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THE VOICE

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Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav

Purim at "Castle KM"

Partake in the full **MEGILLAH** reading,
the regal **RAFFLE**, and **FEAST**
whilst seated at the King's banquet.

Raffle tickets are \$50 per ticket and will be
double matched!

\$3600 GRAND PRIZE!!!

Saturday, March 11 6pm

SPRING IS IN THE AIR Joel Krischer, KM PRESIDENT

SPRING is in the air. Which means that PURIM (starting Saturday, March 11) and Pesach (first Seder Monday night, April 10) are right around the proverbial corner.

IN SYNAGOGUE life, this means it is also time for us to think about finishing the current fiscal year strong and getting a running start on our next fiscal year. With that in mind, there are two things we must focus on in the next few months

SYNAGOGUE GOVERNANCE:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Our Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting our slate of officers and trustees, and it must have at least four (4) members who are not on the current Board. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee (which will start meeting in about March) and/or in serving on the Board itself (starting in July), please contact Brian Cohen, Kathie Rose or me.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP. 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, let one or more of us know.

FINANCES:

PURIM: PURIM has traditionally been one of our most best and most entertaining events. So plan on joining us for the reading of the Megillah, for great food, drink and dancing and (drumroll, please) raising money. Participate and contribute and have a blast. We are fortunate enough to again have our Anonymous match -- everything we spend on raffle tickets will be matched, so our contributions will be doubled. And we really need it this year because

ANNUAL APPEAL: There is great news and unfortunate news here. The GREAT news is that in 2016-17 we had both record participation rate 54.6% and we also raised a record amount in congregational donations -- \$108,000. BUT, two enormous gifts that put us over our goals last year did not (and were not expected to) repeat this year, so we are well short of our \$225,000 goal. We MUST bridge this gap.

LET'S GET our participation rate up to 100%. Everybody needs to give something. We need those contributions and increased Purim contributions (with the match) so we do not end the year with a deficit.

LET'S ALL pitch in to meet our financial needs.

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Alan and Jami Castel
11th anniversary

Phillip and Marsha Furst
41st anniversary

Peter and Karla Gardner
17th anniversary

Nicholas Mitchell and Dorine Kramer
34th anniversary

David Packer and Lori Mendez
32nd anniversary

Michael Norman and Susan Greenberg Norman
44th anniversary

Maury and Nancy Pearl
23rd anniversary

Richard Roth and Yayoi Robinson Roth
9th anniversary

Benjamin and Shaina Shapiro
9th anniversary

Stephen and Judith Shapiro
49th anniversary

Joseph and Naomi Yadegar
34th anniversary

BIRTHDAYS *(18 and Under)*

Noah Bolanos
Kayla Eydel
Benjamin Fleiss
Caroline Fleiss
Olivia Kramarsky
Rachel Kruglyak
Ari Moses
Mia Ricanati
Eli Ricanati
Chloe Schwartz
Aaron Silk
Graham Slater
Abigail Ullendorf
Landon Robert Witt
Jonah Wolfberg

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2017 ADAR/NISAN 5777			1	12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class 7:00pm Challah Baking	3 5:09pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	4 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
5 12:30pm KM "In-House" Purim Event Westside Chai/USY	6 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	7 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	8	9 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	10 5:16pm Candle Lighting	11 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 6:00am Purim Celebration
12 PURIM Daylight Savings Time begins	13 11:00am Yiddish Class 7:30pm Membership Comm Mtg	14 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	15 6:00pm Executive Comm. Mtg. 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	16 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Last Intro to Judaism Class	17 5:22pm Candle Lighting	18 9:30am Shabbat Services-Bat Mitzvah Chloe Schwartz 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
19 9:00am Religious School 9:15am Education Committee 1:00pm Kadima	20 7:00pm "Watchers of the Sky" Event	21 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	22 7:15pm KM Choir	23 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	24 5:28pm Candle Lighting	25 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
26 AIPAC 10:00am Eber Memorial Lecture - Ron Wolfson	27 AIPAC 11:00am Yiddish Class	28 AIPAC 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	29 5:30pm B'nai Mitzvah seminar 2/3	30 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn		



Meet Our Bat Mitzvah **Chloe Schwartz** March 18, 2017

Hello, my name is Chloe Schwartz and I'll be having my bat mitzvah on March 18, 2017. Some of my favorite activities are playing volleyball, practicing music, having fun with my friends, etc. I play on Santa Monica Volleyball Club; a competitive club that competes in tournaments against other club teams. My position is libero, the best defensive specialist on the team. To add on, music is a big part of my life. I have been playing the piano every since I was 5 years old, as well as the violin and guitar since around 4th grade. As I grow with my volleyball and music experience, I hope I can improve and learn from my mistakes. Furthermore, my bat mitzvah has been an exciting experience for me. Especially, learning the meaning of my Torah portion, Ki Tissa, writing my meaningful speech, and overall learning my haftorah, along with the prayers. I am looking forward to sharing all the hard work I accomplished on my special day!

TRIBUTES *(as of February 27, 2017)*

A donation

Regina Cohen
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Faraj Khodadaden and Malek Benshian

In appreciation of

My Aliyah, by Ellis Kirschenbaum

Mazel Tov to

Caleb Baker on his Mitzvah, by Judy and Manny Baker

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her granddaughter, Aria Charlotte Mendelsohn, by Tammy Steinsapir

Happy Birthday to Joel Strom, by Mitch Silberman

Susan and Richard Ross on the birth of their grandson, Elwood Leonard Parry, by Marsha and Laurie Furst, Tammy Steinsapir

Thank you to

Linda Topal for all your help, by Judy and Manny Baker

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In honor of

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Thank you to

Rabbi Gotlieb for all your help, by Alex Popper and Sara Hooker

CONDOLENCES TO

Roslyn and Rabbi Michael Menitoff on the passing of Roslyn's father, Percy Mestman, on Thursday, February 16.

MAZEL TOV TO

Susan Freiman Ross and Richard Ross on the birth of their grandson, Elwood Leonard Parry, born on Wednesday, February 8. Elwood is the son of Susan's daughter, Carrie Freiman Parry, and her husband, Robbie Parry.

Leah Mendelsohn on the birth of her granddaughter, Aria Charlotte Mendelsohn born on Saturday, January 28. Aria is the daughter of Leah's son, Adam, and his wife, Remy' Mendelsohn.

Kehillat Ma'arav (KM) is a Conservative congregation serving Santa Monica, the Westside and beyond. KM is a caring, involved community striving to meet the religious, spiritual, educational, and social needs of our diverse membership. Join us Shabbat mornings for an egalitarian, traditional service. We maintain an award winning K-12 religious school as well as youth programs and continuing adult education opportunities. We invite you to experience our community and help us serve

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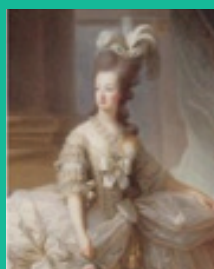
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsored by the KM Men's and Women's Club

LE SALON DE MUSIQUES, DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 4PM (Must RSVP by March 13th for discount rate.)



Le Salon de Musiques, a compendium of Los Angeles' world renowned Chamber Music performers. There will be a special performance from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm on the 5th floor, in an intimate stage free environment, eliminating the boundaries between the artists and the audience. Enjoy French Champagne and a gourmet buffet provided by Patina. Seating is limited.

Discounted Cost: \$70/person (Normally \$85/person)
Please respond to Michel Bron at (310) 467-8042
michelbron@gmail.com by Monday, March 13th.

"WATCHERS OF THE SKY"

MONDAY, MARCH 20 7PM

Join us for a viewing of dramatic and powerful scenes from the award winning movie, "Watchers of the Sky" which reviews the forgotten story of Raphael Lemkin's courageous fight to make "genocide" an international crime after his experiences with the Holocaust. An informative and memorable discussion will be led by Amy Cecil Friedman and Mike Brand of Jewish World Watch.

Donation \$5.



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THE STORY OF
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