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*Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav*



## THE WARMTH OF OUR KM COMMUNITY

**MASHA SAVITZ, HEAD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD AND ARTS PROGRAMS**

I had the chance recently to join in on a planning meeting for a fairly new committee, the Life Cycle Committee, previously known as the Mitzvah Committee.

Led by Karen Gottlieb, I was struck by the true genuine caring nature of each of the members, Sara Barnard, Michel Bron, Lori Papernik, Shirley Strom and Linda Topal, who take an active role in volunteering within, as well as outside KM, to serve in various capacities.

The objective of the Life Cycle Committee, guided by Rabbi Gottlieb, is to connect with KM members during pivotal life cycle events—celebrating in joyous occasions, births, and marriages, as well as supporting in somber and challenging ones, like sickness and Shiva.

I came to the meeting to see how I might foster a bridge between some of the programs I do here in the *shul* with these meaningful ways to fulfill *mizvot* while strengthening our community. I am eager to again, have my K1 class participate in the *mizvot* of cheering the sick, comforting the mourners, and helping bring joy to a bride and groom with our handmade cards.

The committee extends itself, widening the circle of connection to all of us, whether providing a Shabbat meal to a family in mourning, offering a service dog visit at a hospital or sending a card communicating caring, support or Mazel Tov. They are asking for your participation, on a monthly basis, to be on call to assist with whatever the need is at that time – perhaps setting up food for a *shiva*, preparing a meal for Shabbat, visiting the ill, or delivering a gift.

We have the opportunity to truly participate in making this a holy community, guided by the principals of Torah and tradition, to create a caring community in which we reflect in each other, *b'zlelom elohim*, our divine image. Please contact Karen Gottlieb at 310-539-4741 or at [kgott10@gmail.com](mailto:kgott10@gmail.com) to add your name to the list of participants and extend the warmth and comradery that Kehillat Ma'arav exudes.

## ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Lee and Toby Brannen  
21st anniversary

Eric and JoJo Fleiss  
3rd anniversary

Leon and Sharon Janks  
33rd anniversary

Robert Brook and Jackie Kosecoff  
35th anniversary

Jonathan and Area Kramarsky  
15th anniversary

Sid and Carole Meltzner  
45th anniversary

Neville and Fay Pimstone  
54th anniversary

## BIRTHDAYS *(18 and Under)*

Raya Farrah Bolanos  
Talia Miriam Daghighian  
Gillian Lyn Dunn  
Max Fine  
Jake Goldberger  
Eva Kitra Jussim  
Micah Shir Jussim  
Natalie Kruglyak  
Lev Ricanati  
Daniel Salem  
Eliana Salem

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>New Year's Day Observed Office Closed</i>	3 <b>NO CLASSES - WINTER BREAK</b> 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	4	5 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	6 4:41pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	7 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
8	9 7:00pm Membership Comm Mtg	10 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	11	12 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 4:00pm Hebrew Through Movement 5:00pm ULPAN 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	13 4:47pm Candle Lighting 5:30pm RS Shabbat B'Yachad	14 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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*Meet Our Bat Mitzvah***Talia Daghighian**

January 21, 2017

My name is Talia Daghighian, and I'll be 13 on January 9th. My favorite subject is math, and I enjoy playing the flute, dancing, and hanging out with my friends. I dance ballet 3 times a week, and I recently got on pointe, which I really enjoy. I also have one younger brother named Evan, and we enjoy playing board games like Monopoly and going to Starbucks together. I'm really excited about my Bat Mitzvah because I want all the hard work that I did to really pay off. My favorite parts of my Bat Mitzvah practice has been learning about what the portion means, and learning the tropes. I have truly had an amazing experience during these 9 months of practice and all of Hebrew school, and I can't wait to showcase it all and celebrate all my hard work at my Bat Mitzvah.

**KM needs you!**

Board membership is a great way to learn how we do the things we do and to influence our collective future direction. The time commitment is manageable and the rewards are more than worth the effort, especially if you have never served on it in the past.

If you are interested in serving on KM's Board of Trustees for the next term, please contact our President, Joel Krischer at [Jekrischer@gmail.com](mailto:Jekrischer@gmail.com) or our Executive Director, Kathie Rose, at [kathierose@KM-synagogue.org](mailto:kathierose@KM-synagogue.org).

**TRIBUTES** *(as of October 20, 2016)***A donation**

Sarah Strassberg

**Mazel Tov to**

Mia and Dave Labowitz on their marriage, by Judy and Steve Shapiro

**In honor of**

Marian Goldsmith's miracle, by Rachel Berg, Sandy and Stu Sostrin

**Thank you to**

Elliot Goldberg for all your help, by Deborah Kennel

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and Joel Levy, Elaine and Sherwin Olken,  
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Topal

## CAMP RAMAH FUND

### In memory of

• **GLADYS ROSENBERG**,  
sister of Shirley Strom, by Shirley Storm

## KIDDUSH FUND

### A donation by

Suzanne and Stuart Schweitzer's 50th  
Wedding Anniversary, by Suzanne and  
Stuart Schweitzer

### In honor of

Holly and Joel Strom's 27th Wedding  
Anniversary, by Holly and Joel Strom

### In memory of

Chic Lippman, mother of Tamara Bernstein,  
Andrew Lippman, and Bill Lippman, by the  
Bernstein and Lippman Families

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### In memory of

Gladys Rosenberg, sister of Shirley Strom, by  
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Regina and Cantor Sam Cohen's wedding,  
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## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### A donation by

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### In memory of

Sandy Ziegler, wife of Stan Ziegler and  
mother of Randy Ziegler, by Sandra Fine

## MAZEL TOV TO

Laurie and Gary Sampson on the birth of  
their grandson, Zachary David Samson, and  
granddaughter, Naomi Colette Samson,  
born on November 30. They are the twins of  
their son, Justin and his wife, Abbie Samson.

## CONDOLENCES TO

Stan Ziegler and Randy and Susan Ziegler on the passing of Sandy Ziegler, Stan's wife,  
and Randy's mother, on Saturday, November 19.

Shirley Strom, Elaine and Howard Behnken, and Joel and Holly Strom on the passing  
of Shirley's sister, and Elaine and Joel's aunt, Gladys Rosenberg, on Monday, November  
21, in Florida.

Gaylen and Wayne Grody on the passing of Gaylen's mother, Ruth Ducker, on Thursday,  
December 15.

## UPCOMING EVENT Sponsored by the KM Men's and Women's Club

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 7pm**

# THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES of JAMES P. BECKWOURTH

**EARLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN PIONEER AS TOLD BY FILM AND TELEVISION ACTOR ARNOLD WEISS**

The son of a black woman and a white man, James Beckwourth was born a slave on  
a Virginia plantation in 1798. After receiving his freedom in the 1820's, he became  
a fur trapper and eventually lived among the Crow Indians; by 1826, he became a  
powerful war chief. He later worked as a scout with the US Army in Florida's Seminole  
Wars. Finally, together with other partners, he built a trading post in Colorado which  
eventually grew into the modern town of Pueblo, Colorado. During the gold rush, he  
moved to the American West. In 1850, he discovered a pass through the Sierra Nevada  
Mountains which is known today as the "Beckwourth Pass". The Civil Rights movement  
of the 1960's celebrated Beckwourth as an early African-American pioneer. This event  
is sponsored by the Men's and Women's Club. Suggested donation \$5.



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