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*Shavuot Customs from East to West
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WELCOMING SHAVUOT

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

This month we celebrate Shavuot. Compared to Sukkot and Passover, the other two “Pilgrimage,” holidays, Shavuot is not nearly as well known, let alone observed. The festival commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai.

Here are 3 insights derived from Shavuot that can better acquaint you to this important, holy and meaningful day.

1) We are the People of the Book. On Shavuot we commemorate having been given the Book. Can you think of another group of people that when they drop a religious text they kiss it

upon picking it up? When it's worn out and no longer usable, they bury it? If the Torah's dropped, they fast, or give Tzedakkah as a form of expiation? When it's paraded around the room, they stand in honor of it? My advice is not to worship the Book, but rather live by it, learn from it. Shavuot is a good time to start.

2) The gates of Judaism are open to non-Jews; Jews by choice are welcomed, deeply appreciated and admired. On Shavuot we read the Book of Ruth. Ruth was a Moabite who converted to Judaism. The Moabites were described in the Bible as longtime enemies of the Jewish People—that's not insignificant. The

point being, whoever is sincere in wanting to become Jewish, regardless one's background; one's gender, race, ethnicity etc., is welcomed. Jews by choice are among the Jewish People's greatest gifts.

3) Shavuot teaches us to “number our days.” We count seven weeks, (49 days) plus one, from the second night of Passover to Shavuot. Each day is measured. Psalm 90 instructs us, “To count our days wisely, so that we may acquire a heart of wisdom.” Make every day count. That we are conscious of our mortality makes life even more precious and worth living. With Torah—celebrated and received

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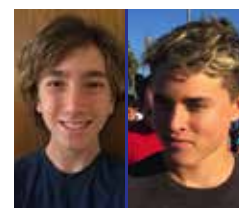
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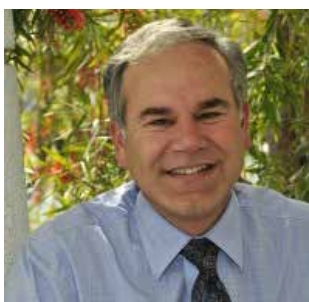


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on Shavuot—we are given the tools to better negotiate life. With Torah, given to us by God, we can more fully understand the purpose behind our existence.

Come out and celebrate Shavuot with your KM community. The holiday's festivities begin Saturday night June 11th at 6:30 pm. There will be something for all generations, plus Torah study late into the night. Services continue Sunday and Monday morning promptly at 9:30 am.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



**JOEL KRISCHER,
President**

God bless America.

Sharon and I first traveled overseas when we were in our early forties. Since then, we have been privileged to take countless business and personal trips abroad; almost every time we seek out Jewish history from, or visit a synagogue in, whatever country we visit. And every time we do that we say God Bless America, especially as the most welcoming place the Jews have ever known, possibly even including Israel.

On our most recent trip, we visited Spain and Portugal. In Barcelona, we stood outside the room where the famous "Disputation" occurred -- a debate, ordered by King James I of Aragon on whether Jesus was the Messiah. The debaters were Dominican Friar Pablo Christiani, a convert from Judaism to Christianity, and Rabbi Moses Nachmanides (Ramban), a leading medieval Jewish scholar. On the same building we saw the seal of the Spanish Inquisition; that made its way to Portugal in 1497, to South America after that and was not formally terminated until the 1800s. We also learned that most of the Jews were expelled from Barcelona about 100 years earlier, in the 1380s, and that the ones left by the time of the inquisition were those practicing in secret, or just turned in by their neighbors.

In Leon, Spain we learned that at the time the cathedral of that city was built, the entire population of Leon was

about 3,000, and about half of them were Jews. As an attempt to atone for the Inquisition, the city has recently installed the Hebrew word "Safarad" -- which means "Iberia" -- on the Placa Mayor (the main town square) as part of an effort to remind the population of how integral Jews were to the city before the Inquisition. We also learned that both Spain and Portugal have recently passed laws offering to bestow citizenship on anybody who can show their ancestors fled Iberia due to the Inquisition.

And in Porto, Portugal, we visited the Synagogue Kadoorie - Mekor Haim ("Fountain of Life"). It was largely funded by the children of Laura Kadoorie, a descendant of Portuguese Jews who fled the country from the Inquisition, and the wife of a Jewish philanthropist of Iraqi origin, Sir Elly Kadoorie. But the synagogue had been the dream of Artur Carlos de Barros Basto, who learned he was Jewish from his dying grandfather, became a decorated veteran of World War I but was dismissed from the army in disgrace in 1937 for the "immoral" act of participating in circumcision ceremonies of the students of the Israelite Theological Institute of Porto. Some call him the Portuguese Dreyfus.

Finally, while we were learning this history, the Labour Party in Great Britain was convulsing with how to deal with first, a minister who had posted anti-Semitic remarks, and second, the ex-mayor of London who defended the minister not once, but twice, by arguing that Hitler supported Zionism.

God Bless America, indeed.

REMINDER: Our Annual Meeting is on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. By just about any measure, this has been an outstanding year for our community. The annual meeting is your chance to hear about that and our collective vision for the coming year and beyond, and more important, to vote on our slate of officers and trustees for the upcoming year.

SWEAT TO THE MUSIC



CANTOR SAM COHEN

The summer is here and Santa Monica, California is buzzing with runners, cyclists and lots of people enjoying outdoor sports. Some of you may already know that I like to exercise and I love riding my bike up a mountain, and of course,

along the beach. We here in California are blessed with the ability to do be outdoors most of the year, but it is especially nice in the summer.

But there is a partner I use to help me with my workout, whether I'm in the gym, on my bike, or just running around outdoors. That partner is music.

Here are some interesting tidbits about listening to music while exercising.

From an article on www.thuffingtonpost.com:

"7 Reasons You Should Listen To Music When You Work Out"

Listening to music when you hit the gym to improve your workout isn't exactly a new concept. But understanding how your favorite tunes enhance your exercise is a little less obvious.

Research consistently finds that listening to music distracts athletes from their "bodily awareness" (read: pain). And a recent study found that not just listening, but controlling and creating music in time to one's pace had an even more profound effect on perceived effort during a workout.

Here are a few of the "seven very good reasons to rock out during your next gym session".

1. Music is the good kind of distraction.

While the study did suggest there's more to it than distraction, working out with music did make participants less aware of their exertion. Such a distraction can benefit athletic performance by up to 15 percent, The Guardian reported. The faster the better, according to WebMD: Upbeat tunes have more information for our brains to process, which takes your mind off of that side stitch.

2. It ups your effort.

A 2010 study found that cyclists actually worked harder when listening to faster music as compared to music at a slower tempo. But too fast is no good, either. Songs between 120 and 140 beats per minute (bpm) have the maximum effect on moderate exercisers.

- I can very much can relate to this!

4. A good beat can help you keep pace.

The rhythm of your workout music stimulates the motor area of the brain as to when to move, thereby aiding self-paced exercises such as running or weight-lifting. Clueing into these time signals helps us use our energy more efficiently, since keeping a steady pace is easier on our bodies than fluctuating throughout a sweat session.

To sum up how to use music as an exercise partner with you this summer, here are "five tips for getting on track" from the www.telegraph.co.uk article "*Should you listen to music while exercising?*":

1. Use music to help get you in the right frame of mind before you exercise. Turning up with the right attitude is half the battle. Pick a track that will motivate you.

2. The tracks you choose should mean something to you. If you will be doing a tough interval session, select ones that you've performed well to in the past.

3. Switch off your music if you're struggling with an exercise or lose track of repetitions.

4. Limit the volume during high-intensity sessions to protect your ears.

5. If you can't get to sleep after an evening workout, listen to a gentle track before you go to bed.

So lets get outdoors and enjoy the summer in-step with your musical beat!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE



SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Education

Shalom Chaverim,

Once a year we celebrate a special Saturday morning Shabbat B'Yachad bringing our school children and families together (B'Yachad) to celebrate Shabbat. We offer a Family Shabbat experience in our back classrooms featuring: an interactive family service, Torah, drama and dance Chugim, as well as our 6th and 7th Grade students helping to lead aspects of the Torah service with our Rabbi and Cantor. Our program concludes with our school coming together to lead the Adon Olam "Ramah-style", before we all come Together (B'Yachad) for a community Kiddush lunch. We had close to 50 students and parents in attendance – our biggest school Shabbat morning program – yet!

This past month, for our Yom Ha'Atzmaut Family Celebration we celebrated Israel's 68th birthday using our Israeli Shekels to shop at Shuk Hacarmel in Tel Aviv and Machaneh Yehudah in Jerusalem. Our students and families met famous Israeli heroes, cooked with famous chefs from Café Tel Aviv, and enjoyed an authentic Israeli dinner. We visited Tzfat and learned its origins and met artists in the artist quarter and made beautiful family Hamsas to hang in our homes. We learned how to cook falafel, barekas and an array of Israeli salads. Finally, we played Holyland Squares - a game show where we not only learned interesting facts about Israel but met 9 essential Israelis who helped make Israel what it is today. By the end of the program, we had 100 kids and families dancing, eating, singing, playing all kinds of Israeli games, and enjoying a beautiful birthday cake donated from Vienna Pastries.

Our art specialist Frances Tiger completed the 4th/5th Grade Seder plates with our kids. This beautiful project began with clay, to firing them up in the Crossroads Kiln to Glazing each plate – just beautiful, a memory to cherish for a lifetime. We also did an end of the year butterfly project with the goal of honoring the memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust. Each butterfly represents a child and their story. We hope to continue this project next year with our 6th and 7th grade students when they learn about the Holocaust as part of their curriculum.

For our 8th and final Ohr L'Olam program our students celebrated the Mitzvah of Ahavat Tzion, our love for Israel and Klal Yisrael with a special Israel program. During our program our students rotated to three stations learning about the IDF, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut where we decorated t-shirts for the Israel festival. After our program, families further celebrated their love for Israel by going to Rancho Park for the annual Yom Ha'Atzmaut festival.

Our final two B'nai Mitzvah Seminars for our 5th-7th Grade students and families co-facilitated by our Rabbi, Cantor, Masha Savitz and myself were on Shabbat and Kashrut with our families finishing their Siddur project.

Our End of the Year High School Party was a tremendous success! We went to Bowlmor for bowling, pizza, food, drinks, games and hanging out with friends. We invited our 7th grade class to join in the fun to get a taste of what Westside Chai and USY will look like for them next year!

Our end of the year Parent Closing Ceremony and Teacher Appreciation Celebrations were beautiful! We would like to officially thank all of our parents, our Education Committee and our committed team of teachers for all that they do for our school. We wish you a wonderful summer and be sure to mark your calendars for our first day of school – Sunday, August 21st!

Mark your calendars:

The 2016-17 school year begins Sunday, August 21st.



Butterfly project



Passover plates



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Day

KADIMA

SHARONE WEIZMAN,
Director of Youth Programming

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

Our next Kadima event will be on Sunday, June 5th at the Clover Park. Our families and Kadimaniks will end the year with a family BBQ, picnic, games and fun in the park!

Mark your calendars: Mark your calendars for our summer PJ Havdallah on Saturday, July 30th!

Enjoy some Kadima highlights from this year!



Ice skating



Bowlero



Camp Ramah



Mulligan's



New Eyes



Sky High



RS Ohr L'Olam - Ahavat Tzion



INTRODUCING K A V A N A



MASHA SAVITZ,
Head of Early
Childhood & Arts
Programs

K A V A N A: The Art of Jewish Living, will be KM's very own new magazine. We are aiming for a quarterly offering, based on the seasons and cycles of the Jewish calendar that celebrates Jewish ritual, arts, culture, KM, L.A. and Israel. It will proudly showcase our communities' talents and intellect.

Jewish life startles the tension between *keva*, structure or form, and *kavana*, which can be defined as intention from the root meaning 'direction'. It seems fitting, therefore, to call the new KM magazine K A V A N A.



K A V A N A, as our intention for the magazine, is to infuse our lives with greater beauty, depth, meaning and joy. This publication is about an aesthetic, about elevating, imbuing and infusing, inspiration.

According to *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary*, the definition of "inspiration":

- 1 a: a divine influence or action on a person believed to qualify him or her to receive and communicate sacred revelation b: the action or power of moving the intellect or emotions c: the act of influencing or suggesting opinions
- 2: the act of drawing in; specifically: the drawing of air into the lungs
- 3 a: the quality or state of being inspired b: something that is inspired <a scheme that was pure inspiration>
- 4: an inspiring agent or influence

I was inspired to create this magazine in hopes that the inspiration will be infectious. Look for the summer edition very soon.

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!* We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Alan and Halina Alter 44th anniversary	Leonid Kruglyak and Hilary Collier 17th anniversary	Stuart Perlman and Denise Gerber 33rd anniversary	Larry and Kim Israel 36th anniversary	Dmitry and Michele Liberman 12th anniversary	Richard and Debra Silverman 31st anniversary
Larry and Miyako Berkin 35th anniversary	Richard and Adinah Finn 17th anniversary	Tom and Sonia Glasner 43rd anniversary	Elsa and Gregory Jones 42nd anniversary	Joseph and Nancy Peters 34th anniversary	Arthur and Norma Stein 44th anniversary
Stuart and Marlene Bernstein 57th anniversary	David and Karen Fleiss 48th anniversary	Charles and Marian Goldsmith 52nd anniversary	Ira and Helena Katz 36th anniversary	Zvi and Perla Rothenberg 36th anniversary	David and Mary Jo Wilzig 42nd anniversary
Michael Morrisette and Prissi Cohen 20th anniversary	Boris and Faina Gelman 48th anniversary	Paul and Sue Hoffman 42nd anniversary	Alec and Tamara Levenson 26th anniversary	Kevin Root and Rachel Shapiro 12th anniversary	Stan and Sandy Ziegler 59th anniversary
			Pat and Harla Levitt 41st anniversary	Roger and Christine Silk 23rd anniversary	
			Joseph and Helayne Levy 37th anniversary		Lou and Judy Zucker 52nd anniversary

BIRTHDAYS

(18 and Under)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 2016 IYAR/SIVAN 5776			1 7:00pm JAWS workshop: Putting Text 2 Music- Cantor Cohen	2 No Class	3 7:44pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	4 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
5 9:00am Schechter 3/3- Shavuot 11:00am RS -Last Sunday Offsite 12:00pm Gift of B'nai Mitzvah (9) Yom Yerushalayim	6	7 Last Day of School 3:45pm RS 2-7 - 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	8 7:00pm Annual Meeting	9 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn 7:00pm JNET 8:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	10 7:47pm Candle Lighting	11 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 6:30pm Shavuot Under the Stars
12 9:30am 1st Day Shavuot Services Shavuot	13 9:30am 2nd Day Shavuot Services / Yizkor Shavuot	14 7:15pm KM Choir	15 6:00pm Executive Board Mtg 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg	16 12:00pm Lunch n' Learn	17 7:50pm Candle Lighting	18 9:30am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah- Eden Elgrably 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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Haim Dov and Lynn Beliak 45th anniversary	Eugene and Heather Dula 16th anniversary	Evan and Brenda Krantz 45th anniversary	Donald and Lynda Moses 47th anniversary	David Shapendonk and Marla Rubin 12th anniversary	Barry and Linda Zwang-Weissman 39th anniversary
Jeremy and Lee Broekman 18th anniversary	Rabbi Michael and Jill Gotlieb 32nd anniversary	Steven Popper and Veronica Kun 30th anniversary	Marc Sniderman and Merle Newman 29th anniversary	Jeffrey and Minda Salberg 18th anniversary	Russell and Melissa Witt 3rd anniversary
Pepe and Diane Cancino 10th anniversary	Wayne and Gaylen Grody 26th anniversary	Mr. Forrest Latiner and Mrs. Marsha Lewin Latiner 15th anniversary	Mr. Jeff Kravitz and Ms. Shelley Rose 36th anniversary	Nathaniel and Bernice Stein 61st anniversary	Michael Bono and Valerie Zim 21st anniversary

BIRTHDAYS (18 and Under)

Yona Bogale Arussi
Rachel Brooke Bernstein
Theodore (Theo) Castel

Millie Sidney Colchamiro
Ethan Harris Dula
Stavi Kuba
Molly Levitt
Isaac Masion Liberman

Tillie Cohen Morrisette
Lindsay Oberman
Mia Danielle Ricanati
Benjamin Logan Savoy
Zoey Silverman

Riley Slater
Matthew Benjamin Steiglitz

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FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Dennis Gura, on behalf of the ritual committee

For some, 137 might be the most oft recited psalm; for the rest of us, the first verses are familiar, but the rest distant, and, to say the least, troublesome.

Our Siddur Sim Shalom deletes it, but traditionally 137 introduces the Birkat Ha-Mazon, the Grace after Meals, at “regular” (neither Shabbat nor holiday) meals. Given the text, the decision to redact this Psalm is understandable. Starting with great sadness, the poem ends with a startling brutality:

By the rivers of Babylon where we settled, we wept when we thought of Zion.

*On poplar trees there, we hung up our harps,
since there our captors asked us to sing, and our masters
demanded entertainment —*

“Sing us one of those Zion songs.”

How can we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land?

*If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither,
let my tongue go dry in my mouth if I stop speaking of you,
if I don't think of Jerusalem even at my greatest joy.*

*Please, O Lord, pay back the Edomite for the day of Jerusalem's fall,
the ones who said, “Tear it down! Tear it down to its foundations!”
O Babylon, you destroyer! Lucky the one who does back to you
what you did to us! Lucky the one who takes your little babies and
smashes them on the rocks!*

(James L. Kugel: The Great Poems of the Bible: A Reader's Companion and New Translation)

Not light after-dinner amusement this! Pain and anger rolled into one venting rage of frustration and revenge as the introduction to the thanksgiving prayer for victuals. Given the great comforts and privilege we experience in the modern world, and especially in the United States, this deletion from our daily recitations makes a great deal of sense. The decision is not without a price: we walk back from a major emotional thread of traditional Jewish religious life—the reminder of real enemies in the world, and the hope of both justice and, truth be told, revenge. Well ensconced in a safe and prosperous America, we forget the fears and travails of our ancestors.

It behooves us to re-read this left-behind psalm, particularly as we prepare in July for the quintessential mourning day, Tisha B'Av, on August 10.

David Slavitt's take on Psalm 137 doesn't blunt the angry razor's edge, but he might make the poem a bit more accessible:

By the Tigris' banks we sat and cried,

*and there by the Euphrates' side,
we wept, we wept,
for in our hearts we kept
Zion.
We thought of Zion.*

*Our captors bade us sing, but we
hung on the weeping willow tree
out under the stars
our mute guitars,
Zion.
We thought of Zion.*


*How shall we sing in exile, how?
If I forget Jerusalem now,
let my hand wither and my tongue,
that in a thoughtless moment sung,
turn to stone in my mouth.
I stare, in silence, south,
to Zion.
We think of Zion.*

*Remember the Edomites. Think how they
destroyed Jerusalem that way!
How could we ever forget that day?
You, Babylon,
you babble on.
But your time will come, we say,
who yearn for it and pray:
An avenger will one day arise
from earth or descend from empty skies
to pluck out your little babies' eyes,
and, as you stare in shock,
crack their heads upon a rock.*

(David R. Slavitt: Sixty-One Psalms of David.)

A sad song, a vengeful one—but ours nonetheless, and one we need not necessarily embrace, but neither should we forget, never Jerusalem, never to forget Jerusalem.

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MEMBERSHIP

Jewish+Mother=Food

Membership Potluck Friday Night Shabbat Services/Dinner Commemorates Mother's Day By Alyssa Ganezer

What better way to honor the mothers and women of the community than to ask them to make food?

Of course, I'm being facetious. Certainly a handful of the men at the potluck supper themed around Mother's Day on Friday, May 6, had also prepared a few of the amazing variety of dairy casseroles, braised salmons, and crisp salads that loaded five tables and fed over a hundred happy participants. A handful, I'm sure.

And of course, I'm being serious. Motherhood, in its broadest sense, means nurturing and providing. Sometimes this nurturing is physical: milk, food, clothes. Sometimes this nurturing is spiritual: love, caring, support.

On Friday night at Kehillat Ma'arav, we experienced an abundance of both types of nurturing. The spiritual side started with services, led by Rabbi Michael Gotlieb, Cantor Sam Cohen, and his talented colleague/friend, Cantor Marcus Feldman of Sinai Temple. Backed up by the inscrutable band and pianist Diana Volman, prayer became a rhythm and dance celebration of God and life. A special duet rendition of Mamele by Cantors Cohen and Feldman injected the evening with a healthy dose of Yiddish nostalgia.

For some of us "real" mothers - be we male or female - the true show, however, were the couple of toddlers remaining after the PJ Library activity who danced along. What better nourishment for the soul than to see a next generation getting down to Yigdal?

Physical nourishment was of the lavish and profuse variety at the dinner immediately following services. Savory pastas, curried cheese, vegetarian chicken nuggets, kugels, quinoa - every single dish brought by our culinary congregation was mouth-watering. Do not ask me how I know this.

But even here over food, spiritual sustenance threaded through the evening as families and friends, congregants of long-standing and brand-new, all came together to enjoy what God, ultimately, had provided.

This author would like to thank Membership Friday Night Shabbat Dinner Co-chairs Barbara Levy and Susie Yuré for organizing this amazing celebration of the mother in all of us. Many thanks also to Ann Harris, not in attendance, who provided handouts of her insights and suggestions for family genealogical research and future workshops.

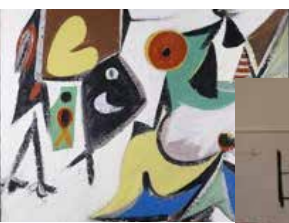
When's the next one?
I'll be there.

MEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

STEPHEN SHAPIRO, Men's Club President

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 7pm:

Talia Shulman Gold, the Western Regional Director, will speak on the work of **CAMERA**, the **Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America**. CAMERA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that monitors the media for inaccuracies about Israel and the Middle East. A native of Belgium, Mrs. Shulman Gold produced news stories for CNN & is known for her research analysis on the Holocaust. Suggested donation \$5.



MONDAY, JULY 18, 7pm:

Evan Maurer, Director Emeritus, **Minneapolis Institute of Arts**, will speak on "Bringing Jewish Spirituality, Arts & Culture to Public Audiences." Maurer eliminated entrance charges, oversaw a \$30 million renovation in 1998 & launched a \$50 million expansion which was completed in 2006. He featured works of native people & communities of color in ways no one had even dreamed of before. We are fortunate to have him in our community for this talk. Suggested donation \$5.

TRIBUTES *(as of May 19th, 2016)*

A speedy recovery to

Michael Bono, by Mimi Klein

Robin Commagere, friend of Donald Moses, by Donald Moses

Mazel Tov to

- **CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN ON HIS ENGAGEMENT,** by Susan and Richard Ross, Tammy Steinsapir

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In honor of

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In memory of

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Ida Sabin, mother of Herb Sabin, by Herb Sabin

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A speedy recover to

Razit Gordon, cousin of Matthew Maibaum, by Matthew Maibaum

MAZEL TOV TO

Joanne and Paul Klein on the birth of their granddaughter, Frances Odette Rehak, born Thursday, May 12. Joanne is KM's Business Manager. If you have not met her, stop in and say hello!



KM is gearing up for summer! We've got some great events planned that you won't want to miss. See enclosed flyer or go to our website for details!

SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendar for these important dates coming up after summer!

Religious School begins – Sunday, August 21

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, October 2

1st Day Rosh Hashanah services – Monday, October 3

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah services – Tuesday, October 4

Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 11

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 12

Sukkot begins – Sunday, October 16

Simchat Torah Celebration – Monday, October 24

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EDEN ELGRABLY - JUNE 18TH



Hello, my name is Eden Elgrably. I turned fourteen years old in May. My favorite things to do are to make people laugh and to tell jokes to my friends and family. I also love to play baseball and have been playing since I was seven years

old. I've rotated between first base and center field and have always found a way to make it exciting, even when the ball isn't really coming my way.

Last February I rescued a Bichon-Poodle that I named Havva after 'Hava Nagila', which means "Let Us Rejoice" in Hebrew. I enjoy walking Havva and going on adventures with her. I also enjoy going to the island of Kauai and will be going again this August. I usually go snorkeling and swim with the turtles when I'm there. One of the most exciting trips I'm looking forward to is going to Israel for the first time next year for my 8th grade graduation gift.

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ALEXANDER SASHA LENKIN - JUNE 25TH



Hello, my name is Alexander Lenkin. Many of you might know me as Sasha.

I attend John Adams Middle School and will graduate from seventh grade this year. At school I play two instruments, euphonium and trumpet. My favorite subjects at school are mathematics, and science. I especially like learning about the Universe and the unique planets within it. In my free time, I enjoy playing sports like football, basketball and water polo. This season, my water polo team is practicing hard to qualify for the Junior Olympics. During winter I always have fun skiing with my family and friends. I am excited about my Bar Mitzvah. Many of my family members from Washington, DC and New York will be attending. The guests coming the farthest will be my grandparents and cousins from Germany. I am looking forward to showing all my family and friends what I have been learning for the past 4 years at KM Religious School.

WESTSIDE CHAI

Bar Mitzvah – Done? Think again... Join us for our amazing Westside Chai and USY Programming for teens on the Westside. These are joint community experiences hosted by KM! We meet monthly for interactive, engaging, educational and social nights at KM and around the community! Please enjoy our end of the year 'Bowl-Out' party photos from Bowlmor. For more information contact our Director of Education at eddiretor@km-synagogue.org.

Mark your calendar:

Our High School Kick-Off Pool Party will be in August, 2016!



Westside Chai - Bowlmor

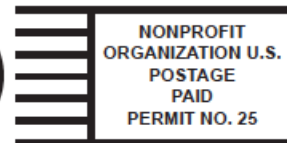
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Shavuot Under the Stars

Dinner	6:30pm	Saturday, June 11
Celebration	7:30pm	
Ma'ariv	8:45pm	
Tikkun Leil Shavuot (All-night learning)	9:00 pm	



Shavuot Services

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am @KM

Shavuot Services & Yizkor

Monday, June 13

9:30 am @KM