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Wear Orange Day

By Joy Picus



On Saturday, June 2, about 60 residents of Fountainview, wearing their finest orange outfits, gathered in the Event Center for a photo to show that although the press may have moved on, we at Fountainview were still prepared to demonstrate against gun violence. We stood in solidarity with the L.A.-based organization **Women Against Gun Violence**, celebrating its 25th year of activity. We stood in support of the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida whose lives were forever changed by the horrendous shooting that took place there on February 14, 2018. We will not forget!

We sent the photo to **Women Against Gun Violence** and to our elected representatives at local, state and national levels. When the story of the shooting in Florida first hit the headlines, I was curious about Marjory Stoneman Douglas for whom the high school was named. Not reading or hearing anything, I did my own research and found her amazing story.

Perhaps the most astonishing fact about her is that she lived to be 108 years old (1890-1998)! It was a most productive life right up to the end. She was a journalist, prolific author of short story books, women's suffrage advocate and a conservationist. At 79, she was asked to help save the Florida Everglades, viewed as a worthless swamp, rather than a treasured river. As a relentless reporter and fearless crusader she did that. (Let's hear it for us seniors!) She wrote a book that preserved the Everglades from

development and restored it to its natural state. The impact of her book ***The Everglades: River of Grass*** (1947) has been compared to that of Rachel Carson and her book ***Silent Spring*** (1962). (Let's hear it for us women!)

I hope that the story of the remarkable Marjory Stoneman Douglas motivates the amazing kids at the high school named for her. They spoke out so brilliantly immediately after the shooting, and since. May they continue to give voice to her inspiring leadership and advocacy.

We at Fountainview wore orange and stood silently in her memory.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Residents



Norman Miller



Alvin and Ruth Blinder

Women's History Month

By Evelyn Bauer

On March 28, 18 residents participated in a lovely program celebrating "Women's History Month". Our own Lauri Kamiel, Activities Coordinator, did a masterful job in locating meaningful material, appropriate videos, and in organizing and announcing the program. We chose from her suggested readings or provided our own selections. The result was a varied, informative and dramatic presentation.

Some of the highlights were Dick Braun chanting "Eishet Chayil" (*Woman of Valor*), Sophia Abrams reciting in Spanish "Yo Misma Fui Mi Ruta", and Joy Picus telling us about the history of Women's History Month. Some of the readings were historical (I read a poem "the Rights of Women" written in 1792), amusing, informative and inspirational.

We enjoyed practicing and presenting, and the audience seemed very receptive. Thanks again to Lauri for her hard work.

Leonard Bernstein at 100

By Rikki Levine

The celebration of Leonard Bernstein's life is not an ephemeral thing. It will remain a constant. In visiting Skirball on May 9, we discovered his multitude of talents.

His father's ambition for his son was to take over his beauty supply business. "Musicians can't make a living." Instead, he became world-renowned in his field.

A composer of music for opera, Broadway shows, ballet, symphonic and choral music – he was also a T.V. personality, wrote poetry, lectured and wrote Hollywood scripts. His crowning glory was as conductor of the New York Philharmonic.



Making classical music a vibrant part of American culture was a driving force. This should be the resume of five men.

There were costumes from film and theater in this highly diversified exhibit. His correspondence showed great contributions to social justice causes to which he lent a strong and influential voice. A film of Bernstein conducting exhibited his dramatic and exuberant style.

Prolific in all he did, he was loved and respected by so many in all walks of life. He and his wife of many happy years were jet setters. They had two children. A complex personality at the same time, he had a lifetime partner with whom he spent his last years.

The Tot Shabbat

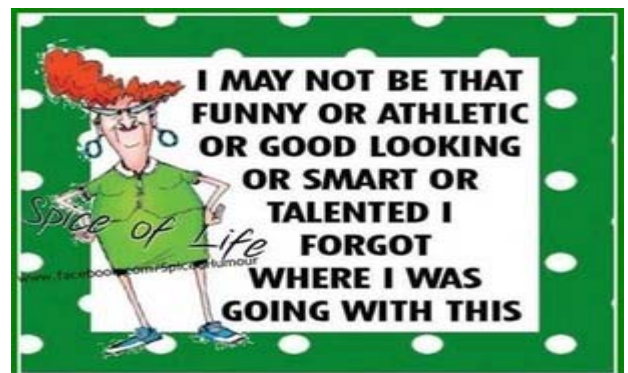
By Joyce Edelman



On Friday, May 25 at 11:00am, Fountainview residents enjoyed their first Tot Shabbat. A group of adorable pre-schoolers, ranging in age from eighteen months to five years, came to visit us from the Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue. They were accompanied by Cantor Marcelo Gindlin and Rabbi Michael Schwartz.

The children entertained by singing Hebrew songs. They were led by Cantor Gindlin who accompanied them on his guitar. After the singing, everyone enjoyed challah and juice and the residents interacted with the children.

It was a memorable and enjoyable experience.



Our New Statue

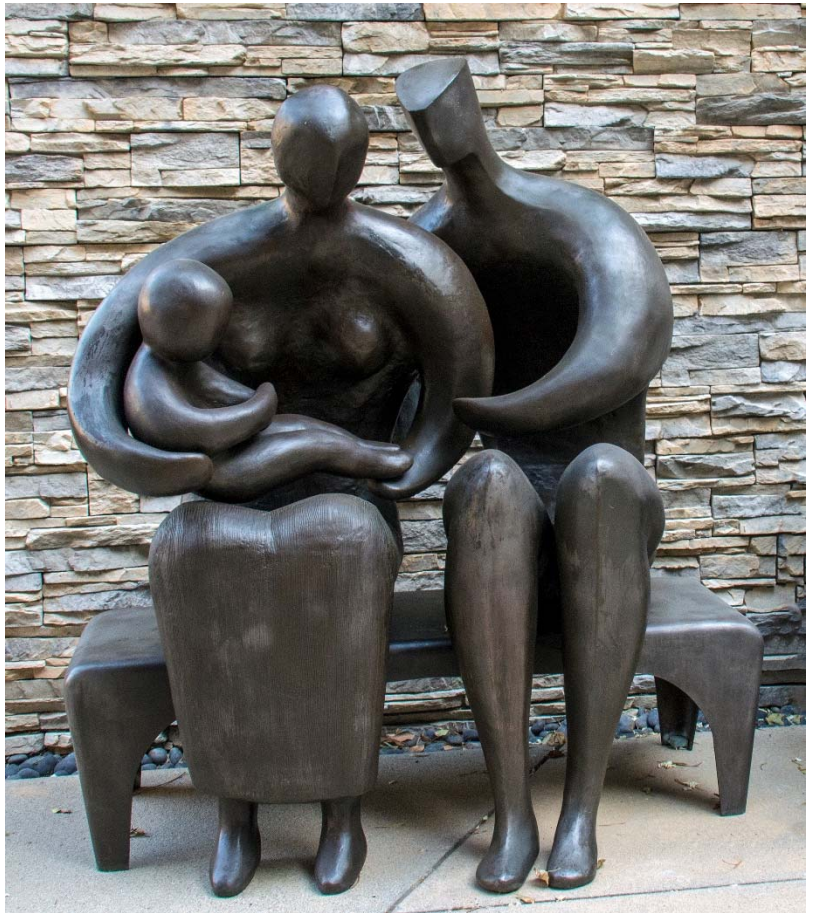
By Lil Baker

Now decorating our main patio at Fountainview is the latest work of art on our lovely grounds. The donation of the "Family" is an abstract four feet high of three seated figures cast in bronze. The object of many remarks, almost all admiring, reflects how art affects us. Yes, even "Mona Lisa" hears comments to her face that could make her blush.

Robert G. Metzner, the artist, was an inventor from childhood. His turntable is still a basic. His prototype of the gas/electric hybrid automobile resides in the Peterson Automotive Museum. He retired at age 42. He took up sculpting, and his works are on display at UCLA, Caltech and elsewhere. His family and sailboat racing filled his life for the rest of his 97 years.

This wonderful addition which blends so nicely between the fireplace and the waterfall, adds to our good fortune of being a Fountainview resident.

Photo by Mike Maroko



Mother's Day 2018

By Lil Baker



What a wonderful day it was for most of us. An exhilarating spirit pervaded the family-filled rooms. Please note, I said rooms because the reservations overflowed into the Lounge and the Private Dining Room. Even so, many residents were also wined and dined away from Fountainview.

Beautiful flowers blended with the colorful tablecloths. And OH, that buffet! Yes, that delicious buffet that went halfway around the room was magnificent. Angel and the servers should have been justifiably proud. We can't thank them enough.

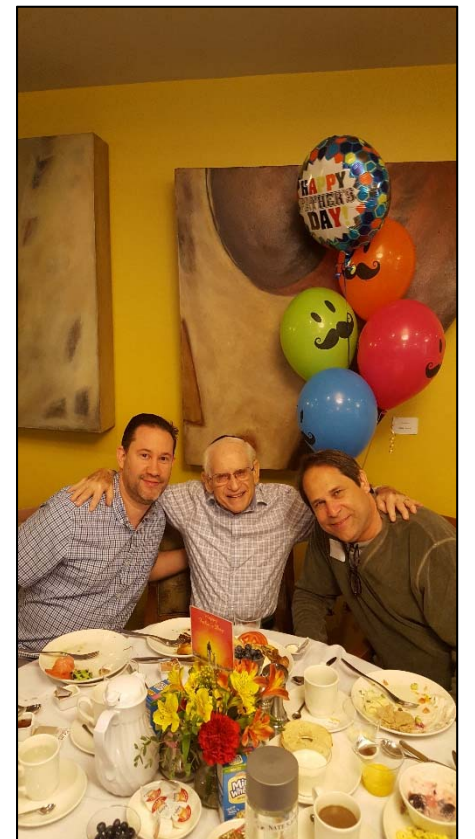
The champagne and tasty drinks were not needed to add to the high spirits that prevailed amongst us, but they were there for the asking. Parties ranged from settings of 12 to single residents who didn't let the

celebrations go on without them. Festive indeed!

Fumani weaved among tables serenading us, and David played continuously for our entertainment. Yes, we left happily satisfied and feeling great.



Celebrating Moms & Dads at Fountainview



Cantor Nathan Lam Concert

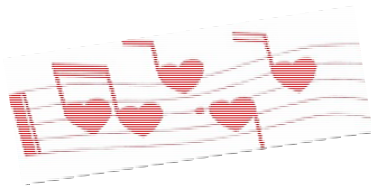
By Evelyn Bauer

Thanks to Ruth and Allen Orbuch for bringing Cantor Nathan Lam to Fountainview on June 12th in honor of Allen's 90th birthday. Ruth and Allen are members of Stephen Wise Temple where Cantor Lam has served for over 40 years.

It was a delightful evening of music, history, memories and humor. David Kates accompanied at the keyboard and two lovely young ladies named Sarah sang duets with Cantor Lam as well as some impressive solos. Cantor Lam gave much credit to his teachers, Cantor Allan Michaelson from Adat Ari El, and Rabbi Harold Schulweis from Valley Beth Shalom.

We all joined in singing "Bie Mir Bistu Shane" but listened respectfully to a beautiful rendition of "Sim Shalom". Particularly moving was "L'dor V'dor" which is Hebrew for *from generation to generation*. "Fiddler on the Roof" was well represented with a lovely duet of "Sunrise Sunset" and a spirited "If I Were a Rich Man" by Cantor Lam. The concert came to a rousing conclusion with "Adon Olam" and happy audience participation.

What a nice birthday treat for all of us!



A Shared Joyous Birthday Gift

By Lil Baker

The splendid and generous 90th birthday present from Ruth to Allen Orbuch was also shared with us, the residents of Fountainview. Cantor Nathan Lam in concert was warmly offered to a packed house in our theater, a proper site for the presentation so that more of us could see and enjoy it comfortably. Although the stage space was limited, Cantor Lam with his stories, jokes and wonderful singing captured his audience. The accompanying members of his crew, David on the keyboard, Jeff on the drums, and the two Sarahs who were the vocalists, each one an artist in his own right, blended into an evening of musical delight. We left with smiles on our faces and praises on our lips.

I had the opportunity of meeting each of the artists on arrival, good fun. Their comradery was as if they were the audience with an enjoyable experience awaiting them. Cantor Lam greeted the Orbuchs as fond and long-term friends who were glad to be doing this very special event. All that we can add is, "Thank you, Ruth and Allen!"

IN MEMORIAM

We remember the name of our recently departed friend Renee Tenenbaum. May her memory be a blessing.

A Special Concert

By Joyce Edelman

On Sunday, June 4 at 2:00pm, Fountainview residents were delightfully entertained by Hazzan Mike Stein and his *Shir Delight Klezmer Band*. The band consisted of Cantor Mike, who played the violin, guitar and also sang. With him was a performer on the keyboard, another one on the violin, a bugler, a drummer and a little lady who tapped out the rhythms with her hand on a small drum.

The group played many familiar songs that were enjoyed by all. Some members of the audience were inspired to get up and dance.

We are all looking forward to the cantor's next visit.



Morning Check-in Program

By Dr. Harry Shragg

This is a follow up to the "Falling Epidemic" article in the last issue of *the View*. There is a "Morning Check-In Program" available to us here at Fountainview. It is a major safety effort. By calling (818) 654.5540 by 11:00am each morning and just stating your apartment number, the Concierge will know whether you are alive and well or not. If there is no message from you by 11:00am, Concierge will call to check on you. If you do not answer, Security will go to your apartment to confirm you are all right or, if necessary, provide whatever help you need.

At the present time, this is an optional program, but it should be mandatory for every one of us. Currently, there are only 49 single residents who have signed up for the program. Thirty eight (38) single residents and 19 couples have not signed up.

This program plus wearing the pendant 24 hours a day are two safety measures that we should follow. It is interesting that the three single residents who were referred to in the previous article still have not signed up for this program. I hope that they are wearing their pendants. It's a minimal effort for a major benefit. They should sign up with the Concierge.

Top Player – DAKIM

Congratulations to Carmen Posner who was at the top - AGAIN! - for March, April and May!

Born in L.A.!

By Shirley Rosenberg

"I went to L.A. High School, said one. "I went to Hamilton," said another. And Dorsey, and Fairfax, and Fremont, and Roosevelt. Those were just a few of the high schools attended by some of the Fountainview residents who were born and raised in Los Angeles.

As it turns out, there are quite a few of us Los Angeles natives living at Fountainview, and we've organized a group that will be meeting regularly to reminisce about our "good old days." The formation of the group was the brainchild of John Beyer and me. At our May meeting we talked about high school days, we talked about which hospitals we were born in, about which hospitals our kids were born. And the number of topics to discuss is virtually unlimited; so are the possible places to visit.

At our next meeting (probably held right before this issue of the View is distributed), we will have shared our high school yearbooks and set up a field trip or two. We hope to set up day trips to visit our old stomping grounds including Downtown and Grand Central Market, Venice Beach, etc.

If you were born in Los Angeles and would like to join in the fun, please contact Shirley Rosenberg or John Beyer. We hope to make these get-togethers regular events.

VBS Gala Honors Malkah Schulweis

By Rabbi Mervin Tomsky

A grand gala celebration honoring Malkah Schulweis was held at Valley Beth Shalom on May 6. It was a very festive occasion with a huge number of people attending. The evening included a cocktail hour, a program, and dinner followed by entertainment. At the program, the Director of the Schulweis Day School, Sheva Locke, was also honored. There was a video tribute, speakers and presentation to honor Sheva, and the honoree spoke as well.



When Malkah was recognized, she spoke at length in response to an interview question by Rabbi Ed Feinstein about her upbringing with her traditionally observant grandmother. Malkah talked about godliness and our need to be more; do more;

become more in pursuit of fulfilling our human potential. She also spoke about Rabbi Schulweis's writing poetry and her goal of having a copy of his book - *From Prose to Poetry* - given to every pulpit rabbi in America. A son and two grandchildren spoke about the influence Malkah had on them.

At Malkah's request, I made a video expressing my thoughts about her, and it was shown on a full screen at the program for all to see. I want to share those remarks with all of you as well.

"Malkah Schulweis is one of the most gracious and inspiring women I have ever known. She speaks and lives the moral values that come to us from our ancient religious heritage that we all treasure and cherish. I have had the pleasure of sitting in on some of the classes on the Torah portions that Malkah has taught, and she engages those who participate in a manner that leaves a lasting impact. I am proud to acknowledge the precious friendship that Malkah and I have shared the past few years. Truly we all are enriched and blessed to have Malkah in our lives."

Let Them Eat Cake!

By Ruth Waller

Marie Antoinette advised, "*Let them eat cake!*" That's fine for some of us, but what about MY sugar-free-diet? Or MY etc.?

So many of us are concerned about the MY for each of us. Can you imagine the chaos in our Dining Room for Enrique and Lorenzo to bring all of us our individual MY, MY, MY...!



Who are they?

Enrique Perez and his parents, sister and two brothers moved here from Juarez. After leaving his schooling, he pursued his chosen career in veterinary medicine. For additional remuneration, he went to work at Fountainview in a variety of kitchen and dining room services. He has worked here for over five years.

Lorenzo Hughes has also worked here in tandem with Enrique the same length of time. Lorenzo is married. He and his wife Jennifer make their home in North Hills with their son, who is 1-1/2 years old, and they are expecting another little boy. Lorenzo has also studied for and applied to the

the Los Angeles Police Department.

These are the two "balabostes" that tailor the dinners that reach us every night.

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