# KEMP MILL SYNAGOGUE'S 33RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION

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#### YOUTH HONOREES

JOSH DIAMENT | EREZ EPSTEIN | DANIEL FERZIGER
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PENINA SLOAN | RACHEL SMITH



6:45PM • JOINT RUACH MINYAN

DRASHA BY ERICA BROWN

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

#### SHABBAT MORNING

11:00-11:30AM • DVAR TORAH & HONOREE GIFT PRESENTATIONS FOLLOWED BY COCKTAIL HOUR KIDDUSH LUNCH

12:45PM • CONCURRENT SHIURIM:

TORAH SH'BICHTAV: SHARON FREUNDEL

TORAH SH'BEAL PEH: MECHY FRANKEL

HASHKAFA: LAURA GOLDMAN

#### SHABBAT AFTERNOON

6:45PM • MINCHA

FOLLOWED BY DESSERT RECEPTION SEUDAH SHLISHIT.

8PM • ESTHER DZIADEK "IN CONVERSATION" WITH RABBI WEINBERG

8:15PM • RABBI YITZHAK GROSSMAN SHIUR

#### **NEXT SHABBAT AFTERNOON, MAY 20**

FOLLOWING 7:55PM MINCHA • DAVID EISENMAN HONOREE GIET PRESENTATION & SHILIB

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# Erica Brown 2022 KOHELET CLASS

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I spent four of my formative young years in Europe. I lived in Belgium for 3 years and one year in England and, for a few years, spoke French and Flemish as a child. Now I can barely spell baguette, but I did marry an Englishman.

# CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

I could say that the pasuk that *amuses* me the most appears when David acted like a crazy person in front of the King of Gat, and the king refused him entry saying, "Chaser meshuga'im ani? Do I have a shortage of crazy people?" (I Samuel 21:15).

One of the verses that inspires me a great deal is from Tehillim. It's short but it says so much. Psalms 36:10 concludes - "By Your light do we see light."

I'm drawn to this pasuk much the way that I'm drawn to light in paintings - what we spotlight is what we pay attention to and what we pay attention to grows. John Milton began one of his poems with the words, "When I consider how my light is spent..." This idea of thinking consciously about how we spend our light emerges from the verse for me as a moral question. The verse is also saying that there is something evanescent and ephemeral about light that comes from God and is associated with God. The source of all light above invites us to be a light below. Marianne Williamson famously wrote, "As we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same." God's light helps us see our light. Our light helps us bring out the light in others. The more light is spread from one source to another, the more light we have in the world. The Malbim interprets the light here as God's hidden light that, once revealed, allows humans to walk in the light. Mitzvot are, for him, the "ladders and pathways" that enable a person to access the source of life and the visions that are God's light. Our world is filled with such darkness at times that it dims our belief in a better future. But Yishayhu told us that to be a covenant people requires going into places of darkness and bringing our light to those places. That's a great metaphor for the inherent optimism of Judaism.



# Esther Dziadek WEDNESDAY SIDDUR CLASS

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I am making Aliyah on June 19, 2023, with Hashem's guidance and help every step of the way!

I could not have done it without Him! I am looking forward to continue to grow and reach higher spiritual levels, living in Eretz Yisroel, our Holy Land.

# CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

ספר בראשית, פרשת לך לך, פסוקים י"ד-י"ז

וה' אמר אל אברם אחרי הפרד לוט מעמו: שא נא עיניך וראה מן המקום אשר אתה שם צפונה ונגבה וקדמה וימה וראה מן המקום אשר אתה שם צפונה ונגבה וקדמה וימה Hashem said to Abram after Lot parted from him, "Raise now your eyes and look out from where you are: northward, southward, eastward and westward."

כי את כל הארץ אשר אתה רואה לך אתננה ולזרעך עד עולם For all the land that you see to you will I give it, and to your descendants forever.

ושמתי את זרעך כעפר הארץ אשר אם יוכל איש למנות את עפר הארץ גם זרעך ימנה

I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth so that if one can count the dust of the earth then your offspring, too, can be counted.

קום התהלך בארץ לארכה ולרחבה כי לך אתננה Arise, walk about the Land, through its length and breadth! For to you I will give it.

Hashem tells Abram to take possession of the Land so that he could bequeath it to his descendants, for, in the legal sense, Eretz Yisroel is a legacy from the Patriarchs (Bava Basra 119b). Just as Abram did not take possession of the Land in his lifetime, so the Jews did not always possess the Land. However, the nation of Israel and the Land of Israel would always be destined to one another.

May we merit to experience the Geulah quickly, in our lifetime.



# David Eigenman

SHABBAT AFTERNOON GEMARA SHUR

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I majored in Classical Greek in college, and with that background wrote an MD thesis on "Maimonides' Philosophic Criticism of Galen."

# CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOFS IT?

Zephaniah 3:13

שארית ישראל לא־יעשו עולה ולא־ידברו כזב ולא־ימצא בפיהם לשון תרמית כי־המה ירעו ורבצו ואין מחריד

The remnant of Israel shall do no wrong and speak no falsehood; a deceitful tongue shall not be in their mouths; only such as these shall graze and lie down with none to trouble them.

#### WORDS OF TORAH

"ואהבת לרעך כמוך" – רבי עקיבא אומר זה כלל גדול בתורה. בן עזאי אומר "זה ספר תולדות אדם" – זה כלל גדול מזה. "And you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:18): R. Akiva says: This is an all-embracing principle in the Torah. Ben Azzai says: (Bereshith 5:1) "This is the numeration of the generations of Adam" — This is an even greater principle." This debate between R. Akiva and Ben Azzai is a puzzle within a puzzle. The focus of the argument is unclear, and the significance of Ben Azzai's verse is not apparent. Many commentators assume that Ben Azzai's assertion refers to the elided end of the verse in Genesis which reads: "When G-d created humankind, it was made in the likeness of G-d." If that is the case, the interlocutors agree that the great principle of the Torah is an ethical one, though they differ on its meaning. R. Akiva's approach presents a few challenges. On the one hand, if we understand his verse in the simplest way it sets an impossibly high bar for our actions; can we really treat others as we treat ourselves? On the other hand, if we assume that the intention is that we should treat others as we would want them to treat us, it could be seen to imply a selfish assumption of reciprocity, or at the very least selfishness as the best motivation for doing good. An additional challenge is that if we understand "your neighbor" to mean one's "neighbor in mitzvot," the verse excludes most of the world from our ethical code.

Ben Azzai tries to avoid these pitfalls by positing an ethical framework based solely on the fact that all people are created in the image of G-d. Our obligation to behave ethically is universal, assumes no reciprocity and is set at a bar that is reachable and reasonable. Personal ethical codes may vary based on an individual's worldview, but not based on the identity of the recipient of the actions.

The verse from Zephaniah, quoted above, describes an alternative or possibly complementary approach. Zephaniah says that the foundation of ethical behavior, at least for the people of Israel, rests on one's moral obligation to oneself to avoid all impropriety in speech and action rather than on seeing the divine image in others. Taken more broadly, this approach can also be derived from Ben Azzai's verse and enhances our understanding of his grand principle. Ethical obligations stem from our recognition of the divine image in the other, while at the same time a moral obligation arises from our recognition of that image in ourselves.



Mechy Frankel

SHABBAT MORNING

GEMARA SHUR

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Back in the day, I spent ten years exploding nuclear weapons. I believe I am the first (and last) yeshiva bochur to have done that.

#### CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

Can't say anything in particular "speaks" to me. I presently have an intellectual interest in the first posuq of B'reishis because of something I am currently working on.

#### WORDS OF TORAH

This week's parasha articulates two financial ordinances which, would make life in the modern economic world unlivable if enforced. These are the prohibitions of collecting interest and the cancellation of debts every

sabbatical year. Already in very early Mishnaic times, these proscriptions were understood economically unworkable as written. Hillel HaZogen is credited with the invention of the mechanism of Pruzbul (a simple 1-2 line contractual addition) which passed responsibility of collection to a court, (Talmud Y. Shiviis 10). Hillel encountered pushback (v'Hillel masgin al divrei torah?) but prevailed. In later generations it evolved to the point that such pruzbul-like permission was understood implicit in all contracts without actually needing to write it. When I was younger I never even heard of anybody using one, but I noticed at last sh'mitoh pruzbuls are making a more general comeback lately. (But ask the Rabbi about that one). The interest problem was also handled by what is currently called the heter iska – details too complex for a two minute read, but essentially converts loans into a partial investment whose profits are shared. The earliest version goes back to the 14th-15th cent. (T'rumas Hadeshen). (So I guess these are considered good "ha'aramahs", - usually a prejudicial word - like selling chometz, as opposed to bad ha'aramahs.)

Ok – so that's the connection to this week's parsha. But what's the take-away? (other than Jews are clever at subverting inconvenient instructions, so maybe there are other circumstances -especially sourced in rabbinic rather than Torah history - where some subversion might be more helpful than harmful. But I digress). I like R. S. R. Hirsch's observation that the Torah could not really think interest was fundamentally immoral, otherwise it wouldn't have permitted it from non-Jews. Rather, the Torah hoped you might preserve more of your capital to finance acts of tzedakah.



# Sharon Freundel

MONDAY "CRAFTING WORLDS IN THE TORAH" CLASS

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I was born in Denver, Colorado, because my father was in the US Air Force stationed at Lowry Air Force Base [which no longer exists]. Therefore, my parents lived in Denver, and I wanted to be close to my mother when I was born.:)

# CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

סוף דבר הכל נשמע את־האלקים ירא ואת־מצותיו שמור כי־זה כל-האדם

When all is said and done, revere God and observe His commandments for this is the totality of humanity. [Kohelet 12:13]

Kohelet, after agonizing about the futility of living in this world, overcomes his 12 chapters of existential angst by realizing that all of the material

aspects fade into insignificance as contrasted with the transcendent ability to serve God.

I subscribe to Victor Frankel's view of the will towards meaning being what drives a person in life, as contrasted with Sigmund Freud, who believed it was the will towards pleasure and Alfred Adler who thought it was the will towards power. I think each can be true for different people. For me, it is all about the meaning. Frankl identified three main ways of realizing meaning in life: by making a difference in the world, by having particular experiences, and by adopting particular attitudes. Spending my life in Iewish education and communal service as a way of serving God has imbued my life, not only with meaning, but with purpose, in that what I do has hopefully had a positive effect on others; with significance, in that I know that I am simply an emissary of God, having the privilege of sharing His words with others as one link in a long chain of Torah teachers; and relatedness, in that I have had the honor of forming deep and lasting relationships with my students and community members. Perhaps if, like Kohelet, we can transcend the tripe that we so often immerse ourselves in over the course of dayto-day life, we will all come to live lives engulfed by meaning, each and every day.



# Laura Goldman

MONDAY 'DAAT ATZMEICH' -KNOW YOURSELF CLASS

## CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

As a leadership coach, I spend my days working with people who are trying to build themselves. I've seen people self-transform (with siyata d'Shmaya) and become courageous and inspired. I've watched them demonstrate through their being and their actions that they represent more than just themselves when they engage the world. My teaching and coaching give me the privilege of being able to walk with people through their transformations - a gift that I treasure and feel honored to be able to do.

Despite the serious way that I tend to look at the world (just ask my kids — "It's exhausting!!"), most people might not know that I love to have fun and have an adventurous side to me. I love to dance and sing, and to try new experiences. Recently, for a cohort of (female) colleagues, I wrote and performed (with the help of my piano-man husband, Yossi) a song that became a theme song for the group.

# CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

"V'asu li mikdash, v'shachanti b'tocham." (Shemos 25:8) "Make me a mikdash, and I will dwell within them."

As many of us know, the language "b'tocham" - "within them" - is odd because we would have expected it to say "b'tocho" - "within it." But, as some of the mystical commentaries point out, the Torah is trying to teach us that when we make ourselves into a Mikdash, then Hashem will dwell within us. In other words, this is a pasuk commanding us to build ourselves into Godly vessels. In giving us this charge, God is implicitly indicating that it is possible for us to build ourselves! We aren't destined to forever be who we are at this moment. We have the ability to grow and change.

Moreover, if we are able to create this space within us, God will be "SH-CH-N" - like a neighbor. He will be close to us; connected. So, how do we build ourselves into a mikdash? Says the Sefer Hachinuch, we must engage in doing mitzvos because "repeated actions make their impact on the body and mind, purifying both."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, however, commenting on the pasuk "kedoshim tehiyu" (Vayikra 19:2) - "and you should be kedoshim (holy)" - expands the realm of what it means to be holy from just compliance with the mitzvos of the Torah. He says that to be holy means to have the courage to be different, to be in this world, but not of it (just as God is), and to bear witness to God's existence in the world. This is the national mission of the Jewish people, individually and collectively. And, it yields the greatest pleasure because it bespeaks the most intimate of connections.



#### Ralphi Juzhak Grossman SUNDAY PARASHA EXPLORATIONS CLASS

# CAN YOU SHARE SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I love babies. I like to think that they are fond of me as well, but this may just be wishful thinking on my part.

#### CAN YOU SHARE A PASUK IN TANACH THAT PARTICULARLY SPEAKS TO YOU? WHY DOES IT?

סוף דבר הכל נשמע את האלקים ירא ואת מצותיו שמור כי זה כל האדם. (קהלת יב:יג)

The great theme of Koheles is that our world is a bewildering and baffling place, but the book's penultimate verse provides the key: it is duty - "fear G-d, and keep His commandments" - that is "the whole duty of man."

#### WORDS OF TORAH

Conscientious people are apt to see their duty in that which is the most painful course. -- George Eliot, The Mill on the Floss, Vol. III Book 7 Chapter V

Megillas Rus relates that Naomi initially attempted to dissuade her daughter-in-law Ruth from cleaving to her

and converting to Judaism, but "When she saw that she was stedfastly minded (ki misametzes) to go with her, then she left speaking unto her." (1:18)

In his commentary to this verse, the Gaon of Vilna explains that the yetzer tov (good inclination) always counsels the performance of mitzvos, but the vetzer ha-ra (evil inclination), if he cannot persuade someone to commit an outright aveirah, will instead attempt to induce him to perform an act that while apparently a mitzvah, actually entails many aveiros. How, then, is one to know whether an urge to perform a mitzvah derives from the yetzer tov or the yetzer ha-ra? The Gaon explains that if one finds himself acting easily and with alacrity, then he is presumably motivated by the yetzer ha-ra, whereas if he feels himself pushing against resistance, then it may be assumed that he is motivated by the yetzer tov and it is the yetzer ha-ra that is attempting to thwart him. Thus, when Naomi saw that Ruth, despite being her junior, was unable to follow her without steadfast determination and great effort, "then she left speaking unto her," for she saw that she was indeed motivated by her yetzer tov.

I first heard this idea of the Gaon several decades ago from my rosh yeshivah, R. Meir Stern of Passaic. If I recall correctly, he added that even if one suspects that a particular inclination of his to do a mitzvah actually derives from the yetzer ha-ra, insofar as the act in question is indeed a mitzvah, it may still be incumbent upon him to perform it – but it is nevertheless important to discern the true source of his motivation, and to be on guard for attempts by the yetzer ha-ra to pervert and corrupt his conduct.

The world can indeed be a bewildering place, and often, figuring out what one's duty actually is is much easier said than done, but throughout our marriage, my wife and I have attempted to utilize this idea of the Gaon to help clarify matters: "that which is the most painful course" is likely also the correct one.



#### JOSH DIAMENT

Josh has served as a gabbai for the KMS Youth Minyan this year. He volunteers for Imadi and has been on Tzevet at Camp Stone.

Josh enjoys hiking, biking, and crocheting. Josh is also an

enthusiastic appreciator of painting, specifically the works of Pablo Picasso and Edward Hopper and sometimes does some painting himself. Josh plans to attend Yeshivat Har Etzion (Gush) next year.



#### **EREZ EPSTEIN**

Erez's KMS career began in utero, as he was born a mere three hours after the KMS WTG Eicha reading Erev Tish'a B'Av. A proud Levi (and therefore, definitely not the mashiach), Erez has enjoyed participating in a

variety of KMS youth events, including serving as co-head of Bnei Akiva's ZACH and gabbai for KMS' Youth Minyan, where he frequently layns Torah & Haftarah; he finds cajoling teenagers to lead tefillot particularly entertaining. Erez is also a dedicated volunteer with Imadi and treasures every moment with the youth of our community.



#### DANIEL FERZIGER

Daniel was a shabbat and yom tov gabbai for the youth minyan this year, and last year was a gabbai for Sunday mornings. He previously served on the KMS teen minyan board. Daniel led the aravot sales and fundraisers

at KMS and Shomrei this year. He has also been a volunteer for Imadi the past two years. Daniel is a Senior at Berman Hebrew Academy and plans to attend Yeshivat Torat Shraga in Jerusalem next year.



#### SHIRA HOCHBERG

Shira has been a madricha for Bnei Akiva throughout high school, first as a madricha for younger kids and then as a V"Zach madricha. This year, she served as Rosh V"Zach. She has also been a youth group leader for first and

second graders for the past two years. Shira is a senior at Berman Hebrew Academy and plans to attend Migdal Oz next year.



#### AYELET LEDERMAN

Ayelet has been a madricha for Bnei Akiva throughout high school, and currently serves as Rosh Snif. She has worked as a group leader in the 4-5 year old room for 5 years. Ayelet is also one of the Gabbayot of the KMS Women's Tefilla Group. She has been involved

in various chesed activities and has planned community shiurim about environmentalism among other programming. Ayelet is a senior at Berman Hebrew Academy and is currently doing an internship at Farmland Elementary School. She plans to attend the Nativ program in Israel next year.

#### ATARA PARNESS



Atara Parness has been working in the Shabbat youth groups for the past few years. She works hand-in-hand with our Youth Directors to ensure the Shabbat groups go smoothly every week. Atara is a senior at Berman Hebrew Academy and will be attending Midreshet

Amudim in Yerushalayim next year. In her free time, Atara enjoys sewing her own clothes and working as a swim instructor.



#### PENINA SLOAN

Penina joined the KMS community when she was five years old. She has been an active member of the KMS Youth Minyan, most recently serving as the dvar torah coordinator. Penina has also been an active member of Bnei Akiva, serving as a madricha

for three years and, this year, as Rosh Snif. Together with her co-Rosh, she has organized bi-weekly snif for younger children in the community, as well as other events. Penina is grateful for the learning and youth programming KMS has offered her and the values of leadership, chessed, and chochma that have been instilled in her by the shul.

Outside of KMS, Penina is a senior at Berman Hebrew Academy, where she has served as class president throughout high school. In addition to participating in many extracurricular activities and sports teams at Berman, Penina is also part of the JCRC Student-to-Student program, a peer education program that facilitates discussions in an effort to combat antisemitism. After graduation, Penina will be learning in Israel at Michlelet Mevaseret Yerushalayim (MMY) and then plans to study at the Stern College for Women Honors Program.



#### RACHEL SMITH

Rachel moved to Kemp Mill 6 years ago and brought her Texas sized enthusiasm to volunteering. She is cofounder (along with Galit Roth) of the Shabbat morning learning program Torah and Funnies, lains at WTG and

participates in and helps at a variety of youth (and non-youth) events. Whether it's connecting classical poetry to Kohelet or sharing thoughts from her favorite Rabbeim, Rachel's frequent Divrei Torah at the Youth Minyan has probably set a KMS record. Rachel is a senior at Berman Hebrew Academy and plans to attend Migdal Oz in the coming year.

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Rabbi's Message

It is wonderful to celebrate another KMS Gala with all of you! We have much to be proud of and much to build upon as we look to our continued growth and success.

In the first parasha that we read this week, the Torah prefaces the details of the laws of Shmitta with the words "Hashem said

to Moses on Mount Sinai." The commentators wonder why it is that the Torah specifies that these laws were given to Moses at Har Sinai. In the words of our sages, "mah inyan Shmitta etzel Har Sinai," "what connection is there between Shmitta and Har Sinai!?" This is really a twofold question: Firstly, it is obvious that the laws were given at Har Sinai! Why does the Torah remind us of something that we already know? Secondly, why wait until the end of Vayikra to remind us of this lesson after teaching us so many other mitzvot beforehand; why choose Shmitta as the paradigmatic mitzvah through which to teach this lesson?

Addressing the first question, Rashi quoting from the Midrash says: "... in the case of the law of Shmitta...its general rules and minute details were ordained on Mount Sinai, so too, all commandments with their general rules and their minute details ordained on Mount Sinai."

This statement underscores the long mesorah (tradition) of our Torah which began at Har Sinai that every one of us is a part of. Furthermore, it highlights that the Torah must be conveyed and studied in various modalities; sometimes in broad strokes bringing out the bigger ideas, lessons, aspirations, and values of our religion and sometimes in minute detail helping us to practice every aspect of the law in the correct way. There are seventy faces to Torah and lots of ways to impart it.

Our shul exemplifies this teaching so well. On any given

week, KMS is filled with life and vibrancy the underpinning of which is the Torah that we learn. Rabbi Bieler and the founders of KMS not only crafted a shul with serious Limud Torah, but with different modalities and voices as well. Thanks to our devoted members and friends, we offer weekly shiurim in Gemara, Halacha, Chumash, Tanach, Hashkafa, Hebrew Language as well as many other stand-alone topics. Thank you to the many members who facilitate Torah learning throughout the year by giving individual shiurim, drashot, lectures, youth classes and more!!

It is quite special to take the opportunity this year to honor those seven individuals who specifically teach a weekly ongoing Torah class in KMS: Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi Grossman. I cannot thank you all enough for bringing your own perspectives, talents, and skills to the energetic conversation of Torah in our shul. Thank you for all the time you devote to making our home a "Makom Torah" and helping us all to grow closer to Hashem. I encourage everyone to come and hear some of their Torah this Shabbat and in future weeks as well. Thank you to The Golden Network and The Greater Washington Community Kollel for their partnership in providing two of our weekly classes.

Mazal Tov to our Youth Honorees! Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina, and Rachel:

You have each contributed in different ways to the incredible youth program we have at KMS. You are role models to the younger kids in our shul of what it means to make yourself a part of the mesorah that stretches back to Har Sinai. You have developed a sense of yearning for growth and leadership that I know will carry you so well into the next phases of your lives.

Mazal Tov to all! Rabbi Weinberg



President's Message Dear KMS Community,

Thank you for joining us this Shabbos to celebrate our 33rd Annual KMS Banquet.

Thirty-three, of course, is a timely number as we just celebrated Lag B'Omer earlier this week. Last year I mentioned that the Chasam Sofer writes that Lag B'Omer (18th of Iyar) was the first day that manna

fell from heaven. According to this timeline, B'nai Yisrael finished the matzah that they had taken from Egypt on the 15th of Iyar, which was one month after Pesach, and then went hungry for three days. Hashem provided the manna at that point to sustain the Jewish people in the desert, providing them the energy needed to serve Hashem during the 40 years they wandered in the desert.

In his sefer, Kedushas HaLevi, Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev explains the importance of Lag B'Omer as a transitional time for us within this 7-week Sefiras Ha'Omer period, while discussing the agreement between Ya'akov and Lavan in Parshas VaYetzei. To mark their agreement, Ya'akov places a stone as a pillar and instructs his family to gather stones around it to make a mound, which he calls גלעד (Gal-ed) – explained by Rashi to mean a "heap of testimony." Reb Levi Yitzchak points out that 32 has a numerical value of 33 and connects that heap of testimony to Lag B'Omer as a testimonial of the transition from Pesach to Shavuos.

"The initial aspect (miracles) of the Exodus lights the first 33 days of the Omer, but Lag B'Omer begins the illumination from Sinai, the receiving of the Torah...the light of the Exodus was a preparation for the giving of the Torah, the miracles and wonders were meant to arouse the desire for receiving the Torah. By naming the pile of stones גל עד, "the thirty third would serve as witness," Ya'akov alluded to Lag B'Omer, the day on which the focus shifts from miraculous

salvation to the receiving of the Torah...until Lag B'Omer, the Jewish people were still under the influence of the miracles accompanying the Exodus, whereas from that time on they were illuminated by the light of the coming revelation at Sinai. This is hinted at in the letters 70, which imply the Torah."

How fitting then that we are celebrating and honoring our weekly Torah teachers this year for our **33rd** gala celebration. Our well-deserving honorees provide us with a foundational and recurring connection to Torah through their dedication to ensuring that KMS members and the broader Kemp Mill community have the opportunity to learn Torah on a regular basis.

Our teachers are dedicated to sharing their love of Torah with our community. They are passionate about teaching and we are grateful for the many hours our teachers spend preparing for class, answering questions, and providing guidance. They are an essential part of our synagogue community, and we are so lucky to have them.

This celebration would not be possible without the work of dedicated volunteers and our professional staff. And just like our ancestors wandered the desert, but ultimately saw their children and grandchildren take the next steps in leading our people into Israel, so to do we honor our young leaders, thank them for their service to our shul, and look forward to watching them move forward as leaders of the next generation.

When we decided to try a new format for the gala this year by both celebrating over an entire Shabbat and also by honoring a larger group of members, I was not sure how our community would respond. I am blown away by both your generosity in supporting this weekend financially as well as the time dedicated to prepare for and participate in this event!

Thank you for your support of our synagogue, our teachers, and our youth!

Sincerely, Ephraim Leibtag

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# Past Gala Honorees

#### 1991

ESTHER & JACKIE ROZMARYN

#### 1992

VERA Z"L & TZVI Z"L LIEBER YOUTH HONOREE: ELI SCHORR

#### 1993

NATALIE & RON Z"L WILBUR YOUTH HONOREE: EMILY SHAPIRO

#### 1994

DR. JOAN & RABBI JACK BIELER YOUTH HONOREE: YEHUDA KURTZER

#### 1995

LORI & ED TOLCHIN YOUTH HONOREE: AVERY JOEL CHESED AWARD: EZRA STARR

#### 1996

BERNICE Z"L & ERIC FISHMAN YOUTH HONOREES: RIVKI ENGELHART, DANI GORLIN CHESED AWARD: JULIE GLOGOWER

#### 1997

ARLENE & MICHAEL BOOKSTABER YOUTH HONOREE: JACOB KURTZER CHESED AWARD: JESSICA GLOGOWER

#### 1998

BETSY & BARRY STARR YOUTH HONOREES: MICHAEL FISHMAN, DINA SCHORR

#### 1999

MINDY & SHELDON WEISEL YOUTH HONOREES: BENJI ENGELHART, JESSICA GROSSMAN, ARIELLA JOEL

#### 2000

ESTHER & RICHARD JOEL YOUTH HONOREES: SHLOMO BEN-DAVID, JAY MARCUS

#### 2001

KMS GABBAIM YOUTH HONOREES: SARA BIELER, RACHEL FISHMAN, AMY POLLAK, NOAM SCHNECK, JACOB WHITE

#### 2002

DONNA & JEFF LAWRENCE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: JEREMY
CHARLTON
YOUTH HONOREES: RACHEL ENGELHART &
ELIE PELCOVITS
TEEN SERVICE AWARD: TALIA
HARAMATI, EFRAT RUTNER, ANNA
SOLOMONSCHWARTZ, DAVIDA SNYDER,
SHOSHANA STERLING. LEAH ZURNDORFER

#### 2003

SARAH & WILLIAM STERN
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: RONI LOEB
RICHTER & MARK RICHTER
YOUTH HONOREES: MICHAEL LERMAN, IRIT
RASOOLY, TAMAR STERLING

#### 2004

INA & LARRY LERMAN
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: SHIRLEE &
STEVEN FRANCO
YOUTH HONOREES: RACHEL BENDER,
MIRIAM POLLAK, AMI SNYDER

#### 2005

ARLENE & JONATHAN GRONER
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: TAMAR &
MOSHE-DOVID TEITELBAUM
YOUTH HONOREES: SARAH GRONER,
JOSHY STARR, ERIT STERLING, DODI
TOI CHIN

#### 2006

MICHELLE & JONATHAN SCHNECK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: AVIVA & DAVID JANUS YOUTH HONOREES: JACOB SILVERMETZ, JONATHAN DINF

#### 2007

LINDA & ELLIOTT KLONSKY
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: GAIL
JAVITT & SAM OSOFSKY
YOUTH HONOREES: NATHAN COHEN, EMILY
DUMAN, LUNA FRANCO,
DASI FRUCHTER, SIENA ORNSTEIN, TALI
RASOOLY

#### 2008

SHARONA & LEO ROZMARYN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: LAUREN SHAHAM & ARIEL WINTER; YOUTH HONOREES: TAMAR SCHNECK, RACHEL STERN, SHIRA ZURNDORFER

#### 2009

LAURA & YOSSI GOLDMAN
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: TAMAR &
JEREMY LUSTMAN
YOUTH HONOREES: TALIA BROWN, ELLIOT
DINE, SHLOMO GAISIN, AKIVA LESSIN,
SAMANTHA LICHBACH, RACHEL STERN

#### 2010

ORLEE & JOSEPH TURITZ YOUTH HONOREES: DEBI GOLDSCHLAG, DINA KRITZ, ETAN RASKAS, JOSEPH TUCHMAN

#### 2011

FRAN & NEIL KRITZ YOUTH HONOREES: NATHAN DENICOFF, RANANA DINE. TANI LEVITT

#### 2012

CATHY & GEORGE SILBERMAN
COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREES: ADAM
FALEDER, MIRIAM ZAGHI
YOUTH HONOREES: MATTHEW KRITZ,
ORA SCHNECK, SARA TROMBKA, DANIEL
WESLEY

#### 2013

DEBORAH & DOV ZAKHEIM COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREE: AUDREY SIEGEL YOUTH HONOREES: CHEN AGASSI, SAADIA TUCHMAN. ELAN TURITZ

#### 2014

VARDA & DAVID MAKOVSKY
COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREE:
ALEC STONE
YOUTH HONOREES: YONATAN ABRAMS,
YISHAI BROWN, URIEL LEVITT,
AMALIA DIAMENT. THEA ORNSTEIN

#### 2015

RABBI YAAKOV & DR. JOANIE BIELER -25TH YEAR CELEBRATION YOUTH HONOREES: ADINA ISRAEL, NATAN SIEGEL, ELIANA TUCHMAN

#### 2016

GOLDA & MARTY JACOBS
COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREES: ADINA &
ARI GOLDBERG
YOUTH HONOREES: ASHER FINK, SHULI
KLEIN, KIRA LOSHIN, ARIANNA STONE,
YAKIRA ZIMAND

#### 2017

SABINE & CHAIM HIMMELFARB, ANITA & MEL, Z"L PLOTINSKY, JACLYN & GADI ROZMARYN; YOUTH HONOREES: DANIELLA BLOCH, ELI EISENMAN, NOA FERZIGER, ZACHARY GOLDBERG, RIVKA KARDON, YONA LEVITT, ALIZA MINTZ, ALIA TURITZ, ARIFI I A WOI F

#### 2018

DEENA & BENNY BERKOWITZ, DAVID TARAGIN, RISE GOLDSTEIN YOUTH HONOREES: TANI LEVISOHN, SHARONA GUGGENHEIM, SHANA LOWENSTEIN, SHIRA SIEGEL, JONAH LOSHIN, DOV KOSOWSKY, ADINA FLEISHER, ILANA WINTER

#### 2019

SHANNA & GARY WINTERS, MARTI & MICHAEL HERSKOVITZ
YOUTH HONOREES: YONI ALBERT, AYELET BROWN, ESTIE WASSERSTEIN, ALIZA GOLDSCHLAG, ELLIE GUBERMAN, NAVA ISRAEL, ZACHARY WOLF

#### 2020

SHARON & DAVID BUTLER
COMMUNITY SERVICE HONOREE:
LISA BROOKMAN
YOUTH HONOREES: AKIVA BERKOWITZ,
LIORA GUBERMAN, JUDAH GUGGENHEIM,
ZANVY LESNOY, ELIE LOWENSTEIN,
NAOMI ROSENBAUM, ADIELLE TUCHMAN,
ZACHARY WINTERS

#### 2021

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LEBSON, BRIANNA LOSHIN, GABI LOSHIN,
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#### 2022

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YOUTH HONOREES: CALANIT EPSTEIN,
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To our Honorees:
You are all role models to our
Kemp Mill community in so
many ways. Thank you for
inspiring us and mazal tov on
a well-deserved honor.

Larry & Ina Lerman

### מרבה תורה מרבה חיים (אבות ב:ח)

Mazel Tov to All of the Honorees

Thank you for increasing Torah study at KMS

May we all merit Greater Life and Strength as a Community

Benny & Deena Berkowitz Devora, Ayelet, Akiva, Esther, and Shoshana

#### **Congratulations to the Honorees**

Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman for your inspirational teachings

#### In recognition of future leaders

Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel Ferziger, Shira Hochberg, Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness, Penina Sloan, and Rachel Smith

#### With much appreciation

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#### To all the honorees:

Your commitment to teaching enables so many in our community to fulfill the edict of Pirkei Avot to "make for yourself a Rav." You inspire us to continually grow in Torah learning and allow us to simultaneously "acquire for ourselves a friend."

You serve as personal role models to our family. Much Hatzlacha to you and all the youth honorees.

May your words continue to encourage Torah learning throughout KMS.

Gary & Shanna Winters & family

Congratulations to Sharon, Laura, Esther, Erica, Mechy, David, and Rabbi Grossman on this well-deserved honor! Thank you all for your time and dedication to Torah learning and leadership at KMS!

Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina, and Rachel - thank you for your dedication to the youth of KMS - we can't wait to see what the future has in store for all of you and good luck in all your future endeavors!

Ahava, Ephraim, Tzophia, Amaya, and Navon Leibtag

One of the Four Pillars in the Mission Statement of KMS is Sophisticated Limud Tora.

In that Statement it says:

Difficult issues are confronted directly, questions are not avoided, and conflicts and tensions are investigated and openly discussed. Our learning not only calls upon us to rely upon our Jewish educations and knowledge, but also our educations and experiences associated with the secular world, which we value and in which we wish to play significant roles.

This year's honorees
Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman,
Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman
and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman
embody this commitment weekly in the way they
teach their Torah and the way they live their lives.

We are blessed to learn from their wisdom, knowledge, education and experiences.

We are confident that our youth honorees:
Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel Ferziger,
Shira Hochberg, Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness,
Penina Sloan and Rachel Smith
will continue to make similar contributions
to the Jewish People and Our Torah.

Naomi Baum & Saul Newman

### Mazal Tov to the Still Reigning Mother of the Year.

Your rank's officially the highest.
Always giving us great advice.
You're patient, sweet, and nice.
We think you're the best but we're biased.
Yay Torah!

Love, Daddy, Evanush, Dantheman, Zachy, Keeks, Moriah and Lagovathan



Mazal Tov to all the honorees for your dedication to the KMS community.

Special Hakarat Hatov to Laura
Goldman for your leadership,
dedication to Jewish learning,
and above all, your friendship.
May your family, friends and our
entire community follow in your
footsteps to help perpetuate Torah
learning.

Congratulations to all the youth honorees- you are tomorrow's leaders!

Ellie & Hilly Kagan

To All of our Wonderful Honorees, Thank you for sharing your knowledge, your wisdom and your passion for Judaism with us. May you go from strength to strength,

Buddy & Sarah Stern

With deepest gratitude to our wonderful, brilliant, and creative Torah teachers and friends! We are so fortunate to be in your community.

Best wishes to the Youth Honorees who are our future!

Michael Lauer & Robin Avery

We feel so blessed to be part of a community in which Torah study is so available and pervasive, and with such seriousness and integrity.

The honorees are models of expertise and combine learning with being admirable people.

Mazal tov to the youth honorees and to their parents!

Elie Fishman & Suzanne Wachsstock

יום הולדת שמח למדינת ישראל, ראשית צמיחת גאולתינו

Thank you to Rabbi Weinberg for your inspired guidance and leadership.

Thank you to our amazing educators for all you teach us.

Congratulations to the youth honorees.

Yashar Chochachem!

Mindy Shankman & Joel Gross & family

Kol Hakavod to our honorees whose teaching has engaged us in ongoing limmud Torah, enriching our lives, inspiring us spiritually and setting a high bar for learning in the KMS community.

Kol Hakavod to our youth honorees. May you continue to grow in the ways of Torah and go from strength to strength.

Donna & Jeff Lawrence

Mazal tov to this evening's many very deserving honorees. Each of you has enriched our community. With hakarat hatov and best wishes to our youth honorees as well.

Daniel, Daphna, Etan, Michal, Leora, Hadassah and Eliana Raskas Mazal Tov to all of the honorees. We appreciate you building our community through Torah, and sharing your expertise and passion with all of us.

Avi & Sarah Chaya Schwartz

In grateful appreciation to our honored teachers and friends. You help make KMS and our community special. And in tribute to our youth honorees, who are our future.

With best wishes.

Sharon & David Butler

Thank you to all of the incredible honorees for sharing your time and knowledge with the KMS community. Mazal tov to all of the youth honorees, including our very own Penina! You never cease to amaze us with all of your communal leadership activities both at Berman and KMS, including serving as a leader in KMS Youth Minyan and Bnei Akiva. We are so very proud of all of your contributions.

Deb & Dave Sloan (aka Ema and Aba)

Mazel tov to the honorees and thank you for your commitment to Torah learning in our shul and community.

The Solomons

#### Mazal tov to our Educators

Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi Grossman

Thank you for your dedication to shaping the future of our community. Your commitment to creating a rich educational environment in our shul has had a profound effect on our members and a ripple effect on our children and grandchildren. The programs you have created are educational, and inspirational, and have helped us grow as people and as committed Jews. You have helped turn KMS into a renowned beacon of modern orthodoxy.

That's quite an achievement!

#### Mazal Tov to our Amazing Youth Honorees

Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel Ferziger, Shira Hochberg, Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness, Penina Sloan, and Rachel Smith

It's not by accident that Israel's post-high school programs vie for an opportunity to get KMS students. You are all models of Yirat Shamayim, chesed, and leadership. You will represent us well not just in your Israel gap year but also into the future as you grow into fine adults.

Sharona & Leo Rozmaryn

The True Guardians of a Community are the Teachers

Thank you to all the amazing honorees for your commitment to לימודי קודש at KMS! May you all continue your good works מחיל אל חיל

Lori & Ed Tolchin

Congratulations to
Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David
Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon
Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi
Yitzhak Grossman

We thank you for your teaching of Torah, your wisdom and intelligence, and your hard work and dedication on behalf of the Kemp Mill Synagogue and the entire Jewish community!

Congratulations also to
Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel
Ferziger, Shira Hochberg,
Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness, Penina
Sloan and Rachel Smith

We thank you for your service to KMS and for the wonderful role models you are to our community's children!

With Gratitude, Appreciation and All Best Wishes, Achi & Miriam Sharona & Nathan, Judah and Benjamin Guggenheim Mazal tov to all of the incredible magidei shiur:

Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.

Your selfless dedication to educating the community has impact far and wide.

Mazal tov to all of the inspirational youth honorees:

Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel Ferziger, Shira Hochberg, Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness, Penina Sloan, and Rachel Smith.

Your work with groups, minyan, and other activities ensure the continuity of both this community and klal yisrael.

With much admiration, Alana & Seth Isenberg

#### BS"D

We are thrilled to honor our dear friend, Laura Goldman, who began her first classes in our home on Monday mornings, evolving into a stellar teacher of text and mussar.

Mazel tov to all of the wonderful teachers KMS is blessed to honor:

Erica Brown • Esther Dziadek • David Eisenman Mechy Frankel • Sharon Freundel Laura Goldman • Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman

We are so happy to join the community in recognizing your compassion and commitment. Hashem should bless you with good health and strength to continue in your good works.

We also want to extend an exuberant Mazal tov to all the young recipients:

Josh Diament • Erez Epstein • Daniel Ferziger Shira Hochberg • Ayelet Lederman Atara Parness • Penina Sloan • Rachel Smith

Our community is inspired by your emerging initiative and dedication.

Manette & Louis Mayberg

Mazel tov and ye'yasher kochachem to all the honorees who give their time and knowledge for the betterment of our Shul. And mazel tov too to our wonderful young honorees.

Deborah & Dov Zakheim

Thank you to all of the honorees for ensuring that KMS is a place filled with Torah and continued learning!

Allison & Louis Lazar

We salute all of the exceptional educators of KMS, who have brought such talents and strengths to our shul, and who have contributed so much to the vibrancy of our community. May each and all of you go מחיל עד חיל.

With much appreciation,
Tamar, Reuven, Ma'ayan, Keira,
Rimonne, Danya and Mac
Zakheim

Mazel Tov to our teachers Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman who inspire and teach us and make Kemp Mill the special place it is.

Thank you to our wonderful youth honorees Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina, and Rachel who are role models to all of us! A special thanks to Erez Epstein for driving Fridays and for Josh, Erez and Daniel doing such a great job in the youth Minyan.

With much admiration and appreciation, Brett & Alana Fine, Gabriella, Zachary, Sylvia and Lily "It's better to know how to learn than to know."

Dr. Seuss

To a man who actually knows how to learn, Mazel Tov Dad on an honor well earned!!

Together with Mom's dedication to learning, chesed and community, we have been raised by prime exemplars of the best Torah values.



#### Love

Shlomit, Binyamin, Sara, Matt, Nomi, Jeremy, Shana, Betzalel, Ari, Chana, Jono, Esther, Yaakov, Daniel, Eitan, Hadassah, Neima, Moshe, Avraham, Adina, Meir, Eliezer, Talya, Chaim, Ilan, Meira, Aliza, and Dovi Mazal tov to all the honorees.

Your unwavering devotion to teaching Torah is inspirational. May you continue to be a source of knowledge to the community.

Jeffrey Becker & Peggy Yacovone Each day, we ask that
Hashem, "Put into our hearts
to comprehend, and to be
intellectually creative, to listen, to
learn, and to teach, to preserve, to
practice, and to fulfill all the words
of instruction in Your Torah with
love"

Thank you to the teachers honored by KMS for doing all that and more and for doing it with love.

May our youth honorees grow into their leadership and rock the world. We're so proud of you all.

Erica & Jeremy Brown & CO.

Mazal Tov to our Honorees!
Thank you for all the time you devote to teaching us each week and for making KMS a true Makom Torah. Mazal Tov to our Youth Honorees! Thank you for your leadership and much hatzlacha in all your endeavors.

May we all grow in learning together.

Rabbi Brahm & Elana Weinberg

Ya'asher Koach to all the honorees. Thanks for all you do for KMS.

Richard & Sarah Dine

Kol HaKavod to all the honorees! With gratitude to them and to Rabbi Weinberg for Torah learning at KMS.

Marsha & Yitz Kasdan

Mazal Tov to all our outstanding honorees!

Larry & Alicia Stern and Family

Josh Diament! We are so proud of you and the leadership role you have played at KMS. We know you will continue to lead....to the beat of your own soundtrack. Congratulations to all the youth honorees. Oh the Places You'll Go! Mazal Tov all the esteemed teachers of Torah in our community. We thank you for your wisdom and inspiration.

Liz & Nathan Diament and Amalia & Ariel (& Liat), Amitai & Dassi, Ezra & Aurelle In honor of all those who teach Torah to our shul.

Allen & Jiska Mansfield

Mazal Tov to all the honorees. Thank you for your dedication to KMS and for enhancing Torah learning in our community. Hatzlacha to all the youth honorees. May you go from strength to strength!

In appreciation,
Michelle & Jonathan
Schneck

#### "והגית בו יומם ולילה"

Thank you to the Torah teachers of KMS for teaching us during the day and night.

Mazal Tov on such well deserved honors to Mrs. Dziadek, Rabbi Grossman, Erica, Mechy, David, Sharon, and Laura.

And congratulations to Rachel Smith, Josh Diament and the rest of the team of fabulous youth honorees!

Neil & Fran Kritz

Thank you to all the incredible honorees for enriching our lives with Torah and incredible role modeling.

Sharon & Jay Mazel and family

We join in celebrating all the Honorees who enhance our KMS community with Limud Torah and volunteerism.

With Gratitude, The Haramati Family

# Mazel Tov to KMS 2023 Honorees

May You Go from Chayil to Chayil

Barbara & Mel Ciment

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#### YOUTH HONOREES:

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Atara Parness, Penina Sloan, Rachel Smith

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Mazal Tov to all the Youth Honorees for their dedication and hard work. May you take your leadership experiences with you and continue to build a better future for us all.

Stephen Prensky & Jill Goldwater

Kol Hakavod to our
Honorees who selflessly
give of their time in
contributing to the
enrichment of our Kehilla.

Miriam Morsel Nathan & Harvey Nathan

## MAZEL TOV to all of the Honorees and Youth Honorees!

From the Michaels Perelman Family; Dell, Jill, Georgia, Sarah, Zev & Chaya Mina

Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman and Josh Diament, Erez Epstein, Daniel Ferziger, Shira Hochberg, Ayelet Lederman, Atara Parness, Penina Sloan, Rachel Smith



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Sue & Arnie Schwartz

Hearty Yasher Koach to Esther Dziadek and all the honorees.

May you continue to enrich our community for many years.

Vera & Bernard Ehrlich

#### To Mechy -

We have learned so much from you over the years - always transmitted with humor, irony, passion and serious scholarship.

With love and gratitude from 4 generations (!!) of your family

Mazel tov and thank you to all of the honorees, and to everyone who teaches, speaks, and volunteers for KMS. You are the backbone of our very special KMS community.

Mechy & Sheila Frankel

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU- Erica, Esther, David, Mechy, Sharon, Laura & Rabbi Grossman- for your dedication to teaching Divrei Torah to the KMS community.

Thanks to our youth honorees -Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina, & Rachel - for taking care of the KMS children.

THANK YOU to Rabbi Weinberg & Elana for ALL that you do for KMS and our COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU to all the KMS staff for always being so helpful!

Hope P. & David Taragin Benjamin & Alexandra and Lauren Mazal Tov to all the Educator Honorees. Thank you for making KMS the Makom Torah that it is.

Mazal Tov to all the Youth Honorees on this well-deserved honor. A special shout out from Ezzy to his favorite Gabbaim,

Josh, Daniel and Erez.

From Evan, Daniella, Rachel and Ezzy Smith

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To our wonderful daughter, Rachel, you've charted your own path to communal involvement and through your leadership and commitment have become an example for others. We are proud of the person you are still becoming and may you continue to be a shining example of a Bat Torah.

We love you so much, אבא, and Ezzy Thank you Erica, Esther,
David, Mechy, Sharon,
Laura and Rabbi Grossman
for the many moments of
enlightenment.

And to Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina and Rachel for the wonderful examples you set for all KMS adults.

Sandi & Isi

We are so appreciative of KMS's wonderful program of shiurim.

Jeanne & Jonathan Rosenberg

#### To our dear granddaughter

#### Ayelet Michal Lederman

Congratulations on being chosen as one of this year's **Youth Honorees**.

We are so proud of your dedication to your community and **Klal Yisrael.** 

May you continue to be a source of inspiration to all in the days and years ahead.

> Yasher Koach Mazal Tov

Your loving grandparents Aviva & David Levine

Congratulations to our shul's Torah teachers. It takes a special kind of dedication to prepare and show up regularly, week after week, consistently and faithfully. Your unstinting generosity is what builds communities and unleashes Torah dynamism, inspiring us all to change, grow and develop ourselves in Torah and in Jewish life. Talmud Torah, they say, is "k'negged kulam," so may you enjoy its dividends in this life, with your principal undiminished in the World to Come.

Shmuel & Roz Shafner

We cannot thank you enough!

Many thanks to our Torah scholar honorees and youth honorees.

Your contributions to the quality and success of our shul is much appreciated!

Neil, Tina, Naomi, Zara and Maya Rosenbaum

## With great appreciation to our KMS teachers.

Mazal Tov to the Youth Honorees.

Mazal Tov Daniel Ferziger.

We are so proud of you.

Miriam Bloom & Reuven Ferziger Noa and Shifra Ferziger Thank you to all the amazing teachers at KMS. We so appreciate living in a community immersed in learning and scholarship. May all of you be blessed with the energy and time to continue your efforts and with worthy students!

Congratulations to the youth honorees. You give us confidence there will be even more teaching and community support in the future.

The Kozlowski Family

Our sincere appreciation to our fellow members who make the community more knowledgeable and vibrant by teaching us Torah.

Laura & Mark Warshawsky

Mazel tov to all of the honorees and youth honorees on your well-deserved recognition. Your dedication to teaching Torah in our community and serving our youth is admirable and much appreciated.

With gratitude, Mandi & David Lowenstein עבודה, תורה KMS is a place of עבודה, תורה and גמילות חסדים. I am honored to be part of this community, and to have the privilege of facilitating לימוד תורה.

to all of the honorees: both the Teachers of תורה and the Youth who are involved in גמילות חסדים and עבודה.

And thank you, Rabbi Weinberg, for leading our way in all three pillars.

Sharon Freundel

We congratulate our dear friends
Erica and Laura and applaud our
communal teachers: Esther Dziadek,
David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel,
Sharon Freundel and the esteemed Rabbi
Yitzhak Grossman on your well-deserved
recognition for the invaluable contributions
you have made to the KMS Community.

All of us are enriched and elevated by the Torah Shiurim you each deliver with a singular style that broadened and enriched our knowledge. As a tribute to you, we are able to fulfill the Mitzvah of setting aside a time to learn.

With great admiration, we thank all of you.

Sylvia & Peter Goldberg



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YISE is honored to join with KMS in recognizing such a wonderful group of community educators, including our members Esther Dziadek, Sharon Freundel, and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman. Though they teach varied subjects and hail from different backgrounds, they each exemplify a passion for Hashem, Torah, and their fellow Jews, which is apparent in every session.

May each of them, their students, and KMS continue to flourish and grow in their knowledge of Hashem and His Torah.

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### Mazal tov to my teachers: Rabbi Brahm and Elana Weinberg

And the Honorees:
Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek,
David Eisenman, Mechy
Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura
Goldman, and Rabbi Yitzhak
Grossman

May you go from strength to strength.

Maris & Kevin Liss

Many thanks to the honorees who teach Torah at KMS throughout the year. Your dedication and commitment is truly inspiring. Thank you for your tireless efforts in helping us deepen our connection to our faith and each other.

Alan & Fran Broder

לא מן השמים הוא, ולא מעבר לים הוא, אלא בפיך ובלבבך לעשתה

There are no more deserving honorees than those who help our community keep the Torah close.

Sincere thanks to each of you and to all of you.

George & Cathy Silberman

Mazal tov to all the honorees and thank you for your great contribution to the community!

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Mr. & Mrs. Marnin Lebovits Our community is blessed and very fortunate to have so many Torah scholars from whom we can learn. Children, teens and adults have benefited greatly from all the knowledge that you impart to us. May you all continue to learn and expand your breadth of knowledge and may we all continue to grow from your wisdom.

Congratulations to the Youth Honorees. Thank you for your amazing contributions to our community and may you continue to lead Klal Yisrael in meaningful ways.

The Graysons

Congratulations to all of the honorees.

Thank you for elevating our community through your generosity.

Ed & Martha Karl

To our precious teacher, Esther Dziadek

Mazal tov on being honored. May you go from strength to strength until 120!

From your devoted Siddur students

We are so grateful to each of you

For enhancing our lives

Through your teaching and sharing and leading

May all of you,

Erica, Esther, David, Mechy, Sharon, Laura and Rabbi Grossman,

and each of our youth honorees,

Go from strength to strength.

Eddie Snyder & Ann Wimpfheimer

Mazal Tov to the honorees who teach Torah to our community, your dedication and hard work are truly inspiring.

To our Youth Honorees: Thank you for all that you have done for our shul. Hatzlachah in all that you do!

Thank you to Rabbi Weinberg and Elana for your tireless efforts for our community. We are very fortunate to have you as our Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

To Ephraim: Thank you for doing the thankless job of President. Our shul is a better place because you're at the helm.

Ahava- thanks for the support you offer Ephraim. We know it's not always fun to be the First Lady!

With much appreciation, Greg & Peninah Gershman & Family Mazal Tov to all the honorees on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for all the knowledge you share with our community. Hashem has blessed KMS to have people like you who give so much of their time and energy to offer a variety of learning opportunities.

Yale and I want to thank the following people whom we have had the pleasure of learning with.

Rabbi Grossman, we have enjoyed learning with you over the past several years and really appreciate the impact you have made on our community. We look forward to continuing to learn with you for many years to come.

Erica, I miss your Monday night shiur. Your insight into learning allowed me to approach my learning in a new way.

Sharon, I have had the pleasure of learning with you on and off for over 20 years and no matter the topic your enthusiasm makes everything exciting and interesting. I always learn something new.

Mrs. Dziadek, you are a teacher extraordinaire. The years of dedication that you have given to so many children (including mine) and the legacy you leave having molded so many young minds will live on forever. We wish you much Hatzlacha on your Aliyah.

A special thank you to Rabbi Weinberg for encouraging so many to share their knowledge with the community including the wonderful classes he teaches.

Sahra & Yale Ginsburg



## In honor of Mrs. Esther Dziadek

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Mazal Tov to our fantastic youth honorees! You have already shown your commitment to Jewish leadership in our kehilla; may you continue to find opportunities to lead in Israel, college, and beyond.

Gail Javitt & Sam Osofsky

Yasher Koach and thank you to all of the honorees for adding to the Kemp Mill community in a multitude of ways.

A special yasher koach to the youth honorees who we know will continue to add to their communities as they move beyond Kemp Mill. Good luck with your next steps!

Arielle, Aton, Judah, Mia and Eli Teitelbaum

#### Rabbi Grossman, Mazal tov on this honor!

We are grateful for your generosity in sharing your expertise with us so that we can better understand and appreciate the interplay between science and halacha. Thank you for your tremendous wisdom and insights. Our community is so blessed to have you.

May you and your family continue to go michayil l'chayil.

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#### **Greater Washington Community Kollel**

salutes all the worthy honorees for their profound dedication to teaching Torah in KMS and the community:

Erica Brown

**Esther Dziadek** 

**David Eisenman** 

**Mechy Frankel** 

**Sharon Freundel** 

Laura Goldman

Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman

In recognition of the **Youth Honorees** for their commitment to the shul and youth services.

We are very thankful and grateful to KMS and Rabbi Weinberg for being a wonderful partner and host for Rabbi Grossman's weekly Sunday evening Parashah class.

Rabbi Menachem Winter, Rosh Kollel

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At KMS Torah study is flourishing thanks to a gifted array of teachers:

Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel, Laura Goldman, & Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman

We honor them for their devoted service that has greatly enriched our community.

Mazal toy to all!

Mazal tov as well to our homegrown young leaders: Josh, Erez, Daniel, Shira, Ayelet, Atara, Penina, Rachel Continue to make us proud!

With our best wishes, Marilyn & Don Schwartz

#### פיה פתחה בחכמה ותורת חסד על לשונה

#### Erica, Imma, Safti,

No poem, gramen, or haiku Can sum up all that you do. Everything you touch is sublime We don't know where you find the time.

A mentor, a teacher, a friend too The matriarch of the Brown crew. You inspire us to be our best Our rock, we feel so blessed.

318 is warm, a home full of love Always going beyond and above. Acts of chesed are at your core Inspiring us to be and give more.

You model for us a lifetime of Torah At KMS, you are a star Morah. Your classes are taught from the heart And always include a piece of art. You share wisdom old and modern Sparking a strong desire to learn. Finding meaning everywhere you look Almost every year writing a new book.

Beyond giving a great speech You practice what you preach. An open home, always willing to host Despite being a busy Vice Provost.

Excellent advice, you lend an ear A laugh for those in need of cheer. Giving back to this community Knowledge, time, even a kidney.

You do so much, now it's your turn
To be thanked by all of us in return.
Todah for going the extra mile
Continue to go from chayil to chayil.

We love you!

Jeremy
Tali, Yoni, Erez, & Amir
Gavi, Bec, Adi, & Lev
Shai & Alison
Ayelet & Elie

#### Laura,

Your teachings have shaped the way each and every one of us sees the world. You never cease to amaze us with your love of learning and the joy with which you share it. We are inspired! May you be blessed and strengthened as you have blessed and strengthened your students.

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees! The community is lucky to have you.

Love, Mom, Dad Gayle, Danny, Zev, Devorah, Tamar, Avigayil, Ezra, Aaron, and Dalya Ali, Ken, Judah, and Zion Eric, Liz, Ella, and Levi

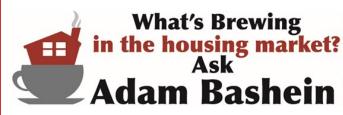
#### Lederman Top 10 Reasons for why Ayelet will be missed at KMS

- 10. Ayelet is a regular participant in KMS Chesed activities.
- 9. Tu b'shvat kids' program- what other teen would stand with their hands in oranges digging for seeds to plant?
- 8. Ayelet attended every single KMS Zoom cooking class and youth program available during the pandemic.
- 7. Ayelet worked every Purim carnival and achieved her lifelong goal of becoming the cotton candy distributor.
- 6. As a regular pre-Covid 8 am minyan goer, Ayelet brought down the average age of the minyan by about 30 years.
- 5. Ayelet has led davening, read Torah and Megillot, given divrei Torah, and most recently become a Gabbait Rishona at Women's Tefillah Group.
- 4. Rosh Snif and official candy distributor of Bnei Akiva Silver Spring.
- 3. Ayelet organized and taught at a Night of Jewish Environmentalism for her Einayich Yonim fellowship.
- 2. Ayelet showed up for all things youth programming at KMS.
- 1. Shabbat Groups won't be the same without her. Who will the kids sit on?

Mazal tov on this well deserved honor Ayelet! We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. May you continue to go from strength to strength!

Love,

Ima, Daddy, Yonah, and Ezra





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#### To Erica and Jeremy

You have been an inspiration to us, to the Kemp Mill Synagogue Community, and to the Jewish Community.

Your friendship has been very dear to us.

You've enlightened the world with your wisdom and enriched us with your insights.

May Hashem bless both of you and grant you the strength to continue to shine upon us your inspiration and your love of Torah.

You are a Bracha to us all.

Congratulations to all the honorees for their endless time and dedication to the study of Torah. You are an example to us all. You are the ones that make the Kemp Mill Synagogue very special.

Jackie and Esther Rozmaryn

Congratulations to all the honorees.

Elaine, Allen, Nase, Aiden, Ethan and Rachel Minzer

In honor of all the honorees and all those who have studied Torah with me, and with much gratitude to Rabbi Brahm Weinberg and Aryeh Shudofsky for their constant graciousness and kindness to me.

Yitzhak, Chana Sara, Simha Bentzion, and Basya Esther Grossman "וכל בניך למודי ה" ורב שלום בניך" (הפטרת נח)

יאל תירא כי עמך אני...י'(הפטרת לך לך) ייויגדל הילד...י' (הפטרת וירא)

ייוידעתם כי **שלחתי אליכם את המצוה הזאת להיות בריתי את לוי**...י (הפטרת תולדות)

ייואתה באלקיך **תשוב חסד ומשפט שמר וקוה אל אלקיך תמיד**יי (הפטרת ויצא)

ייוחזקת והיית לאישיי (הפטרת ויחי) ייזכרתי לך חסד נעוריךיי (הפטרת שמות)

ייביום ההוא **אצמיח קרן לבית ישראל ולך אתן פתחון פה** בתוכם...יי (הפטרת וארא)

"בנד היצא מחלציד הוא יבנה הבית..."(הפטרת פקודי)

ייוהלכתם בכל הדרך אשר אצוה אתכם למען ייטב לכם...י

ייאל יתהלל חכם בחכמתו ואל יתהלל הגבור בגבורתו...יי (הפטרת צו)

ייכל אשר בלבבך עשה כי ה' עמך.יי (הפטרת שמיני)

<u>ייברוך הגבר אשר יבטח בה' והיה ה' מבטחו והיה עץ שתול על מים...והיה עלהו רענן."</u> (הפטרת בחקתי)

To our beloved EREZ(I),

Lover of הפטרות.

May Hashem protect you always.

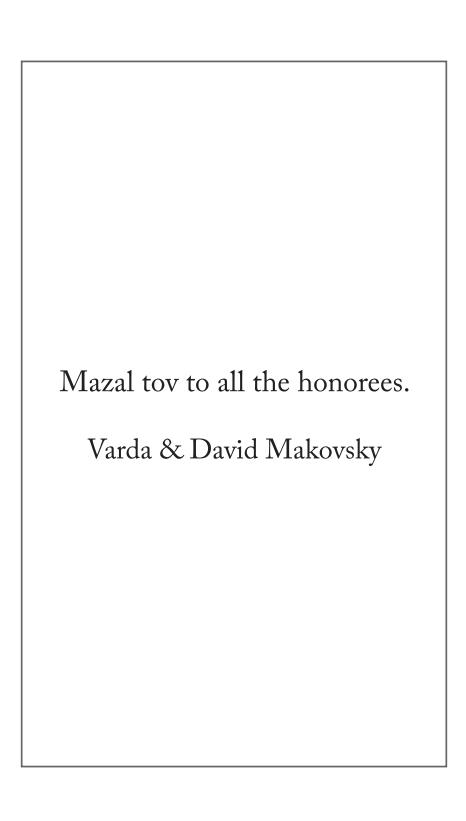
endow you with wisdom, kindness & strength,

the courage of your convictions

and an everlasting connection with Hashem,

Who makes it all possible.

Abba, Ima, Calanit & Nitzahn



Mazel tov to the honorees!

Thank you for increasing Torah learning in our community.

Wishing KMS and its honorees much continued success and hatzlacha!

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Beraishit Rabba 95:46 ... And he taught Tora (regularly) to his children, as it is said: (Beraishit 18:19) "For I have singled him out, that he may instruct his children... to keep the way of HaShem..."

We salute your dedication and hope that you continue to teach Tora for many years to come.

R. Yaakov & Joanie Bieler



#### Yeshiva of Greater Washington–Tiferes Gedaliah salutes

#### Kemp Mill Synagogue

for its wonderful work in our community.

Mazal tov to the worthy honorees

Dr. Erica Brown
Mrs. Esther Dziadek
Dr. David Eisenman
Dr. Mechy Frankel
Mrs. Sharon Freundel
Mrs. Laura Goldman
Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman

Yasher Koach for your impact on our community.

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Mazel Tov to good friends and neighbors,

To wonderful educators who enrich our lives, (Some of you are both!)

And to hard-working teens who teach our children to swim.

We are so glad to have this chance to express our appreciation for all that you do. Yasher koach on this well-deserved honor.

Aaron & Leah Cypess & family

Yasher Koach to all of the outstanding teacher honorees for your contributions to making KMS a Makom Torah. Especially expressing our Hakarat HaTov to David Eisenman for more than 22 years of Gemara shiur. David, your commitment to serious learning with breadth and depth is truly inspiring.

Mazal Tov to all of our youth honorees
- you're already excellent learners
and teachers and we're certain you
will continue to build on your Torah
foundations.

Thank you Rabbi Weinberg for teaching Torah explicitly and for being our role model of how to live a Torah life.

Neil & Audrey Siegel

Thank you to our honorees who enlighten us with their words of wisdom, their spiritual fervor, and their love for learning.

#### Sara & Jeffrey Elikan

Mazal Tov to all of this year's distinguished honorees. You are all an inspiration, spreading Torah through your classes and modeling our cherished values.

A special thank you to Sharon Freundel who has been a teacher to us for more than twenty years!

We hope that our children are blessed with such dedicated and genuine teachers, guiding them along their journeys of growth in Torah leadership.

Davida & Adam Yitzhaky

#### MAZAL TOV and THANK YOU

to all the honorees for teaching Torah to the KMS community. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Vivian & Zach Dyckman

We thank KMS for organizing educational programs that offer diverse insights from within our community.

We recognize and pay tribute to the scholars that have helped enrich our lives, including: Dr. Erica Brown, Mrs. Sharon Freundel, and Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman.

Deborah L. & Max Rudmann

Congratulations to all the honorees. Thank you for your time and dedication to our shul, Kemp Mill Synagogue.

Hildi & Ari Fishman

Mazal tov to our beloved אמא \ סבתא

You never cease to amaze!

From you we learn every single day how to elevate ourselves. We can't wait to be together in ארץ הקודש אי"ה.

With love, Margaret, Fred, Kevin & Deena Mazal tov to Shira and all the youth honorees for spending some of your limited free time working for the benefit of the youth of the community. And Mazel tov to all the adult honorees in gratitude for all the Torah you teach.

Aviva Symes & Zev Hochberg

We are so fortunate to have amazing educators to learn from at KMS. Thank you so much for sharing your wisdom, interests and passion with us.

Rav Todot, Joan & Joey Vander Walde Mazal tov to all the honorees!
A special thank you to all of those who regularly teach
Torah in our shul -- both Rabbi
Weinberg and the honorees!

The Weiser-Rosenbaum Family

In deep gratitude to the honorees for their dedication and hard work.

תזכו למצוות

Eugene & Eliane Wesley

With appreciation to our teachers of Torah - Rabbi Weinberg, Rabbi Grossman, Erica Brown, Esther Dziadek, David Eisenman, Mechy Frankel, Sharon Freundel and Laura Goldman.

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to be an institution for serious Torah
learning, both in person and virtually.

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We want to express our gratitude to all our KMS teachers and congratulate the youth honorees.

Yasher koach!

Barbara & Richard Marcus

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees! Thank you for all you do for our community. May you all go from strength to strength.

Jen, Joel, David and Sarah Tabin

Mazal Tov to all of this year's honorees on this well-deserved recognition of your service to the KMS Community. We all benefit greatly from your teaching. May you each go from strength to strength.

Eileen Solomon & Joshua Schwartz

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## Rikki & Abie Reifer

Mazal Tov to all the honorees.
Thank you for all the time you give, and the Torah you teach, to help our community learn and grow.

Mazal Tov to the youth honorees as well. Thank you for your dedication.

Erica & Barry Kolatch

Thank you to the Honorees for sharing their Torah knowledge with the community.

Lynn & Aron Trombka

Thank you to all the honorees for all that you do to enhance our community! Kol Hakavod and Chazak! Chazak! Venischazeik!

Chava & Howard Kern

To our wonderful Honorees: Thank you for so generously sharing your time and knowledge with us. You are what makes the KMS community so special. To the Youth Honorees: Thank you for providing leadership and setting the example for those younger than you. You are our future, and we're excited to hear great things from all of you.

## Diane & Marc Engelhart

To Our Beloved Cousin (more like a sister), Esther Dziadek

You never cease to amaze and inspire us. You have an infectious love of Hashem, His Torah, His children and His land. Your love leads you to do incredible acts of chessed on a daily basis. You have touched and impacted the lives of your family, your friends, your countless students - and basically everyone you meet. We are so excited for you, that after all these years of taking care of others, Hashem has given you the opportunity to realize your lifelong dream of making Aliya. We bless you with much good health, mazal and brachah in this beautiful venture. May we all be joining you there bikarov!

No words can adequately express all that you mean to us.

Much Love, Yaakov and Aviva Wasser Shlomo a"h and Robin Wasser Shaul and Rachel Wasser Sam and Henny Rudansky

## Mazal tov to all the honorees.

## Gadi & Jaclyn Rozmaryn



Mazel tov to our friends and teachers. Thank you for all the hard work you provide us at KMS.

## Benjamin & Sarah Osborne

Mazel Tov to our Honorees....and to our Special Youth Honorees..... Your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated May you go from strength to strength!! Thank you!

## Esther and Steve Bender and family

Thank you to the amazing honorees, who help make KMS holy and unique. We are so happy to have you as dear members and inspiring teachers. Kol Hakavod to, Erica, Esther, Sharon and Laura!!! Special shout out to Erez, Daniel and Penina!

The Levin Family

Mazal tov to all the honorees and youth honorees!

Best wishes, The August Family Yasher Koach to all the honorees.
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to perpetuate Torah learning at KMS.

#### Beth Schwartz

Congratulations and Thanks to our KMS Teachers and Scholars on this well-deserved Honor! We especially acknowledge Mrs. Esther Dziadek for exceptional kindness teaching our family Torah, Hebrew and modeling extraordinary Middot!

With deepest gratitude,

Lynn & Stephen Deutsch and Family

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## Ellen & Saul Singer

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Barbara & Elliott Schulder

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The Loewenstein/Potok Family

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Rabbi Saul & Susan Koss

Mazal Tov to all of the honorees.

## Dina & Matt Levitt

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## Hilary Dalin

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Zipporah & Jason Rosenblatt

We love you Laura. Your class has been invaluable, both in person and online. You deserve all the brachos in the world.

Laura's Monday morning class

Congratulations to our amazing granddaughter ATARA PARNESS, KMS youth honoree, for her hard work as a Shabbat group leader.

## Chani & Jay Parness

Our deepest gratitude to those who regularly expand our horizons, enrich our daily lives, and enhance our Yira. You make this community and KMS a special place.

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The Marzouk family

# In Tribute To Erica Brown & Sharon Freundel Mazal Tov & Best Wishes

#### Ethel Goldwasser

As a close friend and mentor, Erica has taught us so much over the past 20+ years.

Her drive to spread Torah, leadership skills, chesed, and jewish values is both admirable and inspirational.

As you continuously infuse the community at large with your impactful lectures and stimulating writings, we are so lucky to have you in our lives.

#### MABROOK!!

#### Much love - the Francos

We are so grateful for the learning that all of our dedicated Honorees have provided to KMS and our wider community. Your commitment to education is an example to all of us. You truly are the glue that keeps us strong and we are very appreciative. And to our Youth Honorees, thank you for your dedication to our shul and the community.

May you continue to shine.

Carole & Barry Silvermetz

## Mazal Tov to our Lifeguards Ayelet Lederman ~ Atara Parness ~ Rachel Smith

From your Summer Family at the Kemp Mill Swim Club

Mazal tov to all of our wonderful and talented honorees. May you continue to go from strength to strength.

Sheila Gaisin & Family

Mazal Tov to all the Honorees.

Selena & Joseph Snow & Family and The Snow Psychology Group, LLC

Mazal Tov, Atara! We're so proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Mommy, Daddy, Ariella, and Aviva

Greetings

Mazal Tov Sharon and all the honorees for all the hard work you do for the shul. It is very much appreciated.

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- Sarah & Jon Sicherman

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- Diana Schemo Breeze

Greetings

Yeshar koach to the honorees. From Nancy Karkowsky & family

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Mazal tov to all honorees! Thank you for making KMS an amazing place to learn!

The Stansbury Family

Mazal Tov to all of the Honorees. May you go from Chayil el Chayil. Sincerely, Rene and Rami Isser

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--Barbara & Michael Blaustein

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