

THE VOICE

News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

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PURIM CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT FEVER

Wednesday
March 23

6:00pm

7:15pm Megillah reading

Food!
Games!
Raffle!
Prizes!
Megillah!

SMILE, IT'S PURIM!

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

Warning: Here comes another Purim Shpiel. Yes, it's that time of the year again. As Purim approaches, and in an attempt to put a smile on your face, here are some jokes to add to your holiday celebration.

What's listed below comes from Phyllis Diller. Do you remember her? She was a legendary comedian and highly talented actress and singer. She died nearly four years ago at the age of 95, but the spirit of her life; her comedic genius remains long after her passing.

- Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.
- Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.
- The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
- The best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.
- A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
- I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
- Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
- Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.
- What I don't like about office holiday parties is looking for a job the next day.
- The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally poured gin in the steam iron.

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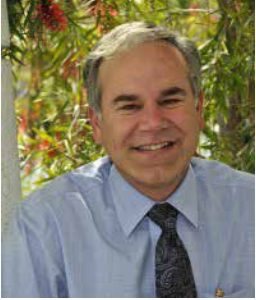
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JWW and how
to help.

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SMILE, IT'S PURIM!...CONTINUED



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- I admit I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend lives 450 miles away.
 - Tranquillizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.
 - I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'
 - The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
- Well, there you have it. With so much pain-filled news permeating our lives, it's great to have a reprieve now and then. Aside from the wonderful theology that underlies the Book of Esther which is both relevant and challenging, Purim gives us that reprieve—even if just for a day.

Come by the synagogue and participate in our community's Purim celebration, Wednesday evening, March 23rd, beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be something worthwhile and joyous for all generations—as it should be. Happy Purim.

WHO IS LISTENING?



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

It's a new world and new technology is always popping up. Case in point: one of the newest devices from Amazon is the Amazon Echo.

Here is the description from Wiki:

"Amazon Echo is a wireless speaker and voice command device from Amazon. com. The device consists of a 9.25-inch (23.5 cm) tall cylinder speaker with a seven-piece microphone array. The device responds to the name "Alexa" The device is capable of voice interaction, music playback, making to-do lists, setting alarms, streaming podcasts, playing audiobooks, and providing weather, traffic and other real time information. It can also control several smart devices."

Simply put, it is a very cool speaker that "wakes up", plays music, or will perform several other tasks by just addressing it verbally. Just say the words, "Alexa, play Pavarotti," and it will play Pavarotti.

Incidentally, I use mine almost everyday and I love it. (In full disclosure, Amazon is not paying me for this article) :)

However, a thought has crossed my mind many times. If "Alexa" is always waiting for me to command her to play music, that means she is always listening. Does she hear everything that is going on in my house? Is she listening to me being nice on the phone? Is there a way that Amazon knows and records when I come home by hearing the key turn in the door?

Wikipedia continues, on the Privacy concerns:

"There are concerns about the access Echo has to private

conversations in the home, or other non-verbal indications that can identify who is present in the home and who is not—based on audible cues such as footstep-cadence or radio/television programming. Amazon responds to these concerns by stating that Echo only streams recordings from the user's home when the 'wake word' activates the device. This is a superficial constraint that Amazon has imposed upon itself. The device is technically capable of streaming voice recordings at all times. Also, Echo will always be listening to detect that a user has uttered the word. Echo uses past voice recordings the user has sent to the cloud service to improve response to future questions the user may pose. To address privacy concerns, the user can delete voice recordings that are currently associated with the user's account, but doing so may degrade the user's experience using voice search."

This means that you can switch the voice listening microphones off if you are worried about privacy, however, it will lower the performance ability of Alexa.

Technology has evolved so fast recently that we live in a world where Facebook records/knows what you are doing by our posting, responding, or even just logging in. Google knows where you are 24/7 as long as you have a Gmail account or if you ever use Waze and Google maps. Now, with Alexa, there is technology listening to every word you say in your home.

The technologically advanced modern world is a toss up of convenience verses privacy. Therefore, even though sometimes it feels a little creepy to know that "Alexa" is always listening, nevertheless the ability to have any song at a simple command, for me, is worth the "lack of privacy."

In conclusion, we all get to choose how much of our life depends on technology. So if "they" know where we are and what we are up to, why not sing and dance while "they" listen?!

SPRING INTO ACTION



JOEL KRISCHER,
President

Springtime for KM

While we in Southern California do not enjoy the full effect of seasonal change (in my view, Winter here ends on December 21, the shortest “day” of the year), we can still feel it when spring is in the air. The days get longer, approaching the Spring equinox of 50/50 day and night. We go back (unconscionably early) to daylight savings time. And . . . it . . . is . . . time . . . for . . . PURIM. A holiday that celebrates goodness conquering evil and courage overcoming persecution, there is some scholarly doubt whether the events actually occurred, but there is no doubt about the moral force of the story.

It also happens to be one heck of a party. On Wednesday, March 23 we will have KM’s Purim celebration, one that is close to becoming legendary. The costumes. The bar-keeping. The children. The Megillah. The food. The dancing. And yes, the raffle and the fundraising. This is our biggest fund-raising event of the year and we are privileged to again have an anonymous donor guaranteeing a double match of the funds we raise. So buy your raffle tickets and, more important, come join in the celebration. It is a lot of fun.

Synagogue governance (a reprise)

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. The members of our Kehillat Ma’arav nominating committee are:

Manny Baker - Chair
Bernie Bienstock
Allison Goldberger
Paul Hoffman
Mimi Klein
Carol Meltzner
Lori Papernik
Carmella Pardo
Sandy Rosenblatt

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.

Annual Meeting: This is the one time we can report to everybody the state of affairs and, more important to vote on our new Board member for the upcoming year. Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. Put it on your calendar and plan to attend.

We have a lot of fun, celebration and work ahead of us.

KM EVENTS



CINDY ROTH, Events Coordinator

What a nice start of the New Year for the KM Next Gen. We are so grateful to Elizabeth and Jonathan Saven for being the lovely hosts of our potluck Shabbat. The kids enjoyed dining on the sports court, while the adults drank and enjoyed delicious fare including homemade kugles, salads, quinoa, salmon and many assorted desserts and treats. We hope to continue these dinners so please let us know if you would like to host at your home.

Another recent gathering we had was the KM Cafe. A host of families joined for great conversation and donut sampling from several local joints. There was talk of re-naming Next Gen and discussion for ideas regarding future events. Please save the date for our next event “Havdalah in the Home” on Saturday, March 12. We are planning to bring in a chef to teach us and fill our tummies during the evening. Location will be announced. Also, it’s never too late to invite other unaffiliated Jewish couples to join us for these activities!



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim,

We shared another wonderful month with our students and families. For our fifth Ohr L'Olam Mitzvah program we partnered with PATH- People Assisting the Homeless.

Prior to the program, parents, KM and Adat Shalom members used our RS Sign-Up-Genius and generously purchased hygiene and lunch items for the program. Andrea Murray, our guest facilitator from PATH, led our students in an interactive presentation about the work they do and through engaging stories taught our students how sometimes extenuating circumstances can lead to homelessness. Following the presentation, our students wrote letters to the homeless, made 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, packed 150 lunches and packed 100 hygiene kits. Andrea delivered everything that afternoon to several homeless shelters on the Westside. Please join me in thanking the entire KM and Adat Shalom community for donating food and hygiene items to help make this Mitzvah program such a tremendous success. Once again, our students and families are and continue to be an Ohr L'Olam. Our next Ohr L'Olam Program will be on Sunday, March 6th with Friendship Circle. This will be another amazing community-wide experience. Stay tuned for more info!

This past month in honor of Tu B'Shvat, at the conclusion of our classes, we had a school-wide experiential Tu B'Shvat Seder created for our students at KM. Our Seder was filled with food, reflection, stories, singing and ruach. The highlight was when Francess and Yafit acted out the Giving Tree story via my narration.

Upcoming Religious School Dates to Mark:

Sunday, March 6th - Ohr L'Olam (Friendship Circle) at Adat Shalom

Sunday, March 13th - RS at KM (Next Ed Comm Meeting)

On Sunday, February 21st our mid-year parent/teacher conferences were well attended and extremely productive. We had back-to-back parent meetings all morning and early afternoon with parents meeting individually with their children's teachers; learning about their child's progress, growth and development, as well as their curriculum. I would like to thank all of our teachers and parents who participated in our conferences as it is as partners that we will continue to thrive and have a successful Religious School program.

Last month we introduced a new High School program for our KM and Adat Shalom post B'nai Mitzvah teens (8th-11th Grade). We had 27 teens at our kick-off event! We invited in 3 guest facilitators from Stand With Us. The Regional Teen Director, Liz Brough led the program with two High School interns Olivia and Joseph. Olivia was the featured teen speaker at the 2016 Stand With Us Gala. The night began with ice breakers led by Stand With Us, continuing with making Israeli foods (7 cooking stations) led by Neomi and our team of teachers and assistants, followed by a Stand With Us presentation and then culminating with a Falafel Israeli dinner cooked and prepared by the teens.

Our next teen event is March 6th. We are inviting in IDF Soldiers, a Krav Maga Team and a team from Omega Securities. Our teens will learn about IDF and how they are trained utilizing Krav Maga. They will experience a hands-on Krav Maga class learning both verbal and physical techniques, all while learning about self defense, anti-bullying techniques and self empowerment. Our teens will also meet with an American Security team who gets most of their intelligence from Israel and learn to apply day to day safety tips for High School and even for college.



Ohr L'Olam PATH



Tu B'Shevot Seder



Teen event kick-off

KADIMA

SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Youth Programming

Kadima! Kadima means - Forward, Let's Go!

This past month 17 of our Kadimaniks, Chantal and I went to Camp Ramah for the Kadima Kinnus. Our kids joined over 150 kids from the Far West Region including Canada, Arizona and Las Vegas. Our group of 17 was the third largest Kadima group from across the region; pretty cool considering we were one of the smallest participating synagogues. Before the weekend began, Chantal and I made 'Shabbat-O-Grams' for each of our kids filled with sweets wishing them a sweet Shabbat weekend at camp. Chantal rode on the bus and even stayed in the bunks with our kids – which made the weekend even sweeter! Please join me in thanking Chantal Hakakeyan for all her love and support.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13th. We are going to Sky High a Trampoline Amusement Park – get ready to jump and have fun! Our Kadimaniks will carpool to Sky High in Woodland Hills; we will have two hours of unlimited jumping time, a party room reserved with pizza, drinks and desserts. Stay tuned for pictures and more info!



Kadimaniks having a blast at Camp Ramah!

“Tot Shabbat” at KM



MASHA SAVITZ,
Head of Early
Childhood & Arts
Programs

Tot Shabbat creates a Shabbat morning experience for the littlest children.

Parents can worship in the synagogue while pre-school, kindergarden, 1st and 2nd graders sing, dance, and learn Torah in a joy filled classroom. They are joined by children from the PJ Library Friday night program and potential new members who bring their young children to services.

Snackivities is the special treat we offer when we learn Torah and holidays. Last week we learned that the Israelites raised their hands to God to promise that they would obey the Ten Commandments. So we made hands using fingers of pretzels, wrapped in fruit rollups with grapes for fingertips. Learning Torah was never so sweet!

Children have their own *Tefillah*, singing prayers in Hebrew. We sing *Mah Tovu* using hand motions to represent the Tents of Jacob. We sing the quiet *Shema* to think about God on Shabbat, then sing the prayer again, but this time clapping and dancing. We raise one finger when we get to *echad* signifying One God. Using a circle dance to praise God, we remind the children of Miriam's song, *Mi Chamocho* after coming through the Red Sea. We end the service with *Oseh Shalom* and clapping.

We also sing traditional Shabbat songs such as *Shabbat Shalom*, *David Melech*, *I have that Shabbat Feeling* and *Five Little Challahs*.

Our tots join everyone in the sanctuary holding their toy Torahs, marching behind the real Torah as it is returned to the Ark. It is a joyful moment for the congregants, especially family members who see their little one holding the toy Torah!

Join us, at KM's Tot Shabbat, led by our beloved educator, Myrna Sokoloff, every Saturday morning at 11AM until 12. Then stay for lunch with your family to celebrate Shabbat with us.

BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

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

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Alan and Jami Castel
10th anniversary

Phillip and Marsha Furst
40th anniversary

Peter and Karla Gardner
16th anniversary

Nicholas Mitchell and Dorine
Kramer
33rd anniversary

David Packer and Lori
Mendez
31st anniversary

Michael Norman and Susan
Greenberg Norman
43rd anniversary

Maury and Nancy Pearl
22nd anniversary

Richard Roth and Yayoi
Robinson Roth
8th anniversary

Benjamin and Shaina
Shapiro
8th anniversary

Stephen and Judith Shapiro
48th anniversary

Joseph and Naomi Yadegar
33rd anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2016 ADAR I/ADAR II 5776		1 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	2	3 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	4 5:35pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	5 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
6 9:30am RS (@AS) 10:00am Eber Memorial Lecture - Dr. Stephen Smith	7 7:00pm Men's Club	8 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	9 10:00am Pomegranate Guild	10 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm JNET	11 5:41pm Candle Lighting	12 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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27 12pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah	28	29 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	30	31 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn	Mark your calendar now! April 22 will be the first night of Passover community seder at KM!	

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**Stories and Customs on Pesach,
Lag B'omer and Shavuot**



April 10

Pesach: Educating Moses – Dr. Tamar Kadari

May 15

*Lag B'omer: The Loss of Center, from Jerusalem to
Bethar: Rabbinic Tales of Destruction and Renewal
– Dr. Paul Mandel*

June 5

Shavuot Customs from East to West – Rabbi Prof. David Golinkin



\$36 (Members)
\$50 (Non-members)

**CALL OR EMAIL THE
SYNAGOGUE TO REGISTER!**

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9am - 11am

**All inclusive Program:
3 Classes (4/10, 5/15, 6/5)
Learning materials
Breakfast**

MEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President

RECENT EVENT:

FLUTE, PICCOLO & PIANO CONCERT: Sunday, February 28th at 3 pm KM's first Jewish Arts Festival Open House & Workshop with Masha Savitz & Cantor Sam Cohen concluded with a flute, piccolo, & piano concert featuring Susan Greenberg playing the piccolo and flute & Delores Stevens playing the piano. The audience was treated to classical, Jewish, & jazz selections making this one more highlight of our KM Betzael Fest. Special thanks to Keyboard Concepts for their continued support of our programs.



UPCOMING EVENT:

JEWISH WORLD WATCH (JWW): On Monday, March 7, 2014 at 7pm, JWW Board member Vaughan Meyer will update us based on her own experience in Africa & elsewhere about Jewish World Watch's work to end Genocide & mass atrocities worldwide. The organization works by education, mobilizing individuals, advocating policy changes & funding projects in conflict affected communities. This important report will inform & inspire us. RSVP at KM Office. Suggested donation \$5.



UPCOMING EVENT:

THE BRCA GENE & CANCER IN ASHKENAZI JEWS: DECISION MAKING & THE CASE FOR UNIVERSAL TESTING: On Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7 pm, Professor Elisa Long of UCLA will give us an overview of the BRCA gene including fertility related topics. She will also show the probabilities of cancer for Jewish & non-Jewish populations. This topic will be of interest & importance to all of us. RSVP at KM Office. Suggested donation \$5.



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FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Dennis Gura, on behalf of the ritual committee

When we discuss the second blessing of the *Amidah*, we typically focus on the controversial element, “*me’chayeh ha-metim*”, “makes alive the dead”. As noted previously in these pages, the idea of the resurrection of the dead was a bright line between our rabbinic Pharisee progenitors and their Sadducee opponents. In the mid-19th century, the Reformers revisited the matter, especially as it pertained to Messianic redemption, with a skeptical eye. As a consequence, they elided the prayer from their *siddurim*, although recently a version of the original language has slipped in, as a alternative to their rather clumsy “*me’chayeh ha-chayot*”, “makes alive the living”.

While focusing on this supernatural matter, we often lose sight in this blessing of a three-fold formula embedded in the middle, as underlined:

You are eternally mighty, Lord. You give life to the dead and have great power to save.

He sustains the living with loving-kindness, and with great compassion revives the dead.

He supports the fallen, heals the sick, and sets captives free, and keeps His faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Who is like You, Master of might, and to whom can you be compared, O King, who brings death and gives life, and makes salvation grow?

Faithful are you to revive the dead.

Blessed are You, Lord, who revives the dead. (Koren *Siddur* as translated by R. Jonathan Sacks)

Interestingly, there seems to be little commentary on this underlined trio of Godly acts. Certainly we can understand that God is truly Master of life and death, and resurrection would require an explicit act of Divine Will.

But these three underline acts, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing captives, can also be human deeds. We acknowledge that all power resides in heaven. But by lifting the fallen, by aiding those who ail, by freeing those unjustly bound, we engage in a Divine project; we help make manifest in our fallen world the beneficent, loving God to Whom we pray daily.

Our prayer here emphasizes God's reviving of the dead, repeatedly. But let us not lose sight of that other invocation, the one that would have us engage our fellows, with loving kindness and an open heart.

SOCIAL ACTION

We Walk with JWW to End Genocide

On April 17, Kehillat Ma'arav's "Team KM" will participate in the Jewish World Watch (JWW) Los Angeles Walk to End Genocide. We will be joining thousands of activists at the La Brea Tar Pits from 9am to 1 pm to show support for the millions of survivors of genocide and mass atrocities worldwide. We invite you to stand by our side and walk with us, raising vital funds to provide medical support, education, job training skills, and more to those affected. With each step we take at the Walk, we reintegrate former child soldiers into Congolese society, reduce Darfuri refugee women's exposure to violence, and give Congolese men the tools to change how their society treats women. When We Walk, Our Legislators Listen And Take Action.

KM's Social Action Committee is taking an active role in involving the congregation in the Walk to End Genocide. The Men's Club has invited Vaughan Meyer, of JWW, to speak to us on March 7, and Sharone Weizman is educating our religious

school families with an Ohr L'Olam program. Learn more about JWW and the projects the Walk to End Genocide supports at www.JWW.org.

We seek to raise \$3,600+. We have 8 registered walkers and look for more walkers. You can help. Register to walk with Team KM or make a donation. If you can't walk on April 17 but want to help raise funds, register as a Virtual Walker in Spirit. Ask your friends and relatives to walk with us or support you with a donation. Registration and donations can be made online at www.la.WalktoEndGenocide.org/KehillatMaarav. Paper registration/donation forms are available in the shul lobby.

Thank you for your support and commitment to a better world! Do Not Stand Idly By!

Please contact Susan Bronstein, our JWW Social Action Committee representative if you have any questions. She can be reached at bronstein84@verizon.net or 310-391-7018 and can assist you in registering or raising funds.

Per our By-laws, Article XIII, Sec. 1, the following is published in March 2016

The members of our Kehillat Ma'arav nominating committee are:

Manny Baker - Chair
Bernie Bienstock
Allison Goldberger
Paul Hoffman
Mimi Klein
Carol Meltzner
Lori Papernik
Carmella Pardo
Sandy Rosenblatt

Join us for our Annual Congregational meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7 pm when the names of all persons nominated to the Board of Trustees shall be placed before our members. It's your shul – make your voice heard.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
La Brea Tar Pits (new location!)

TAKE THE FIRST STEP
Go to WalktoEndGenocide.org and learn how to take action.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP
Invite your friends and family to join you.

Don't stop at Walk registration!
Set a goal and make an impact. \$250 can:

- Provide the Sons of Congo curriculum to 50 men to encourage healthy family relationships and good treatment of women
- Supply 20 Congolese students with school supplies for an entire year
- Subsidize a U.S. college student to mobilize anti-genocide activism on the college campus
- Provide two Darfuri pre-schoolers with one nutritious meal each day for an entire year

Kehillat Ma'arav's
Social Action Committee
Invites You to Join
"Team KM"

WALK WITH US

LOS ANGELES
Sunday April 17
La Brea Tar Pits

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CONEJO VALLEY Sunday March 13

EAST MEADOW, NY Sunday April 10

UNITED COLLEGES Sunday April 17

WASHINGTON DC Sunday May 1

SANTA ROSA Sunday May 15

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husband of Zelma Kramer and father of Jill
Gotlieb, by Zelma Kramer

• **CHIC LIPPMAN**,
mother of Tamara Bernstein, Andrew
Lippman, and Bill Lippman, by Tamara
and Robert Bernstein, Andrew and Tally
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father of Judy Baker, by Judy and Manny
Baker

• **ABE MOSES**,
father of Don Moses, by Don and Lynda
Moses

• **LEE MEADOWS**,
mother of Brana Hall, by Brana and Ron Hall

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aunt of Elaine Olken, by Elaine and Sherwin
Olken

• **BESS RADIN**,
mother of Allison Goldberger, by Susie and
Marc Yure'

• **MORRIS RADIN**,
father of Allison Goldberger, by Allison and
Michael Goldberger

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Diamant

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husband of Michelle Rotberg, by Sharon and
Joel Krischer, Linda and Jack Topal

• **HANNAH SALLO**,
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father-in-law of Beverly Schwartz, by Beverly
Schwartz

• **HARRY SEGAL**,
grandfather of Lolly Bennett, by Lolly
Bennett

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aunt of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom
Vedres

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husband of Judy Spector, by Elaine Albert,
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Suzanne Schweitzer

• **IRENE THOMPSON**,
grandmother of Kim Israel, by Kim and Larry
Israel

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grandmother of Lori Papernik, by Lori and
Brian Papernik

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father of Ruth Barnett, by Ruth and Ron
Barnett

• **JAMES WINSBERG**,
father of Sara Barnard, by Sara Barnard

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Michelle Rotberg and family on the passing of husband and father, Michael Rotberg, Thursday, January 28.



George and Florence Eber Memorial Lecture

Sunday, March 6

10am Brunch
11am Lecture
Q&A to follow

Open to the community without
charge. RSVP to the KM office.

The George and Florence Eber Annual Memorial
Lecture endowment was established by the Eber
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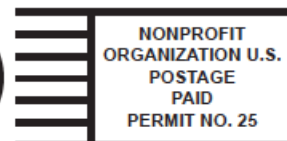
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Passover Services Schedule:

1st Day:
Saturday 4/23

2nd Day:
Sunday 4/24

7th Day:
Friday 4/29

8th Day:
Saturday 4/30

All Services
begin at 9:30am.

Save your seat at the joint Seder on April 22!
Sign up form inside...