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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 embrace. 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 assumed 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 Announcements

BOARD MEETING

The first Board meeting of the year is scheduled for January 14, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for January 7 at 9:00 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them scheduled. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about such fabulous events as the Joshua Nelson concert, the Fashion Show and much, much more.

FEEDBACK

HELP - the editor needs to know the desires of the readers. Check the Website paragraph (next one) and let us know which version of Chai-Lights you prefer to see on-line.

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.

ONEG SHABBAT

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

DEADLINE

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'all. 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.

January Leaders

Jan 5th - George Swartz

Jan. 12 - Meredith Cline

Jan 19 - Alan Beth

Jan 26 - Note: 6:30 Early Service - led by Stuart and Lauren Sax

January Memoriam

By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

In Blessed Memory of

BERNICE BERNSTEIN

Eternal Rest

By Robert Jay & Gloria Auston

In Blessed Memory of

CLARA GOLDSTONE

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Laurence & Renee Green

In Blessed Memory of

RALPH BERNSTEIN

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Marilyn Greenbaum

In Blessed Memory of

MARVIN GREENBAUM

Always In Our Memory

By Jeff & Lynn Dils

In Blessed Memory of

WILLIAM BROOKS

Eternal Peace

By Mollie Gross

In Blessed Memory of

HENRY GROSS

In Our Memory Always

By Pauline Roller

In Blessed Memory of

ETA BROWNSTEIN

Forever In Our Hearts

By Richard & Barbara Knowles

In Blessed Memory of

WALTER HANKIN

Long Blessed Sleep

By Meredith A. Cline

In Blessed Memory of

CAROLYNNE H CLINE

In Our Heart And Memory

By Henry & Patricia Isenberg

In Blessed Memory of

ERNEST ISENBERG

We Remember Always

By Jules & Nettie Seder

In Blessed Memory of

JOSEPH COHEN

Always In My Memory

By Ron & Beth Kaminstein Levy

In Blessed Memory of

BERNARD KAMINSTEIN

With Loving Remembrance

By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs

In Blessed Memory of

SYLVIA EMSIG

Rest In Peace

By James & Joan Boruszak

In Blessed Memory of

EMMA KOHLENBRENER

Sleep In Peace

January Memoriam

By Marilyn Greenbaum

In Blessed Memory of

JUDY LOMBARDI

Remembered With Love

By the Blumberg Family

In Blessed Memory of

CELIA MARKOWITZ

Forever Remembered With Love

By Meredith A. Cline

In Blessed Memory of

MIRIAM S. MARKS

Always Remembered

By Lester & Flo Neiman

In Blessed Memory of

JACOB NEIMAN

Always Remebered With Love

By Alan Netzman

In Blessed Memory of

ANN NETZMAN

Rest in Blessed Peace

By Jackie LePree

In Blessed Memory of

SAMUEL NEUBAUER

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Marjorie Present

In Blessed Memory of

SYLAN OSER

Always Loved and Missed

By Gene & Gail Saks

In Blessed Memory of

BLANCHE SAKS

Eternal Rest

By Marjorie Present

In Blessed Memory of

ANNA SAVAGE

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Richard & Barbara Knowles

In Blessed Memory of

GOLDIE SCHWEITZER

Eternal Peace

By Randy & Eileen Kominsky

In Blessed Memory of

HARRY STOLER

Forever In Our Hearts

By Joel Cohen

In Blessed Memory of

SALLY SUSSMAN

In Our Heart And Memory

By Eric & Ruth Schraeder- Grace

In Blessed Memory of

BETTY WEINSTEIN

Always In My Memory

By Jerry & Sheila Olsen

In Blessed Memory of

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Rest In Peace

January Memoriam

By Gerri Weisberg
In Blessed Memory of
NATHAN WEISBERG
Rest In Eternal Peace

By Marshall & Janice Gorson
In Blessed Memory of
MARCUS WEISS
Always In Our Memory

By Donald & Nancy Zinner
In Blessed Memory of
SYDNEY ZINNER
In Our Memory Always

YARTZEIT PLAQUES

LESLIE PECKMAN
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IN LOVING MEMORY

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

RIGHTEOUS FRIENDS OF THE KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

MURRAY E. NELSON
born :10/29/1938
died: 4/17/2006

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COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HIS KIND
SPIRIT AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

People and Pets

You may have noticed that there isn't a People and Pets article this month. Why? you may ask--well, it's because this reporter has had difficulty in getting you, our dear members, to send in their wonderful articles and pictures. So, if you would love to see your adorable pets featured, please send the interview sheet (which can be emailed to you) and pictures of you and your pets to: mizleez3@bellsouth.net (Mary Lee). Hope to see you and your pets next month!



TREE OF LIFE

TO JIM AND JOAN BORUSZAK
WITH THANKS
MARJORIE PRESENT AND FAMILY

TO THE GRAHAMS
60 YEARS AND GOING STRONG
WITH LOVE FROM THE POLLACKS

AN EVENING WITH THE PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL MUSIC IS COMING TO THE KJCC

We are so fortunate to welcome Joshua Nelson to our very own KJCC on Sunday, January 14 at 7:30 PM. He is a grammy nominated Cantor who has sung for presidents and prime ministers, in synagogues and churches, with Wynton Marsalis and Aretha Franklin. He has even appeared on "Oprah." Joshua Nelson is bringing his combination of African-American spiritual styles and Jewish liturgical music to the Keys in a single concert for us.



Join us for this very special concert. Tickets are \$36 each for general seating-or \$72 each which includes preferred seating and a CD autographed by Joshua Nelson. We have limited seating so please order your tickets soon. You received a return envelope in the last mailing. You can either send that in or call Leslie Dillon at 305 852 3654 or Joan Boruszak at 395 852 0833.

This is truly a once in a lifetime event-DON'T MISS IT!!!

For more information, please check our web site at www.keysjewishcenter.com.





KJCC Religious School News

by Gloria Avner

December was quite a full month for our students. Though we only had three classes in which to study Hebrew, history, ritual, and prepare for our Chanukah play, we still managed to bring two important projects to fruition.

The first project, a Shabbat dinner, hosted graciously by Ruth Schrader-Grace in her lovely home, was a great success. The children played, had a wonderful discussion around the table about grandparents as well as the meaning of family and Shabbat. They sang songs, chanted the traditional blessings over candles, wine, and challah, and enjoyed the delicious home-made food prepared by our children's mothers. After the meal, we sang more songs and even danced before going off together, Joshua, Nyan, Hannah and Lily, Max and Zach, to enjoy and participate in the Shabbat Service, led by our KJCC Religious School teachers, Yardena Kameli and Gloria Avner. They were ably assisted by two of our school tutors, post Bar and Bat Mitzvah

students Cory Wasser and Molly Bloom. We are proud of the energy and enthusiasm all our students and tutors brought to both the Shabbat Dinner and the Services. At the Oneg we celebrated Camy's birthday. The social hall seemed extra "haimische" that evening,

The second project, our second annual Chanukia lighting, has evolved into an intentional sharing of time, celebration, and respect for our elders. Last year we met at our patriarch Joel





Cohen's house where adults and children gathered to share the lighting, the songs, and traditional treats of Chanukah. This year Pauline Roller was our gracious host, making us magnificent latkes as well as welcoming a large number of grownups and children into her home.

Our students, Nyan Feder, Joshua Bernstien, Hannah and Lili Werthamer, and Camy Berk, joined by tutors Molly Bloom, Joseph Beth, and Cory Wasser. lit their chanukias, led by another of our revered elders, George Schwartz,

One of our most important goals is and has been to reinforce this interplay between young and old, mutual respect and comfortable interactions. We are building happy memories. We want our children to cherish and never forget these times, the dreidel playing on Pauline's living room rug, the glow of all those chanukia candles, and always of course the great food.

Special thanks to Mark Wasser and Zoey for more latkes than one thinks any group could eat. (Is it Jewish law that wherever Jews are gathered to eat latkes, no matter how many are made, there will never be leftovers?)

There are several other people who also deserve our gratitude. We honor Linda Rutkin, who quietly organized the coordination of food and, as always, in her quiet way, the cleanup. Mark Bloom is our hero for bringing coffee, and Dr. Steve Smith is a wonderful example for us of "conscious mishpochahness" as he chooses to treat Pauline Roller as his much-loved grandmother. There are two kinds of family: family by blood, and family by choice and love. At this wonderful, warm event, I believe all who attended, definitely felt part of a family, a mishpochah by love and choice.



Sisterhood



My time has come to turn over leadership of Sisterhood to my successor, Joan Stark. She has been Vice President for the past two years. It will be a pleasure to work with her in the future.

I would be amiss if I did not thank all our past presidents, Joan Boruszak, Bea Graham and Linda Pollack. They keep us on track with each months' projects and all our commitments to the Center. Without their help and the time and effort of all the project chairpersons, who had the creative ideas and did the nitty gritty work, little of this would have happened. Everything we do is a group effort.

We have two events coming up. The Fashion Show is on Wednesday, January 31st at Café Largo (11:30 AM). Stuart and Lauren Sax will bring fashions from Angelikas and Sunny Exposures. The food is always excellent, the fashions are wonderful and the Sax's are generous and entertaining. Then in February we travel to Actor's Playhouse in the Gables to see 'I Love You Because'. Every play I have seen there has been delightful, so join us if you can.

Don't forget our baby hat project. If you wish, please continue to make a few baby hats each month for Homestead hospital. If you need some help getting started or need patterns please call me. I would like to expand this to Take Me Home blankets. Call me if you

need some encouragement. We will meet next for this project in early 2007.

I want to wish Joan and the rest of the officers of Sisterhood, Joyce Peckman, Candy Stanlake, Nancy Kluger, Beth Kaminstein, Lauren Sax, and Gene Silverman the best of everything. They will work hard for us so let's all support them for all we hope to accomplish and enjoy.

Thanks for your support,
Nettie

Sisterhood Calendar

Jan 7 Sisterhood Meeting

Jan 31 Fashion Show @ 11:30 at Café Largo
Call Joyce Peckman or Leslie Dillon for Tickets

Feb 4 I Love You Because

Feb 4 9:30 Sisterhood Meeting

KJCC SISTERHOOD SLATE FOR 2007

PRESIDENT -- JOAN STARK

VICE PRESIDENT -- JOYCE PECKMAN

SECRETARY -- CANDY BETH

TREASURER -- NANCY KLUGER

PGM & FUND RAISING -- BETH LEVY

MEMBERS AT LARGE -- LAUREN SAX
GENE SILVERMAN

Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

The lyrics to a Lyle Lovett tune say, "If I had a boat, I'd go out on the ocean..." Our "mench" this month has lived those lyrics.

Like her father and his father, Joan is a native of Baltimore. She stayed in the Baltimore area through college at the University of Maryland where she received a degree in elementary education. And like most elementary ed college grads in those days she immediately put her degree in storage and took off for Europe. "I studied French in Paris for a year," she relates, "and then moved back to the states and settled in the San Francisco bay area." Due to a general freeze in fulltime teacher hiring, Joan taught on a substitute basis and supplemented her income by working in restaurants, managing offices, and working in data processing among other odd jobs.

After ten years in the bay area, Joan was looking for a new and warmer change of scenery. "Everyone else was doing the Asian thing and I didn't want to go that far," she recalls. "A friend told me that she knew this French guy in Puerto Vallarta who had a sailboat so I cashed it all in and bought a one way ticket to Puerto Vallarta."

Sure enough, when Joan got to Mexico she found Joel there and, sure enough, he was on his sailboat. Suddenly the French she studied in Paris had meaning and purpose. They dated for a short time and Joel asked her to sail away with him. After checking with her friend back in San Francisco to see "if this guy was OK to take off with" she accepted the offer.

They sailed down the Pacific coast and through the Panama Canal into the western

Caribbean. They both worked in the timeshare industry in Central America for about seven years before relocating in the late 80's to the island of St. Maarten. "It was rare in the Caribbean and in Mexico to find synagogues but wherever we sailed we found Jewish people", Joan says. "In St. Maarten we found a group at Rosh Hashanah and I was the only one who could read Hebrew."

Following a few years there, the itch to sail away again tugged at them and they landed in South Florida where they bought a catamaran and started the Quicksilver Charter Service in Key Largo. After relocating here in the Keys, Joan and Joel started attending services at the KJCC as visitors and found a connection with their Jewish past. Joan became active in the KJCC Sisterhood and that involvement has led to her recent election as Sisterhood President. "The wonderful thing about this place is that everybody works with you and you do what you can do without it interfering with your life." She adds, "I'm looking forward to my new responsibilities."

Joan and Joel recently sold their charter business and found themselves with idle time. So what was there to do? Travel, of course. But this time they did it by land. They headed up the east coast and spent some time in Maine with fellow KJCCers Tom & Leslie Dillon and Gloria Avner before heading back and then on to Argentina for some hiking. No doubt their future plans include more traveling, especially by water. "Sailing is like traveling in an RV only on the water. It's a lifestyle." By the way, Joan, we also think it's OK for you to sail off with the French guy!!

Editor's Note: Lauren & Stuart have a timeshare at the same resort where Joan & Joel worked. Big ocean but small world.



Chanukah Play Makes Light in Hearts as Well as Menorahs

"The Chanukah Play Makes Light in Hearts as Well as Menorahs"

"The Flying Latke," a story written by Arthur Yorinks and adapted and directed by Gloria Avner, brought tears to the eyes of the nearly 80 people attending the KJCC Chanukah Dinner and children's Religious School play December 15th. They were tears of laughter.

The premise of a latke being thrown out the window during a family argument and never landing anywhere, being seen by the larger community as a UFO, a threat of alien evil intent so grave that it must be shot down by the government, is funny in itself. But as played by our KJCC children and selected brave adults, the enacted story was riotous.

Special credit must be given to Susan Gordon and Mark Wasser who played mother and father of this slightly mishuggenah brood with full believability of upset, caring, and frustration, making the action even funnier. Danielle Zinner did a particularly nice animated portrayal of Aunt Esther. Hannah Werthammer, Joshua Bernstein, and Nyan Feder carried the roles of narrator/children very well and improve their line delivery and diction in each new play. Lily Werthammer, Camy, and Max Schrader-Grace, kept the action, and the latka, going on into the night sky, providing human wings for the potato filled UFO. Cory Wasser did another wonderful job as narrator for us and made such a believable News Correspondent, he should be thinking about this as a new career possibility.

All the children did a wonderful job creating props and chanukah décor as well.



We congratulate them all on a job well done. We thank Marc Bloom and Paul Bernstein for taking on such argumentative roles with so little advance notice. It is so much fun for all of us when our adults, particularly our students parents, join us in creative projects. We thank every person who attended for their uninhibited reactions and warm appreciation. Your enjoyment is our enjoyment.

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HANUKKAH

The post-Biblical holidays are festivities not sanctified with Sabbath-like atmosphere. However, various religious observances have been instituted to reflect their special historical significance. The most important of those post-Biblical occasions are Hanukkah, Purim and Tisha b'Av.

Hanukkah commemorates the historic victory of the Maccabees following a three-year long uprising against the ruling Assyrian-Greek regime and their Jewish Hellenist supporters who conspired to impose restrictions against Jewish religious practices and values. The struggle culminated with the recapture of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. and the restoration of its traditional Jewish practices. The victory also restored Jewish political sovereignty over the land.

In Israel, Hanukkah is important in that it is a festival that commemorates a military victory. It is understandable that modern Israelis would remember fondly a historic victory over a foe that greatly outnumbered and should have overwhelmed their ancestors. It's interesting that, unlike other holidays, Hanukkah in Israel is celebrated by religious and secular Jews with the same fondness and respect. It is the celebration of freedom that we respect so much.

In the course of diaspora history, when host countries were not always so hospitable, Jews were often confronted with a dilemma at Hanukkah. Should they honor their tradition and light the candles? If they did light candles, would they be at any risk for therefore openly living as Jews? Some stories in the Hebrew literature deal with this issue. It was in fact often life-threatening throughout history to openly live as Jews, but we know many stories of courage and heroism where Jews would not give up their freedom of religion, nor abandon their faith and risked their lives for it.

One story speaks of individual courage and heroism, of one Jew celebrating Hanukkah when it was very dangerous to light a candle. This was in Europe, at some time during one of their many wars over hundreds of years. One village Jew decided to light his candles.

Thinking his candles were perhaps a signal to their enemy, the townspeople suspected that he might be a spy and brought him before the authorities, who sentenced him to hang. Shortly before the execution, a high-ranking military officer arrived in the village in advance of his army. Why was he there? He had seen the brilliant light from some candles. Moving toward it, he had come across the enemy forces in the night and had soundly defeated them. So by lighting his candles, the lone Jew had saved the entire village from an enemy army that had been approaching unseen.

Another story tells of a Jewish soldier from eastern Europe who enlisted in George Washington's Continental Army. On a frigid Hanukkah night in 1776, he

was positioned in a fortification on the eve of a battle. He remembered that it was Hanukkah, and that in his possessions he had a small menorah his father had given him before he left for the American colonies. Despite the obvious dangers, he retrieved his Menorah, lit the candles and said the blessings. General Washington, in deep melancholy because of the desperate condition of his army and near hopeless prospects for victory against the world's greatest military power, happened at that moment to walk by on his rounds. He looked up and saw a light flickering from one of the fortifications. Approaching, he saw a soldier standing beside a lighted candle and humming an unfamiliar tune, and asked him what he was doing. The soldier explained the story of



Hanukkah, and added that he'd also prayed for Gen. Washington and for victory, and that he was sure that His Excellency would win just as the Maccabees did. Washington thanked the soldier, and then somehow became infused with a spirit of hope and confidence from the soldier's story. Before dawn, Washington attacks and wins the battle. (Interesting comments by S.V.: this is a lovely story that aptly illustrates the Jew-in-a-strange-land Hanukkah dilemma. Armies of that period, and through at least the American Civil War, almost never fought in the winter, when both sides would encamp for months. The encampment of 1777-1778 was perhaps the most famous of all winter camps in American history, that of Valley Forge, outside Philadelphia. There were no major battles fought that winter, other than to survive the weather. Washington's unprecedented attacks on Trenton and Princeton, so vital to the morale of the rebel forces and country and perhaps the most significant guerrilla military operation since, well, the Maccabees, took place a year earlier, on Christmas of 1776.)

One more Hanukkah story, telling about the heroism of Mattathias' daughter. Like in the modern Israeli army, women in ancient times were also fighters.

An ancient legend tells the story of a daughter of Mattathias, the High Priest, who was also a sister to Judah Maccabee. When the Greeks captured Judea, they passed an edict that any daughter of Judea wishing to marry must first submit to being a concubine of the governor. So what did the women do? Not being willing to succumb to the Greeks, they simply waited to marry. But when the daughter of Mattathias was ready to marry, she could not wait, she had to marry a Kohen. Not wanting to be exploited by the Greeks, the girl instead planned an attack. She placed a small dagger under her clothes and asked her brothers to take her to the governor's house. Once there-

and the exact circumstances in which this happened are left to our imagination-she unsheathed the knife and killed the governor. Her brothers then set upon the guards, and therefore the rebellion began that encompassed the Hanukkah story and the Hasmonean dynasty.

So, for those of us who feel connected to our Jewish history and heritage, celebrating Hanukkah is about love for freedom and heroism. And so on Hanukkah we like to hear those stories about the heroes in our history, those freedom fighters and their courage and fearlessness. Especially for the Jews who live in Israel, a country that is always in danger of being attacked by the surrounding enemies, it is important to be reminded of the Maccabees.

We regret to inform you that
Herb Uram passed away on
December 23, 2007.

We send our deepest sympathy
to Becky and the Uram family.
We will miss our friend Herb

Keys Jewish Community Center

Fashion Show Luncheon



Date: Wednesday
January 31, 2007

Place:
Cafe Largo
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Time: 11:30
Donation: \$25

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January 2007

11 Tevet—12 Shevat 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Vayechi</i>
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ACTORS PLAYHOUSE

Sunday, February 4, 2007
2:00 pm
I LOVE YOU BECAUSE



FLORIDA PREMIERE -- Off Broadway's most recent musical sensation, *I Love You Because* sets the pace for life's romantic sketches on relationships in the 21st century. A gender-reversed modern day musical retelling of Jane Austen's classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, *I Love You Because* explores the rules and nuances of romance and learning how to love someone, not in spite of their differences, but because of them. A bright, brash new musical for the New Year.

Music by Joshua Salzman Book & lyrics by Ryan Cunningham

"Infectiously entertaining, filled with wit and zest, *I Love You Because* is terrific refreshing fun." *-The New York Times*

Tickets are \$30.00. For tickets and information, contact Leslie Dillon at 852-3654, law2@bellsouth.net



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VIGO CHICKEN

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| 1 large package Vigo yellow rice | 8 chicken breasts |
| 2 cans Mushroom soup | 4 TBS water |
| 2 sm cans of mushrooms or 1 lb fresh mushrooms | 3 medium onions |
| 2 green peppers | 1 can French Fried Onions |

Cook rice 15 minutes according to directions on package. Place rice in bottom of 9 X 15 baking dish. Saute onions, peppers and mushrooms until onions are transparent. Place on top of rice. Saute chicken breasts in same pan for about 20 minutes. Place chicken on vegetables. Pour soup and water over chicken. Cover and bake for 25 minutes in 350° oven. Uncover, sprinkle French Fried Onions on top and bake for an additional 5 minutes.

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH SPINACH & CHEESE

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| 6 medium tomatoes | 1 10 oz box frozen spinach, defrosted |
| 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese | 1/2 cup ricotta cheese |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 1/2 tsp grated nutmeg | 2 TBS butter, cut into small bits |
- salt and pepper to taste

Cut a slice off each tomato, scoop out pulp and seeds and reserve for another use. Sprinkle insides of tomatoes lightly with salt and stand upside down to drain for 30 minutes. Squeeze out moisture from spinach and mix with the two cheeses and eggs in a mixing bowl. Beat until well blended. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Mix well again. Stuff tomatoes with spinach and cheese mixture and place on a buttered baking dish. Dot each tomato with cubed butter. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes, Serve at room temperature.

PEACH PARFAIT PIE

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 1/2 cups sliced peaches | 1 pkg lemon jello |
| 1/2 cup cold water | 1 pint vanilla ice cream |
| 1 pastry shell | Cool Whip |

Drain peaches, reserve syrup. Add water to syrup to measure 1 cup. Heat to boiling. Add jello and stir until dissolved.. Add cold water. Cut ice cream into pieces and add to hot liquid. Stir until melted. Chill in refrigerator till mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon (approx 15-20 minutes). Fold in peaches. Pour into cooled, baked pastry shell. Freeze. Before serving garnish with Cool Whip or whipped cream and some sliced peaches.

January Birthdays

Barry Alter	18
Matthew Barrett	8
Jeffrey Boruszak	29
Breanna Clements	18
Meredith A Cline	12
Murray Cooper	14
Alex Dutton	12
Ryan Faber	1
Suzi-Sarot Feder	17
Mark Feinberg	30
Benjamin Freidman	19
Randi W Freundlich	4
Heather Gilson	15
Howard Gilson	4
Jamie Goodman	15
Laura Goodman	1
Janice Gorson	6
Stuart Grossman	24
Charlie Horowitz	15
Beth Hudson	27
Henry Isenberg	18
Sarah Kamely	9
Yardena Kamely	28
Beth Kaminstein	29
Andrea Kluger	17
Randy Kominsky	24
Brieze Levy	16
Stanley Margulies	6
Amy Nobil	13
Lawrence Novak	21
Jerry Olsen	1
Sheila Olsen	22
Cathy Rakov	9
Neal Rakov	17

Sonia Reitman	10
Stanley Rosenberg	2
Sidney Samuels	22
Kristen M. Schur	30
Sandy Seder	19
Carol Ann Steinbock	26
Matthew Storeygard	24
Jill Taksey	15
Mary Turner	20
Donald Zinner	16
Michelle Zinner	11

January Anniversaries

		years
Leslie & Thomas Dillon	1	11
Amelia & Steve Kasinof	4	26
Pamela & David Marmar	26	22
Millie & Melvin Prober	14	57
Elaine & Alan Schulberg	17	14
Muriel & George Swartz	12	27

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Looking Forward to February

February Birthdays

Lori Barsh	16
Dick Bromwich	3
Shirley Burnett	10
Jill Clements	26
Anabel Epstein	23
Martin Field	6
Emily Caryn Gershowitz	24
Marshall Gorson	21
Renee Green	26
Susie Greenman	24
Beth Hayden	18
Linda Holbrook	7
Larry Jacobs	7
Robin Kantor	5
Deborah Kaplan	9
Johnny Knowles	12
Tarah Kordansky	13
Arlene Line	28
David J. Marmar	21
Roy Pollack	1
Paul Roberts	12
Linda Rutkin	2
Lisa Sanders	26
Steven B Sanders	14
John D. Schur	26
Robert C. Schur	17
Sean Sherman	25
Rebecca Smith	5
Justin Solomon	11
Shari Storeygard	18
Carleigh Stuart	3
Muriel Swartz	24

Judith Weber15

Audrey Wolf21

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	years
Claire & Murray Cooper	21 59
Susan & Bill Gordon	20 20
Liliam & Uri Kamely	9 15
Linda & Joel Pollack	11 45

High Holidays

I know, I know..

The high holidays are over! Phew ! - At this point you are probably saying... Wait.. I don't have to go back to the synagogue for at least another 10 more months!!

Now, in all seriousness, we have been asked to form a new committee. The High Holiday committee is to look at these special days (Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, Yizkor) for our synagogue and the quality of the services.

Our goal is to provide a spiritual and meaningful High Holiday service for all of our members.

If you attended our services the past few months or in prior years and have any comments / feedback that you would like the committee to hear, please let me know. Email me or call me.

Thanks

Alan Beth

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Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
Chanukkah - 1st candle	Kislev 24	Fri	12/15	8:00 PM
5767 (2007)				
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	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Fri	5/4	8:00 PM
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I can't believe it. This is my last President's message. It seems it was just yesterday when I agreed to assume this role. At that time, we were virtually strangers. Not any more! I think the KJCC family has only strengthened during my tenure. And my life has been enriched as well. When I began, I invited you to join me on a journey, a journey of friendship, enlightenment and love. While the journey is not over, thanks to all who have accompanied me. Although my term is at an end, our journey is not and I invite you to continue. There is no greater reward than discovering and preserving the true meaning of friendship, love, loyalty and enlightenment.

It has truly been both a pleasure and privilege to serve as your president over the past two years. There have been many accomplishments, disappointments, triumphs and tragedies. If judged by the number of new members, our increased community involvement, member participation and member activity, the last two years have been very positive for the KJCC.

I personally want to thank all my fellow officers and the Board of Directors for their support and guidance, as well as their dedication to serving the KJCC family. I extend my apologies to any of our members I may have inadvertently offended. I can assure you there was no malice in any of my actions. My sole motivation was the implementation of what I believed to be in the best interests of the KJCC.

To our incoming officers and directors, I offer you my best wishes. There are no formulae for success. It can only come from your own heart and soul. Maintain your independence and rely on your own innate wisdom. The synergy thereby created will be a propelling force toward your accomplishment of all your goals.

G-d speed to all.

Shalom,

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BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for January at 9:15 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them scheduled. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about all the fabulous events Sisterhood has scheduled.

ONEG SHABBAT

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

FEEDBACK

HELP - the editor needs to know the desires of the readers. Check the Website paragraph (next one) and let us know which version of Chai-Lights you prefer to see on-line. So far - it is a tie vote between the two versions.

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 March issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is February 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'all. 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.

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BYLAWS

The Board of Directors of the KJCC recently revised and approved several changes to the congregation bylaws. Many of the changes involved definitions and terminology.

One of the major changes was to move the position of Membership from a Vice Presidential position to a standing committee. In addition, the members of the Board no longer need to be from specific areas in the Keys.

The revised bylaws will be presented to the general membership for approval at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 11. Members can email Stuart Sax, Executive Vice President, at Angelika81917@aol.com for an advanced copy or you can pick up a copy in the KJCC lobby at your convenience.

February Leaders

- 2 - Joyce Peckman
- 9 - Jim Boruszak
- 16 - Bernie Ginsburg
- 23 - Note: 6:30 Early Service -
led by Alan Beth

February Oneg Sponsors

- 2 Linda Rutkin - Birthday
- 9 Michal Kamely
- 16 Toby & David Goldfinger
The Mah Jongg Ladies
- 23 6:30 service

KJCC Annual Second Passover Seder

Reservations will be taken for members only until March 15th at which time they will be opened for others. Send your check early to confirm your place. Call Leslie at 852-3654 for information and reservations.



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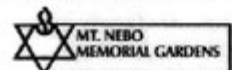
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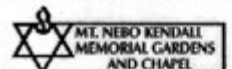
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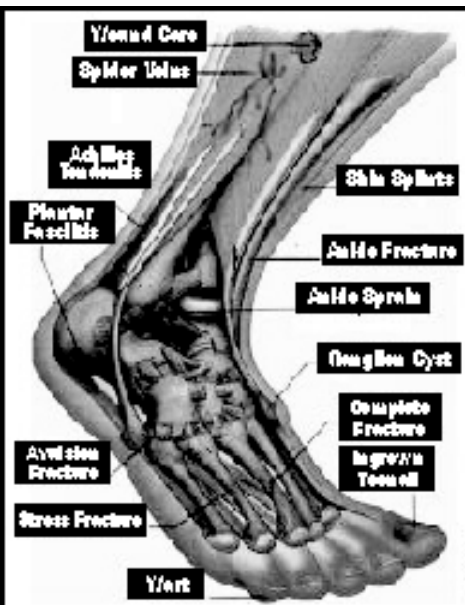
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Shalom! The Cathy Kaplan Sisterhood welcomes in a new slate of officers and I look forward, as president, to working with everyone, those of you who have always seemed to be involved and those of you who may just be beginning to join in on the fun! Many thanks to Nettie Seder for her many efforts and contributions. She was presented with a Hebrew "Ahava" pendant in following sisterhood tradition. Did you know that if you are a woman and a member of the KJCC that you are automatically a member of the sisterhood? Many temples have a fee to join the sisterhood but not us! Do you know what we do at our monthly meetings and what our goals and ambitions are? Remember these meetings are for all of us, not just board members. Come join us at a meeting and decide if you'd like to get involved at any level that works for you. Inasmuch as the KJCC allows us to "embrace our diversity", the sisterhood is a representative of all our collective ideas. This is our busy time of year with lots of events and activities in the planning stages.

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 is our annual Fashion Show, hosted by Lauren and Stuart Sax of Angelika and Sunny Exposures fame. This event is always a sell-out and a fun time.

Sunday, February 4, 2007 brings us our theater outing. This year it's "I Love You Because..." at the Actors Playhouse.

Get ready for Sunday, March 4, 2007. It's Purim and we will have a gala International

Dinner! First the megillah reading, then dinner, then the kids will have a special presentation for us! KJCC will host our Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Reserve early!

Next sisterhood meetings are on Feb.4 and March 4, 2007. Hope to see you there! We look forward to a wonderful year!

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Sisterhood Calendar

Feb. 4	9:30am Sisterhood Meeting
Feb. 4 "	"I Love You Because..." at Actors Playhouse
March 4	9:30am Sisterhood Meeting
March 4	Purim International Dinner and Play
April 3	Second Seder

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Carter's book approaches anti-Semitism

Stu Bykofsky |

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."- Ronald Reagan

SO JIMMY CARTER wrote a book and it's called "Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid."

In it, the globe-trotting, sanctimonious moralizer - whom I had admired only as an ex-president - erases the line between honest criticism and dishonest advocacy. It's so Arabcentric, Carter ought to be wearing Yasser Arafat's kafiya.

Carter heaps blame on tiny, terror-tortured Israel for the unrest with its massive Arab neighbors, while blaming the U.S. for being "submissive" to Israel. When he insinuates that Jews - 2 percent of the U.S. population - control the government, the media, Wall Street, etc., it's the hoary anti-Semitism you expect to find on a KKK Web site, not in a book by an American president.

In interviews, Carter said his purpose was to ignite public discussion about America's Mideast policy. Instead, he touched off a raging debate about the truth and honor of his book.

American Jews, and other friends of Israel, have attacked Carter's book as being so one-sided and so awash in half-truths and quarter-truths as to approach actual anti-Semitism. He might have expected that.

He might not have expected some of his friends would rip the book. A devastating rebuke came from Dr. Kenneth Stein, of the democracy-promoting Carter Center, founded by the former president. Resigning in disgust as a Middle East Fellow in December, Stein wrote that Carter's book "is replete with factual errors, copied materials not cited, superficialities, glaring omissions, and simply invented segments."

Stein sat in on some Carter meetings with Mideast leaders "and my notes of those meet-

ings show little similarity to points claimed in the book." Summing up, Stein said, "Being a former president does not give one a unique privilege to invent information."

Last week, 14 members of a Carter Center advisory board resigned to protest the lopsided book. Some had served in the Carter administration. Another former admirer, Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz, criticized Carter's command of the facts, his tilted analysis and even his tone.

Having ignited the discussion, Carter declined Brandeis University's invitation to debate the book with Dershowitz. "There is no need for me to debate somebody who, in my opinion, knows nothing about the situation in Palestine," Carter told the Boston Globe. In that dismissive quote, Carter dropped the mask of humility to reveal the cold face of arrogance.

If Dershowitz's schooling doesn't impress Carter, will he listen to someone with impeccable credentials? Dennis Ross, President Clinton's envoy to the Middle East, wrote in the New York Times last week about what appeared to be Carter lifting two maps from Ross' book, "The Missing Peace." Ross doesn't care about the use of the maps, but wrote that, "Mr. Carter's presentation badly misrepresents the Middle East proposals advanced by President Bill Clinton in 2000, and in so doing undermines... efforts to bring peace to the region."

In reading the book, several "tells" signaled Carter's bias to me. • When blame falls on Arab shoulders, Carter's tone is often passive, such as reporting in 2000, "Peace negotiations at Camp David break down," without saying Arafat had rejected a deal that gave him more than 90 percent of what he wanted. But when a second intifada breaks out, Carter casts spe-

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PASSOVER IS COMING!

It is hard to believe, but the time to think about Passover is here. Our KJCC Seder is very special, and we already have several reservations with a waiting list of people who will be in the Keys then and want to join us. Our Seder will be on Tuesday, April 3 at the Islamorada Fishing Club at 6:30PM. Due to seating restrictions we can only accommodate 100 people. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. We are accepting reservations now and will wait until March 15th before we open them to nonmembers. The cost remains the same-\$40 for adults and free for all children 12 years and younger. For reservations please call Leslie Dillon at 305 852 3654. You can send your check to the Keys Jewish Community Center Sisterhood, Post Office Box 116, Tavernier, FL. 33070.

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Looking Forward to March

March Birthdays

Gloria Auston	24
Sylvia Berman	25
Denise Blumenthal	15
Allan Boruszak	15
Michelle E. Denker	27
Lynn Dils	23
Sasha Dutton	1
Hannah Feig	7
Eva Faust	31
Stephanie Gilderman	3
Toby Goldfinger	7
Sari Eliz. Goldstein	31
Bill Gordon	6
Alvin J Gottlieb	11
Eric Grace	18
Bea Graham	6
Doug Graham	24
Marty Graham	12
Laurence Green	10
Heath Greenbaum	12
Anthony A Gutierrez	30
Eileen Hermann	13
Allen Holbrook	8
Kate Horowitz	10
Seth Horowitz	14
Pearl Jacobs	9
Melvin L. Jacobson	1
Barbara Kantor	2
Erwin Kantor	21
Adam Karron	26
Lois S. Kaufman	21
Benjamin K Kwalick	4
Jenna Lane	14

James Jr. Nobil	21
Steven Nobil	16
Janet Palacino	20
Joseph Palacino	21
Michelle Palacino	19
Joel Pollack	29
Carl Roy	13
Susan Sachs	20
Bryan Schur	11
Lee Schur	30
Benjamin Schwaid	17
Nicole Sherman	2
Stephen Steinbock	3
Roger Vorcheimer	28
Marcia Wolf	23

March Anniversaries

	Years
Gloria & Robert Jay Auston	4 25
Sylvia & Robert Berman	24 51
Carol & Alvan Field	18 19
Susan W & Joseph Goldberg	25 14
Patricia & Henry Isenberg	14 37
Sheila & Jerry Olsen	1 48
Susan & Joseph Sachs	7 42

Volunteer

Congratulations to Marc Bloom,
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More on this event next month

cific blame on Jews, by writing it began "After Ariel Sharon visits the Temple Mount." In one historical passage Carter writes, "Although Christian and Muslim Arabs had continued to live in this same land since Roman Times..." Astonishingly, Carter omits that Jews lived on that land before there was either Christianity or Islam and always had a presence there. Does this small slip reveal Carter's Juden frei [Jew-free] state of mind? •

Carter doesn't explain that when the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Hamas and Hezbollah "are seen to be struggling against Israeli occupation of Palestine," the terrorists define "Palestine" as Israel, not just the West Bank and Gaza. Carter's dishonesty extends to using the word "apartheid" in the title. That is an insult not just to Jews, but to the millions of South African blacks who lived under its terror. Carter eventually explains he doesn't mean that kind of apartheid; he means economic apartheid, and the terrorist-thwarting wall between Israel and the occupied territory. He well knows that Arabs living among Jews in Israel are citizens and have greater freedom than Arabs in any Arab state. But he doesn't say that.

Carter catalogs every Jewish abuse, but soft-pedals suicide-bombing Muslims. Using a classic double standard, he blames Israel for not living up to the highest standards of democracy while not demanding the Palestinians live up to even the lowest.

That's why some feel Carter's book approaches anti-Semitism. That's why I agree with them.

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On Jewish Wisdom and Ethics

For centuries, a child reared in a Jewish home grew up in a world defined by tradition. In that world, heroes and heroines of the Bible and the Talmud were as much a part of the child's life as were the men and women who lived in the neighborhood. In that world, an ancient maxim came as easily to a parent's lips as did a lesson in cleanliness or good behavior. In that world, scholars and sages, looking to find answers to issues for which they could find no legal precedent, would often advise one another to "go out and see how the people are accustomed to act." For in that world, the customs of the people and the teaching of the sages were linked one to the other.

The world in which I lived as a child was not very different from that world of tradition. In my home city of Haifa, I had the privilege to grow up among both Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions, with generations of teachers and educators in the family. The Bible, the Talmud, and books of Hebrew literature stood on bookshelves side by side with modern Hebrew textbooks, Russian, German and English novels, and contemporary history. In school, Judaic studies were not just part of the curriculum, they were a way of life. We learned the concept of loving one's neighbor from the Bible, from a story on Rabbi Akiva, from a legend we read about the sage Hillel, and from the simple act of carrying coins to school on Fridays to place in the charity box (tzedakah) that stood in every classroom as a reminder that giving charity is the finest expression of loving your neighbor.

As an adult, I continued my Judaic and Hebrew studies in teacher's seminaries. I stayed close to the tradition. Apart from ceremonies and rituals, from holidays and festivals, what endured most meaningfully for me were the texts and teachings, and the power of their ethical principles and practical insights. That core of values that is the essence of Judaism was always there for me.

It is important to be familiar with the great sages and thinkers of Judaism and to know something of the communities that created its classic texts. Jewish culture has shifted in time and space, taking on new forms from each civilization with which it has come into contact, yet it has remained true to itself and to the sources that nurtured it.

The Hebrew Bible has always been the lifeblood of the tradition. From it flowed the laws and moral precepts that defined Jewish attitudes. Even in biblical days, a body of oral teachings began to grow up around the written codes in the Torah, elaborating on their rulings, explaining difficult concepts, and adapting the law to changing social conditions. These interpretations and explanations are known collectively as the Oral Law.

Of the sages who interpreted the written law, Ezra is the first whose name we know. The anonymous scribes and sages who continued his work were called Soferim and were later referred to in the Talmud as "Men of the Great Assembly." The techniques they used for the interpretation are known as Midrash, meaning "inquiry" or "consultation."

The Oral Law became a major force in Jewish life. The first great document that grew out of the oral tradition was the Mishnah (written in clear Hebrew). The most famous tractate of the Mishnah is the only one that includes no legalistic material: Pirke Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers, a collection of maxims and statements that summarize what the rabbis consider to be the "good life," a life governed by ethical values.

Famous names of sages referred to in the Mishnah are: Hillel, Shammai, Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Judah the Prince (called Rabbi). The later scholars analyzed the Mishnah the way the earlier scholars had analyzed the Bible. Their writings make up the Gemara; and together, the Mishnah and the Gemara form the Talmud.

It is about the values, the wisdom, and the ethical teachings of Judaism that I am going to write in this article. The following selections from the Talmud were found in the book "Voices of Wisdom" by F.Klagsbrun.

About "Relating to Others"

It's not easy to be completely happy about another person's success or completely sympathetic with another's failure. Not that most of us wish one another harm; we simply prefer to have a little bit more and to do a little bit better than the next person.

With down-to-earth realism, many Jewish sages and scholars acknowledge human failings--jealousies and envies, the veneration of power and disdain for weakness--that often determine the way we treat one another. Calling attention to these failings, the sages recognize that their advice might not always change our feelings, but it could, perhaps, influence our actions.

The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) described the human condition as one of "war, of everyone against everyone." While the Jewish sages would never accept such a negative view of humanity, they have no illusions about the selfishness and narrowness that sometimes motivate our behavior. But with unshakable optimism they insist that we can move far beyond these limitations. From getting along with our friends to dealing with our enemies, they teach us how to love and honor one another as we love and honor ourselves.

On loving your neighbor

"Love your neighbor as yourself," the book of Leviticus states, and this Golden Rule about relating to others has been emphasized by teachers and educators through the ages.

A heathen once came before the sage Shammai. He said to him: "I will convert to Judaism if you will teach me all the Torah while I stand on one foot." Shammai pushed the

Special Days in February

***February Birthdays**

Lori Barsh	16
Dick Bromwich	3
Shirley Burnett	10
Martin Field	6
Emily Caryn Gershowitz	24
Marshall Gorson	21
Renee Green	26
Susie Greenman	24
Beth Hayden	18
Linda Holbrook	7
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Deborah Kaplan	9
Johnny Knowles	12
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Arlene Line	28
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Paul Roberts	12
Linda Rutkin	2
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Sean Sherman	25
Rebecca Smith	5
Justin Solomon	11
Shari Storeygard	18
Carleigh Stuart	3
Muriel Swartz	24
Judith Weber	15
Audrey Wolf	21

February Anniversaries

	Years
Claire & Murray Cooper	21 59
Susan & Bill Gordon	20 20
Liliam & Uri Kamely	9 15
Linda & Joel Pollack	11 45

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COUNTRY JAPANESE NOODLE SOUP

1 can stewed tomatoes, 14 1/2 oz	1 can low-salt chicken broth, 14 oz
3 oz uncooked linguine	2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
1 to 1 1/2 tsp minced ginger root	
1/4 lb boneless chicken breast, cut into very thin strips	
5 green onions, cut into thin 1 inch slivers	
4 oz firm tofu, cut into small cubes	Ground black pepper (optional)

In a large saucepan, put the thinly sliced chicken breast (note that partially frozen boneless chicken breast will slice clean and cut easily into strips). Add tomatoes with juice, broth, linguine, soy sauce and ginger with 1 3/4 cups water. Bring to a boil. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat 5 minutes. Add green onions and tofu, cook 4 minutes or until pasta is tender. Season to taste with pepper and additional soy sauce, if desired.

APPLE BROWN BETTY

4 cups apples, peeled and sliced	1/2 cup water
1 TBS cinnamon	1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar	3/4 cup flour
Pam	

Preheat oven to 375°. Spray 13x9 inch baking dish with Pam or rub with butter. Place apple slices in baking dish. Combine water and cinnamon and pour over apples. In a small bowl, combine butter, sugar and flour. Using a fork, work together well until crumbly, Sprinkle over top of apples and bake for 35 to 45 minutes until top is golden brown. Serve warm with milk or ice cream.

man away with the builder's measure he held in his hand.

The man came before Hillel and repeated his request.

Hillel said to him: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah.

The rest is commentary - go and learn it."
-Babylonian Talmud, tractate Shabbat, p.31a

On accepting differences

A favorite saying of the rabbis of Jabneh was:

I am a creature of God and my neighbor is also a creature of God.

I work in the city and he works in the country.

I rise early for my work and he rises early for his work.

Just as he cannot excel in my work, I cannot excel in his work.

Will you say that I do great things and he does small things?

We have learned that it does not matter whether a person does much or little,

as long as he directs his heart to heaven.

Babylonian Talmud, tractate Berachot, p.172

continued next month

Injury

Sorry to report that MLS - Mary Lee Singer - had an unfortunate accident that resulted in a broken leg, now somewhat repaired, but with lots of rehab in the future. She can always use a cheer-up phone call or note.



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PEOPLE AND PETS

by Mary Lee Singer



Name of Owner: Joyce Peckman
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Name of Pet: Mattie
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We got Mattie from Doberman Rescue in Broward County 2 years ago. She had been found running in the streets, surviving on garbage. If you've ever tried to get a pet through a rescue group, the interview process is pretty comprehensive. The key for us was that we loved her soft, uncut floppy ears. Ironically, although we got her to keep Leslie company when I went visiting alone, Mattie has become my devoted companion now that Leslie is gone. She sleeps in the living room, on the Oriental rug, or on her dog-

gie blanket which she spends five minutes every night bunching up until it is just the exact right shape. But during the day, if you are looking for me, just see where she is lying, and that's where I am.

She is wonderful with kids, letting my 2 year old niece and grandchildren feed her kibble one piece at a time, or take a toy from her mouth without complaint. When she's running, she'll swerve around them, but if she accidentally knocks them down, she'll come back over and lick them.

She loves to go in the car, and is a great traveling companion on the I-95 trek between Florida and New York. She doesn't make a peep, doesn't criticize my driving, and makes sure I go for a walk every few hours.

She's good with other dogs, and loves to run, but not in the water. She loves company, and will be thrilled if you come to visit, although she might put her nose in impolite places.



sive and I was working 80 hours a week", Marc states, "It was very easy to re-connect to my Judaism down here because of the people." And all those years in catering provided an outlet for Marc to continue working in and around the kitchen. Most Friday nights and special events, Marc can be found helping and organizing the food for the onegs and parties. "I have served over a million customers and catered over four hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. My goal now is to serve a million more in other ways."

Since there are no bagel stores here in the Keys, Marc recommends Ray's Bagels in the freezer case. "The trick is to put the frozen bagel into a 400-degree oven or toaster/oven for about five minutes and you get a bagel that is warm and crisp on the outside and soft on the inside."

Put down the Chai Lights and go do it right now. You can thank Marc later.

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ingly asked the following question. "What has happened to conversation?" I really didn't expect an answer because technology and all that it has spawned is an integral part of the life of our children and grandchildren, and will continue to do so at an accelerated pace. I guess my observations were heightened by the concentration of computers and their attachments in one small house.

We were, however, very moved and felt very blessed to have our children and grandchildren make observing Chanukah and our anniversary together as a family, a top priority despite the inconveniences of traveling by air, changing schedules, and schlepping those very heavy laptops. Maybe we did pass on some of our values to the next generations despite the rush of technology. Maybe we did something right.



The KJCC congratulates Jim Boruszak, Recipient of the Baptist Health South Florida Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award for Mariners Hospital



BOOK PLATES

IN MEMORY OF
DR. HERBERT URAM
By JOEL AND Linda Pollack

IN HONOR OF
BEA & MARTY GRAHAM
December 21, 2006
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
by MURIEL AND GEORGE SWARTZ

Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Most guys from Jersey over six feet tall are comfortable with a basketball or hockey stick in their hands. Marc Bloom is more comfortable with a spatula in his. Born in Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, Marc spent his childhood and early adult years in and around Linden in North Jersey. "My brother was 6'7" and played basketball. Even though I was also tall, bowling was my sport," he says.

After graduation from Linden High School, Marc worked in a variety of jobs like managing bowling alleys, managing a film processing store and, as Marc says with a smile, "I used to make those little green mosquito coils used in the drive-in movie theatres." Marc had had lots of family in the area and he states, "Everything I learned about business was learned from family members."

Marc's grandfather passed away before he was born and his mother, who was afflicted with multiple sclerosis (MS), passed when he was fourteen. While his world was turned upside down, he relied a lot on his father, brother and his grandmother who was as he puts it, "A very sweet lady who could really cook and bake." Marc also states that from that time forward he did not have much of a connection with his Judaism.

In the mid 80's Marc worked in his father's catering business. About that same time, he and a couple of friends took a vacation to Club Med in the Dominican Republic. That's where Marc spotted a young lady who was also vacationing there with "a guy that looked like Gene Wilder." Being the mellow guy that he is

(snicker, snicker), Marc found out that she lived and worked in New York, got her phone number and called her up when he got back. He and Ellen dated for a few years and married in 1987. Two years later, daughter Rachel joined the family. Molly followed five years later.

If having a wife and family weren't enough responsibility, Marc and Ellen bought an existing bagel shop in Randolph, New Jersey. They called the shop Bagel Express and, as Marc tells it, the shop's previous owners were absent most of the time and when he took over business nearly tripled. Bagel Express had sit down service, counter service and catering for local hospitals, schools, and private parties. "Our specialty was the 'Party Bagel' which was like a big round sub for parties."



That was the good news. The bad news was that about the same time he started Bagel Express, Marc was diagnosed with MS. While Marc's ongoing battle with MS is often challenging, he never seems to let it get in his way. He has an uncanny ability to think things through and do them within his capabilities. "I refuse to let it hold me back," he states, "I never had time to be negative about my disease because I was just too busy working and taking care of my family."

In 2000, they sold Bagel Express and decided to move to Florida where Ellen had family. By that time, Marc was on disability as a result of his MS. He started working at Holiday Isle, volunteered at the local school, and began working with the MS Society here. He also started attending services at the KJCC. "I was not very active in the synagogue back in Jersey because it was expen-

CHANUKAH AND TECHNOLOGY 2006

Lee Schur

For 8 days a miracle occurred at our house in Key Largo, which was, of course, not Maccabean, but nonetheless very unusual. Two of our sons, Larry from San Antonio, Texas, and Paul, from Deerfield, Illinois, and their families came to spend Chanukah with us and to celebrate our 57th Anniversary at the same time. So, we were very delighted and feeling very blessed to have them spend some wonderful, quality, compatible time with us and with each other.

In our generation, extended families and grandparents were not only in the same city, but in close proximity to each other. Today that is rare, and often siblings and cousins may see each other infrequently, due to their fast paced schedules and long distances from each other.

We quelled when we saw 7 year-old Brittany bonding and intently working on a Disney puzzle with her 18 year-old cousin, college freshman, Becky. Four year-old Jeremy screamed with delight as he reeled in a mutton snapper off our dock, and all the family applauded and shared in his excitement running for cameras to record a special family moment. Grandpa Bob, happily, was kept very busy baiting, cleaning, and filleting fish as Brittany and Becky continued to catch fish. All of which was enjoyed later at a wonderful lunch of the freshly caught sautéed snapper.

These were some of the moments to remember for all of us. Very memorable was everyone surrounding the Shabbat dinner table as our grandchildren lit and said the prayer over the Menorah, and the ladies ushering in Shabbat with the prayer over the Shabbat candles.

Our wonderful special day ended at the KJCC with a lovely service and oneg, where our anniversary was celebrated, along with the Graham family as they celebrated their 60th Anniversary with the "hamish" members of the congregation. We truly felt blessed to be surrounded by our family and our extended KJCC family.

Now you are probably saying what has Chanukah got to do with technology. Probably not a lot, but during the 8 days that our family was with us, you became very aware of how the world has changed because of high tech Ipods, the speedy desktops, the cutting edge cell phones, the pocket-size digital cameras that have become absolutely essential to our children and

grandchildren and the fast paced world that they live in.

Visualize for a moment my small 2 bedroom house. On the small dining room table are 4 desktop computers, some connected to electric outlets as they are being charged, and some being used simultaneously as my sons carry on their business activities. My grandson is finishing an on-line college test, and my granddaughter is studying physics so that she will be better prepared

for next semester. Also, situated in the middle of the table, surrounded by computers is the menorah which will be lit later. I was struck by the symbolism: the old and the new, the past and the present. The many cell phones and Ipods that have multiple capabilities are in evidence around the house. They, too, may be connected to electric outlets with many cords. At one point most of my electric outlets were being used. They almost seem to be appendages to their owners. Many times they would have to go from their high tech computers to my slow dial-up computer in order to get a printout.

At one point, I indicated my complete understanding, necessity, and the essential nature of their use of the computer before I gingerly, halt-

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Purim

International Dinner

Gala International Buffet

Costumes encouraged but optional

4:00 Megilla reading in English

5:00 Dinner - followed by Purim presentation by our students -

Sisterhood Members are asked to bring a dish with an international flair -

Joyce Peckman will coordinate and gladly give suggestions. 451-0665

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Sunday, March 4

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13 Shevat—10 Adar 5767

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<div> <div> The Purim International Dinner will be on Sunday, March 4, 2007. Read all about it and plan to be there! </div> </div>						

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seems only a short time ago that Carol & I came to our first Friday night service at the KJCC. That was in 1991. From day one, we felt welcome, at home, and, as the saying goes, we became "Mishbuchu." While we came to the Keys only about 4 times a year, we knew in our hearts that this was the place we wanted to live.

It is my wish that all visitors and newcomers to the KJCC feel the same way.

In January, 1996, we moved to Tavernier full time, and, the rest is history.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. The KJCC By laws state the purpose of our Jewish center is to : "Improve, Encourage and Enrich the Religious, Educational and Social Life of the Jewish People in our Community."

What does that mean to me and how can I help the KJCC to fulfill that goal?

We have a religious school for our children and adult education classes in Hebrew and Holocaust studies. I'd like to see us reach out to all the Jewish people in the Upper Keys; let them know what we have to offer and invite them to participate in our functions. Did you know that we have a small library? I'd like to see the books catalogued and a list made available on our web site and at the synagogue, so everyone will know what books can be borrowed.

I hope to see our membership increase. I'd like to work on ways we can reach out to our Jewish community; show them that the KJCC is there for them, and why it is to their advantage to become members.

I would like to continue to reach out to the Upper Keys Community, contributing positively to their knowledge and understanding of Jewish history and culture.

Our religious life is centered around our Shabbat and Holiday services. I encourage all to become involved. Come to more services. Lead a service. Ask our Religious Committee chairman, Alan Beth, to pair you up with another leader. Lead a service yourself alone or with a friend or family member. You'd be surprised how easy it is and how good it makes you feel. When I came to KJCC, I never dreamed I

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Important Announcements

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome. Join us and meet and greet your new Board.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 9:15 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them in store for us. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about all the fabulous events Sisterhood has scheduled.

ONEG SHABBAT

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

FEEDBACK

HELP - the editor needs to know the desires of the readers. Check the Website paragraph (next one) and let us know which version of Chai-Lights you prefer to see on-line. So far - it is a tie vote between the two versions 0 - 0.

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. **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 April issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is March 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. 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.

EMAIL

Please make sure that the email address you have for the editor is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. We have had a bit of misaddressed mail recently.

Holocaust Video

If you didn't see the 60 minute segment including the new material just released, you should. Go to http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=2274705n

It is amazing.

Thanks to Bob Auston for the link.

March Memoriam

By Marilyn Greenbaum

In Blessed Memory of

ARLENE R. BRENNER

Eternal Rest

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Blessed Memory of

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In Blessed Memory of

DOROTHY HIRSCH

In Our Memory Always

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Blessed Memory of

ANNA HORN

Long Blessed Sleep

By Linda Rutkin

In Blessed Memory of

FRANK IDESTONE

We Remember Always

By Mollie Gross

In Blessed Memory of

HANNA GROS KLEIN

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Forever Remembered With Love

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GEORGE L'HEUREUX

Always Remembered

By Skip & Rene Rose

In Blessed Memory of

CISSIE ROSE LANG

Always Remebered With Love

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IDA SEDER

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Jules & Nettie Seder

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ISADORE SEDER

Always In Our Memory

By Milton & Claire Geller

In Blessed Memory of

ANNA SHORE

In Our Memory Always

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

6PM @ KJCC

Homemade Seder Dinner w/Wine

Limited seating - \$15 p.p.

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Join us in celebration as we continue our efforts at "Tikkun Olam" repair the world.

Tzedakah donations encouraged.

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- 2 George Swartz
- 9 Jim Boruszak
- 16 Alan Beth
- 23 Steve Steinbock
- 30 Alan Beth - Note 6:30 pm Service

March Onegs

- 2 Elinor & Herb Grossman 50th Anniversary - Carol & Steve Steinbock - Steve's Birthday
- 9 Bea & Marty Graham Marty's & Bea's birthdays - Toby & David Goldfinger -Toby's birthday
- 16 Patricia & Henry Isenberg Anniversary
- 23 Gene & Mort Silverman Michelle Denker's birthday
- 30 Ulpan students 6:30 service

President's Message

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would ever lead a service. But one day, the Religious Committee Chairman at the time, Marvin Galanty, who is a dear friend, convinced me to try. I did a couple of services with him, and then did one on my own. Now, it's a piece of cake.

We have lots of committees that deal with different aspects of our lives and work. I encourage everyone to get on one of the committees. Whatever your interest or talent, you can make a difference.

We cannot fulfill our purpose of enriching the lives of the Jewish people without your input and involvement. Please share your opinions, desires and ideas with me and the board. You can do this by phone, e-mail or coming to board meetings. Call me personally on my cell phone or at home. My telephone numbers are: Cell 305-394-0143, Home 305-852-6152. Call Me! Let me know if something is bothering you, if you have suggestions, or, just as important, if you think we are doing something right.

Board meetings are held the second Sunday of every month except July & August. The meetings begin at 9 am. You will always be given an opportunity to speak during our "Good and Welfare" portion of the meeting. Learn how things are done at the KJCC. Help us to get things done!

Chai-Lights: Share you and your family's successes and celebrations. E-mail Marty Graham for inclusion in Chai-Lights. Deadline is the 18th of the month.

I hope to see you all at services, social events, board meetings.

TOGETHER, Let's continue the Good Work of our past Presidents, Officers, Directors and Members of the KJCC.

L'Chaim
Steve

Jews in Cuba

CLAUDIA BARLIYA, a 6-year-old Cuban-Jewish girl, stood on a cobblestone street in Trinidad, a small centuries-old city on the south coast of Cuba. A donkey carrying an old man passed behind her; a group of 30 Jewish-Americans, including this reporter, stood before her. The girl had asked if she could perform a song for the group, which was on a humanitarian mission with the Westchester Jewish Center of Mamaroneck, N.Y. She now had their full attention. When her song rang out - not in Spanish, but in the Hebrew words of "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav," or "Jerusalem of Gold" - the group couldn't help joining in.

Claudia is one of about 1,500 Jews who live in Cuba; 1,100 reside in Havana, and the remaining 400 are spread among the provinces. There is no rabbi living on the island, and there is only one kosher butcher. This small Jewish presence is in stark contrast to the bustling community that existed before Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. In those days, there were 15,000 Jews and five synagogues in Havana alone. Still, Jews in modern-day Cuba manage to keep their culture and traditions alive.

As Maritza Corrales, a Cuban historian who lives in Havana and the author of "The Chosen Island: Jews in Cuba," remarked, "To be Cuban and Jewish is to be twice survivors."

Visits by groups like the Westchester Jewish Center, one of many United States Jewish entities that organize occasional humanitarian or religious trips to Cuba, are one of the ways that Jews in Cuba nurture their communities. Although the focus of these trips allows American travelers to bypass United States restrictions on tourism to Cuba, they require a full schedule of religious and humanitarian activities that often include donations of medications, clothing and religious objects needed

for prayer.

On a weeklong trip in November, the group traveled around the island by bus, accompanied by two English-speaking guides who were well versed in Jewish-Cuban history and culture. When the visitors from Westchester entered Adath Israel, Cuba's only Orthodox synagogue - and one of three active synagogues in Havana - the feeling of connection between the Cubans and the Americans was palpable. The words, the songs, were all the same. In the sanctuary, a large wooden bimah, or podium, housed the Torahs behind a red velvet curtain, and a glass wall separated the men from the women.

After the service, a 17-year-old college student serenaded the Americans with his violin, playing traditional pieces like "Hava Nagila." The musician could have been a college student from anywhere in the United States, with his facial stubble, sneakers and low-slung



jeans. The difference is that this young man is not allowed to leave his country, not even to visit his parents, who are government engineers working abroad.

Elsewhere in Havana, there is the Sephardic Hebrew Center of Cuba, and the Conservative Beth Shalom synagogue, largest of the three synagogues, with more than 500 members. Beth Shalom houses a Jewish community center, known as El Patronato, a library and a pharmacy, which distributes medication - most of which comes as donations from Jewish groups visiting from the United States - throughout the island to Jews and non-Jews.

After Mr. Castro took power and nationalized private business and property, 90 percent of the Jewish population, many of them business owners, fled the island, and the remaining 10 percent were largely not observant. There were so few Jewish people coming to pray that the Cuban minyan was born, counting each Torah as a qualifying member to make prayer possible (a minyan normally requires 10 Jewish adults).

The Jewish presence continued to fade for years, and it was not until 1992, after the fall of the Soviet Union, that Cuba changed its constitution, allowing for religious freedom. The Jewish community began to rebuild. Rabbis from Chile, Argentina, Panama and Mexico came to teach the remaining Cuban Jews how to pray and lead services, and Jewish organizations in Canada began sending kosher food for Passover.

The synagogues welcomed the Jews who came to pick up the food, and encouraged them to come back for Shabbat and various holiday celebrations. Within 10 years, a growing number of activities were established, including the Sunday school at the Patronato, where children ages 6 through 14 learn Jewish culture and tradition. It started with 10

children and now has nearly 70. There is also a Jewish women's group with 150 participants, meeting once every six weeks to help with women's issues like domestic violence and how to keep a Jewish home. Jewish life is not as organized outside Havana, where the Jewish population is much smaller. For instance, only 27 practicing Jews live in Cienfuegos, a picturesque city on a bay. There is no synagogue to pray in. Instead, the Jewish community of Cienfuegos gathers each Friday night for Shabbat services in the front room of Rebecca Langus's second-floor apartment.

Ms. Langus, the 43-year-old leader of the community, who lives with her husband and two sons, has adorned the walls of her small home with Jewish art, the bookcases with Jewish prayer books and the shelves with an array of Jewish paraphernalia.

"When you are few, there is a responsibility to keep traditions," Ms. Langus said. "Educating the children is the only way to keep the community alive."

The 25-member Jewish community of Santa Clara, the capital city of the central Villa Clara province, has raised enough money to buy a house and convert it into a synagogue, but has yet to find the ideal property. For now, they take great pride in the somber Holocaust memorial, erected in 2003, in the local Jewish cemetery. It includes a stone from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, and in front is a path made of stones from the Warsaw Ghetto.

Next to the memorial stands a menorah with a Star of David and branches for six candles, symbolizing the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Although preserving Jewish culture has been an uphill struggle, leaders remain optimistic about the future. Even though Israel is

the only country with which Cuba has cut off diplomatic relations, there is no evidence of anti-Semitism in Cuba. "I felt safer wearing my yarmulke in Cuba than I do wearing one in White Plains," said Jeffrey Segelman, the rabbi of the Westchester Jewish Center. And the island's Jewish presence remains solid.

"If you asked me 10 years ago when the community was dwindling, I may have said that the Jewish community wouldn't exist today," said Adela Dworin, president of the Jewish community in Cuba. "It won't be the same as 1959, but now at least we have people who are young, middle-aged and old."

MS. DWORIN had the opportunity to meet Mr. Castro in 1998, and asked him why he had never visited the Jewish community, to which he replied: "Because I was never invited." Ms. Dworin promptly invited him to the coming Hanukkah celebration at the Patronato. When Mr. Castro asked what Hanukkah was, Ms. Dworin explained that the holiday celebrates the "revolution" - a word Castro likes - of the Jewish people.

To her surprise, Mr. Castro showed up at the party of 200, sat next to her in the front row and addressed the congregation in a lengthy speech.

Joseph Levy, leader of the Sephardic temple, has a more somber outlook on Jewish life in Cuba. He emphasized how difficult it was to keep Jewish traditions alive, because without a rabbi, he said, "the Jewish community here is almost like living in a house without parents."

For the group from Westchester, one member's past was a snapshot of the Jewish expe-



rience in Cuba. Sandy Marantz, a psychotherapist at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan, was born in Cuba in 1959, and 12 days before the United States closed its borders to Cuban citizens in 1961, Ms. Marantz, then 19 months old, and her parents left for the United States.

After 45 years of wanting to visit her native country - her parents never wished to return - Ms. Marantz finally saw the hospital in which she was born, the apartment in Havana where she lived, the synagogue to which her parents belonged and the grave where her grandfather, whom she never met, is buried.

Going to Cuba, said Ms. Marantz, allowed her to "connect with my past" and "made me feel grateful to be a Jew."

In Cuba, Finding a Tiny Corner of Jewish Life - NY Times Travel Section

Information about Jewish missions to Cuba is available from B'nai Brith (877-222-9590; www.jewishcuba.org/bnaibrith), the Cuba-America Jewish Mission (www.thecajm.org) and the Jewish Cuba Connection (www.jewban.org).

YEDA Adult Education by Yardená.



On Jewish Wisdom and Ethics

It is important to be familiar with the great sages and thinkers of Judaism and to know something of the communities that created its classic texts. Jewish culture has shifted in time and space, taking on new forms from each civilization with which it has come into contact, yet it has remained true to itself and to the sources that nurtured it.

The Hebrew Bible has always been the lifeblood of the tradition. From it flowed the laws and moral precepts that defined Jewish attitudes. Even in biblical days, a body of oral teachings began to grow up around the written codes in the Torah, elaborating on their rulings, explaining difficult concepts, and adapting the law to changing social conditions. These interpretations and explanations are known collectively as the Oral Law.

Of the sages who interpreted the written law, Ezra is the first whose name we know. The anonymous scribes and sages who continued his work were called Soferim and were later referred to in the Talmud as "Men of the Great Assembly." The techniques they used for the interpretation are known as Midrash, meaning "inquiry" or "consultation."

The Oral Law became a major force in Jewish life. The first great document that grew out of the oral tradition was the Mishnah (written in clear Hebrew). The most famous tractate of the Mishnah is the only one that includes no legalistic material: Pirke Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers, a collection of maxims and statements that summarize what the rabbis consider to be the "good life," a life governed by ethical values.

Famous names of sages referred to in the Mishnah are: Hillel, Shammai, Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Judah the Prince (called Rabbi). The later scholars analyzed the Mishnah the way the earlier scholars had analyzed the Bible. Their writings make up the Gemara; and together, the Mishnah and the Gemara form the Talmud.

It is about the values, the wisdom, and the ethical teachings of Judaism that I am going to write in this article. The following selections from the Talmud were found in the book "Voices of Wisdom" by F. Klagsbrun.

About "Relating to Others"

It's not easy to be completely happy about another person's success or completely sympathetic with another's failure. Not that most of us wish one another harm; we simply prefer to have a little bit more and to do a little bit better than the next person.

With down-to-earth realism, many Jewish sages and scholars acknowledge human failings--jealousies and envies, the veneration of power and disdain for weakness--that often determine the way we treat one another. Calling attention to these failings, the sages recognize that their advice might not always change our feelings, but it could, perhaps, influence our actions.

The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) described the human condition as one of "war, of everyone against everyone." While the Jewish sages would never accept such a negative view of humanity, they have no illusions about the selfishness and narrowness that sometimes motivate our behavior. But with unshakable optimism they insist that we can move far beyond these limitations. From getting along with our friends to dealing with our enemies, they teach us how to love and honor one another as we love and honor ourselves.

Continued next month

Sisterhood



Shalom! We are all busy little bees at this time of year with Sisterhood events and planning. The Fashion Show luncheon was a great success! Our own Stuart and Lauren Sax (Angelika and Sunny Exposures) hosted a fabulous show as usual. Each year we have a different selection of models from our membership which doubles the fun. Sunday, Feb. 4 was a busy day beginning with a sisterhood meeting, then many went off to the Actors Playhouse for a theater treat (in a drenching rain). Of course Superbowl finished off the evening (sorry to all our Chicago fans)!

We are very active now in our main event for the year which will be the Purim International Dinner on Sunday March 4, 2007. Come at 4pm for the megillah reading and join us afterward for dinner in the community room which will resemble an international market place with all its' delights! Stick around for a special treat by the "kids"! Please call Joyce Peckman to reserve.

The 4th annual Women's Seder will be Wednesday, March 21, 2007. We are planning a fabulous homemade seder feast as usual. This seder is dear to our hearts as we celebrate with our wonderful women and strive to achieve "Tikkun Olam". Call Meredith for reservations.

The Passover Seder will be on the second night, Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Seating is still avail-

able, but don't wait too long as we will open it to the public on March 15. Contact Joan Borusak or Leslie Dillon.

I'd like to thank everyone for all their support and help. The season is speeding by and it is our teamwork that makes it happen and makes it fun! Next meeting is Sunday, March 4, 2007.

See you there!

Joan

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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.

EMAIL

In order to send an article and some pictures to the present editor of the Chai-Lights, the best method is to send an email. The email address to use is mbgraham@bellsouth.net.

As soon as I open an email destined for the KJCC bulletin, I reply with an acknowledgement to the sender, stating that the email has been downloaded. After reading the article, I may also ask for some corrections or explanations - or just put it into format for printing.

The most important item in the last paragraph is that a reply is always mailed to the sender. So, if you send me an article and do NOT get a reply within 1 day, the message did not get to me.

How, you say, can I send a message and it wasn't delivered? Let me count the ways -

The most common failure of an email message is an incorrect email address. This is so easy to do that it is a wonder it isn't done more often. An incorrect email address can be a very subtle error - one missing or extra letter in the address makes it incorrect to the computer. And the email does not always come back to you as undeliverable! It can happen that the address you used actually belongs to someone else and was delivered to that person.

Sometimes you know the email did not get delivered because you get a notice from the MAILER-DAEMON. The Daemon (actually demon) is programmer talk for a program that only runs when some event triggers it. In the case of an undeliverable email, it is triggered by the error event of not being able to find the address specified by the sender, and you get a notice from your internet provider telling you that. Then you can try again to send the mail - after checking the address you are using very carefully. Sometimes a message is not delivered because the receiver's mail box is full. Or they have not allowed your mail through to them - or even if their email provider is down because of maintenance or trouble.

One thing you can be fairly sure of - if something can go wrong with technology, sooner or later it will.

The KJCC website is now being utilized to send email notices to that portion of the membership who have email. However, several emails do not get through - probably because they are being blocked by the recipient's spam blocker. Messages from the KJCC are from [\(someone\)@keysjewishcenter](mailto:(someone)@keysjewishcenter).

So, if you want to receive these messages, please unblock.

Bike Tour for MS

On April 21st & 22nd the Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Florida will conduct their annual 15-mile two day bike tour from Miami to Key Largo and back. A familiar face will be among this year's participants. Stuart Sax will compete in his fifth event for the benefit of MS and will be riding in honor of Marc Bloom. "Marc is an inspiration to me to train and complete this event in his place", Stuart said recently. "I may not have the physique or ability of Lance Armstrong but I definitely have the same determination to succeed."

The Breakaway Tour raises funds for MS research. If any KJCC members would like to sponsor Stuart's ride you can make a tax deductible donation payable to The National MS Society and mailed to Stuart Sax at PO Box 2002, Islamorada, FL 33036 or dropped off at Angelika or Sunny Exposures.

Deadline for all donations is the week before the ride.

KJCC Annual Second Passover Seder

Reservations will be taken
for members only until
March 15th at which time
they will be opened for
others. Send your check
early to confirm your place.
Call Leslie at 852-3654
for information and
reservations.



Tuesday, April 3, 2007

6:30 pm

Islamorada Fishing Club



Adults \$40

Children 12 and under are our guests.

Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

It would seem that each time we feature a new "mench" in our column; they all seem to hail from the same area. One might contend that the root of "Menchdom" is New York City. This month's honorable "mench" keeps the streak intact.

Since Steve Steinbock is the newly elected President of our congregation, it seemed appropriate that the membership should know a bit more about him. Steve was born in Brooklyn in Beth Moses Hospital "at a very young age" as he recalls. He spent his early years in Brooklyn before the family moved to Queens. During his elementary and secondary education the family lived in various locations in Queens. As Steve puts it, "My mother made us move every time the house needed painting because it was cheaper to move than to repaint."



Steve attended Hofstra College for a year and then traveled back to Brooklyn to earn his degree at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, the profession in which he has spent his entire career. Steve worked in a drug store while attending school so one might say that he has been dealing in drugs for quite a long time. He also joined the Reserves after college and served his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served as an assistant in the Dental Corps (we all know how important drugs are when you have dental issues) and the balance of his reserve commitment in Queens.

Not one to make quick decisions Steve met Carol in the late 60's and they dated for fifteen years before being married in 1983. Steve

said, "I wanted to be sure!" Carol, at that time, was a registered nurse before later returning to school to earn her law degree. Steve stayed in the pharmacy business.

Steve's mother was living in Florida and they would visit her several time a year, especially when the weather turned cold in Queens. "When we came down here we would attend services at the KJCC," Steve recalls. "Our reform synagogue in Queens was large and very nice but there is no comparison to the KJCC and, as the saying goes, after our first visit here we truly felt like mishpocha."

When his mother's health started to fade, she was moved into a nursing facility in Homestead. In early 1996, Steve became certified to practice pharmacy in Florida, sold the drug store in Queens and he and Carol purchased the home in Tavernier where his mother had been residing. By this time Carol had also passed the Florida bar exam. Steve went to work for Eckerd Drugs and later switched to the pharmacy at K-Mart.

Steve and Carol kept attending services. Irv Stein, Marvin Galanty, George Swartz and various other members of the KJCC were leading services in the late 90's. "It was Marvin who introduced me to leading services," Steve says, "I was skeptical in the beginning but Marvin said that 'She' would not strike me dead. He always referred to G-d as 'She' and he convinced me that I could do it." When asked recently to serve as President of the congregation, Steve was once again a bit skeptical but is, once again, convinced that he can handle the task. And he also has the support of another major force in his life; his wife Carol of nearly twenty five years. That's called teamwork.

Keys Jewish Community Center

4th Annual Women's Seder

"The Journey Continues..."

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 21, 2007

6PM @ KJCC

**Homemade Seder Dinner
w/Wine**

Limited seating - Contact

Meredith at

451-3664 or

maccline2@aol.com

Donation \$15

**Join us in celebration as we
continue our efforts at
"Tikkun Olam" repair the
world.**

**Tzedakah donations are
encouraged.**



March 2007

11 Adar—12 Nisan 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>The Second Seder on April 3 will once again be at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Make your reservations NOW!</i>						
4 Sisterhood Purim Dinner	5	6	7	8	9 Jim Boruszak	10 Ki Tissa
11 Board	12	13	14	15 Seder reservations open to public	16 Alan Beth	17 Vayaigeu
18 Chai-Lights	19	20	21 Women's Seder	22	23 Steve Steinbock	24 Vayikra
25	26	27	28	29	30 Alan Beth 6:30 service	31 Shabbat Hagadol

Joshua Nelson

On Sunday, January 14, the KJCC sponsored a very special program. Joshua Nelson and his gospel singers had the audience clapping and moving to Jewish liturgical music. That may sound like an oxymoron-but it was so true! Your KJCC Board sponsored this wonderful event. In order to bring such a special program to our KJCC family, we needed to call, again, on our members. We want to thank our generous Patrons: Dr. and Mrs. Barry Alter, Mr. and Mrs. James Boruszak, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. David Goldfinger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hirsch, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Margulies, Mrs. Marjorie Present, and Ms. Linda Rutkin. We also had donors, who helped us make this a success. Thank you to Mr. Joel Cohen, Dr. Arthur Feinberg (in honor of Richard Goldfinger), Dr. and Mrs. Larry Gilderman, Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kluger, Dr. Alan Netzman, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sax, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weber. We thank Linda Pollack for the tickets and fliers, and David Feder, who saved the day by taking care of all our sound needs. For a program with such a large audience, we called on ushers. For this we thank: Alan Beth, Joseph Beth, Cory Wasser, Mark Wasser, Mark Bloom and Stuart Sax. Finally, a very appreciative thank you goes to a committee that worked together to bring you this special event: Jim Boruszak, Leslie Dillon (ticket collector par excellence), Roberta McNew, Stuart and Lauren Sax, and Mark Wasser. As can be seen by the list of people who made the evening possible, this was a true KJCC group effort!

Joan Boruszak, Chairperson

Campus

'Go-To Guy' Will Be Daily's Next Editor In Chief

By Michelle Sweetwood

Medill junior Abe Rakov will be the next editor in chief of The Daily Northwestern; the Students Publishing Co. named him to the position Monday afternoon. Rakov, a former campus editor and currently the deputy sports editor, will take over in Spring Quarter.

If There's Room in Your Heart and Home..

Friends of Felines has three Shakespearean kittens-Hamlet, Othello, and Lady Macbeth-available for adoption. Hamlet is a true (and rare) silver tabby. Othello is black, of course, but has a silver undercoat! Lady Macbeth is a tuxedo. They're littermates, have been fostered and are ready. We also have a special-needs older fellow, about three, named Silas. He's solid white, and deaf, so he'd need special attention. He's fixed and had his shots. Please contact Sam Vinicur at 852-8741.

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KJCC Religious School News

- Gloria Avner

This is a very full winter for our KJCC students, filled with learning in many more areas than traditional subject matter. Yes, they learn Hebrew reading and writing, vocabulary, history, culture, prayer, and song. But they also have been growing in community building, heart sharing, and *menschlichkeit*, caring for others.

Tu Bishvat, as always, was a high point in our month. Many thanks to the Robert Werthammer family for contributing two beautiful trees, both of which will be planted professionally so they may survive and thrive. Thanks also to the parents who provided much of the fruit, nuts, and wine for our Tu Bishvat seder and participated with us. Our children have developed great reverence and understanding of the important role trees play in our lives and love celebrating this birthday of the trees each year. Our tutors Molly, Corey, and Joseph did a beautiful job of reading the prayers, and Max, Nyan, Hannah, Lily, Danielle and Joshua joined in the singing and dancing in the rain, to the appropriate song, "Mayim" (water).



The trees were not the only ones having birthdays lately. We celebrated with two of our students, Camy and Lily, made cards for our much loved helper Linda Rutkin, and with the help of all her students and the organizing initiative of Marc Bloom, a huge surprise party was held for our wonderful teacher, Yardená. Believe it or not, that party was one of our most successful learning events.

Yardená was moved nearly to tears. Her grin was huge, her heart full to bursting. There on the cake was the message: "Yom Huledet Sameach", blue icing written in Hebrew letters. Her students, both children and adults, honored her in the language she was teaching them.

Best of all, we sat together and sang all the songs we have been practicing this year. The adults joined in and we suddenly have the beginnings of a choir. Please join us at the last Friday night of each month, 6:30 pm, for a lively service in which our students participate. A delicious oneg will follow. These family friendly services are becoming very special events.

The very next week, our students participated in honoring our newly elected officers and board members, witnessing their installation and applauding for the second year in a row. Bit by bit, they are learning what it takes to be a functioning community and extended family.

Now we are preparing our Purimspiel, to be presented by our students and a few brave adults after the International Dinner and Haggadah reading. Our play will go along with the international theme of the evening and will add just a touch of Moroccan flavor to the Shushan experience. Come see us. Make noise. Enjoy our children



BROCCOLI OR ASPARAGUS WITH MOCK HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

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| 3/4 cup mayonnaise | 1/3 cup milk |
| 1/4 tsp salt | 1 Tbs grated lemon rind |
| 1 Tbs lemon juice | dash of pepper |

Combine mayonnaise, milk, salt, and pepper and mix thoroughly and cook over low heat stirring constantly for 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice and rind and cook 1 more minute. Pour over vegetables before serving. Fresh or frozen vegetables can be used

BAKED FISH IN CREAM SAUCE

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| 2 lbs fresh fish of your choice | 1/4 cup lemon juice |
| 1 large onion | 2 ribs celery |
| 1 Tbs butter or margarine | 1 small green pepper |
| 1 large can sliced mushrooms or 1 lb fresh | 1 lb can of whole tomatoes |
| 1 can creamed soup of your choice (undiluted) | 1/2 cup white wine |

Pour lemon juice over fish and marinate for 30 minutes. Saute onion, celery and green pepper in butter. Then add remaining ingredients and simmer for about 5 minutes. Rinse and pat fish dry. Pour all ingredients over fish and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes (uncovered). Optional - fresh garlic may be added to the mixture while simmering.

PINEAPPLE PARFAIT PIE

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| 1 can crushed pineapple | 1 pint vanilla ice cream |
| 1 box strawberry jello | 12 inch pie shell or graham cracker crust |

Drain pineapple and save juice. Put aside. Add enough water to juice to make 1 cup. Bring the liquid to a boil. Dissolve jello in hot liquid. Add ice cream while jello is hot. Put in refrigerator for about 15 minutes to thicken. Fold in crushed pineapple. Pour into baked pie shell or graham cracker crust. Freeze.

Special Days in March

March Birthdays

Gloria Auston	.24
Sylvia Berman	.25
Denise Blumenthal	.15
Allan Bourszak	.15
Michelle E. Denker	.27
Lynn Dils	.23
Sasha Dutton	.1
Hannah Feig	.7
Eva Faust	.31
Stephanie Gilderman	.3
Toby Goldfinger	.7
Sari Eliz. Goldstein	.31
Bill Gordon	.6
Alvin J Gottlieb	.11
Eric Grace	.18
Bea Graham	.6
Doug Graham	.24
Marty Graham	.12
Laurence Green	.10
Anthony A Gutierrez	.30
Eileen Hermann	.13
Allen Holbrook	.8
Kate Horowitz	.10
Seth Horowitz	.14
Melvin L. Jacobson	.1
Barbara Kantor	.2
Erwin Kantor	.21
Adam Karron	.26
Lois S. Kaufman	.21
Benjamin K Kwalick	.4
Jenna Lane	.14

James Jr. Nobil	.21
Steven Nobil	.16
Joel Pollack	.29
Carl Roy	.13
Susan Sachs	.20
Bryan Schur	.11
Lee Schur	.30
Benjamin Schwaid	.17
Nicole Sherman	.2
Stephen Steinbock	.3
Roger Vorcheimer	.28
Marcia Wolf	.23

March Anniversaries

		years
Gloria & Robert Jay Auston	. . . . . 4	25
Sylvia & Robert Berman	. . . . .24	51
Carol & Alvan Field	. . . . .18	19
Susan W & Joseph Goldberg	. . . .25	14
Patricia & Henry Isenberg	. . . . .14	37
Sheila & Jerry Olsen	. . . . .1	48
Susan & Joseph Sachs	. . . . .7	42

A Very Grateful Thank You

Dear Friends of KJCC:

I was overwhelmed with all the cards, letters, and visits from my KJCC family during my recent accident. It was just so uplifting knowing so many cared and it has really been a real boost to my recovery. Thank you says it all!

Love, ML

P.S. Hopefully, I will be dancing soon!

Looking Forward to April

April Birthdays

Lauren Abrams	3
Franne Alter	17
Rachel Barrett	30
David M. Cohn	6
Claire Cooper	3
Robin S Denker	22
David Feder	9
Ethel Foster	7
Jared Scott Gershowitz	25
Max Logan Gershowitz	11
Ella Gilderman	16
Larry Gilderman	20
David Goldfinger	29
Susan Gordon	24
Faychesca Graham	6
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	24
Moir Mulcahy	13
Jordan Neidenberg	29
Jonathan Nobil	20
Lynn Nobil	24
Linda Pollack	29
Beverly Robins	27
Lauren Sax	18

Aaron Schmidt	27
Harvey Schwaid	7
Jason Sherman	30
Gene Silverman	9
Susan Temkin	21
Edward Turney	14
Ilese Vorcheimer	10
Larry Weber	4

April Anniversaries

	Years
Marlene & Paul Berger	3
Marcia & Michael Goldberg	13
Roberta & Rick McNew	26
Nettie & Jules Seder	41
Gene & Morton Silverman	52
Geri & Stuart Smith	42
Mary & Salomon Terner	14
Sherry & Edward Turney	31
Carole & Sheldon Weiss	56

KJCC Historian

Unfortunately, Meredith Cline recently resigned as Historian of the KJCC. I wish to thank Meredith for all her hard work over the years.

Anyone interested in assuming the position of Historian, either alone, or sharing it with someone else, please contact me.

Your President,
Steve Steinbock.
Cell:305-394-0143.



New Board

Here is your new Board of Officers and Directors, They need your help and cooperation in order to make our KJCC function as well as it does. So - attend a Board Meeting. Join a committee. Become involved - it can be quite enjoyable.

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.

Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
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	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seems only yesterday it was February 18th (Marty's deadline for CHAI-LIGHTS). But I find it is March 18th, again Marty's deadline for Chai-Lights articles. Some things don't change.

The Purim presentation by our students & the International Purim Buffet were both smashing successes. In addition, we had about 40 adults present and participating in the Purim Magilla reading, more people than ever before.

Our thanks to Sisterhood, Joyce, Gloria, Susan, Yardena, Mark W, Mark B, Meredith, Candy, Zoe, Roberta and any one else I might have forgotten for all their hard work.

One of our founders, past president Joel Cohen, wishes our new Board and Officers well and we can assure him that the KJCC will continue to soar to new heights. Joel, we miss seeing you at services but want to thank you for your good wishes.

Our resident Rebbe, Dr Bernie Ginsberg, is reviving a new and vigorous Mens Club. The clubs first activity is an outing on Sunday, April 8th after the Board Meeting. We will be going to the Ft Lauderdale Museum. If you wish to join us, please meet us at the temple at Noon. If you have any ideas for future Mens Club activities, please contact Bernie.

Yardena continues to teach adult Hebrew classes every Thursday evening and Friday morning. These classes are growing and the students are doing wonderfully. Yardena will be starting a new lecture series on Wednesday evenings beginning April 11th. The first lecture will be given by Bernie on the "Talmud". The second on April 18th will be given by Yardena on the Holocaust.

We are currently seeking a person to replace Merideth as Historian. Please let me know if you would be willing to undertake this challenge. In the meantime, if you see an item of interest about our "Mishpocha" please clip it and either bring it to services, mail it to KJCC or give it to a board member.

I just learned that our Passover Seder has been sold out. We look forward to seeing every one Tuesdau. April 3rd at the Islamorada Fishing Club. The service will be lead by that Dynamic Duo, Joel

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Important Anouncements

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome. Join us and meet and greet your new Board.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 9:15 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them scheduled. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about all the fabulous events Sisterhood has scheduled.

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 IN COLOR, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan BethBack issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

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.

DEADLINE

Deadline for the May issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is April 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'all. 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.

EMAIL

Please make sure that the email address you have for the editor is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. We have had a bit of mis-sending recently.

April Leaders

6 Gloria

13 Bernie

20 Joyce

27 Jim

- Note Last Friday Service starts at 6:30.

Oneg Sponsors for April

6 - None - Passover

13 Carole & sheldon Weiss - Anniversary

20 Franne & Barry Alter - Franne's birthday

27 Gene & Mort Silverman

- Anniversary Stephanie & Larry Gilderman

- Jordan's bday

April Memoriam	
<div>By Michael Klimpl</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>MARILYN JANET BARR</div> <div>Eternal Rest</div>	<div>By Marc & Ellen Bloom</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>NAT FELDBLUM</div> <div>Rest In Eternal Peace</div>
<div>By Laurence & Renee Green</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>DAVID BERNSTEIN</div> <div>Forever In Our Hearts And Memory</div>	<div>By Jeffrey & Patricia Schocket</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>DOLORES FELDMAN</div> <div>Always In Our Memory</div>
<div>By Mario & Linda LaGrotte</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>MINNIE BIRNBAUM</div> <div>Eternal Peace</div>	<div>By Gene & Gail Saks</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>SAUL GREENFEDER</div> <div>In Our Memory Always</div>
<div>By Steven & Barbara Smith</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>CANTOR ALEX CHAPIN</div> <div>Forever In Our Hearts</div>	<div>By Paul & Susan Roberts</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>MILTON GREENWALD</div> <div>Long Blessed Sleep</div>
<div>By Meredith A. Cline</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>JOSEPH T CLINE</div> <div>In Our Heart And Memory</div>	<div>By Joan Waldman</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>MARTHA GROSS</div> <div>We Remember Always</div>
<div>By Gene & Gail Saks</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>CLARA G COHEN</div> <div>Always In My Memory</div>	<div>By Margaret Gross</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>LAWRENCE GROSS</div> <div>With Loving Remembrance</div>
<div>By Donald & Nancy Zinner</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>IRWIN CUTLER</div> <div>Rest In Peace</div>	<div>By Richard Karron</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>CHARLES KARRON</div> <div>Sleep In Peace</div>

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<div>By Joel & Linda Pollack</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>ERWIN MOSS</div> <div>Never Forgotten, Always Loved</div>	<div>By David & Shifra Kossman</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>DANIEL SEROTT</div> <div>Always In My Memory</div>
<div>By Lester & Flo Neiman</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>ESTELLE NEIMAN</div> <div>Always Loved and Missed</div>	<div>By Miltra Sheinker</div> <div>In Blessed Memory of</div> <div>WARREN J SHEINKER</div> <div>Rest In Peace</div>

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BOOK PLATES

IN HONOR OF
Bernie Ginsberg
Becoming a Grandfather
By Lauren & Stuart Sax

YARTZEIT PLAQUES

Dorothy Ross
1916-1964
27 Adar
Beloved Mother of
Joyce and Daryl

Chabad House

We received a memo from the Chabad House in Key West offering to continue with programs and a dialog between the Chabad and the KJCC. We have responded positively to keep the lines of communication open between our two Jewish centers here in the Keys.

1. Which sitting US Senator had the most Jewish grandparents?

- a. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D, California)
- b. Senator George Allen (R, Virginia)
- c. Senator Hillary Clinton (D, New York)

Reading of the Megillah - Purim 2007

Three years ago, when a few of us began our tradition of reading Megillat Esther together, round-robin style, we could not have dreamed about the gathering we had this year. Over 30 people, young and old, in a double circle, sharing megillot, because who could have imagined that we would ever need more than about a dozen?

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President's Message

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Pollack and Jim Boruszak.

Our Friday night services continue to draw record attendance and the early 6:30 service on the last Friday of the month seems to be a success.

I hope to see more of you at services, lectures, social events and board meetings.

In the mean time I will leave you with this Jewish Proverb "One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world."

L'Chaim
Steve

2. The late Israel Goldfarb was the father-in-law of:

- a. Senator Russ Feingold (D, Wisconsin)
- b. Senator Arlen Specter (R, Pennsylvania)
- c. Senator Harry Reid (D, Nevada - Incoming Majority Leader)

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Pets and People

NAMES OF OWNERS

Meowedith and The Four Furries (The Fe-Cline Family)

BREED/NAME/AGE

Baby Boy-Feline Main Coon; Deceased at Age 12 1/2ish

E.V.E.-Black Cat with White Cupcake Belly; Age 11 1/2ish

Sweetie Pie-Feline Tiffanie Burmese; Age 4ish

Jigs-Black Cat; Age 3ish

REASONS FOR CHOOSING BREED/INTERESTING CHARACTERISTICS/STORIES

Baby Boy chose me. I was Meredith, Mistress of the Munchkins for the Key Players Kids production of The Wizard of Oz at Coral Shores High School (CSHS). Baby Boy, nee Frank-I learned that cats like the "e" sound and his little ears perked up when I called him Baby, marked the rear right tire of my convertible and hopped in to eat my chicken, I not knowing he was a chickaholic.

He had been abandoned by the CSHS security guard. The students used to kick and taunt him. He was eating out of the garbage dumpster and all the cat lovers said that I, only a previous dog owner, must take him in before he died during the summer. I asked that he be neutered and he came to me on OJ Day, June



12, 1994. As I was being told he was an ankle biter, he bit me in between the syllables then proceeded to jump into a still empty litter box to do his thang. So, it was truly love at first bite. And....I wore mukluks for months.

E.V.E., pronounced Evie, also chose me, but, at the Animal Shelter. "Eve" means "life and I got her to bring "life" to Baby Boy since Main Coons tend to get obese and I wanted him to have a play partner. E.V.E. also stands for Evening Velvet Ears. I always thought my beagles' and Baby Boy's ears felt like velvet to the touch and wanted to acknowledge this.

Sweetie Pie and Jigs lost their human mother KJCC member Sheila Blumberg and so, I took them in TEMPORARILY during New Years of 2005. It's obvious why Sweetie Pie has her name. She reminds me of that 1960's toy; the rectangular piece of fake fur you stroke and it curls up. Sweetie is just a puff of hair. She is fascinated by watching ice melt. She also has one great impression. She looks exactly like a stuffed animal when she perches by my Stieff Tiger.

Jigs is named for a Blumberg family friend who was a Lieutenant Junior Grade. He loves shoes and human females. Roberta McNew is his brunette gal and Joyce Peckman is his so-called redheaded sweetheart. Of course, he



has a non-Jewish blonde girlfriend. Jigs gets pampered by the feline girls who give him lots of licks. He does a high wire act by walking along my dropped kitchen ceiling. This particularly impresses Joyce the Dog Lover. He has the cutest tush as he prances and bounds about.

I was told by KJCC member Marsha Garrettson of the animal shelter that E.V.E., formerly Phoebe, was a nurturer. She has continued to live up to this reputation. I tried to walk Jigs on a leash attached to a 50 foot line. I would drop it to get the mail and put out the trash cans. I'd tell Eve to watch him and she would step on the line to stop him. She didn't play with the line. She stood fast.

I also let him out at night to frolic for a few hours when he can't get into trouble (I know, don't yell at me). When I call him in, Eve helps me at the door. She listens for her charge, tries to spy him looking around the door and if I can't get Jigs in, I ask her to corral him. Soon I hear his collar bell tinkling as he's herded into the house.

It's difficult in a matriarchal society for the ladies to get along. Eve reluctantly looks after Sweetie Pie even though she can't help but step on Eves paws.

Living alone is difficult and if it weren't for the Furries, some days I think I wouldn't get out of bed. I'm not the proverbial "Cat Lady". I'm just in love. I especially like it when it's chilly and it's a "three cat night" when we get toasty together, snuggle and cuddle up in our cozy nest.

Baby Boy was my first pet as an adult and my first cat. He was adored by all and he made me a better human being. I always remember my hairy, hunky and handsome feline fellow the weekend between Labor Day and 9/11.

I invite all two and four-legged friends to join me at the seaside memorial service which is emotional yet soothing.



YEDA
Adult Education
by Yardena.

On Jewish Wisdom
and Ethics
part (2)



In last month's article I wrote about the values and the ethical teachings of Judaism I was brought up with, which for me were, and still are, the most important guidelines in the education of my children and of my students.

Jewish law deals with ethical concerns. To teach about a Jewish way of life, one must speak of the Jewish values transmitted from generation to generation. In any introduction to the Jewish daily way of life the rabbis speak of kindness (chessed), because they believe that Jewish religious faith and ritual observance aim, above all, to achieve a perfection of the human relationship and to create a better society.

The great sage Hillel summed up the essence of Judaism by saying: "What is hateful to you, do not do to others. All the rest is commentary." When asked what was the most important guide for relating to others, Rabbi Elazar ben Aroch said "a good heart."

When the Talmud speaks of the characteristics of Israel, it adopts humane criteria: "Three characteristics does this (Jewish) people possess: they are merciful, modest and perform deeds of kindness" (Yevamot 79a). All who possessed these three characteristics were considered "worthy of becoming part of this people."

Simon the Just used to say: "On three foundations does the world stand: On the Torah, on Divine worship and on acts of kindness" (Avot 1:2). Acts of kindness are included in the Mishnah among those things "that have no limits" (Mishnah Peah 1).

This continual emphasis upon justice, com-

passion and kindness over long periods of time was not without its results. For compassion and social justice became the distinguishing hallmark of Jewish communal life even in the centuries before the common era, and has remained so through the centuries.

Let us continue with selections from the Talmud on the values, the wisdom, and the ethical teachings about relating to others.

Making peace among friends

Reconciling friends who have quarreled is considered one of the finest deeds a person can perform. The rabbis considered Aaron, brother of Moses, to be a model of a peace-maker.

Intervening to stop a wrong

Stepping in when you believe people are acting dishonestly is one form of extending yourself for them. "You shall surely rebuke your neighbor and not bear sin because of him," the book of Leviticus commands, emphasizing that once you are aware of a wrongdoing, you have some responsibility to try to stop it.

Whoever can prevent members of his household from committing a sin, but does not, is punished for the sins of his household.

If he can prevent his fellow citizens from committing sins, but does not, he is punished for the sins of his fellow citizens.

If he can prevent the whole world from committing sins, but does not, he is punished for the sins of the whole world.

Babylonian Talmud, tractate Shabbat, p. 54b
Ways of criticizing

A person who rebukes another, whether for offenses against the rebuker himself or for sins against God, should administer the rebuke in private, speak to the offender gently, and point out that he is speaking only for the wrongdoer's own good.....

April Fool Answers

1.a - Of the three, only Senator Feinstein is Jewish and she wins with 3 Jewish grandparents (although not her mother's mother), Senator Allen had 2 (his mother's parents) and Senator Clinton had a Jewish step-grandfather.

2. c - Incoming Majority Leader Reid's father-in-law was a Jewish immigrant from the Ukraine named Israel Goldfarb, who came to America early in the 20th century. Most of his family perished in the Holocaust. Senator Reid and his wife are practicing Mormons. Senator Specter, a practicing Jew, late father-in-law was Jewish. Senator Feingold has had a Jewish father-in-law and a non-Jewish one and currently is father-in-law-less.

3. b - House Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi, who is not Jewish, has 2 Jewish grandchildren. Congressmen Israel and Cantor are Jewish, but not yet grandparents.

4. a - Incoming Congressman Keith Ellison, a practicing Muslim, plans to take the Oath of Office in January holding the Koran. Jews and Christians have been taking the oath holding their holy scriptures since the founding of the republic.

5 d- all of the above! We should kvell!!!

I guess another miracle of modern American Jewish life is that the Chairman of the Republican National Committee is a practicing Jew, Ken Mehlman, who celebrated becoming Bar Mitzvah at age 13. The Chair of the Democratic National Committee is Howard Dean, a practicing Christian, whose Jewish son celebrated becoming Bar Mitzvah at age 13.

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.

Looking Forward to May

May Birthdays

Alan Beth	.27
Matthew Birnbaum	.25
Jaime Boruszak	.18
Joan Boruszak	.27
Sidney Boruszak	.8
Julie Burnett	.30
Mark Burnett	.14
Joel Cohen	.6
Nyan Feder	.12
Robin Forman	.29
Bernie Ginsberg	.14
Rose Marie Gordon	.13
Tracey Greemberg	.21
Nicole Karron	.11
Carolyn Kaufman	.25
Bianka Kirschenbaum	.23
Leon Kirschenbaum	.4
Jenny Margulies	.23
Pamela G. Marmar	.4
Liati Mayk	.29
Stanley Nason	.5
Jeffrey Pollack	.27
Madelyn Ruby Pollack	.12
Sharon Repua	.22
Randy Robins	.26
Sheila Rodin-Novak	.7
Medina Roy	.14
Jonathan Schenker	.1
Paul R. Schur	.15
Reid Schur	.9
Susan Schwaid	.25
Jules Seder	.23
Nettie Seder	.23

Robert Sherman	.31
Robert Silk	.12
Andrea P. Silverman	.18
Mark E. Silverman	.31
Michael Solomon	.3
Sheila R. Steinberg	.11
John Temkin	.14
Nancy Zinner	.29

May Anniversaries

		years
Susan & Alan Cooper	.4	21
Shelley & Harold Schenker	.30	14
Judith & Larry Weber	.29	45

5. The current US Jewish population is hovering around 2% of America's 300,000,000 people. Which of the following is true?

a. The Supreme Court is more than 20% Jewish - the largest number of Jews in history.

b. The new US Senate will be 13% Jewish - the largest number of Jews in history.

c. The new US House will be 8% Jewish - the largest number of Jews in history.

d. All of the above

If the wrongdoer accepts the rebuke, well and good. If not, he should be rebuked a second and a third time. And so one is bound to continue the admonition until the sinner assaults the admonisher and says to him, "I refuse to listen."

- Maimonides, Code, "Laws Concerning Moral Dispositions and Ethical Conduct," chap. 6, section 7

On shaming others

"Wronging people with words," the masters said, is far worse than cheating them in financial matters, for while the one affects only their money, the other affects their entire being. Verbally hurting another person, we are told, is a crime comparable to murder. Although in most cases of verbal assault, unlike physical assault, no legal penalties can be brought against the guilty person, God Himself hears and avenges the cries of the victim.

It once happened, that while Rabbi [Judah the Prince] was giving a lecture, he smelled garlic in the room.

"The person who has eaten garlic must leave," he announced. Rabbi Hiyya stood up and left, and then all the other scholars followed him out.

In the morning, Rabbi Simeon, the son of Rabbi, met Rabbi Hiyya and said, "Was it you who caused that annoying odor?"

"Heaven forbid!" said Rabbi Hiyya. But he and the other scholars wanted to shield the true culprit from humiliation.

- Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin, p.112

Judging others

A certain amount of caution in dealing with people is suggested so that you don't unwittingly find yourself associated with someone with whom you would not want to be connected. But for the most part, Hillel's saying in the Ethics of the Fathers is considered to be a good rule of thumb to follow in forming an opin-

ion about others: "Do not judge your fellow man until you have stood in his place."

The cautious people of Jerusalem had these rules:

They would not sign a document unless they knew who was signing with them;

They would not sit on a court without knowing who would be sitting with them;

And they would not eat at a table unless they knew who their fellow diners would be.

-Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin, p. 23a

It is not true, as some people believe, that the Talmudic masters were interested only in argument for the sake of argument. The Talmud has a logic of its own and a system of rules by which conclusions are arrived at and decisions are made.

Still, the Talmud is not a law book. It presents a process of thinking. Often the discussions and debates over problems do not have a resolution. The Talmudic sages did not consider themselves as innovators. They would have been horrified at the thought. All wisdom, they believed, had been written in the Torah, and the greatest accomplishment of any scholar would be to merely uncover the truth contained in the Holy Books.

In spite of the influences on Jewish thought of other cultures, like the Greek and Roman, the Talmudic sages never lost touch with the uniqueness of their own culture, with its emphasis on scripture and scholarship. The Talmud and Rabbinic values have molded the thoughts, practices, attitudes and ideals of tens of generations of Jews scattered throughout the Diaspora.

Studying the ideals, the wisdom and the values of Judaism helps us remember how vital a resource Jewish ethics are for living a satisfying life. We, the secular generations of modern Jews, sometimes forget how wise and practical

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Sisterhood



SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

- April 1 Sisterhood Meeting 9:30
- April 3 Second Seder at Islamorada Fishing Club
- May 6 End of Season Brunch

CONTRIBUTIONS
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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 list-
ings 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 Fund, Sarah
Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund,
General Fund.

Special Days in April

April Birthdays

Lauren Abrams	3
Franne Alter	17
Rachel Barrett	30
David M. Cohn	6
Claire Cooper	3
Robin S Denker	22
David Feder	9
Ethel Foster	7
Jared Scott Gershowitz	25
Max Logan Gershowitz	11
Ella Gilderman	16
Larry Gilderman	20
David Goldfinger	29
Susan Gordon	24
Faychesca Graham	6
Randolph Green	24
Samantha Grossinger	13
Elinor Grossman	27
Fanny Kluger	15
Moirra Knowles	13
Richard Knowles	12
Murray Kossman	7
Nicole Kossman	26
Linda LaGrotte	28
Lauren Lane	4
Tiffany McNew	24
Jordan Neidenberg	29
Jonathan Nobil	20
Lynn Nobil	24
Linda Pollack	29
Beverly Robins	27
Lauren Sax	18

Aaron Schmidt	27
Harvey Schwaid	7
Jason Sherman	30
Gene Silverman	9
Susan Temkin	21
Edward Turney	14
Ilese Vorcheimer	10
Larry Weber	4

April Anniversaries

	years
Marlene & Paul Berger	11 3
Marcia & Michael Goldberg	3 13
Roberta & Rick McNew	18 26
Nettie & Jules Seder	3 41
Gene & Morton Silverman	30 52
Geri & Stuart Smith	10 42
Mary & Salomon Turner	7 14
Sherry & Edward Turney	6 31
Carole & Sheldon Weiss	15 56

4. The current Holy Book controversy
in Washington stems from

- a. The first Muslim elected to
Congress wanting to take the oath
on the Koran
- b. Jews wanting to be able to take
the oath with a Torah
- c. Christians insisting on being
sworn in with the New Testament



Bubbe hopes your Passover overflows with love & happiness as you celebrate with friends & family, and may the joy & laughter you share with family & friends echo throughout the year.

GEFILTE FISH SAUTE

- 2 Lb jar gefilte fish
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbs water
- 3/4 cup matzo meal
- Butter or margarine

Drain fish. Combine egg and water. Dip fish into mixture. Roll in matzo meal. Sauté in small amount of butter or margarine until golden brown to all sides. Serve with Dill Sauce.

DILL SAUCE

- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped dill pickles
- 1 Tbs pickle juice
- 1/4 tsp salt

Combine all ingredients and store in refrigerator.
This sauce is best prepared several hours before serving.

MURIEL'S PASSOVER MAGIC BROWNIES

- 4 oz chocolate chips or semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla flavoring
- 1 cup cake meal
- Pinch of salt
- 12 oz package chocolate chips
- 2 cups cut up or diced marshmallows

Melt 4 oz chocolate chips and butter together on stove top or in microwave. Use a fork to mix in the sugar. Cool slightly. Again using a fork, add eggs one at a time, and then add vanilla, cake meal and salt. Mix to blend well. Fold in chocolate chips and marshmallows. Bake in a 9 X 13 greased pan for 30 minutes at 350°.

Bike Tour FORMS - UPDATE!!

Several members of the congregation volunteered to accompany Stuart on his ride for MS. Due to a typo error in last month's Chai Lights, it was reported as a 15 mile ride. In fact, the ride is 150 miles and all of those volunteers have since rescinded their offers. Below is the correct information.

On April 21st & 22nd the Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Florida will conduct their annual 150-mile two day bike tour from Miami to Key Largo and back. A familiar face will be among this year's participants. Stuart Sax will compete in his fifth event for the benefit of MS and will be riding in honor of Marc Bloom. "Marc is an inspiration to me to train and complete this event in his place", Stuart said recently. "I may not have the physique or ability of Lance Armstrong but I definitely have the same determination to succeed."

The Breakaway Tour raises funds for MS research. If any KJCC members would like to sponsor Stuart's ride you can make a tax deductible donation payable to "National MS Society" and mail it to Stuart at PO Box 2002, Islamorada, FL 33036 or drop it off at Angelika Boutique or Sunny Exposures. The deadline for all donations is the week before the ride.

Email Problems!

We are having difficulty sending out bulk email to all of our members. Our new Internet Service Provider (ISP) first requires that all recipients agree to receive email from the keysjewishcenter.com. This is because our ISP wants to ensure that we are not sending Spam (is that Kosher by the way??). So, please look for such an email asking you to subscribe and of course agree to receive email from us - keysjewishcenter.com.

If you chose not to subscribe, then unfortunately we will not be able to send you email, nor send you the winning lottery numbers or that fortune you have inherited from a bank in Nigeria -:-)

YEDA continued

our ancient religious teachings were. To study them is to see that they are as alive and vibrant and meaningful today as they were two thousand years ago. Give them a little of your time and you will be amply rewarded; the writings of our amazing sages offer more meaning and wisdom with each reading. It is important that we not lose our connection to this lifeline, this practical guide to living. It is a result of knowledge and teachings from the very beginning of the Jewish experience, and possibly even a little divine inspiration.

3. Which Member of Congress has the most Jewish grandchildren?

 - a. Representative Steve Israel (D, New York)
 - b. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D, California - Speaker of the House-elect)
 - c. Representative Eric Cantor (R, Virginia)



Joel Cohen, left, head of General Hydraulics, Miami, and A. J. Maiocchi, St. Petersburg, Florida, industrialist, look over a little black box which produces ultrasonic magic in the form of cleaning aircraft parts without disassembly.

Ultrasonics Does Faster, Better Job For Aviation

MIAMI — Ultrasonics were developed for the dental profession. Now, by golly, they can save a whale of a lot of time and money for the aircraft industry and in a myriad ways.

Take for example the cleaning of aircraft oil coolers. Joel Cohen, who runs General Hydraulics Corp., 2440 N. W. 38th Court, here, says they can be cleaned looking like new, saving 85 per cent in time.

And you know those tubes. He'll show you his ultrasonic cleaning equipment can save 90 per cent in the replacement of those tubes alone.

General Hydraulics uses one of the largest ultrasonic installations in the U.S. in the cleaning of such items as aircraft oil coolers.

The complete unit consists of an electronic generator and a transducer tank. The generator activating the transducer tank is filled with a suitable cleaning agent. The transducer tank converts electrical

energy into sound waves of such high frequency that the cleaning solution is exploded about 40,000 times per second into millions of submicroscopic vacuum bubbles.

This bubble bombardment visibly disintegrates soils clinging to the object to be cleaned.

The bubble formation has the advantage of wetting all surfaces, since all surface tension is eliminated. It also destroys boundary layer into surfaces, catalyzes chemical reactions of the cleaning solution and degasses the solution—all contributing to the maximum in cleaning efficiency.

This is called cavitation. It means that intricate parts can be cleaned without disassembly.

Or if you want to know what it's all about without getting any more technical: Why mess with Mr. In Between?

General Hydraulics has a mighty slick shop, and Joel Cohen is pretty proud of his FAA repair station and ratings. It's worth a big look.



Joel gets some KJCC visitors



Cover of a popular French edition of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, entitled *Le Peril juif* (The Jewish Threat), 1900-1913.

Cover of a Brazilian edition of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, 1937.

A virulent, antisemitic publication, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which emanated from Czarist Russia in 1903, was widely distributed. It 'proved' that there was a Jewish conspiracy to control the world. However, it was later widely exposed as a fraud but is still published and read in parts of the world today.



Photos courtesy of Harvey Schwaid

These are anti-Jewish posters from the Holocaust Museum in Duban, S.A.

JCC Religious School News

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TuBishvat. (And thanks to members' and officers' special efforts we have drilled larger holes for the trees and they are much happier.) This year we also had a record turnout at the reading of the Megillah, over 35 adults, and we were particularly happy that one of our students, Joshua Bernstein, chose to be present and joined in the reading.

Growth continues in the areas of Hebrew reading and speaking. The children are now working on creating their own dictionaries, increasing their Hebrew vocabularies every week.

Soon we will be holding our Children's Seder which will be led by Dr. Bernie Ginsberg. The date will be announced at services. And don't forget to join us at 6:30 pm for the family service we hold on the last Friday of the month. Pizza will be the featured Oneg refreshment.

Honorable "MENCH"ion

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like mishpocha before we left that night and soon after joined."

Leslie served as Co-President of Sisterhood with Joan Boruszak for a year and she also fulfilled two other goals that she had. "I always wanted to be a Pink Lady at a hospital and I always wanted to learn how to play mah jong. Now I do both."

Tom and Leslie also bought a house in Maine which they refer to as their "hurrication" home. When they stay there in the summers they often attend services with Gloria Avner. Leslie also says in reflection, "I'm lucky because I've had the whole universe as a learning laboratory."



KJCC Religious School News

Gloria Avner

It is always good to celebrate a courageous Jewish woman. When you add to that the relief that goes with genocide averted, laughter, noisemaking, and children having creative fun on the same stage as adults acting outrageously foolish, you have a truly entertaining evening. The highlight of March's KJCC Religious School activities came early this month. On Sunday, March 4th, we performed our Purimspiel "Here's Looking at you Esther," written by Larry Klein, and directed by Gloria Avner. A good time was had by all.



Joshua Bernstein as piano playing Sam and Nyan Feder as King Ahashuerosh were excellent as the throughline characters in this Purim story with a "Casablanca" twist. Camie Jane Berk worked very hard on her role as the beautiful brave Esther, and Hannah Werthammer did an incredibly fine job as Teresh. Max Schrader-Grace and Lili Werthammer as Shushan Boy and Shushan Girl, our cheer and boo leaders, kept the audience on their toes. Cory Wasser gave a fine performance as usual, embodying the wise Mordechai.

A very special vote of thanks must go to the very brave adults of our congregation who joined with us so wholeheartedly to make this a special event. David Feder generously set the tone for us in playing our theme song, "As Time Goes By," Mark Bloom, Mark Wasser, Meredith Cline, Roberta McNew, Zoe Berk, Sofy Wasser, and Jim Boruszak all showed great talent, enthusiasm, and willingness to support our children. They were each terrific and extremely funny. The KJCC Religious School is very grateful for the opportunity to share meaningful, fun projects with so many of our children's parents and other adult members,

This cooperation and collaboration between adults and children is becoming a welcome theme in our school and congregation. The children attend and applaud the installation of new officers. Adults attend and assist in tree planting for

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Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

When one enters the home of Leslie & Tom Dillon, the first impression is that everything is impeccable and each item has its own specific place. Above the cornices around the windows in the living room are numerous decorative starfish. Each is the same size as the next and each is set exactly the same distance from the one next to it. This is an indication that the people who live here are extremely well organized and, perhaps, have a military background. Such is the case with this month's "mench".

Leslie Dillon was born in Queens (are you still keeping score?) but moved with her family at an early age to South Florida. She spent her childhood here and graduated with a degree in education from the University of South Florida. "From there," she says jokingly, "Like most people, I went to from Florida to Alaska to teach out in the bush!"

In the 70's the salary base for teachers in the "lower 48" was around \$8400 a year. Alaska was desperately in need of teachers and the starting salary was over \$16,000 annually. The combination of a good wage and the lure of adventure was all it took.

Leslie's first teaching assignment was as teacher/principal for kindergarten through 8th grade in a small village on the Alluchian Islands. She later transferred to Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage for a few years and then moved to California where she taught, worked in financial services and earned her MBA at National University and a Masters in Educational Administration at Chapman University where she also taught. That experience led to an offer to teach through the U.S.

Department of Defense on deployed Navy ships. That may be why all the starfish are so perfectly placed.

As one of a handful of women on auxiliary vessels from small repair ships to cruisers, Leslie taught business and economics but, with her elementary credentials, she often had to teach basic skills and be adaptable. Like the time she sailed off only to find that there were no textbooks on board with which to teach. "I am not a good maintenance manager, but an excellent trouble shooter when problems arise."

Leslie left the Department of Defense in 1995 due to restructuring and computerization. She chose to return to Alaska first to update her teaching credentials before moving on. "That's where my life really changed," she relates with a smile, "A friend invited me to a party where I met Tom. We

talked for a while, he asked me out again, and we were married three months later in Alaska."

In early 2000, the Dillons attended a conference in Coral Gables and Leslie reconnected to her earlier roots. Two years later they decided to buy a place in the Keys. The townhouse they bought belonged to Irv and Muriel Stein. They found boxes of awards and memorabilia and decided to take them one Friday night to the KJCC where they met Joel Pollack and Jim Boruszak. Leslie says, "And we felt



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KJCC Annual Second Passover Seder

Reservations will be taken
for members only until
March 15th at which time
they will be opened for
others. Send your check
early to confirm your place.
Call Leslie at 852-3654
for information and
reservations.



Tuesday, April 3, 2007

6:30 pm

Islamorada Fishing Club



Adults \$40

Children 12 and under are our guests.

Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
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	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April has been a very busy month for our little congregation. Little in numbers but big in spirit. Our numbers are growing month by month. Keep telling your friends about us!

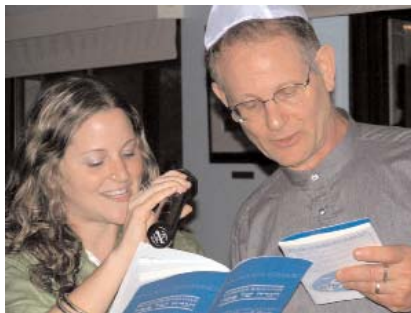
My wife informs me that the Women's Seder was a fantastic event with wonderful food, song and camaraderie. Meredith did a great job setting up and Muriel Swartz lined up attendees to bring food and other items.

The KJCC 2nd night Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club was a sell-out as usual, with plenty of delicious food and wine. Jim and Joel did their usual great job leading the Seder. The prestigious Joel Cohen Award was given to a very deserving and surprised Alan Beth. The Seder drew to a close with a rousing Chad Gad Yod!

It was my great pleasure to attend the Children's Seder led by Dr. Bernie, Yardena and Gloria on Sunday, April 1st. The adults shared their recollections of Seders gone by and the children read from the Hagadah. It was an inspiring morning for all.

The Men's Club's first outing on April 8th was to the Fort Lauderdale Art Museum to see their exhibit of 6th Century Early Christianity and Jewish Artifacts. A great time was had by all who attended. Word has it that a fishing trip is planned next.

Yardena's lecture series began on April 11th with Dr. Bernie giving his insights into the Talmud. It was well attended with much discussion and lots of questions and answers, as one would expect when a group of Jews get together. Light snacks were provided too.



As this issue is going to press, we are looking forward to Yardena's lecture and video presentation about the Holocaust on Wednesday, April 18th. A very moving display entitled "Children in the Holocaust" which Yardena opened in the KJCC lobby on Friday, April 13th. It includes

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Important Announcements

BOARD MEETING

NOTE: Change of meeting day - honoring Mother's Day.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome. Join us and meet and greet your new Board.

SISTERHOOD

The last Sisterhood get together of the season is scheduled for May 6 at 11:30 am. Come to Snappers, eat lunch with us and enjoy.

KJCC WEBSITE

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

DEADLINE

Deadline for the June issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is May 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. 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.

EMAIL

Please make sure that the email address you have for the editor is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. We have had a bit of mis-sending recently.

NEEDED

The KJCC needs an historian. Important job - but no deadlines. Talk to Steve about trying the position - you may actually be surprised to find that it is really enjoyable to be part of the working section of your synagogue. You do NOT have to be a full time resident, you do NOT have to be computer literate, YOU do not have to explain to anyone when you do your job - isn't that nice?

We are also looking for a full-time editor for Chai-Lights. The job is really organization - the editor receives most of the content of the bulletin each month from the directors, the teachers, the photographers and the contributors. Professional formatting is provided. The mailing is taken care of. This is another very rewarding position that MUST be filled shortly. Talk to Steve or Marty about the details.

May Memoriam

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In Blessed Memory of
DOROTHY BIDERMAN
Eternal Rest

By Estelle Incociati
In Blessed Memory of
LOUIS M. BIDERMAN
Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

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Eternal Peace

By Shirley Burnett
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In Our Heart And Memory

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We Remember Always

By Janice Gorson
In Blessed Memory of
JULIE GORSON-MARROW
With Loving Remembrance

By Joan Waldman
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BEN GROSS
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Forever Remembered With Love

By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs

In Blessed Memory of

ESTHER JACOBS

Always Remembered

By Erwin & Barbara Kantor

In Blessed Memory of

JACK KANTOR

Always Remebered With Love

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Rest in Blessed Peace

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ISADORE LEVINE

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Lillian Lippman

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MILTON LIPPMAN

Always Loved and Missed

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numerous photos, writings, books and "passports" brought back from the Holocaust Memorial in Washington DC. That display will remain open through May for anyone who wishes to see it on Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

I would like to wish Stu Sax happy cycling on his 150 mile bicycle trip for Multiple Sclerosis on April 21 & 22 in honor of our own Mark Bloom. If anyone wishes to send a donation, call Stu (even after the event).

A big Thank You to Mark Wasser for his very hard work in getting new insurance for the KJCC at a substantial savings.

Let's see some new faces leading our services.

And let me know if there is something you would like to see done at/by KJCC and/or if you are happy with what we are doing. As Jim Boruszak put it at a board meeting: "For a small congregation, we offer a lot of quality activity for a very small price."

L'Chaim

Steve

PS - The KJCC wants YOU to be our Historian! Call Me!



CHILDREN'S SEDER

We had a wonderful turnout for our Children's Passover Seder this year. Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, assisted by teachers Yarden Kameli and Gloria Avner, played the wise, affectionate, humor laden pater familias at our extended family table, with 24 people sharing in the festivities. We thank Steve Steinbock, Joel and Linda Pollack, and Linda Rutkin for being our honored guests, along with parents Mark Wasser, Paul Bernstein, Mark Bloom, Zoe Berk, Robert Werthammer, Max Shrader-Grace's grandmother, Suzy Feder and her mother Claire, our tutors Cory Wasser and Molly Bloom, and our students Max, Nyan, Joshua, Camie-Jane, Hannah, and Lili, for their serious but joyful participation,

The grownups shared their childhood memories of Passover in a way that moved both youngsters and adults alike. The children read all blessings and important passages directly from the Hebrew, sang the four questions beautifully, and gave us all reason to be proud. We sang, we read, we ate, we drank, we cleaned, we smiled.

Special thanks to Sofy Wasser for delicious chicken soup with matzoh balls, to Heidi Werthammer for fine charoset, and to Suzy Feder for her famous kosher handmade matzoh and matzoh chocolate bark.

Echoes of learning continued. Camie Jane Berk, one of our youngest students, did her family proud the next night with her lovely chanting of the four questions at the KJCC second seder.

We are also extremely proud of Max Shrader-Grace and Hannah Werthammer for taking their learnings at Sunday School into the community. On their own, they took the hand drawn, Hebrew lettered seder plates they had made in our class and brought them

to their class at Montessori school to share the symbols and their meanings with their classmates. Well done, Max and Hannah.

The next day of observance we prepared for was Yom HaShoah. But that is another story.

Good Thinking - Judy Weber

When my adult sons asked what I'd like for Mother's Day last year, I told them that I would really enjoy having my own Mah Jongg set. Rene Rose had taught me how to play and I am part of the regular group when we are in the Keys. So, the boys decided that Dan would order the set on the internet.

Saturday before Mother's Day Dan suddenly remembered that he had forgotten to place the order. So, the family piled in the car and drove to Massapequa to a store that said they had the item in stock.

When the phone rang and I answered, to my delight it was my granddaughter. "Grandma Judy, we found Mah Jongg sets. Do you want a red case or a beige case"?

I chose the beige case.

On Mother's Day after I opened my gift I told my granddaughter how much I loved the set.

"We're so glad you chose the beige set", she said.

"Why"?

"It was cheaper cause it was in the window".

Subject: Some French Anit-Semitism

Once again, the real news in France is conveniently not being reported as it should. To give you an idea of what's going on in France where there are now between 5 and 6 million Muslims and about 600,000 Jews, here is an email that came from a Jew living in France. Please read!"

"Will the world say nothing - again - as it did in Hitler's time? He writes, "I AM A JEW -- therefore I am forwarding this to everyone on all my e-mail lists. I will not sit back and do nothing." Nowhere have the flames of anti-Semitism burned more furiously than in France: In Lyon, a car was rammed into a synagogue and set on fire. In Montpellier, the Jewish religious center was firebombed; so were synagogues in Strasbourg and Marseilles; so was a Jewish school in Creteil - all recently. A Jewish sports club in Toulouse was attacked with Molotov cocktails, and on the statue of Alfred Dreyfus in Paris, the words "Dirty Jew" were painted. In Bondy, 15 men beat up members of a Jewish football team with sticks and metal bars. The bus that takes Jewish children to school in Aubervilliers has been attacked three times in the last 14 months.

"According to the Police, metropolitan Paris has seen 10 to 12 anti-Jewish incidents PER DAY in the past 30 days. Walls in Jewish neighborhoods have been defaced with slogans proclaiming "Jews to the gas chambers" and "Death to the Jews." A gunman opened fire on a kosher butcher's shop (and, of course, the butcher) in Toulouse, France; a Jewish couple in their 20s were beaten up by five men in Villeurbanne, France. The woman was pregnant; a Jewish school was broken into and vandalized in Sarcelles, France. This was just in the past week.

"So I call on you, whether you are a fellow Jew, a friend, or merely a person with the capacity and desire to distinguish decency from depravity, to do, at least, these three simple things:

"First, care enough to stay informed. Don't ever let yourself become deluded into thinking that this is not your fight. I remind you of what Pastor Neimoller said in World War II: "First they came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me".

Second, boycott France and French products. Only the Arab countries are more toxically anti-Semitic and, unlike them, France exports more than just oil and hatred. So boycott their wines and their perfumes. Boycott their clothes and their foodstuffs. Boycott their movies. Definitely boycott their shores. If we are resolved we can exert amazing pressure and, whatever else we may know about the French, we most certainly know that they are like a cobweb in a hurricane in the face of well-directed pressure.

Third, send this along to your family, your friends, and your co-workers. Think of all of the people of good conscience that you know and let them know that you and the people that you care about need their help. The number one best selling book in France is...."September 11: The Frightening Fraud," which argues that no plane ever hit the Pentagon. *



JOEL S. COHEN AWARD - 2007

by Bea Graham

What a great mishpocha we are - gathered here to celebrate the second seder in 2007! We all hope that there will be many more occasions to be together again as we say, "only for celebrations".

I spoke to Joel Cohen yesterday and he wished, as we do, that he could be with us but those of us who know Joel and knew Sarah know that the heartwarming spirit of both will always be with us here tonight and in our Center.

This is our 19th year of presentation of the Joel S. Cohen award. In 1988 the first award was created, much to Joel's surprise, for him, and then named for this wonderful man and presented every year since to a member or members who proved to be outstanding for their performance for the KJCC. Twenty-five candidates - including tonights' - joined this elite circle.

That first award to Joel was presented for his unrestrained charity, his kindness and devotion, his heartfelt dedication and love for the KJCC

mishpocha, his own big family and for all who came in to his life and needed help.

For each of us chosen, who proved in our own way to reach the great examples of Joel S. Cohen, this award is truly and forever to be treasured.

And tonight's outstanding candidate is --- well, let me read the plaque.

Presented to

Alan Beth

For lovingly sharing your knowledge of Yiddishkeit and all its observances with us and guiding us through "old" and "new" adventures along the way.

Pesach

15 Nisan 5767 April 3, 2007

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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.

YEDA Adult Education by Yardena.



Teaching the Holocaust

Why should students learn about the Holocaust? The history of the Holocaust represents one of the most effective subjects for a pedagogical examination of basic moral issues. Asking questions about the Holocaust can teach us critical lessons on human behavior. By learning about the Holocaust we examine what it means to be a responsible citizen, and to become a humanistic society.

Through a study of the Holocaust, students can come to realize that:

- * democratic institutions and values are not automatically sustained, but need to be appreciated, nurtured, and protected;
- * silence and indifference to the suffering of others, or to the violation of civil rights in any society, can lead us to disastrous consequences;
- * 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 preju-

dice, hatred, and ultimately mass murder to occur.

Prevention Coordinator of Monroe Youth's Challenge Program, Michele Sutter, tells us about teaching the Holocaust at Coral Shores High School:

Students at CSHS Prepare to Present a Holocaust Drama

by Michele Sutter

Focusing on the intimate personal details and longings of four youth that were murdered during the Holocaust, a group of teens at Coral Shores High School has taken on a unique service learning project. Their goal is to present a powerful message about how social oppression turned into genocide to their peers. Tracy Dobson's Drama class will perform a combination of the play, "Can You Hear them Crying" along with a series of Holocaust monologues combined with music, original poetry, and a slide show.

In preparation for the production, the students have been reading *Night*, by Elie Wiesel, (using the donated copies from the KJCC). They were visited by KJCC member Yardena Kameli, trained by Yad Vashem, to share about the impact that the Holocaust had upon survivors and in particular, children. Several members of the class visited the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach, a field trip arranged by Monroe Youth Challenge Program's District Prevention Coordinator Michele Sutter, and attended by 11 students, drama teacher Tracy Dobson, and Yardena. This was done to help the students to prepare emotionally for the production. It was a powerful experience.

The next step in the progression of their Holocaust studies is to view the movie, *The Pianist*, and to attend





Student Awareness Day, a Holocaust Symposium sponsored by the Holocaust Education and Documentation Center in Miami. The KJCC has generously agreed to support the trip financially by helping to underwrite the cost of transportation to the event.

Dobson, motivated her students with the charge, "Isolation begins with ridiculing, teasing, judging, bringing down others. Our message is to start practicing being open and honest with yourself and others so we will never allow something horrible like this to happen... REMEMBER!"

Michele Sutter

While teaching the Drama class about "Children and the Holocaust", I was impressed by the high level of interest in studying the Holocaust that the students showed. They were able to empathize with the suffering in the Ghettos and the Concentration Camps, and they began to understand the dangers of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping.

Visiting the Holocaust Memorial in Miami had an emotional impact on the students and their teachers, many of them were in tears. While sitting at the Memorial Wall, where the names of the victims are engraved in the stone, we talked about heroism and strength of spirit. The students learned that for many of the victims, simply maintaining the will to remain alive in the face of brutality and horror, was an

act of spiritual resistance. The ability to resist spiritually shows us that they stayed human and that the Nazis failed in their intent to dehumanize the Jews.

I hope that these lessons at the Holocaust Memorial, at the symposium and in the drama classes will be significant for the learning process of our young students. On April 22, one week after Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Ha'shoah) the students will perform their play for the community at the High School.

(2) Yom Ha'shoah

The teaching of the Holocaust continues with an exhibition presented at the KJCC, showing a display of "CHILDREN IN THE HOLOCAUST" and a documentary film about survivors, who had been children during the Holocaust.

Excerpts from "The Memoirs of Leesha Rose":
Survivor Leesha Rose on Hiding Babies with the Resistance

Leesha Rose was brought up in The Netherlands. She was a teenager when the war broke out and later played an important role in the Resistance Movement. In her book, she describes the hardships of the Dutch Jews in the war, as well as the activities of the Resistance Movement.

A new world opened up for me when I was assigned to the Obstetrics Department. I was permitted to attend and help with the delivery of a newborn baby. I had always been amazed and awed by the miracle of birth. But to see it actually happen and then to hear the first cries of life after the doctor held the baby by its feet and gave it a little pat was to witness the glorious miracle of creation.

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Sisterhood

Shalom! Is it really April? (May when you read this)! We've had another wonderful season with great support for our events. The Purim International Dinner and the Megillah reading were so well attended and kudos to all our kids, adults and teachers for the great performance of "Here's Looking at you, Esther"!



The Women's Seder is such a heartfelt event. We honored our own, modest Pauline Roller this year who inspires us with her kindness, spirit and unlimited energy! Our dedication to "Tikkun Olam" remains a central theme.

The KJCC 2nd night Passover Seder was filled to capacity, and I know that no-one went away hungry!

Holocaust Remembrance Day was April 15th and the Hebrew School observed this occasion with a bus trip to the Memorial in Miami." Let us not forget". Then, coming up on the horizon is the May 6 Sisterhood Luncheon at Snappers. Call me for info or reservations.

Stay tuned for details of the "Shaba-beque" cookout over July 4th weekend. Lastly, our Oneg Shabbats are well covered for sponsors of food. However, we could use some manpower for the set-up/clean-up during the spring and summer months. If you can commit to even just one Friday night it would be greatly appreciated and take the load off the "regulars". It's usually just a small group of us anyway. Contact either Joyce or myself.

See you at the luncheon!

Joan

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More than once, I saw the parents looking at each other in happiness and then I heard the father say to the doctor: "What shall I do with the baby now? How can I keep him safe and out of reach of the Nazis? Soon we may be called up for deportation and forcibly taken out of our house. Shall we go into hiding? But then the cries of the baby will give us away. Doctor, I feel guilty for having brought this new life into this miserable world!"

Here I could be of help. After consultation with my contact in the Resistance, the baby and the parents were hidden separately, somewhere in The Netherlands.

Source: Leesha Rose, *The Tulips are Red, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem 1978*, p. 109.

You can read other stories of children in the Holocaust, of those who survived and those who did not, in the display at the KJCC. The exhibition will continue for a month, and can be seen on Sunday mornings.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, expressions of concern, support and deeds of kindness during Herb's illness, his passing and also the passing of my father.

Becky Uram

The Uram Family

The Hoffman Family

MIT Accepts a Great Scholar

Marathon High School senior Suzie Greenman has been accepted at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for early admission. She impressed interviewers with her global warming accomplishments through World Wildlife Fund.

Suzie just returned from a year in Germany as an ambassador with the Rotary International Exchange Program. By the spring semester, despite her lack of German upon arrival, Susie tutored other students in math and chemistry in German.

MIT accepts 13% of freshman applicants - even less for early admission. Suzie fits the MIT's mission to serve the nation and the world in the 21st century.

Education News -

Gloria Avner

Once again, the theme of sharing, between young and not so young, between students and teachers, parents and children, pupils and board members, weaves its way through KJCC Sunday School activities.

Our children now ask, "What is the next holiday?" even before we take down our latest bulletin board. (We hope you have been checking them out on Friday nights). They "get" that there is a ceremonial cycle that progresses through the Jewish year, that after Chanukah comes Tu BiShvat, and after Purim play comes Passover. They know that preparation is important and that ritual unites us with Jews throughout the world and throughout time. They help their parents prepare traditional foods and take pride in sharing what they have brought with the rest of us.

Center Events

Those of us who attended the early March 30th Service were treated to a surprise Shabbat dinner after prayers. Dinner was provided by Yardena's Ulpan classes and included great food and conversation as well as singing and our wonderful Friday night camaraderie. Thanks to all who participated in this joyous evening at the KJCC.

Kudos to Yardena and her committee for putting together a new lecture series on Wednesday evenings. Dr. Bernie's lecture on the Talmud was informative, thought-provoking and interesting. Those in attendance raised many questions and lively "pilpul" discussion was carried on into the evening.

Continuing the series was a video presentation about the Holocaust in observance of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. Yardena introduced the film and gave us some valuable insight into her early experiences with Survivors while growing up in Israel after the war. Discussion ensued with comments and questions from the group about the video and about Yardena's and Michal's direct experiences.

Looking Ahead

In this flurry of last minute activity to feed the hungry IRS their due, we are reminded again that planning ahead is really smart.

This time, we're talking about our plans for the "extended" future - Burial Plans. The KJCC has spaces in lovely memorial gardens at Mt. Nebo in Kendall. All your special needs can be accommodated in a peaceful setting where memories seem to make communication with loved ones possible.

Mt. Nebo offers a beautiful chapel for services and graveside services in a simpler setting. They also have a monument section and private family areas. When needed, all arrangements are made quickly in adherence to Jewish burial and funeral laws.

We recently purchased 6 additional grave sites and found prices continuing to rise. We suggest you consider making family plans 'now' and not need them for a long, long time.

If you need directions to pre-view the location and serenity of Mt. Nebo, we will print them out for you. We can offer any help with your in-the-future plans, just call B. Graham at 305-852-0214/

Think of this: eventually, many of our mish-pocha from the KJCC will be together to start another congregation - celestial, of course!

YARTZEIT PLAQUES

**GORDON S. PRESENT
BELOVED HUSBAND,
FATHER AND GRANDFATHER
July 3, 2006**



Hello – G-d – can you hear me now?

BOOK PLATES

**IN MEMORY OF
SAM SAX
BY STUART AND LAUREN SAX**

TREE OF LIFE

**DOTTIE LANGDON
"LAUGHTER, LOVING CARE,
AND DIGNITY FOR THE ELDERLY"**

May 2007

13 Iyar 14 Sivan 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sisterhood Luncheon is at Snappers at 11:30 am		1	2	3	4 Stanley Nason <i>George</i>	5 <i>Emor</i>
6 <i>Sisterhood lunch 11:30 am</i>	7	8	9	10	11 The Goldfingers <i>Yardena & Steve</i>	12 <i>Behar - Bechukotai</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 The Boruszaks <i>Jim</i>	19 <i>Bamidbar</i>
20 <i>Board 9:00 am</i>	21	22	23	24	25 Yardena Kameli <i>Stuart & Lauren 6:30 pm</i>	26 <i>Naso</i>
27	28	29	30	31	The Board Meeting date has been changed to May 20th.	



ROLLED FISH AND VEGETABLES

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| 2 lbs fish filets | 1 10 oz package frozen mixed vegetables |
| 4 TBS chili sauce | 4 TBS sour cream |
| 1 TBS lemon juice | Salt to taste |

Wash and pat dry fish and sprinkle with lemon juice. Parboil vegetables for 10 minutes, drain. Place heaping tablespoons of vegetables on fish filets and close with a toothpick. Grease a 8 X 12 pan and place fish in it. Mix chili sauce and sour cream and pour over fish. Bake 30 minutes at 350°.

STUFFED MUSHROOMS

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| 1 lb large mushrooms | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 1 small onion, minced | 3/4 cup bread crumbs |
| 1 TBS minced parsley | 2 TBS melted butter |
| 3 TBS grated parmesan cheese | 1 TBS olive oil |
| Salt and pepper to taste | |

Remove and chop mushroom stems. Mix chopped stems, garlic, onions, crumbs, parsley, butter, salt and pepper together. Fill mushroom crowns with mixture. Pour oil in a baking dish. Add stuffed mushrooms (sprinkle a little oil on top of each mushroom). Bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

LOW FAT PEANUT BUTTER PIE

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| 8 chocolate wafer cookies, crushed | 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter |
| 3 oz light cream cheese | 5 oz fat-free cream cheese |
| 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar | 8 oz frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed |
| 2 tsp chocolate syrup | |

Spray a 9" pie plate with cooking spray. Scatter the cookie crumbs evenly over the bottom. Set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer set on medium, beat together the peanut butter, light and fat-free cream cheeses until smooth. Spread evenly over the cookie crumbs. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Using the tip of a knife swirl the chocolate syrup. Cover with plastic wrap and chill for at least 4 hours or until set.

Special Days in May

May Birthdays

Alan Beth	.27
Matthew Birnbaum	.25
Jaime Boruszak	.18
Joan Boruszak	.27
Sidney Boruszak	.8
Julie Burnett	.30
Mark Burnett	.14
Joel Cohen	.6
Nyan Feder	.12
Robin Forman	.29
Bernie Ginsberg	.14
Rose Marie Gordon	.13
Tracey Greemberg	.21
Nicole Karron	.11
Carolyn Kaufman	.25
Bianka Kirschenbaum	.23
Leon Kirschenbaum	.4
Jenny Margulies	.23
Pamela G. Marmar	.4
Liat Mayk	.29
Stanley Nason	.5
Jeffrey Pollack	.27
Madelyn Ruby Pollack	.12
Sharon Repua	.22
Randy Robins	.26
Sheila Rodin-Novak	.7
Medina Roy	.14
Jonathan Schenker	.1
Paul R. Schur	.15
Reid Schur	.9
Susan Schwaid	.25

Jules Seder	.23
Nettie Seder	.23
Robert Sherman	.31
Robert Silk	.12
Andrea P. Silverman	.18
Mark E. Silverman	.31
Michael Solomon	.3
Sheila R. Steinberg	.11
John Temkin	.14
Nancy Zinner	.29

May Anniversaries

	Years
Susan & Alan Cooper	.4 21
Shelley & Harold Schenker	.30 14
Judith & Larry Weber	.29 45

May Leaders

4	George
11	Yardena & Steve
18	Jim
25th	– Services at 6:30 PM

May Onegs Shabbat Sponsors

4	Stanley Nason
11	Toby & David Goldfinger
18	Joan & Jim Boruszak - Joan's birthday
25	Yardena Kamely - Michal's birthday

Looking Forward to June

Zoe Berk	9
Donna Bolton	6
William Bolton	15
Rita Bromwich	26
Andrew Cohen	28
Stephen Cohen	15
Alan Cooper	28
Eleanor Forbes	3
Arthur Feinberg	29
Linda Feinberg	11
Bob Friedman	30
Suzanne Gilson	6
Joseph Goldberg	23
Maxwell Grace	27
Michal Kamely	12
Peter Kantor	16
Amelia Kasinof	18
Harvey Klein	20
Nancy Kluger	6
Jessica Kordansky	10
Robert N Kwalick	29
Selma Levine	6
Sheldon Mann	8
Haley Mayclin	15
Israel Mayk	13
Jennifer Nobil	14
Jim Nobil	7
Taryn Nobil	21
Abraham Rakov	3
Delaney Rohde	24
Joseph Sachs	5
Judy Schmidt	20
Kevin M. Silverman	12
Lorene Solomon	3

Alfred Weihl	4
Barbara Weprin	30
Joan Wohl	7
Dorothy Wolfe	5

June Anniversaries

	Years
Joan Stark & Joel Bernard	1 21
Donna & William Bolton	12 14
Joan & James Boruszak	14 54
Ruth Schraeder- & Eric Grace	18 13
Renee & Laurence Green	25 35
Elinor & Herbert Grossman	25 50
Linda & Allan Holbrook	20 31
Selma & Herbert Levine	11 57
Beverly M & Harvey E Robins	12 50
Rene & Skip Rose	23 52
Lauren & Stuart Sax	23 33
Sheila & Richard Steinberg	7 48
Carol Ann & Stephen Steinbock	5 24
Sofy & Mark Wasser	10 12
Barbara & William Weprin	8 39
Heide & Robert Werthamer	24 12
Joan & Milton Wohl	20 56
Rae Susan & Lloyd Wruble	28 38

Prizes

Congratulations to Rene, Mary Lee and Bea for winning gifts at the FKEC Picnic and annual meeting.

BOLD IS BEAUTIFUL

What is the definition of 'crowning glory'? The answer is easy-Brieze Levy. Brieze, who was escorted by her father, Ron Levy, was selected Miss Coral Shores on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

The caption of this article refers to the question asked of the final 5 contestants to describe themselves in one word. Brieze said "BOLD" and backed it up by saying, 'Being bold and not missing out on life'. It was a superb statement for young and old to follow. Her poise was incomparable and her talent, a lyrical dance, was mesmerizing.

Supporting her in the audience were KJCC members: sister Stellar Levy, Nancy Kluger, Joyce Peckman, Cathy Rakov, and Meredith A. Cline, all who cheered with great enthusiasm.

Rosemarie Gordon and Tiffany McNew were featured in another contestant's video presentation.

The photo accompanying this article was taken by Brieze's proud mother, Beth Kamenstein.



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.

Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
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	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The season is over and our snowbirds have headed north to parts known or unknown. Gloria has left for Maine. Linda R has gone back to Baltimore. Others are going on short or long vacations. Dr. Bernie just got back from a trip and Marty & Bea just returned from New Jersey. We wish everyone a healthy and happy summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall.

Meredith Cline. has graciously agreed to continue on as Historian and told me she never stopped "clipping" the last few months. She asks all of us - if you have photos of interest, please send them to her via e-mail to macline2@aol.com or given them to her or me in person.

I am sorry to say that Marty is definitely retiring after 20+ years as editor of Chai-Lights. We thank him for all these years of service to the KJCC. While he is a very hard act to follow, I have found an individual with editorial experience who is willing to take on the job. With the help of Sam Vinicur, and with Marty's assistance in the transition, we are looking forward to continued publication of Chai-Lights without interruption.

As this issue goes to press, Adult Education and Sunday School will draw to a close for the summer. A big Thank You to Yardena and Gloria and, of course, Susan Gordon, for all their hard work.

The Holocaust display has continued to be available in the KJCC Lobby and we have been pleased to make arrangements for individuals to see it throughout the month. We have also received a great response from those letting us know they will be attending Dr. Rebecca Boehling's multi-media presentation on May 23rd about a German-Jewish family's efforts to help their family members leave war torn Germany. I look forward to telling you all about it in the next issue.

My wife, Carol, Muriel and George Swartz and Meredith Cline all traveled to Marathon for the annual Monroe Youth Challenge Program award and recognition evening on May 10th. The Monroe County Superintendent of Schools read a letter from Yardena and me thanking Michelle Sutter and others for their efforts over the years in educating Monroe County's children about the Holocaust. The Superintendent thanked the KJCC and Yardena for our contributions to the children.

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Important Announcements

BOARD MEETING

NOTE: The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome. Join us and help your Board improve the operation of the KJCC.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2007. An email will be sent to remind you. At this time the plans for the High Holy Days will be finalized.

KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at <http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/> and read Chai-Lights every month IN COLOR, 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 August-September issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is August 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'all. 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.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Plans are being made by the Holiday Committee. If you have any ideas you wish to share with the committee, email them to alanbeth@yahoo.com

SUMMER PUBLISHING

This issue of Chai-Lights is dated June-July. The next issue will be dated August-September, but will not be mailed until the end of August. It will have all the High Holy Day information available at the time.

JUNE ONEG SPONSORS

June 1

Neal & Kathy Rakov - in honor of Abe's birthday

Steve & Carole Steinbock - honor of Anniversary

June 8

Mort & Gene Silverman - honor of Kevin's birthday

June 15

Jim & Joan Boruszak - honor of Anniversary

Steven & Amelia Kasinof - honor of Amelia's birthday

June 22 -

Skip & Rene Rose - Anniversary

Stuart & Lauren Sax

June 29

Dr. Arthur Feinberg - in honor of his birthday

Mort & Gene Silverman - Elissa Decker's birthday

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July 13

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SAMUEL HORN
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ARTHUR KLIMPL
Long Blessed Sleep

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In Blessed Memory of

IRMA WEIHL

In Our Memory Always

By Janice Gorson

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SEYMOUR WERTHAMER

Forever Remembered With Love

By Donald & Nancy Zinner

In Blessed Memory of

HENRIETTA ZINNER

Always Remembered



Dr. Rebecca Boehling,

History of a German-Jewish Family

On Wednesday, May 23rd, the KJCC was privileged to have Dr. Rebecca Boehling, a tenured Associate Professor of History at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County where she has been teaching since 1989. She is the new Director of the Drescher Center for the Humanities. Dr. Boehling obtained her PhD in Modern European History at the University of Wisconsin. She was Research Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.

As part of Yardena Kameli's adult education series, Dr. Boehling gave a multi-media presentation on the history and fate of a German-Jewish family torn apart by the Holocaust to an audience of 46 people.

She showed a number of photos of family members taken before the Holocaust. She described the historical events that occurred in Germany from the 1920s through the 1940s and explained how those events affected the members of the Kaufmann-Steinberg family. She described how various family members attempted to leave Germany before and during

WWII, including the children's continued attempts to rescue Selma and Henny Kaufmann after they had already been murdered by the Nazis, when the family did not know they were already dead.

This very informative and moving presentation was a brief introduction to a book entitled *Leaving No Stone Unturned: A German-Jewish Family Torn Apart by the Holocaust As Glimpsed through Hundreds of Family Letters Across Three Continents, 1938-1948*, which Dr. Boehling is writing together with Dr. Uta Larkey of Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Everyone was enthralled by Dr. Boehling's knowledge and professional delivery of the subject matter. A lively discussion followed and many stayed afterwards to speak to her.

We all look forward to reading Dr. Boehling's book when it is published.

Many thanks to Yardena and Dr. Boehling.



KJCC's own Joshua Bernstein wins young artist award from famous sea life artist Wyland during wall painting week.

Joshua's fish is in the background, We are very proud of him.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

Dear Friends,

I am very proud to say that the 2007 MS Breakaway 150 is now history. There were nearly 2500 cyclists for day one and the number dropped to about 2300 as many riders opted out of day two due to less than favorable weather conditions.

Day one was nearly ideal. The winds were from the northeast and the course from Miami to Key Largo was mainly to the west and south so we had mostly crosswinds and tailwinds for most of the ride. The only challenge was the Card Sound Bridge at mile 55. But the rest of the ride to the day one finish was fairly easy and I beat my goal of six hours by 30 minutes.

Day two was a different animal. The winds were still from the northeast and had increased to 20-30 mph. And, of course, day two was 90% to the north and east. Thankfully the bridge came about 20 miles into the ride so it was manageable. Once we left Card Sound Road we headed east into very open areas around Florida City and Homestead.

The highlight of the return ride was a lap around the Homestead Speedway track which was awesome. There was a rest stop at Victory Lane to get the riders pumped for the final 35 miles. This is where even more riders decided to call it quits for the day. Not me.

By mile fifty of day two we were in Miami and the trees through the residential areas provided a bit of relief from the strong headwinds. By this time my quads and calves were screaming for rest and the sight of the finish line and Lauren made it all better. My day two finish time was within minutes of my six-hour goal and I estimate of the 2000 plus finishers there were only a

handful of us over the age of sixty. The event raised an estimated two million dollars for MS research and I had my mind on my 'Pedal Partners' who have MS and those that sponsored my ride. Thank you all for the encouragement and support.

Would I do it again? In a heartbeat.

Stuart

P.S. I have attached a few photos. One of the finish; one with my friend Marc who has MS; and my 'Petal Partners' bandana which rode with me the entire way. Thanks again.



YEDA Adult Education by Yardena. JERUSALEM



YOM YERUSHALAYIM, JERUSALEM DAY, is the newest holiday on the Israeli calendar. Observed on 28 Iyar, it celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967, after the Six-Day-War. The single holiest city in Jewish tradition, mentioned over 500 times in the Tanach (Bible), it had been divided as a result of the aftermath of the War of Independence in 1948, with the half of the Old City that included the Kotel, (Western Wall), in Jordanian hands. When it was retaken by the Israeli troops in 1967, it marked the first time in nearly 2000 years that the city was unified under a Jewish government.

Through 2000 years of exile, Jews from four corners of the world always turned in prayer toward Jerusalem. Why is Jerusalem so important to us? Why should we care what happens to Jerusalem?

We need to begin by understanding the importance of memory. Memory isn't history, by defining the past, memory creates the present. Repression of memory indicates mental distress, health comes from memory's recovery. In Hebrew, the word for man is "zachar." The word for memory is "zecher." Man is memory. People who suffer memory loss through illness or accident don't just misplace their keys. They lose themselves. They become lost in time, because without memory, the current moment has no context, and no meaning.

When the Jews were first exiled from Jerusalem, King David said, "If I forget you Jerusalem, let my right hand lose its strength. Let my tongue cling to my palate if I fail to recall you, if I fail to elevate Jerusalem above my highest joy."

The memory of Jerusalem somehow is linked to our current vigor as a people. The Talmud says Jerusalem was named by God. The name has two parts: Yira, which means "to see," and shalem, which means "peace."

Jerusalem was the place of Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, and Abraham said of Jerusalem, "This is the place where God is seen."

The orthodox Jews say that in Jerusalem, God is seen, and felt as a tangible presence. That in Jerusalem, we reach beyond the frailty and vulnerability of our lives, and we sense and strive for transcendence.

Jerusalem was always the center of our soul, our spirituality. It is a metaphor for a perfected world, and it gives us perspective on our lives. When Aldous Huxley said, "we have each of us our Jerusalem," he meant a vision of what life might be.

The Romans expelled the Jews from Jerusalem, trying to break our spirit. The Crusaders expelled Jews and destroyed synagogues. The Moslems came after, and as those before them rewrote the memory of Jerusalem, expelling Jews and Christians.

But Jews preserved Jerusalem as a memory. When we built our houses, we left a square unplastered, to symbolize that it was only a temporary dwelling until we could return to our real and permanent home, Jerusalem. We broke a glass at weddings in memory of Jerusalem. From all over the world we turned and prayed toward Jerusalem, the sole center of our national and spiritual life. And because memory was kept alive, the Jewish people lived. When Jerusalem was liberated, the past became present, what we had dreamed of became real.

We are a nation of priests and prophets, of farmers and warriors, of teachers and educa-

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Sisterhood

Shalom! The Sisterhood luncheon was a lot of fun, with about 20 of us at Snappers with good food and lively conversation! I think Meredith even managed to get a photo of us all! Everyone seems very busy with summer plans, home and away....We'll look forward to seeing our summer crowd at the annual Shaba-beque on Friday, July 6.

By the way, we had a wonderful turn-out from the KJCC for the Coral Shores Holocaust play "Can You Hear Them Crying". The performance was heartfelt and the kids really appreciated the support.

Since our next September Sisterhood meeting falls on Labor Day weekend, we have moved it to Sunday, August 26. I'll send out a reminder e-mail memo. Then there will be time to plan for the High Holidays and lay a framework for the coming season. Best wishes to all for a cool summer!

Joan



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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.





NESIAYA TOVA MEANS BON VOYAGE

Linda Rutkin is the only KJCC member (other than Yardená) who attends all 3 Ulpan classes-beginning through advanced. To give her a hearty, if regretful send-off, those fellow students who were in town: Medina, Sam, Bernie, Marc, Joyce, Gloria, and of course, Yardená, ended her last class with a trip to Tower of Pizza in Key Largo. There, they were joined by quite a few of her other friends: Sue G., Alan & Candy, Meredith, Zoe & Sonny, Steve & Carol Ann.

It is always sad to say "Lehitraot"- see you again- but we are a mobile group.

President's Message

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Before you know it, the High Holidays will be upon us. Alan Beth is starting to organize the services, a very difficult job which he does very well.

I am looking forward to a peaceful summer and I wish you and your families the same.

L'Chaim
Steve

tors. We taught the world "to love your neighbor as yourself," equality before justice (tzedek), and to admire the good, the wise, and the kind (chessed).

David Ben-Gurion declared in the Knesset on December 5, 1947: ".....Jewish Jerusalem is an organic and inseparable part of the history of Israel, the faith of Israel, and of the very soul of our people. Jerusalem is the heart of hearts of the State of Israel."

And then came the Six-Day-War. On June 7, 1967, the last day of the three days of fighting between the Jordanians and the Israelis in and around Jerusalem, a pattern of history that had held steady for 1833 years since the suppression of Bar-Kochvah revolt in 134 A.D., was dramatically reversed. Jerusalem was restored, united, becoming again one united whole. There was an undescribable sense of joy, of redemption. The chief Rabbi of Israel's Armed Forces, Shlomo Goren, managed to reach the Kotel (Western Wall), even before the firing had died down, to sound the victory with his Shofar. Dayan, Eshkol, and Rabin were close behind him; it was still hard to believe that the Kotel was in Jewish hands. Hardened veterans ran to touch the ancient wall and to weep with gratitude.

Our memory of Jerusalem and its significance is in the different names for this unique city: Irr-Ha'kodesh, Holy City, Irr-Ha'shalom, City of Peace, City of Faith, City of Spirituality, City of David, City of Zion, City of Eternity.

Beshanah Ha'baa Beyerushalayim
Shalom, Yardená



Subject: KJCC Student Scholarship Awards

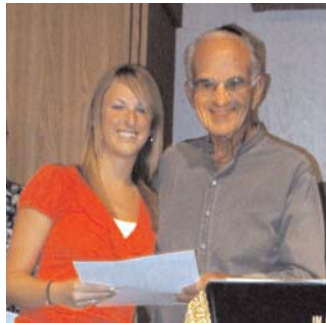
Nancy Kluger

The KJCC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Merit Award for excellent achievement throughout high school to the following students.

Joseph Beth received the "KJCC" \$2500 scholarship for his exemplary volunteer work at the KJCC, including his weekly assistance to students at our Hebrew School. Joseph was a member of both the Coral Shores High School Swim Team and Lacrosse Team. Among the many community volunteer projects throughout

high school, Joseph worked as an intern for Island Dolphin Care and participated in sea grass/coral restoration. Joseph plans to attend Miami-Dade College and major in Business Administration and further his education at the Marine Mechanic Institute. Congratulations to a true gentleman, Joseph Beth for his extraordinary work in our community.

Andrea Kluger was awarded "The Pauline and Al Roller Merit Award" in the amount of \$1000 for her participation in the community. She is presently the Student Council President of Coral Shores High School and held the office of President for her sophomore and junior class. Andrea was a member of the National Honor Society, elected Treasurer of Math Club and earned a GPA of 3.9. She also was voted on both Homecoming and Prom Court by her classmates, and served as Prom Project Coordinator last year. Andrea competed on the CSHS Tennis, Cross Country and Soccer teams. Her community involvement included assisting Representative Ken Sorensen and his staff, participated as a Tsunami Relieve Fund volunteer and took part in the Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament (she caught four fish!). Andrea will attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee this Fall. Her plans are to further her education and attend law school.



Suzie Greenman was also recognized by the KJCC and received "The Pauline and Al Roller Merit Award" in the amount of \$1000 for her tireless volunteer work. Susan accrued over 300 community service hours for projects including co-founder of Hands on Hands Inc. a non-profit for underprivileged children worldwide, recognition from Florida Senator Bob Graham and World Wildlife Fund for exemplary environmental action regarding the passing of the Tortugas Ecological Reserve, Climate Stewardship Act and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Susan attended Marathon High School, received a perfect GPA of 4.0 and is a member of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Soccer Team, President, Interact (Rotary Student Service Organization) and served as President of her Sophomore Class. Her singing roles in High School and Community Musical Theatre included "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Footloose" and "Bye Bye Birdie." In her spare time she earned Gold Medals in Tango, Swing, Foxtrot, Waltz, Mambo American and International Cha-Cha and Rumba. She attended summer engineering camps throughout high school and will attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston this Fall.

We take great pride in all of our students' accomplishments at the Keys Jewish Community Center. Mazel Tov to Joseph, Andrea, Susan and their families.

No More Teachers, No More Books

by Gloria Avner

The biggest news from our KJCC Religious School is that by the time you read this, classes will be over, for this year at least. It was a great year. Our students participated in and made special displays for every holiday. Under teacher Gloria Avner's direction, we produced two well-received plays, "The Flying Latke" for Chanukah and "Here's Looking at You Esther" for Purim. Both plays incorporated our grownup members in enthusiastically performed roles. We planted trees for Tu B'shvat. We held our own delightful and very moving children's seder, again supported by the participation of interested adult members and supportive parents. We participated in several early Shabbat services and demonstrated our new singing and dancing abilities at the celebration of Yom Ha'Atzma'ut. The children continue to deepen their understanding of Jewish history, culture, and values through Bible stories, art projects, discussion, and participation in shared activities with adults (see story about Yom Ha' Shoah). In the realm of Hebrew study, our children have increased their spoken vocabulary to include parts of the body, members of the family, articles in a schoolroom, and names of animals. Their facility in reading of prayers and singing of traditional Shabbat songs has increased dramatically. Most important, their confidence in their own abilities to create ceremony has grown. As teachers, we could only quell when Robert Werthammer told us that Lili and Hannah, visiting their grandmother in a special home, had insisted on saying the blessings over Shabbat candles, bread, and wine for her. We have no final exams in our school. The students all receive a certificate of completion at the end of the school year and our praise for their achievements. The true final exam they have already passed with flying colors, enjoying their learning, participating eagerly, and sharing with others by taking that learning into their public schools, homes, and daily lives. We are proud of our students and invite other families to join us for an enriching experience next year. Your KJCC teachers Yardena Kameli and Gloria Avner thank you for supporting us and our next generation of the Jewish community.*

Historical Significance

Raymond S. Kraft

Sixty-three years ago, Nazi Germany had overrun almost all of Europe and hammered England to the verge of bankruptcy and defeat. The Nazis had sunk more than 400 British ships in their convoys between England and America taking food and war materials

At that time the US was in an isolationist, pacifist mood, and most Americans wanted nothing to do with the European or the Asian war.

Then along came Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and in outrage Congress unanimously declared war on Japan, and the following day on Germany, who had not yet attacked us. It was a dicey thing. We had few allies.

France was not an ally, as the Vichy government of France quickly aligned itself with its German occupiers. Germany was certainly not an ally, as Hitler was intent on setting up a Thousand Year Reich in Europe. Japan was not an ally, as it was well on its way to owning and controlling all of Asia.

Together, Japan and Germany had long-range plans of invading Canada and Mexico, as launching pads to get into the United States over our northern and southern borders, after they finished gaining control of Asia and Europe.

America 's only allies then were England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Australia, and Russia. That was about it All of Europe, from Norway to Italy (except Russia in the East) was already under the Nazi heel.

The US was certainly not prepared for war. The US had drastically downgraded most of its military forces after WW I because of the depression, so that at the outbreak of WW II, Army units were training with broomsticks because they didn't have guns, and cars with

"tank" painted on the doors because they didn't have real tanks A huge chunk of our Navy had just been sunk or damaged at Pearl Harbor

Britain had already gone bankrupt, saved only by the donation of \$600 million in gold bullion in the Bank of England (that was actually the property of Belgium) given by Belgium to England to carry on the war when Belgium was overrun by Hitler (a little known fact).

Actually, Belgium surrendered on one day, because it was unable to oppose the German invasion, and the Germans bombed Brussels into rubble the next day just to prove they could.

Britain had already been holding out for two years in the face of staggering losses and the near decimation of its Royal Air Force in the Battle of Britain, and was saved from being overrun by Germany only because Hitler made the mistake of thinking the Brits were a relatively minor threat that could be dealt with later. Hitler, first turned his attention to Russia, in the late summer of 1940 at a time when England was on the verge of collapse.

Ironically, Russia saved America 's butt by putting up a desperate fight for two years, until the US got geared up to begin hammering away at Germany.

Russia lost something like 24,000,000 people in the sieges of Stalingrad and Moscow alone... 90% of them from cold and starvation, mostly civilians, but also more than a 1,000,000 soldiers

Had Russia surrendered, Hitler would have been able to focus his entire war effort against the Brits, then America. If that had happened, the Nazis could possibly have won the war

All of this has been brought out to illustrate that turning points in history are often dicey things. Now, we find ourselves at another one of those key moments in history.

There is a very dangerous minority in Islam that either has, or wants, and may soon have, the ability to deliver small nuclear, biological, or chemical weapons, almost anywhere in the world.

The Jihadis, the militant Muslims, are basically Nazis in Kaffiyahs -- they believe that Islam, a radically conservative form of Wahhabi Islam, should own and control the Middle East first, then Europe, then the world. To them, all who do not bow to their will of thinking should be killed, enslaved, or subjugated. They want to finish the Holocaust, destroy Israel, and purge the world of Jews. This is their mantra. (goal)

There is also a civil war raging in the Middle East -- for the most part not a hot war, but a war of ideas. Islam is having its Inquisition and its Reformation, but it is not yet known which side will win -- the Inquisitors, or the Reformationists.

If the Inquisition wins, then the Wahhabis, the Jihadis, will control the Middle East, the OPEC oil, and the US, European, and Asian economies.

The techno-industrial economies will be at the mercy of OPEC -- not an OPEC dominated by the educated, rational Saudis of today, but an OPEC dominated by the Jihadis. Do you want gas in your car? Do you want heating oil next winter? Do you want the dollar to be worth anything? You had better hope the Jihad, the Muslim Inquisition, loses, and the Islamic Reformation wins.

If the Reformation movement wins, that is, the moderate Muslims who believe that Islam can respect and tolerate other religions, live in peace with the rest of the world, and move out of the 10th century into the 21st, then the troubles in the Middle East will eventually fade away. A moderate and prosperous Middle East will emerge.

We have to help the Reformation win, and to do that we have to fight the Inquisition, i.e., the Wahhabi movement, the Jihad, Al Qaeda and

the Islamic terrorist movements. We have to do it somewhere. We can't do it everywhere at once. We have created a focal point for the battle at a time and place of our choosing..... in Iraq. Not in New York, not in London, or Paris or Berlin, but in Iraq, where we are doing two important things.

(1) We deposed Saddam Hussein. Whether Saddam Hussein was directly involved in the 9/11 terrorist attack or not, it is undisputed that Saddam has been actively supporting the terrorist movement for decades. Saddam is a terrorist! Saddam is, or was, a weapon of mass destruction, responsible for the deaths of probably more than a 1,000,000 Iraqis and 2,000,000 Iranians.

(2) We created a battle, a confrontation, a flash point, with Islamic terrorism in Iraq. We have focused the battle. We are killing bad people, and the ones we get there we won't have to get here. We also have a good shot at creating a democratic, peaceful Iraq, which will be a catalyst for democratic change in the rest of the Middle East, and an outpost for a stabilizing American military presence in the Middle East for as long as it is needed.

WW II, the war with the Japanese and German Nazis, really began with a "whimper" in 1928. It did not begin with Pearl Harbor. It began with the Japanese invasion of China. It was a war for fourteen years before the US joined it. It officially ended in 1945 -- a 17 year war -- and was followed by another decade of US occupation in Germany and Japan to get those countries reconstructed and running on their own a gain... a 27 year war.

WW II cost the United States an amount equal to approximately a full year's GDP -- adjusted for inflation, equal to about \$12 trillion dollars. WW II cost America more than 400,000 soldiers killed in action, and nearly 100,000 still missing in action.

The Iraq war has, so far, cost the United States about \$160,000,000,000, which is roughly what the 9/11 terrorist attack cost New

York. It has also cost about 3,000 American lives, which is roughly equivalent to lives that the Jihad killed (within the United States) in the 9/11 terrorist attack.

The cost of not fighting and winning WW II would have been unimaginably greater -- a world dominated by Japanese Imperialism and German Nazism.

This is not a 60-Minutes TV show, or a 2-hour movie in which everything comes out okay. The real world is not like that. It is messy, uncertain, and sometimes bloody and ugly. It always has been, and probably always will be.

The bottom line is that we will have to deal with Islamic terrorism until we defeat it, whenever that is. It will not go away if we ignore it.

If the US can create a reasonably democratic and stable Iraq, then we have an ally, like England, in the Middle East, a platform, from which we can work to help modernize and moderate the Middle East. The history of the world is the clash between the forces of relative civility and civilization, and the barbarians clamoring at the gates to conquer the world.

The Iraq War is merely another battle in this ancient and never ending war. Now, for the first time ever, the barbarians are about to get nuclear weapons. Unless some body prevents them from getting them.

We have four options:

1. We can defeat the Jihad now, before it gets nuclear weapons.

2. We can fight the Jihad later, after it gets nuclear weapons (which may be as early as next year, if Iran 's progress on nuclear weapons is what Iran claims it is).

3. We can surrender to the Jihad and accept its dominance in the Middle East now; in Europe in the next few years or decades, and ultimately in America.

OR

4. We can stand down now, and pick up the fight later when the Jihad is more widespread

and better armed, perhaps after the Jihad has dominated France and Germany and possibly most of the rest of Europe. It will, of course, be more dangerous, more expensive, and much bloodier.

If you oppose this war, I hope you like the idea that your children, or grandchildren, may live in an Islamic America under the Mullahs and the Sharia, an America that resembles Iran today.

The history of the world is the history of civilization clashes, cultural clashes. All wars are about ideas, ideas about what society and civilization should be like, and the most determined always win.

Those who are willing to be the most ruthless always win. The pacifists always lose, because the anti-pacifists kill them.

Remember, perspective is every thing, and America 's schools teach too little history for perspective to be clear, especially in the young American mind.

The Cold War lasted from about 1947 at least until the Berlin Wall came down in 1989; forty-two years!

Europe spent the first half of the 19th century fighting Napoleon, and from 1870 to 1945 fighting Germany !

World War II began in 1928, lasted 17 years, plus a ten year occupation, and the US still has troops in Germany and Japan. World War II resulted in the death of more than 50,000,000 people, maybe more than 100,000,000 people, depending on which estimates you accept.

The US has taken more than 3,000 killed in action in Iraq. The US took more than 4,000 killed in action on the morning of June 6, 1944, the first day of the Normandy Invasion to rid Europe of Nazi Imperialism.

In WW II the US averaged 2,000 KIA a week -- for four years. Most of the individual battles of WW II lost more Americans than the entire Iraq war has done so far.

June 2007

15 Sivan – 14 Tammuz 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Mark your calendars for July 6 <u>Sha-ba-be-que Evening</u>						
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					Feinberg & Silverman Alan 6:30 pm	Balak

The stakes are at least as high.. A world dominated by representative governments with civil rights, human rights, and personal freedoms. or a world dominated by a radical Islamic Wahhabi movement, by the Jihad, under the Mullahs and the Sharia (Islamic law).

It's difficult to understand why the average American does not grasp this. They favor human rights, civil rights, liberty and freedom, but evidently not for Iraqis.

"Peace Activists" always seem to demonstrate here in America, where it's safe.

Why don't we see Peace Activist demonstrating in Iran, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, North Korea, in the places that really need peace activism the most? I'll tell you why! They would be killed!

The liberal mentality is supposed to favor human rights, civil rights, democracy, multiculturalism, diversity, etc., but if the Jihad wins, wherever the Jihad wins, it is the end of civil rights, human rights, democracy, multiculturalism, diversity, etc.

Americans who oppose the liberation of Iraq are coming down on the side of their own worst enemy!

Raymond S. Kraft is a writer living in Northern California who has studied the Middle Eastern culture and religion

Goddesses in the Garden Party

Dear KJCC,

All the Board members of the Breast Cancer Fun(d)-Raiser known as "Goddesses in the Garden Party," along with the 200 people who attend each year, wish to thank the Keys Jewish Community Center for your unfailing generosity. You have loaned us your chairs and tables for each event over the last six years without hesitation. Your assistance has been invaluable.

During this time we have raised and donated over \$80,000 for both the Breast Cancer Fund and our own local agency that helps Keys people undergoing cancer treatment pay their bills and keep hope alive as well as bodies. Thanks also to the many KJCC members who attend. This is just one more way we all work to "repair the world."

Shalom, Gloria Avner and Liz Stebbins,
Co-creators



KJCC Kayakers - photo by Meredith Cline

". . . Life is But a Dream"

And a very good dream it is too, paddling down wide and narrow mangrove trails with good friends and "mishpocha" from the KJCC." Embarking from Susan Gordon's oceanside dock of late there have been frequent sightings of enthusiastic explorers eager to play follow the leader from "Forest Corners" to "North Fork," in and out of ever-changing sun-dappled watery vistas with never a man-made object in sight til we exit "Crystal Cove" and head back to Susan's Dock. KJCC Kayakers know how to have fun. Many thanks to Susan for the venue and to Meredith for bringing snacks.

HaShoah History Lesson

-- Live, from the KJCC

by Gloria Avner

When Yardena Kameli put together her "Children of the Holocaust" exhibit in the KJCC lobby, a good part of the motivation came from a project she was working on with Coral Shores High School students. She and her partners were working to broaden the students' awareness of and sensitivity to issues surrounding the Holocaust.

We who worked on the exhibit with her were equally impacted. So you can imagine how our KJCC Religious School students felt when we took them on a tour of our own exhibit in our own shul lobby as if we were in a world class museum.

It worked. There was a hushed respect as the children looked at the pictures and listened to the grownups talk. You could see in their eyes a new understanding forming. The week before, they had drawn their own imagined pictures of Jewish children before and after the herding into the Warsaw Ghetto, smiling children playing games, then dark pictures of children sneaking through small holes in the walls to steal food for their families. Some drew pictures of the gas chambers made to look like shower stalls.

Marc Bloom, in a brilliant move, made the experience even more real as we discussed the cattle cars into which the people were herded when "The Final Solution" was not happening quickly enough. Marc asked us all to move together, closer and closer, until he squeezed his arms around all of us 'til we could hardly breathe. They got it, the discomfort, the fear, the panic, the shame.

Then we came to the pictures of the actual death camps. We were pointing out a picture of Auschwitz when Marty Graham stepped forward. Yes, he said, I was there. I was in the Seventh Army when we liberated Auschwitz.



We were as surprised as anyone. We had no idea what the Nazis were doing. It was horrible. The children's eyes grew wider. One of their own had been there.

We finished our tour by talking about the resistance, those who had hidden and had been hidden, about the rare but generous nations and individuals who had helped Jews, about the partisans, and the young people. Yardena showed pictures and asked the children to guess the pictured children's ages. The discussion became more and more animated. The word HaShoah became ever a more real event.

How truly fortunate we are. We could appreciate both horrors and heroism, sharing awareness of reality with our next generation without terrifying them. Walking through our own exhibit, we were able to enlighten them by awakening compassion, by getting beyond story into deep human experience, here in the safety of their own, our own, Jewish Community.*



Papa Jo Jo celebrates another Birthday and is visited by Susan Gordon.



Israeli Trip

- Joan Boruszak

Jim and I have again returned from Israel. Strange as it seems, this was our 14th visit. Our first time was in 1970, when our son was on his Bar Mitzvah Pilgrimage (Yes, that is just what they called it). We found that trip is no longer available and has been taken over by the "Birthright Program." More about that later!

We have three places we call home. One is Chicago, where we and our children grew up; another is Islamorada, where we are continuing to grow, and the last (but not least) is Israel, where our hearts will always be. This visit was particularly special for two reasons. A very dear great nephew was getting married and our 22 year old granddaughter accompanied us.

The wedding was in the Golan heights-literally a stone's throw from Syria. We stayed in a hotel in Tiberias-the home of St. Peter's fish (it was our granddaughter Jamie's first taste, and she ate it all through Israel). We took our rented car and Shragga's (the groom's father) directions and set off for the wedding. After driving for an hour, we observed a wire fence on our right side and real-

ized we were on our way to Syria. Thank heavens Jim rented a cell phone, and we called to Shragga for help. They directed us back and met us on the crossroad to the horse ranch where the wedding would take place. There were over 500 people there. When we arrived, the groom was in a little house on a hill, and the bride was being prepared by the local women. Jim joined the men with the groom and as they began to descend the hill with the men dancing backward escorting the groom and the fathers to the chuppa, the women started trilling. What a beginning that was! A Moroccan Klezmer band filled in the background.

The ceremony began with all 500 people pressing in to see the bride and groom receive their blessings. First, the bride and the two mothers walked around the groom seven times. Then the seven brouchas began. Jim was honored to be able to do the third blessing when the Rabbi, who spoke no English, called out - UNCLE JIM. The ceremony then followed all the traditions familiar to us. After the ceremony the bride and groom were ushered to the house on the hill and left to discuss their future. They were left with food and drink. They devoured the drink as the poor dears



had to fast for the whole day before the wedding.

They were then escorted back with dancing and singing, and the real dancing began and never ended until four or five hours later. Traditionally screens were put up between the men and women. They both enjoyed every minute of the dancing. Before the evening ended the bride and groom performed a little American Western skit. Oh, Yes UNCLE JIM gave the toast that Yardena had translated into Hebrew.

Our drama continued as we drove back to Tiberias at midnight. About ten kilometers from Tiberias we had a flat tire. Again-praise the cell phone! Jim called Avis. He was told to change it. To that he said NO-please send help! Help did arrive in half an hour and changed the tire. Again we were on our way and arrived at the hotel in one piece and tired.

The rest of the trip belonged to Jaime and her acquaintance with Israel. She was enthralled! She had hoped to climb Massada, but with 117 degree temperature, the powers that be said no. However, they did let her climb down so it wasn't a total loss.

We saw many tours-mostly Christian. It seems many of our own people are afraid to go. We never encountered a problem-and went all through the country. I truly believe that Israel is safer than Miami, New York or Chicago. There is security every where and no



one knows how do security better than the Israelis. Jim and I want to encourage as many of you who can-go to Israel! It is an experience of a lifetime. Bring your children and your grandchildren. They will thank you for it-as will Israel! Check into the Birthright program. It is a two week tour for ages 18-25. The only cost is the flight to your departure city. It is truly a bargain not to be missed.

Editor's note: And if you are really lucky, you might get one of Bea & Marty's grand-daughters as tour guide. They take several groups a year on these tours.

June Leaders

- 1 - Jim
- 8 - George
- 15 - Bernie
- 22 - Jim
- 29 - Alan services at 6:30 pm



BROCCOLI VICHYSOISE

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 bunch broccoli | 2 leeks, white parts only, coarsely chopped |
| 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped | 1 scallion, chopped |
| 2 potatoes, peeled and diced | 1/2 to 1 tsp. salt |
| freshly ground black pepper to taste | 2 tbsp. snipped chives, for garnish |

Chop the broccoli florets, including the thinner stems just below the florets. Place the broccoli in a large saucepan or a small Dutch oven. Add the leeks, onion, scallion, potatoes, salt and pepper. Pour in 4 cups water and bring the

liquid to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat, cover, and simmer until the vegetables are very tender, 30 to 35 minutes. Let the soup sit for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Puree the soup in a blender until it is smooth. Chill thoroughly, 3 hours to overnight. Add desired pepper. Makes 4 servings, garnish each with one-quarter of the chives.

HAWAIIAN CHICKEN

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 2 1/2 -3 lb chicken, cut into pieces | 1 large onion |
| 1/3 cup flour | 1/2 tsp salt |
| 1/2 tsp pepper | 1 tsp paprika |
| 1 can chunk pineapple with juice | 1/4 cup sliced or slivered almonds |

Water

Slice onion and lay slices in a roaster pan. Add enough water to just cover the onions. Mix flour, salt, pepper and paprika and coat each piece of chicken with the mixture. Arrange chicken in pan and roast for 1 1/2 hours at 350°.

Remove from oven. Pour pineapple and the juice over chicken. Roast an additional 1/2 hour. When done, remove from oven and sprinkle almonds on top. Can be served over plain rice.

MAGIC BARS

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1/2 stick butter or margarine | 1 can sweetened condensed milk |
| 1 c graham cracker crumbs | 1 c chopped pecans or walnuts |
| 6 oz butterscotch | 3 oz coconut |
| 6 oz chocolate chips | |

Melt butter in a 9X12 inch pan. Add all other ingredients, spreading over pan. Bake at 325° for 30 minutes. Let cool. Cut into bars or squares and enjoy. Can substitute M&M's or dried fruit if desired.

Special Days in June

June Birthdays

Zoe Berk	9
Donna Bolton	6
William Bolton	15
Rita Bromwich	26
Andrew Cohen	28
Stephen Cohen	15
Alan Cooper	28
Eleanor Forbes	3
Arthur Feinberg	29
Linda Feinberg	11
Bob Friedman	30
Suzanne Gilson	6
Joseph Goldberg	23
Maxwell Grace	27
Michal Kamely	12
Peter Kantor	16
Amelia Kasinof	18
Harvey Klein	20
Nancy Kluger	6
Jessica Kordansky	10
Robert N Kwalick	29
Selma Levine	6
Sheldon Mann	8
Haley Mayclin	15
Israel Mayk	13
Jennifer Nobil	14
Jim Nobil	7
Taryn Nobil	21
Abraham Rakov	3
Delaney Rohde	24
Joseph Sachs	5
Judy Schmidt	20
Kevin M. Silverman	12

Lorene Solomon	3
Alfred Weihl	4
Barbara Weprin	30
Joan Wohl	7
Dorothy Wolfe	5

June Anniversaries

	Years
Joan Stark & Joel Bernard	1 21
Donna & William Bolton	12 14
Joan & James Boruszak	14 54
Ruth Schraeder- & Eric Grace	18 13
Renee & Laurence Green	25 35
Elinor & Herbert Grossman	25 50
Linda & Allan Holbrook	20 31
Selma & Herbert Levine	11 57
Beverly M & Harvey E Robins	12 50
Rene & Skip Rose	23 52
Lauren & Stuart Sax	23 33
Sheila & Richard Steinberg	7 48
Carol Ann & Stephen Steinbock	5 24
Sofy & Mark Wasser	10 12
Barbara & William Weprin	8 39
Heide & Robert Werthamer	24 12
Joan & Milton Wohl	20 56
Rae Susan & Lloyd Wruble	28 38

Save the Date
Slichot/Movie/Pizza Night
September 8th, 2007

Looking Forward to July

July Birthdays

Joshua Samuel Bernstein	21
Paul Eric Bernstein	14
Marc Bloom	27
Molly Bloom	30
Rachael Bloom	27
Bruce Boruszak	29
Mitchell Cohen	27
Elissa A. Denker	2
Carol Field	26
Jennifer Gilson	1
Marcia Goldberg	13
Lindsay Gould	10
Alex Hudson	1
Lila E. Juenger	28
Richard Karron	15
Zachary G Kwalick	18
Mario LaGrotte	22
Herbert Levine	29
Ron Levy	5
Gertrude Mann	16
Florence Neiman	20
Joyce Peckman	9
Linda Perloff	21
Pauline Roller	4
Rebecca M. Schur	12
Cheryl Sherman	30
Mark Sherman	22
Mary Lee Singer	29
Brian Smith	21
Candy Stanlake	29
Richard Steinberg	12
Carrie Temkin	23
Robert Werthamer	17

July Anniversaries

		years
Rozi & Douglas Graham	2	3
Barbara & Erwin Kantor	5	50
Shifra & David Kossman	11	47
Lorene & Michael Solomon	3	18



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

On the last day of KJCC Religious School, wide smiles were in great supply. Students received their Certificates of Achievement from President Steve Steinbock while their parents, teachers, and KJCC Board Members looked on and applauded. The students demonstrated their ability to read Hebrew fluidly without assistance, their artwork, their ceremonial skills, and their tuneful singing. It was a very joyous and even somewhat surprising event for those parents and grandparents whose Hebrew School experience and memories were not nearly so positive.

Once again, the interaction between respected adults and our enthusiastic youngsters made for an exhilarating event. We look forward to returning next year with new projects, new energy, more students, and renewed commitment to our Jewish Community.

Looking Forward to August

August Birthdays

Sooner Brooks-Heath	12
Gina Egan	13
Bill Ferns	28
Marc S Field	2
Jessica Forman	4
Pamela Friedman	19
Brian Gilderman	13
Ilana Gilderman	8
Zachary Grace	18
Rozi Graham	10
Elaine Hirsch	26
Patricia Isenberg	15
David Kaufman	5
Eileen Kominsky	15
Alan Lindenbaum	16
Jaimee Marshall	27
Nissan Mayk	5
Carl McNew	24
Amanda Nobil	20
Eric Perloff	9
Bobby Pitsenbarger	22
Seth Sherman	28
Barbara Smith	10
Ashley Solomon	21
Evan Stuart	28
Robert Temkin	30
Alison Thompson	16
Sherry Turney	12
Sue Ann Weihl	30
Carole Weiss	4
Bill Weprin	7
Heide Werthamer	14

Ernest Wollin	20
Joan L Wollin	30
Danielle Zinner	15
Rachel Zinner	21\

August Anniversaries

	years
Lynn & Jeff Dils	22
Nancy & Kurt Kluger	19
Barbara & Richard Knowles	8
Linda & Mario LaGrotte	36
Susan & Paul Roberts	39
Judith & Aaron Schmidt	52
Dorothy & Larry Wolfe	50

CITGO

This past week, the President of Iran visited President Chavez of Venezuela. Their main theme at the meetings, 'DESTRUCTION OF AMERICA and KILL ALL JEWS! It is not President Bush they hate, it is you and I.

President Chavez is spreading the 'HATE AMERICA' to other South American countries

ANNOUNCED JUST RECENTLY, CITGO, BEING AWARE THAT SALES ARE DOWN DUE TO U.S. (CUSTOMERS NOT WANTING TO BUY FROM "CHAVEZ"), HAVE STARTED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SOME OF THEIR STORES, TO: "PETRO EXPRESS"

DO NOT BUY FROM "PETRO EXPRESS"
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Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
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	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 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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September 2007

1 Elul–29 Tishrei

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Labor Day (U.S.)	4	5	6	7 <i>Lynn & Jim Nobil</i> Steve & Yardena	8 S'lichot Pizza & Movie At KJCC
9	10	11	12	13 Rosh Hashanah First Day 5768	14 Rosh Hashanah Second Day 5768	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Erev Yom Kippur	22 Yom Kippur Yizkor
23	24	25	26 Erev Sukkot	27 Sukkot First Day	28 Sukkot Second Day Alan Beth	29
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President's Message Steve Steinbock



As summer is coming to a close, we are looking forward to the High Holy Days. Alan is working hard to organize the services, which Cantor Mark will be conducting together with our lay leaders. The schedule appears in this issue's centerspread, within Alan's articles.

This is the first issue of Chai-Lights since Marty's retirement. Once again, we wish him a peaceful retirement. There is not enough that can be said to thank him for his more than 25 years of dedicated service to KJCC & Chai-Lights.

Over the summer, the board voted to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary because it was badly worn. It should be installed in time for the Holy days.

What's coming up in the fall: there will a S'lichot service on Saturday, September 8th in preparation for the holidays. Joel Pollack will be leading the service. Arrive for Movie, Pizza & Popcorn at 5:30 pm before the service. Please save the date – I'd love to see you all there.

Yardena is setting up adult classes and lectures. As one who took some of the Hebrew classes, I can say they are great – you learn and there is no pressure. Lectures are being planned on a variety of subjects. We

will keep you advised of the schedule and subject matter.

Susan Gordon and Yardena are working on the children's Sunday School and other religious education projects for the young people.

Which brings up Friday night services. The last Friday of each month is an EARLY service at 6:30 pm. The primary reason for the early service is to make it easier for young people to attend and participate. So, come and bring the kids and/or visiting family. The early service also allows attendees time afterwards, either to sit and mingle in the Ruth Richardson Hall, or get together and go out to enjoy a meal together.

My personal wish for the "winter" is to see more participation by members of the congregation in leading and attending services, and for KJCC to have more social functions. With that in mind, if you have any suggestions for projects or functions you would like to see implemented, please contact me or any board member.

Carol and I wish all of you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

L'Chaim
Steve

Sukkah, Sukkot— Count your Mitzvot

As you know, eating, drinking and sleeping are each considered a Mitzvah on Sukkot (if they are done inside the Sukkah). So, to help you perform these Mitzvot, we will need your help as well.

Construction will begin the day after Yom Kippur—Sunday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m. The more hands the merrier. The Sukkah will have to stay up for two weeks. We'll plan on taking it down Sunday October 7th. Note: We may have to bring it down earlier depending on storms.

Call Alan Beth to volunteer or for more info: 305-240-1509

Recent Passings

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family on the passing of Millie Prober, a Founding Member of the KJCC who enriched the early years with her warmth and energy.

Heartfelt sympathy is also offered to the Neiman family on the passing of Lester Neiman. Lester was a past president and continuing member of our KJCC *mishpocha*. May he rest in peace.

Live Strong, Marc

As some of you know, our friend and always-there-to-help board member Marc Bloom has just had a surgical procedure for lung cancer. We don't know all the details yet, but we do know our Marc is in for a long and difficult fight. Our collective hearts go out to Marc and his family—Ellen, Rachel and Molly. We want you to know, Marc, that ~~all of us~~ ^{most of us} some of us love you dearly, and we'll be there for you any way we can during your ordeal. We look forward to the day when you'll be back grumping your way around the kitchen and working your special magic with the otherwise humble coffee bean.

Explore the KJCC library

It's full of quality tomes, about history and biography and general Judaic studies, plus a wonderful selection of novels from the likes of Chaim Potok, Bashevis Singer, Leon Uris and Saul Bellow. Yardena and Medina Roy (a professional librarian, if you didn't know) spent weeks reorganizing and rearranging. All books are available to check out. The library lives on donated books, by the way, so let someone know if you wish to help nourish our little intellectual nook, which is located directly across from the sanctuary in the lobby.

To contact Chai-Lights

Use the new e-mail our webmaster Alan has added to the KJCC web site. It's chailights@keysjewishcenter.com. Please send all ideas, comments, and questions there, as well as all submissions. This will make our lives a lot easier and simpler. The single, easy-to-remember address should also make it easier for anyone to contact us.

To make KJCC database changes

Such as your name (hey, they change sometimes), or to add or remove people from your list, or change your address or phone, or to correct a listing that despite our sincere efforts still manages to be wrong, please send your e-mail to president@keysjewishcenter.com. Steve or Carol will forward your request to the right member of our large, highly proficient and organizationally complex staff.

Oneg sponsorships

For the upcoming season are being scheduled now. To reserve the dates you want, contact Joan Stark of Sisterhood at joanstark@bellsouth.net. Why sponsor an oneg? To celebrate an occasion or someone you love and share the feeling with everyone else.

About the KJCC Website

For those of you who prefer to read online (which means you must be under 30), each complete issue of Chai-Lights, with the photos usually in color, is posted online. Other aspects of KJCC's operations and history are also available, courtesy of Alan Beth's technical wizardry. Many back issues of Chai-Lights are already posted, with others being added regularly.

New Members

The KJCC is pleased to welcome our newest members: Harold & Shelley Schenker of West Palm Beach, Steven Hartz of Miami, Barbara Calev of Miami, Eric & Jessica Pollack of Miami, and Morris Willner of Villanova, Pennsylvania. We say to you as we say to everyone: you're only a stranger here once.

TREE OF LIFE

IN HONOR OF KEVIN MICHAEL SILVERMAN

BAR MITZVAH

JUNE 2, 2007

LOVING GRANDPARENTS,
Gene and Morton Silverman

IN HONOR OF ELISSA ANNE DENKER

21ST BIRTHDAY

JULY 2, 2007

LOVING GRANDPARENTS,
Gene and Morton Silverman

IN HONOR OF VALERIE TEMKIN'S

65TH BIRTHDAY

From the Temkin Family

IN HONOR OF LINDSAY GOULD

MAY 27, 2007

FOR RECEIVING HER MEDICAL DEGREE
Her Loving Grandmother, Maryon Gould

Chai-Lights Deadlines

At least for now, the deadline for Chai-Lights will be the 10th of the month preceding. Other than that, Marty's old invitations still stand: send us your photos, your *mitzvot*, your news, your ideas, your comments. (No huddled masses, please.) Again, where possible please use the new e-mail, chailights@keysjewishcenter.com.

Bowling Fun

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

September Memoriam

By Myron & Myrna Rubin

In Blessed Memory of
ANNA APPLEBAUM
Eternal Rest

By Mollie Gross
In Blessed Memory of
SOLOMON CASPI
Rest In Eternal Peace

By Alvan & Carol Field
In Blessed Memory of
ALBERT IMPROTA
Remembered With Love

By William & Barbara Weprin
In Blessed Memory of
ARTHUR BEERMAN
Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Marc & Ellen Bloom
In Blessed Memory of
MOLLY FELDBLUM
Always In Our Memory

By Linda Rutkin
In Blessed Memory of
JACOB KAUFMAN
Forever Remembered With Love

By Delores Begam
In Blessed Memory of
ART BEGAM
Eternal Peace

By James & Joan Boruszak
In Blessed Memory of
LILLIAN GOLDSTEIN
In Our Memory Always

By Michael Klimpl
In Blessed Memory of
SADIE KLIMPL
Always Remembered

By Jamie & Laura Goodman
In Blessed Memory of
H. MELVIN BERKON
Forever In Our Hearts

By Janice Gorson
In Blessed Memory of
NETTIE GORSON
Long Blessed Sleep

By Randy & Eileen Kominsky
In Blessed Memory of
NATALIE KOMINSKY
Always Remembered With Love

By Robert & Sylvia Berman
In Blessed Memory of
GOLDIE BERMAN
In Our Heart And Memory

By Maryon Gould
In Blessed Memory of
PAUL GOULD
We Remember Always

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies
In Blessed Memory of
ANNE HENDIN MARGULIES
Rest in Blessed Peace

By the Blumberg Family
In Blessed Memory of
SHIRLEY BLUMBERG
Always In My Memory

By Melvin Jacobson
In Blessed Memory of
ISADORE HUROWITZ
With Loving Remembrance

By Skip & Rene Rose
In Blessed Memory of
LORRAINE MARTELL
Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By the Blumberg Family
In Blessed Memory of
DANA BOZIWICK
Rest In Peace

By Alvan & Carol Field
In Blessed Memory of
HANNAH IMPROTA
Sleep In Peace

By David M. & Nancy L. Cohn
In Blessed Memory of
RONALD REPKA
Always Loved and Missed

By Robert & Sylvia Berman
In Blessed Memory of
SAM ROAZEN
Eternal Rest

By Harvey & Susan Schwaid
In Blessed Memory of
FRED ROEMER
Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

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SARAH SANDBERG
Eternal Peace

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MARK SANDS
Forever In Our Hearts

By Marjorie Present
In Blessed Memory of
LOUIS A. SAVAGE
In Our Heart And Memory

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In Blessed Memory of
SAMUEL D. SAVAGE
Always In My Memory

By Harvey & Susan Schwaid
In Blessed Memory of
GERTRUDE B. SCHWAID
Rest In Peace

By the Sherman Family
In Blessed Memory of
JENNIE SHERMAN
Rest In Eternal Peace

By Morton & Gene Silverman
In Blessed Memory of
MOLLIE SILVERMAN
Always In Our Memory

By Maryon Gould
In Blessed Memory of
H. ROBERT WALTERS
In Our Memory Always

September Birthdays

Chase Barrett.....	4
Barbara Bernstein.....	19
Debby C. Black.....	4
Jeffrey Cohen.....	14
Thomas Dillon.....	10
Freda Ferns.....	1
Maryon Gould.....	23
Fred Hudson.....	22
Wendy Kaplan.....	1
Jacob Klimpl.....	9
Kurt Kluger.....	8
Jeffrey Kominsky.....	8
Mitchell Kominsky.....	8
David Kossman.....	4
Shifra Kossman.....	21
Shirley Krissel.....	18
Lisha Lane.....	13
Stellar Levy.....	7
Jonathan Line.....	28
Brenna Nobil.....	19
Vippi Pollack.....	19
Melvin Prober.....	26
Millie Prober.....	10
Lorraine Rose.....	15

Larry S. Schur.....	16
Lauren Schur.....	23
Steven Schur.....	19
Morton Silverman.....	7
Cory Wasser.....	26
Gerri Weisberg.....	10
Lili Werthamer.....	14
Lloyd Wruble.....	2

2007-2008 Hebrew Lesson Schedule

Here's Yardená's schedule for this year's Hebrew classes:

- Hebrew II: Ulpan medium level, Thurs. 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- Hebrew III: Ulpan advanced level, Thurs. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Hebrew reading from the Siddur, Friday 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

If there are *at least* five people interested, she'll add another beginners' class to the schedule, time to be determined. Contact Yardená to sign up.

Also, her Adult Education program will continue with its lecture series on the Jewish World, Israel, Judaic Studies and the Holocaust. Lectures will be on Wednesdays, once a month beginning in November, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Letters

It is with deeply mixed feelings that I have tendered my resignation as the editor of our monthly bulletin. As you probably know, I have been editing *Chai-Lights* for about 20 years, and I feel that it is time for someone new to assume this role. So, I would like to tell you a little about my most enjoyable times as the editor of our KJCC monthly bulletin.

First, serving with many of our presidents--Steve Steinbock, Jeff Schocket, Joel Pollack, Jim Boruszak, Susan Horn, Bea Graham, Myron Rubin, Irving Stein, Lester Neiman and Ronald Horn. All of them were wonderful, caring people. Without exception, they were dedicated to improving the KJCC and did all they could to make our Keys synagogue a better place. Many of them even submitted their monthly message on time!

Then, there were the Sisterhood presidents--Cathy Kaplan, Barbara Galanty, Bea Graham, Linda Pollack, Leslie Dillon, Joan Boruszak, Nettie Seder and Joan Stark, who all planned many events that made our social life more fun and brought a little money to the treasury. As has been said many times, "Without the efforts of Sisterhood, there would be no KJCC." And some of them even submitted their monthly message on time!

Add to the mix, our Board Members. More devoted, hard-working members of our KJCC cannot be found anywhere. They willingly give of their time and knowledge to improve our physical and spiritual plant. No longer do we park in the few spaces that were in the front of our little house; we now have a paved and lighted parking lot. We no longer squeeze into a small ex-living room with a unisex bathroom sticking out into the middle. Our beautiful sanctuary seats all who wish to come. We no longer squeeze two people into a tiny, ill-equipped kitchen. We have a large and modern facility. Our prayer books have been updated. Our High Holy Days are superb. Passover is a joy. We have added a S'lichot movie and services. We have a Hebrew School with students and dedicated

teachers. We come together to read the *Megillah*. We have fun--and our Board Members make it happen. All of this is reported regularly in *Chai-Lights*.

Then we have our working members--people who just DO, like Linda Rutkin, who makes sure the kitchen is spotless during the time she is here, just as Pauline Roller did for years. Meredith Cline, our historian, who takes (and submits for publication) pictures by the score. Yardena Kamely, who wants to teach--kids, teen-agers, adults, the community--all who will listen. Marc Bloom, who makes sure the Board is fed at every meeting and that tables and chairs are arranged for our Shabbat dinners. Susan Gordon, who is our education chairman, plans the school year and many of the children's activities. And so many others, who prefer to remain in the background. And, of course, my apologies to anyone whose name I omitted.

You can see how proud I am of all of our members and officers of the KJCC. That is a part of what creates the mixed feelings. I have enjoyed being a member of this group and I pass over this special job to the next editor with pride and many good wishes!

Sincerely, one of the KJCC members,

Marty Graham

September Anniversaries

	Years
5th	Nancy L. & David M. Cohn.....15
10th	Freda & Bill Ferns.....18
30th	Marsha & Tom Garrettson.....17
8th	Deborah & Ronald Kaplan.....11
23rd	Gertrude & Sheldon Mann.....56
4th	Lynn & Jim Nobil.....21
17th	Sheila & Lawrence Novak.....26
9th	Cathy & Neal Rakov.....23
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Excavations in Jerusalem

There is one place in Jerusalem that is the most sacred site for the whole Jewish People, its holiness equal to all the other sacred sites together. That is the *Kotel*, the Wailing Wall.

The passage from the Book of Psalms sums up the religious and historic attitude toward Jerusalem and all it symbolized: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I remember thee not; If I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy." (Psalms 137:5-6)

It is no wonder that the unexpected recovery during the Six-Day War in 1967 of the older, eastern portion of Jerusalem containing the site of the Temple Mount, *Har Habayit*, and the sacred Wailing (Western) Wall, and the old Jewish Quarter with its historic remnants, should have brought forth the emotional outpouring that it did on the part of young and old, believer and non-devout, non-praying Jew alike. We were all emotionally overwhelmed.

The excavations around the Western Wall after the war uncovered important archaeological discoveries, which contribute a great deal to our knowledge of Jerusalem's past. The archaeological research around the *Kotel* aroused opposition among the Arabs then, and the continuing research still is used by their political leaders to incite disturbances in the Old City of Jerusalem.

For more than 700 years the *Kotel* has been a place of prayer for Jews, most of the time with restrictions and risks for the prayers. In the middle of the 19th century, Jews attempted to improve their status at this holy place. In the 1850s, the Jewish sage Abdullah of Bombay tried unsuccessfully to purchase the Western Wall. The at-

tempts by Moshe Montefiore—the philanthropist who was Queen Victoria's knighted financial advisor—were also in vain. All that was ever achieved were temporary arrangements, canceled from time to time at the requests of the heads of the *Waqf* (the Muslim endowment system) to the Ottoman government. It was feared that the Jews would acquire legal rights of possession to the place. In 1887, Baron Rothschild conceived a plan to purchase the Mughrabi neighborhood, but the plan was ultimately cancelled for unknown reasons. Even the attempts of the Palestine Land Development Company to purchase the environs of the Western Wall for the Jews just before the outbreak of World War I failed.

After the Balfour Declaration in 1917, Zionist institutions began to emphasize the Western Wall as a national symbol of the Jewish people, in addition to its religious significance. This action led the Mufti of Jerusalem to claim that the Jews intended to take control of the "no religious or historical" Western Wall, so he declared the Wall a holy Moslem site. This wall of stones, to which the Muslims had never ascribed any importance, was thenceforth called *El Buraq*, after the name of the magical horse of the Prophet Mohammed.

In the 1920s, the Mufti of Jerusalem ordered the opening of the *Mughrabi Gate* in the southern plaza, thus turning the prayer plaza into a place for passersby, who disturbed the worshipers. In August 1929, an incited Muslim mob rampaged through the opening, attacking Jewish worshipers and destroying ritual objects. Several days later, the infamous 1929 riots broke out. After the Six-Day War, the area of the Western Wall plaza was expanded to the south. During this expansion, the northern doorpost and the great stone lintel of the

most ancient of the area's gates were uncovered. This gate is known by its scientific name, the *Berkeley Gate*, and can be seen in the women's section of the Western Wall. This gate was discovered in 1848 by the missionary James Thomas Berkeley, serving at the time as the American Consul in Jerusalem. Berkeley discovered the gate from its inside, within the Temple Mount, leading several researchers to identify it as one of the Temple Mount Gates which date back to the Second Temple.

Over the centuries, the ground outside became elevated many meters above the lintel of the Second Temple gate. At some stage, probably in the 12th century C.E. (and maybe even later), a new gate called *Bab al-Magriba* was installed in the Western Wall above the level of the Berkeley Gate, which was now below ground. This is the *Mughrabi Gate*, named after the residents of the adjacent neighborhood, who had come to Jerusalem from Morocco in the days of Saladin, the Caliph of Egypt whose personal physician was Maimonides. This gate is open to this day and is the only entrance to the Temple Mount for non-Muslims.

A new momentum in archaeological and historical research in the area began after the Six-Day War, when large-scale archaeological excavations were conducted in the area of the Western Wall under the direction of Professor Benjamin Mazar. From the start, the excavations aroused strong opposition in Islamic circles and international organizations.

In the 1990s, the Antiquities Authority opened a beautiful, modern archaeological park, displaying remnants from Jerusalem's past which faithfully represent the city's history. The Western Wall tunnels were also opened to the general public. I highly recommend to any of my students who will have the opportunity to visit Israel to go and see the tunnels; a hundred classes cannot teach you the history of Jerusalem and *Beit Hamikdash* (The Temple) like this archaeological site; it is history coming alive.◊

2007-2008 KJCC Religious School Calendar 5767-5768

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Sept. 9 (class before Rosh Hashanah)
Sept. 16 (class before Yom Kippur)
Sept. 23 (class before Sukkot/ready Sukkah!)
Sept. 30 (class before Simchat Torah)
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4 (daylight savings time ends)
Nov. 11
Nov. 18 **NO CLASS**
Nov. 25 **NO CLASS**
Dec. 2 (class before Chanukah)
Dec. 9 (6th night of Chanukah..Party!)
Dec. 16
Dec. 23 **NO CLASS**
Dec. 30 **NO CLASS**
Jan. 6
Jan. 13
Jan. 20 (class before Tu B'Shevat..Plant trees!)
Jan. 27
Feb. 3
Feb. 10
Feb. 17
Feb. 24
March 2
March 9 (daylight savings time begins)
March 16 (class before Purim)
March 23
March 30
April 6
April 13 (class before Passover)
April 29 (School Seder!)
April 27 (class before Yom Hashoah)
May 4 (class before Yom HaAtzma'ut)
May 11 **NO CLASS** (Mothers' Day)
May 18 (class before Lag Ba-Omer)
May 25 **NO CLASS** (Memorial Day weekend)
June 1 (Yom Yerushalayim)
June 8 Last Class (Shavuot)



Letters From Abroad

Every summer, many Keys residents head north to enjoy other parts of their lives. We asked five KJCC stalwarts—Gloria Avner, Joyce Peckman, Medina Roy, Linda Rutkin, and Candy Stanlake—to stay in touch during their time away, so the rest of us could experience that time along with them. *(Medina's summer home in N.C. is pictured above.)*

Our trip began on June 14, when Joe and I loaded our car with our two golden retrievers, Molly and Mason, our miniature macaw, Chico, and headed north. After an uneventful drive of 11 hours we stopped at a KOA campground in Calhoun, Georgia for the night. I reserved a "Kamping Kabin" for us this year so we didn't have to pitch a tent. The Kabin was a small log cabin with beds, plastic-covered mattresses, an electric light with two electric plugs, and air conditioning. This was pure luxury for us since all we had to do was bring in our sleeping bags to sleep in the cool air. In years past we had to pitch a tent and sleep on the ground in the heat of the Georgia summer. You may ask "Why don't you just get a motel room?"

Well, the motels that accept pets will usually accept one well-behaved animal. Since we travel with two not-so-well-behaved animals, this is not an option for us.

-Candy

Here I am, happily landed in Bar Harbor, Maine, as of last night and just now writing to you in my own room (well almost--my nearly ex-partner co-opted it this winter for coziness and ease.) For now the universe has generously provided an alternate, spacious, Zen-like bedroom in a friend's sprawly, Buddha-filled house just down the road a few miles. It backs up onto rightly named Pretty Marsh which, when flooded with end-of-day light and the nightly swoop-in of the resident

blue herons, can only compare in breathtaking quality to our beloved mangrove trails in Key Largo
-Gloria

Back at condo on May 16th (from Key Largo). Cancer “bowl” fundraiser on May 19th. Shavuot—went to shul for yahrzeit. Baltimore Gas & Electric came to do annual HVAC check-up. (Ha, ha. How exciting was that!)

Saw “Pirates of the Caribbean” movie. Wow! What special effects. Went to pay respects at four cemeteries—pets included.

-Linda

We arrived in southern Michigan late the next afternoon, after driving a total of 23 hours, and spent a few days with family in Kalamazoo. This stop included a wonderful Father’s Day picnic in my sister’s back yard. It was a lovely day and the only down side was that Alan had to be included long distance

-Candy

So many firsts. Today I opened my gallery for the first time this season, disorganized as it still is—so energy-consuming to fight off entropy. I worked on a small oil painting, too—such a challenge to make rocks look like rocks. But I was still feeling wistful, as I sat—my first Shabbos at home, or away from home—on the Bar Harbor seawall facing away from the setting sun.

-Gloria

My (extended) summers are spent in the southern Appalachian mountains of Boone, NC. We are in the northwestern corner of the state, very close to both Virginia and Tennessee. We are at about 3600 ft. elevation and again, a nice change from our 10 ft. elevation in Key Largo. The weather is delicious in the summer—we wake up to low-to-mid 60s and the afternoons generally range from 74-80. It’s 66 degrees here this morning, and no humidity. It’s so nice to put on a sweatshirt. It’s not cold enough to start the gas log stove, but it is wonderful sleeping weather.

-Medina

The day after Father’s Day, my Dad, Joe and I began the final leg of our journey to our home in Northern Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, or “U.P.” in local parlance. We traveled for 13 hours to get to our place at Lake Medora in the Keweenaw Peninsula. This is a small peninsula that extends out into Lake Superior (a peninsula off a peninsula), and the landscape is dotted with the shafts of old copper mines and trees—birch, cedar, maple, Michigan pine. There were so many copper mines in the 1800s and 1900s that the area was, and still is, known as “Copper Country.”

-Candy

Traveling north with Mattie asleep in the back seat. My first visit was with Linda Rutkin outside of Baltimore. I was given a tour of her walking routines, a water taxi tour of downtown Baltimore, a wonderful Italian dinner, and got to meet her daughter Jamie and the new baby. She was a great hostess and I was happy to see that part of her life.

-Joyce

Awesome bar mitzvah weekend in New Jersey. High school friend from Miami came to Baltimore. (She has family here.) Joyce Peckman and “Ms.” Mattie spent two nights here; took day trip to Inner Harbor and rode water taxi to Fort McHenry.

Jamie came over with Michael (five-month-old grandson) and met Joyce and “Ms.” Mattie. Attended condo meeting (another “biggie event.”) Went out to monthly dinner with people from early married days. Sooooo fun!

-Linda

The end-of-day light on rugged granite outcroppings revealed by low tide lit up along with the Porcupine Islands as if someone had glazed the whole scene with a wash of dayglo peach. Then a five-masted schooner revealed herself as she rounded an island, her sails faded to a compelling rusty off-red. OK, it’s the tourist-oriented “Natalie Todd” taking tourists on a sunset sail, but I don’t care if it is commercial. It moves me.

-Gloria

Boone, N.C. is home to Appalachian State University (NCAA division II-A football champs, 2005 and 2006). I participate in a program for people who are non-degree-seeking but want to continue learning. The department of Judaic, Holocaust & Peace Studies had a two-session seminar on the stories that inspired "Fiddler on the Roof," where we read the wonderful stories of Sholem Aleichem.

-Medina

To get to our place we travel north on US 41 (Tamiami Trail) and turn left onto a dirt two-track named Lake Medora Road. Our home is in the middle of the woods (13 acres of it is our property) in very old mountains. In fact, some of the oldest rocks in the world have been found in these mountains. One of those acres is right on Lake Medora, and that's where, from scratch, we built our house.

-Candy

From Baltimore to New York, where I exploded into a week of shopping. I'm not a shopaholic by any means, but when you live on a rock with K-Mart, and then land in a home 15 minutes from Lord & Taylor, the emotion is like that of the fizz exploding from a Champagne bottle.

-Joyce

I run into a friend who owns Maine's one-and-only kosher B & B right here in town. Before I know it I am invited for Shabbat dinner. Suddenly I am with more than a *minyan*; we are lighting candles, saying blessings, sharing wine, and eating challah brought up that day from New Rochelle by my hostess's visitors. Both food and company are good. I let go of the wistfulness, grab onto gratitude, and still I wonder who among our KJCC contingent will be kayaking in the dark of new moon night.

-Gloria

What am I doing with myself? Creating and making lots of bracelets and necklaces for show July 11-15 in Gettysburg, same time as Bike Week. What a great learning experience. Went with vendors that create magnetic, healing jewelry, made with magnetite, natural source of pain-relieving energy, not man-made. I get to "activate" my creative juices while making these bracelets.

-Linda



Candy and Joe in the early stages of construction.

We've spent the last five summers building the house. It's a duplex, with two bedrooms, one bath and a loft on each side. Our task this summer is to install a finished floor in the house and our first challenge was to get the flooring delivered. This was not as easy as one may think, since we have no phone service to coordinate arrival times or to give last-minute directions to our building site. And we really don't have an address, just a fire number. The driver had traveled down our two-track dirt road with his 28-foot truck and couldn't figure out a way to turn around. Dad, Joe and I unloaded the 3,000 pounds of laminate flooring and then spent about twenty minutes helping the driver turn around. My sister Rene and brother-in-law Dick arrived the next day, and we were ready to start the floor installation. Since our motto on this entire project has been "learn as you go along or make it up as you go along," our installation has been slower and more interesting than expected.

-Candy



Gloria's eclectic gallery in picturesque Bar Harbor, Maine.

I am boring myself to tears waiting for customers in between spates of cleaning, arranging, decluttering, and planting brussels sprouts (affirming my deeply held belief that the world will not end before first frost). Well, I am not really bored. I've been reading Alice Walker's (a favorite author of mine) daughter's memoir, "Black, White, and Jewish," a tale of her youth as product of dark brown, deliciously talented feminist mother and white Jewish civil rights lawyer dad—definitely a movement baby.

-Gloria

Of course Joe's work doesn't begin until he's done fishing. Most mornings he gets up at 5:00 and is on the lake until about 9:00. One morning a storm rolled in about 7:30 while he was still out on the lake. The storms come in from the west, hard and fast. In the winter the wind can get up to 100 miles per hour, and although the wind gusts in this particular storm weren't that strong they still made it extremely difficult to stand up. Joe didn't have time to get back to shore before the high waves

swamped his boat. He ended up swimming back to shore from the middle of the lake in baggy blue jeans surrounded by thunder, lightning and high waves. Rene and I got into the pontoon to help him, but it was anchored out in the lake so our departure was rather slow. When it was over and we were all safe on land I went a bit hysterical: the vision of Joe's head bobbing up in between the waves will stay with me for a long time.

-Candy

Walked historic Gettysburg streets and read displayed plaques. Sat across from over 100-year-old sycamore tree. Stayed at hotel directly in center of town and watched motor-cycle parade. I was told maybe between 80-100,000 cyclists attended. Watched horse-and-buggy rides traveling through historic streets. Rode past battlefields.

Wow! Watched farrier shoe Budweiser Clydesdale horses. (A first!)

-Linda

There was also a week-long symposium (designed for educators, but open to the public, on how to teach the Holocaust) and I attended the session on Simon Wiesenthal's book "The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness," a powerful book that I recommend. The first part of the book is the (true) story of a dying Nazi soldier asking Wiesenthal, then a prisoner in a concentration camp, for forgiveness. The second part of the book is a series of 50+ responses to the question "what would you do?" by notable men and women, one of whom is Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, a professor at Emory University. She was one of my childhood playmates, as we lived across the street from one another (I'm sure Bernie remembers her). She is an authority on Holocaust deniers and is well-known for her book, "Denying the Holocaust," for which she was sued (in London) for slander by a well-known Holocaust denier. She ultimately won the lawsuit. It was interesting to hear the discussion, and a mention of the "Pirkay Avot" in this town where there is a church on just about every corner.

-Medina

Dammit, it is too gorgeous outside for anyone in their right mind even to consider shopping. I am going to close. Dang, wouldn't you know that the minute I *think* of closing, a car pulls in. Well, it could be a good thing, although at first glance they look like a couple who will find this place "interesting" rather than purchase-worthy.

-Gloria

Shopping over, I'm now in Denver enjoying a week with my son and the 3 kids (3 1/2, 2 1/2 and 4 months old). Keith, my youngest, is dog-sitting Mattie in Highland Park, New Jersey. I'll reciprocate by house-sitting the week he & his wife visit Denver. I'll be back in the New York area by August, through the Holy Days. Thinking of everyone.

-Joyce

The next day our dogs were in our driveway and wouldn't stop barking. Since there are no people or cars around I couldn't figure out what the commotion was about. A few minutes later there was a knock on our door and it was our nearest neighbor, Kim. She was noticeably upset but had hiked through the woods to tell us she and her husband had just been visited by a 600-

pound black bear. The bear ripped out the screen in one of their windows, destroyed all their bird feeders and was going after the ribs they were cooking on their grill. Their black lab chased the bear away, but the bear didn't seem too eager to leave, so Kim wanted to give us a heads-up on the danger. Bears, by the way, aren't the only wildlife that lives around here. We also share our woods and lake with loons, eagles, coyotes, wolves, foxes, bobcats, deer, and, like most of Key Largo, raccoons.

-Candy

I stopped at the bookstore and treated myself to a copy of "Eats, Shoots and Leaves." I sat on a park bench facing the Harbor and its picture-pretty view of receding mountains across the Bay with all kinds of work and pleasure boats bobbing happily in the end-of-day light, and I couldn't stop reading or laughing. Soon I will have no defense for commacide.

-Gloria

Went to Hoopers's Island in Dorchester County, on the western shore of Chesapeake Bay. Stayed in a hunting/fishing cottage on 65 acres of waterfront land. First night set out crab traps with chicken bait. Dinner was such good eatin' the next night.

Watched five movies—*National Treasure*, *Hitch*, *Bourne Supremacy*, *Blue Streak* and *School of Rock*. Went "in-town" to all-in-one grocery store, hardware store, café. And of course (!) bought their town tee-shirt. Canoeed to island and shopped (!) for shells—lots of oysters and some are quite unique.

-Linda

Other classes I've attended so far include a genealogy workshop, a session on the Founding Fathers, a monthly book discussion group, a film studies program, etc.

-Medina



After six years, Candy and Alan's U.P. home.

Now everyone is gone. My sister, her husband and my Dad went down to their homes in the southern part of the state for five days and I just took Joe to the airport so he could return to Key Largo for a bachelor party for his cousin. Sunday everyone will return with four additional family members and friends, to celebrate the 4th of July. We have fantastic fireworks on the shore of Lake Superior. However, many times you have to wear a winter parka, hat and gloves to completely enjoy them. (Nighttime temperatures can drop to the high 30's, but days are usually a very pleasant 50-70.)

-Candy

I've driven three hours south from Bar Harbor to join friends preparing for an Independence Day Parade. Who knew a July Fourth Parade could be so idiosyncratic, meaningful, pro-peace, and funny all at the same time? Round Pond is a tiny town at the mouth of a large, protected harbor in mid-coastal Maine, on the way to absolutely nowhere. The thousands of people congenially lining the route are here strictly to be here. There are no fire engines, school bands or fez-topped Shriners on mini-motorcycles. There is, however, a precision lawn-chair drill team. And reggae musicians. And a giant lobster trap with tourists in it. In the middle of the parade a float decorated with a chuppah stops moving; a bride steps up, and for the next ten minutes, everything stands still as a *wedding* happens. People are patient and applaud enthusiastically as the guests and witnesses they have become.

-Gloria

Swam alongside a jellyfish as it "pulsated" along in the water. Saw bald eagles and their nests. While picking blueberries—saw foxes' den. Lots of geese and osprey nests. Had my second beer in my whole life. (Do I put that under a column titled "lifetime achievement?")

P.S. Even found great feathers to make quill pens with, of course (!) using BIC pen refills. Does it get any more creative than that?

-Linda

I'm now with family on Long Island, and I won't tell you how wonderful it is to be able to go for an invigorating walk outside AFTER 8 a.m.

-Joyce

That's about it from our "neck of the woods" on Lake Medora in the Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan. Five years ago we had, well, a pretty lot on a lake. Today we have a house that we mostly built ourselves. Next summer we need to frame in the fireplace and *that's it*.

-Candy

The gallery is looking increasingly intriguing and business has definitely picked up. The spigot marked "tourist season" seems to have been turned on last Sunday. I am grateful. No kayaking as yet, but much walking along *rosa rugosa*-lined gravel paths out to jutting granite rocks for a sit in the sun, soaking up the scent and salt and giant whooshing sounds of the sea

-Gloria

There is a small Jewish community here in Boone that holds services Friday nights at the Episcopal church. For the High Holy Days, they hold services at a nearby Catholic church. When I attended last year, I thought I'd be one of maybe twenty people, but to my surprise, about 300 people were there!

I hope you are all having a good summer. I miss our Thursday night Hebrew class gatherings.

-Medina

Mid-July through end of August: annual "doctor" appointments. Attend state fair. Get new walking shoes for Florida. Tentative: maybe Joyce comes back in August to go to Washington, D.C. and we'll go to Holocaust Museum on Mall.

September 25 to October 9—maybe trip to Israel. Sukkot fun, festive time to be there! Have family there; it's been seven years. Cousin's grandbaby celebrates first birthday October 6th. Will do that new "Jerusalem excavation" tour Yardenah showed on the map.

Tuesday, Nov. 13—leave for Keys, FL.

-Linda

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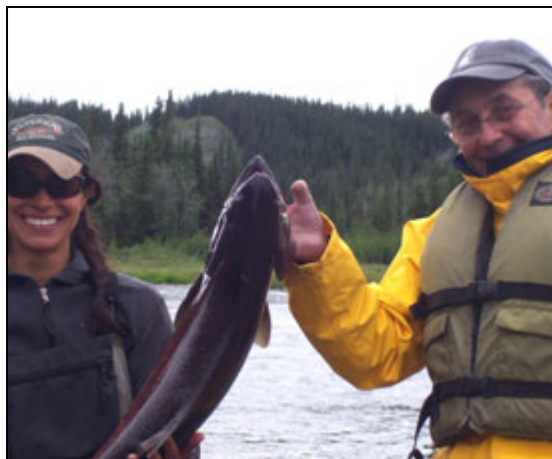
NORTH TO ALASKA!

Alaska! We are so glad we saw that huge, beautiful state. The weather was great –cool & dry. Steve, my Mom and I flew into Anchorage. We did a two-week Princess tour/cruise. The first week we were on land, taking the train to Denali National Park, where we saw Mt. McKinley/Denali. What an awesome sight!

On to Copper River, where Steve went fishing and was the only one in his group to catch a king salmon. Meanwhile, I went on a scenic rafting trip, while Mom stayed at the resort. I saw dozens of bald eagles and Steve reports he saw hundreds. So glad they are not becoming extinct.

En route to Valdez, we visited Crazy Dog Kennels and Canine Rescue, run by Zoya DeNure, a former fashion model, who is training her dog team for the Idi-

Steve's first King Salmon conquest. He asked if he could keep the girl too, but Carol said no.



tarod. Our ship, the Island Princess, stopped in Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan, all interesting and different. On July 4th, in Glacier Bay, we watched a glacier “calve” (huge chunks of ice break away and fall into the sea). Talk about awesome!! First you hear a little noise, then a rumble and down it comes. Who needs fireworks! Even Mom was impressed, and this was her second Alaska trip.

On a side tour, we crossed into Canada and stopped in Carcross, a cute little town in the Yukon, where I had my passport stamped. On board ship, Steve took computer lessons and I heard a lecture by Libby Riddles, the first woman to win the Iditarod. Of course, I bought a t-shirt that says: **ALASKA—WHERE MEN ARE MEN AND WOMEN WIN THE IDITAROD.** If I were only 40 years younger!

We ended the cruise in Vancouver, a lovely city with beautiful gardens. Back in Miami, we walked out of the airport terminal into the 90-degree heat and humidity. In the parking lot, we found my car wouldn't work, so we were towed 75 miles back to the Beautiful Florida Keys. Always good to be home!

-Carol



KJCC conquers the 49th state. Your intrepid prez braves the Alaskan wilds.



Yom Kippur –The Book of Life
By Alan L. Beth

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.

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 High Holidays.

HOLIDAY SEASON - What a month

Rosh Hashanah is the day of accounting

where each Jew is called before the heavenly accountants who weigh every spiritual transaction, as well as every infraction, to determine whether the employee's contract will be renewed for the coming year. It is for this reason that Jews traditionally spend Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah, carefully examining their every action to see how it impacted the overall spiritual profitability of the enterprise, God's universe.

In performing teshuvah—repentance—we figure out where we went wrong and, just as

importantly, how we're going to fix it. And on the Day of Judgment we arrive at the synagogue somewhat frightened, subdued and introspective, but ready to plead for the renewal of the

contract -- another year of life -- because at least we have identified the problem and have taken measures to make sure it doesn't happen again.

But who can truly say that they've done all they can do as God's employees and are therefore assured of a positive outcome on Rosh Hashanah? Therefore we are asked to consider our fates as hanging in the balance and we are given until Yom Kippur to more fully examine our moral issues and better implement our fixes and resolutions. On Yom Kippur we are so consumed by the uncertainty of our fate that we can't even think about eating or drinking. Over and over we

try to account for our sins and resolve for them never to recur as we stand before the CEO, God Almighty Himself. Late in the day, we must conclude that for all our teshuvah we still might find ourselves a tad less than fully qualified for a renewal of our life contracts.

Just when it seems that all is lost, we look up and notice that God is our own Father in heaven. So in the final prayer service of the High Holy Days, we beseech Him, "Avinu Malkeinu -- our Father, our King!" Hey Dad, it's me. I'm your son. I know I messed up but please, this one time, give me a break. What father can resist that kind of sincerity on the part of his beloved child?

So He forgives us but asks us to undergo one more challenge. "Now that we've made up, why don't you see if you can get along with your siblings as well."The holiday of Sukkot is all about leaving our permanent abodes and moving into a house with walls as sturdy as you want to make them, but one where the roof—the separation and barrier between us and God—is intentionally only loosely covered. This makes it God's house. After restoring our relationship with the Almighty, He invites us into His home where we are asked to unify with all the Jewish People for a full week.

Now that we've reunified as a family, God is loath to have us leave after seven days and asks us to stay for Shmini Atzeret, "the eighth, extended day" of the holiday.

And the next, final day of this holiday is called Simchat Torah, "the happiness of Torah." We dance ecstatically, holding the sacred Torah scrolls close to our bodies while we circle the bimah. According to the Jewish mystics, Simchat Torah is not so much that we happily celebrate the beauty of our Jewish Torah, but that once we have restored our relationships with our Father and our brothers and sisters, it is the Torah, and by extension God Himself, Who joyously celebrates us, His beloved children.

What a way to start the year!◇

Alan Beth chairs the Religious Committee.

A Surprise for Joan's 75th

Having a seventy-fifth birthday is hard enough, let alone when your loving spouse advertises your age through out the Keys.

However, he found the one way to be forgiven for his sin!

Several months ago, Jim informed me that we were going to New York to celebrate this "special" accomplishment. How can one argue against going to New York? (Even though the one thing I had really wanted was for this to be a family occasion.) I had a secret hope that he was going to surprise me with the family, but when the weekend of the birthday came and went I knew that was not going to be! We planned the shows we were going to see; we made plans with the granddaughter who lives in New York for her to share the week with us, and we started out by staying at a hotel the night before leaving because "our plane was early the next morning and the hotel had a very cheap fare." I fell for it all!

We settled in for the night, and the very next morning went down for breakfast. As I was sipping the first cup of coffee, my eyes glanced to the left. I almost spilled the coffee when I saw this familiar group of peo-

ple. They got me!!!!!! Seventeen of my children and grandchildren all cried "SURPRISE" and I started to cry! It seems we were never going

to New York, and all the plans for theater and dinner with Haley were a big ruse. Jim even had phony boarding passes and hotel confirmations in a folder in case I got curious (which I didn't).

We spent the next 3 nights on the Carnival Fun Ship *Fascination*. The one rule was that we all got together for dinner every night, but we spent the days bumping into

each other and sharing lunch, the pool, etc. Every night I would wake up in the middle of the night crying. When Jim asked why, I gave him the usual female answer--because I am so happy. We spent a good part of each night on the balcony staring at the water and realizing how lucky we were.

I will forever be grateful to the whole family for keeping the surprise! It was such a special way to celebrate! We did miss our grandson, Brian, who was in China. Now we are waiting for his return to hear all his experiences. ♦



Joseph Beth
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June 1, 2007

To: President Steve Steinbock
The Board of Directors
Members of KJCC

Yesterday was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences, in this case my high school graduation. It truly was a momentous occasion, finishing the long journey of basic schooling and entering the endless possibilities of the real world.

The night before graduation was capping, where I received an extremely generous scholarship from the KJCC. College is going to be a challenge. I've heard it is the most exciting part of your life as an adult. But there is no question in my mind that I will always remember the love and helpfulness of the Jewish community in which I live.

I want to thank everyone who was in some way responsible for the scholarship that I received. I would also like to thank everyone who helped me in any way throughout my high school career, whether it be from community service or through helping me pay for the endless amounts of money needed for a college degree.

And no matter where I go and who I meet, I will always remember that small Jewish community in the Keys, which has given me many long-lasting memories. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Beth

Student at Miami-Dade College

Andrea Kluger

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Dear KJCC,

Thank you so much for your contribution toward my college education. I am looking forward to this experience and will keep you informed of what I am up to. Thank you so much for your support throughout the years.

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High Holy Day Memories

With this issue being the first of the new Jewish year, and also the one encompassing the High Holy Days, we asked KJCC members what the holidays were like when they were children. Here's what they said:

We lived on Prospect Avenue between 181st and 182nd streets in the Bronx, and I take much pleasure from reflecting on those times with my parents and grandparents that were so joyful, yet so simple, so heart-warming and so meaningful.

The High Holy Days were always planned by Mom for weeks ahead, while Dad got his good suit cleaned and pressed and made ready for prayer in a small, hot, basement orthodox shul. The main sanctuary was upstairs but seats cost less down below. This

was really a ground level "below," as the main shul was at least 20 steps above us. I always stayed with my Dad for the long hours of prayer, sometimes sitting down in a little corner behind a dirty floor-to-ceiling curtain on uncomfortable chairs with a few old women who, even then, I thought belonged in another era. Mostly I crept under my Dad's jacket and stayed there while Dad got some smiles and some warning looks from his seat-mates.

There was also a little garden that the kids played in when they got tired of trying to keep up with the prayers. We laughed and played silly games, the boys brought yo-yos and paddles and other games and the girls giggled a lot and watched the boys – even then.

I can tell you now it never rained on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur because I only remember sunshine and happiness and love and the blessings of a wonderful family. I was a very lucky kid.

--Bea Graham

My parents attended a very orthodox shul in New Jersey. My grandfather was the president. During the High Holidays he wore a tuxedo outfit with a high hat. He was very large (i.e. fat *and* tall). When some "persons" would make noise that he did not like he would SLAM DOWN his prayer book on the desk at the bimah and the ENTIRE large congregation would act as if the wrath of G-d was upon them. I can still see him up on the bimah when I go to holiday services.

--David Goldfinger

I lived in Hanover, Germany, as a child. Our family did not live near a synagogue, so for High Holy Days we walked 1-1/2 hours to get to services. Even as a child, I remember this as a very long walk.

I remember Cantor Alter's voice, which reminded me of an opera singer. I also remember a man who was so religious that, on

Yom Kippur, he stood in the synagogue, not sitting at all, from *Kol Nidre* to the very end of services the next day.

This beautiful synagogue was destroyed by the Nazis during "Kristallnacht" in 1938.

--Fanny Kluger

My mother and I walked two miles to the Linden Street Shul at about 9:30 or 10:00 on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. My two older brothers left earlier or later. (Father had passed away in 1934.) I was seven in September, 1938, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. My grandfather owned his seats in the shul. He had two seats upstairs in the women's section for my mother and grandmother and about four seats downstairs in the men's section. My two brothers, Grandfather and I (and maybe an uncle) squeezed in on the blue-cushioned bench seats.

The *Chazzen* led the *Musaf* service and Torah service. The *Shaharit* service was led by a member of the congregation. The *Chazzen* had been trained in Russia and had a booming basso voice. His singing of the *Hineni* as he walked from the rear of the synagogue was especially impressionable on a young boy. The *aliyahs* were auctioned off to the highest bidder with the money going to the synagogue. The sermon delivered by Rabbi Gutterman was in Yiddish and not understandable by me. However, I remember one sermon, which must have been in September, 1945, when the rabbi started to cry. As the tears welled up in his eyes, he kept repeating "zex millionen yidden toten" (six million Jews dead). A brother, who was back from serving in the Air Force, translated for me.

--George Swartz

I am an older teenager. It is High Holiday time. The small, one-room wooden synagogue that nourished me lovingly into Bat Mitzvahhood is gone. We have morphed via building funds and pledge drives into a red

brick edifice with real teachers instead of just our rabbi, with schoolrooms and bathrooms and offices and hallways instead of just an all-purpose sanctuary. Everyone is wearing new clothes and admiring everybody else's. I am happy to see one or two old classmates and the extended family/friends of my parents, but there are so many new members. I don't feel as if this place is mine any more. The sermon is all about pledging. Kids come and go but I am too old to be playing with them. More requests are made for the building fund and more yet for Israeli bonds. People fast on the inside of the building and go outside for a smoke. I think I am sophisticated and smart but in truth I am probably ungenerous, judgmental, and prematurely cynical. The talk is all of bonds and I feel little bonding. I will go to college, begin a life that involves much travel, and will not belong to a synagogue again until I move to Key Largo, where at first there is none. Then in 1981, suddenly there is.

--Gloria Avner

We (my mother, father and myself) got all dressed up for the holidays, my father with a suit, waistcoat, spats. And a fedora. My mother in a dress, big hat and white gloves. I wore a white suit with short pants and a small peaked cap. We would walk to the shul and my father would tip his hat to all women that passed us. What a slow, peaceful world that was in 1937-1938.

--Jim Boruszak

As a child and even today the sound of the shofar, the story of Abraham and Isaac, and the liturgy that begins "On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed..." were and are listened to with great awe.

The High Holidays were also looked forward to because of the anticipation of the food, the new clothes and the socialization. Ladies purchased new outfits, and hats, and there was a kind of fashion parade atmosphere about it. Some congregants only

availed themselves of services during the High Holidays, and it was at that time that we were able to catch up with them and exchange news of our respective families. We sat only in our own seats, which had been purchased during a previous fundraiser.

Our respective families were very early members of our Temple (1930s), so the families were familiar with each other, and eventually there was a merger of the two temple families with our marriage.

--Joan Boruszak

On the High Holidays, I did not occupy my usual seat, on the right side somewhere near the sixth row, but instead had a folding chair in the tent erected in the parking lot. On Yom Kippur, after *Yizkor*, my mom would return home and I would go through the rear door of the synagogue to a seat on the far side of the enormous accordion wall, continuing my prayers in what was normally the social hall, under elaborate chandeliers, but at least in the same sanctuary as my rabbi and cantor.

--Joyce Peckman

After Rosh Hashanah service at Beth David in Miami, a group of us would take the bus to someone's house and dance. We did this throughout my high school years. The music we played was bop, if anyone still remembers that. There was no adult supervision that I remember, and never any trouble.

--Linda Pollack

When I was a kid, the High Holy Days in my house were very special. My mother prepared the meals with special care and challah, apples and honey were on the table. My parents would buy me a couple of very nice dresses, but the highlight was when my dad bought me and my mother a matching set of fancy, lounging pajamas. I know it

sounds odd, but for my mother and me, it was something we looked forward to with great anticipation. The orthodox shul we went to was usually quite full of congregants every Shabbat, but on Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur it was packed. The women were dressed to the hilt. One of my uncles was the cantor and he had such a beautiful voice. He sang with his whole heart and soul.

Since we walked to shul and back, (about a mile each way) we usually took a small break on Yom Kippur at my aunt & uncle's house, who lived closer to the shul.

--Medina Roy

In the years before the Independence of the Jewish State, we children who grew up in Jerusalem had a different education and cultural life than those who lived in the other cities, like Haifa and Tel-Aviv. The institutes for higher education, like the University, the Seminars, and even the High Schools were located in Jerusalem.

The children of Jerusalem began to celebrate the High Holidays in *Elul*, the last month of the Jewish calendar. In every neighborhood there was a synagogue, not a big temple, but more like a house and always full of people. Our parents would go for the *S'lichot* Prayers at 3:00 in the morning. The *Shamash* would walk from house to house at 2:30 a.m. and call the people to wake up for the prayers. We children would also wake up and were eager to go to the synagogue with our parents, sensing the special mood of *Yamim Nora'im* (Days of Awe).

After the weeks of *S'lichot*, on *Rosh Ha'shanah*, we felt a special happiness, because only once a year, on this holiday, we would receive new clothes. And we would run to the synagogue to show and to see every other child's new clothes.

On *Erev Rosh Ha'shanah* our house looked very festive. The table was beautifully set with seven kinds of Israel's fruit. We began with the children asking forgiveness from our parents if we had caused them any anger. We could see on their faces that they did forgive

and my father would put his warm hand on our heads and give us his blessings.

Before the delicious meal, with all kind of Persian dishes, my father and uncles would say the blessings on the fruits and thank God for a good and sweet new year. After the meal we would stay at the table for a long hour of singing and hearing stories from our parents, wonderful memories of their childhood and the traditions of *Rosh Ha'shanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

--*Michal Kamely*

Growing up Orthodox meant no school during the High Holy Days. As a child I loved the idea of not going to school but sadly must admit I dreaded going to shul ALL DAY for two days, wearing a dress and ugly shoes. It was boring listening to the cantor bellow out his songs and falling asleep during the rabbi's sermon. I'd rather have been playing outside with my friends. Luckily for me, we children got to do just that. On occa-

sion, during the "important" moments, we were told to be inside praying with our families. Despite what appeared as "not being present," I was. As an adult, I now appreciate having been dragged to services.

--*Ruth Shrader-Grace*

My memories of the High Holidays are from my teen years in Newark, New Jersey. My family belonged to Temple B'nai Abraham on Clinton Avenue in Newark, where Joachim Prinz was the rabbi. He was a major presence in the worldwide Jewish community and certainly in B'nai Abraham. As children, we were pretty much banned from the sanctuary without a TICKET, so we spent the hours during the service on the outside steps with all of the other kids. It was a social affair. The religious aspect of the holidays were not necessarily of importance.

--*Toby Goldfinger*



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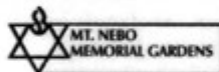
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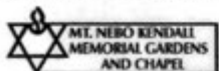
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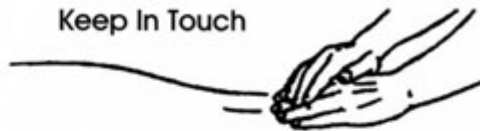
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President's Message Steve Steinbock



As I write this message, the High Holy Days are but a week away. Yardena and I will be doing services this Friday night (9/7/07) and S'lichot is this Saturday night with pizza, movie and prayer.

The first of many Chai-Lights under the new editorship was a big success. Contributions and ideas are encouraged and welcome. The deadline is the 10th of each month for the next month's issue. Contributions should be sent to chailights@keysjewishcenter.com.

As this edition goes to press, the religious school will have begun on September 9th. (The calendar for the religious school was printed in last month's issue.)

At the last board meeting, the Executive VP, Mark Wasser, informed us that he was able to place our insurance in a way that we are saving a bundle on our premiums and are getting more coverage than we had before. (By the way, you won't want to miss Mark's article about his father's incredible story, in this issue on page 15.) Linda Pollack, our treasurer, reported that we are in great shape financially. We discussed the problem of our children being penalized for absences from school for the

High Holy Days (a situation that has been going on for some years). Drs. Stan Margulies and Barry Alter volunteered to contact the Monroe County School Superintendent and discuss the problem. IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK, the situation was corrected - our children will have excused absences without penalty. Jim Boruszak got new carpet installed in the sanctuary. Marty Graham had the Eternal Light restored beautifully and Bea Graham obtained a white torah cover for the Ocean Reef torah (which we keep while they are away), all of which were accomplished in time for us to appreciate during the holidays.

With a board as great as this, the KJCC is well represented and my job is an easy one. They all deserve our thanks for their continued hard work.

I hope you all had a Happy Rosh Hashanah and an easy fast on Yom Kippur. Carol and I wish you a healthy & prosperous 5768. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at services this year.

L'Chaim
Steve

Thanks, Alan

The High Holy Days are over for another year. Seats were filled, and all the many services flowed seamlessly from beginning to end. (Hour after hour.) There are, as always, many people to thank for all the work that gets done. But organization and management of High Holy Days services falls mainly on Alan Beth, chairman of KJCC's religious committee. So a collective, heartfelt and public "thank you" goes to you, Alan. We all deeply appreciate what you do on our behalf, and sort of understand how much work and time it must take.

Andrea Needs Letters

In a freshman ritual even most of us remember, Andrea Kluger is going through sorority rush at Vanderbilt in Nashville. Sororities there require letters of recommendation. Andrea has asked that as many sorority veterans as possible send letters on her behalf. (Those ought to be pretty easy to write.) Send the letters to her Vandy e-mail: andrea.r.kluger@vanderbilt.edu. She thanks you for helping.

New e-mail for Joel Cohen

For those of you so inclined, Joel Cohen, one of the KJCC founders, has a new e-mail address: jsc93@yahoo.com. Though battling inoperable cancer, Joel is said to be in good spirits and would welcome any contact from KJCC members.

More New Members

Once again this month, KJCC is delighted to publicly welcome new members: Dr. Les

Safer of Islamorada, Arthur Lee and Johanna Willner of Ft. Myers, and Nissan and Israel Mayk of Eatontown, NJ. Now that you're all *mishpocha*, we look forward to seeing all of you often.

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A KJCC Book Exchange?

Several members have asked if we could have a book exchange—not exactly a club, but a forum where we tell each other about worthy Jewish-themed books we've read and recommend them to everyone else, all within the pages of Chai-Lights. Since KJCC is comprised of "People of the Book," let's give the idea a try.

Gloria submits, in her own words, "a wonderful book titled *Kavalier and Clay*. It's spectacular, generous, endlessly inventive, and moving. It's set mostly in Eastern Europe and New York City, before, during and after the Holocaust. I think [everyone] would love his sentences, in addition to all the richness of plot, settings, humanity, and terrific characters."

Staff will ante with two more. First, *Jews, God and History*, by Max I. Dimont. This book is, simply, the most engaging, broad-ranging and most beautifully written history of the stiff-necked people you'll see. It's history

with the eye and touch of a novelist. You won't want to put it down. Second, *Thieves in the Night*, a novel by Arthur Koestler, one of the great Jewish men of letters in the 20th century. (He's more famous for *Darkness at Noon*, the first anti-communist tract to emerge, in the 50s, from an ardent early socialist and Soviet supporter.) *Thieves* takes place in Palestine in the 30s, under the British Mandate. Not too many people know this period, which was easily as unsettled and dangerous as the years just after World War II. It's a better book, by a better writer, than *Exodus*. Please send comments, on books listed here or your own recommendations (with a brief summation), to chailights@keysjewishcenter.com.

Have ad prospects for Chai-Lights?

Please have them contact Linda Pollack or us. Linda's e-mail is lindap4000@earthlink.net; her phone is 852-8575. Yearly advertising is very inexpensive and reaches a small but elite demographic.

Have you shopped

At Sisterhood's gift display recently? You might be surprised at the quality and selection available there. It's located in the lobby.

My family and I would like to thank all our friends of the KJCC for all the expressions of sympathy extended to us during this time of loss. The hole in my heart left with my mother's passing was filled with so much support and love.

**Fondly,
Roberta McNew**

Explore the KJCC library

It's full of quality tomes, about history and biography and general Judaic studies, plus a wonderful selection of novels from the likes of Chaim Potok, Bashevis Singer, Leon Uris and Saul Bellow. Yarden and Medina Roy (a professional librarian, if you didn't know) spent weeks reorganizing and rearranging. All books are available to check out. The library lives on donated books, by the way, so let someone know if you wish to help nourish our little intellectual nook, which is located directly across from the sanctuary in the lobby.

To contact Chai-Lights

Use the new e-mail our webmaster Alan has added to the KJCC web site. It's chailights@keysjewishcenter.com. Please send all ideas, comments, and questions there, as well as all submissions. The single, easy-to-remember address should also make it easier for anyone to contact us.

To make KJCC database changes

Such as your name (hey, they change sometimes), or to add or remove people from your list, or change your address or phone, or to correct a listing that despite our sincere efforts still manages to be wrong, please send your e-mail to president@keysjewishcenter.com. Steve or Carol will forward your request to the right member of our large, highly proficient and organizationally complex staff.

About the KJCC Website

For those of you who prefer to read online (which means you must be under 30), each complete issue of Chai-Lights, with the photos usually in color, is posted online.

BOOK PLATES

IN MEMORY OF MILLIE PROBER

By The KJCC

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MURIEL JACOBSON

By Her Husband, Children and Grandchildren (x4)

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS, THE COHNS AND OWENS

By Nancy and David Cohn

IN MEMORY OF HOWARD SHUTAN

From Lauren and Stuart Sax

IN MEMORY OF GISELLA REIFF

By Toby and David Goldfinger

Other aspects of KJCC's operations and history are also available, courtesy of Alan Beth's technical wizardry. Many back issues of Chai-Lights are already posted, with others being added regularly. The website is keysjewishcenter.com. (If you bookmark it your computer will remember the web site name for you.)

Chai-Lights Deadlines

At least for now, the deadline for Chai-Lights will be the 10th of the month preceding. Other than that, Marty's old invitations still stand: send us your photos, your *mitzvot*, your news, your ideas, your comments. (No huddled masses, please.) Again, where possible please use the new e-mail, chailights@keysjewishcenter.com.

Oneg Sponsorships

For the upcoming season are being scheduled now. To reserve your preferred dates, please contact Joyce Peckman, Sisterhood VP, at Joyce@adoctorsbag.com or on her cell at 305/240-1000. Why sponsor an oneg? To celebrate an occasion or people you love and share the *simcha* with others.

Professor Ginsberg

For those of you who missed it, Bernie Ginsberg has been appointed Associate Professor in Family Practice on the medical faculty at Florida State University. But not to worry, neither he nor his stirring renditions of *kiddush* prayers will be leaving us. Students will be sent to Bernie's medical office in Tavernier as part of their education about and exposure to a real-world practice. His channeling of the Borscht Belt will be thrown into the mix at no additional charge, just as it is for all his patients. ◇

TREE OF LIFE

DEDICATED IN MILLIE PROBER'S HONOR

2007

By her Mah Jongg friends

IN HONOR OF MARC BLOOM'S

RECOVERY – 2007

By the KJCC

IN CELEBRATION OF CAPTAIN MORT SILVERMAN'S

70th BIRTHDAY

Linda and Joel Pollack



What a GREAT start to a fabulous new year! We had a wonderful turnout for the first class of the 2007-2008 KJCC school year on Sunday, September 9th. The students arrived at 10 a.m., and were enthusiastically greeted by their teacher, Yardena, who had a spectacular class planned for the morning.

We are happy to welcome back our students: Nyan, Joshua, Max, Hanna, Lily, Cammie, and Danielle. We also welcome two new students this year: Moira and Zach. Our two teenaged tutors, Molly and Cory, have returned to assist the teachers, and we greatly appreciate them for volunteering their time and talents to the younger students.

Since the first class of the school year was the week of Rosh Hashanah, we decided to have a “new (school) year/ New (calendar) Year” family celebration. Parents and board members were invited to join the students at 11:30 a.m. for the festivities. The children

were beautifully prepared for our “New Year” seder, and read all of the prayers in Hebrew for the group. There were over two dozen people in attendance, and we all enjoyed partaking of the ritual foods to welcome in the New Year—apples dipped in honey, sweet grape juice, delicious fresh-baked round challah (thanks to Suzi Feder), dates, pomegranates, banana bread, carrots, kidney beans, beets, almonds, and a fish head symbolizing the “Head” (or *Rosh*) of the year. (Thank you, Roberta, for providing the Dolphin fish head.)

Thanks for sharing with us to Dave & Suzi, Paul & Barbara, Ruth, Robert, Richard, Don, Marc and Zoe. We have two dedicated and talented religious school teachers in Yardena and Gloria, and I look forward to a wonderful year of fun and learning!

Shalom to all,
Susan Gordon

October Memoriam

By Robert & Sylvia Berman

In Blessed Memory of
STEPHEN BERMAN
Eternal Rest

By Alvan & Carol Field

In Blessed Memory of
NATALIE FIELD
Rest In Eternal Peace

By Linda Rutkin

In Blessed Memory of
BERTHA KAUFMAN
Remembered With Love

By Shirley Boxer

In Blessed Memory of
MILTON BOXER
Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Joel & Linda Pollack

In Blessed Memory of
DAVID FRANK
Always In Our Memory

By Harvey & Judith Klein

In Blessed Memory of
ESTHER M. KLEIN
Forever Remembered With Love

By Mel & Blanche Taks

In Blessed Memory of
EVA BUCHMAN
Eternal Peace

By Marty & Bea Graham

In Blessed Memory of
LILIAN GOLDENBERG
In Our Memory Always

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of
REBEKAH LEVY
Always Remembered

By Joel Cohen

In Blessed Memory of
SANDERS G. COHEN
Forever In Our Hearts

By Melvin Jacobson

In Blessed Memory of
PEARL W. HUROWITZ
Long, Blessed Sleep

By Lillian Lippman

In Blessed Memory of
JACK LIPPMAN
Always Remembered With Love

By Marty & Bea Graham

In Blessed Memory of
FANNY ELSON
In Our Hearts And Memory

By Melvin Jacobson

In Blessed Memory of
MURIEL JACOBSON
Remembered Always

By Skip & Rene Rose

In Blessed Memory of
ROSALYN ROSE
Rest in Blessed Peace

By Marty & Bea Graham

In Blessed Memory of
JOSEPH ELSON
Always In My Memory

By Melvin Jacobson

In Blessed Memory of
STANLEY W. JACOBSON
With Loving Remembrance

By David & Shifra Kossman

In Blessed Memory of
FANNIE SEROTT
Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Stuart & Geri Smith

In Blessed Memory of
SOLOMON FELDER
Rest In Peace

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of
LEAH KAMELY
Sleep In Peace

By the Sherman Family

In Blessed Memory of
HELEN SHERMAN
Always Loved and Missed

By the Blumberg Family
In Blessed Memory of
LEE SIBEN
Eternal Rest

By Robert & Lee Schur
In Blessed Memory of
MAURICE SINGER
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
DAVID C. STARK
Forever In Our Hearts

By Alfred & Sue Ann Weihl
In Blessed Memory of
HERBERT S. WEIHL
In Our Hearts 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

By Joseph & Susan Goldberg
In Blessed Memory of
ARNOLD WIDRICH
Rest In Eternal Peace

By Edward & Sherry Turney
In Blessed Memory of
ROBERT WOLF
Always In Our Memory

By Donald & Nancy Zinner
In Blessed Memory of
DORAN DAVID ZINNER
In Our Memory Always

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Mishebeyrach List

For those of you not regularly at services, each week we read aloud the names of those we know to be ailing so that we may include their names in a special supplication to G-d to heal them. Our printed list is read, and then the leader asks if anyone in the congregation has names to add. If you can't be at services, and would like someone you care about to be included in the *mishebeyrach* prayer, call or e-mail and let us know. We'll happily include any name (or names) you tell us about. The main KJCC number is 852-5235. The web site, which accepts e-mail, is keysjewishcenter.com.



Impressions of KJCC's Holocaust Exhibit

Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum are national institutions for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history, and serve as memorials for the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust. They also provide teachers with special outreach projects for "Holocaust Education for the Community."

These museums and documentary centers of the Holocaust have a primary mission: to inform us about this unprecedented tragedy; to commemorate those who suffered; and to inspire visitors to contemplate the moral implications of civic responsibilities.

These were also our objectives when we decided to include the exhibition "Children of the Holocaust" in our Adult Education program at the KJCC. We hoped to broaden public understanding of the history of the Holocaust, and to motivate visitors, from young to old, to want to learn about the Holocaust and its very real lessons and significance for our lives today. As you will see, the exhibit's impact was not merely on KJCC members. Several others were very affected by our exhibit, and it is their stories that I wish to tell here.

I was moved by the reaction of one of our members—Marty Graham—when he saw the picture of the liberation of Dachau by the American Army. With tears in his eyes, and shaken by emotion, he told our students: "I was there. As young soldiers we didn't know how horrific the inhuman conditions of the survivors were...the images come back, and the horror with them..." It is still difficult for an eyewitness like Marty to deal

with the horror.

Eddie Murphy, from Michigan, now a resident of Tavernier, saw the notice of our exhibit in the local papers. After viewing the entire exhibit, reading every detail of the stories and documentations presented, I asked him what his impressions and feelings were. He told me that he had been there when the war ended. A young American soldier, he was assigned as a photographer for the Nuremberg Trials. With his own eyes he saw the major surviving Nazi leaders accused by the world of war crimes. "I was standing so close to them," he said. "I have an original picture of Hermann Goering."

After the Holocaust, Eddie was left with questions. Like many non-Jews at the time, Eddie heard about atrocities committed during the war, but he wants to understand how prejudice and bigotry could actually result in large-scale human destruction. Through his visit to our KJCC exhibit, and the conversations he and I had, Eddie is now very motivated to attend any other event or lecture about the Holocaust and continue his search for answers. Eddie has also motivated me to continue my teaching of the Holocaust, and the Nuremberg Trials are a subject I am considering for the next Holocaust exhibition and lecture series.

Larry Barr, from Tavernier, came to see the Holocaust exhibit because of his interest in his family's history. "It is about heritage," he says. The Holocaust is part of his family's history on his father's side. He began to research his family tree, and found the names of several relatives of his grandmother, the Reibel family, who survived the Holocaust. There were two brothers, who joined the par-

tisans, and their two sisters, who were hidden by a Polish woman. Larry's story about his father's family's connection to Holocaust survivors is even more impressive after hearing about his trip to Ukraine three years ago. He went on a "return to one's roots" trip with three Reibel cousins to Monasterzyska, western Ukraine. They met people who remembered some members of the Reibel family. They went to old Jewish cemeteries, searching for more Jewish names. The memory of the cemetery in Monasterzyska disturbs him. I understood why after reading his notes in his trip journal: "went and found cemetery...corn, beets, carrots growing there. Tombstones were used for building materials. There was one tombstone still standing. There were a few strewn on the edges of the field. Jack [Larry's cousin] said kaddish. Went back to mayor's office to see if we could get some kind of plaque erected to mark the graveyard..

"We visited another cemetery, which is now a veterinary hospital...the cemetery destroyed. The Russians didn't have much respect for Jewish cemeteries....Koropiec [the cousins are looking for family]...we visited another cemetery, up steep hill, which was another road to death. The Nazis marched everyone up the hill and shot them. They were buried in a mass grave."

Other visitors to our KJCC exhibit were Isabel and Horacio Vallejo, an elderly couple from Mexico, who live and work in the Keys. Isabel and Horacio knew about the Holocaust, knew that something horrible happened to the Jews in Europe, but didn't understand how all this hatred and discrimination could lead to such inhumanity. They were shocked and affected by the pictures they saw. They sat down, reflecting on their feelings of profound sadness, and in a humble way asked questions in their attempt to understand. I had no simple answers, but they listened and thanked me for helping them to learn more about this grim history, and for sharing with them the hope that by remembering the Holocaust we will become sensitized to inhumanity and suffering whenever they occur. I thanked them for

their interest and feelings expressed.

Facing the history is extraordinarily difficult, but it is necessary for one simple reason: the Holocaust happened. That in itself is a fact that we can neither erase nor evade. That is what brought our visitors to come and see our KJCC "Children of the Holocaust" exhibit. There is no expiration date on the need to bear witness. There is always another generation, or another heart or mind, that needs to learn. ◇

2007-2008 Hebrew Lesson Schedule

Here's Yardena's schedule for this year's Hebrew classes, which began September 27th and 28th.

- Hebrew II: Ulpan medium level, Thurs. 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
- Hebrew III: Ulpan advanced level, Thurs. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Intensive 2-month course for basic recognition of Hebrew letters/words, Friday 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Hebrew reading from the Siddur, Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

If there are *at least* five people interested, she'll add another beginners' class to the schedule, time to be determined. Contact Yardena to sign up: 393-1768 or ykameli@hotmail.com.

Also, her Adult Education program will continue with its lecture series on the Jewish World, Israel, Judaic Studies and the Holocaust. Lectures will be on Wednesdays, once a month beginning in November, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



This month we bring you the first edition of a new monthly column. There's a lot going on in the Jewish world—some serious, some not so serious—that we thought you'd enjoy reading about. If you have short items for Medina to include, please send them to chailights@keysjewishcenter.com. Make sure to include a source for your article. All entries are subject to editing.

Circumcision case to Oregon High Court

The highest-level case in American history involving the right to circumcision is to be heard this fall. The Oregon Supreme Court will rule whether a father can compel his 12-year-old son to undergo the procedure. The case is bound up with a bitter custody dispute between a divorced couple. (*The Forward*, 8/15/07)

Hartford celebrates risqué singer

When Sophie Tucker (nee Sonia Kalish) made her first return visit to her hometown of Hartford, CT, in 1908, she wasn't exactly greeted with a hero's welcome. When she'd left, some two years earlier, the story was that she'd gone to New Haven for two weeks, possibly to patch things up with her estranged husband. Instead, she went directly to Tin Pan Alley, leaving an infant son in her parents' care. This past June, the Jewish Historical Society of Hartford launched a loving exhibition on the bawdy, brassy entertainer

featuring a zaftig, bejeweled Sophie Tucker impersonator. (*The Forward*, 8/3/07)

Deadwood, S.D. Jews

Wild Bill Hickok bought his groceries from Jacob Goldberg on Main Street, and chances are that he and Calamity Jane bought their boots from Sol Bloom, flour from the Wertheimers, tobacco from Nathan Colman, a chamber pot from Sol Star and whiskey from Harris Franklin (formerly Finkelstein). Pioneering Jewish entrepreneurs were integral to creating and sustaining this isolated gold rush boomtown beginning in 1876, when the first Jewish-owned business was established. "On Main Street, there are 78 buildings," said the director of the Adams Museum. "20 of those were built or had businesses that were owned by the Jewish community." Deadwood Jews numbered around 200 in the late 1800s, according to a volunteer historian of the Black Hills' Jewry. There are some 60 Deadwood Jews buried on Hebrew Hill, as the Jewish section of Mount Moriah cemetery is known. (*The Forward*, 7/16/07)

Holocaust Memorial crumbling

Only two years old, Berlin's controversial Holocaust memorial is already in need of restoration. Cracks, some several yards long, have already appeared in the concrete slab memorial located in the heart of Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate. According to the memorial director, the cracks do not threaten the memorial's stability and the site will re-

main open during the repair work. Designed by American architect Peter Eisenman, the \$38 million memorial opened to the public in May 2005. (*International Herald Tribune*, 8/7/07)

Neo-Nazis in Israel

Meir Sheerit, Israeli Interior Minister, will consider revoking the citizenship of seven residents of *Petach Tikva* arrested on suspicion of belonging to a neo-Nazi ring. "Anyone holding with the Nazi ideology has no place in the State of Israel," Sheerit said. The group, who emigrated to Israel under the Law of Return as children from the former Soviet Union, are suspected in a number of attacks, including synagogue desecrations and brutal beatings. (*Jerusalem Post*, 9/9/07)

Surfing for Peace in the Middle East

Dorian "Doc" Paskowitz, 86, a California surfing legend, calls himself the first Jewish surfer. He read about the crowded beaches of the Gaza strip and about young Palestinians trying to surf but not having enough surfboards. Since June, when Hamas seized control of Gaza, Israel has kept the strip sealed off. When Paskowitz and his helpers rolled 15 surfboards to the fortified crossing, the guards wouldn't let him in. Paskowitz wouldn't take no for answer and finally the gates were opened. (*CBS News*, 8/26/07)

The Jewish almost-Pope

Jean-Marie Lustiger, a French cardinal and former archbishop of Paris, died August 5th at the age of 80. For years, Cardinal Lustiger was mentioned by Vatican-watchers as "papabile"--a possible Pope. The possibility was an intriguing one, for Cardinal Lustiger was born in Paris in 1926 to Polish Jews. His parents ran a dress shop, and when the German army marched in they sent him and his sister into hiding with a Catholic family in Orleans. At 13 Lustiger converted to Catholicism. After he was named bishop of Orleans and later elevated to archbishop of Paris, he

wrote the pope and suggested it might be a mistake to elevate a parish priest with Jewish heritage to the head of a diocese, a heritage he had for his lifetime been quite open about. (*NPR radio*, 8/11/07)

Shofar seized in Chile

A shofar purchased in Israel by a member of the Chilean Jewish community was seized at the Santiago de Chile airport. The authorities believed the shofar lacked the appropriate sanitary pest control documents, in addition to belonging to an "endangered animal species." The shofar was safely returned after an appeal was lodged and evidence provided showing it was a religious implement and could not spread any diseases. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07)

Israeli retailer in Dubai

The Israeli clothing chain MI is planning to open four stores in the Persian Gulf emirate of Dubai, making it the first Israeli store with a presence in the small and economically booming Arab kingdom. (*World Jewish Congress*, 8/07)

CNN's "God's Warriors" not factual

A day prior to the airing of Christiane Amanpour's six-hour documentary, Rabbi Marvin Heir, founder and dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and three other clergymen were guests on "Larry King Live" to discuss the issue of fundamentalism in today's world. None of the participants had yet seen the CNN documentary because it was still being edited. Now that it has aired, Rabbi Heir has sent a critique to the producers correcting blatant errors and major omissions in the piece. (*Simon Wiesenthal Center*, 8/31/07)

Kasztner archives to Israel

The archives of Rudolf "Israel" Kasztner, a Hungarian Jew credited with saving thousands of Jewish lives during WWII but reviled by some for negotiating with the Nazis, were

recently given to *Yad Vashem*. Kasztner exchanged money, gold and other goods to secure the safe passage in 1944 of nearly 1,700 Hungarian Jews to Switzerland, in addition to negotiating the transfer of 20,000 Hungarian Jews from extermination camps to labor camps. Charges of collaboration with the Nazis pursued Kasztner to Israel after the war, where he was killed in 1957 by a Holocaust survivor. The handover of the archives is intended to clear Kasztner's name. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07)

Israeli growth

According to recently released statistics, Israel's economy grew by 8% in the last quarter of 2006, making it the fastest growing economy of any western country. Despite the second Lebanon war and several misguided boycott initiatives, foreign investment for last year totaled \$13 billion, according to the Manufacturers Assoc. of Israel. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07)

New cellphone device

Researchers at Israel's Haifa *Technion* have developed a groundbreaking device that eliminates unwanted background noises from cellphones. The new technology identifies the voice of the caller and filters out the background noise. The three Israeli researchers have applied for patents on the device. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07)

Global Jewish TV

Plans are in the works for a global Jewish TV network that, if implemented, could rival Al-Jazeera. The prospective venture is the brainchild of Vladimir Sloutsker, a Russian banker, senator and former president of the Russian Jewish Congress. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07)

Einstein letter acquired

A copy of a letter sent by Albert Einstein in 1933 to the prime minister of Turkey has

recently been acquired by the Brussels-based European Jewish Library. Einstein implored the Turkish government to accept forty German professors and doctors seeking refuge from Nazi persecution. "In granting this request your government will not only perform an act of high humanity but also bring profit to your own country," Einstein wrote. Turkey ultimately granted the group asylum. (*World Jewish Congress*, 8/07)

Eichmann passport found

The fake passport of war criminal Adolf Eichmann was found accidentally in Argentina by a judge conducting archival research. The passport was issued by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, and bears the alias "Ricardo Klement." Using the forged documentation, Eichmann was able to escape to Argentina in 1950. He was subsequently kidnapped by Israeli intelligence in 1961 and brought to Israel for trial. The passport is currently on display at the Buenos Aires Holocaust Museum. (*World Jewish Congress*, 8/07)

Attachment to Israel Declines in the Young

A new study suggests that American Jews' emotional connection to Israel drops off with each succeeding generation. The study, however, chose to exclude the responses of Orthodox Jews, who tend to have the strongest connection to the Jewish State. The study also found that attachment levels increase dramatically, particularly among young Jews, after a trip to Israel. (*The Forward*, 9/5/07)

Lithuanian Torah at sea

A Torah, which once served an unknown Jewish community in Lithuania prior to the Holocaust, was dedicated aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Harry Truman. The scroll, which was recovered after WWII, will reside aboard ship inside the Leroy Hoffberger Ark, named for a U.S. Naval officer and Jewish philanthropist. (*World Jewish Congress*, 9/07) ♦

COLLEGE DIARY

This is the first of what we hope will be an ongoing feature. Several of KJCC's immediate or extended family are in their first or second years in college, either locally or away. We asked, and they've agreed, to share their college experiences with all of us through Chai-Lights. We begin with Andrea Kluger, who's at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN, and Suzie Greenman, who's at M.I.T. in Cambridge, MA., both in their first years.



Andrea

College is incredible. I had been told that I would hate it for the first few weeks and then I'd love it. Well, I loved it from

the second I moved in. I love my roommate, and although we are in

dorms the rooms are a decent size and nicely furnished. My classes are great but very overwhelming. The first football game was last weekend. (We won. GO VANDY.)

I am going to try out for club soccer next week, which I am looking forward to, and I am also going to rush in January. Sororities and fraternities dominate the social scene here at Vandy, which is a lot of fun. As part of my rush process I need letters of recommendation from people in my community that were in the sororities I am rushing. (Feel free

to shoot me an e-mail if that happens to be you.)

My favorite class so far is my intro to education class. We learn all about the politics of education and what the system looks like on the inside (no I am not planning on being a teacher...) I have only been downtown a few times since I have been here, but I absolutely love Nashville. The food here is to die for. We can use the meal plan at really nice places, where at most schools students have to go to the cafeteria. I miss the water a lot, and fishing primarily, but I wouldn't trade it. I love it here!



Suzie

So my college experience so far has definitely been that: an experience. Since I have been here, life has been speeding by nonstop. My first couple of days were spent in a pre-orientation program designed to teach us about Boston, the surrounding areas and their history. As I walked the streets of the North End, I knew that this was my town. I have never felt so awed by a city. There is so much culture and so many things to do here. I have been to the theatre, to the movies, out to eat at numerous different restaurants and never once repeated my steps. As Orientation started, I was already overwhelmed by the huge amounts of new freshmen rolling onto campus. I never realized just how small Marathon really was. I walk down the streets now and can walk all the way to campus without seeing someone I know.

Speaking of walking: my dorm. So, the

way the dorm system works here, we get a temporary dorm/dorm room and roommate and then there is a readjustment lottery. You can move between dorms, assuming you don't have residence-based advising, which occurs in Next House and in McCormick. So, of course, I land in Next House, which means no opportunity to switch out. It also happens to be the last house on dorm row. Walking, my dorm is literally a good ten-to-twenty-minute walk from the entrance hall to East Campus, where all our classes are. I'm not saying it's bad, though. Aside from the long walk, and I got myself a bike, the dorm is awesome. I ended up meeting this awesome girl, remarkably like me, whom I chose to room with. We have a great room with a river view and some really excellent people in our dorm. So I'm certainly not complaining.

The last two weeks have been so exciting, though. I have met hundreds of new people, names going in one ear and out the other. So many organizations and living communities have put on events that I have only had to pay for food twice in the past two-and-a-half

weeks. It is so much fun. We've been dancing and mingling with new people, meeting and making friends and it is just awesome. Although I must admit that I feel completely overwhelmed by everything. It's all happening so fast.

All of the activities are starting up, too, so in the past three days, I've tried out for a *capella* groups and talked to the mock trial and debate teams. I've tried to find ways to integrate myself on campus. I am even doing recruitment for a sorority. I am actually about to head out to a meeting of the Musical Theatre Guild of MIT. I am so excited. I really am just thrusting myself out there and seeing what and who comes my way. College could not be more invigorating. I start classes tomorrow. The prospect of that challenge is what will get me up early enough to get there on time. :) Even the names of my classes are impressive: Solid State Chem, Accelerated Calculus, Physics, and Writing about Literature. I really feel in my element here and can't wait to see what tomorrow brings. So I'm off for now. ♦



Andrea and Brieze Levy attended a fund-raiser in Miami for a certain well-known woman who happens to be a presidential candidate. If you look carefully over Andrea's shoulder you'll see Brieze's father Ron.

G-d Saw It All*

By Mark Wasser

Where to begin? How do you begin to recount the story of a man who has seen and lived the unimaginable? I suppose that not unlike the story of many people who have experienced extraordinary events in their lives, my father's story began in quite an ordinary fashion. My dad, Joseph Wasser, was born March 1, 1927 in Keltz (Kielce), a modest town in rural Poland. His father was the proprietor of a shoe factory and his mother a homemaker. They had three daughters and one son. Life was simple and life was good for the Wassers in Keltz. My grandfather, as a business proprietor, was well established and respected in town. No one in Keltz, especially the Wasser family, ever believed that the revolution taking place across the border in Germany would ever affect them.

It was a sunny morning in the spring of 1940. My dad, then thirteen years old, was in his eighth-grade classroom. Without notice and in the blink of an eye, the world my father had known would forevermore be lost. Nazi soldiers barged into the school and ordered all Jewish children and teachers to come forward. Amid crying and panic, the Jewish children and teachers were quickly escorted out of their school and delivered to a central gathering area where they were reunited with other family members. There was a stray moment of comfort when my Dad rejoined his parents, but it would be just a moment. The Nazis advised the people that they were being relocated. They were allowed to bring a small suitcase and the clothing on their backs. It was not long before most of the people would have their last glance of their beloved town of Keltz.

Nothing could have prepared my father and his family for the transition from life in Keltz to life in the ghetto. The comforts of a

caring and nurturing home had instantly been replaced by a life of survival of the fittest. In the ghetto, which the Germans had set up on the outskirts of Keltz, my father learned the ways of the jungle: how to find food when there was none to be had, how to find the staples his family needed to survive. His role in the family changed from child to provider. In an instance....innocence wrenched away, lost....forever. Then one day things got worse.

*My father
was a hero.*

On a cold winter morning, sounds of Nazi soldiers and machine-gun fire rang out in the streets of the ghetto. Women and children were crying. The relative calm of the ghetto was shattered as the Nazis began systematically rounding up Jewish families. They were quickly and efficiently (it was Germans, after all) loaded onto trains to begin what was, for most, the final journey of their lives. The next stop....Treblinka.

Upon arrival at the "camp" the Nazis quickly began separating families: mothers with young children; healthy, able-bodied men and women and, of course, the elderly and the ill. They were immediately relieved of their belongings, the ones they'd been allowed to bring to sell them the relocation lie.

Life in the ghetto had taken a thirteen-year-old pampered boy and transformed him into a survivor. Upon arrival at Treblinka, my father was selected to serve on a work detail. He knew instantly that this was neither

the ghetto nor a relocation camp. He saw bodies being incinerated by the hundreds. When it must have appeared to him that he had reached the deepest, darkest depths of hell, the inconceivable occurred. While on a work detail by the ovens, my father was forced to throw the bodies of two girls into a burning trench, and then that of his eight-month-old baby sister. My God, I can not even conceive of the horror. Can you? What words can be used to convey such an experience? The words do not exist.

Although my father had told me of his experiences many times, it is difficult to adequately relay his horror even as he recounted this experience many years later. I still cannot conceive how, at this tender age of (now) fourteen, he had had the wisdom, bravery and maturity to do what came next. Perhaps with the help of G-d, my father escaped Treblinka. He'd hidden himself in a truck transporting confiscated Jewish clothing; had he been caught he'd surely have been executed on the spot. What did he do next? Did he, as anyone would expect, run for safety, wherever that might be? Did he try to save only himself? Who would have blamed him if he did?

What my father did was *return to the ghetto* to warn everyone that they were *not* about to be "relocated." He told them the horrible truth. I, through my first-hand conversations with survivors, have learned that even with all that the Jews in the ghetto had experienced, they could not, they would not, accept that their fate was to be gassed to death and then disposed of in a burning oven. My father persisted and his pleas ultimately took hold when rumors of horror tales similar to his began circulating. He did not know how many lives he may have saved, but if it was only one his efforts would have been worthwhile. My father was a hero. Not just my hero, but a hero to many he warned of the impending doom. Survivors have told me.

The horror experienced at Treblinka was but the opening chapter in a nightmare that would last five years. After returning to the ghetto to tell what he had seen, my father



Dad's Visa to enter Israel—1949.

fled into the Polish countryside, alone. But his freedom was short-lived. While sleeping in an abandoned barn, he again was captured, this time by Nazi sympathizers in the form of Polish police. He was certain that his whereabouts had been revealed to police by locals with whom he had come in contact. The police turned him over to the Nazis. His next stop....Auschwitz.

My father's home for the remainder of the war was a place where humanity ceased to exist. It was a place where the noon sun was all but blocked out by clouds of ash, the remains of what once was a thriving culture: God's chosen people. At the time of his liberation by Allied forces, my dad was eighteen years old and weighed 59 pounds. He was alive, but barely so. How did he survive? What horrors did he experience? What did he do to maintain his will to live when so many others perished? Even though he told me of his experiences in Auschwitz, I find it difficult to find words that could adequately recount the experiences that he relayed to me between the tears and the nightmares.

After the liberation of the camps and the end of the war, my father spent the next eight months in a Red Cross hospital in Swe-

den recuperating from the physical deterioration of his body. He would spend the rest of his life trying to recuperate and deal with the physiological and emotional scars.

My father, as did most survivors, began searching for remnants of his past life. He was, amazingly, reunited with his father and two older sisters. As that goes, my father was much more fortunate than many other survivors; he had some family that also survived. Most survivors emerged from the nightmare only to find that their entire families had perished in the camps.

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Where do you go? What do you do when everything that you have ever known is gone? Who wanted the Jews? What country on earth was willing to accept these pathetic people, who had just endured the most horrific organized atrocity ever inflicted by man on his fellow man? Who would allow these battered (but not defeated) people an opportunity to recapture some dignity of life. The answer was simple.....no one! No country was willing to provide a home to these refugees who were once the pillars of their communities, people who were, not so long ago but in a different world doctors, teachers, bankers, mothers and fathers. Once my father was well enough, he became involved in a covert underground movement to relocate Jews to Israel. The thinking was that if enough Jews could be settled there it would put sufficient pressure on the world community to officially establish the sovereign state of Israel.

From Sweden my father, his father and two sisters migrated to Cyprus where they

awaited legal permission to settle in Israel. They waited in Cyprus about one year before being granted passage.

After the establishment of the State of Israel and his family's settlement in Tel Aviv, my father joined the Merchant Marines. I unfortunately never asked him why he chose to leave Israel for a life at sea. My dad sailed the world for about two years, until 1950, when his ship docked in New York. He jumped ship there with the clothes on his back and a few cents in his pocket. He sought out and found a fellow survivor from Keltz that had settled in New York. Although there wasn't a prior relationship with this family, they had known of my father and how he returned to the ghetto. They took my father in and helped him get started. In New York, in 1953, he met and married my mom. My grandfather, a house painter, taught him the trade. My dad took that experience and parlayed it into a contracting business.

With little more than hard work and long hours my father built a substantial real estate portfolio. He ultimately became the most requested interior contractor and wall-



**Dad and
Aunt
Lola,
who
both
made it
to
Israel.**

paper hanger in New York City. I recall his customers waiting six months to get an appointment for Dad to work in their homes. Business was booming and our family prospered.

My father was active in the Keltzer Society of New York, a group of survivors from his hometown. Memories of the years of horror, and the nightmares, were never far away. As I got older I recall other Keltz survivors recounting stories of my father's escape from Treblinka and his return to Keltz. I can safely say that Dad was a sort of "folk



Dad, lower left, with his fellow merchant mariners.

hero" among his fellow Keltzer survivors.

The fragile balance maintained between Dad's memories of the past and his new life in the U.S. came undone one evening in 1965. He was reading the newspaper after coming home from work. Shortly thereafter I recall my father and mother having a very emotional conversation. For several days my parents would have the same emotionally charged discussion. I ultimately learned that the source of all this was an article in that particular night's paper, a plea by the United

Jewish Appeal searching for those having knowledge of certain individuals accused of being Nazi war criminals, individuals that my father unfortunately knew all too well. The discussion between my parents was whether or not my father would or should come forward. The fears that had haunted my father's dreams now haunted his life. Would he return as he did once before to face the horror or should he take the safe path and ignore the pleas for witnesses? I don't believe that there was ever a question in my father's mind as to what he was going to do. I am certain that my father knew his destiny was to do his part to avenge the murder of his mother and baby sister and millions of other Jews. My father promptly contacted the UJA and agreed to testify in Germany at a war crimes trial that would commence later that year.

During the months following his initial contact with the United Jewish Appeal, the nightmares and headaches—which never ceased—became more frequent and intense as my father began to relive his life in the camps. Finally, my Mom and Dad left for Germany. Communication was difficult, as my father was under intense security while in Germany. We did not hear from my parents once the trial began until articles concerning the trial began appearing in the local newspapers. The articles reported that my father had suffered a heart attack while testifying. My grandparents struggled to contact my parents in Germany, and from the UJA they learned that my father did not suffer a heart attack but an emotional breakdown. The trial had been stopped for 48 hours while my father regained his strength and composure and could resume his testimony, which he did. The eleven accused Nazi war criminals were all found guilty, based upon my father's eyewitness testimony, and sentenced to life in prison.

Approximately two weeks after they left for Germany, my parents returned home. We all breathed a sigh of relief that this chapter in my father's life was behind him, but the relief was short-lived. It was only a matter of hours before we received the first call. Some



**My Dad
and me in
1955.**

people were not happy with my father's testimony in Germany. We began receiving violent and threatening phone calls and mail from members of the American Nazi Party and other Neo-Nazi groups in the U.S. The calls came at all hours of the day and night and pledged revenge for my father's testimony. Dad immediately contacted the police and UJA. It was only a matter of hours before we were under FBI protection. I recall FBI agents in front of our home and at times as I walked to school. We lived like this for over a year until the threats ceased.

In 1973 my family moved to Miami. In 1978 my mother and father divorced. In some ways I believe that the Nazis, who had robbed my father of much of his teenage years, were responsible for the divorce. In 1980 I moved to San Francisco for a job and lived there for five years. During that time my father and I, even though separated by thousands of miles, grew closer and closer. As a child, even though I loved my dad very much, the scars left on his psyche seemed to form a shell around his heart. It wasn't until the last years of his life that the shell which shielded his emotions would slowly

disappear. Shortly after I moved back to Miami from San Francisco my father became ill, and after an eight-month battle with his illness, on August 7th, 1985, at the age of 57, my dad, Joseph Wasser, passed away.

Since my father's passing I have felt his life's story was one which needed to be told, that his story and his experiences should not be allowed to die with his body. His heroic sacrifices both during the war and after warrant remembering. He is, to me, an important part of the complex fabric that comprises the singular Jewish experience. Dad's story will live forever in my heart and memory. Perhaps this article will help him live on in your heart, too. ◇

** Our headline is from actual testimony by Joseph Wasser at a 1965 Nazi war crimes trial in Germany. May you rest forever in true peace, Joe. No one deserves that blessing more.*

Mark Wasser is KJCC's Executive VP.

My Life-Changing Trip to Africa

By Katie Greenman



**Katie with
HOH Board
Member
Ashley
Evenrud,
left, and stu-
dents at the
Akiba
School in
Nairobi,
Kenya.**

There was a team of six people (ages 13, 16, 17, 18, 24, 37) led by me and a local adult (Shane Wiebe). We spent 18 days throughout Southern and Northern Kenya. The first week we spent working and teaching at the Akiba School (where “Education is a Treasure”). The school had asked us to paint murals on their outer walls, so for the majority of our time we were painting maps of Kenya and Africa, the human heart, a bumble bee, flowers, fish, and lions. Every so often we had to take breaks from the paint fumes, so I would go and teach math or English to Standard Class (STD) 6 & 7.

During our first weekend, we drove out to the *Light & Power Centre*, (a place operated by Anne and Amber, our temporary American hosts from Falls Church, Virginia), where local boy students would come and decorate bags to sell for extra income. We had brought seven duffel bags of American goods (bubbles, jump ropes, candy, etc.) to distribute, so we spent the morning playing with the children of that local village and giving out gifts. Of the ten English phrases they knew, “Give Me A Ball!” became their favorite. We then drove five miles to the famous Kibera Slum (Africa’s largest slum where *The Constant Gardener* was filmed). The overwhelm

wasn't so much from the level of poverty, but the abundance of it. The slum is home to over a million people! It was incredible considering that bordering the slum was Africa's "Beverly Hills."

The following day, we went to the Mother Mercy Orphan Home, one of the schools that sparked the founding of Hands on Hands! It looked nearly the same as it did four years ago. When we arrived, I introduced myself and reminded the school master of my previous visit; she immediately remembered and thanked me for the shoes that Hands on Hands had sent over to every student. The shoes were four years old now, but still in use.

The following Tuesday, our hosts, the McGregors, escorted us to the Northern Kenyan village of Komboe, where we spent the next week. Every day we had an hour commute on a rollercoaster-like road, on which we had to go under 20kph (12 mph) for a majority of the trip in order to avoid big bumps and pot holes.....we loved it! The village is literally out in the middle of nowhere. It is one small hill surrounded by 50 cow-dung huts, a concrete school, and a concrete



Katie with Bishop McGregor, left, and Gabriel, the Komboe Primary School headmaster.

chapel. It was rare for them to be visited or to have financial benefactors, so they were extremely excited to have us there. They actually met us at the "airport" to confirm we had arrived, because they had seen an airplane fly over their hill, which was also a rare phe-



Katie, standing center, is surrounded by the 25 students in the 8th grade graduating class of the Komboe Primary School. Bishop McGregor is at lower left. These are the students Hands on Hands might sponsor into their version of high school.

nomenon. When we arrived that afternoon, all the students were lined up clapping and chanting, "Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!" Then they performed an hour-long song ceremony that they had prepared just for us! The Kombae Primary School was where we spent all seven days building the dormitory that Hands on Hands is funding.

We would arrive at nine a.m. and watch the contractor set stones for two hours and then fill them in with concrete. When we were actually building it was hard labor and good construction lessons, but we weren't able to do very much because of the lack of supplies. So with the majority of our time, we taught in the school and really got to explore the people and culture. When we weren't building or teaching we were in the existing girls' "dormitory" (a tiny 12 x 20 tin shack lined with mattresses and hanging backpacks for the 26 girls) talking, playing, learning, and taking pictures with the girls. These students were ages 9-15 and they were so loving and devoted to their studies, their faith, and each other.

After the intense, long week in Kombae, we returned to Nairobi and spent the rest of our days recuperating, reflecting, connecting, revisiting the other schools...and then a little tourism (a day safari at Lake Nakuru National Park). The entire trip felt like forever, probably because I was really able to embrace the "present moment" and, when you pay attention to those, there are a lot of them! I learned so much about this world and myself, and realize just how blessed I am to be me, with my family, in this nation and this world!

Most exciting, I discovered and confirmed that my personal passion lies with children, the neediest of the needy, and (my new one) education. Whether I will become a teacher, start a school, raise awareness to sponsor those in need, or travel internationally to educate on levels outside the books, I hope to make a difference and am very excited and grateful for life, and the opportunity you all gave me! ♦

Katie Greenman is a senior at Marathon H.S.

About Hands On Hands

In 2003, during two weeks in Kenya, my family spent four days at three different schools. We were overwhelmed and inspired to help. By January of 2004 we founded Hands on Hands and began presenting our campaign to schools, clubs, groups, churches, temples, and organizations throughout the country. By that summer we raised and sent over \$3,020, which purchased 18 bunks beds, 84 pairs of shoes, a camera, school supplies, two toilets, and various small items.

Hands on Hands partnered with Marathon High School's Rotary Interact Club and hosted a home-cooked Thanksgiving-style dinner fundraiser on January 30, 2006, after months of preparation (and delays due to Wilma). From the community and various sponsors we raised \$10,000 and set the new goal to return to Kenya. (We = Myself and Ashley Evenrud, an HOH board member...my sisters were in Germany or college at this point). We sent the money over in the fall of 2006 to fund the entire construction of a girls dormitory in a rural village of northern Kenya. For the next year, we talked, planned, reconsidered, and then finally began fundraising for our Hands on Hands "Trip With A Mission," to actually assist in the schools and help build the dormitory. We were able to charter an adult chaperone, Shane Wiebe, and recruited three other students who were up for the challenge. The photos you see were taken then. It was an AMAZING, SUCCESSFUL LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY. - Katie

Shlomo Ben Adret – synagogue of old Barcelona

After traveling throughout several European sites and being told that “the Jews are all gone,” Linda and I hit pay dirt in Barcelona. The clerk at the front desk of our hotel lit up when we asked about a synagogue, and so we headed out for an adventure with only the word *Marlet* in hand. Our tour bus guide went through three atlases looking for this street to no avail. Eventually we happened upon a policeman who pointed us in the general direction. We saw much of the

city by foot as the streets wound around. But no one was familiar with this street, much less any synagogue on it. At the same moment that we found the street sign and synagogue plaques indicating that we were getting close, we came upon two young men with a guide book

who also appeared lost. When asked, they responded that they were looking for the synagogue. As it happened, we were not far at that point, although, interestingly, none of the storekeepers who we asked in the immediate vicinity knew about the building. We knew we had found the spot when we came upon several Israeli men standing halfway in a low doorway, all *davening* right there, inside and outside. We entered through a tiny door at street level, bowing our heads to honor the memory of a

devastated community. Our immediate reaction was that we were “home,” much as we feel when we enter the KJCC on a Friday evening. Here was our history, here were familiar artifacts, and here was *mishpoche*.

The young man who gave us the tour of the building was from Argentina. He showed us the two rooms, one dating back to Roman times, and invited us to stand on a glass floor which showed the archeological digs from the Roman forum underneath. In the next room

were a large menorah and an ancient torah. Jewish presence in Barcelona dates back to ancient times. Though difficult to say precisely when it began, written statements going back to the 8th century C.E. bear witness to Jewish settlement. After 1391, Barcelona’s Jewish community

technically ceased to exist and its members

were dispersed. Yet the majority of the community’s buildings, including this *Sinagoga Mayor*, remained standing.

Ownership of the premises passed through many hands over the centuries, including those of the Inquisition when they acquired it in 1487. In 1678, permission was granted to build the upper apartments of the building on 5 Marlet Street. In 1996 the restoration of the *Sinagoga Mayor*, what they call a “recuperation,” was undertaken.

-Joel Pollack



At the end of one room of the synagogue, past the glass floor over the Roman ruins, stand the huge menorah and holy scrolls.

Photo Gallery



Saturday, September 8th was a busy night for Joel Pollack. First he acted as primo root-beer-float maker, prior to the KJCC showing of the indie movie "Everything Is Illuminated." Then, after the movie, he led the thirty or so who attended in S'lichot services. Oh, and he and Linda also served hot popcorn.

To all KJCC *Mespucha*,

Many thanks for the heartfelt words sent on behalf of our Dad, Joel Cohen. He remains, as always, amazingly positive. As with all issues in his life, he has gone forward, facing all that awaits him. I'm not surprised...simply in awe....so grateful to call him "my Dad." All prayers are welcomed.

His kid, Sheila Steinberg

P.S. the photo at right is PaPaJoJo with his latest great-grandchild, Laura Molly Friedman.



A Trip Home To Jerusalem

When I travel to Israel, the feeling is that I'm going home.

—Michal Kamely

Some time in the late 1920s, near the city of Mashhad in far northeast Iran, close by the borders of Afghanistan and Turkmenistan (then the Soviet Union), a Muslim family named Chabibolayov was preparing itself for the arduous journey that is the sometime duty of all practicing Muslims—a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Only the family didn't really intend to travel to Mecca. Its name wasn't really Chabibolayov. And they weren't really Muslims.

The family's real name was Levi, though that had been a closely guarded secret for generations. To reveal that they were a large, extended family of Jews would have been dangerous. So they lived as Muslims, and conducted business and social relations as Muslims, and went to school as Muslims. The secret, and how to keep it in order to protect the family, was taught to every child. They learned this just as they learned to walk and talk and play and identify the trees and animals that surrounded them and the foods that were available for them to eat. The ruse was so elaborate that one of Michal's uncles—her mother's sister's husband, in his true and secret life an extremely pious Jew—had actually himself made the pilgrimage to Mecca. He wore the yellow turban around Mashhad he'd received in Mecca to prove he'd been there, and daily acted the dutiful Muslim. He was thus a respected and



Michal and son Uri in Jerusalem at the beginning of their recent trip to Israel. When Michal was a young girl, the Kotel was on a narrow alley, not a large plaza.

honored and trusted man. Michal herself remembers that her father, also a prominent man locally, often would be invited to people's homes and public events. At each place, to be properly hospitable, he would have to eat. So he did, of course, and then would come home later, put his finger down his throat and force himself to throw up all the un-Kosher food he had just swallowed.

We've all read books and seen movies about people living double lives. But how many of us truly would have the wit and cool self-control, while in constant tension and danger, to do it, not for a week but for lifetimes? It would have been far easier to just give in and renounce the family Judaism. They already knew precisely how to live as Muslims. Why stick with a culture and tradi-



Michal's extended family in the courtyard of the "Fortress," the house her uncle built in Jerusalem. Michal is the young girl in light-colored clothing leaning on the railing. Her mother is behind her, her sister Miriam second from left in back row. Her father, with long white beard, is seated second from right. Her brother Yehuda, in tie, stands directly behind.

tion that could cost you your life with the smallest slip-up? It's one of the enduring questions of Jewish history. The British historian Toynbee is said to have hated the Jews precisely because they are the sole group whose path through history defied his formula for the inevitable demise of a culture.

Michal's family had once been in the fur business. Through it they became wealthy enough to be able to buy land around Mashhad. They eventually accumulated enough to encompass several villages. This land provided them an income. Somehow, amidst the strains of maintaining a family and his elaborate deceptions and his livelihood, Michal's father had become a Zionist. So the father

Michal had always heard called by his Persian name of Chabib Chabibolayov and his brother, whose Muslim name was Abdelrachman Chabibolayov, hatched a plan whereby they would leave Mashhad and emigrate to Jerusalem, a dusty and mostly ignored ancient dream that had only recently been freed from the medieval feudalism of Ottoman rule, was not at all a modern city and had but the faintest pulse of Jewish life. But due to Herzl and Weizmann and the Balfour Declaration the Jewish soul was stirring and seeking its wholeness, like a ball of sacred mercury that had been temporarily shattered into pieces by a relentless and blind hammer. So Jerusalem it was. They would be pioneers, and life

would be difficult, but at least they could live there openly as Jews.

The uncle left Mashhad first, went to Jerusalem and built the large stone house that would become the center of the family's life for many years, and the place where all the family first came to stay upon arriving. The house was large, and sturdy, and secure, so much so that it became known as "The Fortress." But Muslims still controlled Jerusalem, despite the British Mandate, and there was a large family to be protected, most of whom would eventually make *aliyah*.

The house built, it was time for Michal's family and her uncle's family to leave. Under normal circumstances any journey to Jerusalem would have been difficult. But they couldn't travel directly, because they couldn't travel as Jews. The only way they would be allowed to even leave Iran was as Muslims making a family pilgrimage to Mecca. And that ruse probably allowed so many to leave together only because Michal's father and uncle were prominent and respected and wealthy, and because two other brothers stayed behind to manage the family's properties, which a generation later were lost when expropriated by the Shah.

The first leg of the journey was about 800 miles to Karachi on the Arabian Gulf, a city now in Pakistan but then controlled by India. They stayed there some three months. From there they took a ship to Basra in Iraq, then overland to Baghdad, and from there in a convoy to Damascus. They had to hire an armed escort for the overland trip from Baghdad to Damascus, because no travelers on that road could pass safely, even supposed Muslims. From Damascus they made their way to Transjordan, and from there to the famous bridge at Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. Lacking papers, or permission, or any legal premise whatsoever, they crossed illegally into Palestine.

Landing in Israel with my son Uri, the first place I wanted to go, as always, was to the Kotel, the Wailing Wall. Now I'm standing in



Michal, seated center, on an outing at Kibbutz Bet Hashitah with childhood friends and fellow Haganah members, 1942.

front of it and just looking at it for hours. So many memories come back to me. It's just something you feel. The stones say something.

The plan had worked. They were all safely in Jerusalem, living within the thick stone walls of The Fortress. Soon Michal's father began to build his own house, in G'oolah, one of first neighborhoods outside Jerusalem's walls, just to the west, and abutting the ultra-orthodox neighborhood of Meahsherim, which is still there today. It was in that house, in G'oolah, that Michal grew up and lived, until she met and married a fellow

member of the then-secret Haganah, David Kamely.

As a small child, Michal's parents would take her to the *Kotel*. She remembers that each time it felt like a festive day—an outing with her parents!—but as she got older also

abs. Unlike today, where there is a fairly large plaza that greets visitors to the *Kotel*, at that time it stood on one side of what, in essence, was but an alley, perhaps fifteen feet wide. On the other side, directly across, were the walls of Arab homes. There were no ven-



Michal in her first years of teaching school in Jerusalem - 1945.

one of sadness, because it was a holy site that had, in essence, been taken away from the Jews, and though there was always a stream of visitors until the area was closed off by the Jordanians after the War of Independence, they were never made to feel welcome there. The only available route had them walk through the narrow streets of the Arab quarter, then through the Jaffa Gate. British troops always lined the streets, and they could only go during daylight hours. There was always a fear, legitimized by painful experience, of being attacked by the Ar-

dors and no welcomes. But there was always at least a trickle of visitors coming to open their hearts and pray. Michal remembers even then the notes being left in crevices along the wall, the pious in the belief and the desperate in the hope that the God of Israel is there and listening.

Every year at Tisha B'av, until 1948, Michal and her friends would mount the walls of Jerusalem and walk completely around the city. As there were no barriers or neighborhood divisions in G'oolah, the Jewish children played with the Arab children, as Michal well

remembers doing. But Arab resistance to the influx of Jews into Palestine began in the 1930s to express itself with more organization and more violence, and after the massacre of the synagogue in Hebron, Michal's neighborhood was separated into Jewish and Arab sections and she never played with Arab children again.

Michal's mother never learned to speak Hebrew, and her father, the one with the strength to uproot his family and take them on an arduous and circuitous journey to the Holy Land, facing a future of no guarantees, and who each evening would gather his family in the courtyard of The Fortress to study, died three years after arriving. But Michal did grow up speaking Hebrew, a language that had only recently been resurrected to full life. Among the first and most important things the Zionists did was establish their own schools, which were taught only in Hebrew. Her childhood school, in the Bucharra quarter, had once been the Governor's house. She attended that school until going to university, the teacher's seminary, which was the first of its kind in Israel.

Most of the teachers came from eastern Europe. Michal remembers that, while in seminary during World War II, world-renowned scholars, refugees from Hitler's Europe, were among her teachers. One teacher, a woman named Leibowitz, was her favorite, and gave Michal a life-long love of Rashi. Anyone who has ever attempted Rashi will understand immediately what a wonderful, literate, and inspiring woman this must have been. A sad memory of Michal's seminary days was when a group of professors, all European refugees, was headed by bus to the university on Mt. Scopus. The bus was attacked by Arabs and all were killed.

At 16, Michal joined the Haganah because, well, everyone joined the Haganah. Everyone knew everyone else was in, but because the organization was banned by the British, yet functioned right under its nose, no one knew anything about anyone else's role or who, other than their immediate contacts, the leaders were. Everyone learned first aid and how to handle a rifle. Once, when standing guard

outside a meeting, a man asked entry but didn't know the password. So Michal brandished her rifle and would not let him in. He asked her to consult the man she knew to be the highest officer in the meeting, who quickly ushered him in and later told Michal he was in the high command of Haganah. (No, she wasn't punished.) But Michal's main job was as an observer. She was trained in Morse code, and would sit up at night at assigned posts, to read and relay flashing lights as to whether anything was going on militarily. Haganah training was, no exceptions, three times a week. Everyone was on permanent call, every day, no off days. If you were called, no matter what time of the day or night, you went. Her last experience in Haganah was during the 1948 war. Her house in Haifa stood directly across the street from the Arab sector. So the Haganah used it as a guard post. There was occasional shooting, at Arabs trying to infiltrate and from Arabs across the way. When one bullet came very near her infant daughter Dafna, that was the end of that, and from then on she left any Haganah work to her husband.

Michal Kamely has now lived in the United States for 25 years. Before that she lived in Europe. She has raised three children and has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Before coming to the Keys, she lived in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., just down the road from Hickory Hill, Robert Kennedy's estate. All her children live here, and she knows she will never reside in Israel again. But ask her where *home* is and the answer will come quickly and firmly: Jerusalem. Each time she travels to Israel, she insists—no one can deny her this—on going immediately to the *Kotel*. It is, symbolically, the essence of Jerusalem: the place her parents sacrificed to get to, the focal point of her childhood memories, the place she bore a rifle to defend, the place she saw so many of her young colleagues die defending, the place where she married. Is there a place that has that much meaning and quite so passionately defines *home* to most of us? ◇

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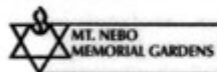
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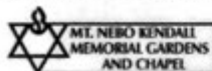
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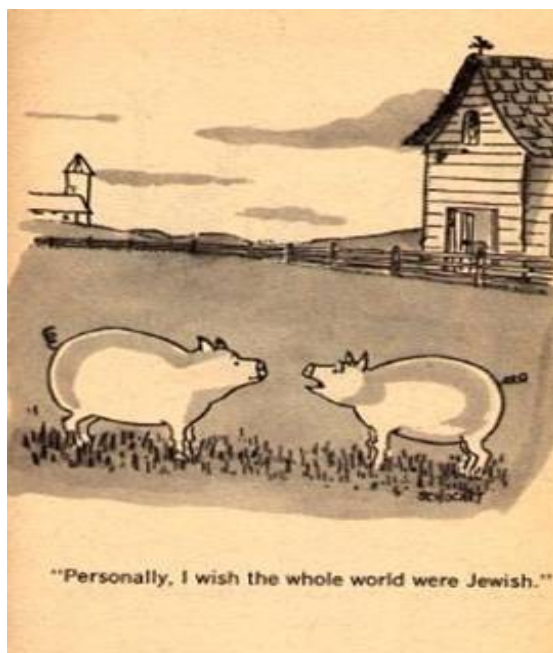
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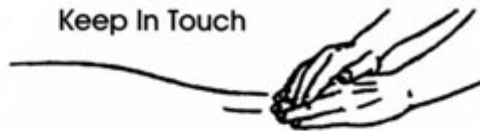
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President's Message Steve Steinbock



The New Year has begun, with plenty of apples and honey consumed. The *Sukkah* was put up and then taken down—both in record time, I have been told—thanks to Candy, our handy-woman supreme. Our *Simchat Torah* service was a happy occasion for all who attended. If you weren't there, you missed one of the few times during the year that we march all our Torahs around the sanctuary during services. My thanks to Alan Beth (again) for his awesome organization of services, to all our leaders, new and old (great to have new faces on the *bema*), to Cantor Mark, and his children Elinor and Ariella, who delighted us by singing with their father during the High Holy Day services.

It saddens me that Joel Cohen has passed away. Carol and I went to the funeral and burial services. There, our belief in the importance of life, family, friends and love was reinforced. There was an outpouring of love, not only for Joel, but amongst the people present that you could feel in the air. Being laid to rest was a great man who always had a smile and who touched the lives of many people. He will be missed but will always

be in our hearts. (Please see our testimonial section to Joel that begins on page 14.)

I was pleased to hear from the Chai-Lights editor that many of you, including some of you we don't often hear from, responded to my request to be part of the article "What am I thankful for?" in this issue. I look forward to reading your contributions. Here is mine:

I am thankful for my wife, Carol, who gives me 120 percent of herself; a congregation that has given me the support I need to carry on with my job as president; a modest home that I love, with a garden that gives me great joy; parents who have passed on but instilled in me love for my fellow man, love of learning, theater, music and nature, two sisters who are always there for me and a mother-in-law who is like a mother to me.

(The "What Are You Thankful For?" section begins on page 26.)

Carol and I wish you all a good and healthy month and a Happy Thanksgiving.

L'Chiam

Steve

Celebrating Joel Cohen

We will be having a celebration of life for Joel Cohen at KJCC on Sunday, November 11th, 2007 at noon. Several family members expect to attend. Joel was a major force in the founding of KJCC. After the service, which will be lead by Steve Steinbock and Joel Pollack, there will be a lunch supplied by Sisterhood.

New KJCC E-mail System

According to Alan Beth, who manages our web site and KJCC e-mail, we have reached the maximum number of e-mails we can send out at a single time. Therefore, we are switching to a new service. This new service will also allow each of you the option to accept our e-mails or not. But it will also require your approval before we can send you e-mails through the new service.

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New member

KJCC is pleased to welcome our newest member, Kenneth Atlas of Tavernier. We expect Ken to be an active member, since he was persuaded by Alan to lead services before he even joined. Welcome, Ken, you are already *mishpocha*.

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Always Remembered

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Forever In Our Hearts

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Marc Bloom

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I've been trying to figure out how to address all of my *mishpocha* and friends personally, one on one. I was thinking that Ellen and the kids, with my brother and father, of course, come first. Oh, I can't forget Barbara and Marvin and my sister-in-law Shelly whom I love dearly. Then I was thinking again that I always felt the importance of addressing all of you.

You see, when I received the news that I was getting a piece of my lung removed in August, and the word leaked out in our little community, I realized we're not so small. The calls came from Israel, New Jersey, California, Arizona, New York, Chicago, Maryland, Oregon, Maine. They came from lawyers, doctors, artists, students, all different kinds of dentists, teachers, mentors, electricians, survivors of all kinds of things. I think the parking lot at the hospital had a police officer directing traffic for people wanting to come visit. My brother was standing guard at the room. (Sorry!) Though some of you were able to sneak by him. (Bless you).

Well, I was one of those one-in-a-million lucky guys. I don't know why, but I can just guess it was those prayers and love that our little community on our little rock offered that did the trick. Sorry, I think I got carried away with the part about the parking lot story.

So I hope that I didn't miss anyone and all I can say is thank you for all your support and prayers.

Humbly yours,
Marc Bloom



Sukkot - A Joyous Celebration

Sukkot, which we have just celebrated, is a joyous holiday. It is called The Time of Rejoicing. In Judaism joy is actually a religious obligation. The tradition in Sukkot is to celebrate life (*chaim*) and freedom with joy (*simchah*.) Another *minhag* (custom) is the reading of the biblical book of *Kohelet*, or Ecclesiastes, reflecting on life and death, the polar opposites that are inevitably discussed together.

In Judaism death is seen as a tragic, though inevitable event. We suffer from loss, we feel pain, we grieve. Judaism teaches us that we *must* grieve. Yet every great loss also demands that we choose life again. We need to grieve in order to do this. The pain we have not grieved over will always stand between us and life. When we don't grieve, a part of us becomes trapped in the past, and remembering becomes a barrier to continuing with life.

Some people feel that if they let go of their pain, they would betray the memory of the lost one and diminish the value of his or her life. But grieving is not about forgetting. Grieving allows us to remember with love rather than pain.

The Torah presents, always, the full range of human emotion and behavior. We read in *Kohelet*: "...there is a time to cry and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). Correct behavior consists of when and how one does all

these natural and healthy acts.

Judaism is very much concerned with life and teaches that *chaim* (life) on earth is a divine gift to be cherished. Each time we say the *Kiddush* on the wine, we add the word "L'Chaim." (To Life!) I remember my father singing the *Kiddush* with great pleasure every Friday night, and saying with enthusiasm "L'Chaim! To Life!" Is it implicitly to a happy life? My daughter asked him once. "It is just 'To Life'," he told her. She was about eight years old and she understood what her grandfather meant. With "*chaim*," she sensed in him the great strength and the spirit of a fighter for life. Her grandfather, of course, had grown up in Israel where they have an expression and a philosophy: "Have the courage to live. Anyone can die."

My instructor at the Teachers' Seminary in Argentina, Chaim Barylko, told us that "L'Chaim!" means that no matter what difficulty life brings, no matter how hard or painful or unfair life is, life is *kaddosh* (holy) and worthy of celebration.

"L'Chaim!" It has always seemed remarkable to me that such a toast could be offered for generations by a people for whom life has not been easy. But perhaps it can only be said by such people, and only those who have lost and suffered can truly understand its power. "L'Chaim" is a Jewish way of living life. And ritual holidays like *Sukkot* are intended to reinforce that message year after year. ♦

Photo Gallery

2007-2008 Hebrew Lesson Schedule

Here's Yardena's schedule for this year's Hebrew classes,

- Hebrew II: Ulpan medium level, Thurs. 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

- Hebrew III: Ulpan advanced level, Thurs. 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

- Intensive 2-month course for basic recognition of Hebrew letters/words, Friday 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

- Hebrew reading from the Siddur, Friday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

If there are *at least* five people interested, she'll add another beginners' class to the schedule, time to be determined. Contact Yardena to sign up: 393-1768 or ykameli@hotmail.com.

Also, her Adult Education program will continue with its lecture series on the Jewish World, Israel, Judaic Studies and the Holocaust. Lectures will be on Wednesdays, once a month beginning in November, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.



On Rosh Hashanah, KJCC's president, Steve Steinbock, presented Marty Graham a plaque "in gratitude for over 20 years of dedicated service as editor of Chai-Lights." Enjoy your free time, Marty. You've earned it.



Gloria Avner and friends in her Bar Harbor sukkah.

World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



Youth village in Rwanda

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is set to open a youth village in Rwanda for approximately 500 Rwandan orphans. The children, impoverished and many infected with the HIV virus, lost their parents during the Rwandan genocide. The village will be modeled after the Youth Aliyah Village of Yemin Orde, which in 1953 housed orphans from the Holocaust. The village is scheduled to open in 2009. (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

Washington Power List

GQ magazine featured a list of "50 Most Powerful People in D.C." The list contained 13 Jews, including White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten, Illinois Democratic Congressman Rahm Emanuel, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, AIPAC Executive Director Howard Kohr and Daniel Snyder, owner of the Washington Redskins. (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

****Note:** This list was published before President Bush nominated Michael Mukasey as U.S. Attorney General to replace Alberto Gonzales. Mukasey, born in 1941 in The Bronx (NY), is an Orthodox Jew and would be the second Jewish Attorney General in U.S. history. The first was Edward Levi, who served under Gerald Ford.

Marcel Marceau Remembered

Marcel Marceau, the legendary master of mime, died September 22 at age 84. Born Marcel Mangel to a Jewish family in Strasbourg, France, he escaped the Nazis, joined the French Resistance and worked as a liai

son to General Patton's army. Although his father died in Auschwitz, Marceau always felt uncomfortable with people dwelling on the Jewish aspect of his life. In an interview he granted in 2001, he said, "I was once asked about my 'Jewish sensitivity,' to which I replied that I would prefer to discuss human sensitivity...I learned to become a humanist, and not to dwell on the differences between Jews and Christians." (*The Forward*, 9/26/07)

Hitler's Jewish Ear

A box of records owned by Adolf Hitler, found in a Russian attic after 62 years, included several recordings by Jewish composers and musicians. The collection included works by Russian Jewish composers Borodin, Rachmaninov and Mussorgski, in addition to an album by Polish Jewish violinist Bronislaw Huberman, who in 1937 fled Vienna before the Anschluss and was declared an official enemy of the Third Reich. Hitler, writing from jail in the 1920s in *Mein Kampf*, had declared that Jewish art "never existed." (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

An Israeli Oscar?

"Beaufort," an Israeli film about the IDF's (Israel Defense Forces) withdrawal from southern Lebanon in 2000, is set to open this fall in U.S. movie theaters. The film, based on the novel by Ron Leshen and named after the Beaufort Castle on the Israel-Lebanon border, won the top director's prize at the Berlin International Film Festival. "Beaufort" is believed to be the highest grossing Israeli film of the past 20 years and could potentially be Israel's official nominee at the Academy

Awards. (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

Kosher Banking

Israel's Mercantile Discount Bank is set to provide its Orthodox clients with special mutual funds which only invest in companies that observe *halacha*. To facilitate the new venture, the bank will open eight new branches in primarily Orthodox cities. (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

Substitute trees

Three professors at Tel Aviv University are conducting research into the Kenaf plant, a distant cousin of cotton with the potential to replace wood pulp in the manufacture of paper. Originally from Africa, Kenaf contains a gene which could produce a longer, thinner and more environmentally friendly fiber. (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

Jewish Woman NRA's Chief Lobbyist

Sandra Froman was only the second woman and the first Jew ever to hold the volunteer position of President of the National Rifle Association (her term ended April 2007). While there are other Jews on her side of the gun debate, including several NRA board members, the vast majority of American Jews and much of the organized Jewish community consistently support gun control measures. Hadassah, B'nai B'rith, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the American Jewish Committee and others have been "blacklisted" by the NRA on its website. Froman's Jewish upbringing is a short story. She spoke of both her respect for the Jewish spiritual tradition and of her lack of meaningful connection with it. She made a point of connecting the NRA's reading of the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to bear arms with the history of the Holocaust. She pointed out that the Nazi government confiscated guns from private citizens, including Jews (one NRA "proof

text" for fighting any registry of guns: to prevent the government from ever indulging in wholesale confiscation) as well as the importance of guns in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and Resistance. "It seems to me that if G-d gave us the precious gift of life, we should be able to protect it," Froman said. (*Moment*, 12/2006)

Former Defense Secretary Puts Up Mezuzah

William Cohen, former Secretary of Defense (and the only Republican in Bill Clinton's cabinet), has long had a mezuzah sitting around his house, but it was only during the recent High Holy Days that he put it up on his door. After being spurned by his childhood rabbi, Cohen distanced himself from the faith until this year, when a young, ambitious Washington rabbi invited him back into the fold. Cohen comes from a marriage of a Russian Jewish baker and an Irish Protestant woman. The family lived in Bangor, Maine and Cohen went to the local Hebrew school every Sunday for six years, where he was a top student. When it came time for his Bar Mitzvah, the rabbi refused, demanding that Cohen first convert to Judaism. Cohen was offended and parted with Jewish studies. His other childhood encounters with Judaism were also not very positive. As far as Gentiles were concerned, he was always Jewish, and for the Jewish establishment, he was never Jewish enough (though he says he still wears a ring bearing his Hebrew name, Ze'ev). Earlier this year Cohen co-authored "Love in Black and White," with his wife. It describes the Cohens' experience as an interracial couple in America. (*The Forward*, 10/3/07)

Tax Deductible Mitzvah

Since 1986, the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) has provided monthly financial support to aged and needy non-Jews who rescued Jews during the Holocaust and worked to preserve their legacy through a national education program. The JFR strives to fulfill the Jewish commitment to "*hakarat hatov*," the searching out and recognition of goodness. It began by funding 8 individuals.

Over the years, the number of people receiving funds increased steadily as more individuals were recognized by *Yad Vashem*. The number peaked at 1,750 in 2003. Currently the JFR is supporting more than 1,200 rescuers. The foundation relies on donations to fulfill their mission. (www.jfr.org)

A "shmendrick" by any other name

The shmendrick is the nincompoop of Jewish lore, a pipsqueak, a hopelessly neurotic bumbler. Think of Jerry Lewis or Woody Allen. But the roots of this character lie in another form of entertainment: Yiddish theater. The word can be traced back to the work of Abraham Goldfaden, a 19th-century poet and songwriter. In 1876, on the advice of a friend, he began toying with the idea of a Jewish version of *Vladutzul Momei*, (Mama's Boy), a farce that was then the rage of Bucharest. The story had been constructed around the wild gestures and crazy antics of a hapless little antihero named Shmendrick. Goldfaden's production was an instant hit, and as a result the word *shmendrick* came to be used in a variety of ways. It was a term of affection as well as a term of derision. Today, it is among the crowded hierarchy of Yiddish insults: a *shlemiel* (a fool), a *shlimazl* (chronically unlucky), a *shlepper* (a jerk) and *shmegegge* (a petty person) and perhaps most famously, a *shmuck*. The *mamaloshen's* ability to capture the nuance of human ineptitude shows no sign of disappearing from the linguistic landscape. An old joke helps to clarify the confusion: In a restaurant, a waiter carrying a bowl of soup trips and the soup splashes on a diner. The waiter who dropped the soup is a *shlemiel*. The diner who was sitting at his table and through no fault of his own gets the soup dumped on him is a *shlimazl*. And the guy at the next table who leans over and says, "Excuse me, what kind of soup is that?" is a *shmendrick*. (*Moment*, 4/2007)

Jewish principal

The Khalil Gibran International Academy in Brooklyn, the first Arabic language char-

ter school in New York history, has an Orthodox Jewish woman as its principal. Danielle Salzberg replaced the previous principal who resigned after she created controversy by defending the sale of T-shirts which said "Intifada NYC." (*World Jewish Congress Foundation*, 10/2007)

Bobby Zimmerman goes to shul

While in Atlanta for a September 22 concert, Bob Dylan (born Robert Zimmerman) attended the Chabad-Lubavitch of Georgia's Yom Kippur services, where he was called to the Torah and recited the blessings in Hebrew. (*The Forward*, 9/26/07)

Rabbi Honored By Benedict XVI

Rabbi Leon Klenicki received the highest award that can be given to a non-Catholic by the Pope--the Knighthood of St. Gregory--at an August ceremony held in New York City. Klenicki was the Anti-Defamation League's director of interfaith affairs until 2001 and is the second Jew to receive this honor, the first being Joseph Lichten, his ADL predecessor. The Argentine-born Klenicki was a founding member of the Catholic-Jewish theological think tank the Interfaith Theological Forum. (*The Forward*, 9/19/07)

Hillel Campus Survey

Recently released findings by Hillel, The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, looked at the 60 schools with the largest estimated undergraduate Jewish populations. Florida tops the list with two of its public universities ranking 1st and 2nd in terms of sheer numbers of Jewish students. The University of Florida (Gainesville), comes in as the most Jewish school in North America, with 5,500 Jewish undergraduates. It is followed closely by University of Central Florida (Orlando), which boasts 5,000 Jewish undergraduates. The report also ranks the top 10 schools with the highest percentages of Jews. Yeshiva University comes in first with 93.5%, followed by Brandeis University with 61.7% and Barnard College with 43.5%. (*The Forward* 9/12/07) ♦

Sisterhood Joan Stark



Shalom and L'shana tovah! Sisterhood began the year preparing for the High Holidays. We are truly the sum of our parts, so a heartfelt thank you to everyone who pitched in to help! Rosh Hashanah was welcomed with our round challahs and the traditional apples, honey and other sweets. I think the Yom Kippur fast is more tolerable for all of us when we have the KJCC break the fast to look forward to. This is a major effort by so many behind-the-scenes cooks and helpers.

Many things remain to be planned as season begins. We will have our annual fundraiser, fashion show, Passover seder and theater outing. Of course we'd love for any and all of you to join our monthly Sunday Sisterhood meeting, as new ideas and input are always welcome. Remember, there is no fee or commitment to get involved with the Sisterhood. (The next meeting is November 4, 2007.)

I also need to thank all of you who contributed to the Burton Memorial Food Bank. It is truly a mitzvah to give to the community by remembering those in need.

Lastly, by now you should have received the Oneg Shabbat sponsorship form. So please sign up for any dates you like.

Chai Closet Donations

A major Sisterhood program for this holiday season is the *Chai* (Life) Closet, created in the spirit of *Tikkun Olam*. We will be collecting clothing and items to donate to the Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) via the Outreach Center in Key Largo.

Please bring donations to the KJCC beginning Friday, November 23, 2007 through Sunday, December 9, 2007 during the hours the building is open, including services, Hebrew classes and religious school.

(Services are Friday evenings at 8 p.m., except the last Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; adult Hebrew language classes are Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m.; Sunday School is from 10 a.m. until noon.)

DAS accepts clothing for women and children along with toys, games, strollers, cribs, play mats, blankets and shoes.

Donations may be new or used.

Clothing must be presentable and items should be in good working condition. If you have any questions, please phone Meredith at 451-3664 or e-mail maccline2@aol.com

Hanukkah-Shabbat Dinner

Our world-famous Hanukkah-Shabbat dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, 2007 in the Ruth Richardson Hall. Dinner will be dairy, with a dizzying array and variety of latkes. Following dinner there will be a Hanukkah presentation by the Sunday School students in the sanctuary. Services will begin at their usual time of 8:00 p.m.

Gift Shop Shopping

Hanukkah begins very early this year, on December 4th. Your Sisterhood gift shop at the KJCC is fully prepared, with menorahs, candles, and other holiday items. If you have something in particular that you would like, please contact Joan Boruszak, and we will assure that it is there for you. You may e-mail her at joanborus@aol.com or phone 305-852-0833.

The KJCC gift shop is there for you! It is always open on Friday night. Any other time, just call Joan and make an appointment. ♦

COLLEGE DIARY

In our second installment, we join Andrea at Vanderbilt and Suzie at M.I.T. as classes are under way. They are joined this month by Joseph Beth, who is attending Miami-Dade College.

Andrea

College is still amazing but classes are really tough. I have two midterms this week so I have been cramming pretty hard. We played Auburn yesterday, so a lot of people went to the game which made campus feel somewhat empty.

On Saturday afternoon I went pontooning with one of the fraternities. We rented seven



pontoon boats and there were probably over 100 of us. It was a lot of fun, but not like being on the water at home. Homecoming week starts tomorrow and the big game against Georgia is on Saturday.

I am really enjoying the food, it is sooo much better than what I expected. I have been watching the playoffs, although it is very frustrating because it seems like every single Vanderbilt student is a huge Red Sox fan. Well the thousands of note cards surrounding me are calling my name so that is all for now!

Joe

Hi there. It's the start of a new and different experience for me, this experience called col-



lege. Unlike many young adults my age, I chose to attend a college closer to home, which I can commute to. That seemed like the best decision for me right now. Of Miami-Dade College's various campuses, I decided on its Homestead campus, because it is a much less stressful and time-consuming commute versus attending the Kendall campus. However, that may change, due to the fact that a friend of mine wants me to attend the Kendall campus so we can carpool. I'm still undecided at this point if I should go along with this.

So far my college experience is going smoothly. I have already made some good friends in these few short weeks. I really am enjoying the new things and even all the dramatic changes in my life. I have to admit that some of my professors are interesting, and some can be a challenge to understand. One stands out for a very different reason. He looks and even sounds *exactly* like Pee-Wee Herman. As I'm sure you can imagine, this occasionally makes it hard to concentrate on the subject at hand, but sometimes a little comic relief really is welcome. I guess this is only the beginning of all the new lessons I will experience.

Suzie

All right.

So the last time I wrote, school was just getting started and everything was rosy. Since then, I have learned what being a college student really means. The last few weeks have been a blur of homework, travel and school. My extracurriculars have started up. I am taking a P.E. self-defense class (just for fun, mind you), and I made ensemble in the musical *Pippin*. I also have started a tutoring program, teaching younger local kids how to read. Other than that, school has taken up my time.

Up till now, I don't think I really was ever truly challenged. The first day I walked into my calculus class, they sat us down and did Taylor series' with us. I had no idea what was going and felt so stupid. Other kids in my study group were yelling out answers and raising their hands, while the few of us in the back of the room stared with our heads to one side and our mouths hanging open. School is a serious challenge. I have realized that the homework here is literally impossible to complete alone. The curriculum is designed to promote teamwork and that is what it does. Every Wednesday night, the night before most Problem Sets are due, you are sure to find me and a bunch of friends with textbooks in our labs in a lounge until the wee hours of the morning. Above our heads will be white boards covered in symbols and diagrams that hardly make sense to us, let alone anyone just walking by.

Learning lessons and formulas is not the only thing you learn at MIT first semester; you really learn how to be an MIT student. You learn how to study and how to decipher

what a problem actually wants from you. It's really an eye-opening experience. I really thought I had everything down before now. I thought I was set and college was going to be a relative breeze, just like high school. I could not have imagined how wrong I was. Don't get me wrong, though; I love it here. I have never felt like I so naturally belonged. Everyone is having a hard time, yet everyone is intelligent. Going out into the real world actually comes with a sort of culture-shock. Not everyone is going to get the joke when you say a pick-up line having to do with derivatives. We are geeks and nerds, but this is where we can thrive. I have met some of the coolest people here and thank G-d every morning for bringing me to this amazing

place, with these amazing people. Every day I learn something new and understand something that seemed so out of reach before. It is truly awesome.

The weather is just starting to turn. I look out my window every morning now and the trees are a different shade than they were yesterday. Umbrellas are becoming a permanent accessory, as the weather here changes so unpredictably. And it's cold!!!! I absolutely love it. I have been experimenting with ways of keeping warm: layering vs. big coats and I realize how much I love autumn. I stood in Killian court this morning, looked out over the Charles

River with the sun sparkling off it (nothing like the Keys of course, but gorgeous just the same). It was the most amazing feeling, like everything was beautiful and right in the world. I simply love it here.

So this weekend is parents weekend, and my parents are with me, exploring and discovering what I already have. I am actually on my way out to meet them, so Happy Autumn everyone. *Shanah Tova* ♦



Joel Cohen

KJCC Remembers

Joel will and should be remembered as a driving force in the founding and construction of the original Keys Jewish Community Center and the beautiful KJCC as it stands today. Joel will always be a reminder to all of the members of the KJCC of what can be accomplished against enormous odds and difficulties. He was a man who did not look for praise or popularity. He was a self-effacing man who asked for nothing and gave his most sincere efforts. With all of his trials and tribulations, his face always reflected a smile. Joel certainly made a difference in the community. Joel, you set the path as a truly righteous man.

Harvey Schwaid

Joel was one of the most kind, gentle spirits I ever met. I will always remember his welcoming smile and inclusive manner with which he greeted me from the first day I visited KJCC in 1982. With fond memories and deep appreciation for having had the privilege of knowing Joel.

Judy Greenman

One of our fondest memories of Joel is being invited to his house for a jam session. It

seems that several of the old-timers from the KJCC would get together to jam and had been doing so for years. On the particular evening that we went, Joel Cohen, Ben Sherman, Har-

old Slutzker, and two young fellas, Jules Seder and myself, were in attendance. I was the designated listener, while Joel C., Dr. Ben, Harold and Jules regaled Linda and me with their musicality, all playing instruments and singing delightedly.

During intermission, Joel and Ben enjoyed comparing their many surgeries. This, also, was a common thread of conversation between the two cronies, and they gleefully matched scars and stories.

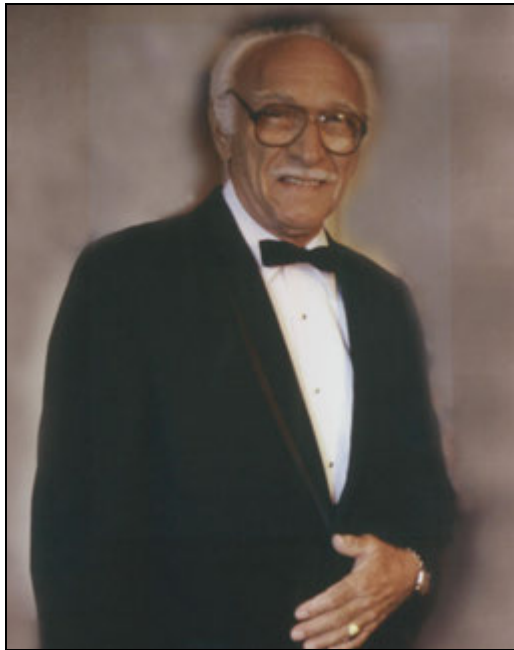
We miss Joel and his wonderful smile and pleasant greetings for everyone.

Joel Pollack (the other Joel)

Joel Cohen – Technology Master

I first met Joel about six years ago. He heard somehow that I had something to do with technology and computers; so began our friendship.

Joel invited me to his house and then showed me the thousands of VCR tapes he had collected over the years. Joel recorded everything. But the VCR tapes were getting



dated, so he wanted them converted to DVD. He bought a top-of-the-line DVD burner and started the process. Joel then ran into a problem—editing his movies. So he taught himself to edit DVDs on his computer.

In his later years his eyesight started to fail. He called me over and said, Alan – I am having difficulty reading my e-mail and burning DVDs; can you help? So we got a larger monitor, then a keyboard with huge letters on it, and of course he got better reading glasses.

A few weeks ago we went up to see Joel in Delray Beach. He had even more technical equipment hooked up to his computer and was on to another project.

If you ever think that you are too old to learn, take a lesson from the techno wiz – Joel Cohen.

Alan Beth

Years ago, my mother Rita and stepfather Milt were visiting. I took them to Ganim's Kountry Kitchen. Joel was there. I introduced him to Mom and Milt and asked him to join us.

They became fast friends.

Joel shared with them his daily routine, which consisted of dining at Kountry Kitchen and then driving to the post office to check for mail.

Every time I saw Joel, he would inquire about the well-being of Mom and Milt even when his health was failing. I knew it was absolutely sincere throughout all these years and not just an obligatory greeting.

To this day, I think of Joel when gathering my Scrabble Club at Rib Daddy's Kountry Kitchen, and every single time I swing into the post office.

I liked and even envied his routine. I loved him and his compassion.

The memories are locked in time....

Meredith Cline



Joel loved airplanes his entire life.

In Gratitude

Like most of us, I've been sorting through memories of our 93-year-old patriarch. I've been smiling a lot. I'll admit to some tears too. But they are not coming from sadness for Joel Cohen. I always cry at a really good love story.

The first time I met Joel, his arms were open wide. I was heeding the call in a small *Reporter* ad, 27 years ago, asking for Jews to come together and start a new house of worship. My 80-year-old Cherokee friend said, "Go! You've got to know your people, Glo." I answered the call and have been grateful ever since. When the wooden sanctuary doors at the Coral Isles Church opened, this smiling, dignified man, all my uncles and grandfathers rolled into one, embraced me as if he'd known me all my life. I was welcomed home.

Joel and Sara made a lot of people feel at home. Sara kept everyone comfortable, entertained, well-fed, and happily involved in "yiddishkeit." You could tell from the photographs lining the upper reaches of all walls, from the sepia-toned ancestors to the ever-expanding future generations, that "family" was at the core of Joel's values and being. Even at age 91, he volunteered his house happily to host our first Chanukia lighting ceremony, cementing bonds between all generations. Our kids loved him as much as we did.

Joel Cohen is the only person I've ever known to tip a nurse. Well, he tried. As she bustled around the hospital room, settling him in just after he came out of Mariner's ICU two springs ago, he kept patting his hips and looking around, slightly confused and increasingly frustrated. Finally he blurted out, "Will someone please find me my pants and my wallet?" The nurse was touched, amused, and gently assured him that money was not necessary.

I visited Joel for the last time five months



ago. He was paper thin, frail as a leaf, and hooked up to oxygen. There he sat, at control central, surrounded by computers and recording equipment, stacks of disks and boxes of videos (he was skilled at computer use before many of us owned one). He was less concerned with the state of his health than with making a CD for me of a "Kol Nidre" version he knew I would love. Music

was a passionate part of Joel's life. I wish I could have heard him play the violin. He wanted the KJCC to have a choir. He knew about music's connection to the divine. (If you want to talk to God, pray; if you want God to listen, sing.) Our choir, like our highest service award, will have to carry his name.

Joel may be gone but he is still teaching me lessons. I am still enraptured by what I've been told about Joel Cohen's last day. You all may know that he had a serious operation some days earlier. He had survived so much already, we thought he'd conquer this, too. But he was not doing well. He'd been staying in bed, not dressing, not shaving, not talking. On his last day he said to his caregiver, "I need to be clean. Please bathe me. Would you wash my hair, shave me, and please, help me put on my best suit? I have somewhere important to go tomorrow."

She did as he asked, settled him in his chair, all dressed and clean, and she watched him. He began to talk to the air, deep in animated conversation. When she asked if he was speaking to anyone in particular, he said, "I'm not allowed to say." Then she heard the words, "See you soon, sweetheart." She saw him put his fingers to his lips and blow a kiss. He put his hand back in his lap. Then he was gone.

There is no reason to be sad for Joel Cohen. We will all miss his presence, but he left us bushels of memories, stories, and lessons on living a good life.

Gloria Avner

Our friendship began with the planning of KJCC. I fondly remember many services at his home. The success of KJCC is due in part to Joel Cohen. I will always treasure the friendship formed with Joel and his family. I will dearly miss him. KJCC will always be his legacy.

Pauline Roller

Joel, who might have been a taller man before we met almost 30 years ago, may have lost inches but never stature. We knew from the beginning of our friendship that Joel was not just an ordinary man. When Joel first introduced us to Sara he said, "This is my Sara." We looked at each other and said, "Is this your daughter?" And Joel said, "Yes, daughter." He was so used to the question that it became ritual.

Joel and his beloved wife Sara were a driving force for their family, their shul and for all who entered their lives. They achieved their hopes and goals quietly. If it was money that was needed, it was generously given. If it was food and shelter that was sought, no matter for whom or for how long, it was always provided. If it was a "volunteer" for any service, Joel and Sara never hesitated to accept the task. If it was just love, Joel and Sara were surrounded by friendship and love, enough to fill their home, their neighborhood, their world – and ours!

Joel was the man who conceived the idea for the KJCC to pay off its weighty mortgage in the first year after the purchase of our building. He suggested that everyone who could contribute towards one or more bonds backed by the KJCC would be paid bi-annual interest. The interest was paid once, but by the time the second interest payment was due, the mortgage was fully amortized and much of the bond money was also repaid! Those wonderful people who left their bonds

and/or interest for the KJCC are recorded on a plaque in the sanctuary.

The Joel S. Cohen Award, given annually in his honor at *Pesach*, speaks only briefly of his greatness. It echoes in the hearts of those of us who are fortunate enough to remember Joel and Sara Cohen when they were young, and later, when they were young-at-heart.

Bea Graham



Brother Sandy, top left, with Sara, top Center and Joel, top right. Joel's sister Lillian is seated, center, with parents Molly and Meyer.

How can you put impressions of Joel Cohen into words? The impressions come quickly and in fragments: the sparkling eyes, the wide grin and the incredibly big heart, the heart that was always concerned about others when he had so many obstacles of his own that he never seemed to think about.

The day we sat at his house watching the Belmont stakes hoping that Smarty Jones would be

the next Triple Crown winner. All the pizza parties where Joel and Joseph always shared the pineapple pizza and where every meal was topped off with Black Jack Cherry ice cream. Joel's idea of a meal was Black Jack Cherry ice cream. Food could be served before or after but the meal was the Black Jack Cherry ice cream. .

The times spent listening to Joel and Pauline tell about the founding of the synagogue and the stories about individual personalities. And Joel's elevator! Joel never could understand why I wouldn't use his ele-



Joel and Sara, honeymooners.

vator when I visited his house. I always said it was because I needed the exercise of climbing the stairs when, in reality, the thought of using his elevator made me shudder almost as much as the elevator itself. All the CDs Joel sent home with me that he had burned from his satellite network. I have such a collection of music by Ray Conniff, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and the CD of Jimmy Durante signed "From Joel, w/love."

Candy Stanlake

The people whose lives were touched by Joel Cohen are the fortunate ones, indeed. I feel that my life has been enriched by learning the "lessons of living life" that Joel has taught me over the past 22 years. Yes, I will miss my Papa Jo-Jo, but I will smile every time I think of him. I will hear his soothing voice, and see his brilliant blue eyes, whenever I feel the need to call on him for strength. He taught me about what it is to truly love someone, the way he loved Sara. He taught me about the unconditional love a parent has for his children, and became my own daughters' godfather when she was born. Joel was the first person who welcomed me into this community when I arrived here in the mid '80s. I was young, single, alone, had never been to the Keys and didn't know anyone. I was on an adventure to begin a new life for myself!

As I entered Key Largo for the first time, I saw a billboard sign along U.S. 1. The sign read something like "are you Jewish & want to meet other Jewish people? Call this phone number." I was amazed to see such a sign, pulled over to a phone booth (yes, a phone booth) and called the number. It was a Friday afternoon in early November of 1985, and the gentle voice on the other end invited me to his home for *Shabbat* Dinner with his wife, Sara. I knew at once that I had chosen the right place to begin my new life. Joel and Sara made me feel so welcomed and loved right from the start. They took me to services that night in the tiny Conch house in Tavernier, which would soon become my "home away from home."

I spent a lot of time with Joel and Sara during my early years in the Keys. I took Bill "home" to meet them when I was considering getting married in the late '80s. They embraced Bill into "the family" with open arms. Once again, in May of 1991, Joel's arms opened wide to welcome our daughter, Rose-Marie, into "the family." He wanted to be her godfather, since my own parents didn't live in the Keys. I felt honored to have him as my little girl's Papa Jo-Jo. He was glowing with love and pride when I watched him on the *bimah* three years ago with RoseMarie during her Bat Mitzvah. I remember when Sara died, I thought, how could Joel go on without her? Their love was so strong. They were such wonderful role models for a young bride, and I learned so much about marriage from them.

Joel told me that people come in and out of your lives, and someday, he and Sara would be together again. "Never stop loving, just because G-d took them somewhere else." I love you, Papa Jo-Jo!

Susan Gordon

The true measure of a man is not what he accomplishes in life, but how he lived, and the love and lessons that he shared. My father's achievements will be extolled for generations to come, but it is his love and the wisdom he shared with all of us that will long

remain in our memories.

My father, Joel Cohen, didn't walk through life—he ran—and never from, but toward challenges. Whether as an innovator in the aeronautical realm, as an entrepreneur, a *Yiddishe mensch* who helped establish three synagogues in his lifetime, or a captain who challenged his every passenger to stay aboard without turning green—my father fished the way he lived—he never turned back! And he encouraged me in his ways.

My father gave me more than just the seed of life. He designed my template. He taught me by example the importance of love and family and selflessness. He taught me that I must always help those in need. He taught me that hearts are fragile and that I should be mindful of others' as well as my own. He showed me that though the flesh may be worn, so long as the mind can speak, it should, and it must.

My father taught me that only through faith and trust in Hashem could we overcome all adversities in this life, and that Hashem will never let our footsteps falter.

He taught me to laugh and sing and rejoice in this life, and to smile a lot. As he did. He smiled, blowing kisses, as he drew his last breath. Finally, my father taught me to call home, no matter where or how far I traveled. Now, I will have to rely on him to call me.

My father, my blessing...I am so grateful that I was privileged to be his daughter...to share his adventurous journey through this life.

Jacky Silvers

Dearest Dad,

I keep trying to write about you; words keep spinning around in my head. My sisters, Lynni and Jacky, have put it to words so well. It was an honor, a true gift for me, to have attended to your needs in those last days. It was so easy to offer the best of care, love, and compassion. You offered the same to all who were so blessed to know you. Thanks

for the gift of a small part of your essence. To walk in a mere portion of your shadow is now my quest. I am your loving Kid.

Sheila Steinberg

A note about my father, Joel Simon Cohen:
So many worldly possessions were important to my parents, Joel and Sara Cohen. One of them was the KJCC. It was another "child" for them. (And we all know how many children they already had!)

KJCC was a *mission accomplished* for our parents. It took a small village of loving and determined individuals to make KJCC materialize. Over the years, we were so excited to watch our parent's dreams fulfilled. The congregation was a major part of their lives.

The story of my father's life would fill many pages of a book ... a very large book. It will take *my* entire lifetime to reflect on his glorious legacy.

He was truly a holy man - a gentle spirit who danced joyously through his life. I will miss dancing with my father for the rest of my life.

Lynni Nobil

The family of Joel Cohen has asked that donations in memory of Joel should be made either to the Keys Jewish Community Center or to the American Cancer Society.

If you are donating to the American Cancer Society, a note should also be directed to his daughter:

Sheila (and Richard) Steinberg
22528 Orange Blossom Lane
Boca Raton, FL 33428

If you are sending a donation to the KJCC, send it to P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. Please enclose either a note or put a notation on the check that it is in memory of Joel.

Notes From Vilna...

By Liati Mayk



A young scholar's discoveries of Jewish history in Old Europe.

Wednesday, August 8, 2007 Where ever you go, there you are. You may not know why you are there, at that particular time and place, or why you may have crossed paths with certain people, but there is always a reason. And, the world really is a wonderfully small place. Actually, I was planning on beginning this with a meditation on the tragic history of the Jews in Vilna; however, I will begin with a little anecdote about a fun and surprising experience I had on Labdariu Gatve (Street) today.

As I mentioned earlier, much of my weight-lifting and conditioning is done by carrying around my computer, charger, comprehensive Yiddish dictionary, and, lately, a day's food and water supply. Still stiff from my week of flights, I have been thinking about trying to find a masseuse here. Although Lithuanian seems to be an extremely difficult language, I have gotten into the habit of reading the writing on the shop windows to try to figure out what kind of services they offer.

On my way back to the university today,

just as I thought about how much my back has been aching, I read the word "Masaziue" (or something like that) on the door of a little shop and decided to go in to see how massages work in Lithuania. "Do you speak English?" I said, and the man behind the desk, with a mouth full of yellow-stained and gold-filled teeth, answered, "very leettle." At that point I decided just to look around the cozy little en-

Surely the most famous Jew from this city, the Vilna Gaon. (Non-Jews, by the way, all called the city Vilnius.)





A cafe on Zydu (Jew) Street.

trance room, evaluating the credibility of the place, and something crazy caught my eye. After ten days of Yiddish immersion, my head was beginning to play tricks on me! It had turned the Lithuanian writing on the wall into Hebrew

characters! "I know that you have been completely transplanted into an environment of foreign languages, Liati," I thought to myself, "but come on, you must be *really* tired!"

Shaking my head and blinking my eyes, I gazed again at the writing on the wall and at two particular framed certificates. Indeed, there were still Hebrew letters! Realizing that I was not imagining things, I made out the word "Teudah" in bold Hebrew calligraphy. "Atah medaber Ivrit?" (Do you speak Hebrew?) I asked, and with a warm smile he said, "yoter tov me-Anglit!" (Better than I speak English!) He then proceeded to explain that he,

Lev Aryeh Zarecki, was part Israeli and showed me his Israeli driver's license (and I have not heard Hebrew at all here on the street). He said that the masseuse was also Israeli and Hebrew-speaking, and that I could make an appointment at any time.

We carried out an entire conversation, in rather good Hebrew with a few interspersed Yiddish words, and I made an appointment for Monday afternoon. He then told me that there are many massage places around Vilna. So what made me walk into his shop? Something truly attracted me as I walked by at that specific moment. In this city, where only vestiges of a once-vibrant Jewish community remain, something pulled me into this particular place, and it revived my sense of hope and belonging. All the way back to the university, I laughed in my head as I contemplated the fact that my first coherent conversation with a Lithuanian shopkeeper was conducted in Hebrew. Perhaps we really haven't left the shtetl....

Note the inset photo, which shows the same street before World War II.





Vilna after World War II, in a vintage photograph.

Friday, August 10, 2007 There you are...but where is there? Where am I? Some days I can't help but think, *where in the world am I?* Today was one of those days. I am eating a chocolate pudding, and the ingredients are written on the container in six different languages, none of which are English. Lithuanian, Russian, Latvian, German and two others I can't figure out (Estonian?). *Where am I?*

I stand on the checkout line at the supermarket, first checking out what kinds of things local Lithuanians are buying: salamis; beer; bread; beer; whole, straight-out-of-the-ocean fish; beer; milk; more unidentified meat in interesting shapes; vodka; bread; carbonated water; cheese; and more beer. The person in front of me has just bought enough alcohol for a party and his order comes to 12 litas. I buy five fresh figs and I've already spent 12 litas (\$4.50). I debate returning my figs and buying beer, but it's too late and I truly prefer my figs.

It's Friday at the neighborhood supermar-

ket. The store is packed and everyone around me reeks of alcohol. I help an unkempt man with one arm put his groceries (beer, snacks and a chocolate bar) into a shopping bag. He smiles and tries to give me a kiss on the cheek to say thank you. I kindly dodge his alcohol-breath kiss and run out of the supermarket reflecting on my kind but awkward deed and I can't help but think, *where on earth am I?* I eat my dinner (a really awesome salad), sitting on my window sill, watching the beautiful sunset and listening to the "peaceful" sound of a military roll call in Lithuanian.

I have just spent the day visiting Ponar, or Panarai, the forest on the outskirts of Vilna where 100,000 people (70,000 Jews) were shot into ditches and burned during the Holocaust. We listened to the personal stories of two survivors, whose family and friends were killed in these woods, as we looked upon empty ditches and stone monuments. A 19-year-old Harvard student said *kaddish* with the other men. The liturgy still echoes through my mind as I sit here and reflect on my second week in Vilna. However, my thoughts are broken by the evening roll call in a foreign, and seemingly harsh, tongue. I feel like I have been transported back in time to the 1940s and I get the chills.

When it finally gets dark I realize that I have forgotten to close the window in time. Five hundred different species of bugs have already made their way into my room, are busy buzzing around and have begun worshipping my fluorescent lights. I start swatting, and the sudden motions bring me back to my reality: I am a grad student studying Yiddish at the University of Vilnius, living in a dorm in a military academy (because it happens to be the nicest dorm in the city) and swatting at bugs that actually don't bite. I know this is my reality, but *where am I?* ◇

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Decorating the Sukkah

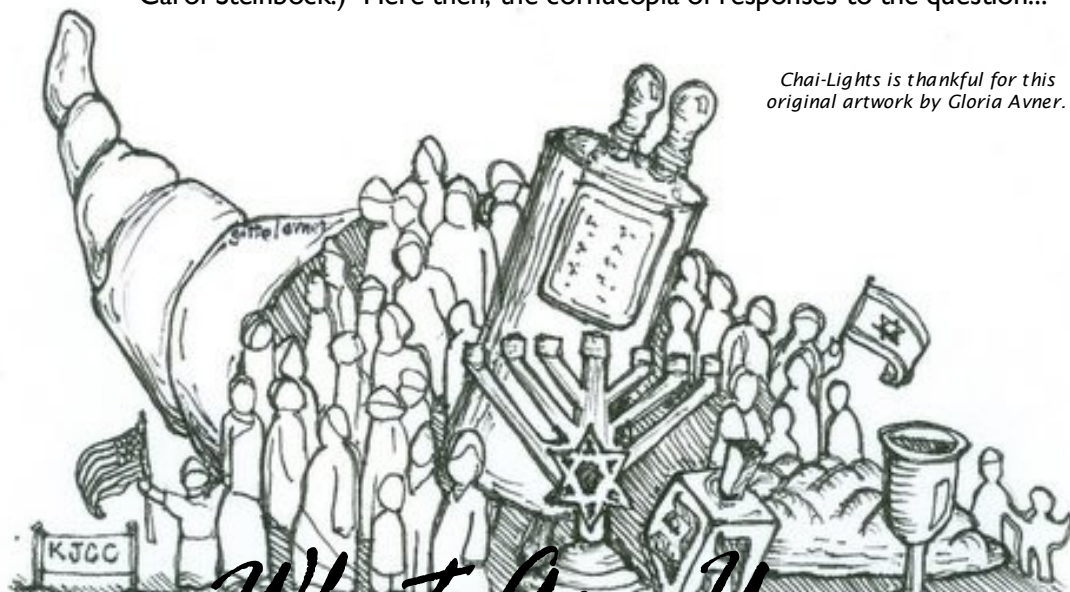
Photos courtesy of Paul Bernstein and Zoe Berk.



The central symbol of *Sukkot* is the *sukkah*, in remembrance of the wanderings of the Jews in the desert after the exodus from Egypt. In Israel, many Jews build their own *sukkot* in their backyards, while in many cases a communal *sukkah* at a synagogue or community center often takes the place of the family *sukkah*. At the KJCC the building and decoration of the communal *sukkah* has become a tradition, with the children in particular getting together and decorating it. This year, we had a growing number of parents and KJCC members participating in the building of the *sukkah*, led by Candy and Alan Beth. This motivated our children to create beautiful decorations for the *sukkah*. ♦



Since Thanksgiving is celebrated this month, we asked KJCC members to count their blessings and then put them to paper for all to enjoy in Chai-Lights. We received replies o' plenty (thanks in large part to the gentle encouragement of Carol Steinbock.) Here then, the cornucopia of responses to the question...



Chai-Lights is thankful for this original artwork by Gloria Avner.

What Are You Thankful For?

I am extremely thankful to have a wonderful wife, a caring family, and many thoughtful friends.

Joel Pollack

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. G-d has blessed me with good health, a loving family, wonderful friends, a rich and fulfilling life and blessings every day.

Medina Roy

I am thankful for waking up each morning next to the man of my dreams...

I am thankful for having received the most precious gift from God and that was Cory...

I am thankful for having my life surrounded by beautiful people who have given me so much... and also, I am thankful for the not so great situations in my life which have made me appreciate exactly what I do have...

love & peace
Sofy Wasser

For us Thanksgiving is a very hectic holiday, I use the word "hectic" in only the most loving term. When we had our home in Chicago, and all our children lived at home, the shopping, cooking, setting up, cleaning, and noise belonged to us. I remember it all, and in many ways I wish we could still have it all!

First, the boys married, and Beth would travel alternately every Thanksgiving with us to their homes. Then she married. With that we had a third alternative. Naturally, we were fair and spent every third year with different families. It was fun to all be together and then the children grew older. After that, the alternating continued, and only once in a while with everyone.

Last year changed the routine somewhat. Our oldest son decided to bring his family to us. Once again, I enjoyed the setting up, cleaning, and noise. Only this time the shopping and cooking belonged to a dear chef-friend of ours. I have a feeling that the shopping and cooking would have been easier-but I loved every minute of it all!

My dearest wish for all Thanksgivings in our future is that we will be with our children. There are times, though, that I also wish I could have the shopping, cooking, cleaning, and noise-especially the NOISE!

Joan Boruszak

When I hear that question, I think of the song from Sound of Music whose theme is "These are a few of My favorite Things"—because I too have such a long list.

I am thankful:

For my wonderful husband, and for my mother, who has always been there for me and who I am lucky enough to have living close to me now and see often, and my younger brother (who has given me 4 lovely nieces), who I don't see often enough.

For my father, who died in 2003. For the relationship we developed over the years and for having been able to share some

special times with during him during his last six years.

For my sweet sister, who died in an accident in 1991, whose life inspires me to be kinder and gentler.

For being given the intelligence and fortitude to have been a registered nurse, an attorney and a Realtor, professions in which I have striven to help make others lives a little better.

For all the interesting people I have known, the people who have inspired me, the people who have been my role models.

For the opportunity to share my Thanksgiving with many relatives and friends, sharing our joys and sorrows, good times and not so good.

For my KJCC "family" members, both those who are here now and those who have left, who have given me support and happy memories of times shared.

For being given the capacity to enjoy a diversity of experiences: theater, music, art, nature, including the birds that sing or fly or swim, animals in nature and those we think of as our pets, the trees and flowers, the clouds and stars in the sky.

For having lived in the hustle and bustle or New York City and the much warmer and more laid-back Florida Keys.

In short, I am thankful for each day of my life, no matter how good, bad, easy, hard, happy or sad, and I am thankful that you asked me the question so I could think about all that I am thankful for.

Carol Cimkowski-Steinbock

T - I am thankful for the time I have been given to spend with family and friends.

H - I am thankful for the helping hands that are always there from my friends and family.

A - I am thankful for the appreciation I see in people's eyes even if it is just from my greeting.

N - I am thankful for the newness of friends grandchildren.

K - I am thankful for to know that I can help others emotionally and financially at this time

in my life

S - I am thankful for sun which shines so beautifully in the Keys.

G - I am thankful for the gift of friendships.

I - I am thankful for the insight of my husband to my feelings.

V - I am thankful for the vision of my husband who knew that we would live in Paradise.

I - I am thankful for the idle time which I am able to spend with others - playing or working when I want to.

N - I am thankful for the names and places in the world that I have had the opportunity to visit.

G - I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to say this.

Have a wonderful, happy, healthy and full Thanksgiving.

Gene Silverman

B EING ALIVE;

My good health, my faith in God;

Having a loving spouse to go through life with; happy and not-as-happy times...having each other as we cope with the circumstances of our lives;

Having a healthy, bright son who is self-reliant and has a strong work ethic;

A mother with a tremendous attitude, joy, many friends and a safe/secure home;

A sister-in-law that I love and share time with;

A brother I was able to share many wonderful times with and be with in his end days on earth;

A wonderful community to live within;

Having a wonderful network of friends; Sunny days;

Being self-employed and able to work out of the house, providing the freedom I cherish and that lets me tend to that which I deem necessary;

A warm home to shelter me on cold days;

A beautiful view of woods and nature from my home;

Gatherings with friends;

Bridge buddies;

The time we had with joyful, energetic, lovable Midgie, a dumped dog we took in and had for nearly four years (may she rest in peace);

Non-stop flights out of Detroit;

Opportunities that enter my life and my openness to receive them;

Creature comforts of our modern world that make tasks easier... washer/dryer, dishwasher, stove/oven/microwave, refrig/freezer, computer, car, etc.;

The sound of the distant train whistle; the night sky on a clear evening and the smells of the woods in the autumn;

These are a few of my favorite things that I cherish and am thankful for!

Lyn Dils

We are thankful for the diversity that has become our home. The Florida Keys and the KJCC have given us a new perspective on life, love, and living. In our past lives there were communities of homes that all seemed to resemble each other and the people had similar lifestyles and the pace of life was accelerated.

Today we interact with folks from all walks of life and equally diverse backgrounds. We live in a paradise where the pace is recognizable and acceptable and you actually find and take the time to talk with friends and strangers alike. For all of this, and so much more, we are truly thankful.

Stuart & Lauren Sax

S am thankful for the country I live in - and the freedom I have here to have been able to choose the faith important to me and my husband. I am thankful that throughout my Jewish journey - from the Intro-to-Judaism class, *mikvah*, *beit din*, *bat mitzvah*, the wedding

under the *chuppah*, the *bris* of two sons, the *bar mitzvah* of one of those sons, all the way to the graduate degree in Jewish Education - through it all I have had the freedom to choose my relationship with Judaism. There are times when *Shabbat* has been very important to me, times when it is just another day of the week. There have been times when my yearning to become "learned" was all-encompassing and times when I have had enough of learning. There have been times when I seek solace amongst a congregation and times when I find solace in solitude. I am thankful that Judaism does not proclaim there is one answer or one way to find the answers - that through it all I am a Jew. That is never questioned. Yes, I am thankful that my country and my faith allow me to be me.

Shelley Schenker

(From Yardena's Sunday School class):

Cammie - I am thankful for being able to go to Hebrew school.

Hannah - I am thankful for my family and friends.

Lili - I am thankful for Yardena.

Max - I am thankful for my Grandma and my family.

Danielle - I am thankful for the people around me.

Joshua - I am thankful for being alive.

Corey - I am thankful for my health.

What am I thankful for?

The normal things of good health, the love of wonderful friends and family. Also, I love nature and I'm thankful that I live in two places where I can experience the phenomenal beauty and solitude of nature.

Candy Stanlake

There was a week in August when I could not move or sit without pain. I am grateful for that week. It brought me eyes of wonder on the heels of a short depression. Focusing on what was good restored me. Health renewed, I am profoundly thankful for energy, for life, resilience, zest, and mobility, for the joy of time in nature, and the ability to share that joy. I am thankful for sight, for grandchildren's smiles, for color. I am thankful for my family by blood and my family by choice, for my mother's vitality and independence, for all my teachers, past, present, and future, for love in all guises, for wonderful nourishing friends, for belly laughter, for the grace of animals, for the moon and sunsets and kayak trails through mangroves, for opportunities to serve, for wit, for words, for art, music, and the ability to sing. I am thankful for all the children in my life and the parents who nurture them. I am thankful for home and work and for the seasons, for the bright reminders all around me that we, too, blaze and fade and fall. I am thankful to live on islands, surrounded by beauty, to live in community, this wondrous, generous, creative KJCC community. I am thankful for Ulpan Hebrew and intimate Shabbat services on Friday evenings. I am smiling now, both inside and out, thinking how thankful I am for e-mail and the power of connectedness. I am grateful for the opportunity to read of us.

Gloria Avner

We are thankful for every day that we have our good health. That we see familiar faces in the community to say hello to and spend a minute out of our busy lives to listen to and share conversation with. We are thankful for our beautiful earth and the wonder that each day brings to our senses. We are thankful that love survives and flourishes no matter the obstacles. We are thankful for each other and you.

Paul, Barbara and Joshua Bernstein

There are many things I have to be thankful for. Here are a few that are on the top of my list: [1] my good health as well as that of my family's; [2] the fact that I have a loving family (both in Key Largo and in Syracuse, NY); and [3] my husband and I are so fortunate to belong to the KJCC where we can attend High Holy Days and feel so comfortable among warm and friendly people.

Sheila Olsen (of Boynton Beach)

I am thankful we live in a free country and have people willing to sacrifice their lives to keep us free. I am thankful there are those who devote themselves to taking care of our elderly when we cannot. I am thankful for those who do their best to educate our young and teach them core values. I am thankful for my health and the health of my family.

Marcia Goldberg

My Gratitude List:

- A Apples. I eat one every day.
- B Bananas. I eat one every day.
- C Candy. I love candy. Yes I eat candy every day. Sometimes fat-free.
- D Dogs. All the dogs I have had in my life that has given me love and joy.
- F Frank. My wonderful boyfriend.
- G Golf balls. I collect them.
- H Happiness. I love to be happy.
- I Indian paintings and Indian knickknacks.
- J Jewelry. All my jewelry.
- K Kiss. I love to kiss.
- L Love. I am grateful to be able to love and be loved.
- M Money. For all the money I make and wish I could make some more.
- N Nike Items. My favorite sporting clothes are Nikes.

O Onions. I love to eat fried onions, garlic, and mushrooms.

P Parties. I love to have parties.

Q Quilts. I think they are beautiful. One day I hope to make one.

R Run. I love to run. I try to run every day, a few miles.

S Sun. I love the sun. I work outside. I love the temperature to be hot.

T Trips. I have been able to travel to many places inside and outside the U.S.

U UPS store. I am glad there is one in my neighborhood.

V Vases. I love to collect vases, especially small one.

W Water. I love water, especially hot water plain.

X X-Rays. Thank G-d for x-rays. X-Rays can see all and help the doctors and dentists.

Y Yellowstone National Park. The best-kept secret.

Z Zoos. I love to visit zoos. My favorite zoo is the San Diego Zoo.

I have so much to be grateful for. I am very thankful for so many things.

Love,
Gerri Weisberg

Health, our wonderful children and grandchildren, and the fact that we have each other through all the good times and bad times. We become stronger and more in love as we stand together with each accomplishment, and believe us, we have had many tests, yet our faith survives.

Gigi & Bob Auston

I have many things to be thankful for in my life. Thinking of the last few years, I am especially grateful for the opportunity to find a new life here in America. I am thankful the KJCC has accepted me as part of their *mish-poche*.

I was always thankful for the many teachers I had, and still have, in my life. It was later, when I myself became a teacher, that I understood that every one of the people around the places I chose to live had something to teach. Each one of them knew something about how to live, about being happy with what one has, about loving, that I did not know. I am thankful for a certain kind of relationship I have with all my new American teachers, who all support and strengthen my life. And they do it in many ways, through friendship or acceptance, by kindness and generosity, through their advice, example, encouragement, active participation and caring. Thank you.

Yardena Kamely

It's hard to say what I'm thankful for because there is just so extraordinarily MUCH! A husband who keeps on loving me despite my crochits; children who are making a difference; a grandchild who will be the future; dear, dear friends who are always supportive; the sunsets on the martini deck in Key Largo; the sunrises over Denver in Colorado; the extraordinary trips to Australia where we all climbed Ayres Rock and it felt like we were in the bellybutton of the continent; New Zealand with its endless green fields dotted with sheep; Ecuador where we dove in the Galapagos and watched a train of hammerhead sharks roar on through; Costa Rica where the beaches were empty and filled with shells; Indonesia where the people were delightful and curious about Americans; Cambodia with its temple-dotted jungle land; Viet Nam where they have obviously forgiven us; the traditional inns of Japan and seeing our daughter perform the tea service in a gorgeous kimono; China where we took a YangTse River tour and saw the three gorges; Thailand where we got knocked out of bed by an earthquake but no one was hurt; trekking in Nepal and seeing "the Finger of God"

called Amadablam; riding a zipline in Mexico with an 80-year-old companion who shrieked with delight. There's way more, but I don't want to put anyone to sleep. And I'm grateful for the KJCC where I can reconnect.

Susan Roberts

We are so grateful for a very long list of wonderful blessings, but here's a quick look at the short list, which, for us is: good health, great family, real friends and financial security. These might be everyone's choices but we keep them especially close to our heart.

However, for this time around, we want to express our gratitude to Nicholas and Lilian, Martin's parents, who, in 1947, after much searching for great fishing grounds, found Key Largo. Here they discovered incomparable bayside fishing, spectacular sunsets, friends and a comfortable home. We never thought of retiring here, or any place, back then. Our kids weren't even born yet.

As time passed our kids loved visiting their Key Largo grandparents and they pretty much grew up on Grandma Lil's great food and fishing and skiing and swimming and snorkeling in Tarpon Basin.

We had some wonderful vacations at Grandma and Grandpa's paradise with our kids, but they grew up very quickly. By the time we started thinking about retirement we pretty much felt sure it would be in Key Largo. Our one concern was a serious lack of a Jewish presence. Just about then, the birth of the Keys Jewish Community Center settled our future.

Now, our grandchildren love visiting us. The sun and the sea and the KJCC give them heartwarming fourth-generation happiness, too.

So, we'd like to say, "Thank you, Nick and Lil, for guiding us to our little paradise, Key Largo. We're very grateful to you both for your pioneering spirits that brought us here."

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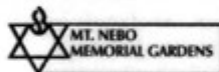
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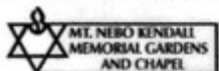
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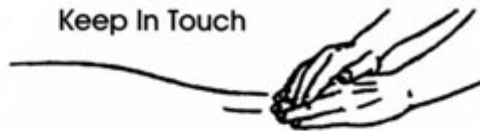
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