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News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

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Hanukkah Candle Lighting at 3rd Street Promenade.

FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday, January 2
6:30pm

Celebrate the beginning of 2015 with Kehillat Ma'arav and join us for our monthly Friday Night Shabbat Services as we welcome in the Sabbath together as a community. Shabbat Shalom!

OUR MISSION TO ISRAEL

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

I was particularly touched by our congregation's most recent visit to Israel. It's been three years since my last time in Israel and the changes I've witnessed are noticeable. The roadways are bigger, better, and busier; the building throughout the land is non-stop (the ongoing joke is the construction crane is the country's national bird); the businesses are more western in their service and attention to detail.

But above all, what I find repeatedly gripping—no matter how many times I've been to Israel—is its people. Israelis have an indomitable and life-filled spirit. What that country has created in less than 70 years is one of the greatest accomplishments known to humanity; it's that remarkable. All the while fighting for its very existence.

During our jammed-packed seven-day trip, we travelled to Israel's northern boarder with Lebanon and saw an active Hezbollah lookout. Gazing down below, on the Israeli side, we overlooked the ever-fertile Hula valley. An estimated 500 million migrating birds pass through the Hula every year en-route to Africa.

We visited one kibbutz and stayed overnight at another. In the port city of Jaffe, we had a dinner served by deaf waiters and then experienced a play performed by deaf and blind actors. Our group had different reactions to the performance, let alone the merits of its production. But that too added to the dynamic of our journey.

Once situated in Jerusalem, we took a daylong excursion out of town and

headed south. We visited a Conservative synagogue community in Ashkelon and, later that afternoon, were given a tour of the settlement town of Sderot by its vice-mayor. We got a sense of what these communities endured during the thousands of missiles and mortars fired on them by Hamas assassins living in Gaza.

While en-route to these southern towns, we stopped at the Safdan water recycling plant. Israel leads the world in potable water recovery (Spain is a distant second). The plant's tour was equally fascinating and informative.

On our last day in Israel, we had the opportunity to do some Judaic study at the Schechter Institute in Jerusalem; we are after all: "The People of the Book."

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THE YEAR THAT WAS



MANNY BAKER, President

As we look back over the year 2014, many may be glad that it's over. For individuals, the year may have been good on balance, and for others, it may not have been all that great. For the world in general, I think we have seen better years than this past one. For four West African nations in particular, the Ebola virus made the year a disastrous one. As of mid-October, there were 10,018 laboratory-confirmed cases in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia, resulting in 5,674 deaths. Recent reports

indicate that the epidemic is beginning to abate. Maybe 2015 will be a better year for these West African nations and the rest of the world as the epidemic subsides worldwide. And maybe a cure or a vaccine will be found.

Israel underwent a terrible year in 2014. Israel experienced a fusillade of thousands of rockets and missiles from Gaza, which the country endured without a military response for many months. But the straw that broke the camel's back was the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli teens. Operation Protective Edge was initiated to stop the Palestinian atrocities. In the ensuing conflict, six Israelis and one Thai civilian died, and 66 IDF soldiers were killed. Hamas used Palestinian civilians and children as human shields, and over 2,000 Palestinians died. Hamas succeeded in claiming that Israel violated human rights,

and most of the rest of the world were only too eager to agree. So, the Israeli victims of these Palestinian human rights violations became the perpetrators. And Israel lost the PR war.

October and November saw the murders of Israeli civilians in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv by lone-wolf terrorists, the most egregious of these being the murders of four rabbis and a Druze cop in a Jerusalem synagogue. In the face of these atrocities, a UCLA student organization voted to boycott, divest, and sanction Israeli investments just a few days later. While the vote of a student organization is not binding on the university's administration, it is still very troublesome. UCLA is hardly alone in actions like these. Similar kinds of actions are taking place in other universities. The mindset indicated by these actions does not bode well for Jews or for Israel. Wide scale demonization of Israel by academia and Muslim student groups can only result in the erosion of support for Israel in America as ill-informed students exposed to negative images without much of a countering argument come to believe half-truths and outright lies. With the expression of anti-Israel attitudes often being a cover for anti-Semitism, things could become tougher for Jews in general. We have already seen physical attacks on Jews in many European cities, and some have also occurred in Jewish neighborhoods in the US.

Let's hope that the situation improves in 2015. It can with positive support from our world leaders.

From the Cantor

M+M+M = MUSIC MEMORY MIND



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

Last year ended with a bang. I traveled to Israel and now the New Year is here. What will it bring? Recently we have seen some much needed rain, yet it is still not enough. In the Jewish tradition, rain is viewed as a blessing. I am hoping that this year begins with plenty of blessings for all.

I remember growing up in rainy London. Since it's been so long since it has rained here, every time it rains in our city, I am reminded of London, regardless of

whether it is a warm day, a cold one, or even if it rains just for a few minutes. It immediately takes me back to my childhood.

The question is, what triggers memories of your childhood, or memories of a specific time or place? Most importantly, what memory triggers a song or, vice versa, what song triggers a memory for you? I have seen, on many occasions, people sitting around with a radio station on in the background. When a particular song comes on, they jump up and say "Oh! This is our/my song!" This happens to me on a regular basis, and I will remember what I was doing or where I was when I first heard the song.

Today, we are so advanced in technology that we have all the information we want at our fingertips at all times. And no matter what kind of mood you're in, you can always go to YouTube and find something interesting to watch. You can laugh, cry, and

learn something new, sometimes all three at the same time.

The other day, I came across a YouTube clip about an old man, Henry, in a nursing home. Henry has Alzheimer's and in the video he hears music for the first time in years. The clip, from the "Alive Inside" series, is called "Old Man In Nursing Home Reacts To Hearing Music From His Era," and it already has almost 10 million views, and growing. Henry's transformation is incredible to watch. When his own daughter arrives to say hello, he has no idea who she is and cannot communicate properly. However, when they put a pair of headphones on him and play some of the music he grew up with, within a minute or so he comes alive. He recounts his stories and the music he used to listen to, his favorite songs and singers...it is simply amazing.

The rain may remind us of our childhood, or a specific smell or taste may remind us of another moment in life. However, I believe that music has a way of not just recalling a moment in time, but almost etching or carving that memory into the brain. I think this may be because music can be physical, emotional, mental, and, probably most importantly, spiritual. Music, therefore, creates such a deep connection in a person that it can remain with a person even after some of their faculties have deteriorated. Case in point: Henry.

I don't know of anyone today who does not own a portable device that can play music. From the little iPods to iPhones, it is almost impossible to be without music, unless it is by choice. Listen to the music and create those memories. They both last forever.



<<"RABBI," CONTINUED FROM PG 1

The Schechter Institute is a Conservative academy that teaches rabbis and educators in Israel.

It has imparted its centrist religious approach on well over 1,000 Israeli, men, women, and children.

The Israeli Supreme Court was on our itinerary, as was the Yitzhak Rabin Center/think tank. We stopped at Atlit; paid tribute to Moses Maimonides by visiting his gravesite; did a kosher wine and olive

oil tasting; bought Israeli made sandals and shoes at the Naot factory; wandered around the mystic city of Tzefat and toured the archaeological Roman city of Beit Shean.

The old city of Jerusalem didn't fail to intrigue, as we celebrated a spirit-filled Friday night Shabbat service next to the Western Wall. On Saturday, we toured the ancient city on foot; the bustle, color and smells of Jerusalem are phenomenal and, at times, overwhelming.

These were some of the high points, places, and reflections that come to mind apropos this most recent, meaningful, fun and memorable trip to Israel. Longingly looking back on the experience, I'm still on a high and can't wait to return.

NEXT GEN & COMMUNITY



CINDY ROTH, Youth Director and Event Coordinator

Happy New Year and welcome to another season of giving, Gatsby-style! As your holiday season winds down, think of the many ways you have contributed to the Kehillat Ma'arav community. Have you given a donation? Have you helped coordinate an event or sat on a committee? Have you bought raffle tickets to help support our congregation? Have you donated unused gifts or gift cards to our Purim auction? Have you helped to decorate or served food at a function?

What about mixing drinks behind the FREE bar along with our dear friend Sandy?

We are reaching out for your support today in one or more of these areas. We have been planning this year's Annual Purim Celebration and Auction since the day after last Purim. This year, our holiday celebration and Megillah reading will be Wednesday, March 4th! The theme is **THE GREAT GATSBY!** So, grab your top hats and don those pearls! The evening will include a Religious School educational program followed by a community-wide dinner, an auction, Megillah reading, and many other surprises. There will be food, drink and live music to

complement our theme.

The one thing missing is YOU. So, start your planning early. Start by asking yourself: How will I dress? How can I help? What can I donate? How will I dress? (Oh yes, your costume is so important!) The New Year's giving starts now! Please contact Rose Piccirilli to volunteer, Kathie Rose to donate, or Cindy Roth to volunteer your time for this worthy cause! Every year, people ask how we can top the last Purim celebration. Come, be a part of the worthy committee with new tricks up its sleeve!

KM'S NEXTGEN

The "NextGen" is a group of young professionals. We are comprised of the KM community, friends, and members of the greater Jewish Community of Los Angeles. Join us for great events and good company. Contact Cindy for more details.



Santa Barbara Wine Country Cycling Tour

Sunday, March 29th 10:45am-4:00pm

\$75 per person includes...

- * Bike rental
- * Souvenir water bottles
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You are invited to stay overnight the night before and join Cantor Cohen and Cindy Roth for Havdalah. Contact Cindy for hotel recommendations and more information at 310-829-0566.

KEHILLAT MA'ARAV
NEXT GEN

News & Events MEN'S CLUB

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President



UPCOMING EVENT

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 26 at 7pm, featuring music and Power Point presentations about Jewish composers (Part 3) by renowned educator, conductor, and musician, Julie Metz (pictured left), who also plays the violin and viola.

Save the date and we'll see you then!

\$5 donation requested.



Hilary Helstein and David Suissa

PAST EVENT

Recently, we participated in a showing of the movie, *As Seen Through These Eyes*, narrated by Maya Angelou and featuring the art of survivors of the Holocaust with images and interviews.

We were honored to have the film's Director and Producer, Hilary Helstein, and David Suissa, President of the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles, present to lead the engaging discussion after the movie.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR KI CLASS?



MASHA SAVITZ
Head of Early Childhood
& Arts Programs

We have had a wonderful year in the K1 class so far! I would like to share some of the things we have learned. We have covered half of the Hebrew alphabet, practicing our writing and reading with chalk out on the pavement when it was sunny. We have also learned many Hebrew words, including: *shalom, ken, lo, boker, lylah, ner, torah, Shabbat, yadayim, oznaim, raglaim, peh, beten, and aynaim.*

While learning about Shabbat, we made challah covers, candles and candlesticks, and enjoyed eating a tasty challah.

We celebrated the holidays with various projects as they came up throughout the year. We also learned about the Jewish calendar and the names of the Jewish months: *Tishri, Heshvan, Kislev, Tevet, and Shevat*, and will soon complete the year with: *Adar, Nisan, Iyar, Sivan, Tammuz, Av, and Elul.*

As for Torah stories, we learned about creation, making a colorful mural in the hallway. We studied Noah's Flood and Abraham and Sarah as we decorated our classroom with stars with our names and our families' names hanging from the ceiling. The decorations represent the promise God made that we would be as many as the stars in the sky. We look forward to learning even more throughout the year!

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Clockwise from upper left: Bear Naming Ceremony, making edible hanukkiah, delivering Ohr L'Olam donations, candle lighting with our Religious School, Hanukkah Candle Lighting at 3rd Street Promenade, and Maccabee Training Camp at Religious School.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

SHARONE WEIZMAN, Director of Education



Shalom Chaverim! This year our Religious School implemented a new Shabbat B'Yachad initiative to bring Religious School students and families together to experience and celebrate Shabbat as one. Our first Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service brought together 80 students, parents, and families, welcoming in the Sabbath Queen with music, song, stories, and dance. Our festivities continued by candlelight with a Shabbat dinner that lit up the entire Social Hall. On December 6th, we celebrated our second Shabbat B'Yachad – Together as One on a Saturday

morning. We had 30 students and parents at KM for a wonderful morning filled with parent and student activities, an interactive family service, and joining the rest of the congregation where students helped to lead aspects of the service with Rabbi and Cantor. We're so proud of this new initiative and are excited to celebrate Shabbat with our students and families at KM.

This past month we celebrated Hanukkah with our students and families on the first night of Hanukkah during Religious School with Hanukkah festivities. School ended early so our children could help lead the Hanukkah candle lighting and songs at the Promenade, which they mastered beautifully. Following the Promenade candle lighting, our families joined the larger KM family for dinner at Johnnie's.

In honor of Hanukkah and the spirit of giving, our Religious School students brought in unwrapped gifts and winter essentials for our Ohr L'Olam toy collection and winter needs drive. Our students delivered the gifts and clothes during Religious School to Ocean Park Community Center, a network of shelters and services for low-income and homeless youth.

In a few days, our 3rd-7th Grade Religious School students will pack their bags and head-off to Camp Ramah together. Marcos Cohen, Phil Rubinstein, and I will be joining our students with three other congregational schools for a weekend filled with fun and learning. KM students will be joining Temple Aliyah, Valley Beth Shalom, and Beth Shalom Religious School students for an unforgettable weekend with over 200 campers. Get ready...pack your bags...and come have fun!

Please enjoy these pictures of our KM Religious School students!

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Camp Ramah Weekend**
January 9-11
- **B'nai Mitzvah Family Program**
Thursday, January 22, 5th-7th Grades, 5:30pm
- **Shabbat B'Yachad Religious School Family Program**
Friday, January 30, 5:30pm
Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner



FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

Most of us know the prayer "Shma Koleinu" from the Yom Kippur Mussaf service. The prayer and its various melodies occupy a beloved place in Jewish liturgy, both as a superb example of the hazzan's art and as an honored element on that long day.

There is a slightly different "Shma Koleinu" embedded as the 16th (of 19) sections in the daily Amidah. In *The Authorized Daily Prayer Book of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth*, former British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks offers a more literal translation than our *Siddur Sim Shalom*:

Listen to our voice, Lord our God. Spare us and have compassion on us, and in compassion and favour accept our prayer, for You, God, listen to prayers and pleas. Do not turn us away, O our King, empty handed from Your presence, for You listen with compassion to the pray of Your people Israel. Blessed are you, Lord, who listens to prayer.

The Talmud Megilla 18a identifies this prayer specifically as "tefilla", as "prayer". The rabbinic reasoning hinges on matters concerning the Temple service; but for our purposes, why not identify this prayer as "prayer"? As for me, a modern who struggles with faith commitment, perhaps the prayer might be re-punctuated. Instead of periods, all question marks: "...for You, God, listen to prayers and pleas?...Blessed are you, Lord, who listens to prayer?"

Are not these the questions of the modern believer? After the Amidah's 15 recitations of praise and requests to an Almighty with Whom we Jews have a complicated relationship, questions might be in order. The rabbis of antiquity might not have had this particular solution in mind, but as their heirs, we need to use that treasure in a manner appropriate and befitting our circumstances, even while we are also the stewards of the rabbinic tradition.

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SUSIE YURÉ, Membership Committee

In the next few months, this column will be devoted to introducing our new members. It is very clear that these members feel embraced by the Kehillat Ma'arav community.

Deborah and Morley Berenback are native Angelenos but have lived in several other places. Morley, who wants to help facilitate our services, is a registered nurse and Deborah, who looks forward to ushering and greeting, is a retired statistician who has also worked in marketing. The Berenbachs were drawn to KM through our friendly and inclusive multi-age activities. Deborah is passionate about knitting and Morley enjoys riding his bike at the beach.

Susan Berenstein found that KM felt like home the minute she walked in the door. She was especially drawn to Rabbi's sermons and Cantor's chanting. Although Susan lives in Thousand Oaks, she drives to Santa Monica weekly to spend time with her father and now her KM community, where people really take notice of who's new and make them feel welcome. Susan is in the software industry.

Brenda Ligorsky and Mark Hirschberg found KM to truly be hamish, kind, and friendly in all ways. They particularly enjoyed the energetic High Holy Days and Family Shabbat services. Their children, 11-year-old Gregory and 7-year-old Ryan, enjoy being a part of a large synagogue with fun activities. Brenda, originally from Arizona, and Mark, a former New Yorker, are both attorneys.

Jennifer Merrow is so grateful to her KM family for their kindness in welcoming and guiding her in Judaism. She loves the freedom of asking questions and the calm, relaxed feeling of Shabbat. Rabbi is very approachable and Cantor makes services fun. Jennifer is a Southern California girl who loves to read, cook, and do crafts. She is studying to be a preschool teacher.

Meet our Bat Mitzvah EVA JUSSIM



Hi, my name is Eva Jussim and I've belonged to KM since I was born. I go to Palms Middle School, and my favorite subjects are math and science. When I'm

not at school, I like to play basketball, listen to music, or hang out with my friends. I can't wait to hang out with them during my party for my Bat Mitzvah.

I'm doing *Parshat Sh'mot* for my Bat Mitzvah on January 10th, 2015, and I chose it because it has always been my favorite portion. I would like to thank my parents, Rabbi Gotlieb, and Cantor Cohen for helping me prepare for my special life cycle event.

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The report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted by it in writing to the President no later than May 10, 2015.

KM's annual meeting will be held this year on

MAZEL TOV TO...

Jackie Kosecoff and Robert Brook on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilah Elizabeth Brook, born on November 21, 2014. She is the daughter of their son, Daniel, and his wife, Ilanit Brook.

JoJo and Eric Fleiss on the birth of their daughter, Golda Ruth Louise Fleiss, born on Friday, November 21.

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- * Tuesday 3:30pm-6:00pm
- * Any time the office is open
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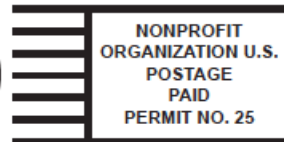
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Upcoming Events at Kehillat Ma'arav

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Monday
JANUARY
26
7:00pm

JEWISH COMPOSERS

Join our Men's Club for a musical evening featuring music and a PowerPoint presentations about Jewish composers (Part 3) by renowned educator, conductor, and musician, Julie Metz, who plays the violin and viola. \$5 suggested donation. All are welcome.

Friday
JANUARY
30
5:30pm

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT B'YACHAD

Our Religious School students and families are invited to join us for our third Shabbat B'Yachad - Together as One Religious School Family Program. Celebrate Shabbat with us as we enjoy a Kabbalat Shabbat Service and a tasty dinner.

Saturday
FEBRUARY
7
9:30am

SHABBAT IN "3D" *Tu B'Shvat Seder*

Daven, Drash, and Dine with us as we celebrate Tu B'Shvat with insightful conversation and feast together. All are welcome to this engaging Shabbat morning service and discussion. The "Shabbat in 3D" program is unique to KM - don't miss this wonderful morning!

Wednesday
MARCH
4

THE GREAT GATSBY PURIM CELEBRATION

Every year Purim at KM gets bigger and better! This year, celebrate with us Gatsby Style! Enjoy Purim with a Megillah Reading, raffle, nosh, drinks, festivities, and much, much more. More details to come. To volunteer your time to help make this event a success, please contact Cindy Roth at 310-829-0566.

Saturday
MARCH
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13TH ANNUAL EBER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Our speaker will be Dr. Ziony Zevit, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Biblical Literature and Northwest Semitic Languages at American Jewish University. This lecture is open to the community without charge, and truly, everyone is invited to attend. The George and Florence Eber Annual Memorial Lecture endowment was established by the family in loving memory of George and Florence, whose lives embodied "The Jewish Home."

Friday
APRIL
3
6:30pm

PASSOVER SEDER AND SHABBAT

This year, the first night of Passover falls on the first Friday of the month. Celebrate Shabbat with us and enjoy a delicious seder with your community, all at once.

SAVE THE DATE - more details to come.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shabbat Club Fun & interactive services for kids grades 2-6 Tot Shabbat Energetic services for kids				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 4:38pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Shabbat Services	3 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		3:45pm Religious School	7:15pm KM Choir	12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	4:44pm Candle Lighting CAMP RAMAH WEEKEND	9:30am Bat Mitzvah of Eva Jussim & Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat CAMP RAMAH WEEKEND
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CAMP RAMAH WEEKEND	7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	3:45pm Religious School	6:00pm Exec. Board. Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	4:51pm Candle Lighting	9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MLK DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3:45pm Religious School	7:15pm KM Choir	12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 5:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Seminar (1/3) 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	4:57pm Candle Lighting	9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	7:00pm Men's Club Event: Jewish Composers	3:45pm Religious School	7:15pm KM Choir	12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	5:04pm Candle Lighting 5:30pm Shabbat B'Yachad Service & Dinner	9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat

Happy Birthday!

(Celebrants 18 & Younger)

Raya Farrah Bolanos
Talia Mirian Daghighian
Gillian Lyn Dunn
Jake Goldberger
Micah Shir Jussim

Eva Kitra Jussim
Natalie Kruglyak
Jason Oberman
Daniel Salem
Eliana Salem

Happy Anniversary!

Lee & Toby Brannen
19th Anniversary
Jackie Kosecoff & Robert Brook
33rd Anniversary
Eric & Jojo Fleiss
1st Anniversary
Leon & Sharon Janks
31st Anniversary

Area & Jonathan Kramarsky
13th Anniversary
Sid & Carole Meltzner
43rd Anniversary
Neville & Fay Pimstone
52nd Anniversary