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Holiday	Hebrew	Actual Date	Services	Time
Chanukah	Kislev 25	Mon Dec 26	Fri Dec 3	0 8:00 pm
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Purim	Adar 14	Wed Mar 14	Fri Mar 1	7 8:00 pm
Erev Pesach	Nissan 14	Wed Apr 12	Enjoy the 1	st seder
Second Seder	Nissan 15	Thu Apr 13	IFC Apr 13	6:30 pm
Pesach #8	Nissan 22	Thu Yizkor	Fri May 6	8:00 pm
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Tue Apr 25	Fri Apr 28	8:00 pm
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 3	Mon May 1	Fri May 5	8:00 pm
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Tue May 16	Fri May 19	8:00 pm
Shavuot	Sivan 6	Fri Yizkor	Fri Jun 6	8:00 pm
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Thu Aug 3	Fri Aug 4	8:00 pm
S'lichot	Elul 22	Sat Sep 15	Sat Sep 16	TBA
ErevRoshhaShanah	Elul 29	Fri Sep 22	Fri Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 1	Sat Sep 23	Sat Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 2	Sun Sep 24	Sun Sep 24	9:00 am
Erev Yom Kippur	Tishri 9	Sun Oct 1	Sun Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	Tishri 10	Mon Yizkor	Mon Oct 2	9:30 am

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As I write this column Chanukah is upon us. I am looking forward to the sisterhood dinner, our school play and our speaker. Our congregation is vibrant and alive!



Congratulations to Rachel Epstein, the fishing tournament winner. What a catch! Carolyn, who knew you were such an avid captain? Perhaps you and Rachel can give us some tips so we can keep up with the Epstein family. Now that I am thinking about it, what about a KJCC fishing event for all ages and skills, including novices? After all, we are in the fishing capital.

Stellar, I owe you an apology. There was a typographical error in last month's Chai Lights and your name was inadvertently omitted. I know that you did not take it personally and recognized the mistake for what it was, a mistake. We are so very proud of you and I for one was so impressed with the enormity of your heart and desire to help those less fortunate, as well as your acknowledgment that each one of us are not perfect.

We should all take a step back and learn a lesson from Stellar. Recently, our officers and Board have been confronted with certain issues that have created some discord among us. I accept we have differing opinions. But we all have an underlying desire to keep the KJCC as a synagogue open to all Jews, regardless of whether they are orthodox, conservative, reform or some where in between. We all want the KJCC to meet the needs of the Jewish constituency in the Keys. Recognizing this, we cannot satisfy everyone's desires all the time, but can only try to meet our members' religious, educational and social needs. The KJCC has been successful so far and I am optimistic that we can continue on this path. It is not an easy task, but I am confident we will maintain our course, adjusting as necessary. We are a democratic body and as such will choose the right path for our membership.

We can accomplish our goal without personal attacks, without minimizing each other and always keep in mind that each one of us has the best interests of the KJCC at heart. So, despite our lengthy board meetings and sometimes acrimonious attacks, each one of us as a member of the KJCC, can and will focus on our collective goals. Just as Stellar has recognized, we are not perfect all of the time and make mistakes. Recognize our individual shortcomings and look to better our community. Accept our

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### **BOARD MEETING**

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# SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2006, immediately following the Board Meeting. Please attend.

## **MARCH PARTY**

Mark your calendar for March 11, 2006. That is the night of the BIG Sisterhood Fund Raising Party to be held at the home of Elaine & Jerry Hirsch. You will not want to miss it.

## **FASHION SHOW**

The Fashion Show is always the hit of January. Read all about it on page 16.

# **SUNSET CRUISE**

The Sunset Cruise and Dinner is scheduled. The information is on page 18.

## **ONEG SHABBAT**

Be sure to sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth.

### **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the February issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is January 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

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# **Important Dates** for the Calendar

- Jan 8 -Sisterhood Meeting following the board Meeting (approx 11am)
- Jan 11 -Fashion Show Café Largo
- Jan 21 -Sunset Sail'
- Regular Sisterhood Meeting Feb 5 -
- Feb 26 Movie Night 'Paper Clips'
- March 5 Regular Sisterhood Meeting
- March 17 Purim Shabbat Dinner
- April 12 Second Seder Islamorada Fishing Club

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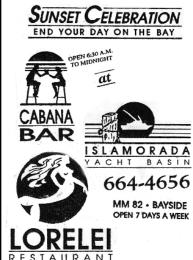


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In Our Memory Always

Thank you to all of our friends and mishpocha for the warm sympathy we received after the death of our brother, Donald Graham.

Bea & Marty Graham

# **President Message Continued**

inadequacies and our individuality. The KJCC is an essential part of our lives and the lives of Jews throughout the Keys. Let's stay on track, and continue to share our joys, sorrows and lives. We are family and most times, even better than family! The KJCC is an integral part of our lives. The KJCC is a source of enrichment, comfort and love. Let's preserve what we have and move forward.

Shalom! Jeffrey



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Marc





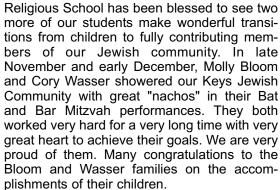
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# KJCC Religious School News

by Gloria Avner

Bat and Bar Mitzvahs to be Proud of--Mazel Tov to Bloom and Wasser Families

Since the last issue of Chai Lites, the KJCC



Molly's voice was clear and confident as she led the congregation in prayer, recited her maftir, and beautifully sang her haftorah. She showed her maturity by contributing part of her bat mitzvah funds to research for Multiple Sclerosis. Her lovely smile throughout the





service was inspiring. We are particularly proud of Molly as she continues to come to school on Sundays to help her younger fellow students continue their learning.

Cory Wasser, who has been with the KJCC Religious School for only two years, showed us a fine example of what commitment and motivation can do. Not only did he express a desire two years ago to learn to read Hebrew, he accomplished the basics in a matter of weeks and then applied himself seriously and intentionally to becoming a true Jewish man following the ways of Torah. Not only did he perform his readings, songs, and blessings perfectly and with great dignity, but he is now the youngest member attending, enjoying, and asking wonderful questions at the new weekly Torah study sessions on Sunday mornings. Corey too continues to participate in Religious

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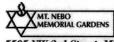
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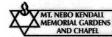
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Mazel tov Cory....
Mark & Sofy Wasser

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# THE FIRST HANUKKAH LIGHT IN BERGEN-BELSEN

YEDA by the Yard (Yardena, of course)

In Bergen-Belsen, on the eve of Hanukkah, a "selection" took place. No passports were required, no papers were checked and there was no roll call, no head count. ......

Like a barrage of machine-gun fire came the German commands: "Komme, komme,komme,komme." The men selected were marched outside. SS men awaited them, they tortured the innocent victims and then the revolver was used. .......

The random selection went on inside the barracks and the brutal massacre continued outside the barracks until sundown..... Then Hanukkah came to Bergen-Belsen. It was time to kindle the Hanukkah Lights. A jug of oil was not to be found, no candle was in sight, and a Hanukkia belonged to the distant past. Instead, a wooden clog, the shoe of one of the inmates, became a Hanukkia, strings from a camp-uniform, a wick, and the camp shoe polish, pure oil.

The Rabbi of Bluzhov lit the first light and chanted the first two blessings in his pleasant voice, and the festive melody was filled with sorrow and pain. When he was about to recite the third blessing, he stopped, turned his head, and looked around as he were searching for something.

But immediately, he turned his face back to the quivering small lights and in a strong, reassuring, comforting voice, chanted the third blessing: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, and hast preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season."

Among the people present at the kindling of the lights was a Mr.Zamietchkowski. He was a clever, sincere person with a passion for discussing matters of religion, faith, and truth. Even here

in camp at Bergen-Belsen, his passion for discussion did not abate. He never missed an opportunity to engage in such a conversation.

As soon as the Rabbi of Bluzhov had finished the ceremony of kindling the lights, Zamietchkowski elbowed his way to the rabbi and said, "Spira, you are a clever and honest person. I can understand your need to light Hanukkah candles in these wretched times. I can even understand the historical note of the second blessing, 'Who wroughtest miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.' But the fact that you recited the third blessing is beyond me. How could you thank God and say 'Blessed are Yhou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, and hast preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season'? How could you say it when hundreds of dead Jewish bodies are literally lying within the shadows of the Hanukkah lights, when thousands of living Jewish skeletons are walking around in camp, and millions more are massacred? For this you are thankful to God? For this you praise the Lord? This you call 'keeping us alive'?"

"Zamietchkowski, you are a hundred percent right," answered the rabbi. "When I reached the third blessing, I also hesitated and asked myself, what should I do with this blessing? I turned my head in order to ask the Rabbi of Zaner and other distinguished rabbis who were standing near me, if indeed I might recite the blessing. But just as I was turning my head, I noticed that behind me a throng was standing, a large crowd of living Jews, their faces expressing faith, devotion, and concentration as they were listening to the rite of the kindling



Having company for dinner? or just want something different. Enjoy these recipes.

# BAKED LAMB SHANKS AND VEGETABLES IN FOIL

4 lamb shanks 4 small potatoes
4 carrots 4 small tomatoes
4 ribs celery 4 small onions

1/2 lb mushrooms Garlic, paprika, oregano, seasoned salt

Soy sauce Parsley flakes

Parboil lamb shanks for 10 mins. Remove from water, remove skin and fat - rinse and pat dry. Place each shank on a separate large sheet of aluminum foil. Clean and prepare vegetables as if to be cooked. Slice each vegetable and divide into 4 portions. Place each portion with a shank and wrap securely in the foil. Place in an open roasting pan and bake 2 hours at 350°.

# CRANBERRY RELISH

2 cans whole berry cranberry sauce 1 cup apple sauce

1 can crushed pineapple (drained) 1 fresh apple peeled and shredded

1 small can mandarin oranges

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and chill.

# **APPLE CRISP**

2 cans Comstock sliced apples (drained) 3/4 cup flour 1 1/2 cups sugar 1/2 tsp salt

4 eggs beaten 1/4 lb melted butter

Mix all ingredients except apples. Add apples and pour into a 9" X 13" baking dish.

### TOPPING:

1 cup crushed cornflakes or cornflake crumbs

1/2 tsp cinnamon 1/8 lb melted butter

Mix cornflake crumbs with cinnamon and sprinkle over apple mixture in baking dish. Drizzle melted butter on top. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

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# **Looking Forward to February**

# **February Birthdays**

Lori Barsh	16
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Anabel Epstein	23
Martin Field	
Emily Caryn Gershowitz	24
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Renee Green	26
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Some years after liberation, the Rabbi of Bluzhov, now residing in Brooklyn, New York, received regards from Mr.Zamietchkowski. Zamietchkowski asked the son of the Skabiner Rabbi to tell Israel Spira, The Rabbi of Bluzhov, that the answer he gave him that dark Hanukkah night in Bergen-Belsen had stayed with him ever since, and was a constant source of inspiration during hard and troubled times.

I feel the same way each time I hear those heroic stories, ...... Shalom,

# **New Program**

We are starting a new pilot program:: Shabbath Services.

Shabbath Services will be conducted by Cantor Mark Halpern once per month.

Schedule will be: The Last Saturday of each Month. Note: The next Shabbath service will be on January 28th, 2006.

This has been initially established as a trial program for the next 6 months. So, we have 6 months to make this a success. After that time we will need to report back to the board if this is a program worth continuing or not. So, I encourage you to share the shabbat with us.

Shabbat Shalom Alan Beth

# Chanukah Play Breaks New Ground

Our students this month have participated in a great many creative activities.

Besides continuing their study of Hebrew language, cultural traditions, and history, they have decorated (and eaten) Chanukah cookies, made beautiful chanukah posters and decorations, created their own menorah, each literally putting him or herself into it (you will see the results), and have prepared an unusual play for a performance on the night of our Chanukah Shabbat dinner.

This year's Chanukah play is based on an award winning book entitled Nine Spoons, adapted for performance by teacher Gloria Avner (whose uncle, Perren Gerber, did the illustrations for the book and who has gifted the KJCC with a signed copy), It is based on a true incident that took place at the end of world War II and shows the generosity, strength, and resilience of the Jewish people under the worst of all possible conditions. It is a moving story about dedication to principles of Jewish observance and the importance of passing on those traditions to our children. We trust that the congregation will come to the dinner, enjoy the latkes and support the performance of our students.

# **January Leaders**

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# A Torah shines among the Stars

(excerpted)

By Racelle R. Weiman, PhD

Ilan Ramon was a Sabra born to Eliezer Wolfermann and Tonia Kreppel, a holocaust survivor. Born in 1954, Ilan was a role model for all that is distinctive about the Israeli spirit. He graduated at the top of his high school class, and became a highly decorated pilot in the Israeli Air Force. He was a member of the squadron that destroyed the Iraqi nuclear reactor. In 1998. Ilan Ramon was chosen to become Israel's first astronaut. After training together for several years, a diverse team of men and women had all grown to love and cherish the entire Ramon family. Ilan said before the flight "I left Israel as a shaliach, a representative, of Israel and the air force. After four years of training in the United States, I am now representing the Jewish people." In Israel, every citizen was glued to the TV. There was a great need to celebrate-to relieve the despair of terrorist suicide bombings. The Israeli newspaper headlines of Yediot Ahronot had gleefully announced "First Hebrew Astronaut Since Elijah!"

llan ate only kosher food in space, and he also brought a specially designed Kiddush cup to bless the Sabbath with his fellow crewmembers. He brought objects he believed "emphasized the unity of the people in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world." The item were a menorah, a pocket sized Bible, a mezuzah, soil from Eretz Israel and an Israel flag.

As a son of a Holocaust survivor, he was compelled to bring artifacts from that time. One of the most beloved images from the Yad VaShem Holocaust Museum was of earth as seen from the moon. a pen and ink drawing that was created by 14 year old Petr Ginz in the Terezin Ghetto.

Once, as a guest in the home of professor of physics, Dr. Joachim Joseph, known affectionately as Yoya, Ilan saw a miniature handwritten Torah scroll, only 4 inches tall. Yoya told him that he received it from Rabbi Simon Dasberg, who perished in the Holocaust. In Bergen-Belsen Rabbi Dasberg brought out the tiny Torah scroll and offered to teach him his Bar Mitzvah. They studied together at night and in the early hours of the morning of his Bar Mitzvah, the men secretly held a service. His mother had silently slipped out from the women's camp to stand outside the window to hear her son become Bar Mitzvah. The Rabbi gifted Yoya with the Torah hoping he would survive, requesting only that Yoya would tell their story to the world.

llan took that Torah into space, agreeing on the same conditions, "Tell the world." On January 21st, llan held up the Torah at a news conference and repeated its history and spoke of the horrors of the Holocaust. He also spoke of the year and a half that his own mother spent in Auschwitz.

On February 1, 2003, the space craft disintegrated during its landing, with the crew and the Torah inside.

On February 11, Ilan Ramon was buried in Israel. In one of the eulogies were the words "we have lost you llan, and in the same breath, thanks to you, we have rediscovered the most important source of our strength: our unity."

We embrace some of Ilan's final observations, " From space, I could easily spot Jerusalem, and while looking at Jerusalem, I prayed one short prayer-Shema Yisrael. From space our world looks as one entity with no borders. Let's work for peace and a better life for everyone on Earth."

# Sisterhood

Here we are at the end of another busy holiday season, a time when many of us have visited with family and friends. Now it is time



to again establish our winter season schedule. Even if you are full time Keys residents, the next few months have a different character then the rest of the year. It is the most active time of the year for our KJCC Sisterhood.

We start the new year with our annual Fashion show. We are again enjoying it at Café Largo on the 11th of January. Fashions will be from Angelika and the Sax's new adventure, Sunny Exposures. For tickets please call Leslie Dillon (852-3654). This will be a pleasant afternoon with some enjoyable surprises.

On Feb. 26th we are having another movie night. This time we are showing Paperclips. It is the story of how a very small school in a rural area started a class project that grew into a meaningful Holocaust Memorial. We will start the

movie at 6:30 pm so our children can join us. This was, indeed, an amazing project.

Elaine and Jerry Hirsch have again offered us their lovely home to have our Annual Fund Raising Social. The date is March 11th. Save this date! Details will be coming soon. Purim comes in March this year. We will have out Purim Shabbat dinner on Friday the 17th. Watch for the details which will be in Chai-Lights soon.

We had the pleasure of attending Cory Wasser's Bar Mitzvah last month. He really did an amazing job. He was so focused, and he surely seemed to enjoy every minute of it. My great joy was to see him unwrap the Kiddish cup to use on the Bema for the congregational Kiddish. I hope that it is the first of many sinchas when Cory makes a Kiddish with that cup. I know the Wassers are proud of him, as we all are!

One reminder, because of New Years day being the first Sunday of January, we will have a short sisterhood meeting on Sunday the 8th following the Board meeting. (around 11am) See you then.

Nettie

# **Ongoing Projects**

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# Fashion Show Luncheon



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# **Letter to KJCC**

Dear KJCC Members and Board of Directors,

I want to express my delight and thanks for the lovely Shabbat service conducted by Cantor Mark Halpern here on December 10th. It was not just the unexpectedly large number of people attending that made the event remarkable (twenty-two!!) and successful. The "haimische" family spirit that prevailed in the sanctuary, the enthusiastic singing, the contributions of both young and old, all contributed to a feeling of exhilaration as well as gratitude for being able to participate in Shabbat like this in our own community. Everyone present, including Cory Wasser and Joseph Beth, two of our own Bar Mitzvah graduates, had the honor of aliyahs.

I think it is a credit to the maturity of our organization that it can continue to expand opportunities for yiddishkeit such as this for those who choose to participate in them. The delicious beyond words kiddush prepared so generously by Bill and Freda greatly added to the satisfaction of the experience, and the spirited Torah study, which carried on as we finished our bagels, lox, brownies and more, was the icing on the cake.

I understand that the Torah study will continue on a weekly basis now, whether we have services or not, and that the services will continue once monthly on the last Saturday of the month starting in January for a trial period. One of the most moving moments occurred when Joyce Peckman announced a donation in Leslie Peckman's memory for the purchase of sorely needed Chumashim.

Again I want to express my thanks to all who have made possible such a wonderful educational/social/spiritual opportunity right here in our own KJCC. It feels like a very auspicious beginning for this new year.

Shalom, Gloria Avner



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# HOLIDAYS AND SERVICES SCHEDULE 5766(2005)

Holiday	Hebrew	Actual Date	Services	Time
Chanukah	Kislev 25	Mon Dec 26	Fri Dec 30	mc 00:8 0
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Purim	Adar 14	Wed Mar 14	Fri Mar 1	7 8:00 pm
Erev Pesach	Nissan 14	Wed Apr 12	Enjoy the 1s	st seder
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Second Seder	Nissan 15	Thu Apr 13	IFC Apr 13	6:30 pm
Pesach #8	Nissan 22	Thu Yizkor	Fri May 6	8:00 pm
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Tue Apr 25	Fri Apr 28	8:00 pm
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 3	Mon May 1	Fri May 5	8:00 pm
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Tue May 16	Fri May 19	8:00 pm
Shavuot	Sivan 6	Fri Yizkor	Fri Jun 6	8:00 pm
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Thu Aug 3	Fri Aug 4	8:00 pm
S'lichot	Elul 22	Sat Sep 15	Sat Sep 16	TBA
ErevRoshhaShanah	Elul 29	Fri Sep 22	Fri Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 1	Sat Sep 23	Sat Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 2	Sun Sep 24	Sun Sep 24	9:00 am
Erev Yom Kippur	Tishri 9	Sun Oct 1	Sun Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	Tishri 10	Mon Yizkor	Mon Oct 2	9:30 am

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the President

I can't believe it is a new year and I have been nominated for my second term as KJCC President. Last year I must admit I accepted the position because Patty had not learned to



say no. Unfortunately, she still hasn't learned this lesson. However this year, being president is a true personal honor because my first term was so gratifying. It was not the chore or burden I had anticipated. I want to thank the nominating committee for a great slate of board members and officers. What a team! I am so thankful to our outgoing board and officers. You did a great job and made me look good. But our accomplishments have been a joint effort. Your dedication and service were invaluable. Welcome to our new board members and officers. I am certain you will keep up the good work of your predecessors. I really need your support and the support of our entire membership.

As I look back over the past year, my love for the KJCC has grown and I hope yours has as well. I appreciate all the hard work of all our committee members and the active involvement of all of our members. But what has really stood out, is that we are really family, and always loving. I look forward to services Friday night, not only the services, but the onegs and the opportunity to catch up with my family. I would not miss a KJCC function, president or not, be it a Sisterhood dinner, our anniversary party, sailing, or movie night. This may sound selfish, but they make me feel good. What greater purpose can an organization serve, than to enrich the lives of its members?

I also take great pride that whatever community function Patty and I attend, my family is there, be it Katrina relief, the Foothill Brass, the Bougainvillea Ball, just to name a few just this month. And everyone is proud to be part of the KJCC family. The KJCC bond is openly displayed. It warms my heart.

We have many new members. Our membership goal for this past year was exceeded. Our family is growing. While much of the growth of the KJCC is in the hands of its leaders, much more can be done by the rest of our family. How frustrating it is to offer programs, classes, social events and even religious services, which most members do not attend, just the familiar old faces (no they do not look chronologically old, just same old old!). Each one of us is over programmed, but surely we can find time for our own spiritual life and education.

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# **Important Anouncments**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

The 2006 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2006 in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall at the KJCC. The meeting will begin promptly at 11:00 am, following the Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend the Board Meeting and are urged to be at the Annual Meeting to vote for the 2006-2007 Officers and Board Members. Nominations are accepted from the floor at this meeting. Lunch will be served by Sisterhood following the Annual Meeting.

# **BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting Is scheduled for February 12, 2006 at 9:30 am. All Members are welcome. The 2nd presentation of the 2006-2007 slate of Officers and Board Members will be presented at this meeting.

## **SISTERHOOD**

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2006. Please attend.

## **MARCH PARTY**

Mark your calendar for March 11, 2006. That is the night of the BIG Sisterhood Fund Raising Party to be held at the home of Elaine & Jerry Hirsch. You will not want to miss it.

## **ONEG SHABBAT**

Be sure to sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

## **FASHION SHOW**

Fashion Show pictures are on page 18 & 19.

### SUNSET CRUISE

Cruise and dinner pictures are on page 12 & 13.

### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth.

### **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the March issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is February 18. Send articles - Marv Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

## **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. To contact Marv Lee, who will happily do typing for you, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net.

# **February Leaders**

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# **February Memoriam**

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In Blessed Memory of

MARIA TERESA ASTRAY-CANEDA

Eternal Rest

By Mark & Sofy Wasser

In Blessed Memory of

MINNIE BERGER

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

In Blessed Memory of

**SUNNIE BERNSTEIN** 

Eternal Peace

By Steven & Barbara Smith

In Blessed Memory of

MIRIAM BLINDER

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By Shirley Boxer

In Blessed Memory of

**IDA BOXER** 

In Our Heart And Memory

By Shirley Boxer

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**MAX BOXER** 

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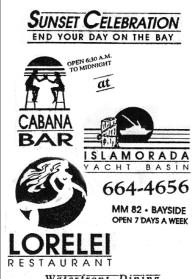


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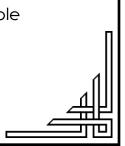


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Shalom, Jeffrey

P.S. - Our Israel trip has not been forgotten. Putting it together has been a bit more difficult than anticipated. Our travel agent has had a personal tragedy and as a result, we are a little behind schedule in planning. But I am committed to making sure it happens.

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Joyce,

Again let me say - many , many thanks for the wonderful donation you gave to the KJCC. These Chumashim Books will truly be put to good use during our Torah Study class.

I have put them in the rear of the sanctuary for those who would like to read them and follow along during our Shabbat services.

Alan

# **Navy Chanukah**

Lt. Laurie Zimmet, serving for the US Navy Intelligence in Baghdad, Iraq, organized a Chanukah Festival and Menorah Kindling inside the Al Faw Palace, the former palace of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad. The US Armed Services granted her the permission to organize it and distributed flyers to thousands of Jewish Servicemen and women serving our country inviting them to celebrate Chanukah in this most unique location.

Zimmet is a member of Chabad of the Conejo. "Laurie brought the message of Chanukah alive for so many of our people that are away from home during the holiday of Chanukah - a message of "Light Over Darkness". In a facility built by an evil man of an evil regime, the light of Chanukah shined bright. A victory for the light of goodness over darkness", said Rabbi Moshe Bryski, Laurie's Rabbi. "We are all so proud of her."

# **DIRECTORY**

You will be receiving a request for updated information so that our 2006 directory will be as accurate as we can make it. Please return the update form promptly, or you can email any corrections or additions to me at mbgra-ham@bellsouth.net. Remember that the directory will be published in time to be distributed at the March Board meeting, so there is not a lot of lead time for this information to get to the printer.

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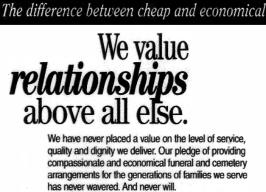


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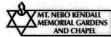
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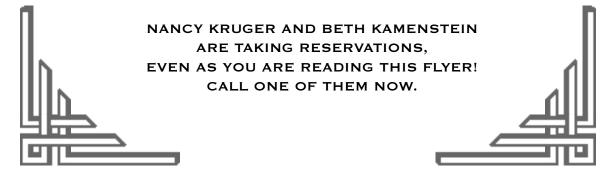


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# **CHANUKAH PLAY**

Anyone who did not have the opportunity to watch the KJCC Players give their (and Gloria's) version of Chanukah, missed an exciting and well acted playlet. The audience participated as required, the cast was ready to say their lines (and imporvise, if necessary) and the director was directing all over the place. Wonderful show. Our congratulations to cast and directors. We are certainly primed for the show for next year.

# Lee's Broccoli

- direct from the Chanuka Dinner

2 bunches broccoli florets 1/2 cup red onions -chopped 2/3 cup golden raisins 1/2 cup slivered almonds

Dressing: 1 cup mayo (low fat, if desired)

1 t white vinegar 1/4 cup sugar

Mix dressing with the broccoli mixture

# For the Calendar

Feb 5, Sisterhood meeting 9:30am
Feb 26, movie night 6:30pm
March 5, Sisterhood meeting 9:30am
March 11, Party at the Hirsch Home
March 17, Purim Dinner
March 19, Full Monty
April 2, Sisterhood meeting
April 13, Second Seder



As they say, soup is goof food. Enjoy.

# **CREAMY SOUASH SOUP**

2 butternut squash, seeded, peeled and cubed (can be precooked in microwave to soften)

1 cup chopped carrots2 cans chicken broth1 cup water1/2 tsp ground pepper

1/8 tsp cinnamon, nutmeg, curry powder OR tarragon leaves\*\*

1/2 cup sour cream

In a large pot bring broth, water, squash and carrots to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15 mins or until vegetables are very tender. Let mixture cool slightly. Puree small amounts of cooked mixture in a blender or food processor until fully pureed. Sir in pepper and \*spice\* of your choice. Put sour cream in a separate bowl and stir in a few tablespoons of the hot soup until blended. Stir the sour cream mixture into the soup and serve. For extra creamy soup add a dollop of sour cream to individual servings.

# INDIAN CORN CHOWDER

1 lb ground meat 1 or 2 onions, sliced

4 cans tomato soup 4 cans kernel corn, drained

Salt Pepper 2 cloves garlic Bay leaf

2 cans stewed tomatoes Few dashes Worcestershire sauce

Brown meat and onions. In a large pot add all ingredients to meat and onion mixture, cook on medium for 30 mins.

# **EASY ARTICHOKE DIP**

1 can artichoke hearts, drained and broken into pieces

1 cup mayo 1 cup parmesan cheese, grated

1 clove garlic, mashed 1 stick butter

Grease a casserole with butter, melt remaining butter. Mix artichokes, mayo, cheese, garlic and melted butter in a large bowl. Add mixture to casserole and cook at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Can be topped with fresh parsley and/or paprika. Serve hot with crackers.

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# **Looking Forward to March**

March Birthdays
Ken Atlas
Gloria Auston
Sylvia Berman
Denise Blumenthal15
Allan Boruszak15
Michelle E. Denker27
Lynn Dils
Sasha Dutton 1
Stephanie Gilderman
Toby Goldfinger7
Sari Eliz. Goldstein31
Bill Gordon 6
Alvin J Gottlieb
Eric Grace
Bea Graham 6
Doug Graham24
Marty Graham12
Laurence Green10
Heath Greenbaum
Anthony A Gutierrez30
Eileen Hermann
Allen Holbrook 8
Seth Horowitz14
Pearl Jacobs 9
Melvin L. Jacobson
Barbara Kantor 2
Erwin Kantor
Adam Karron
Lois S. Kaufman
Debbie G Kilgore
J. Michael Kilgore27

Manala Dintladava

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Jenna Lane14
James Jr. Nobil21
Steven Nobil16
Janet Palacino
Joseph Palacino21
Michelle Palacino19
Joel Pollack
Carl Roy
Gene Saks 5
Bryan Schur
Lee Schur
Benjamin Schwaid
Zachary Shapiro29
Nicole Sherman2
Stephen Steinbock 3
Roger Vorcheimer28
Marcia Wolf23

# **March Anniversaries**

	Years
Gloria & Robert Jay Auston 4	24
Sylvia & Robert Berman24	50
Carolyn & Jeff Epstein 16	17
Carol & Alvan Field18	18
Susan W & Joseph Goldberg25	13
Patricia & Henry Isenberg 14	36
Debbie G & J. Michael Kilgore 2	8
Sheila & Jerry Olsen	47

# **Torah Study**

Torah Study 10am weekly every Saturday Morning.

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Feb 4th 10am

Feb 11th 10am

Feb 18th 10am

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- January Shabbat Service Jan. 28th 10am
- February Shabbat Service Feb 25th.
   10am

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Alan Beth

# Thoughts about Honorable Menschen

--Gloria Avner

For a long time I have been thinking that there ought to be some special way to acknowledge the people among our members who give unstinting, generous, behind the scenes service, way way beyond the call of duty. I know we have the Joel Cohen award once a year and that it is truly a great honor. I also know that any time one gives an award or singles out a particular person, there is the potential for someone feelings slighted, for people to say why this one and not that one. Perhaps hard feeling could be created. One could easily be tempted to do nothing and say "never mind."

But I have been watching two people do so much so consistently and ask so little in return that I am going to propose a theoretical award. If, for example, the KJCC had a "Mensch of the Month Club" I would declare a tie for the month of December and give the prestigious button, or certificate, or very attractive coffee mug to two of our best, Marc Bloom and Linda Rutkin. Whether it is cleaning, cooking, arranging, finding props for a play, bringing in relevant articles for Hebrew school, encouraging others, silently being where help is most needed, these two are tireless. I can hear the applause now as they come forward, cheeks blushing in modesty, to accept the honor they will protest they don't deserve.

# **SUNSET SAIL**

All week, the weather was cold, the wind was blowing, the outlook for an ocean sunset sail was dismal. But Saturday arrived, the sun warmed the Keys, the wind dropped to a sailboat's delight, and a full roster of eager sailors boarded the Quicksilver on time.

Our hosts, Joel and Joan Bernard, with their crew, welcomed us, gave the few instructions needed to use the facilities aboard, put out soda and pretzels, and we took off to cruise the Key Largo area.

Exactly on time, the sun set in the west, and the cameras were snapping. The interesting photos were



Our host and hostess

those of the sun, which had dropped behind a strata of clouds, peeking from the bottom of the clouds and falling into the ocean.

The sun set, evening took over, and our ship headed home to its hoarbor. A great cruise with a great captain and mate. It couldn't have been better. Our thanks to Quicksilver and the crew.





Our president

The Sunset

# Sisterhood



Here we are in the middle of a very busy season. We had the largest turnout ever for our fashion show and luncheon, which were both great. It reflected the efforts of many people. Café Largo provided a wonderful background, but Stuart and Lauren Sax were the heart of the show. Their presentation and choice of fashions and knowledge of the clothing were outstanding. We certainly thank Angelika and the many people who helped to make the Fashion Show the success that it is, always.

I would like to announce our current slate of Officers for 2006. Joan Stark is Vice President, continuing in office are Candy Stanlake as Secretary, Nancy Kluger as Treasurer and Beth Kaminstein as our Ways and Means Chairpersons. In addition, Joyce Peckman and Lauren Sax joined the board.

With this group of women working, my job will be easy. I thank them all for taking on this responsibility.

Here is what is coming up in the near future. Movie Night on the 26th of Feb. Theater trip to see the Full Monty at Actors Playhouse on March 19th. Although it seems early, it is time to make reservations for our second Seder on April 13 at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Tickets are again \$40 per person. Seating is limited and your check is your reservation. Please call Leslie Dillon to make reservations for either function.

Our annual Fundraiser event is at the home of Elaine and Jerry Hirsch on the 11th of March. Invitations will be in the mail shortly. Please join us for a wonderful evening.

Our next regular Sisterhood meeting is February 5th. Join us for a light breakfast at 9 AM; meeting to start at 9:30. We will be discussing the Ghost of Hannah Mendes, a really interesting read, by Naomi Ragen. See you then.

Nettie

# **Ongoing Projects**

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# **Special Days in February**

# **February Birthdays**

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Carleigh Stuart3
Muriel Swartz24
Judith Weber15
Michael Wittels
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# **February Anniversaries**

	Years
Claire & Murray Cooper21	58
Susan & Bill Gordon20	19
Liliam & Uri Kamely9	14
Linda & Joel Pollack11	44

# **Jack Benny**

In 1922, Jack Benny and the Marx Brothers were performing in Vancouver. A prominent businessman, David Marks (no relation) invited the Marx Brothers to dinner during Passover. Zeppo showed with pal Benny. Bored, Jack told Zeppo, "Let's get out of here right after dinner."

David's daughter, twelve-year-old Sadie Marks, thought the twenty-eight-year-old comic rude. Four years later Sadie and Jack met again and Sadie went on to become his advisor, co-star - and wife (1927), under the name Mary Livingston! A romantic ending for Benny, born on Valentine's Day in 1894.







Sails down



# **DINNER AT DOC'S**

It was easy. Just step off the Quicksilver, cross the highway, and start to enjoy the great meal served up by the Boilini crew. Who are they, you ask? Well, it took a lot of them - Jim, Mary and Gina Boilini, Karen and Jerry Sebastian, Jeff Pietig, Corky Wagner and Pat Dunn. But they got the job done.

Starting with the rice balls, continuing through a great meal, finishing with the best tasting bread pudding you ever had, the food never ended. And, we ate!

Take a look at all the satisfied diners shown with their big smiles, and you will understand that Doc's Diner found what we needed.

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# THE J S COHEN CHANUKA PARTY

Chanuka needs to be celebrated, and celebrate we did. Joel had invited all who could attend to join him on his porch, light the Chanuka candles and then EAT.

So - with a lot of Chanuka songs, a lot of Chanuka chanting and a lot of Chanuka eating, we had a great time. Latkes, many latkes. Desserts - way too many desserts. And fun - just the right amount of fun. Because Chanuka fell on Christmas this year, which doesn't happen very often, we even had fireworks over Blackwater Sound to help us celebrate.

A fabulous evening indeed













Terry

Mary Lee

The luncheon was great, the 50-50 drawing paid handsomely to the winner, the group is really looking forward to the next Fashion Show. The consensus was that it was a perfect 10.

Susy



Gene



Lauren



Nancy

# FASHION SHOW

Photos by Lynn Penn



These are the great models who strutted their stuff wearing the clothing from Angelika and Sunny Exposures. You can see that they enjoy strolling the runway and that Stu Sax enjoyed talking about the clothing they were wearing.







Renee Patty

# Passing on the torch?

-- Gloria Avner

What started out one Monday as an idea became a bright flaming reality by Saturday night, New Year's Eve. Yardena Kamely's idea was to have a group chanukia lighting ceremony at someone's home, to sing the blessings, sing all the holiday songs we knew, eat yet some more latkes, donuts, and home baked cookies, and share that experience among our oldest and youngest members. Phone calls were made and at sunset on the 31st about 20 people gathered on the deck of Joel Cohen's house, overlooking the Bay.

Three of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah graduates, Joseph Beth, Molly Bloom, and Rachel Bloom, along with Shulamit, the 14 year old visiting niece of Bill and Freda Ferns, with Susan Gordon representing her daughter Rosemarie, lit the candles as everyone sang the blessings and traditional song after song. It was particularly moving to see the youngsters kissing and thanking both Joel Cohen and Pauline Roller, two of our founding and most senior members. This was truly an exercise in passing on the light, uniting of old and young and those between, creating bonds with the past that will see us through to our future.

As the night grew dark, as sporadic bursts of fireworks lit the sky, as the Chanukia candles flickered and glowed, this informal gathering of a smattering of KJCC mishpochah seemed a particularly auspicious way to ring out the old year and bring in the new.

W. Sold



To all my dear friends, my extended family, sincerest thanks for all your good wishes and words of cheer and hope and love while I was ill. I cannot tell you how much you all mean to me or how much I love you all but I hope you know,



Todah rabah Michal Kamely

Dear Michal.

If we had to choose the sweetest, most favorite person in our entire congregation - it would be you. You have inspired us to unexpected heights of learning and by example have shown us dignity, grace and beauty. We are filled with joy that you are our friend and we delight in your good health. You are a blessing in our midst and we love you more every day.

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Nettie

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Holiday	Hebrew	Actual Date	Services	Time
Chanukah	Kislev 25	Mon Dec 26	Fri Dec 3	0 8:00 pm
		5766 (2006)		
Purim	Adar 14	Wed Mar 14	Fri Mar 1	7 8:00 pm
Erev Pesach	Nissan 14	Wed Apr 12	Enjoy the 1:	st seder
Second Seder	Nissan 15	Thu Apr 13	IFC Apr 13	6:30 pm
Pesach #8	Nissan 22	Thu Yizkor	Fri May 6	8:00 pm
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Tue Apr 25	Fri Apr 28	8:00 pm
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 3	Mon May 1	Fri May 5	8:00 pm
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Tue May 16	Fri May 19	8:00 pm
Shavuot	Sivan 6	Fri Yizkor	Fri Jun 6	8:00 pm
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S'lichot	Elul 22	Sat Sep 15	Sat Sep 16	TBA
ErevRoshhaShanah	Elul 29	Fri Sep 22	Fri Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 1	Sat Sep 23	Sat Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 2	Sun Sep 24	Sun Sep 24	9:00 am
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Yom Kippur	Tishri 10	Mon Yizkor	Mon Oct 2	9:30 am

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is time for the KJCC state of the union. I am happy to report that we have a roof over our heads, food on our table and are in good health. Need I say more? Ok - we have change in our jean pockets. Thanks in part to Sisterhood who were so generous to give us a substantial check



at our last meeting. Keep up the good work! Next time you are in the KJCC, please take a look at the Chaim Gross piece generously donated by Milton and Joan Wohl. Thanks so much. Humility aside, the KJCC graciously accepts donations and gifts and our members are generous donors. Indeed the KJCC is truly unique. I want to thank every one for your generous support. Special thanks to Jerry and Elaine Hirsch for their substantial contribution to our annual party.

As Bea Graham related to me, before our sanctuary was built, there was much discussion as to whether the KJCC would still be in existence in the years to come so as to justify the sanctuary building expenditure. Yes we are. Now we, too, must look to the future to insure that we provide the essence of Jewish community in the Keys for our children and grandchildren. I am confident that we will continue to be the Jewish institution. The reason became very evident to me when I attended a Bat Mitzvah recently at another temple. Our KJCC provides a true sense of Judaism, all without pretense. Each one of us is able to observe Judaism in our own way. We do not have to out do one another or keep up with the Jones. We can be who we are and we cherish our individuality.

One issue that is weighing on my mind is our sanctuary. Unfortunately, it is not built to withstand a major hurricane. Although we carry insurance, insurance is becoming astronomically expensive. While we do not have a building fund, I would like to see our reserve building fund become large enough to pay for a replacement building, should it become necessary. I am not suggesting a mandatory building fund because I do not like the idea of imposing a higher cost for membership. We have all had prior experiences with building funds. The concept is a specifically designated reserve that can grow and only be used in the case of major disaster. Please give your input to the Board.

As a personal aside, we extend our love and best wishes to Cantor Mark and hope the cataract surgery was successful. He is an integral part of the KJCC. We appreciate your dedication, but are adamant that your personal health and well being must take priority.

With that, Patty and I look forward to seeing you at our anniversary party at the Hirsch house, the Seder, and the other wonderful events currently planned and in the works.

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## **BOARD MEETING**

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## **SISTERHOOD**

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2006. Please attend.

### **JEWEL OF THE ISLES**

Mark your calendar for March 11, 2006. That is the night of the BIG Sisterhood Fund Raising Party to be held at the home of Elaine & Jerry Hirsch. You will not want to miss it. More information on page 17

### ONEG SHABBAT

Be sure to sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the rest of the season. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

## **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth.

# **March Leaders**

- 3 Steve Steinbock, Bernie Ginsberg & Gloria Avner
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- 24 Gloria Avner & Susan Gordon
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## **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the April issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is J March 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-v'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

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You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at mcnewr@bellsouth.net To contact Mary Lee, who will happily do typing for vou, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net.

# **Reading the Megilla**

Last year Leslie was instrumental in beginning what we hope will be the KJCC tradition of reading the entire Megilla each Purim. There were only a few of us, taking turns reading age old words aloud, and we felt the value and joy of fulfilling this mitzva together.

On March 17th, we will again meet at 5 PM to continue the tradition. Any and all are welcome.

Call me for further information. Joyce Peckman 451-0665.

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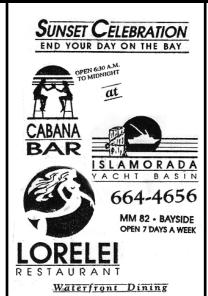


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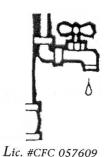


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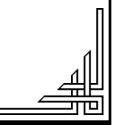
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#### Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Writers note: This is the first in a monthly column that will feature members of the congregation. We hope that you will enjoy reading

and learning about the people that make up our KJCC family. In an effort to be fair and to remain politically correct, our first column is dedicated to the driving force behind the writer.

Lauren Sax hails from the windy city. In fact, she went to Sunday school at Temple Isaiah Israel on Chicago's south side with the children of Jim & Joan Boruszak. That led to a happy reunion when Lauren and Stuart walked into the KJCC for the first time and were met by the Boruszaks. Small world.

Lauren attended
Southern Illinois
University and met Stuart
while home for the summer after her sophomore
year. Stuart had just relocated back to the

Chicago area after serving in the US Army and was invited by Lauren's parents to attend a family barbeque. Lauren's father and Stuart's father had grown up together. Small world.

It was an amicable first meeting that grew so quickly that Lauren never returned to school and she and Stuart were married exactly one year after they met. They spent their first twenty years of marriage together in the fashion

business with six stores in the Chicago suburbs before relocating to Miami in 1993 to manage a cousin's business interests. On a

long weekend getaway for Lauren's birthday in 2003, they stopped into Angelika in Islamorada to do some shopping. They noticed a sign on the wall that read, "Business For Sale" and the rest, as they say, is history. Back in the fashion business. Small world.

Lauren and Stuart have two children. Their son, Jeremy, is a business executive with Daltile in West Palm Beach and daughter, Jorie, works for the Chicago White Sox organization and resides back in the Chicago Suburbs where she grew up. Small world.

Lauren will admit that the initial move to the Keys from big cities like Chicago and Miami bor-

dered on culture shock, but the transition has been easier with the new friendships developed through the businesses and the KJCC. When not working, Lauren enjoys reading, walking, shopping, and doing volunteer work like she did in Chicago. Small world.



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#### **KJCC Religious School News**

Gloria Avner

Our KJCC Community was fortunate to have the Religious School Celebration of "Tu Bishvat" (the second Jewish New Year) take place on the same day as our Annual Membership Meeting. It was wonderful to share this meaningful holiday, the "Birthday of the Trees," with all ages.

On this day we honor the earth, acknowledge the generosity of those who planted nutritious fruit and nut bearing trees for us before we were born, and commit ourselves to planting trees that will nourish those who come after us long after we are gone. The lesson, metaphorical as well as physical, is key to the survival of any people, but to Judaism in particular. The children planted, with the generous help of Hannah's father, Robert Wertheimer, a beautiful young starfruit tree which will join our mango and pomegranate





trees planted in the two previous years. After our ceremony and the tree planting, the children danced and sang the traditional Israeli folk dance, "Mayim," (meaning water) around the tree.

To have Jeff Shockett, the president of the congregation, join us in the dancing while board members smiled, clapped and supported the festivities by their presence, was one more touching example of what and how this congregation is becoming to its members of all ages, a true "haimische" center, a sup-



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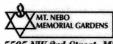
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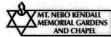
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After the celebration the students held their 2nd annual TuBishvat seder inside the schoolroom while the adults held their annual meeting in the social hall. We blessed and ate the traditional fruits of Israeli trees and drank 4 glasses of white changing to red grape juice, honoring all four seasons. When the new officers were being sworn in, the children left their celebration to witness and support this significant passing on of authority, rounding out the day, our children supporting the grownups, just as the grownups had supported them. Reading Hebrew and understanding Jewish Culture are not the only things our children are being taught.

portive home for all our extended family, our KJCC

"mishpocha."









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#### **Scholarship Report**

The KJCC Scholarship Committee has implemented two types of financial awards available to children of KJCC members who are Monroe County full-time residents upon graduation from high school or secondary school.

The first is the Pauline and Al Roller Merit Award. The amount for the award of \$500 or \$1000 will be based upon an assessment by the Scholarship Committee. This will include the recipient's grade point average (GPA), extracurricular activities, SAT test scores, community service and other intangible information.

The second award is the KJCC Scholarship Award. The maximum amount of Scholarship is \$2,500 per year, per student. Financial need will be determined by the Scholarship Committee. The money is to be used for post high school education and not limited to a college or university. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, community service hours and submit an essay outlining future academic goals. The application for scholarship aid deadline is April 15.

If you would like further information or would like to make a donation, please contact Kurt Kluger at 852-4353.

#### **Sisterhood Dates**

March 5th Sisterhood Meeting 9:30 Light Breakfast at 9am

March 11th Jewels of the Isle (at the Hirsch's)
March 17th Purim Dinner 6:30 at KJCC

March 19th Full Monty at Actor's Playhouse

April 2nd Sisterhood Meeting 9:30 Light Breakfast at 9am

April 13 Passover 2nd Seder Islamorada Fishing Club

#### **Babywear Project.**

We have a project on the way to make blankets for preemie babies and hats for the new babies at Homestead Hospital.

We need a name for our project, do you have an idea? If you already knit or crochet and would like do this on your own, that works. If you need some instruction or just some encouragement let me know and we will meet together, Evenings or afternoons let me know and we will arrange it. They have sent me some yarn to get started.

Thanks
Nettie Seder
Nseder@bellsouth.net or 852-7283

#### Thank You

A few weeks ago we received a very generous contribution to the KJCC from Rabbi Richard Agler of Bnai Israel from Boca Raton.

Rabbi Agler was visiting us one Friday evening for our regular Shabbat services.

After services, I talked to him about our Torah study class (weekly on Saturdays at 10am).

He was most impressed and offered several suggestions. Well, a few weeks went by and then three large boxes were delivered to my house.

The Rabbi had got my home address and arranged to have 10 brand new Chumashim (Torah books) delivered.

The interesting thing: There was no note, no phone call - just the boxes. I only knew from whom it came by the mandatory return address sticker on the UPS label.

Many thanks to Rabbi Agler.

Alan Beth



Today Bubbe is featuring a trio of recipes by one of our well-known cooks. Nettie always brings a requested dish to our Shabbat Dinners, and here are some of her favorites.

#### TAKE A BOX OF BISQUICK

#### **BANANA NUT BREAD**

What to do with a few over ripe bananas

2 1/3 c bisquick 1 t vanilla

3 eggs 3 to 4 large bananas

1 c sugar 1/3 c oil

Nuts, raisins, or chocolate chips as desired - about one cup. In a large bowl, mix everything well. Pour into a greased and floured pan and bake at 350° for 55 minutes to an hour until done.

#### **BISQUICK QUICHE**

1 c bisquick 3 cs chopped zucchini

1 chopped onion 4 eggs

1/4 c oil 1/4 to 1/2 c grated cheese salt & pepper to taste Parsley and marjoram

In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients well. Pour into a greased quiche or pie pan and bake 30 to 35 min at 350°. Want individual snacks? Bake in muffin tins about 30 min. For a double batch, bake in a 9 by 11 pan about 40 minutes.

Try other veggies such as yellow squash, frozen broccoli (20 oz bag), spinach (2 - 10 oz boxes drained well). Use eggbeaters or egg whites to equal 4 eggs. Use the cheese you like - Parmesan, Swiss, Cheddar, Provolone, etc., a little extra is okay too

#### **GARLIC CARROT DROPS**

1 c bisquick 1/2 c grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 t garlic powder 1/4 t pepper

4 egg whites or 1/2 cup eggbeaters 1 c fine grated carrots 1/2 c diced green pepper 1/2 chopped onion

In a bowl, mix everything well. Drop by teaspoons onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 min at 400°.

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#### **Looking Forward to April**

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Jonathan Nobil20
Lynn Nobil24
Linda Pollack29
Bevery Robins27

**April Birthdays** 

Gary Sanders
Lauren Sax
Aaron Schmidt27
Harvey Schwaid7
Gene Silverman9
Gail Sullivan 8
Edward Turney
Ilese Vorcheimer10
Larry Weber4

#### **April Anniversaries**

	years
Marlene & Paul Berger11	2
Marcia & Michael Goldberg3	12
Roberta & Rick McNew18	25
Nettie & Jules Seder	40
Gene & Morton Silverman30	51
Geri & Stuart Smith10	41
Mary & Salomon Terner7	13
Sherry & Edward Turney6	30
Carole & Sheldon Weiss 15	55

#### **BOOK PLATES**

TO HONOR
TOM & LESLIE DILLON
ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY
1/1/06
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#### Sisterhood



Sisterhood is still busily at work and we have many more events coming this month. Through the generosity of Gerry & Elaine Hirsch our annual fund-raising affair is at their lovely home on March 11th. Jewels of the Isle will be an innovative evening to be enjoyed by all. We are having a raffle including many fun baskets as well as a \$ 2500 piece of jewelry. Do join us and please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Our Purim dinner is at the KJCC on the 17th of March. Please call me if you plan to attend. It is a dairy dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Let me know what sumptious dish you are bringing. If you are in doubt, I'll let you know what we still need. Our special Purim services, again starring the Purim Players will follow dinner.

On the 19th of March, the following Sunday, many of us are going to see The Full Monty. Many thanks to Leslie Dillon for working out all the details

Just a reminder about our Passover Seder on the 13th of April. Reservations are going fast. The Islamorada Fishing Club has a limit of just over 100 guests. We will open reservations to non-members on the 1st of April..

At the Annual Meeting of the KJCC in February, we had the pleasure of giving the Board of Directors a check for \$5000.00 as the annual contribution from Sisterhood. We gave this in memory of B Z Slutzker, who was a most loved, active and dedicated member of the Sisterhood and the KJCC. It is her words that I have been using every week "Your check is your reservation for the Seder" Although they moved several years ago; she was always in touch and in our thoughts. We all miss her greatly.

Until next month
Nettie Seder

#### **Ongoing Projects**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

CEMETERY INFORMATION If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you may reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bea 852-0214.

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Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

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Elections were held at the Annual General Meeting on February 12, 2006. We are pleased to announce that the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, was unaminously accepted by the Board and general membership.

Here is a picture of your Officers and Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 season. Come to Board Meeting, volunteer - there is always more work than volunteers - present your ideas, discuss the direction you would like to see the KJCC move towards.

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- 2. All day Fishing Charter valued at \$1,000 donated by Bob Temkin, Art Feinberg, Larry Gilderman and David Goldfinger.
- 3. Wellness Center at Mariner's Hospital, 3 month membership, plus 2 half hour personal training sessions and 2 half hour massage treatments.
- 4. Children Reading Basket, books autographed by author, Judith Weber; bookmark; book light and qift certificate to Cover to Cover.
- 5. Gourmet Food Basket, donated by Rene Rose.
- 6. Spa Basket, donated by Judith Weber.
- $7. \ \ Hurricane \ Preparedness \ Basket, \ donated \ by \ Leslie \ Dillon.$
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Lee Schur
Benjamin Schwaid17
Zachary Shapiro
Nicole Sherman2
Stephen Steinbock
Roger Vorcheimer28
Marcia Wolf23

#### **March Anniversaries**

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Gloria & Robert Jay Auston 4	24
Sylvia & Robert Berman 24	50
Carolyn & Jeff Epstein	17
Carol & Alvan Field18	18
Susan W & Joseph Goldberg25	13
Patricia & Henry Isenberg14	36
Debbie G & J. Michael Kilgore 2	8
Sheila & Jerry Olsen1	47

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Reservations will be taken for members only until March 30th at which time they will be opened for others. Send your check early to confirm your place. Call Leslie at 852-3654 or Joyce at 451-0665 for information and reservations.

## Thursday, April 13, 2006 6:30 pm Islamorada Fishing Club



adults \$40

Children 12 and under are our guests.

#### March 2006

#### 1 Adar—2 Nisan 5766

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5 Sister- hood	6	7	8	9	10 George, Yardena	11 Jewels of the Isle
12 Board	13 Fast of Esther	14 Purim	15	16	17 Purim Party	18 Chai- Lights Deadline
19 Full Monty	20 Spring	21	22	23	24 Gloria, Susan	25 Vayakhel/ Pekude
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Holidays and Services Schedule - 5766 & 5767				
Holiday	Hebrew	Date	Services	3
Erev Pesach	14 Nisan			
Second Seder	15 Nisan	Thu	Apr 13	IFC 6:30 pm
End Passover	22 Nisan	Fri	Apr 21	Yizkor 8:00 pm
Yom Hashoa	27 Nisan	Fri	Apr 28	6:30 & 8:00 pm
Yom Ha'atzmaut	3 Iyar	Fri	May 5	8:00 pm
Lab B'Omer	18 Iyar	Fri	May 19	8:00 pm
Yom Yersualyim	28 Iyar	Fri	May 26	8:00 pm
Shavuot	6 Sivan	Fri	Jun 2	8:00 pm
Tisha B'Av	9 Av	Fri	Aug 3	8:00 pm
S'lichot	23 Elul	Sat	Sep 16	tba
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Erev Rosh haShanah	29 Elul	Fri	Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	1 Tishri	Sat	Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	2 Tishri	Sun	Sep 24	9:00 am
Erev Yom Kippur	9 Tishri	Sun	Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	Mon	Oct 2	9:30 am
Erev Sukkot	14 Tishri	Fri	Oct 6	8:00 pm



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a month it has been! The KJCC is truly a community center with so many opportunities to enjoy ourselves. Our party at the Hirsch house was magnificent. Kudos to Nancy and our gracious hosts. Together, they



created an ambience conducive for dancing, and dance we did. A week later, Sisterhood filled our bellies and the KJCC Players put on their Purim show. Thanks to our players and especially our students, Gloria and Susan. The KJCC Players have added interactive theater to their repertoire of accomplishments. Maybe it is time to take our production on the road. I can't think of another theater company that invites its audience to share in the fun and the audience actually does so. The services that followed were injected with the energy inspired by the KJCC Players. The laughter continued two days later with the Full Monty, arranged by Sisterhood.

The KJCC offers so much and still adheres to the guiding principles of the Jewish faith, tzedakah being one of them. The word tzedakah derives from the Hebrew word tzedek, "justice." Performing deeds of justice is perhaps the most important obligation Judaism imposes on the Jew. From Judaism's perspective, therefore, one who gives tzedakah is acting justly; One who doesn't, unjustly. And Jewish law views this lack of justice as not only mean spirited but also illegal. Maimonides defines eight levels in tzedakah. Each one is higher than the other. On an ascending level, they are:

- 8. When donations are given grudgingly.
- 7. When one gives less than he should, but does so cheerfully.
- 6. When one gives directly to the poor upon being asked.
- 5. When one gives directly to the poor without being asked.
- 4. Donations when the recipient is aware of the donor's identity, but the donor still doesn't know the specific identity of the recipient.
- 3. Donations when the donor is aware to whom the charity is being given, but the recipient is unaware of the source.
- 2. Giving assistance in such a way that the giver and recipient are unknown to each other. Communal funds, administered by responsible people are included in this category.
- 1. The highest form of charity is to help sustain a person before they become impoverished by offering a substantial gift in a dignified manner, or by extending a suitable loan, or by helping them find employment or establish themselves in business so as to make it

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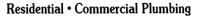
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#### **BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting Is scheduled for April 9, 2006 at 9:30 am. All Members are welcome. Watch the new Board at work.

#### **SISTERHOOD**

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2006. Please attend.

#### SECOND SEDER

Reservations for the Annual KJCC Second Seder are almost closed. Remember, the Islamorada Fishing Club has limited seating and we do not want to refuse reservations from any member. However, we are opening the event to the general public on April 1, and space goes fast! Get the news on page 18.

#### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

#### **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the May issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is April 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### **JEWEL OF THE ISLES**

A great success, if ever there were one. Read all about it on page 19.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

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#### **April Leaders**

- 7 Steve Steinbock
- 14 Bernie Ginsberg
- 21 George and Yardena

(Yom Hashoa and Yizkor)

- 28 6:30pm Alan Beth Shortened service.
  - 8:00pm Jim Boruszak Regular service Note: 2 services on April 28th

#### **PLANS FOR FAMILY SERVICE ON APRIL 28TH**

The KJCC Religious school will be joining Alan Beth in preparing and participating in a new kind of family service to be held for the first time and possibly monthly after that, on April 28th at 6:30 pm. Come and be a part of it.

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#### **April Memoriam**

By Michael & Cindy Kennan Klimpl In Blessed Memory of

**MARILYN JANET BARR** 

Eternal Rest

By Laurence & Renee Green

In Blessed Memory of

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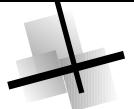




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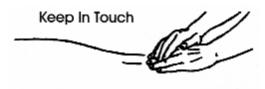
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#### **BOOKPLATE:**

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY STANLAKE by Pauline Roller

#### **President Message Continued**

unnecessary for them to become dependent on others.

The board has agreed to assist Cantor Mark. Special thanks to Dr. Bernie Ginsberg and Dr. Stanley Rosenberg. Their acts reach the highest level of tzedakah. It is a great mitzvah and warms my heart. So does the fact that tzedakah is one focus of the Women's Seder. If I were to enumerate each act of tzedakah, we would need to add more pages to Chai Lights. Instead, I know the KJCC, collectively and individually, does and will continue to strive to reach the highest level of tzedakah.

Shalom! Jeffrey

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mathew Strumor, husband of Shirley Strumor. Mat and Shirley were long-time members of the KJCC.

The KJCC members send their deepest sympathy to Candy Stanlake upon the loss of her Mother, Dorothy.

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by Stuart Sax

Following a childhood spent in Scranton, Pennsylvania, George Swartz headed to Boston to receive his bachelor's degree in physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Not content with only an undergraduate degree, he continued his advanced education at the University of Pennsylvania earning a master's degree and his PHD. George put his years of education to solid use with RCA in Princeton, New Jersey; a delightful town with a rich educational and cultural history.

Those who know George recognize his outward demeanor as serious and studious for the most part. But when relating the story of how he met Muriel in the late 70's, a smile covers his face, a twinkle appears in his eyes, and a different George Swartz appears. "We met at a party. She was from Irvington, New Jersey and a librarian at the time." George admits, "It was pretty close to love at first sight." To see them together after 26 years, the attraction seems to be mutual.

George and Muriel became interested in the Keys during frequent trips to Miami to visit George's mother. They relocated to the Keys in 1991 and quickly embraced conservation issues as they have always shared a passion for the environment. George became active with the National Marine Sanctuary. Over the years there have been many positive improvements thanks, in part, to George's involvement because as he puts it, "It was more of a cowboy situation back in '91."

George and Muriel have also seen a great deal of positive growth at the KJCC over the years. He admits that fifteen years ago there seemed to be more dissention in the operating of the Center and it was more difficult to find Sabbath service leaders. "Today we have a visiting cantor, a dedicated teaching staff, more regular lay service leaders, and a dedicated Board of Directors." Gazing into the future, George would like to see a permanent Cantor and educator, more youth on the Board, and a balance of young and older members on the Executive Committee.

For their dedication to the KJCC, including two years as congregation President for George and four years as Board Treasurer for Muriel, they were awarded the 2005 Joel S. Cohen Fellowship Award.

Whenever the opportunity arises, George and Muriel travel back north to visit their families. George has a son in New Jersey, a daughter in Pennsylvania, and a daughter in New York. Muriel has a daughter in Massachusetts and a daughter in Illinois. And George adds with delight, "And we have five grandchildren.....oops, that's six!"

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#### **KJCC Religious School News.**

#### **PURIM PLAY ENJOYED BY ALL**

by Gloria Avner

The highlight of the KJCC Religious School this month has been preparation for and presentation of our Purim play, an original adaptation of a children's book by Nyan Feder's Grandmother, called "IT HAPPENED IN SHUSHAN." Our teacher and director Gloria Avner added a prologue, several songs, and created pictures that made the book come alive as the audience was called upon to help "tell" the story in a very quirky way. She also added never before seen characters to the evening's festivities in the form of "Boo-leaders," played with gusto by the irrepressible team of Jeffrey Shockett and Patti Silver.

Nvan Feder did a wonderful reprise of his role last year as Mordechai, the wise uncle to Queen Esther, Max, Hannah, and Joshua, looking wonderful in their costumes as people of Shushan, did a remarkable job of saying their lines clearly, expressively, and with great enthusiasm. No one who attended will ever again hear the phrase "OF COURSE NOT!!" without thinking of them and smiling.

Corey Wasser once again anchored our KJCC players wih his mature handling of the role of narrator. And Tiffany McNew must get extra applause for agreeing graciously to join our cast in the role of Esther just three hours before dress rehearsal on performance night, when another cast member. Danielle Zinner. could not come.

We are very lucky at the KJCC to have grownups brave enough to join our students in this annual play producing ritual. Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, who portrayed an outrageously wicked Haman last year did an equally fine job





Cory Wasser Cast of the

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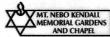
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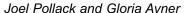
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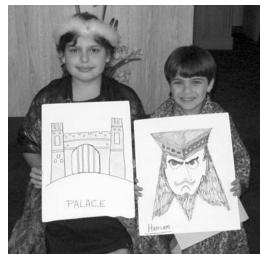








Roberta and Tiffany McNew



Hannah Wertheimer & Josh Bernstein



Susan Gordon



Max Epstein

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#### **PURIM PLAY ENJOYED BY ALL**

Continued

this year as the "party animal" KIng Ahashueros. His ex-wife, Queen Vashti, was played with dignity and tremendous good humor by our exquisite singer Susan Gordon. And fresh (ok maybe not so fresh) from his role as past President of KJCC (about which role he stated, "I am used to getting booed,") Joel Pollack treated us to a fine, well-costumed performance of Haman. Last but not least, high on the Bimah, doing yeoman's work in holding up the right pictures at the right time, who could forget the comically timed performance of Roberta McNew.

Still, the thing that made the performance so much fun and the evening so alive was not just the play or even the cast itself. It was the warm,

enthusiastic interaction and participation of the whole congregation, which, in joining the childrens lines, responding with groggers and stamping along with the "Boo-leaders," and speaking out the pictured words, became players as much as the actors themselves. This play was truly a group effort and everyone who attended should be very proud to be part of such a "haimishe" group. We were a true "mishpoche," willing to be silly together, and in the process we created some meaningful entertainment that was also a lot of fun.

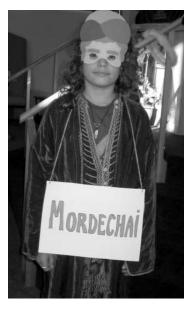
The Story of Queen Esther is after all, one of the very few in which potential genocide was averted, and done so by a courageous Jewish woman. Raucous celebration in the sanctuary on this night is not just tolerated but encouraged. Thanks to all who helped our students make this night a success.



Tiffany McNew



Bernie Ginsberg



Nyan Feder



With spring around the corner Bubbe would like you to try some light recipes .

#### **FLORIDA CHICKEN**

1/2 c raspberry vinaigrette

1/2 t ground ginger

1 orange, cut into sections

8 spinach leaves

1 T chopped mint

1 can pineapple chunks, drained

1/2 c sliced strawberries

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in half

In a medium bowl, whisk together vinaigrette, mint & ginger. Remove 3 T of the marinade to another medium bowl and add the orange, pineapple and strawberries. Toss to coat. Add the chicken to the remaining marinade, tossing to coat. Cover and marinate for 15 minutes in the refrigerator.

Remove the chicken from the marinade, reserving the marinade. Place the chicken in a large skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Cook, turning occasionally for 12 minutes or until juices run clear.

Line 4 plates with spinach leaves and top each one with the chicken. Add the reserve marinade to the skillet and bring to a boil over high heat. Boil for 3 minutes. Evenly divide the hot marinade and fruit mixture over the chicken and spinach.

#### MY BUBBE'S FAMOUS COLE SLAW

1 c mayonnaise

2 T lemon juice

2 T sugar or sugar alternative equal to 2 T sugar

1/2 t salt

1/2 package shredded carrots

1 package shredded cole slaw mix or 6 c shredded cabbage

1 chopped green pepper

1 chopped sweet onion

In a large bowl combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, sugar and salt. Add cole slaw mix, carrots, green pepper and onion. Toss until well mixed and let rest. The longer you let it rest the juicer it will become.

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#### **Looking Forward to May**

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Mark Burnett
Joel Cohen
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Rose Marie Gordon13
Tracey Greemberg
Robert Greenbaum25
Kelley Greenman8
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Bianka Kirschenbaum23
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- 7 Nettie & Jules Seder 40th Anniversary
- 14 Dr. & Mrs. Barry Alter Pesach
- 21 Anonymous
- 28 Gene & Mort Silverman 51st Anniversary Toby & David Goldfinger David's 40th birthday, again



#### **NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET**

Linda Rutkin

On Friday, February 24th, and Saturday, February 25th, Joyce Peckman worked at the Nautical Flea Market in Founder's Park. Deservedly so, Joyce gets great big 'kudos' for her Herculean efforts with proving herself to be most successful that weekend. With lots of great learning 'for how to do this' from her beloved Leslie, who was also a great teacher, and only a little bit of help from her KJCC friends, Joyce made this happen! You go girl--you are doing so well--Carry on!!!!

#### The Maroone MS 150 Bike Tour

- Joseph Beth (Cyclist and representative)

This is why we ride

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Thanks for your Support!!

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#### **BZ** and Hal Slutzker

BZ and Hal (I always called him Harold) Slutzker and I had a little bit of history between us beyond the KJCC Historian torch passed from BZ to me upon her request before she moved away from the Keys.

BZ and Harold were looking at my wall of family photos one visit. They asked me what my father had done for a living. I learned that Harold had been and optometrist in Pennsylvania and, surprisingly, he knew my father who owned and managed a wholesale optical laboratory in Dayton, Ohio. The two men and families had never met. They just knew of each other professionally.

BZ then proceeded to tell me the most amazing "small world" story.

As close as I can recall, a trucker traveling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike stopped at a truck stop. He found a Midwest Optical Supply prescription written by Harold. Believing the prescription was important to the person who lost it, the trucker called Harold's phone number who then relayed the prescription to my Dad with his help.

Imagine that? A trucker, an optometrist and a couple of dads...

BZ was one of a handful of people I've been privileged to meet who light up the room when they enter and one just can't help but smile in their presence. Harold complemented that bright shining light.

They will be sorely missed by me and countless others.

But, the memories are locked in time.

My love, always-Meredith

#### **Ongoing Projects**

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#### Sisterhood



Here we are in April already, Passover is just around the corner and many of us will head north to the other half of our lives. We had a very busy winter, with still more projects continuing into spring.

We had a wonderful time at 'Jewels of the Isle'. Elaine and Gerry Hirsch are the greatest of hosts. It is always a delight to be guests at their lovely home. A lot of work went into having this affair run so smoothly. There are many people to thank; Nancy Kluger, Beth Kaminstein, Joan Stark, Lee Schur, Candy Stanlake and all the people who donated prizes and baskets. My apologies to anyone whose name I have forgotten to include but more thanks to all who worked together so well and created a very special evening for us. It was surely a job well done.

A reading of the Magilla was led by Joyce Peckman which was followed by our annual Purim Shabbat dinner. We were treated to a Purim shpiel by our Sunday school class under the guidance of Gloria Avner and Susan Gordon.

On April 5th our Women's Seder, now an annual event, will take place in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall. Join us for an extraordinary experience for the soul, the mind and the stomach.

We are still looking forward to our Second Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club pm April 13th and to our final Sisterhood meeting at Buzzards Roost (date tba).

A group of us met to start our hat project for the nursery at Homestead Hospital. We decided to meet once a month, so if you want to join us, please do. It is a good place to start if you want to learn to knit or crochet and do a mitzvah for preemie babies at the same time. Call me for the time and place of the next meeting.

I just want to thank everyone who has jumped in to do what ever, when ever help was needed. That is the bond that gives strength to our organization.

Thanks Nettie Seder

April 2nd Sisterhood meeting 9 am breakfast 9:30 meeting

April 5th Women's Seder Social Hall 5:30 pm

April 13 Seder Islamorada Fishing Club 6:30 PM

April 19th Let's make some more hats 1:30 pm

April 21 Holocaust Remembrance Service

May 7th Sisterhood Brunch - Buzzard's Roost 11am

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Robin S Denker	22
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Lesli Garvett	20
Malcolm Gersh	30
Jared Scott Gershowitz	25
Max Logan Gershowitz	11
Larry Gilderman	20
David Goldfinger	29
Susan Gordon	24
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Randolph Green	24
Katie Greenman	17
Samantha Grossinger	13
Elinor Grossman	27
Fanny Kluger	15
Richard Knowles	12
Murray Kossman	7
Nicole Kossman	26
Linda LaGrotte	28
Lauren Lane	4
Tiffany McNew	
Moira Mulcahy	13
Jonathan Nobil	20
Lynn Nobil	24
Linda Pollack	
Bevery Robins	27
Gary Sanders	13

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Aaron Schmidt27	
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Geri & Stuart Smith10	41
Mary & Salomon Terner7	13
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Carole & Sheldon Weiss 15	55

#### **Musicians Wanted**

Joel Cohen would like to get a few more members together to meet at his house and make good music. If you are interested in joining him and his small group, give Joel a call at 451-0636.



## Florida Bandmasters Association

The FBA Concert MPA was held on Friday and Saturday March 3rd and 4th at Coral Shores High School. FBA is the Florida Bandmasters Association. The event was the Concert Music Performance Assessment.

Each band in the district prepares a march and two concert selections. The prepared pieces are evaluated by 3 judges using a standardized form. Each judge also provides the band with tape recorded comments on how they can improve their performance.

There is also a sight reading portion that follows the concert evaluation. Coral Shores HS and KLS received overall "Good" ratings, PKS received a rating of "Excellent".

The KJCC members of the Coral Shores High School Band are Tiffany McNew and Zach Sullivan. Chelsea Kline, Johnny Knowles and Stellar Levy play with the Plantation Key School Band.



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Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

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#### Invitation to Third Annual Women's Seder

Reserve the evening of Wednesday, April 5th, now. You are invited to take part in what was once a dream and has become a beautiful, delicious, meaningful tradition.

Welcome to the 3rd Annual Women's Seder. As in years past, all the food will be homemade by KJCC Sisterhood members, from the matzoh ball soup to tender brisket, three different kinds of charoset, roast chicken, kugels, creative desserts, matzoh bark, and more. We will use the beautiful pottery pieces we have been making over the years with the assistance and generosity of Beth Kaminstein (This year, newly created plates will join our wine goblets and soup bowls).

We will sing and celebrate the great themes of Passover. Once again we will honor a very special woman.

As powerful as this seder is in strengthening our bonds with each other, we will also continue to use this event to strengthen our committment to the Passover "mitzvah" of "Tikkun Olam," repair of the world, donating the voluntary contributions we collect to organizations that do good work in the world, in our community, and for girls, the next generation of women.

The cost of the event is \$15.00 and a basket for voluntary "Tikkun Olam" donations will be available.

Please RSVP to Beth Kaminstein or Nancy Kluger and plan to arrive by 5:30 pm. If the past predicts the future, April 5th will be a memorable evening.



Coral Shores pole vaulter Ben Rakov clears the bar Wednesday for a win at the Hurricanes track meet against Archbishop Curley. Rakov set a personal-best height of 10 feet, 6 inches in the meet.

Keynoter photo by KEVIN WADLOW



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#### **JEWELS OF THE ISLE**

This year's 'Jewels of the Isle' KJCC Annual Fundraiser Committee would first like to thank our own jewels, the spectacularly generous hosts Elaine and Jerry Hirsch, who outshined ALL the bling at the party (including the Bentley).

Those lucky enough to dine at their ocean-front heymish [Yiddish for cozy, intimate home] enjoyed superbly prepared tapas passed around throughout the evening by Caribbean Caterers. The berries and brie, peanut chicken satay, and spinach-feta triangles tasted so fabulous they made your knees buckle. Elaine's marvelous surprise of the evening, a fountain of flowing chocolate that enveloped mouthwatering strawberries, pineapples, apricots, macaroons (I could go on and on) inspired a spontaneous Hora that traversed through moonlit palm trees and dining tables.

This year's raffle prizes donated by our generous congregants included a fishing charter by our famous "The Golden Buoys" foursome of Goldfinger, Temkin, Feinberg and Gilderman, a La Siesta weekend donated by Jeffrey Schocket and several gift baskets provided by 'congregant-angels'. A gold and diamond necklace contributed by Gene and Mort Silverman was our Grand Prize of the evening. The big winner (drum roll) was Carol Steinbock, who will surely be overdressed at next week's Shabbat Service showing it off. (Jerry Spero was the first winner of the necklace but thought it would look much better on Carol.)

Thanks to all who attended and for the many who contributed to our fundraiser. Again, a very special thank you Elaine and Jerry for opening up your varem, [Yiddish for warm] spectacular home to your Keys Mishpoche! And a huge thank you to Nancy Kluger, who coordinated the fundraiser and the weather.

#### **Uncle Max**

by the Goldfinger Grandchildren

Today we are saddened by the loss of Mat Strumor.

Mat Strumor was our grandparent's next door neighbor.

Mat Strumor was the husband of Shirley, who wears makeup and perfume and sells real estate.

Mat Strumor was our Uncle Mat.

Our Uncle Mat spent sacred moments with us. These moments involved one man spending time with very young children, moments that were utterly simple.

Our Uncle Mat gave us gifts, talked to us about inventions, and mostly took the time to answer our questions in ways we could understand.

Our Uncle Mat was a very tall man.

He never stood taller than when he bent down to help any one of us, the Goldfinger's 7 grandchildren.

We know that Uncle Mat did great things...what lives in our hearts and our minds are the small things that were done with great love.

P.S. Nancy sends a special thanks to her elves - Joan Stark, Beth Kaminstein, Nettie Seder, Lee Schur, David Goldfinger, Jeffrey Schocket, Cathy Rakov (who wrote this fine article) and anyone else she forgot to mention.





Reservations will be taken for members only until March 30th at which time they will be opened for others. Send your check early to confirm your place. Call Leslie at 852-3654 or Joyce at 451-0665 for information and reservations.

Thursday, April 13, 2006 6:30 pm Islamorada Fishing Club



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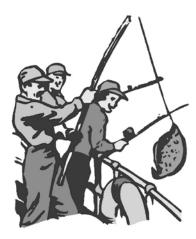
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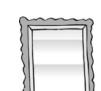




















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This entire package was donated by 'The Golden Buoys', David Goldfinger, Robert Temkin, Arthur Feinberg, Larry Gilderman and Island Body and Sol.

Bidding ends on TAX DAY, April 15, 2006 at 8:00 pm. All proceeds, of course, go to the Keys Jewish Community Center.

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The KJCC Second Seder will be at the Islamorada Fishing Club on Thursday Evening, April 13 <sup>th</sup> . Come and celebrate with us. Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts 2 am Sunday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> .					1 Vayikra	
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Lab B'Omer	18 Iyar	Fri	May 19	8:00 pm		
Yom Yersualyim	28 Iyar	Fri	May 26	8:00 pm		
Shavuot	6 Sivan	Fri	Jun 2	8:00 pm		
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Erev Rosh haShanah	29 Elul	Fri	Sep 22	6:30 pm		
Rosh haShanah	1 Tishri	Sat	Sep 23	9:00 am		
Rosh haShanah	2 Tishri	Sun	Sep 24	9:00 am		
Erev Yom Kippur	9 Tishri	Sun	Oct 1	6:30 pm		
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	Mon	Oct 2	9:30 am		
Erev Sukkot	14 Tishri	Fri	Oct 6	8:00 pm		
Chanukah	25 Kislev	Fri	Dec 15	8:00 pm		
Purim	14 Adar	Fri	Mar 2	7:30 pm		

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season is at an end and many of our members are leaving for the summer. What a season it was, culminating with our Seder, well attended as always. Thanks to our leaders, Jim, Joel and Gloria, for a great service.



Lest not we forget the Women's Seder and Bea Graham's heart-warming speech. I personally didn't mind that my invitation to the Women's Seder had not been forthcoming. (I had been assured by my wife that male bashing was definitely not on the agenda, so why would I want to bond with all the women. Isn't it enough to bond just with her?) The KJCC truly appreciates the efforts of all who made it a success and the generosity of the participants. Kudos to Robert Silk, who captured the essence of the Women's Seder for his readers. We need all the good press we can receive for the concept of the Chosen people is often misunderstood and used against us.

Being the Chosen people is a burden, not a privilege\*. Abraham chose to commit himself to the reality of one G-d, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for it. G-d responded: "I choose you and your descendants after you" - the Jewish people, forging a covenant with this nation. What are the "Chosen People" chosen for? They are chosen for RESPONSIBILITY, not for privilege. Chosen for the responsibility to create a moral society that lives with the values that stem from the idea of one G-d, to create a society, that will become a "light unto the nations," a moral beacon to the whole world. The task is not to force beliefs onto others, nor to convert the rest of the world to Judaism, but to change the world by setting an example. Abraham's mission of perfecting the world makes the Jewish People different, not better.

These responsibilities involve not only a more demanding level of spiritual and moral standards, but also include caring for the broader spiritual fulfillment of the world and all its people. The Jews have not had a privileged history in the normal sense of the word. On the contrary, being Jewish means suffering the long history of anti-Semitism. That we have survived in defiance of any sociological explanation is testimony to the fact that G-d wants us to continue serving the role that we have.

As John Adams, the second president of the US recognized in a letter to F. A. Van der Kemp (1808), "The Jews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. They are the most glorious Nation that ever inhabited the earth. The Romans and their Empire were but a bauble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to

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#### **SISTERHOOD**

The Sisterhood Brunch will be at Snappers on May 7, 2006 at 11:30 am.

#### SECOND SEDER

Unbelievable success! Most enjoyable Seder ever! Kudos to the organizers! Praise for the leaders! What a wonderful affair! See the pictures on page 18.

#### **JOEL S. COHEN AWARD**

This year's recipient of the most prestigious JSC Award was a unanimous choice of the selection committee. Read all about it on page 11.

#### **BEN & HELEN SHERMAN PATIO**

Join with us at 10:30 am on May 7, 2006 as we dedicate the KJCC Patio in their honor.

#### **DEADLINE**

Deadline for the June issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is May 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

Be sure to look at the May issue on-line. There is a surprise hidden in the issue - not easy to find, so if you see it, email me at mbgraham@bellsouth.net and let me know if you want future issues to have the same surprise.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

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#### **May Leaders**

5 - Alan Beth

12 - George Swartz

19 - Joel & Linda Pollack

26 - 6:30 - Alan Beth

8:00 - Bernie Ginsberg - Yardena Kamely

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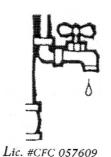


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three-quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily than any other Nation, ancient or modern."

So we continue on that path today, fulfilling our responsibility to continue mankind's adherence to the pact made by Noah. According to traditional Judaism, G-d gave Noah and his family seven commandments to observe when he saved them from the flood. These commandments, referred to as the Noahic commandments, are: 1) to establish courts of justice; 2) not to commit blasphemy; 3) not to commit idolatry; 4) not to commit incest and adultery; 5) not to commit bloodshed; 6) not to commit robbery; and 7) not to eat flesh cut from a living animal. These commandments are fairly simple and straightforward, and most of them are recognized by most of the world as sound moral principles. As Jews we are also bound by the 613 mitvot of the Torah. They enable us to carry on, even in the midst of adversity. And carry on we do!

Shalom, Jeffrey

Read the article New Chosen People on page 18.

#### **WARREN SHEINKER**

With deepest sorrow, especially at this joyous Passover holiday time, I must announce the death of long time friend and KJCC member Warren Sheinker. On behalf of the KJCC I extend our sincerest condolences to the Sheinker family.

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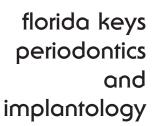
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#### Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Whoever said that "good things come in small packages" must have had Linda Rutkin in mind. Some people have compassion for others. Some are charitable. Some are thoughtful. Some generous. Linda is all of the above and so much more. It is hard to believe that so much positive energy can be packed into someone so tiny that she has to put a pad down on which to rest her feet because, otherwise, they would not touch the floor.

Raised in Baltimore. Linda was a stay at home mom for many years before pursuing a career in medical assistance. She worked in labs for several years and was involved with the Jewish community in Baltimore where her parents and other family members resided. Israel was also home to many ancestors who survived the holocaust and fled during the war. "My first trip to Israel was a gift for my bat mitzvah," she recalls. That opportunity allowed her to meet cousins and other relatives for the first time. "I have

more than twenty cousins still there."

Both of Linda's parents passed in the mid-90s within eighteen months of each other. It was a difficult time but Linda's positive attitude and the support of her congregation and family friends helped her cope.

Following another trip to Israel in 2000 for a family bar mitzvah, Linda was involved in a terrible automobile accident that resulted in multiple sprains and dislocations to her spine and several vertebrae. The rehab was lengthy and especially difficult as winter approached. "I was faced with a decision. Lie on the floor under a

heating blanket and wait for April to roll around, or get into warm weather."

Even though she was more familiar with the Sarasota area because her parents had vacationed there to play golf, she learned that it was about twenty degrees warmer in the Keys and that's where she headed. "I also was in much need of lots and lots of nature, serene waters, and especially dolphins." Her search for accommodations started in Kev West but, fortunately for all of us, she found

> lodging in the Upper Keys. "I did a lot of walking and it was wonderful. The more and longer I walked the better I became."

Linda learned about the KJCC in the local paper and called. Jim Boruszak was at the other end and Linda soon found a new home away from home. She is here November to May each year and still likes both places for different reasons. In Baltimore the congregation has a thousand families and here it is about a hundred. Being north for the holidays is comforting and spending

the winters down here is therapeutic.

Another unique aspect about Linda is sending notes and KJCC postcards. Sometimes they are to friends and sometimes to strangers. "People don't seem to write anymore but I get a great deal of enjoyment from it." And so do those who receive her kind words. A frequent attendee at services and monthly Board meetings, she applauds the broad range of new ideas and discussions that have led to improvements in the KJCC. "This place is very laid back, simplified, and healing."



#### The Women's Seder

by Gloria Avner

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the 3rd Annual KJCC Sisterhood Women's Seder know what a warm, inspiring, celebratory evening it was. They also know that this event has nothing to do with exclusion and everything to do with forging deep bonds of friendship among women, sharing what we have with others as we celebrate one of our most important holidays.

Our honoree of the evening, first woman President of the KJCC and lifelong tireless worker for the good of others, Bea Graham, was not sure at first if she wanted to come. Then, in her own words, she thought, "if this is something so important to so many members of our KJCC Sisterhood, I want to support them. I said yes. And as I sat among the attending women, and felt the warmth, the energy, the love, and the bonding that was taking place, I felt bonded too; I was very happy to be part of this lovely, meaningful evening."





Bea's speech was wonderful, intelligent, entertaining, touching, and inspirational. How else would we ever have discovered so much of Bea's many faceted personality, shared the juicy nuggets of her wisdom and life history? How else would we have learned of the amazing deeds and challenges of our second year's honoree, Michal Kamely, in Persia, Israel, and post-war Germany? Where else could we have looked through such a personal window into the earliest days of Israel's airforce as we did in our first year, when we honored and listened to the spine-tingling stories of Israel's first woman pilot, Shaloma Shawmut-Lessner?

Each year the bonding deepens. We get to know each other better through creative activity, making and decorating pottery pieces with the generous guidance of Beth Kaminstein. We get to share our "best". Our best dishes, our best memories, our favorite prayers and songs, our personal stories. We neither rush through our Hagaddah nor make the seder over-long. Our goal is to make the evening meaningful, and to make it so in the context of our roles as women. There is not just one honoree in the group. We are all there to honor each other and ourselves. In the process, we create something bigger than any of us alone or even in a group. Bea put her finger on it when she spoke of bonding.



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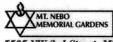
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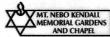
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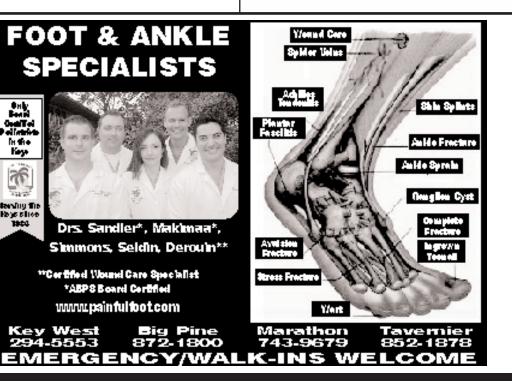


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Then there is our commitment not just to obey the Passover dictum to retell the story personally, as if each one of us had come out of slavery in Egypt.

We obey the call to "Tzedakah" and "Tikkun Olam." We take seriously, as Jews, as women, as KJCC Sisterhood members, our responsibility to "repair the world."

We take our strength and lessons from history. We celebrate that history in the present with valued guests and friends from other faiths, other parts of the community. Finally, we create concensus and project a better world into the future with our actions. This year we donated more than \$500 each to the "Voices for the Children" program that provides advocacy for children in the court system, and to the KJCC Holocaust Education Fund. We recognise the importance of work in the world that will protect and educate the next generation, so that they too can take part in "tikkun olam."

Many thanks to the steering committee, the providers of wine, matzoh, and the wondrous assortment of unique delicious food, to Bev Middleton for her amazing aprons, and to all who attended. L'Shanah ha'ba not only in Jerusalem but in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall as well.

P.S. We love all our men dearly and thank them for their support. As Patty Silver, in her infinite "saichel" replied to the reporter who asked her what we would do if a man walked in and wanted to attend. "We would ask him to sit down."







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#### **Religious School News**

Despite the many holidays in this last month, the KJCC Religious School made progress on all fronts. Two were particularly exciting and a third is coming soon. Now that all the students have achieved a level of proficiency in reading Hebrew, we are responding to their interest in learning Hebrew as a spoken language by developing our own mini-"ulpan" the kind of school that Israel provides for its immi-

After the board meeting the children were joined by Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, who sang songs with teacher Jardena Kamely, and by School Director Susan Gordon, who led the children in such hits as "There's No Seder Like our Seder" and "JusL a tad of Charoset Makes the Bitter Herbs go Down." Linda Rutkin was a valuable presence as well, giving support in every way possible. We are very proul of all our students, past and present, and happy for the support that the school receives from the KJCC members at large.

On April 28th the students will be participating in a special family Shabbat service at 6:30pm. Please join us.



grants who need to learn to speak quickly and well. We will be moving forward in this direction next year as well.

On the Sunday before Pesach, our school celebrated the holiday in advance with its own mock seder. The students, Max Shrader-Grayce, Joshua Bernstien, Hannah Werthammer, Nyan Feder, and Danielle Zinner performed the seder, singing songs, saying the blessings, reading from the Hagadah, and eating the ceremonial foods, including delicious chicken soup with Matzoh balls made by Sofy Wasser. Most inspiring was the presence and happy participation of former students and Bar and Bat Mitzvah graduates Joseph Beth, Corey Wasser, Molly Bloom, Katie Greenman, and Stellar Levy.





Keep cooking, keep eating and most of all keep enjoying family and friends.

#### ROASTED GARLIC PARMESAN PENNE PRIMAVERA

1 box (16 oz.) penne pasta1 medium carrot, cut very thin strips1 cup snow peas1 sm red bell pepper, cut very thin strips

1/2 cup chicken broth 1/8 tsp. ground black pepper

1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg (optional)

1 jar Ragu Cheesy Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sauce

Cook pasta according to package directions, adding vegetables during last 3 minutes of cooking; drain. Return to saucepan and stir in Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sauce, broth, black pepper and nutmeg; heat through. Sprinkle, if desired, with grated Parmesan cheese.

#### **LEMON TRIANGLES**

10 Tbsp. butter or margarine 2-1/2 cups granulated sugar

2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour 4 eggs

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice 2 Tbsp. grated lemon peel

1/4 tsp. salt Confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Line 13 x 9-inch baking pan with aluminum foil, then spray with non-stick cooking spray; set aside. In large bowl, with electric mixer, beat butter and 1/2 cup granulated sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in 2 cups flour until mixture is crumbly. Press into prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is lightly golden.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, with electric mixer, beat eggs, remaining 2 cups granulated sugar, remaining 1/3 cup flour, lemon juice, lemon peel and salt 2 minutes or until smooth. Pour over hot baked crust.

Bake an additional 20 minutes or until lemon mixture is just set. On wire rack, cool completely. Using foil, lift out of pan. Spray knife with nonstick cooking spray and cut into triangles. To serve, sprinkle generously with confectioners sugar.

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#### **SHERMAN PATIO DEDICATION**

Dedication of the Sherman Patio will take place on Sunday, May 7th at approximately 10:30 am,immediately following the May Board meeting. Everyone is invited to recall and honor the memory of Dr. Ben and Helen Sherman, founding members of the Keys Jewish Community Center.



#### **JOEL S. COHEN AWARD**

This year, as in years past, the JSC committee unanimously chose our candidate, Susan Gordon:

For dedication to the KJCC

For excellent teaching skills and leadership

For a sweet and loving personality

And for her kindness, strength and courage in the face of all life's many trials.

In her quiet ways, Susan hides her strengths, but because she is known by all of us in her many capacities, a wife, mother, teacher, vice president and friend, she cannot hide her willingness to share herself with us.

We all love you, Susan, and as Joel Cohen said, "We are proud to have you join our honored circle".

Incidentally, the JSC committee consists of present KJCC members who are former winners of this prestigious award.

B. Graham



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## KJCC Religious School News PASSOVER SEDER

by Yardena

For our Sunday School Passover Seder this year we invited our post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to celebrate with us our traditional Children's Seder. Molly, Cory, Joseph, Stellar and Katie Greenman, who came all the way from Marathon, brought so much joy to our kids, you could feel their affection in the room, hugs and laughter, a happy family reunion, the KJCC mishpoche. Rachel, Rosemary, Tiffany, Chelsea, we missed you, hope to see you with us next Passover.

Our Seder Table exploded with food prepared by our moms: Matze Ball soup, Gefilte Fish, Chrein, Charoset, and for dessert, Macaroons and Matzes glazed in chocolate, the name of those I just cannot remember, the reason? Maybe because this is not a traditional dessert in my family.... Judy (Greenman), please write the name down for me and the recipe, your ???? were so delicious. And if all that was not enough, there was more food from the Women's Seder and from Freda's Shabat Dinner.

The Seder was lead by Mora, Yardena and Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, reading several parts from the real Hagada in Hebrew, with the participation of our post Bar Mitzvah students, telling stories from our childhood experience of Pessach, teaching and explaining traditions from the Hagada.

Molly, Stellar and Katie read the "Ha Lachma Anya..." from the Hebrew Hagada (we are so proud of you) and invited guests to our Seder Table, several of the parents present and some friends, as it is said: ".... Let all that are hungry enter and eat; and all who are in want, come and celebrate the Passover....", showing with this hospitable invitation a significant testimony of the real humanity and social sensibilities of our ancestors and their importance in Jewish life.

And the excellent participation of our younger students, all the songs the kids were singing, elevated our festive spirit and they asked Susan Gordon to teach us a new song,... so beautiful,....and Hanna and Nyan found the Afikoman and asked Dr. Bernie for a present,....and we could go on and on, we had such a good time in our Seder, .....

#### Sisterhood



Here we are at the end of a busy winter season. At the initial planning it seems there are so many things that need arranging and so many details to attend to. Will it all ever get done? With the help of many people, our plans all fell into place. There is no way to thank all who helped shape our events. From Break-the-fast, Shabbat dinners and fashion show, to the very successful Jewels of the Isle, (I still have my huge sapphire ring which I occasionally wear as a reminder of a great event), the second Seder, the Happy Hookers group and the final brunch meeting (in May) all with the help of the troops, makes me look like a great organizer. For all this effort and assistance, I thank you, one and all.

The second Seder was the first celebration that Jules and I attended at the KJCC in 1990. We had already bought our house, but we were both still teaching and came down only for spring break. We were welcomed with open arms and that was the beginning of our happy association with the KJCC. It is quite different than our congregation in Cherry Hill, it is truly an extended family here for us - and all of us.

Our Happy Hookers group is working hard. Meetings are half actual making infant hats and half visiting and enjoying each others company. If you are inclined, make some little hats over the summer and we will continue meeting in the fall. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, join us and we will help you.

In a short time, Jules and I head back north to the other half of our lives where Nana's Day

Care Center opens soon. I am always available through email and I love to hear from you. Have a great summer. Stay well!

Nettie Seder

#### **Sisterhood Dates**

Sisterhood Brunch - We will be having our annual brunch meeting at Snappers restaurant on May 7th. We will meet at 11:30. Please call Nettie @ 852-7283 as soon as possible to make reservations.

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# **JSC Orchestra**

Direct from his recovery room at Mariner's Hospital, Joel Cohen announces the formation of the new KJCC Orchestra. So far we have Joel on Violin, Jules Seder on piano, Susan Gordon on concertina and assorted native flutes, and Gloria Avner on voice and hand drum. Join us. Call Joel for more information.

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# **Memorial Day**

Every country has its day of remembrance, and Israel - whose creation and survival as a state has been marked by so many losses - decided to designate the day preceding Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Independence Day, as its day of commemoration for the fallen. On this day, we recall and mark the pain of our recent and not so recent losses in public and in private.

The term "Yom Hazikaron" originates in another name for Rosh Hashana, the Day of Remembrance marked by repentance and prayer and signals the beginning of the 9 Days of Awe. Each individual reviews his or her own deeds, hoping also to be inscribed for a good year in the year to come.

The Jewish people is a people of collective memory: "Remember the Act of Creation", "Remember the Exodus from Egypt". In each generation, we retain the memories and the link to those alive who carry them. Today, we are coming to the end of one era, when the generation who survived the Shoah [Holocaust] and saw the establishment of the Jewish state is disappearing. With them, will go the personal memory and these crucial events will become part of the collective memory, whose meaning will continue to be interpreted in the context of the continuity of Jewish life and community.

In Jewish thought, each life is a world of its own and considered to be of inestimable value: in modern Israel, the untimely death of one loved person is a tragedy which marks the entire community. Indeed, there is hardly a family or friendship unmarked by loss as the population is so small that the seemingly modest numbers for each war assume tremendous proportions. As much as an individual act, this is also a collective act, rather than a formal gathering.



The ceremonies are simple on the eve of Yom Hazikaron and are not forgotten as we conclude the day the following night and merge into the festivities of Yom Ha'atzma'ut.

Originally and essentially designated to commemorate the loss of those men and women who fought and were killed in the IDF, Israel's armed

forces, the day has now also been accepted as the appropriate moment to bring together families and friends and official recognition of all those who lost their lives under any form of attack, including acts of terror.

As we are thankful for our 50 years of independence, we carry with us the memory of those who helped make it possible and those who fell in their innocence because this was their dream.

## LETTER FROM LEE

I attended my first Women's seder last night (4/5/06). Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the first and second seders held in prior years.

I felt I should express my feelings about it. I thought of the expression "from little acorns, tall oak trees grow." I was so impressed, so moved by both the very meaningful, beautiful service, the camaraderie of the women, both Jewish and non-Jewish, the true feeling of sisterhood, honoring a special lady, the emphasis on freedom and giving to those less fortunate, the delicious unique food that was prepared with pride, and eaten on our own creations.

The enthusiasm displayed by the participants and the fantastic, creative women of Sisterhood, who organized and shepherded this event through its birth. I was very proud of you, and am very happy to be a member of this wonderful special group of women.

B'Shalom, Lee Schur

# Israel's Independence Day

If you're walking on the streets of Jerusalem and a kid bops you on the head with one of those annoying plastic hammers, it's probably Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. If it isn't, grab the hammer and remove the yellow and green plastic ends. Tell the kid it's in the name of recycling.

Yom Ha'atzmaut takes place on the 5th of the Hebrew month lyar, and usually falls at the end of April or beginning of May. It marks the day in 1948 that Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, declared the country's independence at a Tel Aviv gathering.

Less than 24 hours after that announcement, the neighboring Arab countries declared war on Israel. The Jewish state survived, but the bloody battle cost many soldiers in the ragtag army their lives.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is significant to virtually all Jews. Secular Jews in Israel mark the importance of an independent Jewish state, while most religious Jews commemorate the establishment of the state as another step in the

ultimate redemption, the coming of the Messiah. The celebration overrides the religious prohibition against listening to music during the counting of the Omer between Passover and Shavout.

There is, however, a small minority of Jews who do not celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut at all. Known in Israel as Charedim, or Ultra-Orthodox Jews, these Jews believe that the modern State of Israel was established prematurely without God's blessing. As a result, they refrain as much as possible from matters of the state.

For everyone else in Israel, the national holiday is a welcome day off. Businesses and schools close. Most people take a field trip or go on a picnic, while some just relax. Religious Jews add extra prayers into the services.

If 5 lyar falls out on a Friday or Shabbat, Yom Ha'atzmaut is moved up to a Thursday, to prevent any celebrations leading to desecration of the Shabbat. But that still won't prevent you from getting head-bopped.

# **Ongoing Projects**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

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#### HOLOCAUST TEACHING

In its educational program, the KJCC includes the study of the Holocaust through various activities. Last year we discussed in a small group of our Religious School students the anti-Semitic incidents that occurred in the Keys and the growing Anti-Semitism in Europe. At the Middle School and High School (CSHS) the students heard the testimony of Lisl Bogart, a Holocaust survivor. We showed the video "Paper Clips" at the KJCC, which tells the true story of a group of 8th grade students who, never even having met a Jew before, embarked on a life-altering mission in order to understand the concept of 6 million. I think we should show this film again, this time for our young students in our school. They have questions about Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. Also reading with them survivor's stories, children's stories of immense courage, would be a good approach.

It is of importance to us to reach the youth in our extended community, not only the Jewish, for the study of the Holocaust. By teaching the history of the Holocaust we hope that the present and the future generations can learn and understand how prejudice, hatred, and bigotry can lead to genocide. Through the study of the Holocaust, students can come to realize that democratic institutions and values are not automatically sustained but need to be protected; that the Holocaust was not an accident in history - it occurred because individuals, organizations, and governments made choices that not only legalized discrimination but that allowed prejudice hatred, and ultimately mass murder to occur.

Because the objective of teaching any subject is to engage the intellectual curiosity of the student in order to inspire critical thought and personal growth, the lessons are structured by considering certain questions to be

asked and appropriate reading, image, document, or film to be used. The first week of April, through contact with Michele Sutter, I met with the leadership-class of Coral Shores High School (CSHS), a group of 10-11 grade students. I showed them a documentary film about five Holocaust survivors, now living in Israel, telling their story of survival and their struggle to return to life after liberation from the concentration camps. In the film, the testimony is spoken in Hebrew with subtitles in English: the effort to listen to the survivor and follow his thoughts and emotions required a higher concentration from the students, and consequently, the impact on them was stronger.

That same week these High School students attended the Student Awareness Day in Miami, organized by the Holocaust Documentation And Education Center. They came on a bus (sponsored by KJCC) leaving at 6:00 am from school. They met with Holocaust survivors, listened to their message and asked questions in Round Table Discussions. The respect they showed to the speakers and survivors was immense. For us, teachers and facilitators, it was once again a highly emotional experience; for me to see the survivors in their unimaginable big effort to teach the young students lessons of the Holocaust, to deliver their message in such a protective way, encouraging the students to ask any question, even about a most disturbing or horrible subject, just breaks my heart again and again. At the closure, lighting a candle and thanking each one of us the survivors for teaching us, brought tears to my eyes.

For Yom Ha'shoa, April 25th, we hope to bring together a numerous group of our students and attend together with parents, teachers and members of the KJCC the Holocaust Memorial Service in Miami.

Shalom, Yardena

## **New Chosen People**

Jerusalem (SatireWire.com) Update - Jews, whose troubled, 10,000-year term as God's "chosen people" finally expired last night, woke up this morning to find that they had once again been hand-picked by the Almighty. Synagogues across the globe declared a day of mourning.

Asked if the descendants of Abraham shouldn't be pleased about being tapped for an unprecedented second term, Jerusalem Rabbi Ben Meyerson shrugged. "Of course, you are right, we should be thrilled," he said. "We should also enjoy a good swift kick in the head, but for some reason, we don't.

"Now don't ask such questions until you watch the news, or read history, or at least rent 'Fiddler on the Roof'."

Much of the world's re-blessed Jewish community shared that feeling. "It's always been considered a joke with us. You know, 'Please G-d, next time choose someone else,' ha ha," said New York City resident David Bashert. ...

According to a worldwide survey of faiths, not a single group expressed an interest in being chosen, and the only application submitted before last night's filing deadline, on behalf of the Islamic people, proved to be a fake.

"Somebody filled out a form and signed our name to it, but I guarantee it wasn't us," said Imam Yusuf Al Muhammed of Medina, Saudi Arabia. "I'm not going to say who it was, but the application was filled out in Hebrew."

"Oh, don't be such a k'vatsh," responded Meyerson. "It's only 10,000 years. Trust me, after a few diaspora, you would have gotten used to the universal hatred thing."

Due to the absence of voluntary candidates, God's Law stipulated that the Almighty had to choose a people at random to serve

out the next 10-millenia term. Elias Contreau, director of the International Interfaith Working Group, said he wasn't surprised it came to a blind drawing.

"According to the Bible, God promised to bless Abraham and those who came after him," said Contreau. "Who knows, maybe that sounded good at the time, or maybe 'blessed' meant something different back then, like 'Short periods of prosperity interrupted by insufferable chaos. Whatever, I think it's safe to say that people didn't know what they were agreeing to."

Now they do, Contreau added, which he said explains why so many religions had lately been exalting God's existence, but downplaying their own.

"We were not avoiding Him. We just told our parishioners that if Anyone asks, we're out," insisted Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey, who had called off services during February. "Besides, we weren't the only ones. I didn't see the Hindus raising their hands."

"Now look, it's like we told the ethereal vision who dropped off the application, 'Sure, we have a strong shared faith and all that, but I wouldn't exactly say we're a 'people,' not really," recalled Hindu leader Samuldrala Swami Maharaj of Calcutta. "Plus, you know, I told him we had a lot of other commitments. We'd like to help, honestly. Another time, maybe."

In Jerusalem, Jewish leaders said they will propose an amendment to God's Law prohibiting a people from having to serve more than two consecutive terms. "Hopefully, G-d will hear our prayer," said Meyerson. "No, wait, that's what got us into this."

Americans, meanwhile, expressed outrage at the decision, saying they had assumed they were God's chosen people. However, explained Archbishop Carey, "It only seems that way because so many people don't like you."

#### THE JEWS OF SHANGHAI

- Jim & Joan Boruszak

In 1939 Hitler ran the frenzy of persecution against the Jews. Many Jewish people fled from their Germany, and thousands of Jews went to Shanghai. They suffered many hardships living there. When the Pacific War broke out in 1941, the Nazis forced the Japanese, who controlled Shanghai, to persecute the Jews. The Japanese Authority set up an "unidentified refugee ghetto" and forced the Jewish refugees to move there. Ohel Moishe Synagogue was in the ghetto. Religious activities were held there, and they set up a youth organization. Almost 10,000 refugees lived in the ghetto.



The Jews and the Chinese got on very well and many friendships were formed between them. The Jews of that ghetto never forgot that it was Shanghai that saved them from Nazi torture. Several wealthy

Jews who lived through this time have second homes in Shanghai.

In order to remember the important historic role of the Ohel Moishe Synagogue, the government established the Jewish Refugees Memorial Hall of Shanghai at the site of the old Ohel Moishe Synagogue. They also set up a monument at the Roadside Park to memorialize the Genocide Survivors. The Chinese welcome all Jews to the Shanghai Hongkou District so that this friendship can be passed on from generation to generation.



As a side note: Our guide was extremely enthusiastic and really seemed to enjoy giving the tour.





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## **KJCC SECOND SEDER**

Once again, the Islamorada Fishing Club was jam packed with KJCC members and friends. If we only met to socialize, it would have been enough. If we only had Joel and Jim leading the services, it would have been enough. If we only had the guests reading from the Hagadah, it would have been enough. If we only had the great wait staff working for us, it would have been



enough. If we only had the fabulous food, it would have been enough. If we only had the great dessert, it would have been enough. But, we had all of this and more - 120 happy people joyfully reading, eating, drinking and taking part in the wonderful celebration.

What a great job., putting together this affair! Our thanks and congratulations to all who helped.



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	1	2 Yom Hazikaron	3 Yom Ha'atzmaut	4	5 Alan Beth	6
7 9 am Board Patio Dedica-	8	9	10	11	12 George Swartz	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Lag Ba'Omer	17	18 Chai- Lights	Joel & Linda Pollack	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 Alan Beth 8:00 Bernie & Yardena Yom Yeru- salayim	27
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Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Oct 1. Sun 6:30pm

Yom Kippur Oct 2. Mon 9am

Torah Service Approx. 10am Yizkor Following Torah Service

Children's Service Following Torah Service

Musaf Service Following Yizkor

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! I hope your summer was relaxing, rejuvenating and a good time. At the time of this writing, Patty and I are sitting in a cabin in a small cove in Alaska. It is



magnificent. And we thought the Keys were laid back. But our Keys neighborhood is a booming metropolis compared to our present surroundings. Yet, this morning on the radio we heard of the voungest Klezmer band, with the youngest member barely in his teens. It is good to know the Jewish community is alive even at the far reaches of the frozen north. Lam certain that is what the visitors to the KJCC say about us. What a wonderful feeling!

Unfortunately, our worldwide community is under attack, not only by the terrorists, but also by the Western world. It is disgraceful that the world leaders must still use us as a scapegoat. If Israel and the Jewish community at large do not survive, who will be next? What will it take for the Western world to realize that Israel is fighting their war?

When I first heard of the conflict, I told Patty that I had a calling. I had to go to Israel and fight in any capacity. The cease fire put an end to those plans. But I intend to carry on the fight. I will do what I can to help insure the survival of our people, and that includes the survival of Israel. I ask for your help. I know it is extremely important that the KJCC prosper and make its mark as a thriving Jewish institution serving our community. We must speak our minds and be heard. We will be working to have the school board acknowledge and respect the religion and traditions of our children. Our children should not be penalized for missing classes or be forced to take tests on Jewish holidays. This is but a start. If non-Jewish children learn to respect Jewish children and our religion, holidays and traditions, as Jewish children respect and accept other religions, there will be less anti-Semitic adults in this world. Just think. If the Palestinian children were taught respect and acceptance of other religions, instead of intolerance, rock throwing and Jihad, the world would be a better place. The present danger that we as Jews, as well as Christians, and non-fundamentalist Muslims, face would be nonexistent. As John Lennon said, "The world would be a better place for you and me."

Now we must stand together and try to make the world that better place. There is no better way to do this than to actively participate

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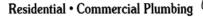
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Read the High Holy Days schedule on the back of the cover page. Make your plans to attend the services and the Break-the-Fast. Be sure to read the S'lichot flyer on page 16.

As always, there is no charge for attending any of our High Holy Day Services.

Beat the rush - attend services this coming Friday night at 8:00 pm and enjoy a great Oneg after.

#### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

#### DEADLINE

Deadline for the October issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is September 18. Send articles -Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thanky'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### **SISTERHOOD**

Next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for September 3rd 2006 at 9:30 am. We need your insights and ideas, so please attend.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

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#### **Dues are Due!**

The annual dues package was sent out in July and we welcome your payment. No need to wait - we welcome your dues check at any time. Let me know if you did not receive your original package with the KJCC Jewish Family Calendar and I will send you another.

Linda Pollack. Treasurer lindap4000@earthlink.net 852-8575

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Sept 1 - Early Dinner at Bill and Freda's house (check for times)

8pm - Dr. Bernie - Service at KJCC

Sept 8 - Alan Beth

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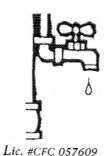
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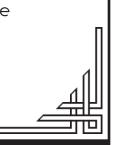


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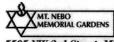
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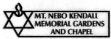
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# KIBBUTZ NIR AM: The Roots of Life-Sustaining Water in the Negev

A water museum. It sounds odd, until you consider how important water really is, particularly in the desert. Of course we know that humans cannot live even a few days without water. But the story of Nir Am, a kibbutz near Sderot on the Gaza border, reminds us that the power of water extends past human life and has the ability to transform a barren desert into a blooming oasis.

Kibbutz Nir Am was founded by Nissan Nir, one of the pioneering founders of the State of Israel. Nir was an authority on how best to bring water to arid land. In 1943, the early settlers of Israel found an aquifer lying beneath the desert ground. (When a layer of rock in the ground readily transmits water to wells and springs it is called an aquifer). They built a 1,000 cubic meter storage tank to hold the water they found and drilled.

Later, after WWII, they purchased 220 kilometers of pipe and in 1946, Nir helped lay these pipes and extended them outward from the storage tank. This created the infrastructure for 11 new kibbutzim to be born in the desert! In just one night in 1946, working under the British radar, Jews erected houses and proudly flew a Jewish flag at each kibbutz. This water storage tank became a symbol of the Negev. Though the Negev was not part of the original 1937 U.N. partition plan, because of this Jewish drive and ingenuity, the council saw fit to include the Negev as part of the state of Israel in 1948.

Jewish National Fund has always realized how important water is to Israel's future, and over the past century we have built more than 180 dams and reservoirs. Now, JNF is taking the knowledge we have gained and sharing it with others, allowing visitors throughout the world to learn about and pay tribute to water, the essence of life.

The museum at Kibbutz Nir Am is built on the remains of this historic water system, but

because of the historic role this site played, the museum also serves as a museum of defense. But beyond the historical component, as water continues to be a struggle for Israel, JNF has undertaken an enormous project to add to the museum as well as create an International Program for Water Conservation together with its partners The Sapir College for Research Institute and The Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites.

Plans are now in place for a \$2+ million project. Planned enhancements to the current museum include new facilities as well as the latest design, film and A/V equipment. An adjacent historical building will be erected for the Water Research Center. JNF will work in conjunction with experts in Sapir Academic College, located near the museum. The goal is to facilitate research, public and government policy and invention in the broad area of water solutions. This institute will also raise policy issues that are facing Israel and the Middle East, and may help present solutions and ideas that would benefit societies around the world.

#### **President's Message**

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in the KJCC and make a commitment. I am looking forward to seeing each one of us getting involved. The Jewish nation and the Jews worldwide must survive. You can do your part. For there is no one else whom we can rely on, but each other. Come to services and participate in our programs. As always, your suggestions and input for continued improvement are appreciated. It will be a great year with your help.

Shalom, Jeffrey

# Sisterhood



Jules and I both having been teachers, we mark the passage of time by school years. A new term was always a time for new beginnings, a chance to start over again in a new direction with a clean slate.

For us it has been an exciting summer. We took a Russian River cruise and had the opportunity to meet Mr. Gorbechev, former President of the Soviet Union. What a thrill that was. He really is a regular guy. Then, almost as soon as we returned, we were blessed with the birth of our grandson. This was an especially big event as my family has been blessed with all girls for several generations. We went to our first Bris. The Moyel/Pediatrician did an excellent job, (though we cringed at the cut) and his detailed explanation of the service was interesting also.

Now let's talk about Sisterhood business. Our first meeting is on September 3rd at 9:30 am. At that time we will plan our Onegs for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

There will be a short meeting on October 1st at 9:30 am to set up for Break-the-Fast and some informal talk about what we plan for the season. Please join us if you are here, as we welcome your presence and your ideas.

As we approach the High Holidays, it is a time for us to reflect on what has passed, on what we have to be grateful for and how we hope to better ourselves in the coming year.

Although we all have different thoughts and wishes, world peace is something we can all pray for. As I sit quietly in my office/den in New Jersey, it is difficult to even imagine how the lives of our people in Israel have been affected by the latest terrorism and the mindless hate that always surrounds them. It is especially for them that we should pray for a peaceful and quiet New Year. With peace in the Middle East, Jews all over the world can be at peace.

Be well, see you soon -Nettie

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yartzeit Memorial Plaques, Bookplates: Linda Pollack

Chai-Lights Mitzvah: Marty Graham

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

Michael Krissel4
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Katie J. Schur
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Matthew A. Silverman15
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#### **October Anniversaries**

	years
Barbara & Paul Bernstein 2	12
Lesli & Michael Garvett14	5
Suzanne & Michael Gilson23	5
Toby R. & David A. Goldfinger15	47
Lois & David Kaufman	27
Judith & Harvey Klein31	52
Arlene & Jonathan Line2	30
Susan & Harvey Schwaid 12	54

# **Bowling Fun**

Come join us every Tuesday @ 9:45 for a morning of unpressured bowling. We are a non-sanctioned league and bowl all year round @ The Fish Bowl. There is no age limit and as an added bonus, we have cookies and coffee! See either Marty 852-0214 or Mary Lee 664-9030 to sign up.

# **Ongoing Projects**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

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PICTURE POSTCARDS We have some wonderful picture postcards of the KJCC stained glass windows available. They can be packaged to fit your needs and even mailed to you or to your gift recipient. Prices are as low as \$36 per hundred but we sell lesser quantities. Call gift shop chair-person or Marty 852-0214.

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# **Looking Forward to September and October**

# **September Birthdays**

Chase Barrett	ŀ
Barbara Bernstein19	)
Jeffrey Cohen14	ŀ
Thomas Dillon10	)
Freda Ferns 1	
Jason Garvett	;
Stacy Garvett	ŀ
Maryon Gould	3
Steven Greenbaum6	;
Fred Hudson	2
Wendy Kaplan	
Jacob Klimpl9	)
Kurt Kluger 8	
Jeffrey Kominsky 8	3
Mitchell Kominsky 8	3
David Kossman	ŀ
Shifra Kossman21	
Shirley Krissel18	3
Lisha Lane13	3
Stellar Levy	7
Jonathan Line	3
Brenna Nobil19	)
Vippi Pollack	)
Melvin Prober	;
Millie Prober10	)
Lorraine Rose	5
Larry S. Schur16	;
Lauren Schur	3
Steven Schur19	)
Morton Silverman	7
Cory Wasser	;
Gerri Weisberg10	)

Lili Werthamer	
September Anniversaries	
	years
Nancy L. & David M. Cohn 5	14
Freda & Bill Ferns10	17

Deborah & Ronald Kaplan ...... 8

Gertrude & Sheldon Mann .....23

Lynn & Jim Nobil . . . . . . . . . . . . 4

Sheila & Lawrence Novak . . . . . . . . . 17

Cathy & Neal Rakov . . . . . . . . . 9

Barbara & Steven Smith . . . . . . . . 9

16

10

# October Birthdays

Cynthia Arsenaut11
Gregory Barsh 8
Henry Charles Barsh29
Joel Bernard6
Alexander L Burnett
Jacqlyn L Burnett16
Susan Cooper
Debra Faber
Alan Field
Michael Forster21
Marnie Gershowitz
Michael Gilson
Franklin Greenman30
Ronald Kaplan16
Matthew Kaufman 9
Barbara Knowles20
Sammy Knowles21
Benay Krissel

# Yom Kippur - Book of Life

In the first hour the idea of creating man entered God's mind, in the second God took counsel with the Ministering Angels, in the third God assembled Adam's dust, in the fourth God kneaded it, in the fifth God shaped him, in the sixth God made him into a lifeless body, in the seventh God breathed a soul into him, in the eighth God brought him into the Garden of Eden, in the ninth he was commanded [against eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge], in the tenth he transgressed, in the eleventh he was judged, in the twelfth he was pardoned. 'This,' said God to Adam, 'will be a sign to your children. As you stood in judgment before Me this day and came out with a free pardon, so will your children in the future stand in judgment before Me on this day and will come out from My presence with a free pardon.' (Vayikrah Rabbah 29:1)

In this telling, the primary source of awe is God's omnipotent power. This complements the biblical text, in which nature's wonders are extolled and prove so tremendous as to tempt Adam to disobey God almost immediately. This epitomizes the multi-layered content of the Mishnah, establishing a from-day-one tradition of Rosh Hashanah as the time of personal accounting, but building that lesson upon a firm foundation of the creation story.

By approaching the High Holidays not solely as a time of personal reevaluation, but as an opportunity to consider our places--individually and communally--in creation as a whole, we can give more depth to the holidays and provide more fertile ground for teshuvah. In this view, the holidays are a balance: we celebrate creation and then have ten days to consider how we treat others. We cannot be so concerned with our own results, our daily lives, that we diminish those of creation, either the initial creation (whatever you believe that may be) or the ongoing process in which we partner with the divine presence in making a better world. As partners in creation, we cannot demean or diminish, harm or harass, other people in the pursuit of our goals, however worthy. When we do, we tarnish creation. Yom Kippur, then, is an opportunity to repair the damage we have done to creation over the past year, and to re-consecrate ourselves as partners in the ongoing process of creation. The Book of Life is more than a register of who shall live and who shall die; it is a collection of contracts, with each of us signing on for another year of living fully by actively partnering with God.

From this perspective, despite the competing calendars, Rosh Hashanah comes at the perfect time. At the onset of fall, the weather is beginning to change; summer, the season of lushness and robust life, is fading into fall, the season of slow decay and packing up in preparation for winter. The metaphor of the Book of Life is all the more powerful in the fall, because only those who sign up for another year of helping advance creation can be assured of reaching the next spring, the season of life and birth and all the excitement and glory of creation.

None of this is to dismiss the importance of self-reflection around the holidays. One cannot fully make a commitment without taking inventory, in an honest assessment, of personal strengths and weaknesses. And a commitment to partner in creation is no light obligation. But by also looking beyond ourselves and focusing on creation, we can find another level of meaning, purpose and resonance in the holidays.

We wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Shanna Tovah. Alan Beth



#### MAH JONGG CLUB CELEBRATES

The KJCC women who are the heart of the Mah Jongg group are always looking for new players to join with them. They thought that perhaps they could entice you by showing you a few pictures of a group of them who celebrated in Coral Gables recently. They took a few days vacation - all expenses paid - and sent 20 pictures of themselves - eating, drinking, shopping, loafing around in PJ's, getting spiffed up - looks like a fun group to join.

The players on this trip are Linda Pollack, Gene Silverman, Mary Lee Singer, Elaine Schulberg , Maryon Gould and Rene Rose.

# **Congratulations**

Grab a copy of Rozi Graham's newest book, "Keeping Fit After Fifty". Of course, you don't have to read it until you reach 50, unless you want to get ready for a healthy life for your future. Rozi knows how to explain it so you can understand it.



# **Special Days in August**

## **August Birthdays**

Samuel E Barsh
Sooner Brooks-Heath
Esta Jo Busker
Camryn Clements23
Gina Egan13
Carolyn Epstein 6
Jeff Epstein 9
Bill Ferns
Marc S Field
Jessica Forman 4
Pamela Friedman
Brian Gilderman
Ilana Gilderman 8
Peter Goldstein
Zachary Grace18
Rozi Graham10
Judy Greenman27
Elaine Hirsch26
Patricia Isenberg
David Kaufman 5
Eileen Kominsky
Alan Lindenbaum
Jaimee Marshall
Nissan Mayk 5
Carl McNew24
Amanda Nobil
Eric Perloff
Bobby Pitsenbarger
Gordon Present
Ronni Shapiro30
Seth Sherman28
20 2

Barbara Smith10
Ashley Solomon
Evan Stuart
Amanda Sullivan11
Robert Temkin30
Alison Thompson $\dots 16$
Sherry Turney
Sue Ann Weihl30
Carole Weiss 4
Bill Weprin
Heide Werthamer
Ernest Wollin20
Joan L Wollin
Danielle Zinner
Rachel Zinner

#### **August Anniversaries**

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Lynn & Jeff Dils16	21
Judy & Franklin Greenman22	24
Nancy & Kurt Kluger28	18
Barbara & Richard Knowles15	7
Linda & Mario LaGrotte	35
Susan & Paul Roberts	38
Judith & Aaron Schmidt7	51
Dorothy & Larry Wolfe7	49

# Welcome

Say hello to our newest members, ZOE BERK and her daughter Cammie. They live at 19 Pompano Ave in Key Largo and the phone number is 453-1861. Please update your directory.



# **Kosher Lasagna**

1/2 lb medium noodles 1 lb ground meat

1 large onion, sliced 1 T oil

1 jar marinara sauce 1 can tomato soup (undiluted)

garlic salt oregano

Saute onion in oil, add sprinkle of garlic, oregano and salt. Brown meat in same pan. Set aside. Boil noodles for 10 minutes and drain. Mix noodles, meat, sauce and tomato soup. Place in a casserole and bake at 350° uncovered for 3/4 hour.

# **Baked Tomatoes with Spinach and Cheese**

6 medium tomatoes 1 box frozen chopped spinach

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/2 cup Ricotta cheese

2 eggs 1/2 t salt pepper to taste 2 T butter

Cut a 1/2 inch slice from the stem end of each tomato, scoop out pulp and seeds. Sprinkle insides of tomatoes lightly with salt, stand upside down on paper towels and set aside for 30 minutes. Squeeze moisture from uncooked defrosted spinach and combine with the two cheeses and eggs in a mixing bowl and beat until well blended. Add seasonings and mix well. Stuff tomatoes with mixture and dot with butter. Place tomatoes in a buttered baking dish and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

# **Cheese Puffs**

1 cup water 6 TBS butter
1 t salt 1/8 tsp pepper

1 cup flour 4 eggs

1 cup finely diced Gruyere cheese

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Place water, butter, salt and pepper in saucepan and heat until butter is melted and mixture is boiling rapidly. Add flour to mixture at once and continue to cook stirring until mixture forms a ball and leaves sides of pan clean. Remove from heat. Beat each egg into mixture separately until absorbed - add cheese. Drop by the teaspoon onto the cookie sheet. Bake approx 20 minutes until golden brown. (Makes about 60 puffs)

# Cry to those Using Babies as Shields

By Naomi Ragen

My son is in the army. He is not the type at all, believe me. Quiet. studious. a writer, a lover of Jewish history, Talmud, ethics. He spent two vears in a pre-army program in the Galilee called Karmei Chayil. He made many good friends there from all over the country, and now he and all his friends are in the army. One of them I know well. A bit chubby, with payot, and a great laugh. He and my son have become like brothers. While both of them tried out for the elite paratroopers unit, only he made it in. He and his unit are the ones in Lebanon. They were there over a week, fighting under horrific conditions, running out of food and water. Even though the Israeli air force dropped tons of leaflets warning civilians to flee because they were in terrorist territory and likely to be injured, they still encountered civilians. My son spoke to his friend vesterday and this is how he described it:

"The village looked empty, and then we heard noises coming from one of the houses, so we opened fire. But when we went inside, we found two women and a child huddled in the corner of the room. We were so relieved we hadn't hurt them. We took up base in one of the empty houses. And then all of a sudden, we came under intense fire. Three rockets were fired at the house we were in. Only one managed to destroy a wall, which fell on one of us, covering him in white dust, but otherwise not hurting him. I spent the whole time feeding bullets to my friend who was shooting non-stop. We managed to kill 26 terrorists. Not one of us was hurt. Our commanding officer kept walking around, touching everybody on the shoulder, smiling and encouraging us: "We're better than they are. Don't worry." It calmed us all down. And really, we were much better than them. They are a lousy army. They only win when they hide behind baby carriages.'

Please remember this when you hear about

the "atrocity" of the Israeli bomb dropped on Kfar Cana, killing many civilians, a place from which Hezbollah has fired hundreds of rockets at Israel. Unlike previous administrations, Mr. Olmert has my respect when he says: "They were warned to leave. It is the responsibility of Hezbollah for firing rockets amidst civilians."

Terrorists and their supporters have lost the right to complain about civilian casualties, since all they have done this entire war is target civilians. Every single one of the more than 2,500 rockets launched into Israel, is launched into populated towns filled with women and children. Just today, another suicide belt meant to kill civilians in Israel was detonated harmlessly by our forces in Nablus. So don't cry to me about civilian casualties. Cry to those using your babies and wives and mothers: crv to those who store weapons in mosques, ambulances, hospitals, and private homes. Cry to those launching deadly rockets from the backyards of your kindergartens and schools. Cry to the heartless men who love death, and however many of their troops or civilians die. consider themselves victorious as long as they can keep on firing rockets at our women and children.

Save your sympathy for the mothers and sisters and girlfriends of our young soldiers who would rather be sitting in study halls learning Torah, but have no choice but to risk their precious lives full of hope, goodness and endless potential, to wipe out the cancerous terrorist cells that threaten their people and all mankind. Make your choice, and save your tears.

That terrorists have been unsuccessful in killing more of our women and children is due to our army, God and prayers, not to any lack of motivation or intention on their part. If you hide behind your baby to shoot at my baby, you are responsible for getting children killed. You and you alone.





#### From an Ex-President

Aaron (Quarberg) was awarded his Bachelor's Degree in May from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has a degree in Exercise Science/Physiology and will remain at USF for his Master's with a full tuition Graduate Assistantship. Our family is very proud and I'd be grateful if this could be shared with some who might recall his naming, Bar Mitzvah, or scholarship at KJCC!!





More eating - this time at the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by Jeff and Patty at La Siesta. Yep - our members know how to celebrate - and how to eat. Heard this one went so well that Jeff & Patty are going to have another one - real soon.





#### **DOGGY BAG**

What you are looking at is a picture of Mary Lee holding what she thought was her new dog. Turns out to be just the doggy bag. She was surprised - as you may notice - but tells us that these will be a big selling item this fall. And you don't clean up after them.

#### **KOL NIDRE**

#### I Don't Like Kol Nidre

We hear about forgiveness every year at the High Holy Days. We seek God's forgiveness in shul from Selihot through the final prayers of Yom Kippur. But most years, I don't feel I've sinned much. I nod in recognition, and tap my chest when we chant the lists of sins we've spent generations constructing and (more recently) reconstructing. I've got plenty of guilt about all sorts of things, large and small, but I don't think there are many people I've really wronged, nor do I think of myself as a victim of unfairness or cruelty inflicted by others. Neither as a sinner nor as a victim do I embrace the concept of forgiveness as a big part of my life, once the High Holy Days have passed. This whole concept of 10 Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of asking forgiveness from your friends, family, or anyone you have wronged seems to apply to others and not to me. I go to synagogue, socialize, eat cake and do what I can to help but I am not religious. A good Jew is someone else that dhavens three times a day, fasts on all the holidays, honors the Shabbath, this is not me.

I will look around me, at the congregation on the first night of Yom Kippur and see a crowd. A crowd full of Jews. A full house all coming to pray, to stand together as one and listen to our Cantor chant that all familiar haunting melody of Kol Nidre. We stand together as one, a congregation for the right to pray, for the right to announce that we are Jews and all with one purpose.

Now, I remember from years past, the melody of Kol Nidre will awaken something within me. A remembrance from years of ago when I was a small child, my grandfather held my hand walking me to the Shul on Kol Nidre. My mother busy, hurriedly making the feast before the fast. The lighting of candles. A feeling of connection, a sense of being Jewish.

By the third chanting of Kol Nidre - I remember - I am a Jew, a Jew in my own way. A Jew, who hopes to be inscribed in the book of Life. A Jew to make next year a better year.

Perhaps that is what this is all about - making the next year a better year for you and for me

Shanna Tovah Alan Beth

## **About the Boston Patriots -**

One off-the-field note to pass along this morning: Scott Pioli has two new scouts in his personnel department -- Monti Ossenfort and Brian Smith. They replace Matt Russell and Justin Crouse.

Smith was the team's director of football operations from 2004-2005. He's a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Providence College. Ossenfort was a personnel assistant for the Patriots in 2003, and worked for the Texans' personnel department the last two years.

Benjamin Rakov received the KJCC Pauline & Al Roller Merit Award and a \$1000 scholarship on Friday, June 2, 2006 for outstanding achievement and meritorious service. Benny has been a member of the KJCC since he was nine years old and was a Bar Mitzvah here. Benny graduated from Coral Shores High School last month where he was in the Top Ten of his class, won a Faculty Award for Outstanding Student, held the office of President of Varsity Club and earned a Varsity Letter in football, basketball and track. He holds the CSHS record in the Pole Vault. Benny also volunteered throughout high school as an Ecosystem scuba diving instructor and REEF medic. Benny is working this summer at Tavernier Bait & Tackle. In the Fall he will attend Washington University in St. Louis.

#### Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

"Behind every good man, is the woman who put him there!" That is quite the case for the "first lady" of the KJCC, Patty Silver Schocket.

Patty has always been an overachiever. She was born in Brooklyn and raised on "Lon Gileland". She graduated high school in three years and the finance school at Syracuse University in three years.

When asked why she was in such a hurry to complete her schooling early she replied, "It was cold!" Three more years in law school at the University of Miami and she was ready to face the world.

Patty originally had planned to get a master's degree in tax but finances, or lack thereof, forced her to enter the legal workplace. It was a choice at the time of litigation or the secretarial

pool. "I started in commercial litigation because it was the only job I could find," she relates, "but I was very shy and hated speaking in front of anybody so I had to take improvisational acting classes at Miami-Dade College to overcome my courtroom fears."

Part of her killer instinct in litigation cases was developed from her being a female in a male dominated arena. Her new found aggressiveness earned her contempt charges of \$500 in each of her first three trials. While Patty maintains an infectious laugh and normally easy misdemeanor, inside of a courtroom her personality closer resembles that of a junk yard dog.

In the late 80's and early 90's Patty started

her own law firm representing such clients as the governments of Panama and Venezuela and doing leveraged buyouts within the banking industry. By the late 1990s she decided to trade her legal robes for an entrepreneurial hat. What does one do when they decide to stop practicing law? They open a juice bottling company. Of course! The recipe was pure sugar cane juice mixed with a variety of exotic fruits like mango, papaya, etc. Within three months of startup, she and her partners had their products on the shelves at Publix, Winn Dixie, Sedanos and other locations out-

side of Florida. Not bad for a non-practicing attorney.

In 2000, Patty got out of the juice business. It was about that time that she met Jeffrey. They moved to the Keys two years later and Patty opened her law office shortly thereafter. They married in 2003 and now live it up with two dogs, two cats and a bird. Like many others, they stopped into the

KJCC on their way down to their house in Islamorada. They liked that the congregation was less structured than they were used to. It is amazing that within a few years they have gone from just attending services to being the leaders of the congregation. "We are a community and a family, and we have a feeling among us that we each provide support for each other." Patty states and then adds, "Life is good."

We rest our case, your honor.





# WALK ON WATER

American-born Israeli director Eytan Fox lenses this contemporary road movie that takes its Israeli characters to Berlin as they attempt to understand the role that the past still plays in the lives of young Israeli and German people. Stars Lior Ashkenzai, Carola Ranier, Hans Tischler, Israeli Gideon Shemer and Yousuf Swaid. The soundtrack includes tunes by Esther Ofarim, Bruce Springsteen, Telepopmusic and Gigliola Cinquetti.

Genre: Foreign Rated: R Time: 104 Minutes

Reviews:

Pros: EVERYTHING!!

Cons: NOTHING!!

One of the best movies ever made.

Pros: Everything-story-actors scenery

Cons: none

Kept my interest from start to finish with very unexpected ending

Contact Linda Pollack (lindap4000@earthlink.net) for questions, reservations (so we know how much pizza to order), or offers to assist that evening.



Tishri	SATURDAY	2 Ki Tetze	9 Ki Tavo	16 S'lichot Nitz Avim/ Vayelech	Rosh Hashonah 9:00 am	30 Ha'Azinu
8 Elul 5766 – 8 Tishri	FRIDAY	1 Dinner at the Ferns Dr Bernie	8 Alan Beth	15 Jim Boruszak	22 Erev Rosh Hashonah Cantor Mark	29 Steve Steinbock
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the year 5766 draws to a close and the New Year approaches, I am asking, how do we make the old new? How do we approach parts of our lives that are important and meaningful, but perhaps have become routine and lost some of their meaning? I ponder this question because it arises in many areas of our lives: in our friendships, in our work, in our connection with Judaism, and yes even in our marriages. During Rosh Hashana, we pray hadesh yamenu k'kedem . Renew our days, make our lives real, engaging and meaningful. How do we do that as we enter a new year?

I do not pretend to have "the" answer. Yes, we rely on our spirituality and we pray. But simply saying the words without thinking about what they mean, and merely going through the motions without involving our hearts and minds, does not fulfill our obligation to pray according to the rabbis. The point is to be engaged, to be passionate. In a broader sense, we are to live life like we really mean it.

We have all had a friendship where we once felt really close and then felt as though we were just going though the motions. We still hung out and talked about this or that but didn't really talk about what's on our minds or share what's in our hearts. Getting excited about a new friendship is easy, but making a friendship last over time means investing our minds and our hearts in the relationship. Making a friendship last means we must accept the fact that sometimes there will be misunderstandings and disagreements. It's trusting that we can talk through problems and make ourselves vulnerable enough to open up. A major challenge to both friendship and love is our tendency to withdraw and simply go through the motions of friendship or love. To engage our relationships means that we commit to bringing energy, direction and honesty into the relationship, even though it feels easier to pretend things are fine. By doing this, the passion is renewed.

So my goal for the New Year is to find something that makes me excited and fully engages me, "with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my might." I am intent on taking parts of my life that feels routine and animate them with energy, so that other areas of my life will likewise be infused with passion. If we remember that our lives are supposed to be fun and full of passion, we can insure we do not miss the life we are meant to live. L'Shana Tova

> Shalom, Jeffrey

# **Important Anouncments**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2006 at 9:00 am. Yes - 9:00 am was passed at the last Board meeting. All Members are welcome.

#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Read the High Holy Days schedule on the back of the cover page. Make your plans to attend the services and the Break-the-Fast. Be sure to read the S'lichot flyer on page 28.

As always, there is no charge for attending any of our High Holy Day Services.

Beat the rush - attend services this coming Friday night at 8:00 pm and enjoy a great Oneg after.

#### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

#### **DEADLINE**

Deadline for the November issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is October 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### **SISTERHOOD**

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for October 1. The main item on the agenda is plans for the bread-the-fast.

#### **ONEG SHABBAT**

Letters will be sent soon so you can sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at mcnewr@bellsouth.net To contact Mary Lee, who will happily do typing for you, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net.



#### Leaders

We wish to thank all of our members who lead the services each week. It is indeed a wonderful thing that you do.

Now I ask that you give Alan Beth your available dates as soon as possible, so we can list all of our great leaders in Chai-Lights. This would indeed be another good deed.

## **October Memoriam**

By Robert & Sylvia Berman

In Blessed Memory of

**STEPHEN BERMAN** 

Eternal Rest

By Shirley Boxer

In Blessed Memory of

**MILTON BOXER** 

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Mel & Blanche Taks

In Blessed Memory of

**EVA BUCHMAN** 

Eternal Peace

By Joel Cohen

In Blessed Memory of

**SANDERS G COHEN** 

Forever In Our Hearts

By Marty & Bea Graham

In Blessed Memory of

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In Our Heart And Memory

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In Blessed Memory of

**JOSEPH ELSON** 

Always In My Memory

By Stuart & Geri Smith

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Always In Our Memory

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In Our Memory Always

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In Blessed Memory of

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Long Blessed Sleep

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In Blessed Memory of

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We Remember Always

By Melvin Jacobson

In Blessed Memory of

STANLEY W. JACOBSON

With Loving Rememberance

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of

**LEAH KAMELY** 

Sleep In Peace

## **October Memoriam**

By Linda Rutkin

In Blessed Memory of

**BERTHA KAUFMAN** 

Remembered With Love

By Harvey & Judith Klein

In Blessed Memory of

**ESTHER M KLEIN** 

Forever Remembered With Love

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of

**REBEKAH LEVY** 

Always Remembered

By Lillian Lippman

In Blessed Memory of

**JACK LIPPMAN** 

Always Remebered With Love

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In Blessed Memory of

**ROSALYN ROSE** 

Rest in Blessed Peace

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In Blessed Memory of

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Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By the Sherman Family

In Blessed Memory of

**HELEN SHERMAN** 

Always Loved and Missed

By the Blumberg Family

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Eternal Rest

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In Blessed Memory of

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Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Mary Lee Singer

In Blessed Memory of

**MORTON I. SINGER** 

Eternal Peace

By Sid Samuels

In Blessed Memory of

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Forever In Our Hearts

By Alfred & Sue Ann Weihl

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HERBERT S. WEIHL

In Our Heart And Memory

By Donald & Nancy Zinner

In Blessed Memory of

**SARAH WERNICOFF** 

Always In My Memory

By Norbert Birnbaum

In Blessed Memory of

**GERTRUDE WIDLAN** 

Rest In Peace

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# **Excerpted from the Israeli press**

Jerusalem, 31 July 2006

From Address by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to the Mayors Conference

We are not willing to give up our right to a normal life - like any other nation, like any other society, anywhere.

Not everyone identifies with us. More than a few criticize us and express reservations with our battle. We seek neither conflict nor confrontation, but it is our right to tell all those who attack us: none of you would ever acquiesce to such murderous attacks against your citizens. I do not want to tell you what you would have done if you had been in our place.

I will only say that the State of Israel sanctifies the most fundamental moral values, which are carved in our ancient Jewish tradition - and in our blood which was spilled - and we do not need any nation or any country to teach us these principles. We do not pursue innocent civilians, we do not fight against the Lebanese people and we do not seek to topple their government. We are fighting against reckless terrorists, and we will not stop fighting them until we remove them from our border.

I wish to appeal to the citizens of Lebanon: Just when a new chapter began in your country, with new spirits of freedom and democracy, you were taken hostage by the Hizballah organization of murderers. This organization does not fight the war of the people of Lebanon. There is no cause for conflict between us and Lebanon. There is no territorial dispute and no ideological "abyss" between us. We and you need to want the same thing the right to a simple, quiet and safe life.

Citizens of Lebanon, we regret the pain caused to so many of you, the fact that you had to flee your homes and places of residence and the unintentional harm to innocents, but we do not apologize for it.

We want to coexist with you in calm and tranquility, and, with G-d's help, also in peace. But we will not give up - not even for a moment - our right to protect the State of Israel and defend our lives, and we will not apologize to those who dare to question Israel's right to exist.

The founder of the State of Israel, David Ben Gurion, said at the Temporary State Council in 1948: "while we have never despaired of the human conscience and never ceased - and will never cease - from demanding from the world what is rightfully ours, based on law and justice, we must always memorize to ourselves, day and night, that our existence - our freedom, our future - depend first and foremost on ourselves, our efforts, our abilities and our will".

Let me finish this reflection on the Crisis in the Middle East with the following opinion: I share with my Israeli friends the belief, that this war in Lebanon against terrorism is not over, we have to prepare ourselves for the next battle. Israel cannot fight this war alone, we need the help of the international community. Israel needs us, the Jewish Community in the Diaspora, especially America, to support her with strong lobbying,....... we need Israel for the survival of the Jewish people.

# **Bowling Fun**

Come join us every Tuesday @ 9:45 for a morning of unpressured bowling. We are a non-sanctioned league and bowl all year round @ The Fish Bowl. There is no age limit and as an added bonus, we have cookies and coffee! See either Marty or Mary Lee to sign up.



#### Sisterhood

Time is passing. Here in New Jersey the summer season is officially over. Swim clubs have closed, kids are back at school. Even the tourist attractions are closed except for a few special weekends. So different than our activities in Florida that are year round. Of course that is what brings us to the Keys every year. This is the time that we are twixt and between. We would like to be in the Keys, but we are not ready to leave NJ yet.

As we look toward our busy season, there will be many new ideas to add to our regularly scheduled functions. We are always looking for something new to bring us together for an evening. I would like to continue our participation in the loving hands program at Homestead Hospital. Our hats have been greatly appreciated. If those of you who have contributed can do just 2 or 3 a month that would be golden. I am making both Chanukah and Christmas hats for our local hospital here in New Jersey.

Next Sisterhood meeting will be Oct 1st at 9:00 am. It will be a time to talk informally about our calendar for the year and set up for the Breakthe-fast at the same time. Our next meeting, after the holidays, will be Nov 5th at 9:30 am. Plan to attend and work hard to nail down the details of our calendar.

Jules and I wish you an easy fast and the hope for a quiet and peaceful year, here, in Israel and world wide.

Nettie

# **Ongoing Projects**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

CEMETERY INFORMATION If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you may reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bea 852-0214.

PICTURE POSTCARDS We have some wonderful picture postcards of the KJCC stained glass windows available. They can be packaged to fit your needs and even mailed to you or to your gift recipient. Prices are as low as \$36 per hundred but we sell lesser quantities. Call gift shop chairperson or Marty 852-0214.

ONEG SHABBAT Sponsor or Hostess, to schedule your special date call Bea Graham 852-0214.

TREES A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. They are easy to purchase, the recipient is notified immediately of your generosity and both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Bea at 852-0214 for ordering information.

# **KJCC Religious School Calendar**

2006-2007 5766-5767

Classes begin at 10am and end at 12 noon. If you need to report that your child will be absent, please notify

Susan Gordon: 451-0787, Yardena Kameli :305-273-9171, or Gloria Avner: 451-7170

September 10 September 17

NO CLASS Sept. 24 (Rosh Hashanah) NO CLASS Oct. 1 (Erev Yom Kippur)

October 8 - (2nd day Sukkot) October 15 - (Simchat Torah)

October 22 October 29 November 5 November 12 November 19

NO CLASS November 26 (Thanksgiving

Weekend)

December 3
December 10

December 17 (3rd night of Chanukah)

NO CLASS December 24 (Winter Break) NO CLASS December 31 (Winter Break)

January 7 January 14 January 21 January 28

February 4 (Tu B'Shevat)

February 11 February 18 February 25 March 4 (Purim)

March 11 March 18 March 25

April 1 (Student Passover Seder)

April 8

April 15 (Yom Hashoah)

April 22 April 29

May 6 (Lag Ba-Omer)

NO CLASS May 13 (Mothers Day)

May 20- LAST CLASS



















#### **TASHLICH**

A popular practice during the Rosh Hashana is holiday Tashlich ("casting off"). We walk to flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day and empty our pockets into the river, symbolically casting off our sins. Small pieces of bread are commonly put in the pocket to cast off. This practice is not discussed in the Bible, but is a long-standing custom. Tashlich is normally observed on the afternoon of the first day, before afternoon services.

Steve Steinbock downloaded some pictures of the KJCC celebrating Tashlich with Cantor Mark. If you don't see your picture - talk to Steve. Either you weren't there or he didn't like the picture he took.



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#### **VISIT TO JOEL**

A group of KJCC members visited with Joel Cohen in his new quarters. Left to right - Bill Ferns, Alan Beth, Joseph Beth, Pauline Roller, Candy Stanlake, Joel, Freda Ferns. Standing behind Joel are his cousin Jennifer and a friend.

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Chai-Lights Mitzvah: Marty Graham

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

# YEDA The Crisis in the Middle East:

# THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM AND ITS THREAT TO EXTERMINATE ISRAEL



When the conflict between Israel and Lebanon broke out on July, when Hezbollah kidnapped our soldiers, we were sitting at my cousins home in New York watching Israeli TV News..... and we were very concerned for our family and friends that live in northern Israel. We made calls to Israel and talked to them every day. They were not afraid, they did not want to leave their homes in Haifa and vicinity. They were resolved to respond to the attacks by fighting back......

My childhood friends asked their parents, who live in Haifa (our hometown), to leave and go to Raanana (near Tel-Aviv) to stay with them. They refused and remained at their home, using the shelter for many days. It is the same shelter we were staying at as small children during the other Arab-Israeli wars. It is so sad that our parents and our children and grandchildren have to use these same shelters once again. We wanted so much to believe that a coexistence with the Arabs is possible, but we have no illusions now.

Another dear friend, a teacher from a northern town, kept sending me e-mails and articles, telling about reactions and feelings of other friends in Haifa. Let me share with you what a teacher at the Haifa University wrote:

"While I write this in the comfort of my apartment, I know full well that at this moment (I can hear the warplanes overhead) people are being blown to bits in Beirut in my name, and soldiers who could be my children are fighting

and dying to keep me safe from people who have been trying to kill me all week. I know that Hezbollah targets civilians (people just like me), and I know that our army does not -- but I also know that there is no such thing as a "surgically precise" airstrike.

My heart cries out to stop the death and pain in Lebanon, but I do not speak. Hezbollah started a war and could end it. Imagine what would happen if they said: "We are releasing the two kidnapped soldiers and stopping the Katyushas." Israel in a matter of minutes would suspend operations in Lebanon. Every Lebanese child killed by a Jewish bomb dies because Nasrallah refuses to make that announcement.

What would Israel do if Hezbollah disarmed? Stop the bombing and turn its back on Lebanon. What would Hezbollah do if we disarmed? I leave that to your imagination.

The Israeli view of the world has room for Lebanon, for Jordan, for Egypt, and even, for the majority of Israelis, for a free and independent Palestine. The Hezbollah, the Hamas, the Iranian view of the world has no room for Israel."

This war affected not only the people living in Israel, but all the Jewish people and the Jewish Communities all over the world. To me, watching those immages on TV showing the Hezbollah terrorists training for the killing of Israelis, is something quite scary. All this hatred they are teaching their children, how can we expect a peaceful coexistence? ....... scary.

To listen to Israel's leaders in these difficult times makes me aware, again and again, of how courageous we, the Jewish people, are. And it makes me understand that as long as we stand united, we will continue to be strong.

See pages 7, 13 & 14.

## Letter from an Israeli Citizen

Hi,

I wanted to share with you a letter from my brother Moshe, who lives in Haifa, with his family.

Feel free to share with your friends and loved ones. .......Hanan.

From the Haifa incident to the Qana incident: Every day (except for the recent days that I am locked in a shelter) on the way to work to the University, I drive by a particular bus station, a mile away from my home here in Haifa. It is a bus station turned into a sober minimalistic monument but still functioning as a bus stop: a stone wall with a plaque with 21 names inscribed, mostly children who were on the bus that was blown to pieces by the terrorist.

The bomber was Palestinian, the sponsors and planners were the Hibzollah (who are responsible for 70% of the terrorists bombings incoming from the Palestinian territories, over the last two years).

The children on the bus were from the Reali school, the same school that my kids now attend, among them Abigail, a gentle girl whose parents were Mormons, not Jews, her father was a visiting professor at the Haifa Univ. Why do I mention Abigail in particular? Personal acquaintance: this gentle soul happened to be my wife's student in her afternoon art therapy class.

I do not recall any outrage, a single demonstration anywhere in the world, at this hideous act committed by the Hizbollah....

Actually the two acts are similar, yet different. The similarity, that in both cases many people, most of them children, were killed. For kidloving people who don't care about context, that would have been enough reason to demonstrate in both cases. But that is where the similarity ends. It makes all the difference in the world - in the Haifa case the kids were mur-

dered. In the Qana case the kids were unintentionally killed. Israel did not target the kids in Qana, we never do, but Hizbollah did target our kids in Haifa, then and now, it always does.

Now, if those pious souls thousands of miles away from here, taking to the streets in outrage, people in other continents most of whom probably cannot even point where Israel is on the map, really cared about kids, should we have heard of them when the body parts of our kids were sprayed on the pavement and the walls of the homes across the bus station where the Hizbollah-launched human bomb mounted the bus? (And there was not just a single bus, but tens of buses like this in Israel, I just describe the one I pass by everyday).

Why is it that whenever we stand up to fight a monster who kills our civilians while hiding among its civilians and putting its own people at risk, while exercising our right for selfdefense we unintentionally happen to hit civilians, the Europeans gang up to stop us, to leave us helpless, exposed to the threat? Is this a World Warll European tradition?

Speaking of WWII, Benjamin Netanyahu gave an interview yesterday to a British network, in which he reminded them of a forgotten episode in their history: The Royal Airforce Pilots set out to bomb the Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen. The bombs fell instead on the nearby Children's hospital. 83 Danish kids were killed...

Examples like this, of democracies unintentionally hitting civilians while fighting existential threats, abound. Want some recent ones? How about Nato in the Balkans repeatedly but unintentionally hitting bus-loads of innocents, many of them kids? No demonstrations against them. Examples of the other kind also abound, e.g. hundreds of Iraqi civilians includ-

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#### Letter from an Israeli Citizen

continued

ing many kids being wiped out almost daily by Islamic terrorists. No demonstrations against them.

Why is it that when the Israelis are involved in a tragic incident, directly caused by the terrorist enemy firing from a few tens of meters away from the house that was hit, right into our homes here in Northern Israel, aiming to kill every kid that hides in every home here throughout a third of my country, then the whole word takes to the streets, but not to denounce the terrorists for causing the outrage on both sides, but rather to tie up our hands behind our back? What have we done to you to deserve being weakened by you to the point where our justifiable right of self-defense is being stripped off? The words we hear are "stop the bloodshed" but the message is "shed your blood".

I say squarely - the weapon was an Israeli plane, the murderer of those kids in Qana is Hizbollah. The weapon was a Palestinian human bomb, the murderer of those kids in Haifa is Hizbollah. If you have any decency - whether you are European, American or Arab - take to the streets to denounce Hizbollah. Take to the streets to protest Qana denouncing the killer, Hizbollah.

Moshe-

an Inhabitant of Haifa - A professor of Electrical Engineering at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.

Shalom and Shana Tova, Yardena.

# Greetings from Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to the Diaspora Communities

Rosh Hashana 5767

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to send you warm greetings from Jerusalem as we prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashana and the holiday season.

The last few months have been difficult ones for the State of Israel, as we faced renewed violence and terror by those who would wish our total destruction. Thanks to the courage of our soldiers and citizens alike, we have weathered this current storm and emerged stronger than ever.

However, we still face the difficult task of recovering from the extensive damage in the north, the Haifa region and the Negev. All our efforts are directed towards rehabilitating those areas most affected and to moving ahead. As we have in the past, we rely on the support of our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora.

Your participation in strengthening the Jewish homeland is invaluable, and your unwavering encouragement reinforces our determination to live our lives here in Israel and to uphold our Jewish, democratic values.

It is my wish that the New Year brings security, stability and peace to our nation and its eternal, undivided capital, Jerusalem.

May you all have a year of good health, prosperity and success.

Shana Tova! Sincerely, Ehud Olmert October 2006

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sisterhood 9:00	Yom Kippur Yizkor					
Erev Yom Kippur					Erev Sukkot	Sukkot
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Board 9:00						
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Erev Yom Kippur	9 Tishri	Sun	Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	Mon	Oct 2	9:30 am
Erev Sukkot	14 Tishri	Fri	Oct 6	8:00 pm
Chanukah	25 Kislev	Fri	Dec 15	8:00 pm
Purim	14 Adar	Fri	Mar 2	7:30 pm



#### **Baked Corn**

1 can creamed corn 1 can whole kernel corn

2 eggs 2 T milk

2 T very finely grated onion (or onion juice) salt & pepper as desired

8 - 10 crushed saltine crackers

For Top -

2 T butter 5 - 10 finely crushed crackers

Mix all ingredients except butter and pour into a buttered  $\square$  casserole dish. Put additional pieces of butter on top and sprinkle  $\square$  with additional cracker crumbs. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes until center puffs up.

# **Vegetarian Baked Beans**

3 medium onions, chopped

1/3 c vinegar

1/3 c maple syrup

1/2 c brown sugar

1/3 c ketchup

1/2 c liquid smoke (optional)

15 oz. cans each of:

- white kidney beans

- green lima beans

- dark red kidney beans

- vegetarian baked beans

Cook onions in large frying pan. Add sugar, vinegar, ketchup, maple syrup and liquid smoke. Drain all beans (except baked beans). Mix beans together in large cooking pot or casserole dish. Add onion mixture. Bake at 325° for one hour.

Yes, you non-vegetarians can fry some meat with the onions. Cube the meat small, crumble it after cooking, leave out the liquid smoke.

## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Many of us, while growing up, had the very good fortune to have parents and grandparents that seemed to embrace us, our friends, and life all around them. No one was turned away and there was a purpose for each of us no matter our background or place of birth. That ancestral practice seems to still be very much alive here in the Florida Keys.

When you consider that nearly every member of our congregation is from some place

else, it truly defines us as a melting pot of personalities from all corners of the globe. What makes the Keys Jewish Community Center (KJCC) so special is the camaraderie that exists almost immediately after first visit. We one's announce at every service that "You are a stranger only once; after that you are part of our mischpuka (family)". Each of us has our own indi-

vidual stories about this, but it is the collective result of our attraction to this congregation that has laid the foundation for its existence and growth over the years.

As one enters the sanctuary facing the bema it is impossible not to notice the beautiful stained glass windows and panels that tell the many stories of the Torah. On sunny days these tiny panes of colored glass seem to come alive with the travels of our ancestors from their earliest existence through the many hardships endured to reach our present day accomplishments. Of special note are the windows above the arc that house our sacred scrolls. One depicts the burning bush representing the birthplace of those sacred teachings and the other, very appropriately, features a dove of peace and life from the waters that

have drawn many of us to this wonderful place.

To the left and right are the memorial plaques that eternalize those who have come before us to establish this house of worship and to keep their memories alive each time we gather to pray. During our Friday services we turn and face the entrance to welcome the Sabbath bride and view the magnificent Trees of Life that commemorate special occasions and life cycle events in the lives of our fellow members. At that same moment it is also awe inspiring to see the beautiful blue and white

stained glass Mogan David that brilliantly shines upon those on both sides of our front entrance.

The Ruth Richardson Social Hall (the original KJCC building) holds many more memories of delicious onegs and special celebrations in addition to being the focal point for a variety of meetings and the reli-

gious education of our children. And as we enter and exit the east entrance, one is greeted aromatically and visually by the newly established Dr. Ben and Helen Sherman Patio Garden.

For all of the above accomplishments and "gifts" that we have and with the knowledge that all of our ancestors before us are uniquely responsible for us coming together as a family, we can fully realize that our KJCC itself is a "Mensch" for all of us to embrace.

As we enter this New Year together, please take a moment to walk the grounds, the halls, and the aisles of this magnificent gift to our Jewish community here in the Keys and expand your chest with pride that you are a part of our mischpuka.

# **Special Days in October**

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Cynthia Arsenaut11	Matthew A. Silverman15				
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## **Looking Forward to November**

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Ruth Grace
John Greenbaum26
Marilyn Greenbaum13
Herbert Grossman4
Fred Hermann30
Robert Hermann
Steven Horowitz
Nicole Hudson28
Amy LaGrotte
Michele Lindenbaum 7
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Eric Sanders
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Sofy Wasser
Hannah Werthamer 2
Milton Wohl 5
Larry Wolfe
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Eileen & Randy Kominsky 30	26
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Patricia & Jeffrey Schocket 1	3
Nancy & Donald Zinner	19



## **Cammy**

Our own little Cammy Berk collected \$29.34 for the Jewish National Fund by herself. She filled a blue Box and it was sent to the Jewish National Fund at 42 East 69th Street New York, New York 10021. Nice Job Cammy.

# CHAI-LIGHTS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit here thinking of this month's message, I look back to the High Holidays with fondness. Thanks to our leaders and Cantor Mark for memorable services. Our ritual chairman deserves a medal. Sisterhood once again out did itself with Break the Fast. Thanks to all who contributed to make this an outstanding success. The KJCC is truly a remarkable place. Do you know why?

The KJCC is remarkable because it embraces the diversity among us. We communicate with each other openly and respect our individual differences as well as our similarities. In the KJCC, every one of us is free to pursue our own beliefs in our own way. There is no right way. There is no wrong way. We celebrate our Jewishness and the meaning of Judaism in the way each of us feels is right for us. I can think of no other institution that respects individual freedom as much as we do here. And that is the heartbeat of the KJCC.

By chance, we learned that a Chabad House is opening in Key Largo and it is promoted by some of our members. I am disappointed that we were not directly told in light of the open communication we have tried to promote. Regardless, I, on behalf of the KJCC, wish you well and welcome another Jewish institution in the Keys. In the KJCC tradition, each person's beliefs and religious needs are respected. We respect yours.

The rumor mill has been at work. Is it good? Is it bad? Will we lose members? Is this signaling our demise? My own opinion is that it is good; the KJCC is healthy and alive; and prosperous. The KJCC will continue to provide what we have always provided to the members of our community: the practice of Judaism according to our individual preferences and the sense of family derived from this basic acknowledgment of individuality. It is that individuality which has created the supposed need for another synagogue. We have trouble getting a minion. We do not have Saturday services. We do not have a rabbi. If someone desires these things, we need to proudly admit, that the KJCC does not provide them. We are a synagogue of equals and need no spiritual leadership. We do not need to be told what we must do to be a good Jew. We draw on each others' strengths and are satisfied. We learn from each other, on equal footing. The KJCC has never engaged a rabbi to lead us or divide us. Each one of us is a

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## **Important Anouncments**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2006 at 9:00 am. Yes - 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

#### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 9:00 am. Come to help with our plans for the 2007 season.

#### **ONEG SHABBAT**

Letters will be sent soon so you can sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

#### **KJCC WEBSITE**

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. We would like feedback on the format for the Web issue of Chai-Lights. Check October or November against an earlier issue, and let us know which is easier to read. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

#### **DEADLINE**

Deadline for the December issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is November 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at mcnewr@bellsouth.net To contact Mary Lee, who will happily do typing for you, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net.

#### **President's Message**

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leader, creating a synergistic effect. That is the essence of the KJCC. So with that, I, for one, look forward to another Jewish institution in the Keys and hope it makes us proud. I look forward to an open exchange and dialogue. Because that is what we are about!

> Shalom, Jeffrey

## **November Leaders**

8pm Nov 3. Alan Beth 8pm Nov. 10 Alan Beth 8pm Nov. 17 George Swartz 6:30pm Nov. 24 Jim Boruszak

Note: 6:30pm Services Last Friday of the Month

## **November Memoriam**

By Franklin & Judy Greenman

In Blessed Memory of

**SUSAN BAN** 

Eternal Rest

By Laurence & Renee Green

In Blessed Memory of

**ESTHER BERNSTEIN** 

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Pauline Roller

In Blessed Memory of

HARRY BROWNSTEIN

Eternal Peace

**By Michael Krissel** 

In Blessed Memory of

**DEBORAH K CANNON** 

Forever In Our Hearts

By Jules & Nettie Seder

In Blessed Memory of

**FLORENCE COHEN** 

In Our Heart And Memory

By Sid Samuels

In Blessed Memory of

**JULIUS DEUTCHMAN** 

Always In My Memory

By the Blumberg Family

In Blessed Memory of

**JUDY GLASSMAN** 

Rest In Peace

By James & Joan Boruszak

In Blessed Memory of

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Rest In Eternal Peace

By Marty & Bea Graham

In Blessed Memory of

**DONALD GRAHAM** 

Always In Our Memory

By the Sherman Family

In Blessed Memory of

**NETTIE GROSSMAN** 

In Our Memory Always

By Allan & Linda Holbrook

In Blessed Memory of

HERB HOLBROOK

Long Blessed Sleep

By Linda Rutkin

In Blessed Memory of

**SUSIE IDESTONE** 

We Remember Always

By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs

In Blessed Memory of

**DAVID JACOBS** 

With Loving Rememberance

By Melvin Jacobson

In Blessed Memory of

**BERTHA JACOBSON** 

Sleep In Peace

## **November Memoriam**

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of

**DAVID KAMELY** 

Remembered With Love

By Herbert & Selma Levine

In Blessed Memory of

**IRVING KORNHAUSER** 

Forever Remembered With Love

By Sandy & Nancy Yankow

In Blessed Memory of

**KATY KRAM** 

Always Remembered

By Teresa Kwalick

In Blessed Memory of

**BARRY S KWALICK** 

Always Remebered With Love

By Mario & Linda LaGrotte

In Blessed Memory of

JOSEPH LA GROTTE

Rest in Blessed Peace

By Herbert & Selma Levine

In Blessed Memory of

**ROSE LEVINE** 

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Ron & Beth Kaminstein Levy

In Blessed Memory of

**SOL LEVY** 

Always Loved and Missed

By Sandy & Nancy Yankow

In Blessed Memory of

**MORRIS MAZUR** 

Eternal Rest

By Marc & Ellen Bloom

In Blessed Memory of

**LORETTA MESSER** 

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In Our Heart And Memory

By Sid Samuels

In Blessed Memory of

DR SANDRA SAMUELS

Always In My Memory

By Jeffrey & Patricia Schocket

In Blessed Memory of

**SEYMOUR SCHOCKET** 

Rest In Peace

## **November Memoriam**

By Harvey & Susan Schwaid

In Blessed Memory of

DAVID W. SCHWAID

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Morton & Gene Silverman

In Blessed Memory of

**ALBERT SILVERMAN** 

Always In Our Memory

By Morton & Gene Silverman

In Blessed Memory of

**PHILLIP SILVERMAN** 

In Our Memory Always

By Robert & Lee Schur

In Blessed Memory of

**SHIRLEY SINGER** 

Long Blessed Sleep

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

In Blessed Memory of

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We Remember Always

By George & Muriel Swartz

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In Blessed Memory of

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In Blessed Memory of

**SOLOMON WASSER** 

Always Remembered

By Sheldon & Carole Weiss

In Blessed Memory of

**SAMUEL WEISS** 

Always Remebered With Love

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Blessed Memory of

**DIANA WOLFE** 

Rest in Blessed Peace

By Rachael Woolin

In Blessed Memory of

**ANNIE WOOLIN** 

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

## **KJCC Religious School News.**

by Yardena Kamely

KJCC Religious School started the first week of September, and like each year our teaching and learning began with the Jewish New Year and the High Holidays.

For ROSH HASHANA our young students wrote SHANA TOVA greetings in Hebrew and in English to their families and to their KJCC family. All cards and drawings are displayed in our classroom. We invite the members of our mishpoche who are just back to come and enjoy the display. And with a little more practice, with the help of the Feders, father and son, we will soon be able to present you a Rosh Hashana song in Hebrew.

Talking about YOM KIPPUR we discussed the meaning of SLICHOT, forgiveness. Each one of our very young students had a personal story he wanted to tell, about some "stupid kid" who said some "stupid things" to him, and that well.... that he could forgive him, and "yeeeh..... it might be not so difficult." .... Why is it that as adults we don't feel such easiness when it comes to good relationships, tolerance and Shlom Bayit (peace of the house)?

The children had two important activities in which they could participate with their parents and other members of our KJCC mishpoche: they helped with the building of the SUKKAH and created the beautiful decorations. On SUKKOT Corey explained the Four Species and performed the mitzvah reciting the blessing of the lulav. Many of our service leaders joined us in the SUKKAH for this ritual and performed the mitzvah, too. Our congregation is very lucky to have such knowledgeable leaders.

On SIMCHAT TORAH our post Bar Mitzvah students, Joseph, Molly and Corey, carried the Torah Scrolls making the seven hakafot in the sanctuary and the children marching with them,

carrying little flags and miniature Torah scrolls. Again the participation of the adults brought a lot of enthusiasm to our celebration, what a singing and dancing with the Torah! awesome!

Thank you all for your participation, this is the best way to contribute to the education of our children.

Shalom, Yardena









## **High Holy Days 5767**

Our holiday season is over, having culminated with a beautiful Simchat Torah service led by our religious school teacher, Yardena Kameli, and featuring our Sunday School students and parents. Carrying our 3 torahs were Joseph Beth, Molly Bloom, and Cory Wasser as we marched around the synagogue 7 times, singing and dancing. The torah reading was explained by Yardena and a history of our Holocaust torah was recanted to the children.

The holidays began with a beautiful Erev Rosh Hashanah service and continued with services on both days of Rosh Hashanah. We participated in a Tashlich service with Cantor Mark during which we cast our sins/bread upon the waters. Our Yom Kippur service started with Kol Nidre and ended with a sumptuous Break the Fast prepared under Sisterhood auspices with Marc Bloom's excellent leadership. Don Zinner conducted his annual children's service along with an interactive session which was wonderfully enjoyed by all attending. Under Candy Stanlake's supervision, the sukkah was erected in record time and the Friday night Kiddush and chomotzi blessings were held there.

Special thanks to our religious chairman, Alan Beth, who worked relentlessly to assure that services were carried out in a most professional manner. Cantor Mark once again was wonderful as he led us during the holidays. Thanks to all our lay leaders for their excellent presentations: Alan Beth, Jim Boruszak, Bernie Ginsberg, Joel Pollack, Jeffrey Schocket, Steve Steinbock, and George Swartz.

At this time, let me wish a happy and healthy new year from my family to all our KJCC mishpocha.

> L'shana tova tikatevu, Joel Pollack

## YARTZEIT PLAQUES

RONALD REPKA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
IRWIN "BABE" KWALICK
11/26/05 - 7/26/88
and
ESTHER SILVERSTEIN KWALICK
12/24/03 - 6/05/91

WARREN J. SHEINKER October 11, 1926 - April 11, 2006

SEYMOUR SCHOCKET ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS JEFFREY & PATTI SCHOCKET

DELORES ENID FELDMAN
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS
JEFFREY & PATTI SCHOCKET

## **BOOK PLATES**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MURIEL JACOBSON BY HER HUSBAND, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

## **Sisterhood**



What a pleasure it is to be back in the Keys. Somehow for us, when it is time to leave New Jersey, we are ready. Having to wear long pants and a jacket every time we leave the house and having the heat on all the time, makes us both ready to leave. Although it is hard to leave friends and our little grandchildren, we are lucky that many of them will come to visit during the winter months. The payback is the feel of the sun on our skin when we walk in the morning and jump in the pool in the afternoon. We look forward to the pleasure of seeing our friends whom we have missed all summer. How lucky are we, to be able to enjoy these two wonderful places in our lives.

With the High Holidays over, I would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help with all the Onegs after services and the Break-The-Fast after Yom Kippur. It takes many hands to put it all together. I want especially to thank Marc for all the shopping and prep work he does and to thank everyone who helped make these occasions our best ever.

Now, as everyone starts to return, there are many activities to plan and enjoy. There will be a Chanukah dinner in December and a fashion show in January. Stuart and Lauren Sax (thank you both so much) will MC it for us again at Café Largo. We had a very large attendance last year and we hope you will all join us in 2007. Please get your tickets early. This is just the beginning of our events for the season. Keep reading Chai- Lights for more exciting information.

I know that everyone is busy, but I am hoping, if you were part of our Loving Hands project, that you made a hat or two each month during the summer.

Our next meeting is on November 5th at 9:00 am. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we will help to get you started. Come to enjoy a pleasant morning and to be involved in our plans.

For all, I wish a healthy and peaceful month.

Nettie

#### **Dates for Sisterhood**

Nov 5 Sisterhood Meeting 9 am light breakfast 9:30 meeting

Dec 3 Sisterhood meeting 9:30

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yartzeit Memorial Plaques, Bookplates: Linda Pollack

Chai-Lights Mitzvah: Marty Graham

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

#### **OFF THE BEATEN PATH:**

#### Fun for the Whole Family in Israel

There are some sites in Israel that are never omitted from an itinerary--what is a trip to Jerusalem without visiting the Western Wall? But there are many more lesser-known sites that make Israel unique and will pique the interest of children of all ages. National Herzl Society Chair Scott Gendell of Chicago recently visited Israel with his wife, Lisa, their four children, and other families from the Chicago area. Scott, a President's Council and Century Club member, serves as the Hefer Valley Water Reservoir Chairman of JNF's Chicago Regional Board.

"This past winter break, Lisa and I were fortunate enough to lead a Family Mission to Israel and 55 fellow Chicagoans," he said. "Many in the group were first-timers and, with the exception of Lisa and me, no adults had been there in at least 20 years. It was a privilege to view Israel through the eyes of so many people who were seeing either a new or different Israel for the first time."

With kids of all ages on the trip, there was something for everyone. Here are some of the highlights that Scott recommends for engaging the whole family:

#### The Palmach Museum

The newly opened Palmach Museum chronicles the lives of fighters in an interactive multimedia presentation. The Palmach, or Jewish Striking Force, existed from 1941 until it was absorbed into the Haganah in 1948. During its brief history, the Palmach heroically paved the way for Israel's independence through its daring deeds. "I challenge anyone to go through this museum with a dry eye and without feeling an incredible sense of pride in the accomplishments of these young Jews," said Scott. "The

presentation ends with an aerial view of Israel while the names of the fallen Palmach soldiers, which numbered over one-sixth of its members, are shown on the screen." Then they visited the JNF Garden on the museum grounds.

#### **Ammunition Hill**

Standing on this idyllic stretch of land among the pine trees, overlooking Jerusalem, it is hard to believe that Ammunition Hill was the site of one of the fiercest battles of the Six-Day War. "The guides at Ammunition Hill help re-create the battle for Jerusalem with their detailed story-



Visitors to Ammunition Hill learn how the hill's trenches were used during the Six-Day War

telling and explanations," recalled Scott. "We were hosted by Shimon 'Katcha' Cahaner, a well-known Israeli war hero and member of Sharon's Retribution Squad of the 1950's." Visitors can climb into the original trenches that were dug in the hill to better understand the strategies employed during this crucial battle. JNF is assisting in the development

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and renovation of the Ammunition Hill memorial site to include a renovated museum, interactive exhibits, and refurbished fences, posts, trenches and bunkers from the battle.

#### Mitzpeh Ramon

About a 90-minute drive northwest of Eilat, sits Mitzpeh Ramon. This site is home to the Ramon Crater, which is sometimes called the "Grand Canyon of Israel." The group was very impressed with Yankele, their host at Mitzpeh Ramon. "Yankele is a great storyteller in the tradition of our people," said Scott. "His knowledge of archaeology and history coupled with his enthusiasm for the subjects captivated both young and old members of the group. He went out of his way to praise JNF during his presentation."

#### The Ayalon Institute

Located about 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, this is a great place to stop on your way to or from Ben Gurion Airport. On the surface, the facility appears to be a non-operational kibbutz. It is what is beneath the surface, though, that fascinates each and every visitor. Prior to Israel's fight for independence, the young men and women on this kibbutz built an underground factory to manufacture ammunition, literally under the noses of the British officers. After learning how the factory was built and equipment installed without attracting attention, visitors descend down a hidden staircase into the factory itself. The Ayalon Institute is maintained by Council For Restoration Preservation of Historic Sites in Israel, one of JNF's partners, and tells an important story about the brave men and women who defended Israel from the very beginning of the nation's existence.

### Move On?

- by Alan Beth

I was on a plane recently sitting next to a total stranger when she noticed that I was Jewish! I was reading a book on preparing for the High Holiday days - Yom Kippur. She asked - Are you Jewish. I said - yep - guilty as charged.

She didn't know my sense of humor - so she charged on and asked , 'what is with you Jews'? You are constantly reminding us of the tragedy of the holocaust, the destruction of the temple and all the persecution you suffered throughout the ages from the times of the ancient bible to Russian pogroms to the holocaust. She said and I quote - 'That is all ancient history, why don't you move on'?

The question got me thinking: Why don't we move on and forget all that stuff that is our history. Why do we burden ourselves with all this heavy baggage throughout the generations? Why don't we just simply assimilate, forget and move on?

Now, I am writing this letter in Germany and am about an hour's drive from Dachau. So, I have to ask the question, why are the Germans required to maintain Dachau and all the other concentration camps as a museum. Why don't they move on?

So, after a moment, I answered this stranger; It is a good question you ask, actually, we Jews are obligated to remember. We have holidays, celebrations, and mourning days (Yizkor) when we are supposed to remember, retell stories and recall significant events that occurred in our history. Move On? Our presence today is because of our rich history. Our presence in the future is because we remembered yesterday and we will remember today, this is our obligation. This is why we as Jews have survived.

#### SIMCHAT TORAH

Mighty Simchat Torah comes once a year. When you are little, start and finish is a concept that has to be learned. Start and finish are about as long as lunch. We read from cover to cover every year- this cycle that has a start and a finish is a "life of its own" and that EVERYTHING that falls in between is our life. For me it's a reminder that to be surrounded by the shield (Torah) and instruction manual (Torah) of Judaism is to feel protected. It is also the time to know at least when you're "older" that there is a beginning and an end that never really ends. One flows into the other, and years and lives flow and ebb, but always we know that before us and after us there is life! Life cycles are to be celebrated and we certainly know how to celebrate.

By starting again, the gradual realization over time (years) of what we read sinks in and the comfort of certain torah portions read during certain seasons every year become like a prayer shawl warm, cozy, known. To be wrapped in the Torah is to be held carefully and tenderly; what better way to raise up caring compassionate aware humans?



# A BIG Thank You Note from the Religious Committee

It's one big warm family". So many have said that over the years that it must be true. Keys Jewish Community Center is a community like no other.

I started to write a thank you to include in Chai Lights and it turned into a speech like the Oscars! So, right off the bat - I want to apologize for all those that I have forgotten.

I want to thank all those that participated and helped the High Holiday services. As you know we do not have a Rabbi. We are led by our spirit, time and volunteers. All of us as a Jewish Community Center came together and made a very spiritual meaningful service. We should all be very proud - it truly was a High Holiday Community Service for us all.

Leaders: It is said: The hardest thing to do is to stand and give a presentation in front of a group of people: Our leaders did just that and did it very well: Joel, Bernie, Jim, Steve, George

Maftirs: Who read the half torah parsha so brilliantly. Susan, Beth, Stuart, Yardena

Yizkor Book and Organizing the Readers: Marty and Bea

Yizkor Readers: I want to thank all of the Readers that came up to the Bima and read the names of our dearly departed so beautifully during Yizkor: Sofi Wasser, Linda Pollack, Carol Steinbock, Stuart Sax, Joan Stark, Nancy Kluger, Mary Lee Singer, Roberta McNew, Gene Silverman, Teresa Kwalick, Patty Schocket.

Book Reading: Candy for the lovely reading of the book on Kol Nidre: Is there really a Human Race?

Children Service which led right into a discussion group: Don Zinner

No service is complete -if it wasn't for one thing. Food! Thanks to Sisterhood and to Mark and Ellen Bloom.

Here is a story the police would love to hear: One of our members took the Shofar home to practice. So, night after night for weeks he practiced blowing the Shofar keeping the dogs and cats awake till the wee hours of the morning. Finally, when the sun set after Yom Kippur we all heard (and are very grateful for that final blow). Thanks Bernie- you did good.

President for his excellent speeches and for presiding over this community. Jeff Shocket.

Our Cantor: Mark Halpern - in fine voice and elevated our service 1000 fold!

Sisterhood: When Jim was president he used to say at every board meeting: This KJCC would not be a KJCC if it wasn't for the hard work and efforts of sisterhood. I agree - and would like to extend a special thanks to the officers of Sisterhood and Sisterhood that worked behind the scenes ensuring that our KJCC is a joy to attend.

Alan Beth Religious Committee



Baldwin Piano

Donated in Loving Memory of Arthur Benjamin by Ken Benjamin and Sara K. White

## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Did you ever want to just kiss off everything and everyone and hit the highway in search of adventure? This month's "Mench" fulfilled that dream and, to a great degree, is still fulfilling that dream.

Zoe Berk was born and raised in the Bayridge section of Brooklyn in a predomi-

nantly Italian/Jewish neighborhood. Notables from her neighborhood included Mayor Ed Koch, Bella Abzug, and alleged mob boss Carlo Zambino. Much of Zoe's childhood was spent in and out of the foster care system until age 15 when she, in her words, "became an emancipated minor." She moved to New Jersey and enrolled in an all girl's school paying her own way for tuition and expenses. During her studies she also became a certified Laubach Literacy Tutor which is teaching illiterate adults to read as well as teaching migrant farm work-

ers and their children to speak English. She states with pride, "The motto is 'Reach One, Teach One' which was fashioned from a successful African program."

Zoe attended Radford College in Virginia for a while before hitting the road to "look for America". Mostly by hitchhiking. Mostly with big rig truckers that "watched her back" by hooking her up with other "safe" truckers at various stops along the road. She found truckers to be lonely people who enjoyed just having someone to talk to. "I would often spend several weeks in a location to earn enough money to continue my journeys." she recalls. "I didn't care for California because it was such a diverse population."

In the early 90's Zoe left the road to stay with her mother in Pennsylvania until she lost her battle with cancer. She then relocated to Vero Beach, Florida where daughter, Cameron, or "Cammy" as she is affectionately called, came into her life. They stayed in Vero Beach until 2003 when they decided to move to Key West for adventure and a change of scenery. When asked what the difference was between the diverse population in

California and that in Key West, she answered in one word; "Sonny". Zoe was working at a local restaurant and Sonny was the G.M. and Port Captain for Schooner America. He said in passing that he needed a bookkeeper and Zoe signed on. While their relationship grew they realized that Key West was not for children and Cammy went to Ft. Pierce to stay with her father.

The Schooner America was sold in November of 2005 and in February of this year, Sonny accepted an

interest in a marina on "the Stretch" and they relocated here. "Sonny is the Dock Master and I still do the books," Zoe said and added with a smile, "He is still my boss, but now he is also my significant other." Cammy visits on weekends and soon hopes to relocate here permanently.

Following so many years of traveling, Zoe also felt disconnected from "schul" and sought out the KJCC as a way to re-connect to her Judaism. As she puts it, "I found myself saying that I'm starving, I'm thirsty, feed me." She has been able to satisfy her appetite here thanks, in part, to Linda Pollack and to Jim Boruszak who she says, "connected with Cammy imme-

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This is the first article on, what the editors hope will be a popular series, featuring our members and their pets. A reporter (me!) will be happy to go to your home or office for a photo shoot, or members can email pictures to mizleez3@bellsouth.net (Mary Lee) and the interview can also be conducted by email.

The article will consist of owners names, type of animal, names of pets, ages and hopefully interesting antidotes of the pets.

## **PEOPLE AND PETS**

Mary Lee Singer



Names of Owners: Kurt, Nancy and Andrea

Kluger

Breed: Toy Poodle, Apricot

Name of Pet: Tori (named after Yankees Manager, Joe Torres--our variation of the spelling)

Age: 7

Reasons for choosing breed: Short-haired, do not shed, small size

Interesting characteristics and stories about pet:

Tori is a very strange dog. He has a nervous condition that causes him to lick the air just like a snake. A Google search said that we should seek the help of a pet behaviorist. Guess we would have to go to Miami for that, since it doesn't sound like a Keys thing. We are just living with it. He is not very sociable and would prefer if strangers would leave him alone. He doesn't always seek our attention, but when he does, he plays hard to get. When you reach for him, he runs away, but finally gives in and turns his back to you to be picked up. He is a very strange dog. Once he weighed 9-1/2 lbs.



and we had to put him on a diet. It was hard because he doesn't eat much anyway. We tried cutting down without measuring, but he still didn't lose weight. So we started counting kibbles each time. We got a lot of teasing from our friends on kibble counting. Actually, they are not kibbles, but very expensive food that our vet said he had to be on because he may have allergies.

The good news is that he has lost weight. He now weighs six pounds--he is pretty small. He has a lot of problems with plaque on his teeth. He has to have them cleaned every vear. It is more expensive than for humans. The vet used to charge more but they decided there really was a big difference between Tori and 100 pound dogs, so they reduced the price. We have a friend that says dogs should have a \$400 rule regarding costs. If any one procedure costs more than \$400, then you know what happens! That's a silly rule. Sounds good up front, but our friend doesn't practice the rule either.

So no matter what, Tori is ours for the duration. He was supposed to be Andrea's dog, but then you know all about dogs and kids. He's expensive, but he's loyal and we're glad he's ours. But he is a very strange dog.

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## YEDA

by Yardena

#### THE FAREWELL SONG OF MOSES

To read a Parasha and to learn from the teachings of the Torah is something I enjoy very much and wish I would have done much more as a young adult. But as my teachers said: it is never too late for studying, learning continues through our whole life.

For me one of the most extraordinary figures in Biblical history is Moses. This past month I had the privilege to lead a Shabat Service and talk about the Parasha "Haazinu" and "Vezot Habrachah" that deal with poems of Moses. By preparing a Parasha for our service I have the opportunity to study, research, read comments, and thus learn more about Judaism and our faith. And it is fascinating how much you can learn about human nature, about ourselves and humanity in the Torah.

The Parasha "Haazinu" (listen) consists of one chapter and is the farewell song of Moses. The great leader is about to die. Moses' faith in God is as strong as ever. He sings a final hymn of joy to God on the banks of the Jordan.

What a beautiful poem, what a rich language, describing God's faithfulness and dependability. And always containing a lesson for the Hebrew people. It tells the people of Israel that God had been concerned about Israel throughout its history. Moses praises God's loving-kindness and predicts the punishment of the people of Israel for their ingratitude.

But God will show mercy to Israel, Moses' faith in God is very strong. In the conclusion of his song, Moses calls upon all the nations to join with Israel in its great song of deliverance.

Moses' poem is about faith and gratitude. And I was thinking: today, in our modern life, how do we express this feeling? How are we adults going to teach those values to our younger generation? Will they listen to their teachers?

The Parasha "Vezot Habrachah" (and this is the blessing), brings to a close the Five Books of the Torah. It contains another poem, a final blessing poem. Moses spent his last hour blessing Israel's tribes. He began blessing them one by one, but time was running out and so he included them all in one benediction.

Let me cite some excerpts from Elie Wiesel's book "Messengers of God" (Biblical Portraits and Legends) where I found very well expressed the thoughts I had about Moses when studying this Parasha:

" Moses, the most solitary and most powerful hero in Biblical history. The immensity of his task and the scope of his experience commands our admiration, our reverence, our awe. Moses, the man who changed the course of history all by himself; his emergence became the decisive turning point. After him, nothing was the same again.

It is not surprising that he occupies a special place in Jewish tradition. His passion for social justice, his struggle for national liberation, his triumphs and disappointments, his poetic inspiration, his gift as a strategist and his organizational genius, his complex relationship with God and His People, his requirements and promises, his condemnations and blessings, his bursts of anger, his silences, his efforts to reconcile the law with compassion, authority with integrity - no individual, ever, anywhere, accomplished so much for so many people in so many different domains. His influence is boundless, it reverberates beyond time. The Law bears his name, the Talmud is but its commentary and Kabbala communicates only its silence."

Moshe Rabbenu, our Master Moses, incomparable, unequaled. The only man ever to have seen God face to face. Guide and supreme legislator. The Talmudic expression "Such is the law that Moses received at Sinai" is recited again and again in our rituals. "He is

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both source of every answer and root of every question. Every question that will ever be posed to a teacher by his pupil, Moses already heard at Sinai, says the Talmud.

Nevertheless, his portrait as sketched by tradition is carefully balanced; we are shown his shortcomings as well as his virtues. Unlike the founders of other religions or great leaders in other traditions, Moses is depicted as human, both great and fallible. While every other religion tends to transform its founder into a semigod, Judaism does everything to humanize Moses.

...... Were it not for him, Israel would have remained a tribe of slaves. Living in the darkness of fear, dreading light."

To be continued with legends, parables and sayings about our Moshe Rabbenu.

Shalom, Yardena.

#### Honorable "MENCH"ion continued from 14

diately." She goes on to say, "The Torah teaches Jews to think out of the box. Raising children in a Jewish environment adds to that thought process."

Zoe is a ray of light in this synagogue. She fits in like a well worn shoe. And Sonny and Cameron add a breath of fresh air to our congregation and Sunday school. When asked if her travels might lead to a book she said, "I've logged tens of thousands of miles in other people's vehicles and gathered stories all along the way. Maybe someday I will, but for now my life is in a good place."



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### CHICKEN AND RICE CASSEROLE

1 fryer cut in 8ths 2 large onions
1 small can mushrooms, save liquid 1 cup uncooked rice
2 cans beef broth 1 T margarine
garlic paprika

Saute onions in margarine in shallow baking dish. Add mushrooms with liquid. Add raw rice. Pour 1 can broth over rice (moisten rice with liquid and press down so liquid covers). Place chicken over rice and pour second can of broth over chicken. Season to taste with garlic and paprika. Bake uncovered for 1 1/2 hours at 350°.

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### THREE BEAN SALAD

1 can slant cut green beans, drained
 1 can sliced wax beans, drained
 1 can sliced wax beans, drained
 1/2 can chick peas, drained (optional)
 1 small can mushrooms, drained (optional)
 1/4 small jar pimientos, drained (optional)

1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup vinegar

1/2 cup oil

1/2 cup chopped green pepper 1/2 cup chopped onion

1/4 t salt dash of pepper

Mix all ingredients and refrigerate overnight.

## **EASY CHOCOLATE MOUSSE**

1 six oz. package pure chocolate bits 2 eggs

3 T very hot strong coffee 1/2 T Grand Marnier or another liqueur

3/4 cup scalded milk

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend on high speed for 2 minutes. Pour into dessert dishes or pie shell and refrigerate for several hours.



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## **November Birthdays**

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Zoey Barrett	. 4
Jake H Blumenthal	. 4
Brian Boruszak	. 2
Nancy L. Cohn	25
Cathy Dutton	.11
Jeri Goldberg	. 9
Christopher Gould	22
Ruth Grace	26
John Greenbaum	26
Marilyn Greenbaum	13
Herbert Grossman	. 4
Fred Hermann	30
Robert Hermann	25
Steven Horowitz	30
Nicole Hudson	28
Amy LaGrotte	28
Michele Lindenbaum	. 7
Jason Orans	17
Will Travis Pollack	24
Marjorie Present	13
Benjamin Rakov	29
Eric Sanders	24
Jeremy M Schur	. 2
Michael E. Schur	19
Matt Temkin	. 2
Madalyn F Tobias	. 2
Samuel Vinicur	26
Mark Wasser	13
Sofy Wasser	16
Hannah Werthamer	. 2
Milton Wohl	. 5
Larry Wolfe	14
Rae Wruble	14

#### **November Anniversaries**

	Years
Eileen & Robert Hermann 28	38
Eileen & Randy Kominsky 30	26
Flo & Lester Neiman27	58
Patricia & Jeffrey Schocket 1	3
Nancy & Donald Zinner	19



Joel Cohen is available for visitors - usually welcomes them warmly. Give him a call and let him know when you can drive to visit with him for a while. Ask Joel & Linda for directions.

## A Big KJCC Welcome to:

Dr Joseph and Mrs. Sachs
Who live at
121 Columbus Drive
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-2241
email to: drsacjo@bellsouth.net
Be sure to say 'Hi' and make the corrections in your directory.

# **Looking Forward to December**

December Birthdays	
Robert Jay Auston 9	Robin J Margulies Juenger13
Ashley Berk 3	Rick McNew3
Cammie Berk	Roberta McNew21
Robert Berman	Jackie Neubauer 3
Joseph Beth5	Tracy B Nikolas 3
Ellen Bloom30	Harvey Robins10
Cody W Blumenthal4	Franklin Rose7
Haley Boruszak 6	Stuart Sax5
James Boruszak 9	Jeffrey Schocket
Sarah Boruszak13	Alan Schulberg
Leslie Dillon 8	Elaine Schulberg28
Lee Epstein 9	Emily Sherman
Marshall A Field 2	Geri Smith 5
Lilian Forbes	Steven Smith26
Bruce Forman17	Stuart Smith22
Bob Freundlich1	Joan Stark29
Sara Rose Friedman11	Alan Stocking 8
Adam Gersh	Aaron Stuart
Kevin Gershowitz6	George Swartz9
Michael Goldberg29	Elizabeth Turney7
Susan Greenbaum	Sheldon Weiss 5
Joseph Burke Grossman2	Susan Widrich13
Gerald Hirsch6	
Jerome Horowitz18	December Anniversaries
Paul Hudson1	years
Neal A. Jacobson6	Franne & Barry Alter
Emelyn Anne Juenger18	Stephanie & Larry Gilderman17 40
Steve Kasinof	Bea & Marty Graham21 60
Judith Klein4	Pearl & Lawrence Jacobs 8 53
Michael Klimpl28	Beth Kaminstein & Ron Levy 5 17
Samuel Klimpl16	Lee & Robert Schur
Teresa Kwalick	Joan & Ernest Wollin28 54

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Holiday season is upon us. Chanukah - a Sisterhood dinner and play by our students. I know the entire membership of the KJCC looks forward to these festivities and is moved by the talents of our students. Patty and I hope to see you share the fun.

The Chabad issue is finally behind us. We should all feel proud of the reaction, commitment and dedication of our members. The KJCC policy on Chabad is that they are welcome to the Keys and our hands have been extended in cooperation and friendship. Many of you attended a special meeting where the Reporter news person was present. For those who were not, emphasis was placed on the errors in the Article, the strengths of the KJCC and our members' individual and collective extensive community involvement. The reporter was so impressed she has decided to do an article on our collective community involvement.

Rabbi Zucker of the Chabad House in Key West had also called me, as President of the KJCC, to apologize for the newspaper article and accept responsibility for the "attack". At my request he and Rabbi Davidson attended the last board meeting to apologize to the membership at large. The lines of communication are now open. But the opening of dialog does not mean that we have to agree with all of Chabad's beliefs and ways. Those decisions are purely individual and certainly we need not take an "institutional" position. Rather, we welcome Chabad to the neighborhood.

Now let's move on to the KJCC mission. Last year I was unsuccessful in setting up a KJCC trip to Israel. I am pleased to report that my Israel committee reconstituted themselves and decided to take matters in their own hands. (OK - so Patty decided she was taking me to Israel for my "significant" birthday.) I expect to have a full itinerary by the time you read this. In general, we plan to be in Israel for and celebrate Independence Day, which is after Passover. We will leave shortly before Independence Day. Air can be individually arranged through the agency that is setting up the tour. My committee wanted to afford the most flexibility so that if you want to use miles or go anywhere else, it will be easy. The basic trip will be 8 nights in first class accommodations in Israel with an optional 3 night extension in Eilat. Cost is dependent on the number in our group. As it stands now, the

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## **Important Anouncments**

#### **BOARD MEETING**

The last Board meeting of the year is scheduled for December 10, 2006 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

#### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for December 3 at 9:00 am. Come to have a bite with us and discuss our plans for the 2007 season.

#### **ONEG SHABBAT**

If you haven't mailed in your Oneg dates form, this would be a great time to do it.

#### KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/ and read Chai-Lights every month, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. We would like feedback on the format for the Web issue of Chai-Lights. Check October or November against an earlier issue, and let us know which is easier to read. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

#### **DEADLINE**

Deadline for the January issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is December 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### SHABBAT DINNER

The Chanukah Shabbat Dinner is the first night of Chanukah - Friday, December 15th. See the flyer on page xx for details. Come, eat, watch the Chanukah play, enjoy a great service and then have dessert.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at mcnewr@bellsouth.net To contact Mary Lee, who will happily do typing for you, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net.

## **December Leaders**

1 Gloria Avner / Yardena Kamely

8 Joyce Peckman / Linda Pollack

15 Steve Steinbock. / Yardena Kamely

22 Dr. Bernie Ginsburg

29 Jim Boruszak / Gloria Avner

(Note: 6:30pm)

#### **NEW GRANDSON**

Congratulations to the Schockets on the birth of Grandson, Jack Tyler Schocket.



## **December Memoriam**

By the Sherman Family

In Blessed Memory of

**GUSSIE ADELMAN** 

Eternal Rest

By Myron & Myrna Rubin

In Blessed Memory of

**MILTON APPLEBAUM** 

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Gloria Avner

In Blessed Memory of

**ALEX AVNER** 

Eternal Peace

By Alan & Candy Stanlake Beth

In Blessed Memory of

ROSE BETH

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By Norbert Birnbaum

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By James & Joan Boruszak

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STEVE CIMKOWSKI

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Meredith A. Cline

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Always In Our Memory

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In Blessed Memory of

**MILTON FABER** 

In Our Memory Always

By Howard & Shaloma Lessner

In Blessed Memory of

ANETTE FOOSANER

Long Blessed Sleep

By Mario & Linda LaGrotte

In Blessed Memory of

**ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN** 

We Remember Always

By Robert & Eileen Hermann

In Blessed Memory of

HERBERT GONTAR

With Loving Rememberance

By Paul & Susan Roberts

In Blessed Memory of

**RUTH GREENWALD** 

Sleep In Peace

## **December Memoriam**

By Stuart Grossman

In Blessed Memory of

**SYLVIA SARAH GROSSMAN** 

Remembered With Love

By Steven & Debra Faber

In Blessed Memory of

LARRY HIRSCH

Forever Remembered With Love

By Mary Lee Singer

In Blessed Memory of

**RHONIE LEE KLIPPER** 

Always Remembered

By James & Joan Boruszak

In Blessed Memory of

**JULIUS KOHLENBRENER** 

Always Remebered With Love

By Howard & Shaloma Lessner

In Blessed Memory of

SAMUEL LESSNER

Rest in Blessed Peace

By Howard & Shaloma Lessner

In Blessed Memory of

SYLVIA LESSNER

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of

DINAH LEVY

Always Loved and Missed

By Skip & Rene Rose

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Eternal Rest

By Alvan & Carol Field

In Blessed Memory of

DAVID M. ORANS

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Marjorie Present

In Blessed Memory of

**HANNAH OSER** 

Eternal Peace

By the Blumberg Family

In Blessed Memory of

**CAROL PARKER** 

Forever In Our Hearts

By Joel Cohen

In Blessed Memory of

HARRIS POSNER

In Our Heart And Memory

By Sid Samuels

In Blessed Memory of

**HYMAN SAMUELS** 

Always In My Memory

By Murray & Claire Cooper

In Blessed Memory of

**EDWARD SANDBERG** 

Rest In Peace

By Maryon Gould

In Blessed Memory of

JEANNE SCHNEIDER

Rest In Eternal Peace

#### **December Memoriam**

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Always In Our Memory

By Erwin & Barbara Kantor
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In Our Memory Always

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TO JIM AND JOAN BORUSZAK
WITH THANKS
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AND JOAN BORUSZAK
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## **President's Message**

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basic land portion is \$1495 per person based on double occupancy; the extension is \$675 per person based on double occupancy. Unfortunately, there is a single supplement charge. Daily breakfasts and five dinners are also included, as well as transfers, transportation within Israel, tour guide, and entrance fees. These prices are predicated upon a group of 15 - 19 people. If we have more, the price will decrease. Sounds good to me! Let me know if you are interested. "My" (Patty's) committee will also schedule a special meeting for those who are interested with the specifics. Come join us. I know it will be a great time.

Shalom, Jeffrey



YEDA by Yardena

# Jewish Community and the Future of the Jewish People

Some good things happened this month in our KJCC mishpoche. In our Religious School class, parents and their young kids expressed their interest in

learning this year more Jewish History and more Hebrew language. In our Adult Hebrew class, we have new students eager to remember their basic Hebrew School studies, and more advanced students interested in starting modern spoken Ulpan Hebrew.

Coming to Hebrew classes is not only about learning a language; in each class we find ourselves conversing about the Jewish World, Israel, Jewish heritage, culture, values, and the meaning of Jewishness. From those conversations we get ideas for our Adult Education lectures and seminars, where we can discuss many aspects of Judaism and Jewish Community.

Patty Silver (Schocket) has been looking into a program for the KJCC, an organized trip to Israel, and has suggested a tour that, in my opinion, will enrich and strengthen our ties to Israel and our Jewish Inheritance.

It was also this month that leaders of the Jewish Communities of America gathered in Los Angeles, to discuss the relationship of the Diaspora and Israel, and the future of the Jewish People. It seems to me that guest speaker Tzipi Livni, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed our concern for Jewish Identity and Jewish Continuity, in a very moving speech, and that we, in our small community, with our "small" KJCC activities are already playing a role in this Jewish "Drama". The following excerpts from that speech gives us an important message:

#### FM Livni addresses General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities

Livni: "We face a regime that denies and mocks the Holocaust while seeking the weapons to perpetrate one. Iran's words and actions are not only a direct threat to Israel, but they are no less a threat to the values that the international community as a whole claims to hold dear."

(The following is a transcription of the text of Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni's speech to the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities in Los Angeles on November 12, 2006.)

H.E. Tzipi Livni

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

State of Israel

"Dear Friends,

I am here today as a Jew and as an Israeli, in that order.

Many miles separate Los Angeles from Jerusalem, but the ties that bind us cannot, and should not, be broken by distance, because we are one people.

We are one people, but we cannot take the bond between us for granted. I believe that Jewish identity is a choice and a responsibility as much as it is an inheritance. Our Jewishness is more than a fact, it is a profound feeling that must be created, nurtured, and sustained.

I know that all of us are here because our Jewish identity is precious to us - it shapes who we are and who we want to be. Too often our relationship is defined only in terms of common dangers. We do indeed face common dangers, but our bond goes far beyond that.

Our bond is built on shared history and shared fate - on a rich tapestry of tradition, values, and culture, and on a mutual responsibility not just to protect our Jewish identity, but to make it flourish in our generation and in generations to come.

As an Israeli, I have to ask myself whether we are not in danger of creating a new Israeli identity that feels removed from its Jewish heritage, and a result, from the Jewish Diaspora. I am sure, too, that you ask yourselves whether there is a risk that Jewish identity in the Diaspora is evolving in such a way that the deep connection to Israel may, in time, no longer be one of its central pillars.

I believe strongly that we share a responsibility to prevent a rift developing between Israeli identity and Jewish identity. Together, we need to ensure that Jewish children throughout the Diaspora see Israel as their home, just as the Jewish children of Israel must see you as their family.

At the same time, the collective mission of the Jewish people cannot be limited to focusing on our own predicament.

Our unique history and talents as a people oblige us to work also for the betterment of the world as a whole, to stand against the suffering of others, of the kind we see in Darfur, and to continue to make exceptional contributions to the societies in which we live.

Dear Friends.

The principles that shape the identity of the Jewish people have also shaped the collective identity and national story of the State of Israel - a story of courage and rebirth greater than any Hollywood scriptwriter could have imagined.

From its establishment, two core values have formed and driven our national character. The first - that Israel, with Jerusalem at its heart, is the national homeland of the Jewish people - it is both the spiritual and cultural heartbeat of our ancient people, and their refuge from persecution.

The second - that Israel is a democracy; that the values of justice, peace and humanity - first expressed by the prophets of Israel - are an integral part of our nation's sense of mission.

The decisions we take as a state, those that I make as foreign minister and member of the Israeli government, are guided by these core principles and values on which our society is based. They must take account not only of the interests of Israel, but also the interests of the Jewish people as a whole.

Together, in upholding these values, we face challenges on three different fronts: as a people defending our basic right to a national homeland; as Jews against the dark hatred of anti-Semitism; and as members of the free world against the forces of global terrorism.

In each case, what is at stake is not just our physical security or existence, but our very right to a Jewish national identity and a place our people can call home.

During the war in Lebanon we learned again of the courage of our soldiers, the resilience of our civilians, and the strength of our economy.

We also saw you, once again, our Jewish brothers and sisters, in action - organizing rallies, coming on solidarity missions, contributing with extraordinary generosity and thoughtfulness - with unconditional kindness - in so many ways: university scholarships for students called up for army duty, air conditioners for bomb shelters, camps for the children of the North and so much more.

I cannot tell you how much these efforts

meant to us. I cannot express in words how important it is for us to know that we are not alone

We live in a world in which perception can matter more than reality. .....This is a serious challenge that requires us to close the gap between the image of Israel and the reality of Israel.

In this spirit, I have launched an initiative at the Foreign Ministry on branding Israel. Working with a broad cross-section of Israeli society, as well as leaders in fields of public relations, education, tourism, and others, we want Israel to be seen not only in the shadow of conflict and terrorism, but also in the bright light of its vibrant culture and rich identity.

We want every Israeli to identify with the resilience, spirituality, creativity, and vitality that is Israel. We are proud of the values and qualities that make us who we are and we want to be associated with them.

We want the world to see what Warren Buffet saw when he purchased Iscar last spring: "Some Americans have come to the Middle East looking for oil," he said. "We came to the Middle East looking for brains, and we stopped at Israel."

And today, I ask you to join me in helping the world see more of Israel than the image they see on their television screens.

Let your hometown come to know Israel's Nobel Prize winners and performing artists. Get your federation to host an Israeli film festival or hi-tech fair. Help us widen the lens and let the world see who we really are.

In this, as in so many other things, you are our partners. We have a shared connection to the past, and a common objective for the future. We will stand with you in good times and in bad, just as you have stood with us.

We in Israel greatly appreciate your efforts, your friendship, and your support. However unaccustomed you are to hearing this from an Israeli, let me say the obvious, and let me say

it out loud, in my name and in the name of the people of Israel:

Thank you

### YEDA II by Yardena

Israel: Image and Reality, Revealing Israel's Diverse Nature, Its Creativity and Achievements

FM Tzipi Livni spoke of the need to improve Israel's image in the world. The following report on a UN conference in Israel this last month gives a good example of how it can be done. Israel does it by contributing to the International Community creativity and high level Of education.

# Report: UN conference at Ben-Gurion University highlights

#### Israel's leadership in desert research

"With the support of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an international conference on desertification was being held in November in Israel. Over 200 people from 30 countries have come to Israel to learn about "Deserts and Desertification: Challenges and Opportunities." The conference, which highlights Israel's role as a leader in the field of desertification, was organized by the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, together with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification -Annex IV nations (UNCCD) and, as mentioned, in collaboration with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking at the opening plenary session, Ambassador Gregoire de Kalbermatten, Deputy General Secretary of the United Nations Conference on Combatting Desertification (UNCCD), lauded Israel's success in developing solutions for desert living. He presented a statement prepared by the United Nations Development Programme

that acknowledged Israel's role as a leader in dryland agriculture:

"The United Nations Development Programme is pleased to have collaborated with Israel in a number of ways. Israel's technical prowess and technological innovation are well-known around the globe, and provide us with lessons about how to achieve the potential of the world's drylands. They have not only set standards in production, they have become experts in meeting the standards required by global markets."

#### Statement by the UNDP

This is the first time that a UN General Assembly resolution has welcomed an Israeli initiative on an issue that is high on the global agenda and it comes as an acknowledgement of the State of Israel's leadership role in the worldwide battle against desertification.

Organizer Prof. Alon Tal explains, "We have brought together social activists and scientists, technicians and politicians, so that they can confront the urgency of combatting desertification."

University President, Prof. Rivka Carmi, welcomed the UN initiative and the guests from around the world. "Near this hall lies the gravesite of David Ben-Gurion, visionary founder and first prime minister of the State of Israel. He is buried on the edge of the cliff overlooking the Zinn Canyon because he believed that the desert holds all the potential and hope for the future," she said. "Combating desertification and making the Negev desert bloom were Ben-Gurion's passionate missions and this conference is also serving as a living memorial to this great man's ideals."

"We are very proud that the Israeli event marking the year of Desert and Desertification has been organized by the BIDR. This is just part of the ongoing commitment to realize the mission of BGU and to contribute to the development of the Negev and other drylands of the world," said Director of the BIDR, Prof. Avigad

Vonshak. "Our researchers represent Israel on a number of multi-lateral and international committees. By hosting the conference here in Sede Boqer we are able to highlight the Institutes' role in the worldwide effort to stem desertification."

#### Yeda III by Yardena

Jewish Studies: Parasha: Vayera

Learning about these humanistic aspects of Israel's nature, its participation and leadership in worldwide effort to improve not only our standard of living, but that of others,too, reminds me of our Torah readings this past month. They deal with the life of Abraham, the father of Judaism.In the Parasha Vayera he is shown as a kind, compassionate and humanistic person.

Kindness, compassion and respect for life. These humanistic values are pillars of our Jewish heritage. Being merciful and compassionate. The Talmud says that the hallmarks of a Jew are that we are "compassionate, modest, and do deeds of lovingkindness." We are called "compassionate people who are children of compassionate people." It says that just as God is merciful, so do we have to be merciful and giving. Giving charity, hospitality and providing for communal needs. God gave us our good fortunes, talents, and life situations, so that we could use them to make the world a better place, a place where He can dwell among us.

I am sure that many readers have stories of kindness and compassion you can tell, from your own life, from somebody in your family, from people you have met, or just from stories you have heard. Please, participate in our Jewish Education, send those stories in, bring them to the KJCC, and we teachers will tell them to our Hebrew School kids; this is one way to bring Yiddishkeit into our class, make our students feel at home, make them feel part of the KJCC mishpoche.

Toda, thanks, and Shalom, Yardena.

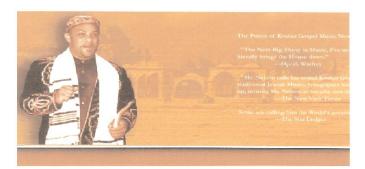
she will eat Dr. Luis Sala's lunch. This keeps Dr. Sala, my associate, fit and trim which by itself is worth everything spent on Daisy's upkeep up until now. She and I have a special understanding that she is not to eat mine, however.

When our family goes on vacation, Daisy also likes to hang out at the doggy spa at the Marathon Veterinary Clinic which allows her to keep fit and trim. She has her own special cage and apparently serves the same purpose in the Vet's office as she does in ours.

As you can see this has been a win-win relationship for Daisy H. Smith and Dr. Sala. Our family also has tremendously benefited with the love Daisy has shown us and I personally get to arise at the crack of dawn every morning to allow her to "down load". That certainly permits me to get to work nearly on time every day.

#### **Pets Article**

The first article for the People and Pets column was a huge success and if you want to see yourself and your wonderful pets featured, this is how it can be done. A reporter (me!) will be happy to go to your home or office for a photo shoot, or members can email pictures and the interview sheet (which can be emailed to you): to mizleez3@bellsouth.net (Mary Lee). The article will consist of owners names, type of



AN EVENING WITH THE PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL MUSIC

This grammy nominated Cantor has sung for presidents and prime ministers, in synagogues and churches, with Wynton Marsalis and Aretha Franklin and even on "Oprah." At his best, he sounds like he is channeling with the legendary Mahalia Jackson. He is bringing his combination of African-American spiritual styles and Jewish liturgical music to the Keys Jewish Community Center in Tavernier, Florida.

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Check our website at www.keysjewishcenter.com.

### **Directory Change**

Linda Rutkin can be reached at 453-4187 while she is in Key Largo for the season.

Change the email address for Gloria Avner to geetavner@gmail.com

### **PEOPLE AND PETS**

Mary Lee Singer



Names of Owners: Barbara, Steven, Brian, and Rebecca Smith

**Breed:** Basset Hound although we are not sure there was not a Beagle in the woodshed which might make her a "Baseagle"

Name of Pet: Daisy H. Smith

**Age:** 10

Reason for choosing this breed: We previously had a male Basset Hound, Irving H. Smith, "H." standing for Hound. Irv, being a Jewish Basset Hound, was brought to a farsighted Veterinarian Mohel for circumcision and much to his chagrin was castrated instead. Poor Irv passed away at age 14 never realizing the mistake or its religious ramifications.

# Interesting characteristics and stories about pet:

A few years later, after swearing that we would never replace Irv, Daisy showed up on our doorstep as a "gift" from "friends" who immediately moved from the area and left no forwarding address. They found Daisy as a puppy in "wandering Hialeah streets". After several days of unsuccessfully trying to find her rightful owner, they decided to give her to us to replace Irv. Rebecca, who had just celebrated her twelfth birthday, thought a replacement Basset Hound was just what she needed. Of course she only thought that until our generous



friends disappeared. Brian, being older and more experienced in these matters, decided that he would go to boarding school in Massachusetts instead. Barbara felt that adopting Daisy would allow Rebecca to develop a sense of responsibility. I got suckered into accepting Daisy into the house because when I picked her up she enthusiastically licked mν Unfortunately, at the time, I didn't realize there was chocolate on my face. To make matters worse, our "free" Basset Hound came to us with a severe eye infection due to inverted eye lashes that required a doggy bilateral bleperoplasty, in addition to a planned spaying, that cost us over \$2000 in Veterinarian bills. To add insult to injury, I realized that I would have to repair four hernias and remove three gall bladders to pay the vet bill.

In the ensuing ten years Daisy has paid us off by providing unlimited love, loyalty, not to mention urine on our floor if she gets annoyed at us. We quickly discovered that you obviously don't have to be a "dog whisperer" to figure out when she thinks we

have done her wrong. At least she made us happy that we put tile in the house rather than carpet.

We have encouraged her to get a job like the Basset Hounds that we see working on TV commercials but she has declined. As a compromise she comes to the office with us and guards our back storage area and allows my office staff to take breaks by walking her. She also taste tests all food brought to the office, and on occasion,



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For information or special purchases, call Joan Boruszak at 852-0833.

### KJCC Religious School News

by Gloria Avner



What a warm welcome this teacher received returning from the northlands to her first class this season on October 29th. Most remarkably, a good deal of it was in Hebrew. Our children showed not only that they retained much of last year's learnings but that they have been expanding and adding to the knowledge, reading skills, enthusiasm, and mini-"menschlichkeit" they already have.

An exciting new dimension has been added to our school this year: a wonderful increase in the ranks of tutors. It is almost unheard of in traditional synagogues for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah graduates to return to their religious schools in any fashion. But to return with

enthusiasm is extremely rare. We are both blessed and proud to have three such returnees: Joseph Beth, Cory Wasser, and Molly Bloom. They are learning as they are teaching. Our students love and appreciate them, as do we.

Many new programs are being planned for this year. One of the first is the return of another Bat Mitzvah graduate on Sunday, November 19th, Suzie Greenman will tell us about her experiences in Europe this past year. Then, on Friday night, December 1st, our students, tutors, and teachers will have a first Religious School Shabbat Dinner, hosted at the home of Ruth and Eric Shrader-Grace, where we will put all our Shabbat study and learnings into practice.

Finally, on December 15th, we will present a Chanukah play with students past and present, right after the Chanukah Shabbat Dinner. We look forward to sharing the Celebration of Light with you there.

Shalom.

## Jackie Mason's Opposition to Spanish Being Spoken as a National Language

There may be those among you who support including Spanish in our national language. I for one am 110% against this! We must preserve the exclusivity and, above all, the purity of the English language.

To all the shlemiels, shlemazels, nebbishes, nudniks, klutzes, putzes, shlubs, shmoes, shmucks, nogoodniks, and momzers that are out there pushing Spanish, I just want to say that I, for one, believe that English and only English deserves linguistic prominence in our American culture.

To tell the truth, it makes me so farklempt, I'm fit to plotz. This whole Spanish schmeer

gets me broyges, specially when I hear these erstwhile mavens and luftmenschen kvetching about needing to learn Spanish.

What chutzpah! These shmegeges can tout their shlock about the cultural and linguistic diversity of our country, but I, for one, am not buying their shtick. It's all so much dreck, as far as I'm concerned. I exhort you all to be menshen about this and stand up to their fardrayte arguments and meshugganah, farshtunkene assertions. It wouldn't be kosher to do anything else. Remember, when all is said and done, we have English and they've got bubkes!

The whole myseh is a pain in my tuchas!

Jackie Mason

### Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

This month's "Mench" should not be construed as self-serving or completely autobiographical. A very hectic schedule coupled with several requests about this writer's backaround has led me to write this month's column about - ME. Not about my entire life, mind you. That would be both boring and much too lengthy. I'll zoom in on some of the good stuff.

I was born while my parents were stationed

at Camp Kilmer, NJ which is now a ghost on the campus of Rutgers University. I was raised in northwest Indiana which is also referred to as "Da Region" and also as "the armpit of the nation" due to the many steel mills in the area. Following high school. I attended Indiana University where I majored in Radio & Television Production with a minor in Journalism. That's where I got the writing bug.

Faced with serving in the military during the Vietnam

era, I became a commissioned Army officer through the ROTC program in college. Since Uncle Sam "wanted" me I chose to go as an officer rather than as a grunt. Following short assignments in Maryland, Alabama, and Texas I won an all-expenses paid trip to sunny South Vietnam. I served as an Ordnance Officer (that's bullets and bombs to lav folks) but also became morale officer for my battalion. I set up a pirate radio station (putting my degree to work) and also developed a monthly newspaper, "3rd Battalion Banter" for the troop's enjoyment. Do you see where this is aoina?

After military service I was fortunate to land a job with the Disney organization in Orlando.

I was there for a year and a half before Disney World opened working in the advertising and promotions department. I also did some part time broadcasting with WFOR-FM, the CBS radio station in Orlando. A year after the park opened I chose to return to the Chicago area rather than relocate with Disney to Anaheim, California.

Good choice on my part because that's when I met Lauren and the rest, as they say, is history. We both worked in our family's fashion footwear business for twenty years before

> re-locating Miami to manage ness developed ing bug.

> a cousin's busiinterests. There we lived in a gated community and were active in our homeowner's association. I the "Sundance Gazette" to inform the community of events and such. Still had the writ-

> > I also joined the

Coral Gables Post of the Jewish War Veterans and since they did not have a monthly newsletter to keep the membership up to date, what do you think happened? Bingo!! The monthly "Bugle Call" was born.

Three years ago Lauren and I bought our first business in the Keys and moved here a few months later. I started writing human interest articles for the "Upper Keys Times". They folded. I then started writing articles for "The Independent" newspaper. They folded. Funny, none of the other newspapers wanted me to write for them.

So here I am writing an article about myself in the "Chai Lights" at the KJCC. Safe bet. We ain't folding.



Friday Night, December 15, 2006

Ruth Richardson Social Hall

Covered dish dinner - Dairy

No charge

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Followed by Chanukah program by children

Services at 8 pm

Contact Nettie Seder, 852-7283, nseder@bellsouth.net, to reserve your spot and coordinate your covered dish.



# December 2006

# 10 Kislev – 10 Tevet 5767

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Sisterhood					Joyce & Linda	Vayishloch
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Chai-Lights				Dr. Bernie	Miketz
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b> Fast of the 10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet					Jim & Gloria 6:30	Vayigash

Keys Jewish Community Center

# Fashion Show Luncheon



Date: Wednesday
January 31, 2007

Place: Cafe Largo MM 100 Bayside

Time: 11:30

Donation: \$25

# Fashions by ANGELIKA & SUNNU EXPOSURES

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### Sisterhood



As we ramp up for a busy season here at the KJCC, there are many activities, old and new to look forward to this season. Some are set to go, some are in the planning stages. All will be enjoyable for sure.

To begin with we will have our annual Chanukah Dinner on Dec 15th at 6:30 in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall. (Check flyer on page 16.) It is the night of the first candle and we will be treated to an outstanding performance by our Sunday school students at 7:30. It is a nice kick off for celebrating Chanukah

January bring us a fresh slate, look for many new and fun activities sponsored by the Sisterhood. But we start with our annual Fashion show on the 31st of January at Café Largo. It will be Fashions from Angelika and Sunny Exposures. (Check flyer on page 18.). Please get you tickets early, so we can fill the place to capacity. See you there.

Our nominating committee will report on the new Sisterhood slate at this meeting. Come to support our new officers and give many accolades to all who served before.

Don't forget our Loving Hands project. Homestead hospital is thrilled to accept any hand made hats; both knitted and crochet for their new born babies. Those of you who knit or crochet always have little odds and ends left. This is the perfect way to use them up

and help out at the same time. If you can make just 1 or 2 a month they will be thrilled. I have patterns for many versions. Just call me. We will meet later on in the season. This is something I have been involved in up north for many years, and it is nice to continue it down here.

Join us at our next Sisterhood meeting on December 3rd (breakfast at 9am) meeting at 9:30, to help us plan our new and exciting events for the rest of the year.

> See you then. Nettie

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yartzeit Memorial Plaques, Bookplates: Linda Pollack

Chai-Lights Mitzvah: Marty Graham

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.



### CABBAGE SOUP

1 small head of cabbage 1 tbs Kosher salt
1 can tomato soup 2 soup cans water
1 large can peeled Italian tomatoes 1 small onion
1/2 cup sugar 1 1/2 lbs flanken

Shred cabbage and soak in water and salt for 1/2 hour. Grate or shred the onion. Drain cabbage but do not wash off the salt. Combine all ingredients in a heavy kettle. Simmer on low heat until meat is tender.

### MAGIC MACAROONS

16 oz shredded coconut 1 15 oz can sweetened condensed milk

2 tsp vanilla extract 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350°. Blend ALL ingredients together thoroughly. Grease cookie sheet or shallow pan well. Drop batter by teaspoonful, spacing macaroons about 2" apart. Shape with fingers. Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool 1 minute and remove to wire cooling rack.

### **CHEESE BALL - GREAT FOR COMPANY**

1 lb medium or mild cheddar cheese

8 oz cream cheese

1 garlic clove, peeled

OPTIONAL

1/2 cup chopped walnuts chili powder

Let both cheeses come to room temperature. Mash cheeses with a fork in a medium size bowl. Press garlic, add to cheese mixture and mix well. You may add the nuts at this time, if you wish. Form cheese with your hands into 2 small balls or logs. For "hot" flavor, sprinkle chili powder on waxed paper and roll the cheese ball until evenly coated. Wrap finished balls in plastic wrap and store in refrigerator.

# **Special Days in December**

**December Birthdays** 

December Birthdays	Robin J Margulies Juenger13
Robert Jay Auston 9	Rick McNew3
Ashley Berk	Roberta McNew21
Cammie Berk	Jackie Neubauer 3
Robert Berman	Tracy B Nikolas 3
Joseph Beth5	Harvey Robins10
Ellen Bloom30	Franklin Rose7
Cody W Blumenthal4	Stuart Sax5
Haley Boruszak 6	Jeffrey Schocket
James Boruszak 9	Alan Schulberg
Sarah Boruszak13	Elaine Schulberg
Leslie Dillon 8	Emily Sherman
Lee Epstein 9	Geri Smith 5
Marshall A Field 2	Steven Smith
Lilian Forbes	Stuart Smith22
Bruce Forman17	Joan Stark
Bob Freundlich 1	Alan Stocking 8
Sara Rose Friedman11	Aaron Stuart
Adam Gersh3	George Swartz9
Kevin Gershowitz6	Elizabeth Turney7
Michael Goldberg	Sheldon Weiss5
Susan Greenbaum	Susan Widrich13
Joseph Burke Grossman2	
Gerald Hirsch6	December Anniversaries
Jerome Horowitz18	years
Paul Hudson 1	Franne & Barry Alter14 37
Neal A. Jacobson 6	Stephanie & Larry Gilderman17 40
Emelyn Anne Juenger18	Bea & Marty Graham 60
Steve Kasinof	Pearl & Lawrence Jacobs 8 53
Judith Klein 4	Beth Kaminstein & Ron Levy 5 17
Michael Klimpl28	Lee & Robert Schur
Samuel Klimpl16	Joan & Ernest Wollin28 54
Teresa Kwalick20	

# **Looking Forward to January**

January Birthdays	Sonia Reitman
Barry Alter18	Stanley Rosenberg 2
Matthew Barrett 8	Sidney Samuels
Jeffrey Boruszak	Kristen M. Schur30
Breanna Clements18	Sandy Seder19
Meredith A Cline	Carol Ann Steinbock
Murray Cooper14	Matthew Storeygard
Alex Dutton	Jill Taksey
Ryan Faber 1	Mary Terner20
Suzi-Sarot Feder17	Donald Zinner
Mark Feinberg	Michelle Zinner
Benjamin Freidman19	
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Heather Gilson	years
Howard Gilson4	Leslie & Thomas Dillon 1 11
Jamie Goodman	Amelia & Steve Kasinof 4 26
Laura Goodman1	Pamela & David Marmar
Janice Gorson 6	Millie & Melvin Prober
Stuart Grossman	Elaine & Alan Schulberg 17 14
Charlie Horowitz	Muriel & George Swartz12 27
Beth Hudson27	
Henry Isenberg	
Sarah Kamely9	<b>December Onegs</b>
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Andrea Kluger17	1 Carole & Sheldon Weiss Sheldon's Birthday
Randy Kominsky24	Zoe Berk Cammie's Birthday
Brieze Levy16	8 OPEN
Stanley Margulies6	15 Linda & Joel Pollack Channukah
Amy Nobil	Dinner
Lawrence Novak21	Fran & Barry Alter Anniversary
Jerry Olsen1	Susan & Paul Roberts Anniversary
Sheila Olsen	Patty & Jeff Schocket Jeff's Birthday
Cathy Rakov	22 Bea & Marty Graham Anniversary
Neal Rakov	•



David Cohn was recognized for his contributions to the arts community by the board of the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. The Executive Director and President, Monica Haskell presented the award. David served as Vice Chair for the Florida Keys Council of the Arts and will continue to serve on the council's Advisory Board. He also served for several years on the Cultural Umbrella committee

### **Ongoing Projects**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

CEMETERY INFORMATION If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you may reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bea 852-0214.

PICTURE POSTCARDS We have some wonderful picture postcards of the KJCC stained glass windows available. They can be packaged to fit your needs and even mailed to you or to your gift recipient. Prices are as low as \$36 per hundred but we sell lesser quantities. Call gift shop chairperson or Marty 852-0214.

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TREES A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. They are easy to purchase, the recipient is notified immediately of your generosity and both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Bea at 852-0214 for ordering information.

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Chanukkah - 1st candle	Kislev 24	Fri	12/15	8:00 PM				
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Tu B'Shevat	Shevat 15	Fri	2/16	8:00 PM				
Purim	Adar 14	Fri	3/2	7:30 PM				
Passover 1st Seder	Nissan 14	Mon	4/2	Enjoy				
Passover 2nd Seder	Nissan 15	IFC	4/3	6:30 PM				
Passover - Yizkor	Nissan 22	Fri	4/13	8:00 PM				
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Fri	4/20	8:00 PM				
Yom Ha'atzmaut	lyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM				
Lag B'Omer	lyar 18	Fri	5/4	8:00 PM				
Shavuot - Yizkor	Sivan 6	Fri	5/25	8:00 PM				
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Fri	7/27	8:00 PM				
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