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Religious School students with posters they made for the JWW Walk to End Genocide.

## GUYS & MEIDELS SHOWSTOPPERS: THE SEQUEL

Sunday, June 7  
7:00pm

Join Kehillat Ma'arav as we host "GUYS AND MEIDELS SHOWSTOPPERS: THE SEQUEL." Starring young, up-and-coming cantorial stars: our own Cantor Samuel Cohen along with Cantor Marcus Feldman, Cantor Shira Fox, and Cantor Rachel Goldman, this program of showstoppers will truly have something for everyone.

Last year's show SOLD OUT and ROCKED THE HOUSE, so get your tickets now at [www.km-synagogue.org](http://www.km-synagogue.org).

## WHERE WE STAND TODAY

### MANNY BAKER, President

This is my final article as president of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Kehillat Ma'arav. These two years have flown by incredibly fast. It's hard to realize that my term of office will be over so quickly. There is good news to report. Thanks to the generosity of our congregants, we have exceeded our goal of \$150,000 as our annual fund-raising target. We end the year in the black, and can replenish some of our reserves.

In other news, over the last two years our membership has grown from 262 to 279

families. We have managed to grow a bit while other Conservative congregations in LA have lost members. We must be doing something right! Our Religious School enrollment is also up considerably, as we have grown from 45 to 58 kids enrolled in grades K – 7. We hold Shabbat B'yachad programs periodically where the school kids and their parents participate together in Friday evening services and dinner. Attendance and spirit has been very strong. We also have a very successful PJ Library program for little kids on the first Friday of the month, and we have had some fantastic attendance numbers for this program.

Our Havurot continue to thrive. We have seven very active Havurot that meet regularly and plan enjoyable programs for their members.

Attendance at our Friday night services is up dramatically. The music content and guest performers, along with our KM band, have infused the services with a liveliness that is magical and infectious. Our Shabbat morning services also continue to draw large attendance. Between the lively discussions during the Shabbat sermon and our tasty Kiddush, there's plenty to draw people in. We also have greater congregant participation. More and more

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Fierstadt. Mazel tov!

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# GUYS & MEIDELS: MODERN & TRADITIONAL



## CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

I'm excited to announce that I have invited my colleagues and friends back to KM to perform the cantors' concert "Guys and Meidels Showstoppers: The Sequel" here at Kehillat Ma'arav on Sunday, June 7th. This is truly not to be missed! We'll have an evening of great music, fun, food, and community as we "update" cantorial music and bring it up to the modern day, livening up traditional, modern, Jewish, and secular music. In true Jewish fashion, we're modernizing tradition.

On the first day of Pesach, we added a special prayer in the Musaf service, *Tal*, translated as "Dew." As we approach the summer, we add this prayer for dew just as we add a prayer on Sukkot for rain before the winter. From a very young age, I loved both of these added services because they are set to a beautiful traditional Nusach, or melody, that is unique to these services and different from the regular festival tunes. While he was alive, my grandfather was the chazzan for these special prayers every year at my synagogue. I would sit next to my father, listening to him hum along, singing his own version and later, when my grandfather passed, leading both of these prayers. The Nusach is unique, as it is both upbeat and traditional.

The regular Shabbat service Nusach is different and we use songs to bring more life to the service. As with many things in this world, as we continue to evolve and progress, we have this constant struggle between new and old, modernity and tradition. Although we all know that, at some point, everything eventually becomes old, we still have to figure out a way to balance the two.

If you look at the history of liturgical music, you will see that this balance began to take shape with Chazzanot (cantorial music) at the turn of the 20th century. As time progressed, cantors like Yossele Rosenblatt, who composed almost everything he sang, added little melodies and refrains to cantorial pieces and services. Incidentally, this is one of the reasons why Yossele became so popular and famous; he made the prayer more accessible and catchy so that congregants could sing along, at least for a little part of the prayer. Then, just like in the secular world, we have the revolution of the 50's and 60's. Singers/composers like R' Shlomo Carlebach changed the style of the service by writing music that everyone could sing along with, essentially composing his own Nusach. This was followed by artists like Debbie Friedman and others. Yet, at the Musaf service on the first day of Pesach, I found myself singing the Nusach based on the old-school traditions. This is because I believe some prayers, like the Kol Nidre, for example, are best interpreted in the traditional, historic manner. The key is to modernize the medley, blending today's music with the framework of the traditional Nusach to achieve musical balance. By keeping our roots firmly planted, our musical tree will continue to bloom and grow, bringing wonder and joy to all.

## SO, YOU WANNA KNOW ABOUT NEXTGEN...

### CARI COULAM, Member

My husband and I attended our first NextGen event when our family became members of Kehillat Ma'arav in 2013. We wanted to develop friendships in the KM community. Some events we have attended include the chocolate and wine tasting, a cheesecake tasting, and, most recently, a bike ride and wine tour (pictured right). NextGen has been a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and engage in unique activities. Through NextGen we have also been able to spend time with Cantor Cohen and Rabbi Gottlieb on a personal level. Cindy Roth, NextGen coordinator, has done an amazing job of planning both secular and non-secular enjoyable activities geared for singles as well as couples. Give it a try!

## KADIMA

### CINDY ROTH, Youth Director & Event Coordinator

To celebrate the coming of spring, our Kadima kids met at the Annenberg Swim Center for a day of fun in the sun with an afternoon beach picnic. We often take for granted that we have such beautiful beaches and decided our April Lag Ba Omer outing wouldn't be complete without a beach day! Save the date: on May 3rd, we'll see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition and *Jerusalem* IMAX film at the Science Center. Lastly, our June event will take place on Sunday, June 7, during the Guys & Meidels show. We'll whisk the kids away somewhere fun while their parents enjoy the concert. The mystery event will be revealed closer to the date.

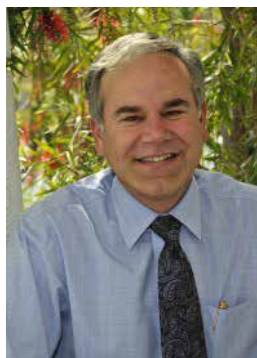
Lastly, it is never too late to sign up for summer camp. If you need assistance deciding on a Jewish Summer Camp or want to take advantage of scholarship offerings, please contact me at [youthdirector@km-synagogue.org](mailto:youthdirector@km-synagogue.org) for details.



NextGen enjoying our Santa Barbara wine tasting and bike tour.



# CRITICAL TIMES



**RABBI  
MICHAEL  
GOTLIEB**

My Dear  
Congregants,

I'm deeply worried about Iran. I'm worried its current government will acquire nuclear armaments. I'm worried the P5+1 will enact a deal with Iran similar to the one negotiated by the United States, South Korea and Japan back in 1994 intending to halt North Korea from acquiring nuclear arms. A lot of good it did.

I don't trust Iran; I have little reason to. Iran is led by an evil regime, hell-bent on destroying Israel, let alone causing death and destruction throughout the West and the Middle East. The very thought that Iran is several months away from developing a nuclear weapon is unthinkable.

Authored by Sens. Bob Corker (R-TN) and Robert Menendez (D-NJ), the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (S.615) establishes a procedure for congressional review of any nuclear agreement with Iran. Under its guidelines, Congress could pass a joint resolution objecting to an agreement. The bipartisan bill can also bar any sanctions relief. In a nutshell, the measure will allow Congress the power to object to an agreement even remotely allowing for a nuclear-capable Iran.

Following are the key provisions of the bill cited by AIPAC:

- Provides a 60-day period for Congress to review any agreement during which time no additional sanctions relief could be granted to Iran.
- Prohibits the President from providing statutory sanctions relief if Congress adopts a joint resolution disapproving of the agreement. The joint resolution would be subject to a presidential veto.
- Requires the President to notify Congress of any credible and accurate information related to a potentially significant breach of the agreement.
- If Iran is found to have materially breached the agreement, the legislation provides for expedited consideration of legislation reinstating any sanctions waived or suspended.
- Requires a presidential determination that any Iranian nuclear activities permitted under the agreement "will not be used to further any nuclear-related military or nuclear explosive purpose, including for any research on or development..."
- Requires the Secretary of State to conclude a verification assessment report to determine the extent to which Iran's compliance with the agreement can be verified.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to consider the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act on Tuesday, April 14. \* Here's what I'm asking you to do: Call our two senators, Boxer and Feinstein, and urge them to vote for this bipartisan bill. They can be reached as follows:

Senator Barbara Boxer  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-3553

Senator Diane Feinstein  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
(202) 224-3841

We Jews are apt to say "Never Again." Let us not just utter these words; let us act so as to insure never again, never again happens. The time is now.

\* By the time you receive this newsletter, the April 14th date will have passed. I still urge you to contact our senators, and or, our President, for that matter (President Barack Obama, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Washington D.C. 20500. (202) 456-1111). We must make our voices heard—it's that important. Iran must be stopped in its pursuit to acquire nuclear arms. Period.

## WHERE WE STAND TODAY

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people are learning to chant Torah and taking part as Torah readers.

Our Men's Club has put on some very exciting programs recently. Whether it's music, sports, documentary movies, reenactments of famous historical people, reports on the Middle East, or any of a wide variety of topics, there's plenty to interest everyone.

I'm very happy with the progress we've made, but we can't rest on our laurels and

not continue to innovate and create programs of interest for our congregants. We must always move forward. I have been blessed during my presidency with having an effective Board, Executive Committee and committee chairs, a supportive administration, and our committed clergy. None of this would have been possible without them. It's the collective contribution of this community of dedicated volunteers and staff that has brought all of this about. I would like to thank the congregation for giving me the opportunity to serve it as president. I leave the office in the good hands of my successor.

*Meet the Bar Mitzvah***JAKE GOLDBERGER**

May 9, 2015

Hi, my name is Jake Goldberger. I am a 7th grader at Paul Revere Middle School and will have my Bar Mitzvah at Kehillat Ma'arav on May 9, 2015.

My favorite subjects in school this year are math and science. In my free time, I like to hang out with my friends, play video games, and play football.

My *Parsha* is *Parsha Emor*, which is about special laws pertaining to the *Kohanim*. It is also about the penalties for murder.

My special thanks to Rabbi Gotlieb, Cantor Cohen, and Andrea Jussim for helping me prepare for this special day.

I look forward to celebrating my Bar Mitzvah with the Kehillat Ma'arav community.

*Meet the Bar Mitzvah***LUKE TITAN**

June 13, 2015

My name is Luke Titan. My ancestors are Italian, Russian and Polish.

I am in 7th grade at Westchester Secondary Charter. I put in a lot of

community volunteer hours at my school by helping out my teachers and the office staff. Some of my favorite subjects in school are math, journalism, science, and history. I play the acoustic guitar, I am a green belt in karate and I love to bike, run, do yoga and boogie board.

Our family became a KM member in 2010. I met my current great friends on my very first day. I owe many thanks to Rabbi Gotlieb, Cantor Sam, Sharone and all my wonderful teachers, Myrna, Dov, Sharon, Phil and Barb. My *Haftarah* portion is *Sh'lach*. I'm very excited for my Bar Mitzvah on June 13, 2015.

*Meet the Bar Mitzvah***ALEX WOLFBERG**

June 27, 2015

My name is Alex Wolfberg, those who know me call me Wolfie. I am in 7th grade at City Charter School. My favorite subject is history and my favorite extra-

curricular activity is the chess club. When I am not at school I like hanging out with my friends. I have been a student at KM since 2013. Even though I am new to the program at the synagogue, I have felt very welcomed and supported. My *Haftarah* portion is *Chukkat*. My family helped me select this date to honor my late grandmother. I never got to meet her, but June 27th was her birthday. I have to come to learn about the story of *Chukkat* and how it is important not to judge someone or underestimate them because of where they come from. I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, Rabbi, Cantor, and Ye'ela for helping me prepare for my Bar Mitzvah.

*Mazel Tov to all three of our B'nai Mitzvah students and their families!*

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# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



**SHARONE WEIZMAN**  
Director of Education

*Shalom Chaverim!* Our third and final Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service brought together over 75 students and families, including two new families with Religious School-aged children. Together we welcomed in the Sabbath Queen with music, singing, dancing, stories, and a Passover skit led by our students. Our festivities continued by candlelight

with a Shabbat dinner that lit up the entire Social Hall. Our students and families were led with *ruach* by our cantor and Phil Rubinstein with Jeremy Zwang-Weisman on percussion and guest accompaniment by Bryce Megdal. We also celebrated our last Saturday morning, Shabbat B'Yachad – Together As One with our students and families with an interactive family service, Torah study, and Drama *Chugim*, with students helping to lead aspects of the service with Rabbi Gotlieb and Cantor Cohen. We are so proud of this new Religious School initiative and are excited to celebrate Shabbat with our students and families at KM.

For Yom Ha'atzmaut, we 'took-flight' on El-Al Airlines; went through Israeli security, got our passports stamped, exchanged dollars for *shekels* and buckled up with our Israeli flight attendants, while meeting our first tour guide, Theodor Herzl, the father of modern Zionism, who shared his story and dream for Israel with us. During our "flight," we watched a movie in preparation for our visit to the holy land. Once in Israel, our first stop was the

Negev desert where Abraham and Sarah came running out from their tent to greet us. We drank tea, ate cookies, and washed our feet as we learned about Abraham's dreams and the land Adonai promised to him and his decedents. Next stop, Jerusalem, where we met King David and learned about his city, the two Temple periods, and wrote notes into the *Kotel*. Next, David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, took us on an Egged bus tour across the country, stopping in the Golan Heights, Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Jordan River Valley, Dead Sea, and *kibbutzim* along the Arava. We helped carry water from the Kinneret to the Dead Sea, had a tomato relay, string on a spoon relay, and other activities representing the places we visited. We learned about David Ben Gurion's dreams for Israel, his political life, and how Israel was declared a State in 1948. Finally, we met Golda Meir, the first and only female Prime Minister of Israel, and we learned about her story, her dreams for Israel and the importance of the work JNF does for Israel. We decorated JNF *tzedakah* boxes and plan to donate our *tzedakah* money to JNF at the end of our school year. Theodor Herzl concluded our trip with a Yom Ha'atzmaut party in Tel Aviv. We used our *shekels* to buy falafel, Israeli foods, and *chachkees* at Shuk HaCarmel, and we danced and sang, concluding with a birthday cake for Israel.

## Mark Your Calendars!

- **Sunday, June 7**  
Last Sunday Religious School Ohr L'Olam Family Day at the Beach with field trip, Boardwalk Yogurt and more
- **Tuesday, June 9**  
Last Tuesday Religious School and Closing Ceremonies

## SMALL CLASS: BIG COMMUNITY



**MASHA SAVITZ, Head of Early Childhood & Arts Programs**

Recently, I asked my K1 class what they liked about our class. Maya, the first to respond, tipped back ever so slightly in the *gan*-size plastic blue chairs and proudly declared, "Well, it's like a small class and small room, but a big community." The more I thought about Maya's observation and experiences, the more this seemed worth considering on

a broader scope as it relates to our larger KM community.

We hold class within the space of the small chapel, and indeed it is small, especially because there are 8 of us. But, in this small space, we accomplish so much: creating ritual art and projects, experiencing interactive learning, doing mitzvot for the benefit of others, not ourselves, dancing the Hebrew "Hokey Pokey," and more.

I think Maya may also be alluding to how each child feels safe and free to fully bring themselves out and contribute to the

class through discussions and projects including group murals and creating verses to a song together. So, collectively, our class has a big spirit. This is the spirit of generosity, as the children are kind to each other, supporting each other and working together incredibly well as a unit. The amount of fun and joy we share in learning, discovering, and creating is indeed HUGE.

Maya's statement can also extend to the KM community. Our congregation is perhaps smaller in number compared to other synagogues, with fewer square feet, but it is certainly not smaller in the scope of the community! The warmth, intelligence, and the good-natured fellowship the children feel is incredible. This spans from our staff, who visit us in the classroom, to the other families,

who they meet during snack time, and to Shabbat and holiday celebrations with our community.

Perhaps, too, the Jewish people and Israel could also fall into our "big" Jewish community as part of Maya's insightful and poignant rubric. As we move into the holidays of Yom Ha'atzmaut and Shavuot, we can reflect on Maya's awareness of the blessing we share in our big community.

**"Well, it's like a small class and small room, but a big community."**

*Maya, K1 Student*



# UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO Men's Club Vice President, Programming Chairman

MONDAY MAY 18 AT 7:00PM

## Struggle in Paradise: The Courage of the Homeless

Psychotherapist/Psychologist/Artist/Filmmaker/KM Member Stuart Perlman spent years and devoted thousands of hours to painting portraits of the homeless living in Venice Beach and listening to their stories. Through portraiture, a style traditionally used to immortalize the

rich, famous, and powerful, Dr. Perlman reminds us that these individuals, too, are to be valued:

"If we can see into their faces and learn their stories -- their hopes, dreams, accomplishments and fears -- we can no longer pretend that they don't exist...we can no longer look the other way."

Join us as we watch his award-winning documentary, *Struggle in Paradise: The Courage of the Homeless*, and experience an art gallery with Perlman's original artwork. The documentary won the National Association for the Advancement

of Psychoanalysis award for "Best Movie of 2013." The *Faces Of Homelessness* portrait project has been exhibited throughout Los Angeles in 18 exhibitions over the last three years. Major articles have been written about it in the *Guardian* (London), *Taipei Times* (Taiwan), *Vanity Fair Italia*, *Los Angeles Times* (June 10, 2012, front page, column one), the *Jewish Journal* (Cover Story) and other prominent national and international newspapers. Over 250,000 people have experienced his incredible work in exhibitions. A lively discussion with the artist will follow the movie. Suggested donation \$10.



Stuart Perlman with his portraits

MONDAY JUNE 8 AT 2:00PM

## Dead Sea Scrolls at the California Science Center

The Men's Club is sponsoring a private tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the California Science Center with David Bibas, Curator of Technology Programs at the museum. Following the tour, we'll enjoy the IMAX movie, "Jerusalem 3D." Admission to the Museum is free, but it will be necessary to purchase tickets for the "Dead Sea Scrolls at: [www.californiasciencecenter.org](http://www.californiasciencecenter.org).



## RECENT MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

MONDAY APRIL 23 AT 7:00PM

## Above & Beyond

Our April 23 event, organized by David Oberman, was a compelling showing of the movie, *Above & Beyond*, about American volunteers in the Israeli Air Force fighting in the Israeli War of

Independence. The film was introduced by Adele Goldberg, Executive Director of Yad Sarah USA. 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. In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, the event also featured a beautiful performance by the KM Choir.

## Alissa & Zach's Aufruf

Rabbi Michael and Jill Gotlieb are thrilled to invite our entire KM community to their daughter's and future son-in-law's Aufruf. Please come to Shabbat morning services May 23rd beginning at 9:30 am, when Alissa Gotlieb and Zachary Fierstadt will be called to the Torah in celebration and anticipation of their upcoming wedding.

Kindly RSVP by calling the KM Office at (310) 829-0566, or at [www.km-synagogue.org/gotliebwedding](http://www.km-synagogue.org/gotliebwedding).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday  
MAY

18

7:00pm

### STRUGGLE IN PARADISE: DOCUMENTARY & GALLERY

Join the KM Men's Club as we enjoy the film *Struggle in Paradise: The Courage of the Homeless* and a gallery of original artwork by Psychotherapist/Psychologist/Artist/Filmmaker/KM Member Stuart Perlman.

Saturday  
MAY

23

7:30pm

### SHAVUOT CELEBRATION AT KM

Nourish and sweeten your soul with Torah as we celebrate Shavuot together. Celebration at 7:30pm, Ma'ariv at 8:45pm, and Tikkun Leil Shavuot at 9:00 pm. Join us for all or part of the evening.

Sunday  
JUNE

7

11:00am

### LAST SUNDAY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Join our Religious School for an Ohr L'Olam Family Day at the Beach, field trip to Barnard Park Villas Senior Center, an afternoon at Boardwalk Yogurt, and more (11:00-2:00pm).

Sunday  
JUNE

7

7:00pm

### GUYS & MEIDELS SHOWSTOPPERS: THE SEQUEL

These young and up-and-coming cantorial stars, Samuel Cohen, Marcus Feldman, Shira Fox, and Rachel Goldman are, for the second time, taking the stage right here at KM for a night of dazzling showstoppers melded with traditional cantorial music! Tickets at [km-synagogue.org/showstoppers](http://km-synagogue.org/showstoppers).

# SHAVUOT *under the* STARS

*at Kehillat Ma'arav*

**Celebration**  
**(with ice cream truck!)**

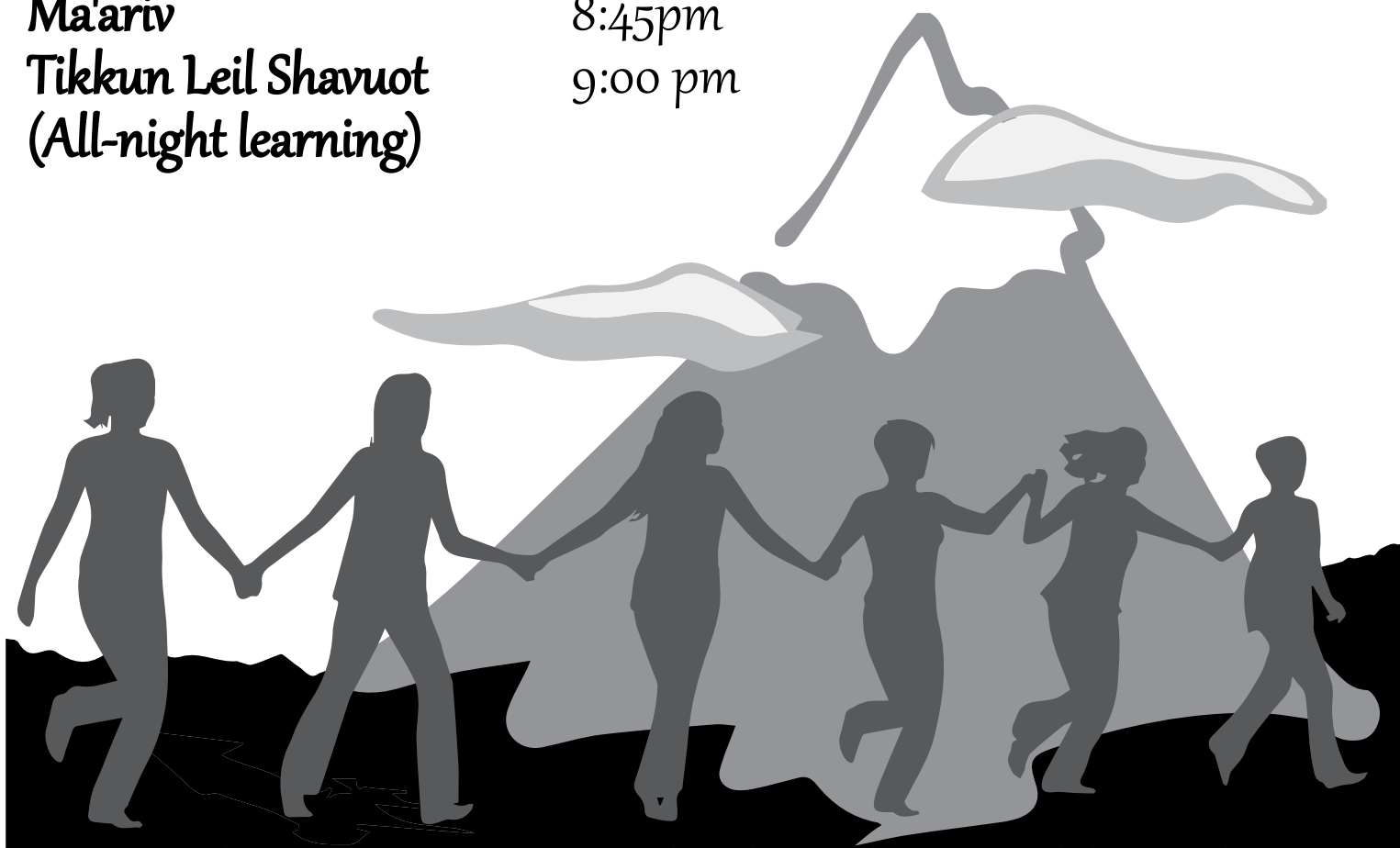
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**Ma'ariv**  
**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**  
**(All-night learning)**

8:45pm

9:00 pm

**SATURDAY**  
**May 23, 2015**



Nourish and sweeten your soul with Torah as we celebrate Shavuot together. This “musical encampment” at the base of “Mount Sinai” will be reminiscent of the experiences of our ancestors. We welcome you to join us for all or part of the evening.

**Shavuot Services, Sunday, May 24**

**9:30 am**

**Shavuot Services and Yizkor, Monday, May 25**

**9:30 am**

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*Kehillat Ma'arav presents*

# GUYS & MEIDELS

*Showstoppers: The Sequel*



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# TRAVELS IN ISRAEL

**DENNIS GURA, on Behalf of the Ritual Committee**

*Ein Bokek, The Dead Sea.*

*Tuesday, April 7. Third Intermediary Day of Pesach.*

A long day for us, hiking up Wadi Aragot with the hundreds of Israeli families out for a spring day outing. We had fought traffic along the Dead Sea, with a major detour due to sinkholes in the two lane road. The kids needed to float in the Dead Sea's salted water.

In Ein Bokek, high-rise hotels line up near the public beaches; tourist services abound. Families camp out on the public beach for the week, eating meats grilled on rickety kosher-for-Pesach barbecues which seasoned the air.

Two boys dance an Arabic dabka; an extended family of Jews of Ethiopian descent picnic on the beach. Mizrahi music pours out of the local restaurant. Russian couples promenade along the sidewalk next to the public beach.

As the sun starts to set, on that sidewalk, an impromptu *minyan* forms up. All men, of course, with a few women on the outskirts, perhaps waiting to quietly offer an "Amen" for the closing Kaddish, or for their husbands. In the past, such groups depended on a talented *shaliach tzibbur*, the "community emissary," to lead the

service. He either was very well-versed in the prayers, or had brought along a siddur. In such cases, the members of the minyan lacking a siddur or the requisite memory would participate as respondents to the prayer, not as one directly engaged.

Not so this day in Ein Bokek. Universally, the *daveners* were armed with a cell phone, and the necessary siddur app. Some had parallel English or Russian/Hebrew text; most were simply in Hebrew.

The loosely organized quorum stood on the sidewalk, some men in black, some in t-shirts, flip-flops and swimsuits, each holding cell phones, flipping pages of digital prayer, some in unison, others seemingly at random. The *shaliach tzibbur*, facing north to Jerusalem, spoke loud enough to hold the group to a common tempo, and elicited a mumbled amen as fingers sped across the cell phone face.

Those who follow the custom of reciting Psalms daily opened another app if their siddur did not include that text and chanted along.

Finally, the men pocketed their phones, or made a call, shook hands, and wandered off to find their family, and end a lovely spring day looking across the Salt Sea to Jordon. It was, indeed, a *chag sameach*.

## KM GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is an ongoing fundraiser for KM and we try to carry as much merchandise as possible from Israel in order to support both our community as well as the greater Jewish community in Israel. Remember, 100% of the profit from the gift shop goes back to our synagogue!

HOURS:

\* Tuesday 3:30pm-6:00pm

\* Any time the office is open

\*By e-mailing [bubbieevy@aol.com](mailto:bubbieevy@aol.com) to set up an appointment any time

To my KM community

It is so difficult to express the deep gratitude my son Loren and I feel for your outpouring of kindness, compassion, and support. Your loving concern and genuine friendships have been a source of comfort during the illness and in the grief of the passing of my daughter Susan. Thank you - and hugs and kisses to everyone who rallied 'round us. ~Norma Laine

## COMINGS & GOINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**SUSIE YURE', Membership Committee**

As our fiscal year comes to a close, we make note of memorable events like our Sukkah Hop, Shabbat@Home, and Purim in Great Gatsby style. In between, we offered Shabbats in 3D, Friday night services and dinners, a trip to Israel, exciting programming for all ages, and more.

Being a part of a Havurah is but one reason new members **Marla Rubin and David Shapendonk** rejoined. They enjoy KM's hospitable spirit, people, and events in

addition to travel, theatre, music, art and food, especially related to Jewish culture. Marla is a crime analyst for the L.A. Sheriff's Department and David works in IT for IMAX.

The Membership Committee says goodbye to our long-time committee member, **Gary Andrew**, who recently moved to St. Louis following retirement. We appreciate his many years of recording the minutes.

We hope to see you at upcoming summer events. Bring prospective members to experience the fun of our congregation!

I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes and prayers. Thank God, I am on the mend and headed to a full recovery.

Cantor Samuel Cohen

## ANNUAL MEETING

Make sure your voice is heard and hear all about the progress we've been making throughout the year. Join us for our annual meeting on:

**Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00pm**

## TREE OF LIFE

Honor someone on a wedding, birth, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, birthday, recovery from an illness, or any special occasion by donating an inscribed leaf on Kehillat Ma'arav's Tree of Life. The engraved metal leaf (\$360 per leaf) will state the honoree's name, the occasion being commemorated, and the donor's name. The Tree of Life is located on a prominent wall in the synagogue atrium where it will be on permanent display for generations to come. Help our tree of life to grow. Contact Kathie Rose at 310-829-0566 for more information.

# TRIBUTES *as of April 7, 2015*

## A Speedy Recovery to

- **CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN**  
by Beverly Schwartz
- **MARCIA MINSKY**  
by Beverly Schwartz
- **NEVILLE PIMSTONE**  
by Judy & Manny Baker

## Mazel Tov to

- **EILEEN GOLDBERG**  
on her birthday  
by Lew & Eileen Goldberg
- **HELAYNE AND JOE LEVY**  
on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve Moriah  
by Beverly & Bernie Bienstock  
Mimi Klein  
Leah Mendelsohn
- **SHARON AND LEON JANKS**  
on the birth of their grandson Jackson Aaron  
by Judy & Manny Baker  
Mimi Klein  
Leah Mendelsohn

## Thank You to

- **CAROLE AND SID MELTZNER**  
for your kindness and generosity,  
by Brana & Ron Hall
- **RABBI GOTLIEB**  
for your kindness and thoughtfulness  
by Fay & Neville Pimstone

## In Memory of

- **DANIEL ANDREW**  
father of Gary Andrew  
by Gary Andrew

- **IRVING ALTER**  
father of Alan Alter  
by Alan & Halina Alter
- **EDWARD BAKER**  
brother of Manny Baker  
by Manny & Judy Baker
- **LEONARD BORIN**  
father of Lynda Moses  
by Lynda & Donald Moses
- **ROSLYN DUPLER FITCH**  
cousin of Gaylen Grody  
by Gaylen & Wayne Grody
- **SHMIL FIKHMAN**  
father of Diana Volman  
by Diana Volman
- **THANE FRAZIER**  
father of Mary Jo Wilzig  
by Mimi Klein  
Sharon & Joel Krischer
- **EDNA GOULD**  
mother of Mark Gould  
by Mark & Shelly Gould
- **FLORENCE GRODY**  
mother of Wayne Grody and grandmother of Shelby Grody  
by Wayne, Gaylen & Shelby Grody
- **WILLIAM GROSSMAN**  
uncle of Shelly Vedres  
by Shelly & Tom Vedres
- **SIGMUND KOHN**  
father of Stanley Kohn  
by Stanley Kohn
- **SUSAN LAINE**  
daughter of Norma Laine  
by Miriam Apsel  
Judy & Manny Baker

Fran Landsberry and Paula Dreben (Balabusta Caterers)  
Beverly & Bernie Bienstock  
Lolly Bennett  
Prissi Cohen & Michael Morrisette  
Brana & Ron Hall  
Sue & Paul Hoffman  
Mimi Klein  
Sharon & Joel Krischer  
Tamara & Alec Levenson  
Sandy & Loana Rosenblatt  
Susan & Richard Ross  
Laurie & Gary Samson  
Beverly Schwartz  
Shelly & Tom Vedres  
Judy & Lou Zucker

- **FERN MELZNER**  
mother of Tamara Levenson  
by Judy & Manny Baker  
Beverly & Bernie Bienstock  
Sue & Paul Hoffman  
Linda & Jack Topal
- **GRUSHA PATERSON-MILLS**  
mother of Judy Baker  
by Judy & Manny Baker
- **ROSE OLKEN**  
mother of Sherwin Olken  
by Sherwin & Elaine Olken
- **SYLVIA ROBBINS**  
mother of Sandi Diamant  
by Sandi & Lou Diamant
- **MERRILL SCHWARTZ**  
father of Wendy Woodhall  
by Wendy & Geoffrey Woodhall
- **FANNY SEIFERT**  
mother of Jacob Seifert  
by Jacob Seifert

- **ESTHER GROSS SILBER**  
aunt of Shelly Vedres  
by Shelly & Tom Vedres
- **JULIA SUTTON**  
sister of Miriam Apsel  
by Lolly Bennett  
Sue & Paul Hoffman  
Judy & Lou Zucker
- **MORRIS WITTENBERG**  
father of Marsha Latiner  
by Marsha & Forrest Latiner
- **SAM WOLFF**  
father of Sharon Krischer  
by Sharon & Joel Krischer
- **CAROL ZIM**  
mother of Valerie Zim  
by Valerie Zim & Michael Bono
- **JOYCE WEISSMAN**  
step-mother of Barry Zwang-Weissman  
by Barry & Linda Zwang-Weissman

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### Thank You to

- **RABBI GOTLIEB** for your help with JNET, by Prissi Cohen

### In Memory of

- **LEO KAMION**  
uncle of Matthew Maibaum  
by Matthew Maibaum

## CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

### A donation by

- Tammy Steinsapir

## OUR CONDOLENCES TO

Miriam Apsel on the passing of her sister, Julia Sutton, on Thursday, March 26.

Norma Laine and Loren Laine on the passing of Susan Laine, Norma's daughter and Loren's sister, on Thursday, March 26.

Tamara and Alec Levenson of the passing of Tamara's mother, Fern Melzer, on Sunday, March 22.

## MAZEL TOV TO

Sharon and Leon Janks on the birth of their grandson, Jackson Aaron Barkham, on Wednesday, March 25. Jackson is the son of Jason and Gayle Barkham.

Helayne and Joe Levy on the birth of their granddaughter, Eve Moriah Levy, born on Thursday, March 19. Eve is the daughter of Jacob and Hila Levy.

Russell and Melissa Witt on the birth of their son and Fran Landsberry's grandson (of Balabusta Caterers). Landon Robert Witt was born Monday, March 23.

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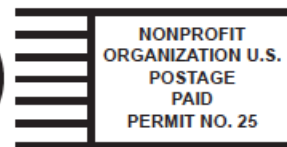
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KM Men's Club Presents  
**Struggle in Paradise:  
 The Courage  
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Documentary Screening  
 Art Gallery  
 & Discussion with  
 Artist Stuart Perlman



**Monday  
 May 18  
 7:00pm**

**SHAVUOT**  
*under the*  
**STARS**



**Saturday, May 23**

**Celebration**  
 (with ice cream truck!) 7:30pm

**Ma'ariv** 8:45pm

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**  
 (All-night learning) 9:00 pm

**Shavuot Services**  
 Sunday, May 24, 9:30am

**Shavuot Services & Yizkor**  
 Monday, May 25, 9:30am

## GUYS & MEIDELS

*Showstoppers: The Sequel*



**CANTOR**  
**SAMUEL COHEN**  
 Kehillat Ma'arav

**CANTOR**  
**MARCUS FELDMAN**  
 Sinai Temple

**CANTOR**  
**SHIRA FOX**  
 Temple Kol Tikvah

**CANTOR**  
**RACHEL GOLDMAN**  
 formerly  
 Beit T'Shuvah

**SUNDAY**  
**6.7.15**  
**7:00PM**

**TICKETS:**  
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**AT**  
**KEHILLAT MA'ARAV**

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 2015</b> <b>IYAR/SIVAN 5775</b>			<b>Shabbat Club</b> Fun and interactive services for kids grades 2-6	<b>Tot Shabbat</b> Energetic services for kids with music & "snacktivities"	1 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services 7:20pm Candle Lighting	2 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
3 9:00am Religious School 12:30pm Kadima Event	4	5 3:45pm RS (Religious School) 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	6 7:15pm KM Choir	7 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 8:00pm Investment Comm Mtg	8 7:25pm Candle Lighting	9 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Jake Goldberger & Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
10 <b>MOTHERS' DAY</b>	11 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	12 3:45pm RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	13 7:15pm KM Choir	14 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah 7:00pm JNET	15 7:30pm Candle Lighting	16 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
17	18 7:00pm "Struggle in Paradise" Event	19 3:45pm RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	20 6:00pm Exec. Board Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	21	22 7:35pm Candle Lighting	23 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat 7:30pm Shavuot Program
24 <b>SHAVUOT</b> 9:30am 1st Day Shavuot Service	25 <b>SHAVUOT &amp; MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9:30am 2nd Day Shavuot/Yizkor Services	26 3:45pm RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	27 7:15pm KM Choir	28 6:30pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah	29 7:40pm Candle Lighting	30 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
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# MAY

## BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

## ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

Coby Bolanos  
 Eliana Bono  
 Mitchell Isaac Brodie  
 Nadav Broekman  
 Noa Broekman  
 Lila Edwards  
 Isaac Eden Elgrably  
 Yael Gali Finn  
 Sabine Rose Ganezer  
 Alex Kahan  
 Sophia Joelle Lippman  
 Evan Elan Muller  
 Katherine Silk  
 Isabel Skye Silverman  
 Luke Titan  
 Jonathan Trester  
 Alexander Wolfberg

Martin & Jan Berkowitz  
 33rd Anniversary  
 Peter Brown & Dr. Brandy Cohen-Brown  
 14th Anniversary  
 Carl & Cari Coulam  
 16th Anniversary  
 Lee & Cande Friedman  
 31st Anniversary  
 Lew & Eileen Goldberg  
 52nd Anniversary  
 Robert Ditchey & Nathalie Hoffman  
 28th Anniversary

Gerard & Dena Karsenty  
 3rd Anniversary  
 Joel & Sharon Krischer  
 42nd Anniversary  
 Richard & Cathy Krop  
 23rd Anniversary  
 Kirsten Turlo & Frank Laski  
 5th Anniversary  
 Alan & Manja Lenkin  
 15th Anniversary  
 Lloyd Wagner & Simone Matzer  
 22nd Anniversary

David & Susan Oberman  
 23rd Anniversary  
 Stan & Rhonda Rubin  
 45th Anniversary  
 Ian & Julie Slater  
 11th Anniversary  
 Debra Vilinsky & Michael Sopher  
 31st Anniversary  
 Glen & Monica Titan  
 21st Anniversary  
 Jack & Linda Topal  
 32nd Anniversary  
 Randy & Susan Ziegler  
 31st Anniversary

# JUNE

## BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

## ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

Kyra Coulam  
Ryan Morton Dunn  
Aidan Gibson  
Bryan Ira Goldberg  
Joseph Green  
Gregory Hirschberg  
Chase Klevens  
Cody Klevens  
Josephine Kramarsky  
Jonah Krop  
Jared Lewin  
Nathan Shapiro  
Annie Titan

Alan & Halina Alter  
43rd Anniversary  
Larry & Miyako Berkin  
34th Anniversary  
Stuart & Marlene Bernstein  
56th Anniversary  
Ari & Gwennie Felczer  
2nd Anniversary  
Richard & Adinah Finn  
16th Anniversary  
David & Karen Fleiss  
47th Anniversary  
Boris & Faina Gelman  
47th Anniversary  
Tom & Sonia Glasner  
42nd Anniversary  
Charles & Marian Goldsmith  
51st Anniversary

Paul & Sue Hoffman  
41st Anniversary  
Larry & Kim Israel  
35th Anniversary  
Elsa & Gregory Jones  
41st Anniversary  
Hilary Collier & Leonid  
Kruglyak  
16th Anniversary  
Alec & Tamara Levenson  
25th Anniversary  
Joseph & Helayne Levy  
36th Anniversary  
Prissi Cohen & Michael  
Morrisette  
19th Anniversary  
Denise Gerber & Stuart  
Perlman  
32nd Anniversary

Joseph & Nancy Peters  
33rd Anniversary  
Zvi & Perla Rothenberg  
35th Anniversary  
Roger & Christine Silk  
22nd Anniversary  
Richard & Debra Silverman  
30th Anniversary  
Arthur & Norma Stein  
43rd Anniversary  
David & Mary Jo Wilzig  
16th Anniversary  
Stan & Sandy Ziegler  
58th Anniversary  
Lou & Judy Zucker  
51st Anniversary

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7 9:00am Religious School - Offsite 7:00pm Guys & Meidels Showstoppers: The Sequel	8 2:00pm Men's Club: Dead Sea Scrolls 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	9 3:45pm LAST DAY RS 2nd-7th 4:00pm RS K1	10 7:00pm Annual Meeting 7:15pm KM Choir	11 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah 7:00pm JNET	12 7:47pm Candle Lighting	13 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Luke Titan & Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
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21 FATHERS' DAY	22	23	24 7:15pm KM Choir	25 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah	26 7:51pm Candle Lighting	27 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Alex Wolfberg & Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club/Tot Shabbat
28	29	30	<div>JUNE 2015</div> <div>SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5775</div>			