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27th???



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**Membership Mystery Dinner
Saturday, February 27th**

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**Meet at KM for Wine and
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TURNING IT AROUND

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

In a piece that appeared in the online journal, "Mosaic" professors Jack Wertheimer (you might remember, Dr. Wertheimer presented at an Eber Memorial lecture in 2006) and Steven Cohen offered further insights into the most recent Pew survey of Jewish life in America. Their combined message is jarring and cause for concern and honest reflection.

They begin by dispelling certain cherished myths of American Jewish life. For example, the pride Jews take in the Jewish family. Messrs. Wertheimer and Cohen argue fewer non-Orthodox American Jews are getting married, let alone having children than ever before; a trend unparalleled in Jewish history.

Intermarriage and its implications have changed too. The belief that holds outreach to intermarried Jews will bring them back to some sort of Jewish identity is for the most part not the case. We now know, with some exceptions, it doesn't work.

The Pew report cites that of the more than 2.1 million Americans reared with some Jewish parentage, the overwhelming majority does not identify as Jews—period. If anything, that trend is growing.

Synagogue affiliation is at record lows and headed downward. Among the non-Orthodox, fewer than one in three claim mostly Jewish friends and over one-fifth report none.

Jews giving to Jewish causes is also in sharp decline. Wherever one looks, there

are age-related drops in the number of non-Orthodox Jews' association with things Jewish, not least of which support for, and interest in, Israel. As Wertheimer and Cohen write: "American Jews now stand on the precipice of a demographic cliff, and the choice before them is simple: either fall off, or turn around."

Turn around we must. Though the trends within Jewish life are worrisome there are some clear directives that come the result of this honest, painful assessment. As the professors mention, denominations are important.

Post-denominational, Judaism is out. Affiliation with a given stream of Judaism works. Jews want and need an ideological core to base their identity. The upshot:

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SOUNDS OF SILENCE



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

Do you know someone who snores? I have been told that I do not snore. However, if you do, or know someone who does, then you are now in luck. There are some Israeli geniuses here to help you finally get a good night's sleep.

Netanel Eyal and Yoni Bazak created Silent Partner. It is a device that the person who snores wears on the nose, similar to a nose strip, and it creates a sound barrier around the person and dampens the sound of the snoring so that all of the neighbors can sleep :)

Here is how the product works according to the Silent Partner website:

"Silent Partner uses Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) which works by sensing the snoring sound and emitting a counter sound, thereby canceling out the undesirable sound."

ANC, more technically speaking, is when the Silent Partner senses the amplitude and frequency of the disturbing sound wave and broadcasts in real-time, a sound wave with an inverted phase. Based on the physics phenomena of destructive interference, the two waves line up, essentially canceling out each other's sound.

From a *Times of Israel* article about the Silent Partner:

"The Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) tech used by Silent Partner had been around for decades, but ANC is generally used to keep outside noises away from the ear – for example, in expensive earphones and headphones that are used to enhance the music-listening experience with ANC, keeping ambient noise away from the listener so they can better concentrate in their music. In the case of Silent Partner, the technology is being used to keep noises inside a virtual field, close to the mouth."

Why has no one thought of this solution before to solve the snoring noise issue?

"It could be that most solutions have a medical component

to them, diagnosing the cause of snoring and trying to treat it and thus reduce the noise level," said Eyal. "We are medically agnostic, in that we do not deal with the medical aspects of snoring in any way – just the noise issue."

I found this fascinating that you can cancel sound with sound.

A similar idea...

On University of Cambridge's blog The Naked Scientist someone asked, "Why when adding extra voices to one person singing sometimes it sound louder and sometimes it sounds quieter?"

The answer that is given is the same idea as the concept above. As long as the sound waves will fill in the sound beam, they will cancel each other. If they are the same, then the sound will be louder.

Here is the breakdown of what it sounds like when adding voices:

- Adding a second singer increases the sound level by 3dB, which is just perceptible to the human ear under normal conditions
- Adding 9 singers increases the sound level by 10dB, which is audibly much louder.
- Adding 99 singers increases the sound level by 20dB.
- Adding 999 singers increases the sound level by 30dB.
- There is the same perceived increase in volume in going from 1 to 10 singers as there is going from 100 to 1000.

Sound canceling sound is a great metaphor for how people communicate. There are times during a conversation both people are talking at the same time and nobody can be heard. Sometimes, one must be quiet in order for the sound to be louder. However, when we get together as a group, singing as one, with one goal in mind, the sound does not double in volume. Instead, the sound waves pool together and manage to disperse to a larger area and reach a greater distance. It is then that our message we share together will surely be heard.

KM EVENTS



CINDY ROTH, Events Coordinator

Now the winter holiday season is behind you and your New Years resolutions have been made. If volunteering is high on your

list of resolutions boy have I got the opportunity for you. This March we will be holding one of our

biggest KM Purim celebrations yet. We will turn back our clocks to the 1970's with psychedelic pants, Afro wigs, and glitter balls. None of this happens without a committee of volunteers to decorate, set up, send out mailings, work the door, and sell raffle tickets. If you can help in any way we are always in need of volunteers. Please email me at events@km-synagogue.org to sign up and help!



WHAT'S NEXT



JOEL KRISCHER, President

February, of course, is the month that football fans go into, and baseball fans come out of, hibernation. In Jewish festival life it means that Purim (Wednesday, March 23) and Pesach (first Seder

Friday night, April 22) are right around the proverbial corner. And in synagogue life, it is time for us to think about finishing the current fiscal year strong and getting up a running start on our next fiscal year. With that in mind, here are some of the things we have to look forward to in the next few months

Synagogue governance:

Nominating Committee. Our Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting our slate of officers and trustees, and it 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. Board membership is a great way 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, especially if you have never served on it in the past. If you are interested, let one or more of us know.

Finances:

Purim: Purim has traditionally been one of our most best

and most entertaining events. So plan on joining us for the reading of the Megillah, for great food, drink and dancing and (drumroll, please) raising money. Participate and contribute and have a blast. Much more on this in next month's Voice.

Annual Appeal: We are doing better than last year but not as well as we need to. We have raised almost \$200,000 of our \$225,000 goal. But our participation rate is still only 44%. We really need to get to 100%. Everybody needs to give something. Even if it is only double or triple Chai, give something.

Rabbi's Chair Endowment Fund: In honor of Rabbi Gotlieb's 20th anniversary with KM this year, we will formally kick off our first ever Endowment Fund. Our goal is to raise \$3 million dollars to further ensure the ongoing vitality and longevity of our wonderful community and thereby help secure our finances for the future. Our campaign managers will be contacting every member of our community to contribute to our long range financial health.

Operations:

We are on the cusp of introducing new software to help us better manage our membership and finances, including on-line portals for all members, and hope to have that up and running by (fingers crossed) April. We are also doing an overall review of our building (we have been here now about 25 years!!) and other related issues. We will report on our progress on these fronts over the next several months.

We have a lot of fun, celebration and work ahead of us.

TURNING IT AROUND...CONTINUED



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Celebrate being a Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist or Orthodox Jew, embrace it, and don't dilute it.

Endogamy also works—it matters. As a whole, Jews raised by two Jewish parents make a big difference as to whether their offspring will remain

Jewish. As much as we sugarcoat it, intermarriage hurts us.

Levels of Jewish education are yet another trend that impacts on Jewish vitality. The amount of Jewish education, its depth and quality strongly influences whether one remains actively Jewish later in life.

Visiting Israel helps. But it depends on when one visits (at what age, level of maturity etc.) and under what circumstances (is it nothing more than a glorified Mediterranean vacation). If there is no educational, social, religious, historical and ideological

component to the trip, the opportunity to touch and influence is minimized.

Advocating Judaism to the un-churched is yet another area that can foster Jewish growth and commitment. Jews by choice are a supreme gift. Jews who were not born Jewish add creativity, passion and insight. Their love for God, Torah and Israel is refreshing and cause for hope.

Building a vibrant and purpose-filled congregation is still another way to stem the downward trends that plague much of American Jewish life. What we have done and continue to do here at Kehillat Ma'arav is an antidote to the sobering Pew data. Let us not lose sight of that.

At the same time, let us continually strive to improve our synagogue—not in reaction to these dire trends—but because we have so much to offer independent of them.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim,

Our fourth Ohr L'Olam program focused on the Mitzvah, Maachil Re'evim, feeding the hungry, with a unique interactive program led by a guest speaker from Mazon. Our students learned about Hunger, Food Insecurity and government programs like SNAP designed to help feed the hungry. Our activities from MAZON and SOVA included students designing 'meal mappers' in order to comprehend the difficulty of having a balanced-nutritional meal based on \$1.50 allotment. After their learning, our students wrote letters on paper plates to President Obama articulating their desire for lasting change while using the information about hunger as inspiration for action. As part of our morning, our students also brought in canned foods for SOVA and we decorated a community SOVA barrel.

Our fifth Ohr L'Olam Mitzvah program will be a community-wide event with PATH – People Assisting the Homeless. During our event we will have a guest speaker from PATH leading all the learning activities followed by our children making and packing lunches and hygiene kits to be delivered to the homeless by PATH. Please join me in thanking the entire KM and Adat Shalom

Upcoming Religious School Dates to Mark:

Sunday, February 7th - Religious School at KM

Sunday, February 21st - Mid-Year Parent/Teacher Conferences

Sunday, March 6th - Ohr L'Olam (Friendship Circle) at Adat Shalom

community for donating food and hygiene items to help make this program a success. More to come in next month's article.

During Religious School we invited a college acapella group "Shabbatones" from PENN. The group of 12 college students helped lead our Chugim (rotations) followed by a concert for students and parents spotlighting our students. Please join me in thanking Carmella Pardo for the recommendation and Cantor Sam for inviting them to join our Religious School; a true parent/child moment to last a lifetime.

Our second Kabbalat Shabbat B'Yachad for this year, brought together over 85 students and families welcoming in the Sabbath Queen with music, song, stories, dance and our students acting out a play based on the 10 Plagues from *Parshat Va'era* and *Bo*. Our students and families were led with "Ruach" by our Cantor, Neomi, Yafit and Livya. Guest guitarist, Joel Waldman, joined Livya on drums, while our outstanding Religious School faculty led our parents, students and families in song and dance! Our festivities continued by candlelight with a Shabbat dinner that lit up the entire Social Hall.

We are excited to announce that we are introducing a High School Kick-Off event! Our first event will feature an Israeli Cooking Class followed by "dinner talk" with guest speakers from Stand With Us. We already have over 20 teen RSVP's. More to come in next month's Voice, so stay tuned.



Ohr L'Olam MAZON and SOVA activities



Visit from the "Shabbatones"

Shabbat B'Yachad play rehearsal

KADIMA

SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Youth Programming

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

This month 16 of our Kadimaniks went ice skating at Santa Monica Ice. Our students actually convinced me to get on the ice with them! How could I resist their cute pleading and smiling faces and their promising to watch out for me and not let me fall; with theirs and Yafit's expertise – I survived. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fun with pizza, snacks and lots of 'chilly' ice skating. Please join me in thanking Yafit, Chantal and Livya for all their support.

Our Kadima Camp Ramah Kinnus is our next big event. We already have many Kadimaniks signed up and ready to pack their bags again and head to Camp Ramah. More to come next month.



Kadimaniks having a blast at ICE in Santa Monica!

BETZALEL FEST: Get bit by JAWS!



KM's first Arts Festival Open House



MASHA SAVITZ, Head of Early Childhood & Arts Programs

In my position as head of Early Childhood and Arts Programs, my role at KM bridges all my passions: education, spirituality and the arts. Cantor Cohen shares these passions with me and together we have created an entirely different new offering inspired by the Biblical figure Betzalel.

Betzalel is the Torah's most prominent artist. He was given the privilege of designing and crafting the Mishkan (portable sanctuary) at the behest of God. In order to create the Mishkan, Betzalel drew from his God given talents.

My vision of the Betzalel-fest is to raise awareness, appreciation and the celebration of Jewish art. With the help of Cantor Cohen, we hope to provide an on-going venue whereby Jewish Art can be lived, explained, expressed and elevated. Our aim, in the coming months, is to offer any number of artistic opportunities, in all disciplines, including visual, performance, and culinary arts.

We strive to create thought provoking work that explores Jewish themes drawing on our history, Jewish values, Torah and Israel. Through learning, discussion, and collaboration, we become personally enriched while serving and connecting with God and the greater Jewish community.

Our festival Open House begins Sunday Feb 28 at 1 pm here at KM culminating with a Men's Club sponsored concert featuring flutist Susan Norman and friends.

Join us!

BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

Lilly Edwards
Sharry Eydel
Daniel Felix Finn
Ryan Hirschberg
Pearl Levi
Abby Shapiro
Izzy Shapiro
Sofie Shoshanah Stern

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

Herbert and Evelyn Berger
57th anniversary

Steve and Suzette Edwards
11th anniversary

Michael and Allison
Goldberger
24th anniversary

Elliot Goldberg and Fernanda
Gray
19th anniversary

Noah and Andrea Jussim
17th anniversary

Irv and Gail Rosenfeld
40th anniversary

Ross Brodie and Cynthia
Sikes
16th anniversary

Charles Louy and Jeanne
Weiss
29th anniversary

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	3	4 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	5 5:10pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	6 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
7 9:00am RS 9:15am Education Comm Mtg	8	9 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	10 10:00am Pomegranate Guild	11 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm JNET	12 5:17pm Candle Lighting	13 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
14	15 Presidents' Day Office Closed	16 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	17 6:00pm Executive Board Mtg 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg	18 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism	19 5:23pm Candle Lighting	20 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
21 9:00am Parent/Teacher Conferences	22	23 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	24	25 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism	26 5:29pm Candle Lighting	27 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Membership Mystery Dinner
28 1:00pm Betzalel Arts Festival: JAWS 3:00pm Men's Club sponsored concert concludes festival.	Mark your calendar now! April 22 will be the first night of Passover community seder at KM!		<h1>FEBRUARY 2016</h1> <h2>SHEVAT/ADAR 5776</h2>			

BETZALEL FEST
BETZALEL'S
JAWWS
JEWISH ARTS WORKSHOP SERIES
at KEHILLAT MA'ARAV
1-4pm
(Musical performance begins at 3pm)
FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Candle making

Sign up for classes

Jewish art display

Challah baking

Kosher wine tasting

Crafts for kids

Musical performance

Create challah covers

MEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President

RECENT EVENT:

The Jewish Golden Age of Spain, Or Was It? On Mon. 1-25-15 at 7 pm guest speaker Dr. Baryohay Davidoff of Mosaic Law Synagogue, Sacramento, Ca. described socio-religious factors that led to a flourishing Jewish civilization under the Moorish Muslims in Spain from 711-1031 AD. Yet, as we learned, this period was short and troublesome for the many great Jewish poets, theologians, philosophers, mathematicians & diplomats.



UPCOMING EVENT:

FLUTE, PICCOLO & PIANO CONCERT- Sunday, February 28th at 3 pm KM's first Arts Festival Open House will conclude with a concert featuring Susan Greenberg playing the piccolo and flute & Louise Lofquist playing the piano. Susan Greenberg enjoys a versatile career as soloist, chamber musician, symphony player & recording artist. Louise Lofquist is a pianist & played for the National Symphony at age 18 years. She now teaches voice, diction & vocal accompanying and chamber music at Pepperdine University. The concert will include classical, Jewish, & jazz selections. You don't want to miss this grand event!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Interested in serving the community? If you not currently on the Board of KM and are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact our President, Joel Krischer, at jekrischer@gmail.com or our Executive Director, Kathie Rose, at kathierose@KM-synagogue.org to make your interest known.

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, On behalf of the Ritual Committee

At the beginning of our daily *tephila*, we recite the following, while wrapping the straps of the *tefillin* about our fingers:

"Thus says the Lord: I will betroth you to Me forever. I will betroth you with righteousness, with justice, with love, and with compassion. I will betroth you to Me with faithfulness, and you shall love the Lord."

This text is lifted directly from Hosea (2:21-22). Hosea's book is deeply troubling, insofar as the clear analogy is made between Israel as a harlot, and God as the betrayed husband. The text, ancient and ambiguous, is given to many different readings. Much contemporary scholarship attempts to locate Hosea's prophecies in the history of the Ancient Near East. That effort though does not blunt the direct, and difficult, prophetic image and message.

But in these verses, after the rejection, after the separation and after the betrayal, God the lover reunites with the straying wife. The New Jewish Publication Society offers a different take:

"And I will espouse you forever: I will espouse you with righteousness and justice, and with goodness and mercy. And I will espouse you with faithfulness; then you will be devoted to the Lord."

Whether the slight differences in nuance between the two translations are significant or not, the overall direction, particularly in the context of both the original Hosea and in our daily prayers retain great power, and great hope.

Regardless of our wanderings, regardless of our failings, each day, every day, we Jews, individually and collectively, can renew our vows, our covenant, with *Ribbono Shel Ha-Olam*, with the Master of Infinity. Not only do we recite this vow, wrapping the *tefillin* strap about our finger as a wedding ring, but we would have God making that vow, God renewing the covenant, God calling us back, each day, every day, to God's love and service.

It is an odd habit, putting on *tefillin*, leather boxes stuffed with archaic script. But if the odd habit can help us acknowledge both our great distance from the Infinite One, and that One's Infinite love for us, collectively and individually, that perhaps we might wish to strap them on.

MEMBERSHIP

Susie Yuré, Vice President of Membership

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

From far and near, these new members congregate at Kehillat Ma'arav. We're so delighted you've chosen us for your spiritual home.

GAIL NEIMAN connected with our community when she traveled to Israel on the KM trip November 2014. She soon joined the Lunch and Learn Torah study group with Rabbi Gotlieb. Gail was born in Brooklyn and grew up in New Jersey before moving to LA, where she met her husband. After teaching in LA for 25 years, Gail continues to participate as a life member in ORT, Hadassah and Na'amat and also loves to read.

SHAINA AND BEN SHAPIRO are so happy to have found the warmth of our multi-generational shul for their children to attend religious school. Shaina is the family coordinator for the gatherings of her 9 siblings and is busy full time with their 6 year-old twins, Abby and Izzy and 4-year-old Jack. Ben is an

attorney and works with technology for law firms. They look forward to connecting with other KM families.

MICHELE AND DMITRY LIBERMAN were also impressed with the religious school for their children, Sasha, Issac and Noa. Michele was born in Brooklyn and met Dmitry, originally from the Ukraine, when promoting wholesale women's clothing to his company. Obtaining his degree in Business Economics, Dmitry started Kamarov with a friend and handles the production of the woman's clothing line. Michele likes to cook, do cross-fit and volunteer at the kids' school, Roosevelt.

DARCY AND MICHAEL SAVOY are glad to return as KM members, which longtime member and mom, Tammy Steinsapir, is delighted. When Darcy isn't teaching preschool (27 years), she loves doing crafts, cooking and baking. Michael, originally from Brooklyn, is a CPA and huge baseball fan. Congrats to Michael who will soon be recognized with a National Jewish Humanitarian Award. Their 2 daughters are working toward CPA degrees and their high school son enjoys tutoring math.

SOCIAL ACTION

David J. Wilzig, Chair, Social Action Committee

Joining the SAC- the Social Action Committee- is guaranteed to enrich your life. Joining our committee will provide you the opportunity to take an active role in bettering the world. Our group is proactive and in being such we have been able to bring change, perhaps not global but certainly of global import to those we have helped. Let me give you a few examples:

On Dec 25, 2015 many KM volunteers separated used clothing by sex and age, prepared and then served meals and drinks to people who fly beneath our governmental radar of support. You can rest assure that each KM volunteer impacted many a person that day. All of us were tired from standing and sorting clothing, tired from serving meals, and tired from seeing such abject poverty but I know that each volunteer left the Faith in Christ Ministry feeling that they had taken an active, rather than a passive role, in helping others.

Later that evening I found my Shilo English-Hebrew dictionary and looked up the Hebrew word for "action". To no surprise no one word was provided. Action was alternately called "p oolah"[for operation], "ma'areh"[for deed] and "alil ah"[for story]. (I will leave

linguistic accuracy, or inaccuracy, of modern idiomatic Hebrew to Rabbi Gotlieb.) Hebrew words are so often like that, variations on a theme dependent upon the user's intent. So too is the SAC of KM – the social action committee which consists of a small but growing group of people who see and articulate a need, develop an operation and then via deed create a story of support to those who have difficulty assisting themselves. The action is, in and of itself, the benefit one gets from joining our committee. The committee provided me 2 wonderful days, one in November when I went to Helen's Cycle shop to assess and purchase a two-wheeler for a nine year boy who had a Hanukah wish list and belonged to a family depleted of funds and then in December a morning of separating used and discarded clothing, jackets that when selected by those who came to the Ministry and wore them out as if they were wearing Joseph's coat of many colors.

Kudo's to those who brought the Hanukah Mitzvah program and the FICM program to KM and the Social Action committee.

I can promise you that if you wish to live in gratitude in 2016 you should consider joining our group. There's plenty of room at our table and many ideas for action programs in the new year.

JAMES B. GREEN, ESQ.



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The theme would be to stitch or otherwise illustrate verses from the Torah to be mounted and displayed collectively in the Sanctuary. An organizational meeting will be scheduled in the very near future. Please indicate which days, morning and / or evening, work best for you, and come with ideas for verses to include.

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Judy and Mitch Blake on the passing of Judy's sister, Joan Mass, on Thursday, December 17.

Judy Spector on the passing of her husband, Sheldon Spector, on Tuesday, December 29.

Allison and Michael Goldberger on the passing of Allison's mother, Bess Radin, Saturday, January 2.

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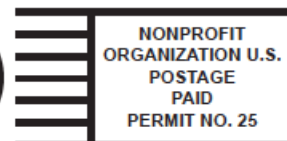
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