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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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TRUFFLES**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Manny Baker
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Elliot Goldberg & Fernanda Gray

26th anniversary

Noah & Andrea Jussim

24th anniversary

Charles Louy & Jeanne Weiss

36th anniversary

RECENT MOMENTS FROM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL!





PLANNING FOR KM'S FUTURE

Fellow Congregants and Friends:

I am pleased to let you know that we have established a work group that will focus on helping guide and prepare KM for the synagogue's long-term future. Under the leadership of Ann Harris, we are fortunate to have assembled past presidents

and community leaders to function as a Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee. Ann and the work group members have solid professional experience directly relevant to this initiative. Other members include: Daniel Brinkenhoff, Brian Cohen, Paul Hoffman, Joel Krischer, and Marsha Lewin, and myself. We will be working closely with Rabbi Gotlieb, Kate Flanagan, as well as interested congregants, and resources from the Jewish community at large.

Our goal is to examine many organizational options and to benefit from creative strategies other congregations have put into practice so we can ensure the continued growth of Kehillat Ma'Arav. We expect this process of exploration will take one to two years before there can be a plan in place with recommendations for enhancing our communal life. The only thing we know with certainty is that the future model could likely be different from what we have experienced these past 40+ years and hopefully will be as inspiring as our past history has been. That is the goal.

We want to talk directly with congregants who can share their specific dreams for the future. Please take the time to participate when we do reach out. Thank you in advance.

— Ellis Kirschenbaum, KM President

LET'S EAT! *Truffles for Tu B'Shevat*



No bake sweet and nutty chocolate truffles are fun to make, pretty to look at, and even better to share with your friends and neighbors!

Cook Time: 0mins / Prep Time: 15mins / Servings: 24 truffles

INGREDIENTS:

- 2/3 cups macadamia nuts
- 23 soft dates
- 4 tbsp. cocoa powder (unsweetened)
- 2/3 cups dried coconut plus 1 cup for decorating.
- 2 tsp licorice powder (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pit the soft dates.
2. Blend the macadamia nuts first. Then add the dates, coconut, cacao and the licorice powder.
3. Blend everything until the ingredients sticks together almost like a dough. Do not blend the pastry too much, give it a couple of pulses and then check the pastry if its firm enough to form the balls.
4. Form the balls with your hands.
5. Roll the balls in the desired coatings and place them on a plate.
6. Keep the truffles at room temperature and if it is for a later serving keep them cool in the fridge.

Notes: If the pastry is too firm, add more soft dates. The stickier the pastry, the better the decorations stick to the date truffles. Just do not add too many dates because then you might get a too soft pastry to form anything. And if it's too sticky add more nuts or dried coconut.



February 4

Rebecca Bortnik, grandmother of Mathew Averbukh
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William Barnard, husband of Sara Barnard
Rose Barnett, mother-in-law of Ruth Barnett
Morris Bram, grandfather of Lynn Beliak
Hannah Sallo, grandmother of Rachel Berg
Benjamin Brook, father of Robert Brook
Peter Schwartz, brother of Eileen Cohen
Louis Sneh, remembered by the KM Congregation
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Eugene Erdley, father of Hal Erdley & grandfather of Alyssa Ganezer
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Sam Stover, grandfather of Gaylen Grody
Leonard Mitchell, father of Nicholas Mitchell
David Gaiser, father of Heather Moses
Rose Rose, mother of Stan Rubin
Stanley Greenberg, uncle of Tammy Steinsapir
Dorothy Paul, grandmother of Jennifer Wolfberg
Leah Wolfberg, mother of Ted Wolfberg & mother-in-law of Diane Wolfberg
Beatrice Horwitz, mother of Susan Yuré

February 11

Clara Davidson, aunt of Judy Baker
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James A. Winsberg, father of Sara Barnard
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Eleanor Mooney, grandmother of Kate Flanagan
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Ted Stone, grandfather of Randy Ziegler

February 18

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Edith Bell, remembered by Linda Topal

February 25

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Save the date for our Purim celebration on March 6!



A Very Royal Purim

at Kehillat Ma'arav

Monday, March 6 at 5:30pm

Celebration - Megillah - Raffle

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