

THE VOICE

News & Events from Kehillat Ma'arav

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SHABBAT IN 3-D

*Daven, 'Drash & Dine
as we celebrate
Tu B'Shevat
with a tasty
community Seder.*



Join us!

Shabbat in 3-D
Saturday, January 23rd
9:30am

Join the KM Community
for the next Shabbat
in 3-D! In the spirit of
Tu B'Shevat we will
have services and then
celebrate with a Seder
and a meaningful group
discussion.

BETTER AND BETTER

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

Wonderful things are happening in our congregation. There is an almost palpable newfound sense of energy and purpose.

Our programs are richer; our turnouts are robust, including, but not limited to our Shabbat and holiday services; our religious school and youth programs are solid and growing; we have a large cadre of younger members; by almost every measure we're improving! Case in point: We just concluded a pilot adult education program offered to us by the venerable Schechter Institute headquartered in Jerusalem.

Over the last two months, we heard from and interacted with three presenters. In November, Rabbi Dr. Einat Ramon and Rabbi Professor David Golinkin spoke. Dr. Ramon offered us a contrast between two great Jewish leaders and thinkers: Theodore Herzl and Rabbi Abraham Isaac HaCohen Kook. Both Herzl and Kook helped lay the groundwork for a broader dialogue between Israel's religious and secular divide. Their voices still resonate years after their passing.

Rabbi Professor David Golinkin challenged the claim that Orthodoxy is the one, authentic Jewish expression. In a way that

only he can, Rabbi Golinkin brought an array of classical and contemporary rabbinic texts to substantiate his remarks. Predictably, his class was clear and transformative, wow! Last month, Dr. Ari Ackerman concluded the mini-series with his presentation. Professor Ackerman examined Maimonides' view of Pluralism and Peoplehood. Using Maimonides as his point of reference, he furthered one's understanding of Greek philosophy; all the while, giving deeper insight into Maimonides' understanding of the centrality—and universality—of God.

These classes are interactive and rich. With the help of readily available Internet

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technology, we have brought some of the world's finest scholars of Jewish thought to our synagogue without them having to travel outside of Israel.

Heartfelt thanks to our committee that brought this about, including: Dennis Gura, David Oberman, past presidents, Sharon Krischer and Richard Krop, Director of Education Sharone Weizman, Cantor Sam Cohen, Executive Director Kathie Rose, Program Coordinator Cindy Roth, our congregation's president Joel Krischer—who outdid himself—faculty and staff at The Schechter Institute, including Avrum Lapin, Eitan Cooper, Linda Price and Rabbi David Golinkin, all of whom made these adult education classes a reality.

We have begun to plan our next series of classes with yet more presenters and different perspectives to come. We hope to offer this new batch of lectures sometime in the spring, early summer.

As I wrote in our November edition of the Voice, we have been figuratively given a catalogue of higher learning, what a tremendous gift. Drawing on our alliance with the Schechter Institute, well-educated congregants who periodically offer Judaic presentations of their own, other scholars from the LA area and beyond, I fervently hope and believe our adult education program will continue to grow and thrive, much like that of our synagogue community. Simply put, we just keep getting better and better.

OPEN ENROLLMENT?



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

It is December as I write this article and the new year is just around the corner. There are many things I want to change in the upcoming year and I hope they will all turn out for the best. That said, I am aware some changes need to happen regardless of choice. Case in point: For the third year in a row I have received a

letter in November letting me know that my health insurance company provider is no longer offering my preferred plan. I paraphrase, "We have tried to make it work, but as several plans including your plan are no longer a profitable part of our business, we are canceling your coverage at the end of this year. If you would like to be covered for next year, which starts in January, you must find a new company to enroll into before December 15th, when OPEN ENROLLMENT ends." So of course I need to make a change and find a new health insurance company that will cover a friendly Cantor!

Well, this scenario also got me thinking...

Questions:

1. What is the definition of open enrollment?
2. What am I enrolled/enrolling into?
3. What am I open to?

Answers:

1. The definition of open enrollment is something that anyone and everyone can access. Everyone has the ability to reach it and achieve it.

2. (A) There are many things in my life that I am enrolled into that are my "health insurance" – things that benefit my mind and soul. To name just a few:

- I am enrolled into an amazing Jewish community (KM)
- I am enrolled in Prayer
- I am enrolled in Music
- I am enrolled in Family

(B) There are also things I would like to enroll into for the new year so there is no gap in my "health coverage".

- I would like to study more.
- I would like to (of course) make/play/listen/sing more music.
- I would like to spend time in nature.
- I would like to start meditation.

3) This is perhaps the biggest question to answer because it's an ongoing occurrence. How open am I to allow people into my life? How open am I to changes and accepting new ideas? I have been studying piano for a while now, but as soon as I have an idea of what 3rds are, how they work and harmonize, I suddenly realize how much more I need to learn. How open and enrolled I am will determine my success in mastering it.

Here in California there are many ways of acquiring basic health insurance (Covered California or an insurance broker...etc) and they will offer an open enrollment. Personally, my "health broker" is music, family, tradition and (of course) more music into which I am enrolled. Let's hope that we can all find our "health brokers" and enroll into whatever will give us full mind, body, and soul coverage for the year to come.

2016 open enrollment starts today!

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE



JOEL KRISCHER, President

Happy New Year!! We hope everybody has a happy, safe and upbeat New Year's celebration.

The New Year, of course is the traditional – and perfect -- time for reflecting on the year just ended, and for making “resolutions” that we (hopefully) can keep to make the future better. From a congregational standpoint, 2015 was a wonderful year for us and 2016 holds the promise of being even better.

Looking back on 2015, we can all be proud of the strength we have shown in all areas. Our membership has grown, our school enrollment has soared and we have had a run of well attended and substantively excellent religious and educational events. In this latter regard, we can all be especially proud of the trilogy of ground-breaking live-from-Jerusalem video lectures we had with The Schechter Institute in November and December. Resulting from the inspiration and vision of Rabbi Gotlieb, these were substantively dynamic, technologically flawless and extremely well attended.

Looking at both 2015 and 2016, we have improved on the financial front but we still need to do better. Although the

calendar year has ended, the annual fundraising efforts continue for our fiscal year (which ends in June). We have still not met our goal of 100% participation (we are at 43%) in order to raise \$225,000 (we are at 80%). So if you haven't made/paid your pledge, please do so soon.

And looking strictly forwards, now is the time to start thinking about who will be our officers and new Board members starting in July. Under our by-laws, our “trustee” and “officer” candidates are selected by our Nominating Committee (which will be Chaired by our former President, Manny Baker) and elected by the membership at our annual meeting (June 8 this year – put it on your calendar now) for terms that begin on July 1. The Nominating Committee must have at least four (4) members who are not on the current Board. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee (which will start meeting in about March) and/or in serving on the Board itself (starting in July), please contact, Manny, Kathie Rose or me. Board membership is a great way not only to give back to our synagogue, but to learn how we do the things we do and to influence our collective future direction. The time commitment is manageable and the rewards are more than worth the effort. So give it some thought and let one or more of us know if you are interested.

And again, Happy New Year!

KM EVENTS



CINDY ROTH, Events Coordinator

Nothing like getting the holiday started right and bright! On Sunday December 6th Kehillat Ma'arav welcomed in

Hanukkah by lighting the first candle at the Third Street Promenade. Rabbi Gotlieb thanked the policemen and said how they really “Do God's Work.” We felt very safe and comfortable and thankful for the community's support. A large representation from our membership was in attendance to sing, dance, and light the menorah. We also welcomed new visitors into our community while handing out glow sticks. These brought Cantor Cohen some light as we sang the blessings and danced to “Hanukkah in Santa Monica” played by our DJ Michael! A festive time was had by all...



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim,

Our third Ohr L'Olam program this past month focused on *Bikkur Cholim*, visiting the sick, and giving in conjunction with Thanksgiving and Hanukkah. Our school led a community-wide Chai Lifeline Hanukkah Angels program collecting gifts and making art for children with life threatening illnesses in time for Hanukkah. During our learning, our students watched and discussed two videos on *Bikkur Cholim*, while learning the difference between 'tangible' giving and spiritual 'intangible giving'. As a community we walked around the room, reading 16 famous Jewish inspirational quotes and then stood by the quote that most resonated with us. Each child explained their quote and then acted it out in groups while the rest of the school had to guess what the quote was. Following this activity, we took the messages of the quotes to create beautiful pictures of art in order to lift and inspire our adopted children in addition to making and decorating Hanukkah cards. We concluded our morning with wrapping the presents and adding our art and cards to each present. Overall, our community sponsored 15 children with life threatening illnesses. Please join me in thanking our wonderful Religious School students and families for an extremely successful Ohr L'Olam program with 30 students in participation. *Kol Hakavod* and *Todah Rabah* to all our volunteers and everyone who helped make Hanukkah extra

meaningful and memorable for our Chai Lifeline children.

Our fourth Ohr L'Olam program was in December. Our students learned about the Mitzvah of *Maachil Re'evim*, feeding the hungry, with a special interactive program including arts and activities from MAZON and SOVA. It culminated with writing letters on paper plates to President Barak Obama articulating the desire for lasting change while using the information about hunger as inspiration for action. More to come including pictures in next month's article.

This past month 22 of our 3rd- 7th Grade Religious School students packed their bags and joined me, Chantal Hakakeyan and Livya Howard-Yashar for an unforgettable Camp Ramah weekend on our very own KM bus. Our fun-filled Shabbat weekend left our students wanting more. Several would like to join us for the Kadima weekend Kinnus while others plan to go to Ramah over the summer. Each year our Ramah experience gets better and better. I remember my first year at KM when it was a struggle to get 7 children to participate.

This past month during our Religious School classes our students recorded a Hanukkah CD with Dov Rosenblatt which will be available for our students and will soon be available on our KM website. Our Hanukkah celebration continued in our school with a Pre-Hanukkah celebration with Latkes, lighting the large KM Hanukkiah, dancing, music, singing, Hanukkah tattoos, Hanukkah Jewpardy, dreidel, and a special present for each child from the RS.

Upcoming Religious School Dates to Mark:

Friday, January 15th - Shabbat B'Yachad

Sunday, January 24th - Ohr L'Olam Day



Making a Hanukkah CD



Camp Ramah



RS Hanukkah party



Ohr L'Olam Bikkur Cholim



KADIMA

SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Youth Programming

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

Last month 25 of our KM Kadimaniks went to Bowlero – a renovated Disco Bowling Alley in Mar Vista with Retro Bowling, Music, DJs, Pool Tables, Air Hockey, Foosball, Arcade Games and more. We have ice skating lined up for January 10th and stay tuned, we will be going to Camp Ramah again in January for a fun-filled Shabbaton with our Kadimaniks in Ojai.

Upcoming Kadima Dates to Mark!

January 10th – Kadima Ice Skating

January 29-31st – Kadima Camp Ramah Shabbaton

Kadimaniks having a blast at Bowlero!



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MITZVAH TIME



MASHA SAVITZ, Head of Early Childhood & Arts Programs

K1 is learning about *mitzvot* (commandments) and *chesed* (kindness)! This is a perfect opportunity to team up with KM's Mitzvah Committee.

This winter, we joined efforts with Karen Gottlieb and Lori Papernik to send Hanukkah care packages to KM's college students. Each package was enthusiastically assembled complete with a menorah, dreidel, chocolate gelt, tea, candles, and some other goodies. We hope this will be an annual event from here on.



Joshua Papernik receives his care package!

Aiming to instill the concepts of thinking of others, participating in community, and doing *mitzvot* as a joyful, educational and creative expression, the children took their mission very seriously. They enthusiastically decorated the Hanukkah boxes with dreidel stamps, menorah stickers, and personal artwork.



We have also extended our artistry and compassion by making life cycle cards for our KM community. It is a pleasure and honor to help serve our KM family with some K1 *ruach* and love.

Meet the Bat Mitzvah Gillian Dunn

January 9, 2015

My name is Gillian Dunn. I am almost 13 years-old and I have two brothers. I like to run around, make tunnels, and forts with my 3 year-old brother, Ryan. I enjoy playing sports with my 11 year-old brother, Aaron. I enjoy playing sports and cooking - my favorite sport is Soccer and I love cooking vegetables. I also

like to travel. Last summer, I went to Europe and visited the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arc of the Triumph, Colosseum, Pompeii, and a Roman Jewish Temple. Recently, I went to the Holy Land of Israel to celebrate by cousin's Bar Mitzvah. While there, I managed to see some interesting sites, such as the Latrun Tank Museum, Masada National Park, and the old city of Jerusalem including the Western Wall. I also learned a lot from visits to the Israel Guide Dog Center for The Blind, The Bullet Factory, Tel Maresha archaeology dig, and my cousin's foundation, The Ruderman Family Foundation, which helps people with disabilities in the Jewish community. I feel a part of God's promise for the Jewish people to go to the land of Israel. I am thankful to have had this opportunity to see and experience Israel.



FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, On behalf of the Ritual Committee

In tractate *Berakhot* (16b), the Talmud offers a list of various personal prayers of the great Sages. The petition of R. Mar is familiar: "My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking deceit", since it follows the *Amidah*.

Rabbi Yehuda Ha-Nasi's, who might be the most important transmitter of rabbinic tradition as the compiler of the *Mishnah*, was appropriated into our service, following the morning blessings.

The *Gemara* records these personal prayers. R. Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz translates in the Koren Talmud, R. Yehuda's prayer:

"May it be Your will, Lord our God, and God of our forefathers, that You save us from the arrogant, and from arrogance in general, from a bad man, from a bad mishap, from an evil instinct, from a bad companion, from a bad neighbor, from the destructive Satan, from a harsh trial and from a hard opponent, whether he is a member of the covenant, (a Jew) or whether he is not a member of the covenant."

Two *siddurim* offer slightly different, contrasting translations.

May it be Your will, my God and God of my ancestors, to protect me this day and every day from insolence in others, and from arrogance in myself. Save me from vicious people,

from evil neighbors and from corrupt companions. Preserve me from misfortune and from the powers of destruction. Save me from harsh judgements; spare me from ruthless opponents, be they members of the covenant or not. (*Siddur Sim Shalom*)

May it be Your will, Lord, my God and God of my ancestors, to save me today and every day, from the arrogant and from arrogance itself, from a bad man, a bad friend, a bad neighbor, a bad mishap, a destructive adversary, a hard trial and a hard opponent, whether or not he is a son of the covenant. (*R. Jonathan Sacks, Koren Siddur*)

As added to the service, the Rabbis instructively adjust the Hebrew grammar. Rather than recited in the plural, as is common, this one is in the singular. Save me, not save us, each and every day. Our *Siddur Sim Shalom* dulls the razor-edge of "antique" superstition by translating "the destructive Satan" as "powers of destruction" (likewise, R. Sacks' "destructive adversary", a literal translation, dulls the notion of an implacable foe).

As has become painfully true these past few months, we, as Jews, as Americans, as participants in Western culture, have real enemies, who aim to harm us. They are in many ways indeed Satanic, if not literally, figuratively. Save me, we might pray, from our own weaknesses, our own arrogance, and equally so, from those who would harm us, whether a bad man, a bad friend or a bad neighbor. This, I think, is a prayer worth reciting with some regularity these dark days.

MEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President

RECENT EVENT:

WORLD WAR 1 - On Monday, December 7, at 7:00 pm, Steve Shapiro lectured on medical advances gained from the war, Matt Maibaum spoke about lesser known aspects of the war, & Ira Fistell explained why the war did not achieve its goal to end all wars. More than 9 million combatants and 7 million civilians died as a result of the war.



RECENT EVENT:

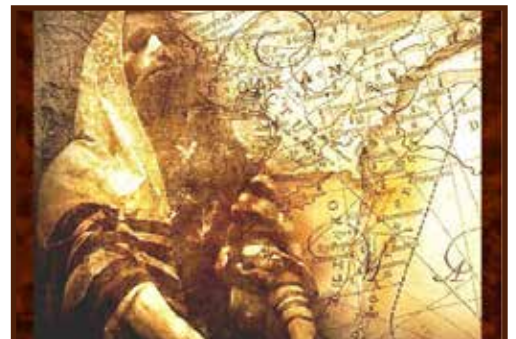
TOWARD FREEDOM - On Wednesday, December 9th, members of our Synagogue were treated to a private tour of the photo exhibit on Ethiopian Jews who resettled in Israel & Los Angeles from 1992 to 2012 by Irene Fertik, acclaimed photographer of Jews around the



world. Our tour guide was Elise Woodson of the Museum who emphasized the beautiful & complex story of a people starting anew in unfamiliar lands.

UPCOMING EVENT:

The Jewish Golden Age of Spain, Or Was It? On Monday, January 25th, at 7 pm Dr. Baryohay Davidoff will describe socio-religious factors that led to a flourishing civilization on the Iberian Peninsula 711-1031 C.E. Suggested donation \$5.



SOCIAL ACTION

David J. Wilzig, Chair, Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee has always been a part of KM but recently a group of vital, active and engaging people joined to energize this Committee. Our Committee's newfound energy results directly from the KM community mirroring Rabbi Gotlieb's intelligent, sensitive and well-reasoned sermons, Cantor Cohen's mellifluous voice along with his bevy of choirs from the Half-Notes and up; Sharone Weizman's invigorated school and youth program. All of these actions and the never-ending wonderful group of KM volunteers are directly responsible for this stimulated (and stimulating) Social Action Committee.

So, we've been active for about 2 months and involved ourselves with a Baby2Baby collection program, Christmas meal delivery at FICM, Jewish World Watch March against the Genocide and the Hanukkah Angels gift giving program. We have been successful in our endeavors. We are in contact with the Schechter Institute, The Jewish Federation, Beit Tzedek, a local Rabbi who runs a visiting Jewish prisoners program, and other programs that we are examining with a view to assisting. In essence this Committee is your opportunity to press for your particular social action. We have discovered to no surprise,

that KM congregants have a most diverse interest in their daily activities as well as in the charities they support. We are open to any suggestions for social action performed on behalf of KM and welcome any and all newcomers. We are a growing group and with each new member we gain new input.

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WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

MERLE NEWMAN and MARC SNIDERMAN checked out many local synagogues before joining KM. Rabbi, Cantor and the friendliest community they experienced brought them in. Although Merle was born in Brooklyn, she moved at a young age to L.A., where Marc has lived all of his life. They love skiing in Mammoth and spending time at the beach as well as with 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Merle is in sales and Marc is a CPA, who also enjoys golf.

TOSIA WARD was invited to a few KM events and enjoyed the sociable congregation. Several years ago, she was interviewed by the Shoah Foundation, telling her story as a 7 year old when she was taken to Auschwitz with her mother. After the war, they traveled to Germany, Israel and finally the U.S. Tosia and her husband owned a jewelry manufacturing business, now Joffer's, which is still on Pico Blvd. She feels blessed to have a son, a daughter and 2 grandchildren. She loves to play Mah Jongg.

SVETLANA and MATT AVERBUKH were both born in Odessa, Ukraine, but had to move to L.A. to meet. Matt, who enjoys theatre, jazz clubs and sports, works in project planning and controls at Jet Propulsion Laboratories. Svetlana does IT programming for UCLA medical systems and enjoys public speaking and teaching. They have 2 young adult sons, Ryan and Ethan. The Averbukhs have had roots in KM for many years, as Matt's mother was Roza, our beloved bookkeeper.

MARILYN and IZZY FREEMAN love the warm and genuine KM community. Marilyn, who came to L.A. from St. Louis as a child, works with branded promo products after a career in advertising/marketing. Izzy has always been in the food business starting Izzy's Deli 42 years ago, initially working with his Dad at the Grand Central Market then running IHOP franchises. The Freemans enjoy going out with friends and playing golf, especially on vacations. They love being with their 8 grandkids.

YEHUDIT and ISRAEL COUTIN split their time between Santa Monica and Upland, where Israel is a geriatric physician. Yehudit, an early childhood educator, taught Hebrew in every city she lived in from Haifa, N.Y., D.C. to L.A. She loves teaching yoga and has organized her 1st Israeli yoga retreat in March. They both enjoy hiking and Israel additionally likes to cycle. Friday night services, interactive Shabbats and fun activities drew the Coutins to KM. They have 3 children, Sarai, Avi and Talia.

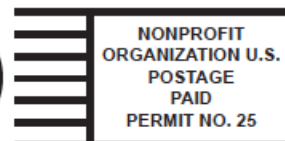
HELENA and IRA KATZ enjoy music concerts, theatre and spending time with family and friends. They joined KM after High Holidays experiencing Rabbi Gotlieb's insight, Cantor Cohen's beautiful voice and KM's welcoming congregation. Helena was born in Poland, moved to Israel, N.Y., Denver and finally L.A., where she met Ira, a local, at UCLA. Helena was an English teacher and Ira still practices business, bankruptcy and real estate law. The Katzs have 2 adult children, Michael and Laura.



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**Wednesday
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BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Raya Farrah Bolanos
Talia Miriam Daghighian
Gillian Lyn Dunn
Jake Goldberger
Micah Shir Jussim
Eva Kitra Jussim
Natalie Kruglyak
Sasha Maya Liberman
Lev Ricanati
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20th anniversary

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Brook
34th anniversary

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2nd anniversary

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28th anniversary

Leon and Sharon Janks
32nd anniversary

Jonathan and Area
Kramarsky
14th anniversary

Sid and Carole Meltzner
44th anniversary

Neville and Fay Pimstone
53rd anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2016 TEVET/SHEVAT 5776					1 New Year's Day Office Closed 4:06pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Shabbat Services	2 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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- **SEYMOUR NEMEROFF**, brother of Eileen Goldberg, by Eileen and Lew Goldberg
- **MILTON ROTHENBERG**, father of Shelley Gould, by Shelley and Mark Gould
- **DAVID HABER WARSHAWSKY**, father of Beth Ricanati, by Beth and David Ricanati

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OUR CONDOLENCES

The passing of Chic Lippman, Thursday morning, November 26. Chic is the mother of Tamara Bernstein, Andrew Lippman and Bill Lippman.

The passing of Joan Mass, sister of Judy Blake, on Thursday morning, December 17.

IN MEMORIUM - KM Past President



Sharlene Lauret loved Judaism and it showed in her life and the way she lived. She celebrated her Bat Mitzvah here at KM in 2007 and served as our President from 2009 -2011. Prior to that, Sharlene served for many years on the KM Board and its committees, always with grace, humor and a "can-do" attitude. There wasn't anything she wasn't willing to take on, both here at KM and in her own life. She lived with a sense of adventure, traveling far and wide. Among other places and travels, she visited South America, Antarctica, Galapagos, Europe, and Israel several times. Sharlene was inquisitive and smart, giving and caring and filled with life. She had a strong personality and faced her multiple challenges with determination.

As a High School student, Sharlene studied at Chicago's prestigious Art Institute cementing a lifelong appreciation of beautiful things. Her home was filled with art, books and Judaica. She dearly loved her husband Sy, who predeceased her, and her daughters, Lisa and Nancy. Sharlene loved to entertain and did so frequently – she collected dishes... and hats! She loved animals and studied to become a veterinarian technician and then on to become a veterinarian anesthesiologist. Sharlene established "Love on 4 Paws" a non-profit to train and certify therapy dog/hospital visits as well as their owners.

Sharlene left an enduring legacy and will be missed – not simply for her boundless accomplishments – but rather for who she was as a person and all her acts of kindness, charity, and friendship.