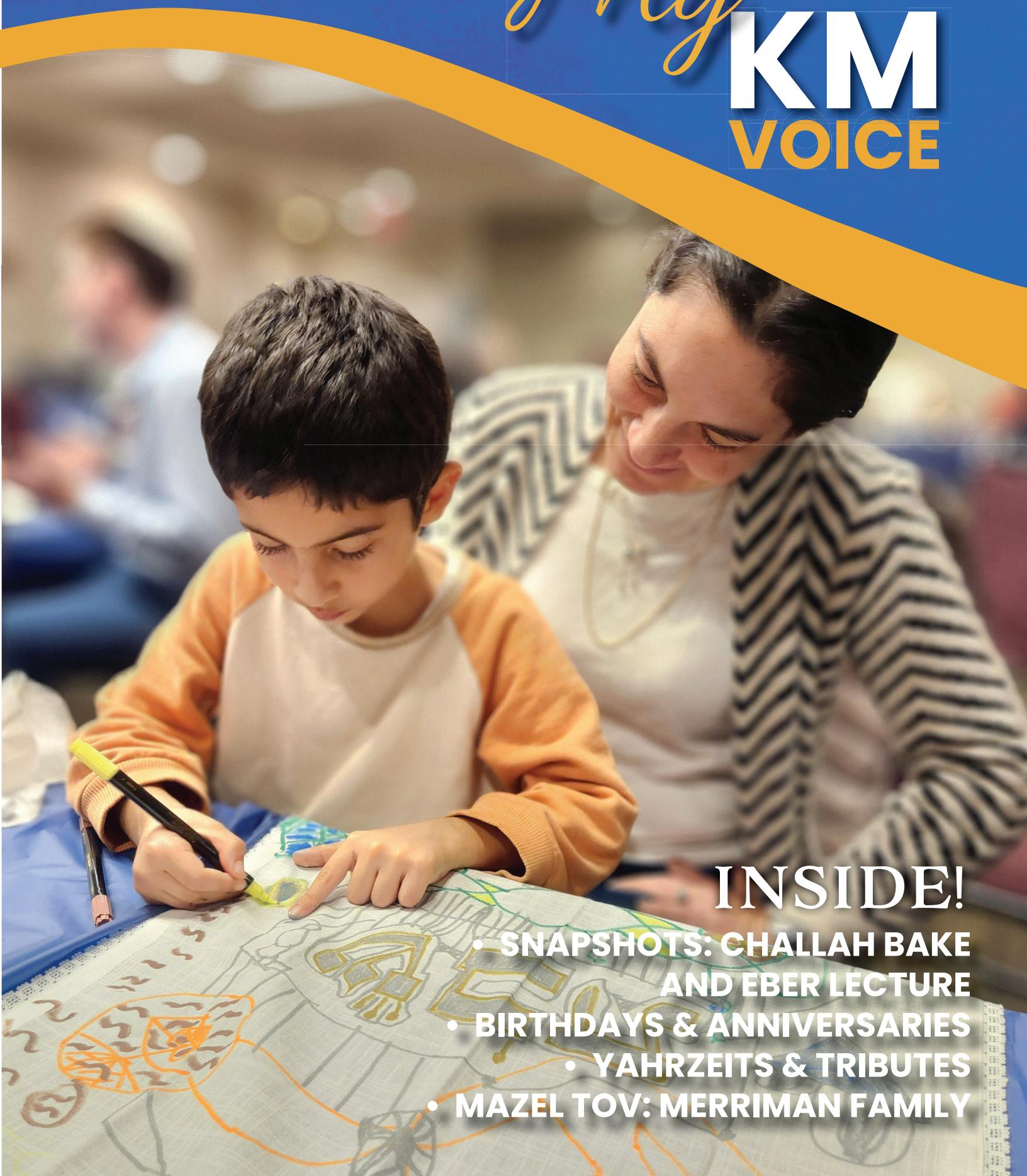


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FEBRAURY BIRTHDAYS YOM HULEDET SAMEACH!

Manny Baker
Malka Barkhourdari
Lolly Bennett
Stephanie Bernstein
Carol Bowman
Fran Cohen

Judy Eber
Felicia Emad
Michael Frisch
Joel Glaser
Marian Goldsmith
Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

Wayne Grody
Brana Hall
Nitzan Harel
Kim Israel
Orit Lippman
Gail Rosenfeld

Rhonda Rubin
Valerie Steele
Joel Strom

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES MAZEL TOV!

Elliot Goldberg & Fernanda Gray
David & Diana Guth
Noah & Andrea Jussim

29th anniversary
34th anniversary
27th anniversary

Mazel Tov!

Mazel tov to Sean and Chelsea Merriman on the birth of their daughter Callie on Wednesday, January 21st. Callie is also the little sister of Parker who is taking on his big brother role quite nicely!

Welcome to the KM Family, Callie!



Snapshots CHALLAH BAKE 1/15/26





EBER MEMORIAL LECTURE 1/31/26



YAHRZEITS

Listed by date name will be read at Shabbat Services.



February 7

Bernard Marcus, father of Judy Baker
Clara Davidson, aunt of Judy Baker
James A. Winsberg, father of Sara Barnard
Larry Winsberg, brother of Sara Barnard
Esther Rabb, mother of Kathleen Gura
Harold Erdley, husband of Celeste Erdley
Gladys Francis, mother-in-law of Suzanne Schweitzer
Myron Krop, father of Richard Krop
Forrest Latiner, husband of Marsha Lewin Latiner
Bella Varkel, mother of Leon Lewin
Sylvia Laufer, mother of Bernard Laufer
Percy Mestman, father of Roslyn Menitoff
Helen Ontman, aunt of Elaine Olken
Anna Wallock, grandmother of Lori Papernik
David Warshawsky, grandfather of Elizabeth Ricanati
Etty Bernstein, mother of Jessica Sacher
Samuel Schweitzer, father-in-law of Suzanne Schweitzer
Maurice Shapiro, father of Stephen Shapiro
Maxine Baumring, mother of Holly Strom
Avishag Wyte, wife of Michael Wyte
Ted Stone, grandfather of Randy Ziegler

February 14

George Gardner, cousin of Eileen Cohen
Florence Zimmerman Coutin, mother of Israel Coutin
Jancsi Davidovits, father of Joska Davidovits
Florence Eber, mother of Leslie Eber
Morris W. Gardner, father of Peter Gardner
Joseph Gottlieb, grandfather of Karen Gottlieb
Rebecca Alexandra Gura, daughter Dennis & Kathleen Gura
Lee Meadows, mother of Brana Hall
Irene Thompson, grandmother of Kim Israel
Marilyn Jussim, mother of Noah Jussim
Corinne Krasner, sister of Helayne Levy
James Wesley Manning, father of Brad Manning
Gloria Matzer, mother of Simone Matzer
Yetta Wajnthal Wolfsdorf, mother of Lily Muller and grandmother of Paul Muller
Henry Salberg, father of Jeffrey Salberg and Laurie Salberg
Herman Singer, father of Elyse Singer
Edith Bell, remembered by Linda Topal

February 21

Lena Strom, grandmother of Elaine Behnken and Joel Strom, and mother-in-law of Shirley Strom
Gertrude Witzky, aunt of Eileen Cohen
Maurice Senturia, grandfather of Dan DeHovitz
Bobbette Diener, mother of Marilyn Freeman
Esther Goldstone Krumholtz, mother-in-law of Barbara Goldstone
Allan Kramer, father of Jill Gotlieb
Jennie Eckstein, grandmother of Karen Gottlieb
Sidney Gould, father of Mark Gould
Sol Gura, father of Dennis Gura
Rachail Guth, mother of David Guth
Claire Maibaum, grandmother of Matthew Maibaum
Jack Sabin, father of Fern Margolis
Harvey Night, father of Allan Night
Gerald Saltsman, father of Susan Oberman
Morris Halfon, father of Laurie Samson
Stewart Gross, uncle of Shelly Vedres
Mary Lou Frazier, mother of Mary Jo Wilzig
Stan Glotzer, uncle of Randy Ziegler

February 28

William Strom, grandfather of Elaine Behnken and Holly Strom and father-in-law of Shirley Strom
Fern Bienstock, mother of Bernard Bienstock
Barnet Katz, grandfather of Beverly Bienstock
Michael Morissette, husband of Prissi Cohen
George Eber, father of Leslie Eber
Bernadyne Holzman, sister of Celeste Erdley
Alan Fein, husband of Lucy Fein
Minnie Freeman, mother of Izzy Freeman
Mary Goldberg, mother of Mark Goldberg
Nancy Foran, sister of Paul Hoffman
Jack A. Israel, brother of Larry Israel
Jack Schwartz, grandfather of Andrea Jussim and father-in-law of Beverly Schwartz
Esther Moadeb, mother of Ness Moadeb
Lillyan Borin, mother of Lynda Moses and grandmother of Jonathan Moses
Barak Ben-Tor, son-in-law of Gail Rosenfeld
Flora Shapiro, mother of Stephen Shapiro
Eleanor Shuster, cousin of David Wilzig
Esther Gross Silber, aunt of Shelly Vedres
Lorraine Glotzer, aunt of Randy Ziegler
Samuel Gelbart, brother-in-law of Julia Weinberg Zwitman

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- **JAMES WINSBERG,**
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- **WILLIAM BARNARD,**
husband of Sara Barnard, by Sara Barnard
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grandmother of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum
- **MORRIS HALFON,**
father of Laurie Samson, by Laurie and Gary Samson
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