

**MARCH 2023**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**KM**  
**VOICE**

OUR RECENT  
B'NOT MITZVAH:

**MAZEL TOV TO  
ABBY AND IZZY SHAPIRO!**



**SNAPSHOTS:  
CHALLAH BAKE &  
KM'S COMMUNITY  
MITZVAH DAY**

**IN MEMORY:  
SHMIL FIKHMAN**

**LET'S EAT:  
HAMENTASCHEN**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Judy Baker  
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Elaine Behnken  
Bernie Bronstein  
Annie Chang  
Susan Charette  
Brian Cohen  
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Donald Moses  
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Brian Papernik  
Ellis Rosenblatt  
Loana Rosenblatt  
Marla Rubin  
Alan Sperling  
Marc Yuré

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Laurie & Marsha Furst	47th anniversary
Nicholas Mitchell & Dorine Kramer	40th anniversary
Peter & Karla Gardner	23rd anniversary
David Packer & Lori Mendez	38th anniversary
Michael Norman & Susan Greenberg Norman	50th anniversary
Maury & Nancy Pearl	29th anniversary
Benjamin & Shaina Shapiro	15th anniversary
Stephen & Judith Shapiro	55th anniversary
Eric & Marlyna Wagreich	10th anniversary
Joseph & Naomi Yadegar	40th anniversary

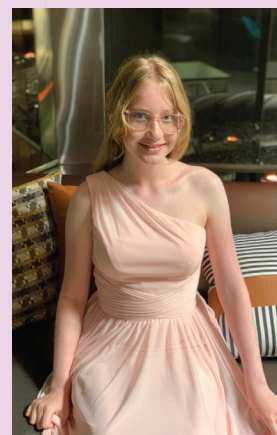
## MAZEL TOV OUR B'NOT MITZVAH 2/25

### ABIGAIL SHAPIRO



I am Abigail Shapiro (Abby). I am in Seventh Grade at Palms Middle School, along with my (fraternal) twin sister, Izzy. I spend my free time painting, drawing, reading, and chatting and texting with my friends. I have worked really hard to prepare for this day and I am really excited to share my Bat Mitzvah with you.

### ISABELLE SHAPIRO



I am Isabelle Shapiro (Izzy). Yeah, Abby and I are twins – no, we don't look at all alike. No, we don't know who is older (but we each have our theories). I love fashion and coding, playing basketball, playing Roblox, reading and drawing. I have worked really hard to prepare for this day and I am also really excited to share my Bat Mitzvah with you.



# KM SNAPSHOTS

## CHALLAH BAKE WITH BENEDETTA GUETTA 2/9



## KM COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY WITH PATH 2/26







LET'S EAT!

# Bialy Hamantaschen

## INGREDIENTS: DIRECTIONS:

### Bialy Dough

½ teaspoon instant yeast

1 teaspoon granulated sugar

2 cups bread flour (or all-purpose flour, plus up to 1-2 tablespoons more)

1 teaspoon salt

¾ cup room temperature water

1 teaspoon oil, I used grapeseed oil

### Bialy Filling

1½ cups diced white onions, (1 large onion)

1 tablespoon oil, I used grapeseed oil

¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon poppy seeds

### Assembly

1 egg

4 ounces cream cheese (1/2 block)

1. First make your bialy dough. Whisk together the yeast, sugar and flour in a large bowl. Then add salt and whisk to combine. Then gradually add the water and mix with a wooden spoon or your hands until combined. Knead for 10 minutes until the dough is soft and smooth. It should be a little tacky, but if it's very sticky add a little more flour 1 tablespoon at a time. You can also use a stand mixer with a dough hook here.

2. Coat dough in a tiny bit of oil and place in the bowl. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 1.5 hours.

3. While your dough is rising, make the filling! Spoon 14 1-teaspoon balls of cream cheese onto a plate and place in the freezer. The cream cheese is easier to handle frozen, which is why we do this.

4. Then, caramelize your onions. Heat a sauté pan over medium heat and add oil. Once oil is hot, add diced onions and 1/4 teaspoon salt and lower heat to medium-low. Sauté for 15 minutes or until the onions are cooked through and golden in color, careful not to let the onions burn.

5. Remove the onions into a bowl and let cool. Mix with poppy seeds and set aside.

6. When your dough is ready, punch it down and roll out between 1/4 and 1/8 inch thick. If your dough is bouncing back a lot, let it rest a few moments and roll again.

Use a 3-inch (or 3.5 inch if that's what you have) cookie cutter to cut 12-14 circles in the dough, re-rolling out the scraps. Place them on a parchment lined baking sheet and cover with a towel and let dough rest 30 minutes.

Pre-heat oven to 450 degrees F.

7. Make an egg wash by whisking the egg together with 1 tablespoon water.

8. Take one circle at a time and roll or press it down so it's 1/8 thick. Brush the circle with egg wash and top with one cream cheese ball and 1/2 teaspoon onion mixture. Fold up three sides and pinch together very well so they are secure. Repeat with the other circles.

9. Place hamantaschen on the parchment-lined baking sheet 1-inch apart and freeze for 10 minutes to prevent spreading. Brush again with egg wash, focusing on where the edges meet.

10. Bake for 7 minutes or until the bottoms are golden brown.

Cool slightly on a cooling rack, though these are really good warm from the oven or popped in the microwave for 10 seconds or a warm oven for a minute.



## March 4

Michael Morrisette, husband of Prissi Cohen  
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 Jay Goldman, husband of Emily Miller  
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 Lillyan Borin, mother of Lynda Moses and grandmother of Jonathan Moses  
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 Willard Warren, father of Stuart Warren  
 Charles Wendling, father of Vanessa Wendling  
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 Irving Zucker, uncle of Lou Zucker  
 Samuel Gelbart, brother-in-law of Julia Weinberg Zwitman

## March 11

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 Edward Baker, brother of Manny Baker  
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 Harry Cohen, grandfather of Beverly Bienstock  
 Barnet Katz, grandfather of Beverly Bienstock  
 Pinchas Bron, father of Michel Bron  
 Norma Glick, mother of Susan Bronstein  
 Sol Schiffer, father of Eileen Goldberg  
 Edward Nemeroff, nephew of Eileen and Lew Goldberg  
 Montgomery Ferar, grandfather of Jamie Green  
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 Maurice Lifchus, uncle of Judy Zucker

## March 18

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## March 25

Jimmy Beliak, brother of Haim Dov Beliak  
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 Sylvia Robbins, mother of Sandi Diamant  
 Randal James Twaite, brother of Karla Gardner  
 Stan Goldberg, brother of Elliot Goldberg  
 Roslyn Dupler Fitch, cousin of Gaylen Grody  
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 Amelia Masha Meltzner, mother of Sid Meltzner  
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 William Grossman, uncle of Shelly Vedres  
 Sadie Ziegler, grandmother of Randy Ziegler

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### Mazel tov to

Debra Vilinsky and Michael Sopher on the birth of their grandson, Alby Sopher-Johnson, by Judy and Les Eber

### In honor of

The Collier-Kruglyak family, by Bobbi and Barry Collier

### In memory of

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### In honor of

Fran Cohen's birthday, by Jonathan Cohen

Kim Israel's birthday, by Larry Israel



#### In memory of

Joseph Gottlieb, grandfather of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

Jennie Eckstein, grandmother of Karen Gottlieb, by Karen Gottlieb

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Carole Meltzner, wife of Sid Meltzner and mother of Aron Meltzner, by Sid Meltzner and Aron Meltzner

## KOL HAKAVOD!



Mazel tov to **Deedy Oberman**, this year's recipient of the Lea Rabin Award from The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles. Kol hakavod, Deedy!

## IN MEMORY OF:

### Shmil Fikhman *Remembered by Diana Volman*

When an email came from the Temple and I was asked to write about my father, I hesitated. I love him beyond any words but to write about his fate seemed impossible. No one would believe that a person who endured everything he did could remain warm, kind and able to make good jokes.

My father was born in the small town of Telenesti in Bessarabia in 1928. His family owned some land and a few cows which during Stalin's regime qualified them as "kulaks". One night he was arrested and deported to Siberia. At 21 he was named an "enemy of the people" and placed at the labor camp where he had to load heavy lumber on railroad cars. After 2 years of these inhuman conditions he got the permission to study. He traveled to Ulan-Ude, the capital city of Buryatia, not far from Lake Baikal, and entered the University to study veterinary medicine. Upon graduation, after Stalin's death, he was allowed to go back to Moldova and work at collective farm. He got married and had 2 children. He worked very hard and made life for us comfortable. One day when I was 12 years old the letter from America came. It was from his distant cousin. The local authorities considered that "connection with the West" suspicious. He was framed and put to prison for 8 years. He returned at the day of my wedding.

In 1990 we were allowed to immigrate to America. Those were better years for my father. He worked as a caregiver to an older Jewish man, they became good friends... In 2004 my father was a passenger in the car that got into severe accident. He became handicapped and never recovered from the injuries. He lived for another 10 years and I never heard him complain until the very last day.

In spite of such fate my father remained loving and good-natured. Somehow he was able to preserve his dignity. I admire my father.



**Celebrate Purim with us on Monday, March 6 at 5:30pm!**



# A Very Royal Purim

at Kehillat Ma'arav

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