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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Edith Ballonoff
Ruth Barnett
Coby Bolanos
Susan Bronstein
Sam Daghighian
Dan DeHovitz
Heather Dula
Armin Feradouni
Peter Gardner
Joshua Glaser

Connie Goldberg
Mark Goldberg
Adam Gross
Larry Israel
Andrea Jussim
Noah Jussim
Joel Krischer
Charles Louy
Brad Manning
Kathie Rose

Phil Rose
Shelley Rose
Ellen Shapiro
Suzanne Schweitzer
Norma Stein
Tammy Steinsapir
Cookie Valente
Jeanne Weiss
Shadi Yadegaran
Linda Zwang-Weissman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Mathew & Svetlana Averbukh
Israel & Yehudit Coutin
Lew & Eileen Goldberg
Robert Ditchey & Nathalie Hoffman
Joanne & Paul Klein
Joel & Sharon Krischer
Richard & Cathy Krop
Daniel Brinkenhoff & Elda Lazaro
Alan & Manja Lenkin
Lloyd Wagner & Simone Matzer
Stan & Rhonda Rubin
Michael Sopher & Debra Vilinsky
Randy & Susan Ziegler

38th anniversary
41st anniversary
59th anniversary
35th anniversary
18th anniversary
49th anniversary
30th anniversary
3rd anniversary
22nd anniversary
29th anniversary
52nd anniversary
38th anniversary
38th anniversary

Aaron & Anna's Aufruf

*Rabbi Michael and Jill Gottlieb are
thrilled to invite our entire KM
community to their son's and future
daughter-in-law's Aufruf.*

*Please come to Shabbat morning services
May 7th beginning at 10:00 am, when
Aaron Gottlieb and Anna Booras will
be called to the Torah in celebration
and anticipation of their
upcoming wedding.*





THE KM BAND'S NEW CLOTHES!

*L-R: Alan Sperling, Alan Alter,
Joel Krischer*

*Shirts thoughtfully furnished by
Sandy & Loana Rosenblatt.*

ASK THE KM STAFF!

**Q: "Hey Joanne—Is Kehillat
Ma'arav a financially
sound institution?"**

**Joanne Klein,
Business Manager**



Well, the short answer is, "YES" but there is so much more to that question.

As with any non-profit institution, we rely significantly on the generosity of our member families and the community, and the experience of our advisors. Less than 40% of our revenues come from Membership dues and fees.

In 2016/17 our Board of Directors had the wisdom to start an Endowment campaign, led by a group of talented and committed congregants. The balance is almost \$1.5M and is managed by professional money managers. This fiscal year, the Endowment Fund will provide \$62,000 to our Operating Budget, an amount based on the balance in the fund, which has been increasing annually since the fund was created. The ultimate goal is a \$4M Endowment Fund that will provide \$200K to our operating budget annually.

We are blessed with a Board of Directors that had enough foresight to create a Building Fund and generous donors who have created other funds such as our B'nai Mitzvah Fund, our Religious School Scholarship Fund, and several other named funds that support specific programs and opportunities.

What about the expenses? The staff has been successful in reducing costs while not reducing services and programs. Kehillat Ma'arav owns the building in which we worship, learn, and socialize. We have no debt to any financial institution or other outside enterprise. We have not required short-term financing like many other local synagogues. We make payroll and keep our vendors happy every month.

It gets tight at times, and yes, we have had to borrow from our own Building Fund in the past, but we pay that back to ourselves and continue to look to the future.

So now you know, the short AND THE LONG answer to the question is YES, Kehillat Ma'arav is financially sound – because of you!

Thank you for your commitment to your synagogue family. Our strength is your strength!

Cheese Blintzes for Shavuot

Prep Time 15 minutes

Cook Time 30 minutes

Total Time 45 minutes

Servings 8 blintzes

INGREDIENTS:

Pancakes

1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 large eggs
1 cup water

Filling

8 ounces small curd cottage cheese
8 ounces ricotta cheese
1 large egg
1 & 1/2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
1 pinch kosher salt
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted

For Frying

3+ tablespoons unsalted butter

For making the pancakes, you can use a crepe pan if you have one, but it's not necessary. A frying pan or skillet with sloping sides works fine, especially if it is non-stick.

Don't worry if your pancakes aren't perfect at the edges. The pancakes are folded up, so none of the edges show.

DIRECTIONS:

Pancakes

1. Whisk together the flour, salt, sugar, and baking powder. Set aside. Mix together the eggs and 1 cup water.
2. Using a strainer or sifter, add the dry ingredients into the wet ones. Add a few tablespoons more water (2-4) to get batter to be loose but not watery. I added 4 tablespoons more water, for a total of 1 & 1/4 cups water. Let the batter sit while you prepare the filling.

Filling

1. Mix together the filling ingredients in a medium-sized bowl.

Putting together the blintzes

1. Wipe an 8-inch pan, preferably non-stick, with a small dab of butter and pre-heat the pan. Put about 1/4 cup of batter in the pan, swirl it around to cover the entire pan with a light coating of batter, and cook the pancake until the bottom is golden. Slide the pancake onto a plate (without cooking the other side), add a bit more butter to the pan if necessary and repeat.
2. Separate each pancake with a small piece of waxed paper or parchment. Let the pancakes cool until you can easily handle them.
3. Once the pancakes have cooled, put one, cooked side up, on a plate or cutting board. Add 1/4 cup of cheese filling. Fold one side over on the cheese filling.
4. Fold the opposite side, then fold the top and bottom, so that the pancake resembles an envelope. It can be square or rectangular, depending on whether you center the cheese as a large spoonful or make it a longer rectangle. It doesn't matter.
5. Add 1-2 tablespoons of butter to a pan. (You can use the same pan you made the pancakes in.) Once the butter is melted and the pan is heated, add blintzes with the folded sides down. Do not crowd them. Gently heat until the bottom is golden brown.
6. Then turn the blintzes on the other side and continue cooking under a medium-low flame until they brown on the second side. You may want to cover the pan for a minute or two to assure that the inside filling is well heated.
7. Serve immediately with sour cream and fruit.

DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

GENERAL FUND

A donation by

Teri Lewis

In honor of

The Coller-Kruglyak family, by Bobbi and Barry Coller

In memory of

Estelle Blake, mother of Mitch Blake, by Mitch and Judy Blake

Roslyn Dupler Fitch, cousin of Gaylen Grody, by Gaylen and Wayne Grody

Gladys Baar Foreman, aunt of Joanne Klein, by Joanne and Paul Klein

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William Grossman, uncle of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly Vedres

Willard Horwich, father of David Horwich, by Lori and Brian Papernik, Stan Ziegler

Regina Israel, mother of Larry Israel, by Larry and Kim Israel

Clara Kaplan, mother of Marsha Lewin Latiner, by Marsha Lewin Latiner

Minnie Karpel, grandmother of Susan Karpel, by Susan Karpel

Edith Kertesz, sister of Manny Baker, by Manny and Judy Baker

Andras Kovacs, remembered by Shelly Vedres, by Shelly Vedres

Lorraine Laufer, wife of Bernard Laufer, by Bernard Laufer

Eva Mass, mother of Judy Blake, by Judy and Mitch Blake

Grusha Paterson-Mills, mother of Judy Baker, by Judy and Manny Baker

Rose Olken, mother of Sherwin Olken, by Sherwin and Elaine Olken

Anne Rosenblatt, mother of Ellis Rosenblatt, by Ellis Rosenblatt

Ida Sabin, mother of Herbert Sabin, by Herbert Sabin

Marcia Shapiro, mother of Rachael Shapiro, by Rachael Shapiro and Kevin Root

Randal James Twaite, brother of Karla Gardner, by Judy and Lou Zucker

Chana Weinstein, grandmother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly Vedres

Myrtle Weisman, mother of Sandie Sampson, by Sandie Sampson

JACK TOPAL KIDDUSH FUND

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 Ajnassian-Topal.

Jack's favorite Saturday activities were praying at KM 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

Michael Diamant, father of Louis Diamant, by Louis and Sandi Diamant

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

A donation by

Peter and Karla Gardner

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

A donation by

Peter and Karla Gardner

IN LOVING MEMORY

Enta Niselevich Remembered by Alla Feldman

My mother was a person with a huge heart and was blessed with the unique ability to love unconditionally.

My mother was an extremely giving and caring person not only to her own family--her husband, two daughters and four grandsons, her parents and siblings, many cousins, nephews, and nieces--but also to other people around her.

She worked all her life, and was the matriarch who kept the big extended family together, despite the health challenges she had experienced from her early childhood. The example how to live a full life with very little possessions- is the greatest gift we received from my mother.

Born in 1917 in Bessarabia (which at the time was a part of Romania, later occupied by the Soviets), she spoke three languages. Her skills in knitting and crocheting provided food for her parents during the Second World War. During that horrific time, she had to walk many kilometers in cold weather in order to exchange her handmade embroidery for potatoes, which her mother (who refused to eat bread) could eat during Passover.

Unfortunately, my mom passed away at the age of 67.

I often think that if my mother had lived in a different country, she could have probably lived much longer, and accomplished much more!

She was very wise, strong, and multi-talented. She liked poetry, singing, and played chess quite well, and even became a regional champion. She inspired my cousin and nephew to play chess, and they both became advanced players later. To honor my mother's memory, and to keep our family tradition alive, I am now teaching my grandson to play chess.

The older I get, the more I miss my mama....



PEGGE SPERLING Remembered by Alan Sperling



Alva Pegge Jaffe Sperling was born April 2, 1921 in Baltimore, MD. As a teenager she studied music at the Peabody Conservatory of Music for Piano. She and a friend had their own fifteen minute radio show on weekends. At the beginning of World War II she moved to Washington DC to work for the government. While there, she met and married Abraham Sperling. While living in DC, they opened a ladies ready-to-wear store in Suitland, MD. She was active in the ladies auxiliary of the Hebrew Academy of Washington in the 1950's. My mother was a good cook. She made her own onion challah, a killer fried chicken and a kosher "crab" soup and more. She was a whiz at Canasta. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and could tell a joke with the best of them.

In 1962 they moved to Maryland and in 1980 retired to Florida.

My mother loved her children and grandchildren. To my daughters she was their "shopping Bubbie."

In 1998 she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. In July 1999, six hours of surgery led to a remission. After my father's death in August 1999, the cancer returned. The last time I spent time with her was Mother's Day 2000. Two days later, May 16, 2000, my mother passed away.

I miss her to this day.



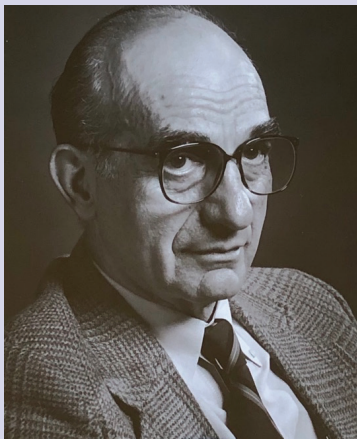
MICHAEL DIAMANT

Remembered by Louis Diamant

My father Michael was born in April 1901 on the lower Eastside of New York, the fourth son of an Orthodox Rabbi and his wife who had immigrated from Poland in 1898. Having to help support the family he never had the opportunity to finish high school. He joined the Navy at age sixteen and served for 3 years, developing a strong sense of inner self. He met my mother on a tour cruise up the Hudson River to Bear Mountain and they married in March 1926. They started a family and a business designing and manufacturing trimmings for women's hats, in those days when women did wear hats. Because he had not

had the opportunity to further his education, there was never any doubt that his children would.

I remember during the Second World War, him putting on his Air Raid Warden Helmet and going out onto the streets of the Bronx where we lived to check for lights that should not be allowed to target our neighborhood. As a tall 6 ft plus, I don't recall him ever having any problem he could not easily resolve. His death at age 46 of a massive heart attack occurred at a time when I had just started studying for my Bar Mitzvah. Having been raised in an Orthodox home, for the year after his death, my brother and I attended services at our synagogue every morning and afternoon/evening as our father had taught us. There is never a day where he is not in my mind and heart.



Bernard DeHovitz

Remembered by Dan DeHovitz

My father Bernard was born in Flat River, Missouri, on March 6, 1924. Flat River was a small lead mining town 60 miles south of St. Louis, and his parents Jack and Jeannette DeHovitz owned a small clothing store on Main Street. Bernard was the middle child of three. He was predeceased by his brother Melvin and his sister Doris Page. He was a child of the Depression, yet he learned about generosity from his parents as they would offer extended credit to customers in their small-town store. He graduated from Flat River High School in 1942 and started college at the University of Missouri.

In the midst of World War II, the Navy promoted a program to speed through the education of future physicians. Bernard passed the exam and enrolled in the Navy's V-12 program and soon finished his premed education. In 1944 he started medical school at LSU in New Orleans and graduated in 1948. He then started his residency at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. During this period, he met Ruth Senturia and over a 9-month period in 1950, they dated, became engaged and then married on Sep 2, 1950. Their marriage would last just shy of 70 years, and Ruth was his constant partner, companion and advisor.

Eventually, he became Medical Director at the Kaiser Center in Oakland where he ran a medical office for the executives and employees at Kaiser Industries. There he could practice medicine with a much more predictable schedule, and he stayed on there for the next fifteen years. He retired in the mid 1980s and in his retirement stayed active in medicine by doing health evaluations at the VA Hospital in San Francisco. He was very proud that his three sons followed him into medicine.

He also had many varied interests outside of medicine. He was passionate about modern art and he directed the art gallery at the Kaiser Center for many years. In his retirement, he cultivated his appreciation of art deco design in art and mid century modern furniture. He also directed the creation of the Lead Belt Jewish Oral History Project; a book of remembrances of former members of the now long-gone Jewish Community in the Flat River (now Park Hills), Missouri area. The book has been welcomed by the libraries and historical societies of the area.

Bernard DeHovitz passed away at the age of 95 after a brief illness.



May 7

Max Berg, father of Rachel Berg
Raymond Charette, father of Susan Charette
Jack DeHovitz, grandfather of Dan DeHovitz
Eunice Dong, mother of Shirley Elmaleh
Enta Niselevich, mother of Alla Feldman
William Diener, father of Marilyn Freeman
Robert Goldstone, husband of Barbara Goldstone
Rosella Shirley Cohen, mother of Nathalie Hoffman
Minnie Karpel, grandmother of Susan Karpel
Salomon Bochner, father of Deborah Bochner Kennel
Gladys Baar Foreman, aunt of Joanne Klein
Natasha Kruglyak, mother of Leonid Kruglyak
Rouhollah Louy, father of Charles Louy
Jean Mendez, mother of Lori Mendez
Myrtle Weisman, mother of Sandie Sampson
Elliot Hurwitz, brother of Susan Sperling
Pegge Sperling, mother of Alan Sperling
Lara Long, niece of Shelly Vedres

May 14

William Senkfor, brother-in-law of Edith Ballonoff and uncle of Lynn Beliak
Betty Bernstein, mother of Alan Bernstein
Estelle Blake, mother of Mitch Blake
Eva Mass, mother of Judiy Blake
Dorothy Rothenberg, mother of Shelley Gould
Daniel Gleich, father of Ann Harris

Hana Krantz, mother of Evan Krantz
Clara Kaplan, mother of Marsha Lewin Latiner
Milton Meyers, cousin of Neville Pimstone
Patricia Rose, mother of Phil Rose
Ida Sabin, mother of Fern Margolis and Herbert Sabin

May 21

Julius Sallo, grandfather of Rachel Berg
Melanie Erdley, mother of Harold Erdley and grandmother of Alyssa Ganezer
Ruth Gerschner, sister of Celeste Erdley and aunt of Alyssa Ganezer
William Goldberg, father of Mark Goldberg
Josephine Ferar, grandmother of Jamie Green
Irma Savoy, mother of Michael Savoy
Sarah Ostrowsky, grandmother of Linda Topal

May 28

Edith Kertesz, sister of Manny Baker
Martha Bram, mother of Edith Ballonoff and grandmother of Lynn Beliak
David J. Gray, father of Beverly Bienstock
Max Ganezer, father of David Ganezer
Sally Port, sister of Lew Goldberg
Sarah Schwartz, mother-in-law of Beverly Schwartz and grandmother of Andrea Jussim
Dorothy Mestman, mother of Roslyn Menitoff
Jack Rosenfeld, father-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld
Bella Topal, mother-in-law of Linda Topal
Rose Gross, grandmother of Shelly Vedres
Al Zucker, father of Lou Zucker

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