I have been learning at those destinations. I always have a fun time hanging out with my sisters and cousins, and cherish the time I spend with my family. I especially love a family movie night or going to each other's houses for Shabbat. I worked so hard towards my bat mitzvah and couldn't wait to share my experience with all of you!

MAZEL TOV TO OUR JUNE B'NEI MITZVAH!

Coby Hagooli Bolanos, June 11



Hey KM, I'm Coby! I'm 13 and in 7th grade at Lincoln Middle School. I'm super excited to share my bar mitzvah with you! I love reading and writing; poetry is where I express my ideas, thoughts, and feelings. I've been playing the drums for as long as I can remember. I enjoy drumming with my weekend band and playing percussion in my school's Concert Band. Next year I'll be in Wind Symphony, my school's highest band level :). I listen to practically every style of music (well, except for, maybe, Cambodian music). I'm fascinated by geography and history, something I discovered about myself this year. And I LOVE turtles. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of our community's celebrations. I have been practicing a lot for this occasion and feel extremely blessed to have had such encouraging mentors who helped me reach where I am today Judaically.

Bryan Goldberg, June 25



My name is Bryan Goldberg. I am a seventh grader at Manhattan Beach Middle school. I like to play sports, hangout with my friends, and play games. I like to have fun with my family and friends. My favorite subject in school is Social Studies because it is very interesting to learn about what happened before I was born. Some of my favorite sports are football, basketball, skiing, surfing, and skating. I like to travel around the world, mostly to Hawaii, Mexico, New Jersey, San Diego, and Israel. I enjoy seeing family and experiencing new culture and amazing food. I have been working hard towards my bar mitzvah and I can't wait to share it with all of you!

Watermelon Dreams on a summer's night

This inspired twist on the classic Israeli salad marries sweet melon with briny sheep's feta, and then tops it all off with a tangy lemon-mustard glaze.

Watermelon Steak Topped with Chickpea and Feta Salad

Ingredients: For the salad:

- 1 small baby watermelon
- 6 romaine lettuce leaves, chopped
(you can also use your favorite greens)
- 16 red cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 6 small yellow tomatoes, quartered
- 1 cup crumbled sheep's feta cheese
(about 6 ounces)
- 1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans
- 1 cup chopped parsley
- 2 teaspoons sumac

For the dressing:

- 2 tablespoons brown mustard
- 2 tablespoons lemon
- 1 tablespoon Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. Slice the watermelon into four 1/2-inch rounds and remove the rind.
2. Place the rest of the salad ingredients in a large bowl. Whisk all dressing ingredients together until well incorporated. Add dressing to salad and toss well.
3. Arrange salad on top of each watermelon slice and sprinkle with sumac. Serve immediately.

Recipe found on www.nosh.com



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In honor of

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In memory of

Annette Alter, mother of Alan Alter, by Alan and Halina Alter

Henry Baumring, grandfather of Holly Strom, by Holly and Joel Strom

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The Aufruf of Aaron Gotlieb and Anna Booras, by Laurie and Gary Samson

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In memory of

William Diener, father of Marilyn Freeman, by Marilyn and Izzy Freeman

Aaron Kamion, grandfather of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

YAHREITS

Listed by date name is read at Shabbat Services.



June 4

Annette Alter, mother of Alan Alter and grandmother of Valerie Alter

Regina Beliak, mother of Rabbi Haim Dov Beliak

Ariel Ganezer, sister of David Ganezer

Charles Lou Sharon, father of Barbara Goldstone

Lena Gotlieb, mother of Eugene Gotlieb and grandmother of Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

Rebecca Weiss, grandmother of Susan Karpel

Margaret Vogel, grandmother of Area Kramarsky

Rabbi Morris Margolis, father of Mayer Margolis

Larry Cohen, father of Gail Neiman

Molly Essig Reff, mother of Albert Reff

Abraham Rosenblatt, grandfather of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Isadore Topal, remembered by Linda Topal

Isidor Ziegler, father of Stan Ziegler and grandfather of Randy Ziegler

June 11

Rita Schreiber, remembered by the KM congregation

Mira Susana, mother of Sumena Dunn

Richard Feiner, brother-in-law of Celeste Erdley and uncle of Alyssa Ganezer

Suzanne Wolff, mother of Sharon Krischer

Hilda Loew, remembered by Marsha Lewin Latiner

Aaron Kamion, grandfather of Matthew Maibaum

Anthony Stephen Muller, son of Lily Muller and brother of Paul Muller

Betty Bemel Night, mother of Allan Night

Frieda Konigsberg, sister of Jack Roth

Jack M. Baumring, father of Holly Strom

June 18

Irving Berkin, father of Larry Berkin

Sivan Hamburger, stepfather of Jackie Kosecoff

Helene Muller, mother-in-law of Lily Muller and grandmother of Paul Muller

Marshall Neiman, husband of Gail Neiman

Esther Stein, sister of Fay Pimstone

Mildred (Milli) Samson, mother of Gary Samson

Vivian Schechter, mother of Minda Salberg and Robert Schechter

Arthur Urwitz, father of Suzanne Schweitzer

David Singer, father of Joan Karchem and grandfather of Debra Silverman

Issac Weinstein, grandfather of Shelly Vedres

Moses Weissman, father of Barry Zwang-Weissman

June 25

Marvin Mass, father of Judi Blake

Heshmat Poursalimi, grandmother of Sharona Daghighian

Ben Kafka, father of Sidne Erdosi

Bobbi Goldenberg, niece of Celeste Erdley and cousin of Alyssa Ganezer

Anne Timmer, aunt of Barbara Goldstone

Ethel Grossman, mother-in-law of Joan Grossman

Howard Grossman, husband of Joan Grossman

Meir Weiss, grandfather of Susan Karpel

Bernard Kramarsky, father of Jonathan Kramarsky

Miriam Arol, aunt of Jonathan Kramarsky

Illona Kun, mother of Veronica Kun

Max Rudnick, father of Helayne Levy

David Tuchmayer, father of Tally Lippman

Ralph Menitoff, father of Rabbi Michael Menitoff

Mourad Nessim Moadeb, father of Ness Moadeb

Maliheh Nemanim, mother of Massoud Nemanim

Rouhollah Nemanim, father of Massoud Nemanim

Nathan Goodman, father of Nancy Peters

Evelyn Popper, mother of Steven Popper

Jacob Mund, uncle of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Herman Shapiro, father of Rachael Shapiro

Henry Baumring, grandfather of Holly Strom

Rachel Zwitman, mother-in-law of Julia Weinberg Zwitman

IN LOVING MEMORY

David Gray Remembered by Beverly Gray Bienstock

My father, David Gray, was born in Davenport, Iowa. Or maybe Rock Island, Illinois. He never knew for sure. But he did know he was born the second son in a large immigrant family with few prospects and strict rules of religious observance. Eventually the family wandered to Denver, and then to Los Angeles, where the fantasy was that the youngest daughter would become the next Shirley Temple. In Los Angeles my dad discovered that he loved learning and he loved athletics. That's how a tennis scholarship got him to UCLA in the heart of the Depression.

When he met my mother at a college party, he told her he'd never marry a girl who didn't keep kosher. "Well," said my mother, "then you won't marry me." But somehow his residual Orthodoxy and her ignorance of basic Judaism was a combination that worked. They joined a Conservative synagogue, and eventually started hosting the best Passover seders around, two nights' worth of praying, kibbitzing, singing, and at least 30 guests from all over the world.

Right after college, my newly-married dad was drafted. Fortunately for him, he was never sent overseas, but spent World War II working in finance at various military posts. Also fortunately, a superior gave him a weekend pass so he could study for the upcoming CPA exam. He passed, and was launched on a post-war career as an accountant. (He saw his clients in a small, cramped den in our Beverlywood home, often while wearing his favorite outfit: a cabaña set and bedroom slippers.) When I was in junior high, he sat us down and announced he was planning to fulfill a boyhood dream of going to law school. While working full days to support the family, he attended Southwestern Law School at night, graduating with honors. A victory over the bar exam soon followed. We thought he'd start wearing suits, like Pery Mason, but that was not his way.

When the Bienstock family moved in across the street, my dad fell in love with fourteen-year-old Bernie. He quickly decided that this was the guy for me. It took many years (this was the Sixties, after all), but he and Bernie eventually persuaded me that we were a match made in Heaven. I guess he was right. Thanks, Dad!



Suzanne Michelson Wolff Remembered by Sharon Krischer



My mother, Suzanne Michelson Wolff, was born in St. Louis in 1932. Her parents divorced when she was about 5 years old and she and my grandmother moved around quite a bit over the next few years, staying with different relatives as she was growing up. Since about half of my great-grandmother's family had come to LA in the 20's, including my great-great-grandmother, her mother and grandparents set out on a road-trip to LA when she was 6. They stayed for about 3 years, living in Ocean Park at the beach. She told us stories of the blackouts after Pearl Harbor, walking to school in dense fog and going to the Ocean Park Pier. She even went to Hebrew school while living here. When my great-grandfather became ill, they headed back to St. Louis.

My mother's entire family was in the *shmata* business. After the war, my dad started to work at my great-grandmother's store as a bookkeeper and fell for my mom. They were married a month before her 18th birthday. I was born when she was just 19. She was a stay at home mom, taking care of my younger sisters and me, except when she had to work at my grandparent's store, Greene's, in South St. Louis (otherwise known as "The Store") before Christmas and Easter, working alongside with my dad who worked for my grandparents until he left to become a stockbroker when I was 16. My mom ran the store for the next few years until my grandparents retired. An interesting side note – the store was named "Greene's" not Greenberg's, which was now my grandmother's name. After the war, they felt that it sounded too Jewish for the neighborhood it was in.

When my father became ill, my mother, who barely passed math in high school and never went to college, studied to become a stockbroker in her late 40's and passed with flying colors! She eventually took over my father's "book" and was very successful. When she retired, she went back to playing mah jongg, volunteering, knitting baby blankets and going out with her friends. Unfortunately, she had several bouts of breast

cancer and then lung cancer (she was a lifelong smoker). She always bounced back, earning her the nickname "the energizer bunny". Sadly, she did not bounce back from her last surgery, 12 years ago, suffering a major stroke during surgery. She passed away 7 years ago, when our grandson Evan was 2 weeks old. She waited to see the video of his bris and told a friend the next day that she was "going home to my dad." We know that she waited to see Evan, whose middle name is Wolff for my family, before she left us. I miss our almost daily phone calls. I have so much to tell her.

WELCOME TO THE STAFF!

NISSIM NATI



It is our pleasure to announce that the Cantor Search Committee has recommended, and the Board of Directors has approved, the selection of Nissim Nati to be KM's new cantor. This selection was the result of a five month process, which included candidate interviews and auditions, as well as evaluations from the Rabbi, Executive Director, office staff, Education Director, parents and students from the religious school, as well as the congregation at large. We thank everyone who participated in the process and eagerly anticipate Cantor Nissim joining us this summer.

Enjoy snapshots from...

Challah Bake led by Beth Ricanati



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