

**AUGUST 2022**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**MAZEL TOV  
ZEITLIN B'NAI  
MITZVAH**

**SELTZER &  
FARAGE WEDDING**

**KM SPOTLIGHT  
ALBERT REFF**

**LET'S DRINK  
ROSH HASHANA  
SANGRIA**

**WELCOME  
CANTOR  
NISSIM,  
NATALIE,  
AND OLIVIA!**



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Mathew Averbukh  
Glenn Eisen  
Lucy Fein  
Jennifer Glaser  
Julia Glaser  
Lew Goldberg  
Susan Greenberg Norman  
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Minda Salberg  
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Susan Ziegler

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** *MAZEL TOV!*

Bernie & Beverly Bienstock  
Mitch & Judith Blake  
Oscar Bolanos & Dana Hagooli  
Michel & Jacolyn Bron  
Les & Judy Eber  
Harold & Celeste Erdley  
Alan & Lucy Fein  
David & Alyssa Ganezer  
Dennis & Kathleen Gura  
Shaul & Anat Kuba  
Mayer & Fern Margolis  
Ness & Judy Moadeb  
Jonathan & Heather Moses  
Sandy & Loana Rosenblatt  
Alan & Susan Sperling

50th anniversary  
39th anniversary  
16th anniversary  
10th anniversary  
56th anniversary  
70th anniversary  
37th anniversary  
30th anniversary  
39th anniversary  
33rd anniversary  
54th anniversary  
54th anniversary  
26th anniversary  
26th anniversary  
49th anniversary





# Mazel Tov!

On the marriage of  
Charles Seltzer and Nicole Farage  
on Sunday, June 26, 2022.



## Meet our B'nai Mitzvah: **MATTHEW AND JACOB ZEITLIN** **AUGUST 13, 2022**

Our names are Matthew and Jacob Zeitlin. Most people call us Matt and Jake. Our B'nai Mitzvah is on August 13, 2022. As twins, we are very happy to be able to share this day with each other. During the school year we attend Culver City Middle School and will be starting 8th grade in the fall. Our favorite subjects are mathematics, science, and Spanish. In our free time, we love playing baseball, water polo, and running track. We are also boy scouts and enjoy advancing ranks, earning merit badges, and participating in activities with our troop, such as camping, canoeing, and skiing. Additionally, we like spending time as a family, hiking, doing community service activities, and watching all kinds of sports. We enjoy reading and we also enjoy hanging out with our friends. We have attended Kehillat Ma'arav (KM) since we were 8 years old. We think of KM as our second home and the friends we have made are like family. We would like to thank Rabbi Gotlieb, Cantor Cohen, Cantor Fine, Cantor Fox, Cantor Nati, Sharone Weizman, Neomi Nemanim, and all our Hebrew school teachers for the wonderful Jewish education we have received and for helping us prepare for our B'nai Mitzvah and beyond. Thanks also to the amazing KM staff for everything they have done to facilitate our education and make our experience at KM so awesome. We are looking forward to sharing this special day with all of you!

# Rosh Hashanah Sangria

Sweetly symbolic sangria recipe for the High Holidays with red wine (or a mocktail version), pomegranate juice, apple, grapes and honey. Shana Tova (almost)!

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 pomegranate
- 1 apple, cored and sliced thin
- 12 oz seedless grapes
- 750 ml red wine (syrah/shiraz works well) (1 bottle)
- 2 cups pure 100% pomegranate juice
- 1 cup grape juice
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1/4 cup triple sec

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Pour honey and ½ cup water into a small saucepan. Heat over medium, stirring constantly, till the honey is completely dissolved into the water. Do not boil. Remove from heat and allow to cool. This is your honey simple syrup.
2. Meanwhile, seed the pomegranate. Discard the rind and pith.
3. Place the pomegranate seeds into the bottom of your pitcher.
4. Place the apple slices on top of the seeds... and the grapes on top of the apple slices.
5. Pour the entire bottle of red wine into the pitcher.
6. Add the pomegranate juice, grape juice, brandy, triple sec, and honey simple syrup to the pitcher. Stir gently with a long handled spoon to blend all the flavors together.
7. Place pitcher into the refrigerator to chill for at least 2 hours before serving. This will allow the flavors to blend. Stir again before serving.

## NOTES:

You will also need: 2.2 liter pitcher (or larger), heavy wine glasses

Modifications: If you like your sangria less sweet and more on the tart side, you can leave out the triple sec and cut the honey in half (you can also omit the honey simple syrup – you'll have one less symbolic ingredient in the mix). For a sparkly sangria, add 2 cups of ginger ale to the mix and stir just prior to serving.

Non-Alcoholic Mocktail Version: Substitute a bottle of red/purple grape juice for the wine and omit the brandy and triple sec.



# MY KM SPOTLIGHT: ALBERT REFF



After attending another temple, Albert Reff was intrigued when he learned about a group of people who had formed their own synagogue--Kehillat Ma'arav. In 1999, he decided to visit and was immediately struck by how special it was.

"I liked what I saw," he says. "It was different, more friendly and seemed more intimate." That tight-knit community quickly drew him in and he became a member and soon part of a chavurah. Now, more than 20 years later, Albert still feels the same way about his synagogue community and has enjoyed being a part of its growth.

Over the years, Albert has also enjoyed exploring different classes, including a Rabbi-led Judaism class for non-Jews. "I found it interesting," he explains. "There is plenty that you don't really learn necessarily or remember from growing up. There are also new ways of interpreting Jewish texts."

Serving on the synagogue's board and architectural committee was a great opportunity for Albert to participate in the decision-making process of the temple, and helped to further cement his commitment to Kehillat Ma'arav.

Some of Albert's favorite times with his synagogue community are celebrating Jewish holidays--whether it's the High Holidays, Passover or Sukkot. "The services are always satisfying and enjoyable," he says. "It is a steady dose of these ceremonial, celebratory events that I find warm and heartening."

Today, Albert is proud to have the opportunity to welcome new members into the community while preserving what makes Kehillat Ma'arav so special. "It remains very warm, intimate and friendly," he says. "That's different from the larger Conservative and Reform synagogues in Los Angeles. People are very loyal here. I consider the friends I've made through Kehillat Ma'arav to be permanent."

## Support Fellow Members' Businesses!

Add your name to the new KM online business directory! Whether you own or are part of a business, or are looking for business services, this directory is for you! Many of us have known each other for years, so it makes sense to reach out to one another when seeking a particular service or questions in various sectors of work. This new directory will be formed by members filling out the (online) form on our website or the weekly.

Once your information is received, it will be uploaded to the Kehillat Ma'arav website and you can find all listings by clicking on a link on our homepage.



If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Pearl [pearl.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:pearl.nancy@gmail.com) / (310) 804-4503, or Jacolyn Bron [jacolyn@bronrealtygroup.com](mailto:jacolyn@bronrealtygroup.com) / (310) 251-9413.

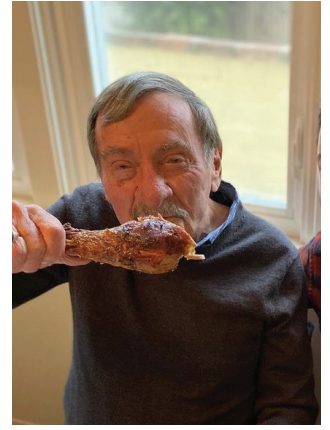
Thanks for being a member and please recruit your fellow KMers to do so as well!

Our fine print (because there always is some!): This is a free service for members of Kehillat Ma'arav, and not a referral for other businesses.

# KIDDUSH FUND IN MEMORY OF JACK TOPAL



Jack loved many things including his family, his friends, the KM Synagogue, and food! KM and its members were Jack's second family. He became involved with KM in 1983 leading the building committee. He was on the board for more than 20 years and was president of the Synagogue from 2001-2003. His favorite thing to do on Saturday was to pray at the temple and share lunch with the congregation. His family has established the Jack Topal Kiddush Fund in his memory. Jack would love knowing that lunch is on him! So come by the temple on Saturday and make sure to eat a little bit more than you probably should, like Jack. Zei gezunt!



## DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

### GENERAL FUND

#### A donation by

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Nancy and Joe Peters' 40th wedding anniversary, by Julia and Roy Weinstein

#### In memory of

Hilda Lowenthal, aunt of Joel Strom, by Joel and Holly Strom

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Marla Rubin and David Shapendonk's 18th Wedding Anniversary, by Marla Rubin and David Shapendonk

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Mimi Klein's birthday, by Mimi Klein

#### In memory of

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Morad Yadegar, father of Joseph Yadegar, by Joseph and Naomi Yadegar

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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The marriage of Anna Booras and Aaron Gotlieb, by Lolly Bennett

#### In memory of

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## August 6

Beatrice Levinson Hearst, mother of Elaine Albert  
Arthur Cohen, father of Jonathan Cohen  
Leah Beatrice Samuels, sister of Louis Diamant  
Rose Adelson Gardner, mother of Peter Gardner  
Kenneth I. Gottlieb, brother of Karen Gottlieb  
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## August 13

Betty Weinberger, mother of Ruth Barnett  
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Millie Joffe, mother of Fay Pimstone  
Joseph Joffe, father of Fay Pimstone  
Abraham J. Schechter, father of Minda Salberg and Robert Schechter  
Margot Rechnitz, aunt of David Wilzig  
Herman Feibus, grandfather of Stan Ziegler

## August 20

Ilona Engel Fuchs, mother of Marta Fuchs  
Laura Eisenstein, sister of Marian Goldsmith  
Sidney Gotlieb, father of Eugene Gotlieb and grandfather of Rabbi Michael Gotlieb  
Dorothy Elkind, mother of Joan Grossman  
Joseph Haleva, uncle of Larry Israel  
Frederick Klein, father of Joanne Klein

Amram Kuba, father of Shaul Kuba  
Diana Frenkel, dear friend of Alec and Tamara Levenson  
Corina Loya, grandmother of Baruch Rothenberg  
Marsha Mandi Pastorelli, sister of Sandie Sampson  
Bea Ostrowsky, mother of Linda Topal  
Julia Ziegler, grandmother of Stan Ziegler

## August 27

Helen Irene Albert, mother-in-law of Elaine Albert  
David Lawrence Albert, son of Elaine Albert  
Leslee T. Winsberg, mother of Sara Barnard  
Rabbi Martin A. Ballonoff, son of Edith Ballonoff and brother of Lynn Beliak  
Chana Gitel Saltzman Segal, grandmother of Lolly Bennett  
Betty Steinberg, grandmother of Tamara Bernstein, Andrew Lippman and William Lippman  
Abraham Bienstock, father of Bernard Bienstock  
Miriam Apsel, remembered by the KM congregation  
Doris Paige DeHovitz, aunt of Dan DeHovitz  
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Bernard Yudelevicz, father of Maury Pearl  
Julie Osterman, grandmother of Kathie Rose  
Abraham Mund, grandfather of Sandy Rosenblatt and Ellis Rosenblatt  
Alma Hofstadter, mother of Ellen Shapiro  
Nancy Stalmaster, remembered by Shelly Vedres  
Eric Paul, father of Jennifer Wolfberg



Dear Friends,

After more than two years, we are beginning to feel, once again, the joy of each other's company—sharing Shabbat, celebrating holidays, educating our children, and learning together—and in person, no less. It is a most triumphant return to the energetic and hamish community that has become a second home to many, myself included.

Our future looks bright, my friends. Our staff continues to explore opportunities for programming and engagement that speaks to ALL members of our congregation, and the year ahead will be no exception. We're excited to welcome Cantor Nissim Nati and look forward to the new energy and ruach he will add to both our worship and learning alongside our beloved Rabbi Gotlieb. It's a new chapter for Kehillat Ma'arav!

I am sure that you all share the same sense of anticipation and excitement and I am so happy that you've decided to reaffirm your commitment to Kehillat Ma'arav, our Jewish community, by renewing your membership for another year. Because of you, and your support, our work continues, and the congregation we cherish wholeheartedly is strengthened for generations to come.

As always, I welcome the opportunity to speak to each of you about membership this year, to answer any general questions or to address any financial concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for a chat; it's what I'm here to do!

Finally, thank you (we can't say it enough!). Thank you for taking the time to check that your information is correct to help our administrative team keep our records accurate. Thank you for giving what you can, or for considering a Micah Society membership, especially this year. All contributions support our ability to welcome those who wish to join us, regardless of their own financial resources. Thank you for being such an integral part of our synagogue family; you are what makes us "us."

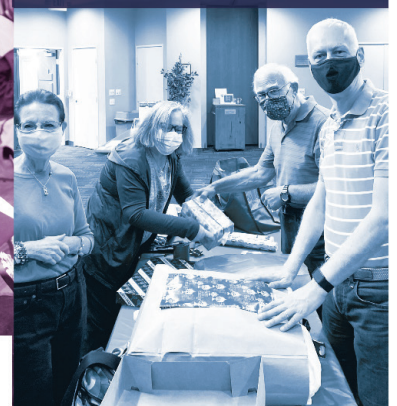
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Kate Flanagan  
Executive Director.



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