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Sandy and Loana Rosenblatt all decked out for Purim at Gatsby's Roarin' Royal Banquet!

JWW WALK
Sunday, April 19
9:00am



March with Rabbi
Gotlieb, Cantor
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Sharone Weizman,
Executive Director Kathie Rose,
and the KM community at the
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Walk to End Genocide at the Pan
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and stay for the craft and activist
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THE OTHER 4 QUESTIONS

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

With Passover soon here, we're reminded of the almost universal association with the biblically based holiday: The recitation of the four questions. Our tradition has long emphasized the importance of asking good, probing questions. It's in that light I offer you four questions of a different nature. These four appear not in the Passover Haggadah, but rather in the Talmud, tractate Pirkei Avot, where Rabbi Simon Ben Zoma, who lived in Israel during the first third of the second century, asks:

"Who is wise? One who can learn from others."
Building on his response, be mindful to

learn from other people's experiences. Learn from generation to generation. The book of Proverbs teaches, "Awe of God is the beginning of wisdom (1:1-7)." Think of the wise child described in the Haggadah. Characteristic of the wise child is one who is inclusive and appreciative of previous generations, those who have contributed to the teachings of our age-old, wise tradition.

"Who is strong? One who can say no to him/herself." Self-discipline is difficult. It's not easy to diet or exercise or give up aspects of our lifestyle to which we've grown accustomed. From the standpoint of Passover, it's not easy to go one full

week without leavened bread products, let alone maintain the restrictions inherent to the observance of holiday. As difficult as it is to say no to oneself, it is even harder to know when to say yes. The Jerusalem Talmud sums it up best when quoting Rav (Kiddushin 4:12): "You'll be held accountable for every legitimate pleasure you've denied yourself."

"Who is rich? One who is happy with what he/she has." How many of us can say, "I have enough"? During the Passover Seder we sing the song *Dayanu* which translates, "it would have been enough for us." I wonder how many of us sing that song and actually mean it. How many of us are happy with
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our spouse, our children, or our friends? Do we repeatedly try to change them to meet our needs and expectations? *Dayanu* is not a plea for complacency. If anything, it's a plea for perspective and heightened appreciation for the things we do have.

"Who is honored? Those who honor others." If you want to keep friends and maintain family bonds, honor them.

Stop competing against them. One of the central messages of Passover is that all humanity is granted the inalienable right to live freely. Tied into that notion is the biblical concept that all human beings are made in God's image. The word for "honor" in Hebrew shares the same root letters as the Hebrew word "heavy" (it is also related to liver, which is an especially heavy organ). At times, it is

heavy, or difficult, to give honor. Not uncommonly, we're fixed on ourselves. Next time you're in a conversation, see how quickly it shifts to you and your interests. Be particularly mindful of that tendency when seated around the Passover Seder table. Bear in mind, honor doesn't mean agreement. Curiously, an additional rabbinic comment makes the point; the one who is ultimately honored is the one who flees from being honored.

Freedom for all human beings—not just us Jews—is a leitmotif interwoven throughout the Passover narrative. Physical freedom is of paramount importance. But tied into the notion of universal freedom is the simple freedom to ask questions. This Passover, as you sit around your Passover Seder tables, ask questions; ask questions the likes of Rabbi Simon Ben Zoma. As you form your own questions, don't forget to come up with some equally good answers. I wish all of you a happy and question and answer filled Passover.

OUR THIRD REALITY



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

Washington DC, the capitol of the United States of America, is an incredible city. From the outside, it might look like a typical city, but as soon as you step into the Capitol Hill hallways and rooms, you get a greater sense of what goes on in these chambers (and it's just awesome!)

This year was my third year attending the AIPAC Conference and every time I go, I appreciate it more and more. There

were more than 16,000 people attending the conference, people who were Republican and Democratic, Jewish and gentile. These are people who support Israel and want to show our government that they care about the American-Israeli relationship, which has been a little rocky, most recently with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress. However, that did not become the focus of conference. The focus remained strictly on Iran and urging the government of the United States to prevent them from becoming a nuclear nation.

There were speeches by diplomats and professionals involved in this process, as well as a demonstration of the amazing hi-tech innovations coming out of Israel that are changing the world. On the final day, I had the opportunity to lobby on Capitol Hill, which was the first time that I was actually in a room on The Hill. This was because the contingency from California is so large that in past years the senators had come to the convention to meet us. However, this year a small group of us went directly to the Hill to lobby. It was amazing to be right in the middle of the Democratic

process. Although, the whole time I was in that room, I could hear Rabbi Gotlieb's joking question to me the night before, "Why are you lobbying? You're not yet an American citizen!" The answer is, "Because I am a Jew and I love Israel!"

Throughout the conference there are general sessions every morning and evening, which are held in the massive stadium-like room with 16,000 attendees. The rest of the day, there are small breakout sessions with speakers and panels on a variety of topics. I went to hear Tal Becker, who is one of the chief negotiators for the Israel in the Israel and Palestine Negotiations, and he said something that I found fascinating. While researching on how to draft a peace agreement, he read all agreements from the last few centuries and, other than the fact that they are all

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very boring, they have one thing in common: they all are based in a "third reality." He explained that in every dispute there are two sides of the conflict, with each side living in its own reality. Instead of trying to make one side compromise its reality, the successful peace process creates a third reality where, hopefully, both sides can learn to coexist. Immediately after the session, the thought came to me that this might be a good lifestyle change to incorporate into our own lives. We all have conflicting realities with our work time in conflict with our social or "me" time. We can have it all by living in a third reality in which we reconcile both parts of ourselves. I am blessed and lucky that my third reality is music. Music is both a large part of my work day and my "me" day, and for this I am truly thankful. Regardless of how music plays a role in your life, the reality of music (or whatever your personal third reality may be) is powerful enough to make one's life peaceful.

NUCLEAR IRAN

MANNY BAKER, President

At the time of this writing, the negotiations taking place to constrain Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon have created a strange form of political bipartisanship. The bipartisanship exists in opposition to what is assumed to be the Obama administration's position on obtaining an agreement with Iran. As noted in last month's article, the disagreement ratcheted up following Benjamin Netanyahu's agreeing to speak to a joint session of Congress. It seemed to spill over into the AIPAC Conference in Washington that overlapped the speech.

AIPAC is bipartisan. High ranking officials from whatever party is in power are invited to speak, and in past years our President has spoken. Discussions on controversial topics always have participants from both parties. That's also true for breakout sessions. In the breakout sessions I attended, speakers from both parties concurred on the dangers posed by Iran. Nonetheless, in the days leading up to the conference, this administration seemed to be punitive toward AIPAC because of Speaker Boehner's invitation to speak to the joint session of Congress, and Netanyahu's acceptance of it. It was initially decided to send only low-level administration personnel to speak, but on February 26, it was announced that US UN Ambassador Samantha Power and National Security Advisor Susan Rice would speak. The choice of Susan Rice was rather odd in

that about a week before the conference she stated in an interview that Netanyahu's speech to Congress would be "destructive of the fabric" of the U.S.-Israel relationship. Her reception was rather tepid, in spite of her playing up to the audience by interjecting numerous Hebrew phrases.

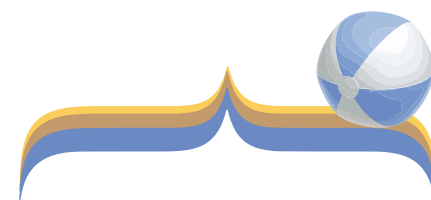
The disagreement between the administration and congressional supporters of the Kirk-Menendez sanctions bill hinges on the statement that no deal is better than a bad deal. Both sides of the issue insist that this must be the outcome, but supporters of Kirk-Menendez feel that the administration will accept an agreement on any terms. Everything the administration says indicates that they feel that any termination of the



Manny and Judy Baker at AIPAC.

talks or imposition of sanctions would be bad. So, it's either interminable negotiations or agreeing to a bad deal. Not a bright prospect. The experts in the breakout sessions seemed to feel that Iran is covertly proceeding to weaponize uranium. And Iran is known to be proceeding to develop ICBMs to deliver nuclear warheads, the discussion of which is excluded from the current negotiations.

The best hope is for the passage of the Corker-Menendez bill, which would require that any agreement reached would have to be reviewed by Congress. That would at least stimulate debate on the merits of the terms of any agreement, and could possibly lead to a Congressional "veto" of a deal felt to be bad.



Kadima Day at the Beach

Sunday April 12
1pm-3pm

Meet at the
Annenberg Beach
House
(behind Back to the
Beach Cafe)

Bring a dairy picnic,
bikes, rollerblades,
frisbees, and beach
balls.

Hang out with us as
we spend an
afternoon in the sun!

Contact Cindy with questions at
youthdirector@km-synagogue.org



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 7



Welcoming Our NEW MEMBERS

SUSIE YURÉ, Membership Committee

These members found what they were looking for at Kehillat Ma'arav and they feel welcomed and connected in special ways. Here are a few of their stories.

MICHELLE AND DANIEL LEVI immediately knew the curriculum and atmosphere would be a good fit for their 8 year old daughter Pearl, who loves soccer and hip hop and is proud to share what she's learned at Hebrew School with her grandparents. Michelle, who was born in New Zealand, is a personal assistant and enjoys running at the beach. Daniel, originally from the Bronx, is "Dan The Man," owner of a children's gym in West Los Angeles.

EMMA RAMEY has worked for the Venice Family Clinic as a health educator for many years after earning her teaching credential in Child Development. At a dance class, Homa Harounian, a new KM member, encouraged her to come to our community. With no religious upbringing, Emma felt welcomed and kept returning to the special atmosphere at KM. Emma loves to run, hike, bike, garden, and share life with her daughter.

GAIL NEIMAN had the pleasure of joining our Kehillat Ma'arav trip to Israel and soon thereafter decided to become a member of our community. Originally from Brooklyn, then Jersey, Gail came to LA with her teaching credential and taught primary grades. Married in Israel, she and her late husband were together for 50 years and traveled extensively. Gail is active in ORT and loves taking classes, especially Rabbi Gotlieb's weekly Torah study class.

MAKING TALLITOT



MASHA SAVITZ, Head of Early Childhood & Arts Programs

Our families are making personal tie dyed tallitot as part of the B'nai Mitzvah program this year for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders and their parents as a three-part seminar. Our sessions include

practical information about B'nai Mitzvah preparations and ceremonies as we learn together through a shared dinner and a hands-on art project. Under the leadership of Rabbi Michael Gotlieb and Cantor Samuel Cohen and with the help of our Religious School Director Sharone Weizman, we are striving to create a memorable and meaningful program.

This year, our theme is "God, Torah and Israel," and the project unifying these pillar concepts is the mitzvah of wrapping oneself in a tallit.

Each student received a blank white piece of cloth, which we tie-dyed in vats of blues and purples during our first session. The following month,

using metallic fabric markers and colorful sharpies, our students designed their tallit. Some chose a quote for the *attarah* (neck piece), hand printing the Hebrew letters, while some made geometric patterns and others used traditional motifs like Jewish stars and doves. Everyone had a great time and took on this project with the *kavanah* (holy intention).

During the next session, we will wrap and knot the tzitzit on the four corners of our tallitot. It has been a privilege and a joy watching these tallitot become sacred works of art.



Just a few of the many beautiful tie-dye tallitot in progress.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim! Wishing you a wonderful Passover and Spring break. Dave and I are going home to my family in Asheville, North Carolina for our yearly "Weizman Seders." Each year, no matter where my siblings and I are in our lives, we always share Pesach with our parents and family. The delicious aroma of my mom's famous cooking: matzah ball soup, Moroccan fish, gefilte fish, and of course *kegilach*, bring in the sweet memories of Pesach and family.

Our Religious School students and families enjoyed a Pre-Passover model "Chocolate Seder," which was filled with traditional Seder rituals and customs while substituting Seder foods with chocolate foods as we learned the significance and symbolism of each food. For example, instead of *maror* we had bitter chocolate, for *haroset* we had a marshmallow, graham cracker, cereal, chocolate chip, caramel, and chocolate syrup concoction, and instead of salt water we used chocolate fondue for dipping our *karpas* (green apples, strawberries and green M&M's). I would like to thank all our parent volunteers who came in early to help us set up. I would also like to thank our sensational team of teachers for all their educational talents and passion.

This past month I had the honor and privilege of attending AIPAC's Policy Conference for the seventh time. Being in Washington

DC during such a pivotal time in Jewish and Israeli history and lobbying on Capitol Hill immediately following Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress was an incredibly powerful and inspiring experience. It is truly gratifying to share Israel and Israeli culture with my faculty and our students.

Throughout the year, our students participate in many *Ohr L'Olam* projects and the JWW Walk to End Genocide is quickly approaching. Our students and families will join with the greater KM community on Sunday, April 19 for this meaningful event.

This past month before Purim, our Religious School students enjoyed celebrating and learning about Purim with several station rotations including making and baking *hamentashen*, making jumbo *graggers*, acting out the Purim story with a *shpiel* filled with props and costumes, and having a Purim "Jewpardy" competition on our Promethean.

Please enjoy these pictures of our Religious School students during the Purim and Passover school programming!

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, April 19
Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide
- Tuesday, April 21
Religious School Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration
- Saturday, April 25
Shabbat B'Yachad Together as One
- Thursday, April 30
Final B'nai Mitzvah Seminar



Students and families enjoying our beautiful Chocolate Seder.



Preparing for Purim: our students making *graggers*, baking sweet *hamentashen*, and putting on a *shpiel*.

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

"Hineni muchan u'mzuman l'kayem mitzvah kos rishon..."

"I am ready to fulfill the commandment of drinking the first of the Four Cups. This recalls God's promise of redemption to the people Israel... 'I will free you from the burden of the Egyptians.'" So begins the seder in the Rabbinical Assembly's *Passover Haggadah: The Feast of Freedom*.

Not every Haggadah includes this formula. Of forty-odd Haggadot I consulted, only three had some variation, and in each, the text was elaborate and overtly mystical:

"Behold, I am prepared and ready to fulfill the mitzvah of the first of the Four Cups. For the sake of the unification of the Holy One, Blessed is He, and His Presence, through Him Who is hidden and inscrutable - [I pray] in the name of all Israel. May the pleasantness of my Lord, our God, be upon us - may He establish our handiwork for us; our handiwork may He establish."

This text was added late to our Haggadah, although it was widely, but not universally, adopted. *"Hineni mukhan u'mzuman..."* is first attested in an early 17th century siddur edited by Rabbi Isaiah Horowitz, born in Prague, and died in 1630 in Jerusalem. In

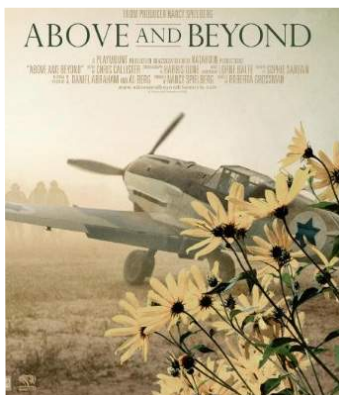
Horowitz' chief work, *Shenei Luhot Ha-Berit* ('Two Tablets of the Covenant'), "halakah, homily and Kabbalah are combined for the purpose of giving directions as to how to live an ethical life." (Encyclopaedia Judaica, online). His siddur demonstrated those concerns by introducing our formula, to focus the mind on one's explicit intentions while performing mitzvot.

Ultimately, these opening words were often added to a long explication for every mitzvah that depended on physical actions: sitting in a sukkah, putting on the tefillin, and, in our case, drinking wine. Each action was thus loaded with cosmic, mystical, kabbalistic significance.

Our rabbis had a certain necessary ambivalence with mysticism. On the one hand, mystical, kabbalistic literature and thought permeated Jewish life; on the other, mysticism can be subversive, and can disrupt established methods and authority. Thus, the formula would be adopted and suppressed at the same time, added to this Haggadah, deleted from that one.

Our Haggadah keeps the formula, but defuses the mystical. But maybe we might want to remember some of the mystical on Seder night. After all, the Seder is meant to shake us up, and if this shook up the Rabbis, maybe it will shake us too.

MEN'S CLUB



STEPHEN SHAPIRO
Men's Club Vice President
Programming Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Would you risk everything to help a brother in need? In 1948, a group of Jewish American pilots answered a call for help. They smuggled planes out of the US, trained behind the Iron Curtain, and flew for Israel in its War of

Independence. On **Thursday, April 23 at 7:00pm**, join us for a showing of the documentary *Above and Beyond* about these American volunteers in the Israeli Air Force. We will also welcome a speaker from Friends of Yad Sarah. Yad Sarah, Israel's largest volunteer staffed organization, provides a vital array of compassionate health and home care support services for people of all ages. \$10 per person.

Join us on **Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm** as we watch KM member Stuart Perlman's documentary, *Struggle in Paradise: The Courage of the Homeless*, and enjoy a related art gallery with Perlman's original artwork. A lively discussion with the artist will follow the movie.

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Sandy and Stan Ziegler on the passing of their brother-in-law and Randy Ziegler's uncle, Stan Glotzer, on Friday, February 27.

Mary Jo and David Wilzig on the passing of Mary Jo's father, Thane Frazier, on Thursday, March 12.

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(Celebrants 18 and under)

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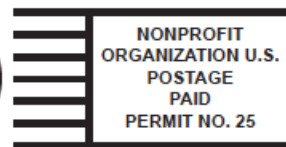
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All services will be held at KM unless otherwise specified.

Friday, April 3, 6:30pm

Shabbat Services and 1st Night Community Seder

Saturday, April 4, 9:30am

Shabbat and 1st Day Passover Services

Sunday, April 5, 9:30am

2nd Day Passover Services

Friday, April 10, 9:30am

7th Day Passover Services at Mishkon Tephilo

Saturday, April 11, 9:30am

Shabbat and 8th Day Passover Services, Yizkor

Wednesday, April 15, 7:30pm

Yom Hashoah Services at Adat Shalom



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shabbat Club Fun and interactive services for kids grades 2-6	Tot Shabbat Energetic services for kids with music and tasty "snackivities"	**All Passover Services will be held at KM unless specified otherwise	1 7:15pm KM Choir	2 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 8:00pm Investment Comm Mtg.	3 6:30pm 1st Night Joint Community Seder at KM <i>6:58pm</i> Candle Lighting	4 9:30am Shabbat & 1st Day Passover Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat PASSOVER
5 9:30am 2nd Day Passover Services PASSOVER	6 PASSOVER	7 SPRING BREAK: NO CLASSES PASSOVER	8 10:00am Pomegranate Guild 7:15pm KM Choir PASSOVER	9 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 7:00pm JNET PASSOVER	10 9:30am 7th Day Passover Services at Mishkon Tephilo <i>7:03pm</i> Candle Lighting PASSOVER OFFICE CLOSED	11 9:30am Shabbat, 8th Day Passover, & Yizkor Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat PASSOVER
12 9:00am Religious School 10:30am Focus Group 12:30pm Kadima Event	13 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	14 3:45pm RS (Religious School) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	15 7:30pm Yom Hashoah Services at Adat Shalom	16 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi YOM HASHOAH	17 <i>7:09pm</i> Candle Lighting	18 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
19 9:00am JWW Walk	20	21 3:45pm RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	22 6:00pm Exec. Board Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg. YOM HAZIKARON	23 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 7:00pm Movie: <i>Above and Beyond</i> YOM HA'ATZMAUT	24 <i>7:14pm</i> Candle Lighting	25 9:30am Multigenerational Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
26	27	28 3:45pm RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	29 7:15pm KM Choir	30 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 5:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Seminar		

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday
April
15
7:30pm

YOM HASHOAH SERVICES AT ADAT SHALOM

Please join us at Adat Shalom for contemplative joint Yom Hashoah services in honor of the memory of the Holocaust.

Sunday
APRIL
19
9:00am

JWW WALK TO END GENOCIDE AT PAN PACIFIC PARK

March with the KM staff, religious school, and community at the annual Jewish World Watch Walk to End Genocide as we make a difference. Join "Team KM" at www.bit.ly/JWWteamKM.

Saturday
MAY
23
7:30pm

SHAVUOT CELEBRATION AT KM

Save the date for a lovely evening as we celebrate Shavuot together with singing, dancing, and, of course, plenty of cheesecake!

Gatsby's Roarin' Royal Banquet

OH, WHAT A NIGHT! PURIM 2015



KATHIE ROSE
Executive
Director

Oh, what a night it was! Thank you so much to all who participated in and attended KM's Purim event on Wednesday night, March 4. We sold an

impressive 685 (!) tickets, easily surpassing our goal of 600 and raising over \$100,000 thanks to a double match from generous anonymous donors. The night was amazing with a great band, lively energy, delicious food, and plenty of enthusiasm. Our traditional Megillah reading was well-attended and the sanctuary readings hit it out of the park. Our big \$3600 Grand Prize winner was Corey Wilson, son of Brana Hall.

The entire evening was amazing. The mood was perfection and boy, oh boy, did we look good! Gatsby's Roarin' Royal Banquet was a HUGE HIT. Many kudos to Cindy Roth for her vision and execution of the evening's Purim theme.

Thank you to our sanctuary Megillah readers:

Michael Amster	Lili Krop
Rachel Bernstein	Eve Levenson
Eliana Bono	Lev Ricanati
Zach DeHovitz	Josh Papernik
Eva Jussim	

Our traditional full Megillah was beautifully read by Phil Rubinstein.

Thank you to Sandy Rosenblatt, Barbara Goldstone, Barbara Levy, and Rita Schreiber for all that you do on Purim and all year around.

Prize winners:

FitBit	SONOS
Judy & Shel Spector	Wendy & Woody Woodhall
Roku	Nespresso
Loana & Sandy Rosenblatt	Zia & April Peterson
BOSE	Santa Barbara's Hotel Milo
Ronnie & Stan Rubin	Heather & Jonathan Moses
Hakkasan Restaurant	\$3600 Grand Prize
Zia & April Peterson	Corey Wilson, son of Brana Hall

