

THE VOICE

News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

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The Zuckers & The Goldsmiths at the Dinner Dance in their honor. Photo: Philip B. Rosenthal

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, August 17th,
2:00pm-5:00pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to Kehillat Ma'arav's Annual Open House! Join us for an afternoon of music, games, laughter, and community as we welcome new and potential members. Let's show Santa Monica why we love KM!

Fall membership events also include: a Friday night Shabbat Service and Dinner (September 5th) and a Shabbat in 3D (September 13th).

ISRAEL: COME JOIN US!

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

On Monday and Thursday, during the weekday morning services, just before the Torah is returned to the ark, Psalm 24 is recited. The psalmist raises the following question: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?" The question isn't rhetorical. Answer: "One who has clean hands and a pure heart."

Geographically, the psalmist's reference is based on Jerusalem's elevation; the city is nearly 2,000 feet above sea level. To this day, when you travel to Israel and visit Jerusalem, you literally ascend the mountain of the Lord; the same mountain mentioned by the psalmist!

If you've never been to Jerusalem, or it's been some time since your last visit, now is a great time to go. Far too few Jews visit or have ever visited Israel; only a small number have "ascended the mountain of the Lord."

By now you know our synagogue is planning a trip to Israel beginning the end of November. We are scheduled to leave LAX on the 30th, returning on December 12th. The itinerary is complete and readily available (call the synagogue office and we'll send you a copy). Israel Tour Connection (ITC)—the travel agency that organized our last three congregational

visits—is now accepting reservations on our behalf.

Taking into consideration all the necessary details needed to plan a successful trip, when you visit Israel—whether on our KM synagogue tour or at any other time, consider the advice offered by Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman in his handy book, *Israel: A Spiritual Travel Guide*. He says a trip to our homeland should be likened to a pilgrimage. Pilgrims, travel to "God's holy mountain" because being in Jerusalem (or any other part of Israel) is definitional to who they are.

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The land helps forge the pilgrims' religious identity; it is a necessary component to the story of their lives. In their hearts, the land is holy and inseparably linked to the divine. And so it is with us Jews. We are the original pilgrims. Historically, three times a year, once on Passover, then on Shavuot, and again on Sukkot, we make spiritual pilgrimages to Jerusalem.

So, this summer, or with our synagogue community in November—starting with a pre tour visit to Prague—plan a trip to Israel! It is profoundly worthwhile, and incredibly fun!

But when you go to Israel, remind yourself not to make it simply a trip, or a vacation. Work to make your visit a holy pilgrimage; work to make it a sacred, God-filled experience. And the next time you read Psalm 24, which asks: "Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?" Proudly, and without hesitation, you'll be able to include yourself.



Israel 2011: Rabbi Gotlieb, Kathie Rose, and members of the KM community at Caesarea.

Manny Baker, President AMAZING HISTORY



At the end of May, the History Channel presented a three-part mini-series titled, "The Two Wars." This program covered the period from 1914 through 1945, encompassing the two World Wars. It connected the dots from World War I through World War II, showing how the events of the First World War and its aftermath led to the Second World War. Most remarkable about this period of history is the fact that so many great people lived at the same time. Normally, when we think of the term "great people,"

we think of people who made extraordinary contributions for the betterment of humanity. If we expand the definition to include people who had a major impact on the events of the world, whether for good or for evil, the list expands greatly. Never have so many great people lived at the same time and had their orbits converge on the events of history as did during period. Among political leaders, the list includes Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and General Hideki Tojo. All except Woodrow Wilson, who died before the start of WW II, had a role in WW I that led to their role in WW II.

Hitler was a foot soldier in WW I and apparently came close to dying twice. In the first incident, Hitler was dispatched as a messenger to another unit, was lightly wounded crossing the battlefield, and lost his weapon. He purportedly came into the line of fire of a highly decorated British soldier, Private Henry Tandey. Seeing the wounded, unarmed man, Tandey chose not to shoot him. While it has never been formally confirmed that Hitler was the German soldier who was spared, the incident certainly happened and a painting was made of it. It was reported that Hitler saw the painting and identified Tandey as the British soldier who had spared his life. It was also reported that Hitler confirmed this to Neville Chamberlain when the two met at the infamous meeting in Munich. If this story is true, imagine the

impact this could have had on history. Hitler would have died, and who knows what would have happened? Would there have been an all-encompassing war in Europe? Would the Holocaust have occurred? There was certainly an existing group of dissidents who eventually became the Nazi party. It's likely that the group would have coalesced around someone, but would that person have been the same kind of charismatic leader that Hitler became? Could that person have organized what became the most feared army in Europe and engineered an overthrow of the German government? Would that person have been able to plan and implement the extermination of six million Jews? We'll never know.

A couple of footnotes: Hitler suffered a gassing with mustard gas. He was severely wounded, and, as a result, saw no further action in WW I. He experienced the gassing because of his very bushy mustache: his gas mask would not seal because of it. Hitler dodged another bullet, so to speak, since many soldiers later died from mustard gas. After that incident, he shaved his mustache to form what became his iconic facial feature. (Incidentally, the US was the first military to use mustard gas.) Hitler escaped with his life again during a shootout in Munich with German soldiers during a failed coup in 1923.

One other note of interest from this mini-series: The program talked about only two American military men: General Douglas MacArthur and General George S. Patton. Both served with distinction in WW I. Patton displayed an understanding of the effective use of tanks in combat, which set the stage for his role during WW II. Patton's Third Army liberated Buchenwald. Nearby German residents pled their ignorance of the outrages conducted in the camp. This enraged Patton and he forced them to walk through the camp and see for themselves what the Nazis had wrought.

We could only wish that Private Tandey shot Hitler, and that there never would have been a Buchenwald, Dachau, Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, etc.

SURVIVAL = INVENTION AND MUSIC



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

If you have a Facebook page, you are probably very familiar with the "newsfeed." The latest way for Facebook to make a buck is through ads that show up in your newsfeed between your friends' postings. While I was browsing my newsfeed, a posting caught me off guard. The BBC has a show, "Click," advertised as "the best debate on global technology, social media and the internet" and "your guide to all the latest gadgets, websites, games

and computer industry news." The Facebook ad I saw was a link to an episode of the show in which the BBC focused on Israel's booming high-tech industry. Growing up in London, England, the BBC was not known for its love of Israel, so I was initially wary. However, this clip shows the incredible Israeli inventions that are in the works and hitting the market now.

The show starts with the simple invention that is now so commonplace that you can buy it on a keychain: the portable memory flash drive. This device is used to record, or "remember" dates, but, ironically, the world overall has a very short memory of what Israel has done to enhance the world in areas such as medicine, security, and recreation, to name just a few.

What I find amazing about the inventions that are coming out of Israel is that so many of them are better versions of the things you have today. These inventions have become so integral to our lives that there comes a point where you look back and think to yourself, "how did we ever live without this?"

Take, for example, the new glass panes that are being developed. The glass is transparent and, with the tap of a button, the pane turns dark and no one can see into the room. I can see how ten years from now, there might be no need for curtains anymore.

Because I am a cantor and musician, I think of everything in musical terms. It struck me that this phenomenon of innovation is something that makes music every day and all the time so incredible. One can listen to and love a song from the 60's and then hear a new version and be unable to live without it! Or I can listen to an aria (the same song/music) by one tenor and then listen to a second tenor and be blown away. The innovation completely changed the piece.

There is a show on the Discovery Channel called *Survivorman*. The "survivorman" is dropped into a random place somewhere around the world and has to survive for a week using his skills and wit alone. In almost every episode is a scene where it is night, he is sitting by the fire he has somehow managed to start, and he pulls out the harmonica he always carries and plays a tune for himself.

As *Survivorman* says, and I paraphrase, "in survival, the fire keeps you warm and hopeful, and music keeps you spiritually and mentally uplifted."

In a sense, we are all in a survival episode. While we may not all carry a harmonica or any other instrument around with us constantly, for many of us, it is impossible to live without music. If there are no instruments around or you don't know how to play one, we all have a voice – sing something!

Recommit to KM

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!

SUSIE YURE', Membership Committee

Our fiscal year ends June 30th, so it's time to get ready for the upcoming year. In planning events to share with potential members, the Membership Committee singles out a Sunday Open House (August 17th), a Friday night Shabbat Service (September 5th), and a Shabbat in 3D (September 13th). It's the perfect time to introduce friends and family to Kehillat Ma'arav. No matter how much or where we advertise, your "referrals" are the most significant. If you have little spare time and want to give back to our congregation, bring potential members to any Shabbat or KM event to experience our special charm. "Strangers" find that we don't put on airs; we are ourselves, members who simply enjoy being together! It has been my pleasure to speak to most of our 25 new member families this year and I've shared a little bit of their stories in the last few months. Here are a few more members to meet...

Lynda and Donald Moses, cousins of Rabbi Gotlieb, travel often from San Diego to LA to visit and attend their grandchildren's events with son and daughter-in-law Jonathan and Heather, active KM members. Originally from Michigan, Donald, a retired lawyer, enjoys programming computers and Lynda, with past experience in special education, volunteers at the local library.

Bernard Lauffer returns years after his youngest daughter, Arianna, who recently graduated from college, had her Bat Mitzvah at KM. His two older daughters, Jacqueline, a speech pathologist, and Nicole, in the entertainment industry, live in Los Angeles. Bernard came to Los Angeles from Bogota, Columbia when he was nine. On his time off from property management, he enjoys the beach.

Two of KM's recent Russian B'nai Mitzvah students are **Liubou Partnaya** and **Dina Brevdo**. Liubou was born in Minsk, Belarus, and left 10 years ago as an international student. She graduated from Whittier College in economics and business administration and is now a CPA and involved with the Jewish Federation's leadership program. She loves Zumba and is a certified instructor.

As an only child, Dina discovered her Jewish identity when she was 16 years old. At 19, she traveled to America with her family from St. Petersburg, Russia. Dina thanks the Jewish community for helping her connect to her roots and religion. As a proud and grateful Jew-by-choice and former religious school teacher, Dina gifts her knowledge of Judaism back to her parents. She works in a valley hospital as a psychiatric social worker.

BUILD IT & WE WILL COME!

Let us know if you have a sukkah and are willing to host some congregants on Sunday, October 12th, for a shul-wide Progressive Sukkot Event. If you buy a new sukkah and need some assistance, inform the office and help will be on the way!

~Membership Committee

MEN'S CLUB EVENTS & UPDATES

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President

RECENT EVENTS:

On Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00pm, Roz Rothstein, the co-founder and CEO of "StandWithUs," spoke to the Men's Club in an event open to the entire Synagogue. StandWithUs is a pro-Israel education and advocacy organization based in Los Angeles. It was founded in 2001 by Roz and her husband, Jeremy, to support people around the world who want to educate others about Israel and promote thoughtful discussion while opposing extremism and anti-Semitism. We learned about the group's challenges to "JStreet" and the BDS movement ("boycott, divest and sanction").

UPCOMING EVENTS:

On **Monday, July 14th at 7:00pm**, join us for "**Harry & Eddie: The Birth of Israel**," written by Mark Weston. Little is known about the relationship between Harry S. Truman and his lifelong Jewish friend, haberdasher Eddie Jacobson, though their friendship became valuable to the recognition of the State of Israel. Jewish leaders appealed to Eddie Jacobson to intercede on their, and the Jewish people's, behalf, and Eddie finally agreed to visit the White House. Our story continues as performed by experienced actor Arnold Weiss, who portrays both Harry and Eddie. Arnold, who has appeared in more than 100 plays on both coasts, is a veteran actor of film and television and is the dramaturge/literary manager of the celebrity play reading series. He is currently touring locally with alternating plays. This show has been performed all over the US and in Israel and now comes directly to KM. We welcome you and your guests to attend this exciting performance and learn how one man's advice and support helped the State of Israel come to be. Refreshments will be available.
~ HERB BERGER

On **Wednesday, August 13th, 2014**, our Men's Club will present a free showing of the movie, "**Honor Diaries**," produced by Paula Kveskin and featuring interviews with the courageous Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Fellow at JFK School of Government (Harvard University) and founder of the AHA Foundation. This moving film lifts the veil of silence on honor violence against women and girls and gender inequality in male-dominated cultures like Saudi Arabia and others. The film features in-depth interviews and round-table discussions with archival footage and examines the growing trend of honor crimes in Western societies. An opportunity for audience participation will follow with a discussion including Samira Tamer, ACT! for America Chapter Leader, a grassroots organization dedicated to national security and terrorism, and our own Rabbi Michael Gotlieb. The entire congregation is invited to attend this vital discussion. Contributions to Ayaan Hirsi Ali's Foundation will also be accepted. To RSVP to events, please call the KM office at (310) 829-0566.



AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK

This has to be the easiest way to contribute to KM! Register your Ralph's card at ralphs.com and designate Kehillat Ma'arav (80934) as your "Community Rewards" organization, or stop by the KM office for a letter you can bring to your Ralph's.

In the last three months, 35 households have shopped at Ralph's and generated rebates for us! Thank you to all who have participated and especially Ralph's for this contribution.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

SHARONE WEIZMAN, Director of Education



Summertime, summertime... Already I miss not having our Religious School students, families, and teachers in our hallways. Our last days of school were celebrated with class parties, students participating in Shabbat services, bowling, Shavuot, and our parent closing ceremony. Thank you to all our parents who attended our closing activities and filled out end of the year evaluations.

Over the summer, we encourage our students to attend our weekly Shabbat Club and Tot Shabbat programs. We will also keep you posted when we will have special "Shabbat Unplugged" programs so that you can invite your friends to see what we're all about. Our membership Open House is on Sunday, August 17th, from 2:00-5:00pm. Our Open House is for our members and prospective members with Religious School and Pre-School aged students.

Reflecting on our last two years together, I would like to thank our faculty. We have been blessed with a talented group of teachers who have always given their love and dedication to KM. We will miss not having Tali as part of our team, but thrilled that Neomi, Nava, Dov, Cantor, and Myrna will still be part of our ever-growing family. I would like to extend an additional thank you to our Rabbi for his continued involvement and support and also to the entire KM staff, including, Masha, Kathie, Cindy, Rose, Maddie, and Tony who work tirelessly behind the scenes! Finally, I would like to thank all our parents, Education Committee members, and volunteers for their continued support and feedback throughout the year.

We would love to invite you to join our Education Committee so that you can be a part of our dialogue as we reshape our school in the coming year. Each summer we review and revisit our curriculum and programs and we look forward to partnering with you and exploring new paths to enrich our Hebrew School.

This past month, I was invited by the American Jewish University (my alma mater) to the NRJE, Network for Research in Jewish Education. This conference brings practitioners and researchers together to review trends in Jewish educational research and explore the *Jewish Educational Journal* and its findings. This coming month, I will be attending a leadership intensive for Jewish educators and communal leaders in Israel with the Mofet Institute with the goal of bringing back not only knowledge, but improved leadership skills to our Religious School at KM.

I'm honored to report that I have been asked to present two workshops for veteran and novice educators on pedagogy, including curriculum development, interactive learning, experiential learning, and teaching techniques, at NewCAJE (Coalition for Jewish Educators, Conference in Los Angeles), which brings together educational leaders and teachers from across the nation together once a year to explore new trends and practices in Jewish Education. I'm looking forward to attending NewCAJE and bringing back the latest practices, trends and innovations in Jewish Education to our School.

I hope you continue to enjoy the beautiful summer weather, your vacation plans, and camp experiences. We are eagerly awaiting your return so that once again our halls can be filled with your children's laughter and smiling faces. Please be sure to invite your friends to our Open House so that we can continue to grow our school through your wonderful word of mouth!

Mark Your Calendars!

- Open House, Sunday, August 17, from 2:00-5:00pm
- First Day of Religious School Tuesday, September 9th, from 3:45pm-6:30pm.
- First Sunday and Parent Orientation, September 14th, from 9:00am-12:30pm. Light breakfast will be served.
- "Westside Chai" 8th-10th Grade - Pool Party Kick-Off at Sophie Goldberger's house! Sunday, September 14th, 5:30-8:00pm.

YOUTH DIRECTOR & EVENT COORDINATOR



CINDY ROTH

Youth Events

On Sunday June 1st, fifteen kids and their parents took a fun trip to the AMF Bowling Alley on Pico in Santa Monica. The competition on the lanes was fierce, and there's nothing like some pizza, french fries, and a new upgraded alley to support our bowling efforts. All the kids were smiling, laughing, and really enjoying themselves. What a nice way to finish out the school year!

School is out and everyone is taking time away from routines, but that doesn't mean you have to lose your Jewish identity. There are Jewish summer camps (many of our kids attend Camp Ramah), Israel programs, and Jewish Teen tours. We also encourage you to join the KM Youth for a summer fishing trip sponsored by Jack Topal. The trip is on July 29th from 12pm-4pm and starts and ends at the Marina. It is free and we encourage a parent to join your child. There are forms to be filled out and space is limited, so RSVP now! All youth are welcome. Please free to contact Cindy Roth, Youth Director at 310-829-0566 for more information. Happy Summer!

NextGen

Chocolate + Wine + NextGen = ???

Twenty members of the NextGen recently enjoyed a gourmet chocolate and wine tasting at ChocoVivo, one of the only bean-to-bar chocolate manufacturers and stores in the country. We tasted four varieties of stone-ground chocolate bars, including 85% cocoa, chocolate hazelnut and sea salt, chocolate almond, and coffee and vanilla bean. We feasted on chocolate and wine as ChocoVivo's owner explained the manufacturing process and answered our many questions about everyone's favorite food.

It is never too late to attend a NextGen event and you don't have to be a KM member to join in the fun. Save the date for our Shabbat dinner potluck on Friday, July 21st and for our mixer at The Edison in Downtown LA on Thursday, August 21st. RSVP to Cindy at cdrxla@aol.com or at 310-829-0566. Be sure to join KM's Next Gen Facebook group for more information.

Sweet Shavuot

On Tuesday, June 3rd, the Kehillat Ma'arav community gathered together for an event so unique and so sweet. For our community-wide Shavuot celebration, we had a cheesecake tasting for the adults and a "Torah Snackivity" for the children. We sat around one big table and passed pieces of the many flavors of cheesecake. Participants filled out score cards, answered true/false questions, and received "I voted for cheesecake" stickers to show their spirit. Our six flavors were: strawberry, chocolate peanut butter, s'mores, red velvet, white chocolate blueberry, and classic. The tasty variety of options, a little coffee station with Bailey's and Kaulua made for quite a nice time. We also had an Israeli dance instructor who had us on our feet "turning cheesecake into a milkshake," to quote Cantor Sam. The kids created Torahs, Mount Sinais and 10 Commandment Tablets all out of candy, chocolate, ice cream, cookies and chips. Messy, yummy, and fun! We also had a brief Ma'ariv service and a Tikkun Leil that went deep into the night.

We at the Kehillat Ma'arav community strive to make an impact with our holiday programs by making them meaningful, educational, and, of course enjoyable. Hopefully word will catch on about the fun and the sweetness we carefully infuse into our programming to make these Jewish celebrations even more special! We love seeing all of our families, young and old, celebrate together and welcome you to join us.



Kadima kids enjoying an afternoon of bowling



Wine and chocolate from the NextGen event at ChocoVivo. (above & below)



Tasting delicious cheesecake and enjoying edible Torahs at our Shavuot celebration

Upcoming Events at Kehillat Ma'arav

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Friday
JULY

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5:00pm

SHABBAT SERVICES

Not only is July 4th Independence Day, but it's also the first Friday of the month! Join us for community Shabbat Services at 6:30pm before heading off to see the fireworks. Come celebrate with us.

Friday
JULY

25

7:30pm

NEXTGEN SHABBAT POTLUCK

NextGen members are invited to celebrate Shabbat with a festive potluck. Bring your friends, your favorite dairy dish, and enjoy the evening with us.

Location TBD, contact Cindy at cdxrla@aol.com or at 310 829-0566 to RSVP and for more details.

Saturday
AUGUST

9

7:30pm

HAVDALAH IN RHYTHM

Join us for a Havdalah bonfire at the beach. We're ushering in the new week with music and snacks at Dockweiler Beach. Dress warmly, bring your own instruments, and come prepared to sing your heart out. 12001 Vista Del Mar, Playa Del Rey--see you there!

Sunday
AUGUST

17

2:00pm

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Invite your friends and neighbors to KM's Annual Open House! Join us for an afternoon of music, games, community, and laughter as we open our doors and welcome new and potential members. Other membership events include a Friday night Shabbat Service and Dinner (September 5th) and a Saturday morning Shabbat in 3D (September 13th).

Sunday
NOVEMBER

30

through

FRIDAY
December

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WE'RE GOING TO ISRAEL! *Will you be there?*

Join Rabbi Gotlieb and the KM community as we return to Israel for our 4th community Aliyah. The pre-tour begins Sunday, November 30, with a trip through the golden city of Prague. Then, we travel to Israel on Thursday, December 4, where we'll stay until Friday, December 12th. Experience Jerusalem, the Kotel Tunnels, Shabbat under the stars, the Dead Sea, the Ancient Temple, Tel Aviv, Haifa, the excavated city of Tzippori, the Golan Heights, and much, much more.

Join us for either or both parts of our trip. Speak with Executive Director, Kathie Rose, or Rabbi Michael Gotlieb for more details or to register with Israel Tour Connections.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shabbat Club Fun & interactive Shabbat services for kids with music & snacks		1	2	3 7:30pm Adult Trope Class	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 6:30pm Services	5 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
6	7	8	9	10 7:00pm JNET 7:30pm Adult Trope Class	11 7:50pm Candle Lighting	12 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
13	14 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Men's Club Event	15	16 6:00pm Exec. Board. Mtg. 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	17	18 7:47pm Candle Lighting	19 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
20	21	22	23	24	25 7:43pm Candle Lighting	26 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST	AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PJ Library Stories, crafts, and dinner for preschool-aged kids (1st Friday every month)	Lunch & Learn Join Rabbi Gotlieb every Thursday for discussion				1 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Services 7:37pm Candle Lighting	2 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
3	4 EREV TISHA B'AV	5 TISHA B'AV	6	7 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb 7:00pm JNET	8 7:31pm Candle Lighting	9 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
10	11 6:30pm Membership Comm. Mtg.	12	13 7:00pm Men's Club Event	14 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb	15 7:24pm Candle Lighting	16 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
17 2:00pm KM Open House Membership Event	18	19	20 6:00pm Exec. Board. Mtg. 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	21 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb	22 7:15pm Candle Lighting	23 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
24	25	26	27	28 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi Gotlieb	29 6:57pm Candle Lighting	30 9:30am Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
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JULY

Birthdays!

(18 and under)

Rachel Brooke Bernstein
Raphael Bono
Alexander Brown
Ethan Harris Dula
Stavi Kuba
Tillie Cohen Morrisette
Lindsay Oberman
Mia Danielle Ricanati
Dalia Shnyder
Zoe Silverman
Matthew Benjamin Steigltz

Anniversaries!

Mazel Tov!

Haim Dov & Lynn Beliak
43rd Anniversary
Michael Bono
& Valerie Zim
19th Anniversary
Jeremy & Lee
Broekman
16th Anniversary
Pepe & Diane Cancino
8th Anniversary
Eugene & Heather Dula
14th Anniversary

Wayne & Gaylen Grody
24th Anniversary
Evan & Brenda Krantz
43rd Anniversary
Shelley Rose
& Jeff Kravitz
34th Anniversary
Maurice & Marcia Kurtz
42nd Anniversary
Marsha Lewin Latiner
& Forrest Latiner
13th Anniversary

Shevach
& Lorena Magen
5th Anniversary
Donald & Lynda Moses
45th Anniversary
Nathaniel
& Bernice Stein
59th Anniversary
Veronica Kun
& Steven Popper
28th Anniversary
Jeffrey Reiss
& Jackie Perchik-Reiss
11th Anniversary

Jeffrey & Minda Salberg
16th Anniversary
Russell & Melissa Witt
1st Anniversary
Barry & Linda
Zwang-Weissman
37th Anniversary

AUGUST

Birthdays!

(18 and under)

Dylan Coulam
Evan Abraham
Daghighian
Zachary Joseph
DeHovitz
Seth Matthew Dula
Talia Hava Finn
Joshua Ganezer
Jacob Steven Goldberg
Shelby Ross Grody
Solomon Simon Jussim
Dean Leventhal
Ayla Frances Moses
Cash Obando Negrin
Julia Silk

Anniversaries!

Mazel Tov!

Barbara Turner
& Mark Anderson
6th Anniversary
Bernard & Beverly
Biestock
42nd Anniversary
Mitchell & Judith Blake
31st Anniversary
Jacolyn Cutler
& Michel Bron
2nd Anniversary
Leslie & Judy Eber
48th Anniversary
Harold & Celeste Erdley
62nd Anniversary
Alan & Lucy Fein
29th Anniversary

David & Alyssa Ganezer
22nd Anniversary
William & Janet
Glucksman
37th Anniversary
Dennis & Kathleen Gura
31st Anniversary
Anat Attar-Kuba
& Shaul Kuba
25th Anniversary
Alex & Sonja Leventhal
3rd Anniversary
Robert & Amy
Goldberg Levin
15th Anniversary
Richard & Barbara Levy
40th Anniversary
Darren & Sharon Lewin
14th Anniversary

Nathan & Kathy
Lichtman
40th Anniversary
Mayer & Fern Margolis
46th Anniversary
Ness & Judy Moadeb
46th Anniversary
Jonathan & Heather
Moses
18th Anniversary
Sanford & Loana
Rosenblatt
18th Anniversary
Susan Freiman Ross
& Richard Ross
9th Anniversary
Sara Han & Baruch
Rothenberg
1st Anniversary

Sheldon & Judith
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DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE

DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

As noted previously, the Temple and its cult is deeply embedded in our liturgy. The liberal movements valiantly attempt to de-emphasize the liturgical centrality of the ancient sacrificial cult. The liberal editors and redactors aspire to align our contemporary sensibilities, uncomfortable with the bloody sacrifices, to our intense Jewish sense of history.

They are unwilling, maybe unable, to extract the Temple from our liturgy, or from our national life.

Yet the history of the Temple most of us carry is a sad history, of conflict, of war, of failure, and ultimately a symbol of Jewish political defeat and extended Jewish powerlessness. But owning a defeat, no matter how painful, might be the ultimate lesson for a resilient people.

The destruction of the Temple in antiquity was a catastrophe of unbridled magnitude. Yearning for the Temple was an essential ingredient as our Rabbis constructed a Jewish identity independent of a formal political state. The Rabbis retained the image of the Temple, the dream of the Temple, and would have us own, at least emotionally, the site where the Temple once stood.

As the modern State of Israel re-constructed its identity in our day, Masada played a similar role, a defeat transformed into the dream, and the reality, of the Nation.

Tisha B'Av conflates the great catastrophes of Jewish life; the destruction of the Temple, the expulsions from Spain, and a host of lesser known agonies. In some religious circles, the Shoah has been added to that date. Not in its particulars, but as part of the theme.

In the preface to his translation of the Book of Lamentations, David Slavitt writes:

"In Jerusalem recently on a Thursday morning, I observed a Bar Mitzvah being celebrated at the Kotel—The Wailing Wall—and watched as the officiating rabbi, a hearty, burly man in his seventies raised the Bar Mitzvah boy up to his shoulders and commenced to dance. I remarked to my daughter-in-law, a rabbinical student, that I simply couldn't understand what the charm was of doing this here. Or at Masada, either, for that matter where people also have Bar Mitzvahs as well as swearing-in ceremonies for the Israeli armed forces.

'These are not happy places,' I observed, and I said that I'd as soon celebrate such an occasion at Auschwitz.

'Auschwitz isn't ours,' she said, after a moment's thought.

After another moment, I answered her: 'It is now.'



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"KM has been my extended family for almost 20 years. I'll miss all of you, and I regret that our time together has come to a close."
~Tony Martinez

When Tony started working with us at Kehillat Ma'arav as Facility Manager/Custodian many years ago, he was a single man in his 20's. Now, he is happily married and a proud father of three.

We at KM greatly appreciate his hard work, commitment, and cheerful attitude, which made even the busiest times a joy. His constant presence and dedication has greatly enriched our KM community.

Tony has accepted a position at A&M Trucking and as much as we'll miss him, we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. Cards and well wishes can be sent to Tony and his family at 4676 West 133rd St #B Hawthorne CA 90250.

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Judy and Mitch Blake on the passing of Judy's mother, Eva Mass on Wednesday, May 14.

Norma Laine on the passing of her husband, Lee Laine on Tuesday, May 20.

I would like to thank the entire KM community for their outpouring of love and support after the death of my husband last month. I regret that I am not able to reach out to everyone individually and am grateful for the many cards, tributes, and good wishes.
~ Norma Laine

Mazel Tov!

Beverly and Bernie Bienstock on the birth of their granddaughter, Mila Danielle, born on Monday, May 19.

Cantor Samuel Cohen on the birth of his niece, Leora Shain, born Tuesday, Monday, April 29, in Florida.

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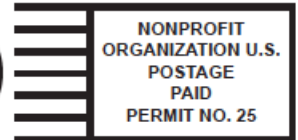
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Erev Rosh Hashanah begins Wednesday evening, September 24th, at 6:15pm.

First Day Services on Thursday, September 25th, at 9:00am

Second Day Services will be Friday, September 26th, at 9:00am

Kol Nidre begins Friday evening, October 3rd, promptly at 6:00pm.

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With the exception of Sli'chot, all High Holy Day services will be held at the Olympic Collection, on the corner of Olympic and Sawtelle.

SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH at Kehillat Ma'arav

The fall holiday of **Sukkot** begins Wednesday, October 8th, with services on Thursday and Friday, October 9th and 10th.

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Simchat Torah Services conclude the holiday on Friday, October 17th.

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