

**MAY 2023**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*My*  
**KM**  
**VOICE**

BAT MITZVAH:  
**MAZEL TOV  
TO MIKAELA  
EBRAHEMI!**

**LET'S EAT:  
ISRAELI  
CHEESECAKE**

**SNAPSHOTS:  
YOM HA'ATZMAUT  
CELEBRATION AT KM**

**RS COOKING**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Ruth Barnett  
Susan Bronstein  
Sam Daghighian  
Dan DeHovitz  
Heather Dula  
Peter Gardner  
Connie Goldberg  
Mark Goldberg  
Larry Israel

Noah Jussim  
Andrea Jussim  
Joel Krischer  
Mia Schai Labowitz  
Charles Louy  
Brad Manning  
Nissim Nati  
Shelley Rose  
Phil Rose

Kathie Rose  
Suzanne Schweitzer  
Ellen Shapiro  
Norma Stein  
Tammy Steinsapir  
Cookie Valente  
Jeanne Weiss  
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

39th anniversary  
42nd anniversary  
60th anniversary  
36th anniversary  
19th anniversary  
50th anniversary  
31st anniversary  
4th anniversary  
23rd anniversary  
30th anniversary  
53rd anniversary  
39th anniversary  
39th anniversary

## MEET OUR BAT MITZVAH

### MIKAELA EBRAHEMI – MAY 13

My name is Mikaela Ebrahemi and I live with my two older sisters Brianna and Talya, my parents, and our dog Cooper. I have been playing soccer since I was 5 years old and currently play for Santa Monica Surf club soccer team. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing soccer with my sisters and cousins during the weekend. I love drawing and have taken art classes for many years. I mostly enjoy sketching Disney characters from reference drawings. I am currently in 7th grade and one of my favorite subjects is history, but I also really enjoy P.E. I love traveling with my family which usually includes ski trips during winter break. I love the summer because my family and I usually go on really fun trips and have traveled to New York, France, London, and Hawaii. This summer I am very excited to go to Italy. One of my favorite vacations was going to Maui last summer with my parents, sisters, grandparents, aunt, uncles and cousins because we all got to be together. I have visited different islands in Hawaii and always look forward to the beach and pool activities such as boogie boarding and the water slides. I have worked hard to prepare for my Bat Mitzvah and am grateful to be able to share it with my friends and family. Thank you to the KM community and staff for all their support.





# KM SNAPSHOTS

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION WITH OUR FRIENDS AT  
MISHKON TEPHILO ON 4/23











# LET'S EAT!

# Israeli

# CHEESECAKE

**Cook Time: 60min | Prep Time: 20min**

**8 Servings**

## INGREDIENTS:

### Crust:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
or cookie crumbs

½ cup melted butter

5 tablespoons sugar

### Custard:

1½ pounds gvina levana (white  
Israeli cheese)

1 cup sugar

1 cup sour cream

½ cup heavy cream

Zest of 1 lemon

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

4 whole eggs

Pinch of kosher or sea salt

## DIRECTIONS:

### Crust:

1. Mix crumbs, butter, and sugar together. Reserve half cup of mixture for topping cheesecake. Press remaining crumbs into the bottom of the springform pan. Chill the crust while making the filling.

### Custard:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.

2. Either by hand or in a mixer at low speed, combine cheese, sugar, sour cream, heavy cream, lemon zest and juice, vanilla, eggs, and salt. Try not to whisk any air into the custard.

3. Pour into chilled crust. Place cheesecake into oven. Bake at 350°F for 40 to 50 minutes or until the center of cake is just a bit jiggly. Sprinkle reserved crumbs on top of cake and bake for an additional 15 minutes.

4. Turn off the oven and crack open the door. Allow cheesecake to cool in hot oven for 30 minutes.

5. Remove cheesecake and chill for 4 hours or overnight before serving.

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## May 6

William Senkfor, uncle of Lynn Beliak  
Julius Sallo, grandfather of Rachel Berg  
Betty Bernstein, mother of Alan Bernstein  
Dorothy Rothenberg, mother of Shelley Gould  
Grace Hartman, mother of Pamela Hartman  
Hana Krantz, mother of Evan Krantz  
Milton Meyers, cousin of Neville Pimstone  
Ida Sabin, mother of Fern Margolis and  
Herbert Sabin

## May 13

Edith Kertesz, sister of Manny Baker  
Melanie Erdley, mother of Hal 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  
Sarah Ostrowsky, grandmother of  
Linda Topal

## May 20

Martha Bram, grandmother of Lynn Beliak  
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

## May 27

Regina Beliak, mother of Haim Beliak  
David J. Gray, father of Beverly Bienstock  
Ariel Ganezer, sister of David Ganezer  
Lena Gotlieb, mother-in-law of Dorita Gotlieb  
and grandmother of Michael Gotlieb  
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Barbara Goldstone  
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Susan Karpel  
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Matthew Maibaum  
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Mayer Margolis  
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and brother of Paul Muller  
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



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by Gail Rosenfeld

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by Fairy Aframian

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by Louis and Sandi Diamant

Pegge Sperling, mother of Alan Sperling,  
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