

THE MAKOMER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY MAKOM OHR SHALOM

Tammuz/Av 5769

2009 #7 /July

Ruach!

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

Ruach is a difficult word to translate. It means both wind and spirit. It is that which animates and moves other things, because it, in itself, is on the move. Genesis 1 tells us, “*ruach elohim merachefet al pnai hamayim*” – the spirit of



God hovered over the face of the primordial waters, even before the process of Creation began. Ruach gives rise to everything else.

On June 13th, we all experienced ruach at the concert honoring Shayna and Eli Lester. A fresh wind blew through the Writers Guild Theater. Ruach was on screen, on stage and in the audience. We all caught the spirit. It moved us out of our seats and into the aisles to dance. It moved us – period.

Each person is endowed with *ruach hakodesh*, the holy spirit. Sometimes, we need an extraordinary event, like the concert last month, to remind us of the reserves of spirit that are always present – in community and within each individual –

to draw upon.

Eli's prolific talent is wonderful. The Lesters' service to community is inspirational. The talents of everyone who put the event together were impressive. The elegance of the event was evident. The musicianship on stage was extraordinary. The enthusiasm of the crowd was contagious.

But the truth is... we didn't need any of these amazing gifts in order to experience ruach.

Ruach is available anytime – indeed, all the time. The spirit of the evening honoring Eli and Shayna Lester need not be exceptional. It can be normal. Yes, “normal” can be that fabulous.

When we rise to a new level spiritually, that knowledge and experience can never be denied. So, each of us who experienced the concert has gained enormously. It's not just that we have a remarkable memory or a touchstone to return to, if ever we are feeling depleted. We have a new awareness of ruach, a new standard of inspiration – and we can never sink below it, pretending we don't know what is possible. We know! We felt it!

To paraphrase Eli Lester: “there is a ruach beyond believing.” We don't have to analyze it or have faith in it. We simply know.



Still Celebrating

By Judy Kollack

What a FABULOUS evening we just experienced! This time not only were our dear honorees, Shayna and Eli Lester, honored, but the honorees put in hours of work in helping to pull the event together. Then we were privileged to hear many of Eli's songs sung and “drummed” by none other than Eli himself!

And there were so many excellent musicians who participated in addition to our own Makom choir and Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner.

Many thanks also to our Shomrim and all the other Makomniks who helped to bring about this terrific, well-attended concert fundraiser! The music had people dancing in the aisles! The slide show with testimonials that Rebbitzin Craig helped to edit were very inspiring.

And the silent auction goodies were terrific – lots of good restaurant certificates, trips, lessons of one sort or another (fencing, piano, shofar blowing, etc.), and while many Makomniks were out there soliciting for these items, Rabbi Debra led the pack, bringing in multiple certificates.

With the crudites, wine, and cheese beforehand and the wonderful “spread” afterwards, we felt like we were at an elegant simcha. We are so lucky to have talented and *mentschlich* folks like Eli and Shayna in our community. The community spirit everyone felt that evening is a testament to who they are and what they give. *Todah rabah* to all who made this such a memorable event!



Rabbi Debra leads Shayna and Eli Lester in the Havdallah observance during the June 13th fundraising concert. Photo by Mark Reden

GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

By Gail Duncan

What an amazing tribute to two of Makom's community-minded members! Eli Lester brought to the table an incredible group of talented performers. He also managed to coordinate all the details inherent in the logistics of putting on such a musical extravaganza.

Dana Stone Goldberg worked with Eli and Ellen Fleischmann to coordinate our melodic choir. Need to give a shout out to all the singers, soloists and musicians, especially Al Schneider, our MC. Each and every one of you are a diamond in the sky. Thank you, Gerry Owen, for helping to facilitate the evening as our acting Stage Manager. Shayna Lester put forth her energy to supervise the reception, even down to picking up some of the food items and the flowers herself! She gave me direction and purpose. The Lesters both showed their community spirit by opening the reception to all and connecting Makom to the wonderful wine supplier.

You wouldn't have found out about the amazing event if Liz Greengross hadn't put together our beautiful invitations and worked so tirelessly on updating our website. We had an excellent grassroots publicity campaign with the help of the Lesters themselves, Joy Krauthammer, Naomi Drangle, Patty Melnick, Harold Gidish and Annie Siegel among many others. Thanks also to Steve Karash at the Jewish Journal for getting the event up on the homepage of their website.

Kudos need to go to Harold Gidish! As our

President, he is our guiding light and inspiration, the glue that holds us all together. What Harold does for Makom – it would take up way too much space to list all that he does! Between making phone calls, schlepping for the set up of the event and staying until the last item was loaded back up, Harold's presence and enthusiasm ensures smiles.

Alyse Silverman spent the last few nights before the concert making the presentations for the Silent Auction. Wow! I believe it is because of her efforts that the auction was so successful. I have never seen such a professional layout for a Silent Auction. Thank you to all who donated and to all who bid on our items.

Harriet Lipman, our financial rock, was instrumental in her role as our Treasurer. She kept us up to date as to where we were when we needed it. As our first point of contact the night of the concert, she handled dealing with the tickets and the Silent Auction sales with a smile. Marcia Weinberger and Teri Gamson assisted in our ticket and wine sales. Harriet and the lovely Dennis Hoffman took care of organizing the seating for the various sponsorship levels. Thank you, Dennis, for your hard work in getting our folks to those seats.

Jack Lin, one of our newest Board members, supported the event by generously supplying the wine. Jack, your unfaltering devotion to Makom enables us to thrive.

Alyse and Dan Silverman and Sandi Williams stepped up to the plate as our entertaining bartenders. Annie Siegel assisted with the food display and service as well as, with Sandi Williams, the Silent Auction

wrap up.

Lisa Dudley was our able-bodied seller of the CDs and all-around helper. Our ushers were Seth Dudley, Beverly Magid, Sydney Cetner and Su-z Heimann. Our Membership Table greeters were Bill and Ellie Belilove.

Thank you Craig Weisz for editing the tribute tapes together for us and delivering the wonderful DVD for our presentation. With very little guidance, Craig was able to put together a true tribute for our honorees.

Big thanks to all those who broke down the stage Saturday night: Harold Gidish, Dennis Hoffman, Dan Silverman, and Laura Loftsgaarden. Plus the wonderful folks who helped to clean up the food: Annie Siegel, Alyse Silverman, Sandi Williams, Dana Stone Goldberg and Hector Ceja.

Now for some non-Makom members who were crucial to me:

My roommate, Sherylgrace Avisado, videotaped all the tributes in town and coordinated getting all the elements from all the out of town folks. She helped me with my Costco run, including "borrowing" the Costco carts, and delivering the risers to the theater. At the theater, my co-worker Doug Meyer met us to help unload the risers (no small task...). Emal Nessary from the Theater stayed late for us to deliver everything on Friday. Another co-worker, Laura Loftsgaarden, helped to videotape the evening along with Stephen Feralio, a recent film school graduate.

All in all, each one of you mentioned, and to any I may have omitted by error, played a critical part in making the concert a success. So thank you, thank you, thank you.

A Blessing from Reb Zalman

(As read aloud at the Eli Lester concert)

Dear Friends,

Eli and Shayna Lester are two people very close to my heart. Every year when I come for High Holidays, I say to myself: "Where are the drummers?" And there I find Eli. It's a *mechayah* to listen to him play and sing from his heart and soul, and to hear his compositions. I only wish I could be with you for this wonderful concert.

Shayna loves interfaith work, which, as you know, is close to my heart, too. Bringing Jews to Judaism doesn't happen apart from (or because we avoid) bringing people of all faiths together. Precisely when we see ourselves in relation to others, in context, then we understand ourselves a bit better, and realize what it is we have to offer.

Makom Ohr Shalom is my spiritual home

in Los Angeles. But since I come as a guest and a visitor, I can give you the honest and loving outsider's perspective that is so hard to come by.

I want to tell you: This is a very special place. It is special because of the *chevrah* – the real connections and support among members. It's special because of the music. It is special because of the Torah teachings. It is special because people are really dedicated to using Makom Ohr Shalom as a spiritual path, as well as a spiritual home. Shayna and Eli Lester are instrumental in every one of these "specials." They contribute to the *chevreh*, the music, the Torah, and the spiritual quest and conversation.

I give you my blessing – for Eli and Shayna, for Rabbi Debra and Reb Monty, and for the whole Makom Ohr Shalom community. May the Lesters inspire you to contribute to Makom – from your time, your energy, and your funds. In these tough economic times, we must invest

wisely and carefully in what truly matters. Therefore, thank you for giving generously to Makom Ohr Shalom. My blessing is that what you will contribute will accrue to you tenfold.

— Reb Zalman



Reb Zalman has just agreed to join us again for High Holidays. We look forward to greeting him in a few months!



First Fridays: The first Friday of each month is EnCHANTING Shabbat, which includes prayer, music, meditation, and, of course, chanting of the Torah. Inspired by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Rabbi Debra Orenstein has created a unique and truly enchanting way of reading Torah, including the Hebrew with trope (cantillation), the English translation sung in the same melody, and her own creative commentary. Services begin at 7:45 pm in our regular sanctuary location. Children are always welcome in the service.*

Torah Study: On the Saturday following the second Friday of the month, Makom Ohr Shalom's Community Torah Class meets from 10 am to noon at the Minkle home: 19557 Calvert St., Tarzana, 91335. Our Gabbai, Mike Melnick, leads the class with deeply engaging commentary and discussion.

Third Fridays: On the third Friday of each month, we meet at our regular sanctuary location, and services begin at 7:45 pm. Our Musical Shabbat Service includes meditation and music with our clergy and Makom's musicians and singers. Children are always welcome in the service.*

Nursing Home Shabbat Visits: Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner leads volunteers in bringing the joy of Shabbat to the elderly and infirm. Join us at 2 pm on the third Saturday of each month at Sunbridge Care Center, 1330 17th Street, Santa Monica.

Fourth Fridays: On the fourth Friday of each month, we hold an intimate Shabbat experience with potluck dinner at 6:30 pm and service and teaching from 8 pm - 9:15 pm, followed by Oneg and dessert, at the home of Rabbi/Cantor Monty and Melanie Turner: 2028 Barry, Unit B, L.A., 90025.

Final Shabbat Family Service: Rabbi Debra Orenstein and soloist and teacher Mitzi Schwarz lead a service geared for families and kids at rotating homes from 10 am - 11:15 am, with Oneg and art project following, on the last Saturday of each month. Contact Judy Kollack at 818-758-6922 or Judybk@earthlink.net

*Childcare is provided with advance reservations to Harold Gidish at Hgidish@aol.com at least 24 hours before the service.

President's Shtick

by Harold Gidish
President

My dear fellow Makomniks,

We did it! What a fabulous "honoring and fundraising" event; Beverly Hills will never be the same again. I don't know how I will ever be able to express my gratitude to Eli and Shayna for allowing us the HONOR to celebrate them: what music, what energy... such celebration, the food, the auction, the place, the help and support... and of course the volunteers under the direction of our very special one and only Gail Duncan. What more can I say? I am elated with the number of people who came to celebrate the lives of our honorees and to support our Temple. We were entertained with a classy and uplifting show orchestrated by our very own Eli Lester and his friends. I am encouraged by the amount of support we had with the auction, from the donors to the bidders. I am also very happy to have participated in the energized after-party, where the fabulous



evening was opened to all attendees to enjoy dessert and to schmooze... and schmooze they did.

This event allowed the true spirit of who we are to be brought out in each and every one of us. I know the energy of Makom was everywhere. Through community and togetherness, the spirit of Torah was among us... what more could we ask for? Thanks to all of you who were "in the house," and who allowed us to share such deep work and energy fields.

The Board will now focus on High Holidays... what already? Helpers and volunteers are always welcomed and encouraged. Please contact a Shomer if you would like to indulge yourself and the community at a higher level.

So, with a special thanks to the Board, the musicians, the volunteers and our honorees, our MC, Mark our photographer, Gail, Harriet and Alyse: I wish you all a great month.

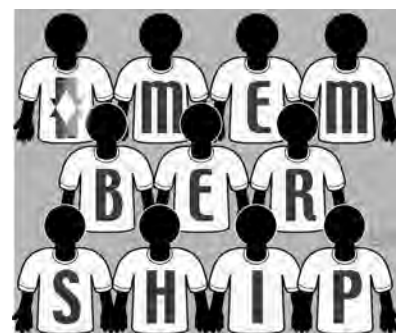
You will be receiving your membership renewal notices soon; I trust you will all continue to be part of our family and once again I encourage you all to help us get new members by spreading the good word about our Makom Ohr Shalom.

A message from your treasurer...

Our fiscal year ended June 30th. Please make sure you are paid-up for the year. If you are not sure about an outstanding balance, please feel free to contact me at 818-363-6886. If there are financial issues, please also contact me at the number above. We all know times are hard, but we are willing to work with you!

Renewal statements will be in the mail soon. If you are paying by credit card, we will continue to charge your card until notified otherwise. We want you to be a part of the Makom community, regardless at what level you can contribute. Every amount helps toward the upkeep of our wonderful community.

B'shalom, Harriet Lipman



Come experience a Friday night ritual around the table with our clergy and their families.

Please join us for a special Outreach Shabbat Dinner!

- In the intimate setting of a private home
- Led by Rabbi Debra Orenstein and Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner
- Guests and newcomers are welcome!

Date: Friday, July 31st

Time: 6:45 pm

Place: Central Location TBA

For address, directions and RSVP's: please contact Judy Kollack at 818-758-6922 or Judybk@earthlink.net

To invite or "nominate" guests: please contact Dana Stone Goldberg with names and contact information of prospective members you would like to include. Dana is at 818-989-3410 or Shaynadana@hotmail.com



THE MAKOMER

Makom Ohr Shalom

A Jewish Experience that will touch your heart

SANCTUARY & SCHOOL LOCATION:

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
5619 Lindley Avenue
Tarzana, California 91356
(at the corner of Lindley and Burbank)

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 5086, West Hills, CA 91308
Web site: www.makom.org

Telephone: (818) 725-7600

Email: makominfo@yahoo.com

CLERGY/STAFF

Rabbi

Debra Orenstein Deboren@aol.com

Rabbi/Cantor and Musical Director

Monty Turner Monty345@aol.com

President

Harold Gidish Hgidish@aol.com

Choir Director

Ellen Fleischmann Eftheflash@gmail.com

SHOMRIM

Marketing

Annie Siegel AnnieCindy@aol.com

Member at Large

Jack Lin Jacklin1@aol.com

Membership

Dana Stone Goldberg Shaynadana@hotmail.com

President/Education

Harold Gidish Hgidish@aol.com

Programming

Gail Duncan Gail.Duncan@kodak.com

Ritual

Alyse Silverman IM4FUN2@aol.com

Secretary

Sandi Williams Sandiwms@att.net

Shomer Couple

Lisa & Seth Dudley Lisa.Dudley01@gmail.com

Strategic Planning

Mitchell Feinstein Mitchfin@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer

Harriet Lipman Harriet@harrietiandiane.com

Past President

Beverly Rimer Beverlyee1@sbcglobal.net

The Makomer

Written and edited by Annie Siegel

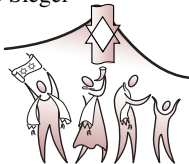
Designed and produced by

Steve Greenberg

Steve@greenberg-art.com

Distributed by

Harriet Lipman and Marv
& Rochelle Brandon



Submissions to The Makomer

The Makomer is published once a month. The deadline for submissions is by the 18th day of the month. If you have an event or information you would like publicized in *The Makomer*, please submit it

typed into an e-mail to AnnieCindy@aol.com

If you would like to submit a column for consideration in *The Makomer*, please contact Annie as early as possible.

The Makom CALENDAR for JULY *Clip and save!*

■ July 3rd, Friday, 7:45 pm: at 5619 Lindley Ave., Tarzana. The first Friday of the month is **EnCHANTing Shabbat**, which includes prayer, music, meditation, and chanting from the Torah. Services this month will be led by Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner.

■ July 11th, Saturday, 10 am - noon: **Torah Study**: On the Saturday following the second Friday of the month, Makom Ohr Shalom's Community Torah Class meets at the Minkle home: 19557 Calvert St., Tarzana. Our Gabbai, Mike Melnick, leads the class with deeply engaging commentary and discussion.

■ July 17th, Friday, 7:45 pm: **Musical Shabbat Service** includes meditation and music with our musicians at our regular sanctuary location. Rabbi Debra Orenstein and Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner will lead the service.

■ July 18th, Saturday, 2 pm: **Nursing Home Shabbat Visit**. On the third Saturday of each month, Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner leads volunteers in bringing the joy of Shabbat to the elderly and infirm at Sunbridge Care Center, 1330 17th Street, Santa Monica, 90404.

■ July 24th, Friday, On the fourth Friday of each month, we hold an **intimate Shabbat experience**. This month, we will have a service with an Oneg, but no pot luck dinner. Join us at 8 pm for prayers and teachings at the Turner home, 2028 Barry, Unit B, Los Angeles 90025.

■ July 28th, Tuesday, 7:45 am - 9:15 am: **Women's Torah and Mishnah Study** at the home of Rabbi Debra Orenstein. Members and nonmembers welcome. For directions and to RSVP, contact Jean Katz at Jeankatz@earthlink.net

■ July 31st, Friday, 6:45 pm: Join us for a special **Outreach Shabbat Dinner**. For directions and to RSVP in advance: please contact Judy Kollack at Judybk@earthlink.net or 818-758-6922.

Save the Date:

● August 18th, Tuesday, 7 pm: Join us for a **High Holy Days organizing meeting** and give us your input. Location to be determined (See below).



Yahrzeits

July 3, 2009

Anna York, Ruth Bloch
Harry Fischer, Esther Silver
Marvin Cherry, Miriam Janowitz
Mathilda Goldenberg Kruparu Orenstein
Simon Mowshowitz, Israel Mowshowitz
Samuel B. Owen, Regina Palmer
Alexander Palmer, Toby Plevin
Marion Kirshenbaum, Sheldon Jacobs
Michael Caliendo, Harry Lisker

July 17, 2009

Nathan Bloch, Sara Levy
Baruch Saul Burman, Lillian Barnett
Sofia Gertsberg, Mildred Davidson
Mary Gluck Berlin, Rhoda K. Channing
Shirley Freedman, Kurt Kroner
Max Orenstein, Samuel Estrin
Rose Fox, Murray Rosof
Jennie Siegel, Henry Siegel
Morris Simmons, Fannie Klotz
Joseph Weissman, Beck Solitare

Children and families at Makom

Our members, board, and clergy are exploring how we can make Makom even more welcoming for families and children. Please contact member David Plotkin (Drplotkin@gmail.com) or Rabbi Debra Orenstein (Deboren@aol.com) to contribute your ideas.

DO YOU LOVE HIGH HOLY DAYS AT MAKOM? ADD YOUR INPUT!

We do. Please help us make them happen. Bring your ideas. As wonderful as our Days of Awe are, we can make them even more awesome with your help.

Save the date for doing a mitzvah and helping! Come to our organizing meeting for High Holy Days on August 18th at 7pm, location TBD.

For information or to RSVP, contact Gail Duncan at Gail.Duncan@kodak.com



Candle Lighting

Celebrating a simcha? Observing a yahrzeit? If you make an announcement from the bimah, light candles or share your upcoming wedding, b'nei mitzvah or promotion with us, please take an envelope on the service table for your tax-deductible donation to Makom Ohr Shalom.

Not a member yet? You do not have to be a member to enjoy our services and our Onegs, but we do suggest a donation of \$18 to help us continue to offer our wonderful community events.

• Thank You • Thank You • Thank You • Thank You •

We have so many sponsors, donors, musicians, tribute-givers and behind-the-scenes people to thank for helping make the Eli and Shayna Lester fundraising concert possible:

Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors

Makom Ohr Shalom would like to personally thank and bless those listed below for their most generous donations making the existence of our beautiful community possible!

PLATINUM

Dr. Jack and Beth Lin
Dr Allan Silverstein & Beth Satkin

GOLD

Howard and Rita Conn
Harold & Jo Elen Gidish
David Platus & Sheryl Colby
Dan & Alyse Silverman
Westside Havurah

SILVER

Seth & Lisa Dudley
Alan Klein & Toba August
Michael & Patty Melnick
Alison Pascola
Ed Rosenthal & Nicole Kaplan

BRONZE

Eve Axelrad
Pam & Craig Bassuk
Bill & Ellie Belilove
Alicia Blas Mac Donald
Marvin & Rochelle Brandon
Rabbi Anne Brenner
Bonnie Davis
Susan & Richard Deets
Ed & Naomi Drangle
Gail Duncan
Mitch & Judith Feinstein
Roy & Barbara Fogelman
John & Sandra Gabel
Norma Garber
Marca Gay & Yacov Sasson
Rabbi Judith Halevy
Jean Katz
Rob & Linda Kaufman
Judd & Doris Kramer
Stephen & Eula Krashen

Bonnie Leopold & Heidi Davidson
Batya Malick & Ralph Manneheimer
Richard & Lois Miller
Leonard & Marilyn Minkle
Sheri Meyers
Gerry & Linda Owen
Ruthe Palmer
Jerry & Nessa Perman
David & Ellie Plotkin
Mark Reden & Lee Fischer
Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben
Beverly Rimer
Amy Rosett & Martial Othman
Arlene Taslitz & Gail Hara
Rabbi/Cantor Monty & Melanie Turner
Terrie Turner
Craig Weisz & Rabbi Debra Orenstein
Izydor & Shoshi Wilchfort
Sandi Williams
Frank & Karen Wurtzel



Thanks to Those Who Placed Green Book Ads

For those who placed ads in our Green Tribute book, we are grateful for your generosity and participation.

Renee Geffen
Irene Goldin Sloat
John & Sylvia Hyland
Rabbi Alicia Magal
Gerry & Linda Owen
Sid & Arlene Rosenblatt
Seth A. Weinroth & Dina Gardner-Weinroth

Left: Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner sings a duet with Eli Lester.

Photo by Mark Reden



Makom Ohr Shalom

A Synagogue Celebrating Traditions
of Jewish Meditation and Spirituality



Sanctuary and Religious School
5619 Lindley Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 5086, West Hills, CA 91308
(818) 725-7600 www.makom.org

• Thank You • Thank You • Thank You • Thank You •

We have so many sponsors, donors, musicians, tribute-givers and behind-the-scenes people to thank for helping make the Eli and Shayna Lester fundraising concert possible:

Musical & Vocal Thank yous

Thank you to the Makom Ohr Shalom Choir, The West Coast Rhythm and Jews Band, Thee Holy Brothers and Sisters Vocal Group, The Laguna Beach Jazz Band, and The Monday Night at Mort's House Band.

Vocal Artists/Soloists: Phil Bell, W. Ellen Fleischmann, Cantor Marcelo Gindlin, Rabbi Moshe Halfon, Cantorial soloist Kimberly Haynes, Cantorial soloist Gary Levine, Arva Rose, Al Schneider, Cantorial soloist Mitzi Schwarz, and Rabbi/Cantor Monty Turner.

Combined Show Choir:
Director W. Ellen Fleischmann.
Coordinator Dana Stone Goldberg.

Singers: Ellen Fleischmann, Gay Arst, Phil Bell, Steve Berman, Steve Greenberg, Paul Greengross, Kimberly Haynes, Sandy Lessner, Sharon Levine, Arva Rose, Bernie Sattler, Mitzi Schwarz, Dana Stone Goldberg.

Musicians: Troy Dexter (Musical director), Ruth Belonsky, Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, Dr. Howard Conn, David Eagle, Eli Lester, Al Schneider, Steve Moos, Dr. Evan Shapiro, Sterling Smith and Marcy Vaj.



Thanks to Our Silent Auction Donors

We are grateful for your generosity and participation:

Jack Lin
Seth & Lisa Dudley
Harold & JoElen Gidish
Rabbi Debra Orenstein
Michael Chusid
Sydney Field
Jule Jackson
Chi's Chinese Cuisine
Joy Krauthammer
Melanie Turner
Susan Rosen
Zeke's Smokehouse
The Daily Grill
Jeff's Gourmet Sausage Factory
Beverly Rimer
Steve Greenberg
Dan & Alyse Silverman
Gail Duncan
Leonard & Marilyn Minkle
Keyboard Concepts, LA
Nail Paradise Salon, Beverly Hills
Elat Burger
Rabbi Jehiel & Sylvia Orenstein
Nick's Coffee Shop
Michelle Feinstein



Thanks to those who spoke

Thank you to all the folks those who honored Shayna and Eli through a tribute recording:

Didi Carr Ruben
Sandy Gabel
Tedd Spriggs & Catherine Boiko
Lisa Motel
Hillel Lester & family
Diane & Joe Samuel
Dina Gardner & family
Jeffrey Gardner
Lindy & Gerry Owen
Nina Amir
Jean Katz
Noor Malika
Brenda Clubine
Rabbi Moshe Halfon
Sheri Meyers
Judith Sommerstein
Rita & Howard Conn



Middle of page: The crowd gets into the spirit of things.

Left: Shayna Lester is moved by the tributes.

Above: Eli Lester and Al Schneider sing together during the June 13th concert like in the old days .



Above: Mitzi Schwarz sings.



Right: Arva Rose takes the mike as Eli Lester and Al Schneider take over on percussion.

Below: The Makom choir provides backing vocals under the direction of W. Ellen Fleischmann.

Thanks to Mark Reden for the photography



Left: Kimberly Haynes sings "Reflection" with Eli Lester.

Above: Cantor Marcello Gindlin.

Support Makom the Easy Way!

Dear Friends,

As anyone can tell who helped with, attended or even is just reading about our concert, it takes a lot of effort to mount a major fundraiser. We need such fundraisers, for both financial and spiritual reasons.

However, there are also easy, no-fuss fundraisers that literally take five minutes to do. And, if each Makom member participated, we could raise almost \$7,000. If each Makom member participated and recruited one friend to participate, we could raise almost \$14,000 per year.

PLEASE take a few minutes to register or UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION for *escrip* and *Ralphs*. Right now, only about 20% of the congregation participates. We need your help! In these tough economic times, let's do what is FREE, EASY and GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY. You don't have to be a member of Makom to participate. In fact, people who live out-of-state can sign up.

Please also go to www.Makom.org and click on the Amazon link under Support Makom on the bottom left side of the home page. You will see an amazon logo and, when you click on it, you will be taken automatically to Amazon to shop. You can even bookmark that link, so it's handy. Makom will get credit for every purchase on Amazon that is made through our link.

May remembering Makom in these small, practical ways bring holiness to your awareness and blessings to our community,

Rabbi Debra Orenstein

AMAZON If you use credit cards, if you shop at Ralphs or Vons (no matter how you pay), or if you shop at



Amazon.com, you can generate income for Makom at no cost to you. Please log on to www.makom.org and look for the Support Makom menu on the left side of the page for more details. It takes less than 10 minutes to sign up for all our passive income programs; they require no action on your part after setup, and they cost nothing – while garnering Makom a percentage of your purchases. This is a mitzvah that is easy and fun to do!

Registration is not limited to Makom members. Anyone among your family, friends or neighbors can log on and raise money for Makom effortlessly with Amazon and *escrip*. Please ask them! It's easy to go to www.makom.org and send a link.

RALPHS Please help Makom Ohr Shalom by registering your Ralphs card today, and thus earning income for Makom through Ralphs' Community Partners Program at absolutely no cost. A percentage of the purchases you make will automatically be donated to Makom when you swipe your Ralphs card or provide your telephone number at check-out. BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO REGISTER.



If you shop at Ralphs, even occasionally, Makom can earn up to 4% of your purchases. It's easy:

a. Go to www.ralphs.com, which is now a secure website with new procedures in place. Sign in and register your information; you'll be required to set up a password.

b. Click on "Edit Community Contribution Program Information" and enter your Ralphs Rewards card number.

c. Enter Makom's name or its Non-Profit Organization number 83854, and register your card. Click "Logout" at top of page.

If you don't have a Ralphs card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Ralphs.

E-SCRIP

If you use any credit cards, then you can support Makom.

a. Go to www.escrip.com

b. Click "Sign up" (#1) on the opening page

c. Enter Makom Ohr Shalom as your group name, and fill in your contact and credit card information as requested.



The website is secure. Makom will automatically receive between 1% and 10% of any purchase you make with your registered cards at participating merchants. (You don't have to know which merchants participate.) Please register your Vons card on this site, too.

E-SCRIP VETERANS

If you have already registered for *e-scrip*, please update your account.

a. Go to www.escrip.com

b. Click on "Members/Supporters" on the left. Through your e-mail address, phone number or any other basic information, the site automatically pulls up your *e-scrip* account.

c. Please update your information, and make sure that all your cards are listed. If you have replaced cards or even gotten a new expiration date, you need to update your account.

PHONES4CHARITY

Please bring any old cell phones that you are not using to Friday night services. If you have the chargers and any other equipment, please bring them as well. Not only will these phones go to help abused and battered women who need to call 911 in an emergency, but Makom will receive dollars as well.

A MITZVAH FOR YOU

■ **Please enlist family, friends, co-workers and neighbors!**

Registration is not limited to Makom members. Anyone among your family, friends, or neighbors can log on and raise money for Makom effortlessly with Amazon, *e-scrip*, Ralphs and Vons.

■ **Raise money and raise consciousness!** Giving to Makom in this way raises consciousness, as well as funds. Daily acts of tzedakah are daily "doses" of holiness. The person who gives \$1 a thousand times is considered to be more charitable than the person who gives a thousand dollars one time. Please make tzedakah a regular habit, integrated into your daily practice, by participating in these passive income opportunities for Makom.

Thank you and bless you!



GIVING