

**MAY 2024**

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV'S  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**KM**  
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**OUR SEFER  
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**MAZEL TOV:**  
**MENITOFF  
FAMILY**

**BAT MITZVAH:**  
**YONA ARUSSI**

**SNAPSHOTS:**  
**YOM HA'ATZMAUT**

**LET'S EAT:**  
**NO-BAKE  
CHEESECAKE**

**THANK YOU:**  
**STEVE SHAPIRO**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY *YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!*

Alan Bernstein	Maury Pearl
Alissa Fierstadt	Sandie Sampson
Shelley Gould	Masha Savitz Keys
Joseph Green	Elyse Singer
Mark Hirschberg	Judith Spector
Gregory Jones	Dan Spitz
Jackie Kosecoff	Linda Topal
Marsha Lewin Latiner	Vanessa Wendling
Paul Muller	David Wilzig
Susan Oberman	Diane Wolfberg
Elaine Olken	Ted Wolfberg

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *MAZEL TOV!*

Larry & Miyako Berkin	43rd anniversary
Philippe & Shirley Elmaleh	19th anniversary
David & Alla Feldman	46th anniversary
Charles & Marian Goldsmith	60th anniversary
Paul & Sue Hoffman	50th anniversary
Larry & Kim Israel	44th anniversary
Elsa & Gregory Jones	50th anniversary
Leonid Kruglyak & Hilary Coller	25th anniversary
Alec & Tamara Levenson	34th anniversary
Joseph & Helayne Levy	45th anniversary
Joseph & Nancy Peters	42nd anniversary
Kevin Root & Rachael Shapiro	20th anniversary
Richard & Debra Silverman	39th anniversary
Arthur & Norma Stein	52nd anniversary
David & Mary Jo Wilzig	25th anniversary
Lou & Judy Zucker	60th anniversary





# Mazel Tov!

To **Roz and Rabbi Michael Menitoff** on the birth of their grandson, **Daniel Ethan Shone**.

Daniel is the son of **Alana Menitoff and Jason Shone**.

## THANK YOU, STEVE!



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.

Now in its second year, we are pleased to continue our **Volunteer Recognition initiative** at Kehillat Ma'arav.

This year, we honor the contributions of **Steve Shapiro**.

Steve Shapiro has been the "curator" of so many amazing programs at KM, serving as the de facto chair of the Men's & Women's Club for years. From guest speakers to film screenings to wine tastings to Broadway singalongs, chances are you've enjoyed an afternoon or evening thoughtfully and

creatively brought to our community by Steve's can-do spirit. Thank you, Steve!

We hope you will join us for Shabbat Morning Services on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30am, followed by a kiddush luncheon in Steve's honor.

# Meet Our Bat Mitzvah

**YONA ARUSSI - JUNE 1**



My name is Yona Arussi. I'm turning 14 on July 7th, so my bat mitzvah is a month early. Traditionally, a bat mitzvah start when your twelve years old but you can have it at any age. I've always loved to sing and dance when I was little, now I still do, but not as much as I used to. A few months ago, my mom signed me up for basketball and I enjoy it. My previous school was John Burroughs middle school, but I have switched to a different school called Cathedral Chapel School (CCS). I think CCS is one of my favorite schools I've been to. Last year, I flew to Israel for the first time and I loved how beautiful it was. I saw some family and spent a great time with my parents. I don't have a favorite color but I like lilac, blue, pink, gold and different shades of green. My favorite shapes are heart, diamond, circle and trapezoid. Also, my favorite planets are Earth, Saturn and Jupiter. I don't have a specific favorite song but I like r&b, hip hop, pop, and other popular music. Lastly, one fun fact about me is that my mother is from Ethiopia and my dad is Israeli. I speak 3 languages English, Hebrew, and Arabic!

## KM's Sefer Torah Campaign



We are pleased to announce that our Sefer Torah Campaign has officially UNROLLED! In the year to come, KM is commissioning its own Torah, and our entire community has an opportunity to contribute in the process. We were excited to learn with Ron Sieger, certified Sofer STaM at our Kick-Off brunch!

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# Snapshots

YOM HA'ATZMAUT - TUESDAY, MAY 14





LET'S EAT!

# 3-INGREDIENT NO-BAKE CHEESECAKE

Makes: 6 Servings; Prep time: 20 mins.

## DIRECTIONS:

Prepare the Cheesecake

1. In a bowl, combine cream cheese and milk with a whisk or fork. Add pudding mix and stir continuously until thick.

2. Fill a graham cracker crust with the cheesecake mixture or portion into cups with toppings or mix ins. Refrigerate and enjoy!

## INGREDIENTS:

### *Cheesecake Filling:*

8 ounces whipped cream cheese  
(or ricotta)

1 cup milk

1 package Gefen Instant Vanilla  
Pudding (not regular pudding  
mix)

### *Toppings and Mix-In Ideas:*

graham cracker crumbs  
crushed oreos  
rainbow sprinkles  
Gefen Cherry Pie Filling  
chocolate chips  
crushed lotus cookies  
chopped nuts  
caramel sauce  
chocolate sauce  
mini marshmallows  
lemon curd

RECIPE CREDIT: kosher.com





## JUNE 1

Edith Kertesz, sister of Manny Baker

Melanie Erdley, mother of Harold Erdley and grandmother of Alyssa Ganezer

William Goldberg, father of Mark Goldberg

Dorothy Mestman, mother of Roz Menitoff

Jack Rosenfeld, father-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld

Sarah Schwartz, mother-in-law of Beverly Schwartz and grandmother of Andrea Jussim

Rose Gross, grandmother of Shelly Vedres

Al Zucker, father of Lou Zucker

## JUNE 8

David J. Gray, father of Beverly Bienstock

Max Ganezer, father of David Ganezer

Sally Port, sister of Lew Goldberg

Charles Lou Sharon, father of Barbara Goldstone

Lena Gotlieb, mother-in-law of Dorita Gotlieb and grandmother of Michael Gotlieb

Molly Essig Reff, mother of Albert Reff

Abraham Rosenblatt, grandfather of Ellis Rosenblatt and Sandy Rosenblatt

Bella Topal, mother-in-law of Linda Topal

## JUNE 15

Ariel Ganezer, sister of David Ganezer

Rebecca Weiss, grandmother of Susan Karpel

Margaret Vogel, grandmother of Area Kramarsky

Suzanne Wolff, mother of Sharon Krischer

Aaron Kamion, grandfather of Matthew Maibaum

Rabbi Morris Margolis, father of Mayer Margolis

Anthony Stephen Muller, son of Lily Muller and brother of Paul Muller

Larry Cohen, father of Gail Neiman

Jack M. Baumring, father of Holly Strom

Isadore Topal, remembered by Linda Topal

## JUNE 22

Irving Berkin, father of Larry Berkin

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

Hilda (Honey) Loew, remembered by Marsha Lewin Latiner

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

Mildred (Milli) Samson, mother of Gary Samson

Vivian Schechter, mother of Robert Schechter and Minda Salberg

Arthur Urwitz, father of Suzanne Schweitzer

David Singer, grandfather of Debra Silverman

Issac Weinstein, grandfather of Shelly Vedres

Moses Weissman, father of Barry Zwang-Weissman

## JUNE 29

Marvin Mass, father of Judy Blake

Heshmat Poursalimi, grandmother of Sharona Daghighian

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

Anne Timmer, aunt of Barbara Goldstone

Sivan Hamburger, stepfather of Jackie Kosecoff

Bernard Kramarsky, father of Jonathan Kramarsky

Illona Kun, mother of Veronica Kun

Max Rudnick, father of Helayne Levy

David Tuchmayer, father of Tally Lippman

Ralph Menitoff, father of Rabbi Michael Menitoff

Nathan Goodman, father of Nancy Peters

Evelyn Popper, mother of Steven Popper

Herman Shapiro, father of Rachael Shapiro

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

# CONTRIBUTIONS & TRIBUTES

## GENERAL FUND

### A donation by

Bill and Vicki Fineman, in appreciation of KM's Shabbat hospitality on their recent visit to Santa Monica  
Joan Grossman  
Gail Rosenfeld  
Aram Kadish, in appreciation of KM hosting JCA event

### In celebration of

The birth of Joel Howard Stein, grandson of Michael & Jessica Sacher, by Paul & Sue Hoffman  
Karen Gottlieb becoming a bat mitzvah, by Sharon Zeitlin, Ellis Rosenblatt, Joel & Sharon Krischer, Lolly Bennett, Susan Negrete & Robert Winston, Marc & Susie Yuré  
Karen Gottlieb becoming a bat mitzvah and bringing the KM community together, by Prissi Cohen

### A speedy recovery to

Mimi Klein, by Jeff & Minda Salberg

### In honor of

Paloma Paz Brinkenhoff's baby naming, by Marsha Lewin Latiner  
The birth of Joel Howard Stein, grandson of Michael & Jessica Sacher, by Paul & Sue Hoffman  
The birth of Jacob Asher Short, grandson of Joel & Holly Strom and great-grandson of Shirley Strom, by Ellis Rosenblatt, Lolly Bennett, Charley & Marian Goldsmith, Jeff & Minda Salberg, Manny & Judy Baker, Suzanne Schweitzer, Karen Gottlieb, Judy & Lou Zucker, Gary & Laurie Samson  
Steve Shapiro, for running the Men's & Women's Club, by Manny & Judy Baker  
Steve Shapiro, by Gloria & Ellis Kirschenbaum  
Lew & Eileen Goldberg and their wedding anniversary (5/25/63), by Manny & Judy Baker

### In memory of

- **MILLIE FOX,**  
remembered by Gail Rosenfeld, by Gail Rosenfeld
- **LEO KAMION,**  
uncle of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum
- **MADELEINE BRON,**  
mother of Michel Bron, by Karen Gottlieb, Lori & Brian Papernik
- **SUZANNE AMSTER,**  
mother of Michael Amster, by Bernie & Beverly Bienstock, Lori & Brian Papernik
- **ALAN FEIN,**  
husband of Lucy Fein, by Lori & Brian Papernik
- **MOLLY ESSIG REFF,**  
mother of Albert Reff, by Albert Reff
- **REBECCA WEISS,**  
grandmother of Susie Karpel, by Susie Karpel

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### In honor of

Karen Gottlieb becoming a bat mitzvah, by Michel & Jacolyn Bron

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### A donation by

Anonymous

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### A donation by

Julie & Jordan Ziegler, Happy Heavenly 67th wedding anniversary Mom & Dad, We love you and miss you so much

### In honor of

Paloma's baby naming, by Robin Goldfinger

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MORE WITH YOUR  
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*Thank you*  
..... FOR YOUR .....  
DONATION

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**Upcoming at KM:**



# *Shavuot Celebration*

**DAIRY DINNER FOLLOWED  
BY SERVICE & SONG**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11 @ 6:30PM**

**For more information and to register, please  
visit our website.**

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