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# THE VOICE

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*Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav*



## THREE NEW YEAR'S EVERY YEAR JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

Our community has such full lives, we get three New Year's every year; the secular new year on January 1, our congregation's fiscal new year on July 1 and our spiritual new year when Rosh Hashanah rolls around. Each brings us a different sense of renewal (though I am getting more and more convinced that each is only about half a year long, otherwise how could they keep coming around so quickly).

On December 31 we celebrate (sometimes as late as a minute past midnight, or maybe not) the next day's renewal of the world at large, and our individual roles in it. We assess the good, try to learn from the bad and resolve to do better or be different in some way or another. Sometimes we even keep those resolutions.

On July 1 we get to assess how our own community has fared and begin to plan for the next year. We can be proud that we have been consistently outstanding in recent years. On the spiritual and educational fronts, each year has improved over the year before; and our staff is already hard at work planning events as far away as Purim. On the financial front we are doing better but must do better still, and we are working on ways to do that. The one area that needs improvement is in volunteering our time to help on internal synagogue administration and events. While we continue to hit the ball out of the proverbial park in our social action outreach to the external community, we need more participation in our committees and in helping to make our various events successful. So please, if you have not already done so, make a "fiscal year resolution" to volunteer your time during the year.

And on Wednesday September 20, we will all begin our spiritual new year. We are fortunate to know in advance that Rabbi Gotlieb and Cantor Cohen will lead us through meaningful, musical, spiritual and enjoyable days of awe, as

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# THREE NEW YEARS...CON'T

we rededicate ourselves to God, Torah and Israel, with participation by an impressive array of our congregants of all ages, and that we will have the logistical, educational and administrative support of the rest of our dedicated staff. We are blessed to have each other in this wonderful congregation.

In closing, permit me another "promo" for our High Holiday Annual Appeal. We may or may not offer the SHUMP (Shut Up Mr. President) or CHUMP (Clam the Hell Up Mr. President) challenge this year, but we will definitely need everybody to work together to meet our annual goal of funds raised (\$200,000) and participation (100% of or members). And the sooner we accomplish that, the better. For our entire community.

## LITURGY IN A MINOR KEY MANNY BAKER

My most unusual high holiday season occurred in 2003: Rosh Hashanah at the Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam and Yom Kippur at the Jewish Center in Tokyo. It wasn't planned that way. It just kind of happened.

I co-authored a paper with a client/friend that we submitted for presentation at a conference in Amsterdam. My co-author was also Jewish. We both knew going in that the conference preceded Rosh Hashanah, but Judy and I figured that after the paper was presented, we'd fly to Israel and celebrate the holiday there. Jim figured on flying back home to Virginia to spend the holiday with his family. As luck would have it, Jim and I were scheduled for the last paper in the last session of the last day of the conference which ended on Erev Rosh Hashanah, and late in the afternoon. Judy and I arrived a few days before the conference began and went to the Portuguese Synagogue to see about getting tickets for the services. Jim decided to join us instead of flying home and missing the holiday altogether. At best, he would have arrived home just in time for Tashlich.

Much to our surprise, the Portuguese Synagogue does not sell tickets for High Holiday services, but we were welcome to attend for free. When we arrived for services, we were greeted at the gate by two Israeli security guards. After a rigorous questioning, we were allowed to enter. We found several other Americans there, as well, including a couple who lived a stone's throw from where we live, i.e., near the AJU.

The synagogue was built in the 1600s, and has never been modernized. There are no electric lights in the sanctuary. It's lit by candles and has a sand floor. I

can't begin to describe the feeling sitting in the semi-gloom and listening to a *chazzan* chant the service in a minor key. That it was beautiful doesn't begin to do it justice. I'll admit that I had a hard time following the service. The *machzor* was in Hebrew and Dutch, and the melodies were unfamiliar to me. And the service, being a Portuguese-Sephardic service had a somewhat different structure to it. I didn't have my Ashkenazi framework to guide me. It was just better to sit back and take it all in: the ambience, the Sephardic liturgy, and just being in this historic structure that survived WWII was good enough.

As it turned out, the wife of one of the congregants had given birth the previous week, and the first day of Rosh Hashanah was the baby's eighth day. After services on the first day, the *brit milah* was held in one of the out buildings, and everyone was invited. After the ceremony, I wandered into an adjoining room which was filled with photographs. I was joined by one of the Israeli security guards, and that began a long series of discussions about the status of the congregation and Jewish life in the Netherlands. We sat together the next day during services (Judy was not feeling well and didn't attend, and Jim had to leave after services the previous day to get home), and continued our discussions.

I estimated attendance at the services at about 50 or so people. My Israeli *chaver* told me about the extent of anti-Semitism at that time (2003) in the Netherlands (it's worse today), and that Jews were bailing out. They saw no future for themselves. He himself was going to leave because there was no life for a Jew in Holland, as he saw it. The *chazzan*, a young man with a beautiful voice, had met a girl from Long Island, and was going to marry her. He already had already landed a position

as *chazzan* at a shul in Long Island. There was no future for him in Amsterdam with a congregation that was slowly evaporating. They no longer had a rabbi. The congregation was too small to support one. There was a rabbi based in London who would come out periodically to lead services and take care of other rabbinic duties, but he was not there for Rosh Hashanah. He had other commitments in London to attend to. One of the more learned members of the congregation filled in.

What a pity that this historic synagogue had fallen on such hard times.

The Tokyo story was more mundane. I had inadvertently scheduled a training course to begin on Yom Kippur, but the client was very accommodating, and delayed the start to allow me to celebrate the holiday. Even so, by the time I got into Tokyo from Narita Airport, I had already missed Kol Nidre.

I had found the Jewish Center on the web and made arrangements to go there. They even had a dormitory for out of town Jews (yes, there really are Jews in Japan – and a lot of them), but by the time I found out all of this, the dorm was already fully

booked. They had two services: an Orthodox service and a Conservative one. Their rabbi suggested that I go to the Orthodox service, thinking that would be more in tune with my orientation. As it turned out, the Orthodox service was Sephardic. Most of the participants in the Orthodox service were Israelis, and I was only one of two Ashkenazi Jews at the service, as best as I could tell. The other one was a Chabad *shaliach* from LA. Once again, I was experiencing a service that was somewhat unfamiliar to me. Most notably, the Sephardic Yizkor service was conducted differently from what I was used to.

After the post-Musaf break, I decided to try the Conservative service. Much to my surprise, it was more Conservadox than what I had expected, based on what the rabbi had said. It was egalitarian, but the *machzor* they used was more like one that I associate with Modern Orthodox congregations.

Following Neilah and Maariv services, they had a break the fast meal of cold poached salmon. And it was nice finding a kosher meal in Japan.

I think that all things considered, I was able to make lemonade from my 2003 lemons.

# KM HIGH HOLY DAYS

## 5778

EREV ROSH HASHANAH Wednesday, September 20 7:00pm

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 1 Thursday, September 21 9:00am

ROSH HASHANAH - DAY 2 Friday, September 22 9:00am

KOL NIDRE Friday, September 29 6:30pm

YOM KIPPUR Saturday, September 30 9:00am

ALL SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF  
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# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5778

## ALL SERVICES

### SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 8:00pm

### \*EREV ROSH HASHANAH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00pm

### \*ROSH HASHANAH

FIRST DAY: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 9:00am

SECOND DAY: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9:00am

### \*KOL NIDRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:30pm

### \*YOM KIPPUR & YIZKOR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:00am

### SUKKOT SERVICES

FIRST DAY: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 9:00am

SECOND DAY: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:00am

### SHIMINI ATZERET & YIZKOR SERVICES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9:00am

### SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:00pm

### SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 9:00am

Childcare, school-aged children and teen programs available. Call KM for information 310-829-0566.

\* Please note these services are held at the Olympic Collection: 11301 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064



# Scholar in Residence

## Saturday, September 16

# Rabbi David Golinkin



Rabbi David Golinkin is President of The Schechter Institutes, Inc. and President Emeritus of the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. For twenty years he served as Chair of the Va'ad Halakhah (Law Committee) of the Rabbinical Assembly which gives halakhic guidance to the Masorti Movement in Israel. He is the founder and director of the Institute of Applied Halakhah at Schechter and also directs the Center for Women in Jewish Law. Rabbi Professor Golinkin made aliyah in 1972, earning a BA in Jewish History and two teaching certificates from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He received an MA in Rabbinics and a PhD in Talmud from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where he was also ordained as Rabbi.

## Shabbat in “3D” 9:30am

“What to do about the state of Judaism in the Jewish State”

## Slichot 8:00pm

“Asking Forgiveness and the Confession of Sins in the Talmud”

# ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Howard and Elaine Behnken  
22nd anniversaryMichael and Lorna Belman  
52nd anniversaryBernie and Susan Bronstein  
33rd anniversarySam and Sharona Daghighian  
17th anniversaryJoshua and Sumena Dunn  
17th anniversaryMark and Connie Goldberg  
46th anniversaryNorman and Joan Karchem  
60th anniversaryRobert Schechter and Elisabeth Klock  
25th anniversarySherwin and Elaine Olken  
54th anniversaryGary and Laurie Samson  
44th anniversaryBrad Manning and Elyse Singer  
34th anniversaryEric and Sharon Steiglitz  
17th anniversarySteve and Joni Weinberg  
20th anniversaryDaniel Zwitman and Julia Weinberg  
Zwitman  
25th anniversary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

Tamara Bernstein  
Jacolyn Bron  
Melanie Fine  
Alyssa Ganezer  
Barbara Goldstone  
Dana Hagooli  
Rabbi Miriam Hamrell

Sascha Kaeser  
Harvey Kern  
Dorine Kramer  
Alan Lenkin  
Tamara Levenson  
Alec Levenson  
Barbara Levy

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Simone Matzer  
Leah Mendelsohn  
Judy Moadeb  
Heather Moses  
Gail Neiman  
Nancy Peters

Steven Popper  
David Ricanati  
Irv Rosenfeld  
David Shapendonk  
Julie Slater  
Kirsten Turlo  
Debra Vilinsky

Daniel Zwitman  
(18 and Under)  
Adam Amster  
Naomi Amster  
Zachary Amster  
Aaron Irving Dunn

Samuel Zev Ganezer  
Jason Adam Lewin  
Anna Ma  
Asher Finn Saven  
Jacob Schmalz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b> <b>ELUL/TISHREI 5777/5778</b>					<b>1</b> 7:01pm <i>Candle Lighting</i> 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Open House Shabbat Services & Dinner	<b>2</b> <b>9:30am</b> Shabbat Services <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Unplugged <b>11:00am</b> Tot Shabbat
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn <b>7:00pm</b> Challah (and Apple Dish) Baking	<b>8</b> 6:52pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	<b>9</b> <b>9:30am</b> Shabbat Services - Bat Mitzvah Zoe Silverman <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Unplugged <b>11:00am</b> Tot Shabbat
<b>10</b> <b>9:00am</b> FIRST DAY OF RS 2-7	<b>11</b> <b>7:30pm</b> Investment Comm Mtg	<b>12</b> <b>3:45pm</b> RS 2-7 <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1 <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Israel Trip Mtg	<b>13</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Exec Comm Mtg <b>7:30pm</b> Board of Trustees Mtg	<b>14</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	<b>15</b> 6:42pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	<b>16</b> <b>9:30am</b> Shabbat Services Shabbat in "3-D" - Rabbi Golinkin <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Unplugged <b>11:00am</b> Tot Shabbat <b>8:00pm</b> Slichot
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir	<b>19</b> <b>3:45pm</b> RS 2-7 <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1	<b>20</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>EREV ROSH</b> <b>HASHANAH</b> <b>SERVICES</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>1st DAY</b> <b>ROSH HASHANAH</b> <b>SERVICES</b>	<b>22</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>2nd DAY</b> <b>ROSH</b> <b>HASHANAH</b> 6:32pm <i>Candle Lighting</i>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30am</b> Shabbat Services <b>11:00am</b> Shabbat Unplugged <b>11:00am</b> Tot Shabbat
<b>24</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Westside Chai	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>3:45pm</b> RS 2-7 <b>4:00pm</b> RS K-1 <b>7:15pm</b> KM Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	<b>29</b> 6:22pm <i>Candle Lighting</i> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>KOL NIDRE</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>YOM KIPPUR</b> <b>SERVICES</b>



*Meet Our Bat Mitzvah!***Zoe Silverman - September 9**

Hi, my name is Zoe Silverman, and I go to Wildwood School. I have thoroughly enjoyed this process and am so grateful for this experience. I loved reading the blessings and learning each melody. I had a lot of fun working with my cantor, rabbi, and tutor to prepare for this day. I like playing soccer, acting, swimming, and going to the beach. I have an amazing family who takes care of me and supports me endlessly. I have a younger sister named Izze who is the funniest person I know, and my parents are the most generous people around. My favorite subject in school is humanities, and I love to read. My family and I also love to travel and explore new places. I have been to Israel, and this also helped me connect to my Torah portion. My portion is about the rules God makes for the people entering the land of Israel. It was extremely harsh, but I thought it was very interesting. It lead me to a deeper exploration of my connection to God, and I am very excited to share it with my community. Thank you to everyone who has made this experience so memorable. I am so thankful for this opportunity and the chance I have to be a Bat Mitzvah.

**KM ISRAEL TRIP JANUARY 2018**

Join us for an information meeting with the tour director at the home  
of Rabbi Michael and Jill Gotlieb.

Tuesday, September 12  
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Call the KM office to RSVP by Friday, September 8.

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Beverly and Bernie Bienstock's 45th Wedding Anniversary, by Beverly and Bernie Bienstock

Barbara Goldstone on the wedding of her son, Matthew, to Leora Perkins, by Linda and Jack Topal

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Barbara Goldstone on the marriage of her son, Matthew, to Leora Perkins on Sunday, August 20.

Norma and Arthur Stein on the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca, to Benjamin Branda on Sunday, August 20.

## CONDOLENCES TO

Kim and Larry Israel on the passing of Kim's mother, Linda Morigeau, on Wednesday, August 2.

Ellen Shapiro on the passing of her mother, Alma Hofstadter, on Friday, August 25.

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