



Celebrating Yom HaAtzmaut Israel Independence Day

by Gefen Chazen

Yom Ha'Atzmaut in Israel is a very special holiday. The main reason is the quick transition from Yom HaZikaron, our Memorial Day for fallen soldiers of the IDF and terrorist attack victims.

It is a discussion in Israel about the mixed emotions we all carry, but the thought behind it is that all those brave people who fought for our country are the reason we can celebrate Israel's independence.

Once we transition to Yom HaAtzmaut, we usually gather in high up view points on Mount Carmel so we can see the big fireworks shows all over Haifa and the Bay Area- the best place to be, by the way, if you need a recommendation for independence day in Israel. From the fireworks show we continue to different parties and concerts around the city!

The next day we meet family and friends around different parks and nature reserves as we barbecue, or in Israeli slang 'mangal', some kebabs, hummus, and Israeli beers, and we are set to go! Those events are followed with the Israeli Air Force demonstration in the sky from south to north and back.

Last year, Israel was in quarantine during Yom HaAtzmaut, so we all celebrated in our own balconies or gardens and it was a strange day.

This year, after almost half of the population has been vaccinated, we hope to celebrate in more minor events.

If by any chance you happen to be in Israel, you are more than welcome to visit me in Haifa, I think I can save you a yummy pita!

Gefen Chazen was the shlichah (Israeli emissary) for Congregation Olam Tikvah and Gesher Jewish Day School in 2016-17.



*Gefen and Debra Beland Ackerman
celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut in OTRS*



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Olam Tikvah Anniversaries

Thank you for your donations to Olam Tikvah in honor of your anniversaries. Special thank you to our anniversary callers this month: Carol Klevan and Linda Meyer.

March 1-4

Jaclyn & Jack Blumenthal; Karen & Mark Hasson (20); Jody & Barry Saffran

March 12-18


Hemda & Ira Gold; Ronnie & Steven Tepp; Sarah Elpern & Bruce Waxman

March 19-25

Tamara & Ed Faggen; Rebecca Chanin & Alan Gilbert; Aurora & Gerald Malakoff; Sheryl & Adam Roth (5);
Dawn & Joseph Smith

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B'nei Mitzvah

Karina Helen Rose McCabe

April 3

Shabbat Pesach

Karina Helen Rose McCabe is the daughter of P'nina & Jim McCabe and the sister of Melissa and Daniel. Karina is a student at Frost Middle School. Karina loves roller skating, writing, C-Teen, and being with her friends. Karina will return to her bat mitzvah project, raising funds for a Guinea Pig rescue, once the health crisis is manageable. As her bat mitzvah was originally scheduled for June, 2020, Karina is especially glad to be celebrating this simcha with friends, family, and the Olam Tikvah community!



Emmett Hamilton Aiken

April 10

Parashat Shmini

Emmett Aiken is a 7th grader at Frost Middle School. He is the son of Gary and Brooke Aiken and the brother of Tyler Aiken. Emmett enjoys science, theatre and playing violin. He also plays golf and will compete in his first tournament this spring! He enjoys participating in online and in-person Kadima activities through Olam Tikvah. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Emmett is leading an effort with **Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Clubs** to bring friends and neighbors together to pack meals for those in need in our local area.



Elana Anna Calderon

April 24

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

Elana Anna Calderon (daughter of Ilisa & Andrew Calderon, sister of Michael and David Calderon) turned 13 on January 25, 2020, but she agreed to have her bat mitzvah on March 21, 2020, so that bad weather would not prevent her guests from celebrating with her. Well, we probably should have stuck with January 2020! Elana attends 8th grade at Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon, where she studies the Japanese language. Her Mitzvah Project was making and selling custom designed friendship bracelets, which proceeds she donated to **Poplar Farm Animal Sanctuary**. In her spare time, she enjoys making knotted friendship bracelets, snowboarding, baking and singing along to her favorite tunes. Both her nonnie, Esther Calderon, who passed in 2018 and her grandfather, Gilbert Goldstein, who passed in 2017, will be in our thoughts during Elana's special day.



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Ellyn & Todd Fine, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Ezra
Lorraine Fischer & Marc Kremer, on the marriage of their son,
Michael Kremer to Darcy Frear. The wedding took place in
Boston, on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 1:59 pm in honor of Pi
Day, 3.14159.

Shoshana & Howard Levy, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Joshua

Laura Fargotstein & John Riskind, on the birth of their
grandson Asa Daniel, son of Victoria & Zachary

Jennifer & Michael Scher, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Xander

Irvin Varkonyi, on his Blue Yarmulke Lifetime Achievement
award

Mark Weber, on his Blue Yarmulke Person of the Year award

In Memory

Al Bernstein, husband of Florence Bernstein

Judith (Judy) Nevias Diamond, mother of Marian Diamond-
Tapper

Philip (Pinny) Friedman, father of Joel Friedman

Daniel Gold, brother of Ira Gold

Melvin Goldfarb, husband of Sandy Goldfarb

Freda Tannenbaum, mother of Jane Tannenbaum



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Irv Varkonyi, receiving the Blue Yarmulke Lifetime Achievement honor, by Debbie & Mark Weber

Mark Weber receiving Men's Club person of the year award, by Martha & Paul Hill

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Engagement of Jeffrey Benson to Drew Hergen, by Sharon & Lance Sherry

Len Levine's birthday, by Sandy & Al Gabriel

Lynn Phillips's birthday, by Sandy & Al Gabriel

Birth of our granddaughter, Livia Estelle, daughter of Shera & Daniel Beck, sister of Cameron and Oliver, by Tessa & Glenn Fuchs

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Welcome to some of our new members! Although we haven't been able to schmooze with them at kiddush lunch or invite them over for Shabbat dinner, we welcome them to Olam Tikvah.

New members **Dori & Ken Rigberg**, and their children Miles (5), Leo (3), and Oliver (1) are no strangers to OT. Dori's parents, Harold & Livia Jacob, are longtime members and Dori had her Bat Mitzvah at the synagogue. The family has lived in Fairfax since 2016, where Miles attends Bonnie Brae and OTRS. Dori is an occupational therapist (but staying home with her kids during the pandemic), and Ken is a corporate recruiter. They are looking forward to participating in young children/family activities, Shabbat and holiday services, and Men's Club.



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