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KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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TO OUR BAR
MITZVAH**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Alan Bernstein
Marta Fuchs
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Joseph Green
Mark Hirschberg
Leon Janks
Gregory Jones
Masha Savitz Keys

Marsha Lewin Latiner
Paul Muller
Susan Oberman
Elaine Olken
Maury Pearl
April Peterson
Cindy Roth
Sandie Sampson

Elyse Singer
Judith Spector
Linda Topal
Vanessa Wendling
David Wilzig
Diane Wolfberg
Ted Wolfberg

MEET OUR BAR MITZVAH

JOSH GLASER – JUNE 10



My name is Josh Glaser. I am a sports enthusiast. I love playing, attending and watching football, basketball and baseball. This month I am excited to play catcher for my baseball team in the championship game. Shortly after my Bar Mitzvah, I will be heading to Cooperstown, NY to compete against baseball teams throughout the nation. As much as I like baseball, my true love is football and I hope to play in high school. I am a diehard Rams, Lakers, and Dodgers fan and look forward to attending games. I especially like to attend Rams games with my Dad and Dodger games with my grandfather who is one of the longest season ticket holders in Dodgers history.

Aside from sports, I am passionate about the city of Los Angeles and everything it has to offer. In fact, LA is the theme of my Bar Mitzvah. I enjoy going to Hollywood, attending concerts and shows, eating udon and sushi on Sawtelle, and hanging out in Downtown and Chinatown with my family. And let's not forget the amazing beaches. From Malibu to Santa Monica, I love surfing, skimboarding, playing football on the sand, and fishing at the Santa Monica Pier with friends and family.

Music and dancing are a big part of my life too. Pop and Rap music energizes me, connects me to my friends, and puts me in a good mood even if I am having a crappy day.

I have been working hard to prepare for my Bar Mitzvah, which focuses on the Levites and the importance of dedication to others. I am grateful to KM's educational staff for their dedication toward helping and supporting me through this Bar Mitzvah process. I am excited to share this experience with friends and family and the KM community.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Larry and Miyako Berkin
Leonid Kruglyak and Hilary Collier
Philippe and Shirley Elmaleh
David and Alla Feldman
Charles and Marian Goldsmith
Paul and Sue Hoffman
Larry and Kim Israel
Elsa and Gregory Jones
Alec and Tamara Levenson
Joseph and Helayne Levy
Joseph and Nancy Peters
Kevin Root and Rachael Shapiro
Richard and Debra Silverman
Arthur and Norma Stein
David and Mary Jo Wilzig
Lou and Judy Zucker

42nd anniversary
24th anniversary
18th anniversary
45th anniversary
59th anniversary
49th anniversary
43rd anniversary
49th anniversary
33rd anniversary
44th anniversary
41st anniversary
19th anniversary
38th anniversary
51st anniversary
24th anniversary
59th anniversary

Mazel Tov!



IT'S TWINS: A BOY & A GIRL!

Mazel tov to Debra and Richard Silverman, on the birth of their grandchildren, **Ava Joan Vargas** and **Noah Lou Vargas**, born on Thursday, May 18. The twins are the daughter and son of their daughter, Marissa, and her husband Tony Vargas (above).

Welcome to the KM family, Ava Joan and Noah Lou!

KM SOCIAL ACTION SNAPSHOTS

JWW WALK TO END GENOCIDE: SUNDAY, APRIL 30



HEAL THE BAY BEACH CLEAN-UP: SUNDAY, MAY 7



LET'S EAT!

OVEN "GRILLED"

Vegan Kabobs

Don't have access to an outdoor grill? No problem! This summertime classic - vegan kebabs - turns out just as delicious when cooked in the oven.

Cook Time: 20min | Prep Time: 8min

Servings: 8 Kabobs

INGREDIENTS:

Equipment

Skewer sticks

Ingredients

1 package Curry Nuggets Hodo Food Brand (or other vegan meat alternative)

½ red onion chopped into large pieces

1 red pepper chopped into large pieces

1 green pepper chopped into large pieces

1 cup baby bella mushrooms

16 cherry tomatoes yellow or red

1 tbsp olive oil

a dash of salt and pepper or whatever other seasoning you'd like to use

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a baking tray with parchment paper and set aside.

2. Ensure all of your veggies are chopped to the appropriate size. You want them to be large enough that they stay on the skewers, but not so large that they cannot be eaten in 1-2 bites.

3. Add the veggies and vegan meat alternative in whatever pattern you'd like. You can also add the vegetables randomly, but a pattern helps to ensure that you add them somewhat evenly and don't end up with a stick just filled with one vegetable. Repeat for all 8 sticks.

4. Arrange the sticks on the baking tray.

5. Lightly brush all of the vegetables with the olive oil so that they are coated on all sides.

6. Sprinkle the salt and pepper on top of all of the skewers and then add whatever other seasoning you'd like to add.

7. Place the tray in the oven and bake for 20 minutes.

8. Remove from the oven and let cool for 3-4 minutes before digging in!

YAHREZEITS

June 3

Mira Susana, mother of Sumena Dunn

Richard Feiner, brother-in-law of Celeste Erdley and uncle of Alyssa Ganezer

Rita Schreiber, friend of Barbara Goldstone

Helene Muller, mother-in-law of Lily Muller and grandmother of Paul Muller

Marshall Neiman, husband of Gail Neiman

Esther Stein, sister of Fay Pimstone

Frieda Konigsberg, sister of Jack Roth

Mildred (Milli) Samson, mother of Gary Samson

Jack M. Baumring, father of Holly Strom

Isidor Ziegler, grandfather of Randy Ziegler

Moses Weissman, father of Barry Zwang-Weissman

June 10

Irving Berkin, father of Larry Berkin

Bobbi Goldenberg, niece of Harold and Celeste Erdley and cousin of Alyssa Ganezer

Anne Timmer, aunt of Barbara Goldstone

Ethel Grossman, mother-in-law of Joan Grossman

Sivan Hamburger, stepfather of Jackie Kosecoff

Bernard Kramarsky, father of Jonathan Kramarsky

Illona Kun, mother of Veronica Kun

Max Rudnick, father of Helayne Levy

Arthur Urwitz, father of Suzanne Schweitzer

Herman Shapiro, father of Rachael Shapiro

David Singer, grandfather of Debra Silverman

Issac Weinstein, grandfather of Shelly Vedres

Rachel Zwitman, mother-in-law of Julia Weinberg Zwitman

June 17

Marvin Mass, father of Judy Blake

Heshmat Poursalimi, grandmother of Sharona Daghighian

Ben Kafka, father of Sidne Erdosi

Howard Grossman, husband of Joan Grossman

Meir Weiss, grandfather of Susan Karpel

Miriam Arol, aunt of Jonathan Kramarsky

David Tuchmayer, father of Tally Lippman

Ralph Menitoff, father of Rabbi Michael Menitoff

Mourad Nessim Moadeb, father of Ness Moadeb

Maliheh Nemanim, mother of Massoud Nemanim

Rouhollah Nemanim, father of Massoud Nemanim

Nathan Goodman, father of Nancy Peters

Evelyn Popper, mother of Steven Popper

Jacob Mund, uncle of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Louis Weisman, father of Sandie Sampson

Henry Baumring, grandfather of Holly Strom

Louis Turetsky, father of Carol Turetsky

June 24

Yefim Niselevich, father of Alla Feldman

Edwin Goldsmith, father of Charley Goldsmith

Rico Mendez, brother of Lori Mendez

Sally Osterman, mother of Kathie Rose

Henry Rose, father of Phil Rose

Estelle Salberg, mother of Jeffrey Salberg and Laurie Salberg

Vivian Schechter, mother of Minda Salberg and Robert Schechter

Charles Silverman, father of Richard Silverman

Joseph Ostrowsky, father of Linda Topal

Selma Weinstein Halpren, aunt of Shelly Vedres

Hans J. Zwang, father of Linda Zwang-Weissman

IN MEMORY OF **Rita Schreiber** *Remembered by Barbara Goldstone*

Rita was a lifelong Ohio girl revealed in her email "buckeyebelle" and unwavering support for the Cincinnati Reds and the Ohio State Buckeyes. She, her parents, and two brothers became California residents in the late 1950s. In Cincinnati, our parents were neighbors so we saw each other occasionally as we grew up in Los Angeles. Unfortunately, their family lost their lovely home in the Brentwood fire, but they stayed on the Westside. Rita and I reunited at the Pomegranate Guild, a Jewish needlework organization. She was a very talented needle worker, a voracious reader (participating in several book groups), a fine and creative cook, an avid sports fan, a willing and frequent volunteer at KM and, above all, a generous and faithful friend. Working primarily as a medical office manager, her love for Israel took her there on numerous vacation visits. After her father passed away, she cared for her mother through the rest of her life. Rita proved the undeniable value of lifelong friendships.



Rita and Barbara in the 1950's.



Making blankets to donate with the Pomegranate Guild.



Book Club gathering.

Moe Weissman *Remembered by Barry Zwang-Weissman*

My father, Moe Weissman z"l, was born in New York City in 1907, the third child of Arthur and Mary (née Eisinger) Weissman, both of whom had immigrated from Czernowitz, at that time in eastern Austria. Family legend has it that Arthur (then Aron) took his mother's surname to escape the Austrian army draft and/or because his parents' marriage was rabbinic so not officially recognized; Aron's father's name was probably Moses Auerbach. Aron arrived in New York about 1900, married in 1902, and was a paper hanger, then house painter, then paint salesman and union officer. Mary died of pneumonia in 1912; Arthur married Rose (née Ellenberg), also from Czernowitz, in 1915 and they had two additional children. Moe is the seated young man on the left of the family portrait; Arthur & Rose are at the upper right.

My father told me he had played stickball on NY streets with Lou Gehrig and Hank Greenberg. He was a lifelong Giants fan, with fond memories of the Polo Grounds. On the way to college, he was diverted by friends to go to law school (New York Law, class of 1931). After only a short time in practice, he had to take over the family "business" when Arthur fell ill. Moe supported his family and helped his younger brother and sister through law school. He moved to California about 1947 where he met my mother. I knew him as a truly kind and generous man but he was not successful in several businesses. He eventually worked as a technical writer for Douglas and then Litton Aircraft until he could retire and move to Florida. I am sure he would have been very proud of both our children, and pleased to see his great grandchildren growing up strong.



CONTRIBUTIONS & TRIBUTES

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A speedy recovery to

Matthew Maibaum, by Bernie and Beverly Bienstock and Judy and Lou Zucker

In honor of

Ellis Kirschenbaum's 75th birthday, by Joshua Kirschenbaum and Elina Kharit, Kate Flanagan and Chris Falone

Marian Goldsmith and Shirley Strom, KM's Volunteer Honorees, by Marsha Lewin Latiner, Ellis Rosenblatt, Sandy and Loana Rosenblatt

Mazel Tov on

Natalie Yadegar and Jonathan Katz's Wedding, by Barbara Goldstone

In memory of

Joan Friedman, sister of Gary Samson, by Judy and Mitch Blake, Sue and Paul Hoffman, Leah Mendelsohn, Judy and Lou Zucker

Ben Kafka, father of Sidne Erdosi, by Sidne and Thomas Erdosi

Aaron Kamion, grandfather of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

Sharon P. Krischer, sister-in-law of Sharon and Joel Krischer, by Sharon and Joel Krischer

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Arthur Urwitz, father of Suzanne Schweitzer, by Suzanne Schweitzer

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In memory of

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Sharon and Joel Krischer's 50th Anniversary, by Marilyn and Izzy Freeman

In memory of

Jack Baumring, father of Holly Strom, by Holly and Joel Strom

We love and appreciate our volunteers!

We hope you will join us for Shabbat Morning Services on Saturday, June 3 at 10am, followed by a kiddush luncheon in honor of Marian Goldsmith and Shirley Strom.



Marian Goldsmith has been instrumental in keeping our Shabbat Morning Services flowing smoothly. In recent years, Marian has worked tirelessly assigning aliyot, scheduling gabbaim, and coordinating her efforts with clergy, office staff, the ritual committee and the congregation at large. If you had an anniversary, a birthday, or a yahrzeit to observe, Marian is responsible for coordinating your participation. Thank you, Marian!



Shirley Strom is KM's resident "Ghost Writer." For years now, she has undertaken the noble task of handwriting countless birthday, anniversary, and get well cards to our fellow congregants and their families. Shirley also participates during Shabbat services, lending her lovely voice to our choir. One of KM's earliest members, she continues to serve our community with great love and vigor. Thank you, Shirley!

We are pleased to announce a new annual Volunteer Recognition initiative at Kehillat Ma'arav. This year, we honor the contributions of Marian and Shirley. For decades, our congregation has gleaned the benefit of countless volunteer hours. So much of what keeps the synagogue thriving happens behind the scenes, and seamlessly at that. Simply put, without all of our volunteers, we wouldn't be where we are today.

THANK YOU.

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