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# February 1 - March 31, 2020

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday                          | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| 2 FEB<br>Sisterhood<br>Meeting<br>10:00am  | <b>3</b><br>KJCC Game<br>Night<br>7:00pm  | 4                                | 5  | <b>6</b><br>Rabbi Zucker<br>Hebrew Class 6:30<br>Seminar 8:00pm  | 7<br>KJCC Sisterhood<br>Erica Lieberman-Garrett<br>Susan & Paul Roberts<br>Tot Shabbat                       | <b>8</b><br>Film:<br>Live and<br>Become   |
| 9<br>Board Meeting 9am<br>Annual meeting,<br>Election &<br>Luncheon 11am<br>Tu Bishvat Planting<br>after Lunch | 10  | 11                               | 12   | <b>13</b><br>Rabbi Zucker<br>Hebrew Class 6:30<br>Seminar 8:00pm | <b>14</b><br>Gloria Avner<br><i>Medina Roy</i>   | <b>15</b><br>Torah Learning<br>Service w/ Rabbi<br>Agler 10:00am<br>Film: Mel Brooks:<br>Make a Noise |
| 16   | 17  | 18                               | 19   | 20<br>Rabbi Zucker<br>Hebrew Class 6:30<br>Seminar 8:00pm        | <b>21</b><br>Laurie Blum<br><i>Jane Friedman</i><br>Tot Shabbat  | 22  |
| 23<br>Film:<br>Little Traitor<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>(New Moon)  | 24<br>Book Club<br>10:00am at the<br>home of Elaine<br>Schulberg<br>"The Third<br>Daughter" | 25                               | 26<br>7:00pm Music<br>history Program:<br>Brahms presen-<br>tation by Beth<br>Hayden | 27<br>Rabbi Zucker<br>Hebrew Class 6:30<br>Seminar 8:00pm        | 28 Steve Hartz<br>Joyce Peckman<br>Shabbat across America<br>New Member and<br>Advertiser Dinner<br>6:00pm   | <b>29</b><br>Film:<br>Anthropoid  |
| 1 MAR<br>Sisterhood<br>Meeting<br>10:00am  | <b>2</b><br>KJCC Game<br>Night<br>7:00pm  | 3                                | 4  | <b>5</b><br>Rabbi Zucker<br>Hebrew Class 6:30<br>Seminar 8:00pm  | <b>6</b><br>Erica Lieberman-Garrett<br><i>Anonymous</i><br>Tot Shabbat                                       | <b>7</b><br>Film:<br>Lone<br>Samaritan  |
| 8<br>Board meeting<br>10:00am<br>Art project with<br>Gloria 12:00  | <b>9</b><br>Purim<br>Megillah<br>reading and<br>party 6:00pm                                | 10                               | 11   | 12   | <b>13</b><br>Richard Knowles<br><i>Medina Roy</i>  | <b>14</b><br>Fundraising<br>Anniversary<br>dinner at<br>Kaufman home<br>5:00pm                        |
| <b>15</b><br>Film:<br>David  | 16  | 17                               | 18   | 19   | <b>20</b><br>Joyce Peckman<br>Susan Ellner<br>Joyce Peckman<br>Tot Shabbat                                   | 21  |
| 22<br>4:00pm Music<br>Program: Brahms<br>presentation by<br>Beth Hayden  | 23  | 24<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>(New Moon) | 25<br>7:00pm film:<br>Prosecuting Evil   | 26   | 27 Medina Roy<br>Joel & Toby Bofshever<br>Jane Friedman<br>Dedication of Beiner<br>Collection of Antiquities | <b>28</b><br>Torah Learning<br>Service with<br>Rabbi Agler<br>10:00am                                 |
| <b>29</b><br>Women's<br>Seder<br>5:00pm  | <b>30</b><br>Book Club<br>10:00am home<br>of Rita Rzepka<br>- "Marriage of<br>Opposites"    | 31                               |  |  | rs of Friday Services.<br>re Oneg sponsors.<br>riday at 7:30pm<br>n at 7:00 p.m.                             |   |

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

eys Jewish Community

Center is celebrating its

fortieth year as the only

and Key West. We have always

synagogue between the mainland

been lay-led and our Friday night

leaders are constantly working to

make the services more interest-

ing and personal. We have a lot

to be proud of. Just look at our

Sisterhood Service, Film Series,

Game Night, Hebrew classes.

Shabbat Across America din-

ner, a two-part presentation on

Brahms, Book Club, holiday cele-

brations, Torah learning services

with Rabbi Agler...and that's just

at the many pages of flyers that

Linda Pollack has created for this

this month. Take a close look

issue of Chai-Lights. We may

congregation.

be small, but we are a dynamic

On the evening of Saturday,

KICC's accomplishments with a

of Michael and Lorena Kaufman.

You can expect music, delicious

prises. Consider this a "Save the

Date." An invitation will be com-

ing in early February. Snowbirds,

food, and possibly some sur-

please let me know if you will

not be at your Keys address by

its destination. This dinner will

be a time to celebrate the lives

gather together, purchase this

property, and create a place of

worship and fellowship. I believe

that we have justified their faith

of those who had the wisdom to

then, so that your mail will reach

gala dinner at the lovely home

March 14th we will be celebrating

calendar of events: Tot Shabbat,

Joyce Peckman



in the future. As they "paid it forward", so should we, by standing proudly, and holding firm in our commitment to Jewish life in the Keys. Celebrate with us.

As the sole Jewish presence here, we have long recognized our obligation to offer a community Passover Seder to travelers as well as to our members. I am already getting calls from visitors. This year our Community Seder will be held on the first. not the second, night of Passover at the Islamorada Fishing Club. We are thrilled that cantorial soloist Barry Skolnick has agreed to lead the Seder. Over the years, Erica and Susan have trained the cooks to make delicious Kosher-style Passover food, but we can make arrangements to have strictly kosher l'Pesach food brought in, with three weeks' advance notice. Look for the flver in this issue.

On Sunday, February 9th at 11 a.m. we will hold our annual board meeting, nominations and installation of officers, followed by a Sisterhood-provided luncheon. We welcome all members to our board meetings. but this meeting is especially for the entire congregation. A lot has happened over the past year. Please attend to hear about what we have done and our plans going forward. Let us know how you want to be involved. Show your support to those who have devoted countless hours to this institution.

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# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

|   | Sunday, Feb. 2     | Sisterhood Meeting 10:00am  |
|---|--------------------|---|
|   | Monday, Feb. 3     | KJCC Game Night at 7:00pm   |
|   | Thurs., Feb. 6     | Rabbi Zucker - Hebrew Class 6:30 and Seminar 8:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Feb. 7     | Sisterhood Shabbat service 7:30pm • Tot Shabbat   |
|   | Saturday, Feb. 8   | Film: Live and Become   |
|   | Sunday, Feb. 9     | Board Meeting 9am • Annual meeting, Election & Luncheon 11am<br>Tu Bishvat Planting after Lunch   |
|   | Thurs, Feb. 13     | Rabbi Zucker - Hebrew Class 6:30 and Seminar 8:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Feb. 14    | Shabbat service 7:30pm  |
|   | Saturday, Feb. 15  | Torah Learning Service with Rabbi Agler 10:00am • Film: Mel Brooks: Make a Noise                  |
|   | Thurs, Feb. 20     | Rabbi Zucker - Hebrew Class 6:30 and Seminar 8:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Feb. 21    | Shabbat service 7:30pm • Tot Shabbat  |
|   | Sunday, Feb. 23    | Film: Little Traitor  |
|   | Monday, Feb. 24    | Book Club 10:00am home of Elaine Schulberg – "The Third Daughter"                                 |
|   | Weds., Feb. 26     | 7:00pm Music history Program: Brahms presentation by Beth Hayden                                  |
|   | Thurs. Feb. 27     | Rabbi Zucker - Hebrew Class 6:30 and Seminar 8:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Feb. 28    | Shabbat across America dinner honoring advertisers & new members 6:00pm<br>Shabbat service 7:30pm |
|   | Saturday, Feb.29   | Film: Anthropoid  |
|   | Sunday, Mar. 1     | Sisterhood meeting 10:00am  |
|   | Monday, Mar. 2     | KJCC Game Night at 7:00pm   |
|   | Thurs., Mar 5      | Rabbi Zucker - Hebrew Class 6:30 and Seminar 8:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Mar. 6     | Shabbat Service 7:30pm • Tot Shabbat  |
|   | Saturday, Mar.7    | Film: Lone Samaritan  |
|   | Sunday, Mar. 8     | Board meeting 10:00am • Art project with Gloria 12:00 (warm up to Purim)                          |
|   | Monday, Mar. 9     | Purim • Megillah reading and party 6:00pm   |
|   | Friday, Mar. 13    | Shabbat Service 7:30pm  |
|   | Saturday, Mar 14   | Fundraising Anniversary dinner at Kaufman home 5:00pm   |
|   | Sunday, Mar. 15    | Film: David   |
|   | Friday, March 20   | Shabbat Service 7:30pm • Tot shabbat  |
|   | Sunday, Mar. 22    | 4:00pm Music Program: Brahms presentation by Beth Hayden  |
|   | Weds., March 25    | 7:00pm film: Prosecuting Evil   |
|   | Friday, March 27   | Shabbat Service 7:30pm • Dedication of Beiner Collection of Antiquities                           |
|   | Saturday, March 28 | Torah Learning Service with Rabbi Agler 10:00am   |
|   | Sunday, March 29   | Women's Seder 5:00pm  |
|   | Monday, March 30   | Book Club 10:00am home of Rita Rzepka - "Marriage of Opposites"                                   |
|   | Weds., April,      | Pesach First Seder, Islamorada Fishing Club   |
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## NOSH

#### Annual Meeting, Election and Luncheon

This year has flown; the old order changeth (spoiler alert: not by much, but with two wonderful additions). On Sunday, February 9th, KJCC will hear Joyce's report on the State of the Synagogue and vote for next year's slate of Officers and Board Members. You too can choose to run for office and work for change where you see fit. KJCC needs your input and your ideas. For details, see the Letter of Invitation from our President, Joyce Peckman, on P. 18. A beautiful luncheon is being planned by KJCC Sisterhood to follow the election and installation. Fortify yourself with friendship and food for a good New Year.

#### Tu B'Shevat: Plant a Tree

After our magnificent post Annual Meeting Sisterhood Luncheon, we and our newly elected Officers and Board of Directors will take a walk outside and plant a tree for one of our favorite holidays, Tu B'Shevat. Jane will take the lead in planting and we will take each other's hands and dance around the tree singing "Mayim, Mayim" as the tree gets watered. We want it to take root and grow as we grow, providing nourishment for those yet to come.

#### **Beginners' Hebrew Class**

Two courses are in the offering. Rabbi Zucker will be coming up on Thursday evenings to teach a class in beginners' Hebrew. Whether you know the letters or not, whether you have been in Yardena's beginning class or not, he will continue your education in the Hebrew language for conversation and prayer. There is a requested donation of \$50 for the series of six classes. Please contact Joyce at 305-451-0665 or joycepeckman@gmail.com if you are interested. The class is scheduled to begin January 30th at 6:30.

#### Judaism's Gifts to the World

After the Hebrew class, Rabbi Zucker has offered to teach a course titled "Judaism's Gifts to the World." How did major Jewish ideas evolve into universal values? Rabbi Zucker will be teaching this course on Thursdays at 8 p.m., beginning January 30, if there is interest. The requested donation for the series of six classes is \$36. Please contact Joyce (see above).

#### New (and old) Member

The next time David Epstein comes to services, you can greet him as both our newest member and one of our oldest. His parents, Barbara and Bob Epstein, were instrumental in our early years, and David holds the honor of being one of the first Bar Mitzvahs ever held at KJCC (in the early 80's). Welcome back, David.

#### New Torah Learning Services

Here are the latest dates for Rabbi Agler's Torah Learning Services, recently enriched by the addition of the David Saga (in Samuel I) to our continuing Parashah study. Books are in the Library or you can find Samuel I in Tanach, the Hebrew Bible. Don't miss these extraordinary opportunities for learning with our Scholar-in-Residence on February 15th and March 28th, each service beginning at 10:00a.m. sharp. Rabbi Agler is a warm, informal, engaging leader of discussion and great poser of good questions. You'll be glad you came. And there will always be a kiddush after the service.

#### **Book Group Goes Homey**

KJCC Sisterhood's Book Group has found a home in more than one place. After two years in restaurants, the group has found that more engaging discussion and personal sharing happens in the warm, informal setting of people's homes. The time has also changed, from noon to 10:00 a.m. Already we've met at Linda Pollack's, Shirley Stein's and Joyce Peckman's homes. See the Poster on p. 12 for February and March offerings and hosts. The books are intriguing, the discussion stimulating, and the refreshments sweet.

#### New Members' & Advertisers' Dinner on Special Shabbat

This year, on Friday, February 29th, at 6:00 p.m., our annual Dinner honoring new members and our Chai-Lights advertisers will have an extra dimension. We will also be celebrating Shabbat Across America, along with thousands of other Shuls. A big thank you in advance to Medina Roy, event organizer since this event's inception (and the person to whom you will send your RSVP). Many thanks also to the women of Sisterhood who will be assisting in food preparation. This will be a meaningful and delicious event. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm, followed by services at 7:30. See Poster on p. 14 for more information.

#### Purim, Pizza and Mitzvah Making

Come to KJCC on March 9th at 6:00 p.m. prepared to party. There will be masks, noisemakers, pizza and, um, adult beverages. Once again we will be reading the Ganze Megillah, the whole story of brave and clever Esther, drowning out the hated name of Haman, and extolling noble Mordechai. Come costumed or be bedecked by Gloria. You will be able to perform all four mandated mitzvahs (bring a little cash for charity/ tzedakah and supporting the Pizza). There may also be a guest appearance by Queen Vashti and a few entertaining movie shorts. Bring kids and grandchildren and stamping feet. For more information, see P. 28. Celebrate our survival!!

#### Concert and Talk by Beth Hayden

If you came early to services in January, then you have heard Beth play Rachmaninov. So you know this is going to be good -- a double good. We get a talk as well as a piano concert by a well-educated professional pianist and music educator. Be at KJCC on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:00 pm for a Music History Program with a Brahms presentation. Then come again at 4:00 p.m. on March 22nd to hear more Brahms. It will be breathtaking. For details about the program and Beth Hayden's background, see the poster on P. 26.

#### 40th Anniversary Gala

Ten years ago, we celebrated our 30th Anniversary at Hawk's Cay. We dressed up, danced, bought raffle tickets and congratulated each other. We showed how delighted we were with our Shul's survival on this tiny island by giving as generously as we could. Now we are embarking on our 40th Anniversary Celebration, A Havana Nights Gala (No cigars please). Festivities begin at 5 p.m., March 14th, at the fabulous oceanfront home of the generous Kaufman family. Attire: Black and White (no tie). We want everyone to come. Donation has been set at \$60 per person, but what you can give beyond that, in honor of our continued existence, is up to you; we thank you in advance for opening your hearts and pocketbooks. Invitations will be mailed

shortly. Read Joyce's President's message again. Look through these pages at all the educational and social and religious opportunities we provide and support. This will be a dinner event you will never forget. Lorena Kaufman is a party–giver extraordinaire and promises surprises which will thrill us. We believe her. Many thanks to Lorena, her co–chair, Barbara Knowles, and their hard– working committee. How lovely that we can have a fun, entertaining evening while preserving the future of what we and so may others have worked hard for 40 years to create and maintain. For more details, turn to P. 30.

#### Antiquities Collection Dedication

Our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Richard Agler, was inspired as a young rabbinical student to start collecting antiquities from Israel by mentor Judith Beiner and her husband, Stephen, of blessed memory. KJCC was extremely honored to accept and create a display for Mindy and Rabbi Agler's gift of the Beiner Collection. On March 27th, Erev Shabbat, Rabbi Agler will speak about the collection and formally dedicate it to this couple, instrumental in its coming together. Judith Beiner will be present for the event. We will be delighted to meet her.

#### 17th Annual Annual Women's Seder

Each year we look forward to this event, one of the most meaningful and eniovable things we do. Raising money for Tikkun Olam, (repairing the world) through supporting groups that work for the good of women, children and families. celebrating the achievements of one of our own, named "Woman of the Year." honoring an important Jewish woman from history and deepening our friendships with women both within and outside our community, are our worthy goals. We want to DO SOMETHING! And we do. At the same time we make wonderful food, create an art project, and commit to seeking justice and freedom for the oppressed throughout the world. Cost is \$18(chai) plus \$17 (\$1/year) or \$35. All of the money raised is used to support three charities we select by consensus, one from inside KJCC, one from our greater community, and one from the outside world. Don't miss this event. RSVP to Erica Lieberman-Garrett, to reserve your space: hippiejap@hotmail.com  $\diamond$ 

## ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

**BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305–852–8575, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

**CEMETERY INFORMATION:** If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225.

**CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH:** Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

**CHAI-LIGHTS** or **DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for annual rates.

**GIFT SHOP:** We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305–394–0143, to reserve an orchid, bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR:** To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225, or email her at joycepeckman@gmail.com.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305–766–3585.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at lindap4000@ymail.com.

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: keysjewishcenter.com. Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. 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. Rabbi & Cantor Fund, Holocaust Education Fund, Meditation Garden, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, Sunshine Fund, or General Fund.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC**

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

#### - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER, 2019 & JANUARY 2020 -

| <b>Yahrzeit</b><br>Michael Krissel      | In Memory of<br>Deborah Krissel Cannon | Oneg Sponsorship            | In Honor of             |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |  | Joe & Kathy Shabathai       | Kabarai'a Dirthday      |
| Joan Boruszak                           | Burton Boruszak                        | Beth Hayden                 | Kohengi's Birthday      |
| Joan Boruszak                           | Julius Kohlenbrener                    | Steve & Jan Hartz           | Jan's Birthday          |
| Karyn Zoren                             | Pauline Roller                         | Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum |                         |
| Joyce Ruthen                            | Pauline Roller                         | Skip Rose                   | 90th Birthday           |
| Jeffrey Schocket                        | Patty Silver<br>Mitch Harvey           | Terry Willner-Tainow        | Birthday                |
|   | Pauline Roller                         | Steve & Amelia Kasinof      | Steve's Birthday        |
| Patricia Isenberg                       | Ernest Isenberg                        | Susan Roberts               | Yahrzeit of Mother      |
| Joan Boruszak                           | Emma Kohlenbrener                      | Steve & Amelia Kasinof      | Anniversary             |
| Hermone Taramona                        | Norma Robinson                         | Stan & Jenny Margulies      | Stan's Birthday         |
| Nancy Cohn                              | David Cohn                             | Joan Stark                  | Parents Anniversary     |
| Donna Forst                             | Leo Forst                              | Joe & Kathy Sahbathai       | Anniversary             |
| Marshall & Myra Kaplan                  | David Kaplan                           | Beth Horowitz               | Birthday                |
| Gerald & Sheila Olsen                   | Betty Weinstein                        | Erica Lieberman-Garrett     | Birthday                |
| Geraiu & Shella Olsen                   | Betty Wellistelli                      | Joel & Toby Bofshever       | Anniversary             |
| Book Plate                              |  | -                           | Sylvia & Al's Birthdays |
| Barney Coltman                          | Robert Coltman                         | Susan Ellner                | Birthday                |
| barney Columan                          | Robert Coltinan                        | -                           | elyn Pollack's Birthday |
| Unrestricted                            |  | Erica Lieberman-Garrett     | Anniversary             |
| Marvin Blumenfeld                       |  | Donna & Bill Bolton         | Anniversary             |
|   |  | Steve & Jan Hartz           | Anniversary             |
| Mah Jongg<br>Stan & Jonny Margulias     |  | Steve & Amelia Kasinof      | Amelia's birthday       |
| Stan & Jenny Margulies<br>Barbara Calev |  | Steve & Jan Hartz           | Steve's birthday        |
|   |  | Joel & Toby Bofshever       | Joel's birthday         |
| Stan & Jenny Margulies                  |  | Susan Ellner                |                         |
| David Goldfinger                        |  | Anonymous Rabbi A           | gler & Cantor Dzubin    |
| Adult Education                         | Movie Sponsorship                      | Dinner Sponsorship          |                         |
| Michael & Lorena Kaufm                  | an                                     | Linda Pollack               | Hanukkah dinner         |
| _                                       |  | David Goldfinger            |                         |
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| Linda Pollack & Skip Rose               | 1                                      | Unrestricted                |                         |
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Susan Ellner

#### HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

Yahrzeit Plaques: KJCC has six special, Israeli-made boards in the sanctuary for yahrzeit memorial plaques. Each plaque is accompanied by its own light, which is switched on for both yahrzeit dates and on Yom Kippur; names are also read aloud in memory from the bemah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is \$400. **Book Plates:** We are, after all, the People of the Book. For \$36 an inscription of your choice will be placed in one of our Siddurim or Tanakhs. An example: "In Loving Memory of my grandfather, who first taught me about the wonders that lie between these covers."

**Tree of Life Leaves:** We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May they always be in the presence of the Eternal Light."

**Garden Bricks:** \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate living tribute, with an outdoor plaque included in the price.

#### - Oneg Sponsors -

| February 7  | Erica Lieberman–Garrett<br>Honor of Erica & Ron's Birthdays | March 13 | Medina Roy<br>Honor of Carl's Birthday              |
|-------------|---|----------|---|
|             | Susan & Paul Roberts<br>Honor of Paul's Birthday            | March 20 | Susan Ellner<br>Honor of Granddaughter's birthday   |
| February 14 | Medina Roy<br>In Memory of Bianka Kirschenbaum              |          | Joyce Peckman<br>Honor of Grandchildren's Birthdays |
| February 21 | Jane Friedman<br>Honor of Harry & Angelina's Birthdays      | March 27 | Joel & Toby Bofshever<br>Honor of their Anniversary |
| February 28 | Joyce Peckman<br>Honor of KJCC board                        |          | Jane Friedman<br>Honor of Jane's birthday           |
| March 6     | Anonymous<br>Honor Rabbi Agler & Cantor Dzubin              |          |   |

#### **March Anniversaries**

| 7th  | Joseph & Susan Sachs 55    |
|------|----------------------------|
| 8th  | Adam & Judy Starr 41       |
| 16th | Frank & Gerri Emkey12      |
| 22nd | David & Patti Gross23      |
| 24th | Joel & Toby Bofshever52    |
| 30th | Jeff & Cheryl Margulies 52 |

#### Service Leaders

| February 7           | KJCC Sisterhood                            |
|----------------------|--|
| February 14          | Gloria Avner                               |
| February 21          | Laurie Blum                                |
| February 28          | Steve Hartz                                |
|                      |  |
| March 6              | Erica Lieberman-Garrett                    |
|                      | Erica Lieberman-Garrett<br>Richard Knowles |
| March 13             |  |
| March 13<br>March 20 | Richard Knowles                            |



# Proudly Presents Its 2020 Third Annual KJCC

## **Moms' Memorial Winter Film Fest**

A Lovingly Selected, Eclectic Trove of Cinematic Takes on Life Through a Jewish Lens

| Saturday | 2/08 | Live and Become          |  |
|----------|------|--------------------------|--|
| Saturday | 2/15 | Mel Brooks: Make a Noise |  |
| Sunday   | 2/23 | Little Traitor           |  |
| Saturday | 2/29 | Anthropoid               |  |

| Saturday  | 3/07 | Lone Samaritan          |
|-----------|------|-------------------------|
| Sunday    | 3/15 | David                   |
| Wednesday | 3/15 | <b>Prosecuting Evil</b> |

All films begin at 7:00 p.m. GUESTS ARE WELCOME - There is no charge. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, contact Medina Roy hiitsmedee@gmail.com

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**Sue Steinberg** By Richard & Mindy Agler

**Kitty Nyman** By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

Judy Strumer Hartman By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

> **Diana Smurkler** By Naomi Copeland

**Robert Kinney** By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Charles Gilson** By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

> **Leila Horne** By Randi Grant

**Lou Roazen** By Sylvia Berman

**Ted Nyman** By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

> Marvin Galanty By Marc Bloom

> William Brooks By Lynn Dils

**Dr. Louis Fishman** By Eina G. Fishman

Nicholas Goldenberg By Mrs. Marty Graham

> **Stanley Bush** By Randi Grant

**Sunnie Bernstein** By Paul & Barbara Bernstein **Joshua Daniel Blitzer** By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

**Sylvia Weiner** By Nelson & Roberta Chester

**Nathan Weisberg** By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Rose Gilson** By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

> Frances Weiser By Randi Grant

**Judy Lombardi** By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Robert Greenbaum** By Marilyn Greenbaum

Archie Zacks By Jerry & Barbara Herson

**Lillian Janowitz** By Sam & Leslie Janowitz

William Pollack By Linda Pollack

John A. Schur By Lee Schur

**Miriam Blinder** By Steven & Barbara Smith

> Mr. Harry Miller By Shirley Stein

**Nella Gross** By Tomar Gross & Randy Klein-Gross Ida Ratchik By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

Bernard Kaminstein By Beth Kaminstein

> **Malka Frank** By Linda Pollack

Joseph Shapiro By Libby P. Shapiro

**Sarah Felder** By Stuart & Geri Smith

**Morris I. Estrin** By Lillian Tallent

**Louis Hartz** By Steven & Jan Hartz

**Fannie Phillips** By Patricia Isenberg

Irving Stockser By Sandy Kaplan

**Maria Quesada** By Orlando Quesada

Janet Garfinkel By Betty Small

Hedy Kopecky By Adam & Judy Starr

**Morris Feinberg** By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

Samuel Wolfe By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

> Sydney Zinner By Donald Zinner

In Memoriam – March 2020

Harvey Roazen By Sylvia Berman

Mathew Strumor By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

> **Louis Weinstein** By Rita Bromwich

**Leroy Weisberg** By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Selma Elson** By Mrs. Marty Graham

Arlene R. Brenner By Marilyn Greenbaum

Anna Horn By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

> **Robert Berman** By Sylvia Berman

Audrey Pearlman By William & Donna Bolton

**Eve Greenstein** By Barnet O. Coltman

Harry Kaplan By Marsha Garrettson

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**Ilona Ban** By Franklin & Judy Greenman

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Dorothy Stanlake By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake **Robert Kohlenbrener** By Joan Boruszak

> **Oscar Smurkler** By Naomi Copeland

**Maxine Kaplan** By Marsha Garrettson **Lillian Adler Grant** By Randi Grant

> Chalom Haviv By Leo Haviv

**Eleanor Sonn** By Sam & Leslie Janowitz

**Pinchas Kamely** By Yardena Kamely

**Luba Tuchman** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Shirley R. Krissel By Michael Krissel

**Janet Blum** By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> Sara J. Cohen By Lynn Nobil

**David Harvey** By Linda Perloff

Bianka Kirschenbaum By Medina Roy

> **Rachamim Levy** By Yardena Kamely

Marian Rose Klimpl By Michael Klimpl Samual Lieberman By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**Oscar Margulies** By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

> Irene Nobil By Lynn Nobil

**Denise Moss** By Linda Pollack

**Leslie Allen Sachs** By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Monroe (Monty) Kaplan By Marshall & Myra Kaplan Joseph Krissel By Michael Krissel

Annie Kleinfeldt Bernstein By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> Joseph Kaufman By Jeff & Lisa Miller

**Dorothy Ross** By Joyce Peckman

Cissie Rose Lang By Skip Rose

**Thia San Filippo** By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

> **Dolores Feldman** By Jeffrey Schocket

> > Esther Schur By Lee Schur

Alexandra Louise Starr By Adam & Judy Starr Ann R. Kapulskey By George & Muriel Swartz

> Anne Temkin By Robert Temkin

**David C. Willner** By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

> **Nate Schulberg** By Elaine Schulberg

**Isadore Seder** By Jules & Nettie Seder

Mrs. Anne Miller By Shirley Stein

**Abe M. Reider** By George & Muriel Swartz

> Alice Weber By Judith Weber

Maxine Ruby Feinberg By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Memoriam – March 2020

**Sondra Lundy** By Elaine Schulberg

**Ida Seder** By Jules & Nettie Seder **Theresa Steinbock** By Stephen Steinbock

> **Ida Tallent** By Lillian Tallent

**Deborah Eichler** By Judith Weber

**Irwin Cutler** By Donald Zinner

#### February Birthdays

| 1st | Libby Shapiro<br>Roy Pollack |
|-----|------------------------------|
|     | Jaxson Brandon Lebofsky      |
| 3rd | Beth Horowitz                |
|     | Leslie Janowitz              |
| 5th | Rebecca Smith Strasser       |
|     | Evan Harvey                  |
|     | Erica Lieberman-Garrett      |
| 7th | Larry Jacobs                 |
|     | Devin Parker Morris          |
| 9th | Linda Pincus                 |
|     | Ron Garrett                  |
| 9th | Rosemary Barefoot            |
|     | Johnny Knowles               |
|     | Paul Roberts                 |
|     |                              |

| 13th | David Levi           |
|------|----------------------|
| 13th | Hannah David         |
| 13th | Jerrold Benowitz     |
| 15th | Judith Weber         |
| 18th | Beth Hayden          |
|      | Evan Daddona         |
| 22nd | Harry Friedman       |
| 22nd | Tomar Gross          |
| 23rd | Sienna Rose Lebofsky |
| 24th | Muriel Swartz        |
| 24th | Suzie Greenman       |
| 25th | Rita Conklin         |
| 26th | Jim Williams         |
|      | John D. Schur        |
|      |                      |

#### **March Birthdays**

| 3rd<br>3rd | Sasha Dutton<br>Louis Ulman<br>Stephen Steinbock<br>Annie James Brennan |
|------------|---|
|            |   |
|            | Bea Graham  |
| 7th        | Hannah Feig   |
|            | Toby Goldfinger   |
|            | Rita Rzepka   |
|            | Kate Horowitz   |
| 10th       | Thomas Davis Smith  |
|            | Bryan Schur   |
| 11th       | Sandy Yankow  |
|            | Barbara Herson  |
|            | Heath Greenbaum   |
|            | Oceana Gross  |
|            | Carl Roy  |
|            | Ira Stein   |
|            |   |
|            | Randi Grant   |
|            | Allan Boruszak  |
| 15th       | Johanna Willner   |
| 16th       | Jeff Margulies  |

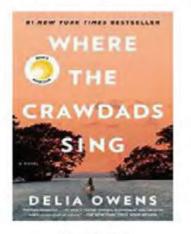
|      | Natalie Hope Markowitz   |
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|      | Steven Nobil             |
| 17th | Daniel Friedman          |
| 17th | Naomi Copeland           |
| 19th | Michelle Palacino        |
|      | Janet Palacino           |
|      | Susan Sachs              |
|      | Barbara A. Calev         |
|      | James Jr. Nobil          |
| 21st | Joseph Palacino          |
|      | Ken Atlas                |
|      | Lynn Dils                |
| 25th | Stephanie Coeurjoly      |
|      | Sylvia Berman            |
|      | Anna Verity Greenbaum    |
|      | Chaplain Roger Dieckhaus |
|      | Lee Schur                |
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|      | Jane Friedman            |
|      | Madison Bloom            |
| 31st | Sari Eliz. Goldstein     |
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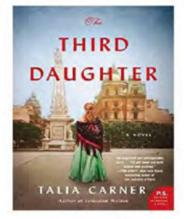
# Sisterhood Book Club

Books and dates for the coming three months Meetings will be rotated amongst book club members' homes. 10 a.m. – Coffee and cake

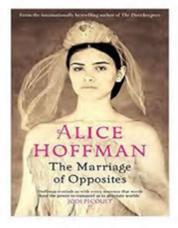
January 27, 2020 <u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens February 24, 2020 <u>The Third Daughter</u> by Talia Carner March 30, 2020 <u>Marriage of Opposites</u> by Alice Hoffman



home of Joyce Peckman



home of Elaine Schulberg



home of Rita Rzepka

RSVP and more information - Bobbie Chester bobbiebunkin@aol.com 630-430-7100

## SISTERHOOD Beth Hayden



The new Sisterhood Board took over their positions in January 2020. The new Sisterhood Board consists of: Beth Hayden, President; the inimitable Susan Gordon as Vice-President; the equally inimitable Erica Lieberman-Garrett as Treasurer; Geri Smith (thank you, Geri) as Recording Secretary and Hanna David as Corresponding Secretary. Payments for Sisterhood events should be directed to Erica at KJCC Sisterhood, PO Box116, Tavernier, FL 33070.

All kudos to our past President, Susan Gordon, for her hard work and elevation of Sisterhood. Sisterhood is and remains the back bone of the Keys Jewish Community Center Sisterhood not only supports and supplies our monthly dinners, it also supports other activities at the KJCC not directly credited to Sisterhood. How can we ever thank these strong women who continue to cook and supply food and good company to our community? We would not be KJCC without them. Hats off to Sisterhood!

Sisterhood met in January and began planning for upcoming activities in 2020. One thing I want to be sure all KICC members are clear on and this is important. In 2019, the KJCC Board made a significant change in our Pesach observances. Please be aware - KICC Sisterhood will no longer sponsor a second night Seder. The Board made the decision, in view of the changing needs of our KICC community, to no longer offer a second night Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Instead, the Board decided to have Sisterhood take over and sponsor the first night Seder and, because of declining attendance, no longer offer a second night Seder. Therefore, in 2020, Sisterhood will continue to sponsor the Women's Seder and will now sponsor the **First Night** Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club; there will be no second night Seder offered by KJCC.

As a small sampling of the activities Sister-

hood is planning for your future – here is some of what was planned at January's meeting. First of all, Sisterhood, as always, will offer a delicious luncheon following the KJCC Board's Installation Meeting on February 9th at 11 AM; Sisterhood will offer luncheon following the meeting at approximately noon. Please join us and RSVP to Hanna David at 305–744–6048 or hdavid2012@ icloud.com to register your attendance and coordinate your dish. Thanks also, to Nettie Seder, who will once again coordinate setup and food. This is a lot of work so all thanks to those volunteering to help.

Sisterhood will also, on behalf of the KJCC, support the new member's/advertiser's dinner which will be combined with Shabbat Across America on February 28th, 2020. The new member's/advertiser's dinner is not a Sisterhood function; Shabbat Across America is a Sisterhood sponsored dinner. Thanks to Medina Roy who coordinates the new member's/advertiser's dinner on behalf of KJCC for agreeing to combine that event with Shabbat Across America. RSVP's for that dinner and coordination of dishes should be sent to Medina at 305–394–1702 or hiitsmedee@gmail.com.

Sisterhood continues to plan for the upcoming year and has begun planning for upcoming events such as the Women's Seder, First Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club, Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day to all our fallen) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's Independence Day immediately following Yom HaZikaron), Shavuot, the KJCC annual Shabbabaque in July and through the September High Holydays.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation with Sisterhood and KJCC. Your support and cooperation are very much appreciated as we continue to do our best to serve the KJCC community.  $\diamond$ 

# KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA ADVERTISERS & NEW MEMBERS SHABBAT DINNER



Once again, we are inviting our Chai-Lights and Directory advertisers to join us for dinner to thank them for their support. We are also extending a special invitation to our newest members. And we are encouraging you, our members, to encourage prospective members to join with us also.

This year, at the same time, we will be observing Shabbat Across America along with hundreds of Jewish Congregations throughout the U.S. We will celebrate with a dairy Shabbat dinner at the KJCC.

> FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 6:00 PM SERVICES TO FOLLOW AT 7:30



#### Contact:

Medina - hiitsmedee@gmail.com - 305-394 -1702 to reserve your spot and coordinate your covered dish. Please reserve by February 21st.

No charge for members in good standing Non-advertiser guests: \$10

This dinner is sponsored by Stan and Jenny Margulies.

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## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



#### Molecule PJ34

An Israeli breakthrough study was recently published in the biomedical journal "Oncotarget." Scientists at Tel Aviv University's Sackler Faculty of Medicine discovered a molecule named PJ34 that can cause pancreatic cancer cells to self-destruct. After treatment with molecule PI34, there was a 90 percent reduction of these cancer cells in mice. Professor Malka Cohen-Armon and her team did their experiment using xenografts - transplantations of human pancreatic cancer into mice. The mice's immune systems were compromised so that their bodies wouldn't reject the transplanted cells. The Sackler/Tel Aviv group collaborated with a team at the Cancer Research Center at Sheba Medical Center. Together they injected PI34 into the mice for fourteen days in a row.

Originally developed to treat stroke, PJ34 has been found to have a powerful effect on human cancer cells. The molecule causes something to go wrong during cancer cell duplication, leading to the rapid destruction of the cancer cells without affecting normal cells. "We now have harnessed this information to efficiently eradicate pancreatic cancer cells in xenografts," Cohen–Armon ex– plained. A month after the molecules were admin– istered, the number of cancer cells in the mice's tumors were reduced by 80 to 90 percent. One mouse's tumor completely disappeared. In addi– tion, the treated mice suffered no adverse effects from the molecule regimen, nor did they experi– ence changes in their weight or behavior.

Pancreatic cancer needs immediate attention. It's the twelfth most common cancer worldwide and the fourth leading cause of cancer death. This type of cancer has often proven resistant to existing treatments. Early diagnosis of pancreatic cancer is difficult because there are often no symptoms, which results in some 80 percent of patients being diagnosed after the cancer has reached the metastatic stage; fewer than three percent of such patients survive more than five years after diagnosis. The Israeli research holds great potential for the development of a new, effective therapy to treat this aggressive cancer. It could also prove effective against aggressive forms of breast, lung, brain and ovarian cancers. PJ34 is now being tested in pre-clinical trials according to FDA regulations. (www.israel21c.org, 12–3–19)

#### A New Award Named for RBG

The Dwight D. Opperman Foundation is a private foundation based in Irvine, California, and founded in 1997. The foundation has recently established a new woman's leadership award named for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. According to the foundation, the award is in honor of Ginsburg's "exemplary career and life." The award "will recognize an extraordinary woman who has exercised a positive and notable influence on society and served as an exemplary role model in both principles and practice." "Justice Ginsburg is a hero of our time," the foundation chair said. "Her influence is felt far beyond the corridors of power, and she is an inspiration to women and girls around the world." Dwight Opperman died in 2013. Before his death, he had donated more than \$150 million to various legal causes. Ginsburg, who recently announced that for the fourth time she is now cancer-free, will herself present the award to its first recipient at a ceremony at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. (just across the street from the Supreme Court building) in February, 2020. (www. jpost.com, 12-6-19)

#### A New Name for an Old Friend

The Workmen's Circle, one of the oldest Jewish-American social justice organizations, having served Jewish and immigrant communities in New York, is celebrating its 120th year. The celebration includes a new, gender-neutral title. Executive Director Ann Toback - the first woman to lead the organization - announced at the beginning of December that it is now called The Worker's Circle. This new name is actually an even more accurate translation of the organization's original Yiddish title, "Der Arbeter Ring," where "arbiter" is a gender-neutral noun meaning "worker." The Workmen's Circle began in 1900 as Jewish immigrants arrived in an America where they faced discrimination, harsh working and living conditions, and the challenges of assimilating to a new society. Today, the organization runs Jewish schools, Jewish trips to Europe, and offers Yiddish classes. It also advocates for current immigrant populations, most recently campaigning for living wage laws and New York's "Greenlight Bill," allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses. (www.forward.com, 12-4-19)

#### **Making Amends**

The Reimann family, A German industrial family worth over \$22 billion, recently announced that they will donate "tens of millions of dollars to support Holocaust survivors and former forced laborers in the Nazi era," as well as to educational programs on the Holocaust. The family commissioned historians to delve into their company's history and found that its directors were early supporters of the Nazi party, making donations even before Hitler rose to power in 1933 and who had severely abused slave laborers. You might recognize the company. They own Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Panera Bread, Dr. Pepper and other international brands. With the knowledge that their firm's success had been built on the backs of slave laborers, the current directors announced their plans to make amends. A donation of \$5.5 million will go to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and will be distributed to survivors in dire financial need. These funds would go to some 200 nonprofit organizations over the next three years. Julius Berman, the Claims Conference president, said, "Elderly, poor Holocaust survivors need food, medicine and heat in the winter. These funds will enable thousands of survivors to live in dignity." Another \$5 million will go as a form of compensation to those forced under the Nazis to work for the family's chemical factory. Benckiser. To date, more than 800 former slave laborers non-lewish Russian civilians and French prisoners of war - have been found. The firm will also donate some \$28 million annually to educational programs on the Holocaust and democracy. (www. time.com, 3-26-19)

#### "A Visual Deterrence"

The Guardian Angels began patrolling in Brooklyn. New York recently after a slew of anti-Semitic attacks in the area. The organization is a non-profit volunteer crime-prevention organization of unarmed individuals founded in New York City in 1979 by Curtis Sliwa. It has spread to over 130 cities and 13 countries worldwide. (Sliwa originally created the organization to combat widespread violence and crime on the New York City subway system. The organization patrols streets and neighborhoods but also provides education programs and workshops for schools and businesses.) Sliwa said that the patrols would cover Crown Heights, Williamsburg and Borough Park, all heavily Hasidic areas. The announcement came in the wake of at least eight attacks on lews in Brooklyn since December 13th and just hours before an attack on a Chanukah party at a Hasidic rabbi's home in Monsey, N.Y. that left five injured. Local leaders of the Lubavitch-Chabad movement approached Sliwa asking for his group's help, "We're a visual deterrence in our red berets and our red satin jackets," he said. (www.jta.org, 12-29-19)

#### 2020 Genesis Prize Recipient

The Genesis Prize Foundation has announced that Jewish "refusenik," leader in the Soviet Jewry emigration movement and former Israeli politician Natan Sharansky is the 2020 Genesis Prize winner. Dubbed the "lewish Nobel Prize." the Genesis award began in 2013 and is financed through a permanent \$100 million endowment. The award is given annually and honors "extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity and commitment to Jewish values." Sharansky was selected because of his "extraordinary lifelong struggle for political and religious freedoms, emphasizing the relevance of his work in today's world." Sharansky was jailed in 1977 by the communist authorities the Soviet Union for his pro-Zionist, pro-democracy efforts and spent nine years in prison. A child chess prodigy, he kept himself sane in solitary confinement by playing chess in his mind. "I played thousands of games, and I won them all," he told the New York Times in 1996, the same year he defeated chess champion Garry Kasparov. Sharansky's wife Avital tirelessly lobbied governments around the world for his release. Largely as a result of her efforts, plus his growing international fame, he was released in 1986 and they immigrated to Israel. As a politician

and later head of the Jewish Agency for Israel, he advocated for the rights of Israeli immigrants, religious minorities and women. "Even in democracies our freedoms cannot be taken for granted," Stan Polovets, co-founder and chairman of the Genesis Prize Foundation said. "Natan's ideals and vision are as relevant today as they were in the 1980s when he took on the totalitarian Soviet regime – and won." Sharansky will receive the prize in Jerusalem in June. (www.washingtonpost.com, 12–10–19)

#### In Memoriam

· Branko Lustig, Holocaust survivor and producer of the Oscar-winning film "Schindler's List," died in November at his home in Croatia. He was 87. Born to a lewish family in 1932. Lustig was a prisoner in Auschwitz and much of his family was killed by the Nazis. His film career took root in Yugoslavia in the 1950s. He worked as a production supervisor on the 1982 film "Sophie's Choice," some of which was shot in Yugoslavia. His work on American films allowed him to move to Los Angeles in the 1980s, where he met and worked with Steven Spielberg. "My number was 83317," Lustig announced in an emotional speech at the Academy Awards ceremony. "I'm a Holocaust survivor. It's a long way from Auschwitz to this stage." Lustig continued, recalling the people he saw die in the camps who urged him to be a witness to their murder. "By helping Steven to make this movie, I hope I fulfill my obligation to the innocent victims of the Holocaust." Lustig worked with other Hollywood luminaries and earned another Oscar for producing Ridley Scott's 2000 film "Gladiator." Ten years ago, Lustig returned to Croatia to become president of the Festival of Tolerance. (www.jpost.com, 11-15-19)

• Jerry Herman, composer of "Hello Dolly!" and other Broadway hits, died recently at the age of 88. He also wrote the music and lyrics for "La Cage Aux Folles." One of his best-known songs was "I Am What I Am," from "La Cage" which became an LGBT anthem. Born in New York to Jewish parents and raised in Jersey City, N.J., Herman won two Tony Awards and two Grammys. He stated in an interview that Irving Berlin, the Russian-American Jewish composer, had been a strong influence on and inspiration for him. (www.jta.org, 12–27–19)

• Paul Volker, economist and former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, died in December at the age of 92. Volker served as Fed Chair under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan (1979 to 1987). He later served as the head of the Indepen-

dent Committee of Eminent Persons - also known as the Volker Commission – which played a critical role in mediating the restitution process for assets contained within the dormant Swiss bank accounts of lewish Holocaust victims since the end of World War II. The work of the Commission, which included representatives of lewish organizations and of Swiss banks, greatly contributed to a settlement of \$1.25 billion paid out by the banks in 1998. World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder said. "Paul Volker...played a pivotal role in providing at least a measure of justice to Holocaust survivors and their heirs from Swiss banks." Volker was born to German immigrants in Cape May, New Jersey. He attended Princeton, Harvard and the London School of Economics. (www.worldjewishcongress.org, 12-9-19)

#### Update

In the December 2019/January 2020 issue of Chai-Lights, we reported on a scheduled vote by UNESCO in December whether to remove the credentials of the Aalst Carnival - an annual parade in Brussels, Belgium - from its list of important human cultural expressions. It would have been the first time that a place or event had been selected for removal. (In March, 2019, the parade had featured a float depicting anti-Semitic caricatures of ultra-Orthodox Jews.) Well, the carnival's organizers decided they wouldn't wait for the vote and a possible censure. Instead, they voluntarily withdrew the carnival from the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the first time something had been removed from the list as an act of protest. Inclusion on the list of more than 500 cultural expressions from 122 countries maintained by UNESCO can mean millions of dollars in increased tourism revenues. "We are not anti-Semites or racists," the city of Brussels said in a statement. "Aalst will always remain the capital of ridicule and satire." The float's defenders had argued that it was part of the carnival's tradition of "edgy humor, with themes mocking all religions and creeds." (www.jta.org, 12-2-19)  $\diamond$ 

> **Book Plate** In Memory of **Robert Coltman** by Barnet Coltman

#### KJCC ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2020 MARGULIES FAMILY SANCTUARY - 11 AM

Dear KJCC Member:

The KJCC Annual Meeting will take place in the Stanley and Jenny Margulies Family Sanctuary at 11 AM on February 9, 2020. At the meeting, the 2020 slate of Board officers and directors will be approved and sworn in. Following the annual meeting, Sisterhood will provide a luncheon in the KJCC Ruth Richardson Social Hall.

The primary order of business at the Annual Meeting is the election and installation of KJCC's Board, officers and directors. Per the KJCC Bylaws, nominations from the floor for Board members can and will be accepted at the Annual Meeting. The Board serves the general membership; therefore your attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting as a KJCC member is very important. Please join us and make your voice heard.

# The following slate of officers has been selected and approved at the January 12th Board Meeting:

President: Joyce Peckman Executive Vice President: Susan Gordon Vice Presidents: Gloria Avner, Michael Kaufman, Medina Roy Treasurer: Linda Kaplan Recording Secretary: Beth Hayden Corresponding Secretary: Erica Lieberman-Garrett Financial Secretary: Donna Bolton

**Directors:** Ken Atlas, Marc Bloom, Laurie Blum, Jane Friedman, Steve Hartz, Art Itkin, Gary Margolis, Stan Margulies, Linda Pollack, Skip Rose, Stuart Smith

Please accept this notice as your invitation to join us at the KJCC Annual Meeting and Sisterhood luncheon. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Board, please be prepared to nominate from the floor. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you will be at the Sisterhood luncheon, please contact Erica Lieberman-Garrett at 305 393-1162 or hippiejap@hotmail.com. Thank you for your loyalty to and support of the KJCC.

B'shalom Joyce Peckman

### PHOTO GALLERY



Always smiling and adding freshness to our services, Gary Margolis and Laurie Blum drive from marathon to get to services each week. In January we returned the favor with a mobile minyan field trip to Sombrero Beach.



Gloria holding her new greatgranddaughter, Jackson, born December 27.



Susan Gordon and Donna Bolton led a particularly tuneful and enthusiastic service on January 10. Beth Hayden set the Shabbat mood earlier with a piano concert featuring works of Brahms and Rachmaninov. What a pleasure talking to new Upper Keys arrival, young Mr. Snell. He says he wants to get involved. We may have another shofar blower.



Erev Shabbat services are both entertaining and tiring?





Jules Seder, KJCC's other piano pro, helps Beth close the Steinway



Medina Roy took a class in batik painting with Gloria Avner and and came up with this lovely heron painting.



Good to see seasonal faces returning!

A trio of great cooks and friends. Thank you, Jane and Maria especially, for the healthy, delicious treats you bring every Shabbat Oneg.



Susan Ellner and Gloria Avner led a thoughtful enjoyable service, inspired by our evening discussing the personal touch and enthusiasm with Rabbi Agler.



We love to see our regulars come visiting from up north, even if it's only once a year.



Susan Gordon May have missed celebrating Chanukah KjCC this year, but it looks like she had a great time lighting candles with her grandsons Rhett and Hank.





A group of happy hard workers if ever there was one. Thanks for all you do for KJCC, Donna Bolton, Susan Gordon, Erica Lieberman Garrett and Jane Friedman. The best part is that you're happy doing it. Yay!



Donna Bolton taught a class on massage and relaxation as part on KJCC's Adult Education series. Both guinea pigs and Donna were happy with results.





Good to have snowbirds and their friends back with us. Susan Roberts, (left), says we can call her Suzi, mid our wonderful collection of Susans

Sisterhood Elects New Officers

KJCC Sisterhood elected new officers and installed them at their December meeting. Some of the officers and their titles may be new but these generous people are coming in with lots of experience. Past KJCC President Beth Hayden is now Sisterhood President. Past Sisterhood President is now Sisterhood Vice-President. Geri Smith retains her title as Recording Secretary and Erica Lieberman-Garrett remains Treasurer. We welcome Hannah David as Corresponding Secretary. So much to look forward to in the coming year. Thank you, KJCC Sisterhood, for all you do. Changing of the Guard. With huge appreciation, incoming President Beth Hayden presents the traditional thank you present to outgoing president Susan Gordon, a lovely gold pendent with the word Ahavah, the Hebrew word for love, spelled out in Hebrew.







All Sisterhood members who were present at the January meeting, happy to be part of such an active organization.

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#### KJCC celebrated Chanukah together twice this year. That's right. Two parties.

**On day two** we celebrated with Rabbi Zucker, two of his children, the youngest, and a coterie of Yeshivah *bochurs* (Yiddish for boys). The Rabbi brought latkes and *souvganiot* (donuts) of course, and provided a lively singalong in yiddish, Hebrew and English, ending with soulful renditions of Oy Chanukah and My Yiddish Mameh. He even created a Chanukah and Hebrew History Trivia game that we all played with correct answers being rewarded with raffle tickets for his finale, a giveaway of free classes and a beautiful mezuzah with kosher scroll inside.



Two candles (in this case oil lamps) are lit for the second night, as Rabbi Zucker's children look on and recite the blessings.

Joyce Peckman, KJCC President looks on, relaxed, enjoying not having any responsibilities for the night.





Bernie Ginsberg loves joining Rabbi Zucker in Oifen Pripichok and other Yiddish oldies but goodies.



What a handsome group of Yeshivah boys.

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David Goldfinger and Erica enjoying the Yiddishkeit



Gloria wins the Mezuzah

Rabbi Zucker's son sings "Oh Chanukah"





**On Day Six** we had a true Chanukah extravaganza. The guests kept coming 'til we filled up every table and then overflowed. Erica and her team came to the rescue and immediately set up another table with everything needed to make everyone welcome. It was noisy, chaotic, and wonderfully haimishe. No one went hungry. There were even take out latkes. The Tot Shabbat crew of Dahveed and Maddy sang "Oh Chanukah" with raucous gusto, and then the amazing deserts started coming. A special thank you to Donna Bolton who must have baked at least five of them and enjoyed every minute even while recuperating. An additional Hurrah to Erica too for the tremendous amount of work that that went into the planning, the set-up and co-ordination given extra onthe-spot stress, all handled with aplomb. It was a great festive dinner party, especially with everyone lighting

What fun to share dinner conversation getting to know Elaine Schulberg's daughter.



the candles on their own Chanukiahs, but the Shabbat service afterwards was wonderful too, with over 50 people in attendance. Many thanks to the Klein-Gross Family, to Randy especially and both her parents as well as adopted family member, Josh Keller. Thanks to Linda Pollack for sponsoring this happy event. And in case we didn't eat enough before services, there were more deserts afterwards, and a commitment to keep our Chanukah light shining.

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Maddy loves her Chanukah present from Jane.





Randi Klein and her Mom and Dad treated us to a beautiful service after our Chanukah feast, with the welcome help of Josh Keller, a lovingly adopted member of this mishpacha.



So nice to have Roy Pollack and family spend a Happy Chanukah with us.



Some people we only see once a year, but we look forward to celebrating Shabbat (and Chanukah) with them. We've been doing it since their boys were tiny tots.





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Sunday, March 22, 2020 Time: 4:00 p.m. KJCC, MM 93.5 Oceanside

## A Lecture Recital on selected piano works of Brahms, Chopin

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# Eye on the Arts & Education

Look through this edition of Chai–Lights and you will find two months full of worthwhile activities, films, concerts and classes. But in case you want to look further in the Keys community, here is even more to enrich your life.

February 1-8: Marathon Theatre presents: "Four Old Broads." Thursdays – Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays at 3p.m. Tickets are available for \$25 at Marathontheatre.org.

Tuesday, February 4: Trumpet duo Mary Elizabeth Bowden and David Dash with Pittsburgh's Kassia Ensemble. Florida Keys Concert Association presents this powerhouse musical event, at the Coral Shores Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets and information at www.floridakeysconcerts.com. There is also a Monday night, Feb. 3, performance at Marathon High School.

Wednesdays in February and through March 4: Once again John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park presents "The Delicate Balance of Nature" lecture series. This always interesting and popular free series is held Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the visitor center. Come at 7 p.m. with a soft cushion to grab your seat and check out the aquarium.

Friday, February 7: Key Largo Library: Grant Livingston – This country blues guitarist/singer/ songwriter will perform from 6–7 p.m. You can attend the free concert and still make it to KJCC for Friday services.

**Tuesday, February 11: Cellist Nicholas Canellakis and pianist Michael Brown** perform, Island Community Church, MM 83.3, 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$30, available at the door or from FLKCA at www.floridakeysconcerts.com. For more information, call Joyce Peckman at 305-451-0665.

Saturday, February 15: Garden Walk, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Meet at the Garden Club, MM 94 bayside. Information and tickets from www.gardenclubupperkeys.org. See an AGPI art show and vendors too (the Jon Landau property will be on the walk). **Thursday February 20: Morada Way Arts Walk,** 6–9 p.m. MM 81.5 in Islamorada. Expect lovely crafts, art, food and music.

**Tuesday, February 25: The Grammy nominated Lincoln Trio** brings classical and modern chamber music to Islamorada and Marathon. Tickets at the door for this 7:30 performance, or at floridakey– sconcerts.com.

Saturday, February 29: Pops in the Park – "Wild Kingdom" – ICE Amphitheatre, Islamorada, Founders Park. 4 p.m.– The Keys Community Concert Band presents music as you relax on the lawn. Pets welcome.

**Tuesday, March 3: An Evening of Opera Highlights** presented by FLKCA at Island Community Church, 7:30 p.m., with a March 2 performance at Marathon High School. Tickets may be purchased at the door at 7 p.m. or at www.floridakeysconcerts.com. Get your early bird series tickets for next season.

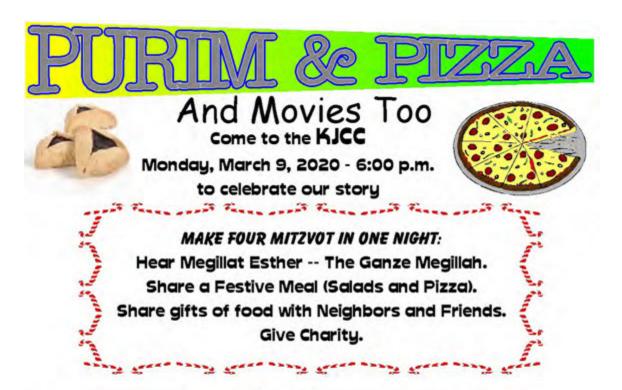
Wednesday, March 4: JFK and the Florida Pilots: 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the History & Discovery Center. 82100 O/S Highway, Islamorada. keysdiscovery. com

March 5 - April 4: Marathon Theatre presents "How to succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Thursdays - Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays at 3p.m. Tickets: \$25 at Marathontheatre.org.

March 11– 15 and March 19–22: Art Guild of the Purple Isles 54th Annual Juried Show at the History & Discovery Center. Go from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Not only do you get free admission to the Discovery Center (if you aren't already a member), but you get to see the fabulous work of our members and neighbors. Go to AGPI.US to find out more.

Thursday March 19: Morada Way Arts Walk, 6-9 p.m.

**Saturday, March 28: Pops in the Park** 4– 5 p.m. at the Murray Nelson Center. Bring lawn chairs.





Wear masks, don costumes, drown out the name of Haman. Stamp feet. Spin groggers. Be silly. Drink adult beverages (yes, it's a commandment). Then laugh and enjoy a collection of humerous short movies.

Eat Hamantaschen. (Nu, what else?)

### Celebrate Survival at KJCC with Mishpachah !!

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# KJCC Goes Cruising: The Jewish Connection in Dominican Republic

Many thanks to Dave Mont and Rita Conklin for putting together a mid-December four day get away-from-it-all-cruise for KJCC. Relaxation and entertainment were the order of the day. Friendships deepened, and we even found a Jewish connection on our one island stop among the friendly people and colorful buildings at Amber Cove and Puerta Plata in the Dominican Republic.

Over the course of a two hour tour this small KJCC cruising contingent marveled at the rolling mountains, big "silver" clouds and omnipresent trees and greenery. They have served to protect the country, which unlike Haiti, it's island neighbor, has never been devastated by a hurricane or mud slides. We also marveled at a church we visited in the central square of Puerta Plata,

Why would the magnificent stained glass windows in Puerto Plata's small cathedral, depicting scenes from the life of Jesus, have plaques on them with the names of Jewish families? For the answer we go back to July of 1938, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt gathered representatives from 32 nations at the French resort of Evian. The goal was to address the problem of Jews fleeing Germany. After a week of discussion, only the Dominican Republic agreed to accept refugees. Rafael Trujillo was looking to develop his poverty stricken country, and he offered the desperate refugees 26,000 acres of remote, overgrown, abandoned banana plantations. Seven hundred mostly well-educated people managed to make it there and quickly learn farming skills. Our tour guide told us that the newly arrived families

started the town of Sosua, had excellent relations with the native Dominicans, and eventually taught them better ways to raise dairy cattle, pigs, and make prize winning cheeses and sausages. There is a museum in Sosua depicting their history.

And now for the answer to the question about windows. The ancient church of Puerto Plata had burned down. In the 1950's it was being restored and named a cathedral; grateful families from the Jewish community of Sosua donated the funds and commissioned an Italian artist to



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# MOBILE MINYAN GOES TO THE BEACH Observes Mincha in Marathon

Sunday, January 19th, 2020: What a beautiful day for Mincha (the traditional afternoon Jewish prayer service that has largely been forgotten except for the most observant Jews, who say prayers three times daily). The beauty was more than the sun glinting off the water and the sound of surf hitting sand. More than the newly restored large pavilion filled with Jews, previously known and unknown, eager to interact with each other and actively participating in song and prayer, more than the comfort of knowing we had a police presence for security (and two tables full of food ready to share after our short sweet service). Here are some of the things our members treasured about this special day:

**Joyce Peckman:** Watching the smiles of Marathon snowbirds who discovered that they could be part of a community of 'Landsmen' made the trip worthwhile. People exchanging addresses and phone numbers, playing Jewish geography. Proudly singing and praying in the open air by the beach. A beautiful short service led by Steve Hartz, Bernie Ginsberg, Gloria Avner and Susan Gordon

**Steve Hartz:** On January 19, a contingent of KJCC members from the Key Largo area journeyed to Marathon to meet with KJCC members from Marathon and other interested people for our second annual Marathon Minyan. The group conducted a Mincha (afternoon) service, amid mild sea breezes, sunshine, and the sound of ocean waves in a large covered

pavilion overlooking magnificent Sombrero Beach. Many thanks to our hosts, Barbara and Steve Smith and Gary Margolis and Laurie Blum for a truly extraordinary and moving event. Many thanks as well to the many KJCC members who helped set up the event and who participated in leading the service. Most of all thanks to all of the participants, many of





# Keys Jewish Community Center 17th Annual Women's Secler

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whom from the Marathon area were meeting the KJCC for the first time. It takes a village to fulfill the mission of the KJCC as a Jewish Community Center for the entire Florida Keys.

**Laurie Blum:** We felt honored and valued that our shul, our community, would come to us. As full time Marathon residents as well as part of the KJCC community, it is a privilege to be an emissary for KJCC to other Marathon Jews, no matter whether they are part year or full year residents. We also feel blessed for the opportunity to personally connect with our fellow Jews and hopefully form a sub KJCC community in Marathon.

**Gary Margolis adds...**in a world where it seems that hatred against Jews is rising, it was great to meet with old and new friends and celebrate in public. "How good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity."

**Linda Pollack:** Mobile Minyan day was most pleasurable. Not only did I get to enjoy the company of my own mishpachah from the Upper Keys, but I was delighted to meet new people who live in the Marathon area, a couple with whom I share the tai chi experience. And thank you to Jan Hartz for transporting me-:). Most of all though, I enjoyed the

warmth with which we were received by the Marathon people. They were genuinely happy to be amongst their own and to participate in prayers with which they were clearly familiar. It was a feel good day all around. ◊



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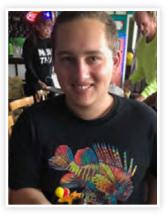


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## Jonah Fíghts the Líonfísh Applies for Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Award

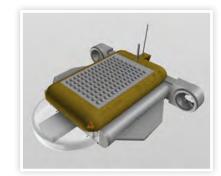
KJCC is proud to announce that one of KJCC's students – Jonah Gross Klein –-has had his application accepted for The Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards. He won't know whether he is a recipient or not until late spring, but it is an honor even to have an application accepted. Mazel tov to Jonah and his family. The Helen Diller Family Foundation celebrates Tikkun Olam, or "repairing the world" and knows that supporting Jewish teen leadership today means creating and inspiring future generations of strong Jewish leaders in the glob– al community. The Awards provide major funding for each



recipient to use to further their project or their education. Our Jonah has not taken on a whale or any kind of giant, but he is clearly in the David role with Goliath being the millions of ever-reproducing (20,000-30,000 eggs every couple of days) lionfish. And he has developed a significant technological gadget that will help solve the problem of locating and destroying these omnivorous dangers to our ecology.

#### Here is part of Jonah's project description. We wish him well:

"Lionfish are believed to come from the South Pacific and Indian Ocean and have somehow found their way to the east coast of North America. They are known for being a dangerous creature with endless hunger, venomous, and able to withstand any number of weather conditions . . . The common thought that the lionfish versus human battle is being won is actually wrong; the truth is that humans are currently fighting a losing battle. The need for actual change and real observation at greater depths is becoming



This is Jonah's invention, an underwater data gatherer which can send the relevant coordinates back to the hunters. more important each day. Most humans who hunt lionfish are either free diving or using SCUBA gear, which is effective but limited by time. Only re-breather divers are able to spend hours at the depths where lionfish live, but there are few re-breather divers due to cost. Unmanned AUV (Autonomous Underwater Vehicle) observation could be the best solution to the lionfish problem. This AUV would give hunters a reliable location, less wasted time and would mean more fish caught. It wouldn't have to be limited to locating lionfish either. It could also help locate nearly extinct animals and help to preserve them by giving location information to the proper people. Using this technology will have numerous benefits, not only reducing the ever expanding lionfish population but helping to bring back the ocean's beauty around the world." We in your KJCC mishpacha are cheering you on, Jonah.  $\diamond$ 



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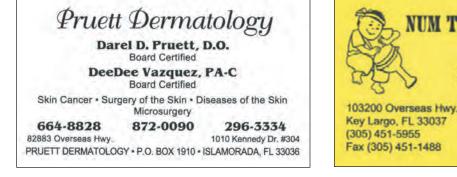
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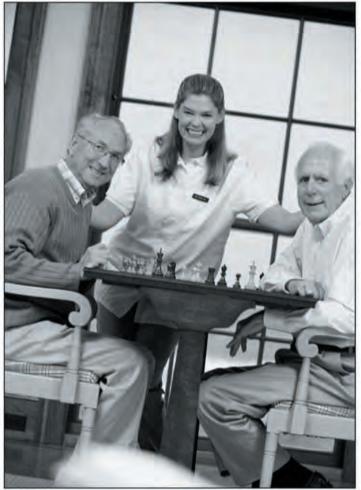
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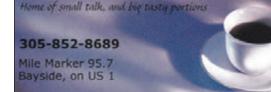
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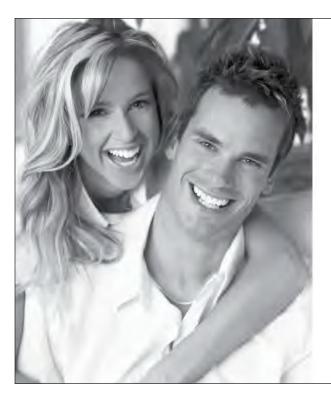
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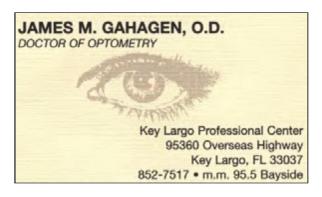
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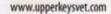
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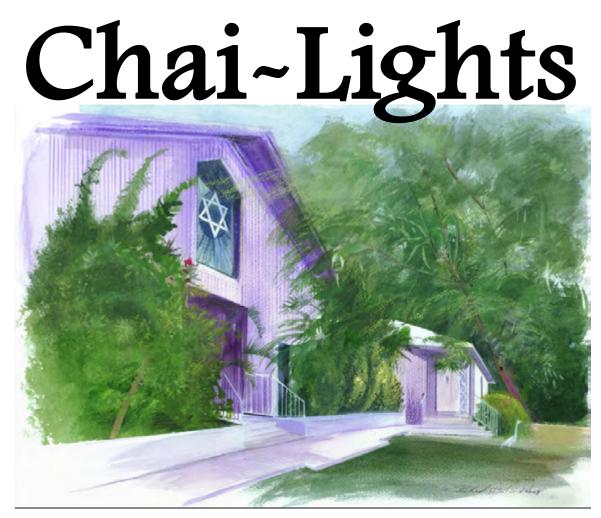
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



do not know what the few weeks between the writing of these words and the distribution of Chai-Lights will bring. Only one short week ago, we were counting down the days to our Havana Nights Gala, which would have been held tonight. Then at the KJCC board meeting, when I planned to speak about using hand sanitizer, Dr. Bernie Ginsberg made the stunning pronouncement that we should cancel all events, including the imminent Purim party, our Gala, concert and all of our wonderful Passover seders. At the time some of us had our doubts, but the board wisely voted to follow his request. This last week feels like months. Now it seems as though the country is closing down, and although Monroe County has no known cases of Covid-19, we must behave as though that is a temporary situation.

On March 13th I participated in a conference call, organized for clergy by Miami Jewish Federation. with Dr. Kenneth Ratzan. Chief of Infectious Diseases at Mt. Sinai Hospital. He spoke at length about how the disease is transmitted and then we discussed implications for places of worship. It was agreed that all large gatherings should be avoided, including Saturday morning services in large congregations, and that people should avoid physical contact, and leave six feet of space between themselves. Those who are at most risk should remain home. Then the question was asked about holding a minyan group of 10–20 people praying, sitting far apart in a large room. Dr. Ratzan replied that if all surfaces were cleaned and they were met at the door by someone with Purell, who questioned them about their health and travels and denied entry to anyone at greater risk of being a carrier, that would be an acceptable situation for non-high-risk individuals. One large concern of the rabbis was social isolation. The situation is frightening and depressing, and no one should feel alone.

It is difficult to find a balance between the imperative of preventing the spread of disease and the needs of keeping up our spirits and avoiding social isolation. We made the decision to cancel the movie nights for now. By the time they resume, we should have a new, better projector installed. Last night we held a Friday night Shabbat service using Dr. Ratzan's guidelines. Sixteen of us were there, and most of those attending expressed how they were comforted by the familiar service. We will now hold Friday services using Zoom. In this way we are maintaining our forty year tradition of Friday services.

If you feel isolated, and want to exchange regular texts or phone calls with a KJCC member, please contact me at president@keysjewishcenter.com or call me at 305-451-0665.

I wish you a happy and healthy Pesach and pray that we can all celebrate together soon. ◊

## WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is "up" within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us and contact Joyce, we will be able to observe Shabbat, attend meetings and see each other, virtually. We can even celebrate Onegs if you bring your own cookies.

| Friday, April 3     | Parashat Tzav (Shabbat HaGadol) 7:30 pm   |
|---------------------|---|
| Wednesday, April 8  | Erev Pesach (First Seder, in people's homes)  |
| Friday, April 10    | Pesach Shabbat (Chol HaMoed I) 7:30 pm  |
| Saturday, April 11  | Torah Learning Service with Rabbi Agler at 10:00 am   |
| Friday, April 17    | Parashat Shemini • Yizkor Service 7:30 pm   |
| Sunday, April 19    | Board Meeting 10:00 am on Zoom  |
| Tuesday, April 21   | Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)   |
| Friday, April 24    | Rosh Chodesh Iyar (New Moon) • Parashat Tazria-Metzorah 7:30 pm   |
| Tuesday, April 28   | Yom HaZikaron (Remembrance Day for Soldiers)  |
| Wednesday, April 29 | Yom Ha Atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day)   |
| Friday, May 1       | Parashat Aharei Mot-Kedoshim 7:30 pm  |
| Friday, May 8       | Pesach Sheini • Parashat Emor 7:30 pm   |
| Sunday, May 10      | Board Meeting 10:00 am on Zoom  |
| Tuesday, May 12     | Lag B'Omer (33 Day of Omer)   |
| Friday, May 15      | Parashat Behar–Behukotai 7:30 pm  |
| Friday, May 22      | Yom Yirushalayim • Parashat Bamidbar 7:30 pm  |
| Sunday, May 24      | Rosh Chodesh Sivan  |
| Friday, May 29      | Shavuot Dinner • Yizkor Service with Laurie Blum 7:30 pm<br>Tikkun Leil Shavuot teaching after services |

### NOSH

#### Update on Cancellations - a note from Gloria

As of this writing, on the first day of Spring, we are hovering in a rare moment of balance with equal hours of day and night. Traditionally, Spring is a time of new beginnings (and all that it associated with Pesach--see article on P 18). The law of gravity does not hold for tulip and daffodil and vegetable shoots. They will poke their fragile-looking necks up through cold hard dirt to begin new life. Let's think of this time as a temporary mini-hibernation and not just social isolation. See it as opportunity to conserve energy for the time when we can reemerge, eager for renewal, contact with old friends, ripe with energy for new activities and ways to grow, compassionate for those who have suffered.

For now, we have cancelled our 40th Anniversary Gala, our 17th Annual Women's Seder, Beth's Piano Concert, KJCC's Community First Seder, all movies, the Beiner Antiquity Collection Dedication and all Shabbat Services meant to be held in the Margulies Family Sanctuary. Yes, mid–March through mid– April would have been our busiest time of the year. Instead it has become our quietest. We will not meet again in the Sanctuary or Social Hall until an all–clear signal is sounded telling us we may safely congregate without fear of contracting or spreading a deadly disease.

Learn a language, pick up an instrument, read books you didn't have time for, phone a friend, plant a garden (see photos If our KJCC farmers on p. 21). Most important, stay in touch with KJCC. Send photos of what you are doing with your time (I expect to see pets and paintings). Read carefully all bulletins from Joyce, on Tuesday nights and other times as needed. Conditions are changing rapidly and Joyce's e-mails will be ground zero for up-todate information. Register for ZOOM.us. It will become our new gathering place, especially on Friday nights. Be safe and be well. KJCC is here for you (even if "here" doesn't mean quite the same thing as it used to.

#### There is room on ZOOM

Zoom is a remote conferencing service that allows groups to meet live on line with video and audio. You do not need to buy any software to use it, but you do need a computer with a camera and microphone. Alternatively, you can use a smartphone or an iPad. What typically happens is that the "host" generates an "invitation" that arrives in your e-mail. The invitation will have the time of the meeting and a web URL (address) for the invitee to double click on at the specified time. If the URL (which is the line that begins "https//....") cannot be clicked, then copy and paste the URL into the address bar of your browser and hit "enter." You are then prompted to launch zoom. If for some reason you cannot access Zoom, there is a call-in number and participant code on the invitation, and you can participate by telephone.

Zoom etiquette: When joining a meeting your name will appear in a window with your face. Look for the menu at the bottom or top of the screen. In the lower left you will see that you can mute your microphone. Please do so unless you are speaking (or singing). You can also turn off your camera from that menu.

Please remember that the first time you try Zoom you may have some difficulty, as you would with any software. But it becomes second nature with time. Welcome to the "Zoomer" generation!

#### KJCC Woman of the Year

We may be postponing the Woman's Seder, but we will not postpone naming the woman chosen unanimously to receive an honor that we have been celebrating for 17 years. Congratulate Susan Gordon when you next see her or give her a mazel toy phone call because she richly



deserves it. In the next issue you will see her story and be even more grateful than ever for her hard-working, melodic, enriching presence among us.

#### We are not alone.

We can't sit together in a restaurant anymore for a while (I feel particularly sorry for the lunch group fondly known as "Jews Without Jobs"). Make phone calls, write texts, make lists of things you are grateful for. Read Samuel I and carry on with the David Saga. Hopefully, we will continue with Rabbi Agler's monthly Shabbat morning Torah Learning Services. Look carefully at Joyce's E-mail updates for up to the minute guidance. We cannot know what the next two months will hold, but we can approach them with an attitude of openness to new ways of being and using time well. Watch sunsets; admire the awesomeness of nature. Do Facetime with grandchildren.

#### **Artists Among Us**

This has been a fertile time for the artists of KJCC. If you have missed Beth Kaminstein's exhibit of new works at Portside Gallery or the Art Guild of the Purple Isles judged show prematurely closed at the Discovery Center, look at P. 20 for works by Beth, and AGPI ribbon winners Jan Hartz, Geri Smith, and Gloria Avner. Member John David Hawver was one of the Judges for the show, an honor in itself. Congratulations to all. If you are an artist and would like to propose an exhibit of your work on a wall at KJCC, write to BethKamenstein@gmail.com

#### A Question About ChaiLights

Some Board members are thinking it is time to switch from a physical copy of Chai–Lights to an electronic one, partly for financial reason, partly for modernity. How would that affect you? Would you like to read it on–line? Would you miss having a physical copy? Would you not care, one way or the other? A survey is being developed with a few more questions. Watch for it in an e–mail from Joyce or in your summer dues packet (or feel free to express your feelings now. We'd love to hear from you. gee– tavner@gmail.com).  $\diamond$ 

#### **April Birthdays**

| 3rd<br>4th<br>5th<br>9th<br>12th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th<br>13th | Janice Ichel<br>Justin L. Lebofsky<br>Larry Weber<br>Thomas Brodie<br>Jon Tainow<br>David Feder<br>Richard Knowles<br>Julia Berger<br>Moira Knowles<br>Samantha Lebofsky<br>Sylvia Rimm<br>Toby Bofshever<br>Adam Starr |
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| 15th   | Toby Bofshever  |
| 16th<br>16th   | Adam Starr<br>Alfred Rimm<br>Dave VanArtsdalen  |

| 17th |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 17th | Susan Ellner     |
| 18th | Jennifer Garrett |
| 18th | Lauren Sax       |
| 19th | Augie Moss       |
| 20th | Jonathan Nobil   |
| 22nd |                  |
| 24th | Lynn Nobil       |
| 24th | Susan Gordon     |
| 25th | Shirley Stein    |
| 26th |                  |
| 29th | David Goldfinger |
| 29th | Linda Pollack    |
| 30th | Jason Sherman    |
| 30th | Rachel Barrett   |

#### **May Birthdays**

|      | Cheryl Margulies      |
|------|-----------------------|
| 2nd  | Barney Coltman        |
| 4th  | Laura Leigh Tallent   |
|      | Marissa Stein         |
| 5th  | Richard Palacino      |
| 7th  | Murray Rapoport       |
|      | Skyler Bella Strasser |
| 8th  | Kelley Greenman       |
| 8th  | Sidney Boruszak       |
| 9th  | Camden James Hudson   |
|      | Gary Margolis         |
| 9th  | Reid Schur            |
| 11th |                       |
| 12th | Madelyn Ruby Pollack  |
|      | Nyan Feder            |
| 13th | Rose Marie Gordon     |
| 14th | Bernie Ginsberg       |
|      | David Ichel           |
|      | John Temkin           |
|      | Medina Roy            |
| ±    | Medina Roy            |

| 18th<br>19th<br>21st<br>22nd | Paul R. Schur<br>Jaime Brennan<br>Jonathon Hodgson<br>Jerry Herson<br>Christian Strasser<br>Sharon Repka |
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| 23rd                         | Jenny Margulies  |
| 23rd                         | Jules Seder  |
| 23rd                         | Nettie Seder   |
|                              | Rita Williams  |
|                              | Matthew Birnbaum   |
| 27th                         | Alan Beth  |
| 27th                         | Jeffrey Pollack  |
|                              | Joan Boruszak  |
| 29th                         | Liati Mayk   |
|                              | Nancy Zinner   |
| 31st                         | Judy Starr   |
| 31st                         | Robert Sherman   |
| 31st                         | Wes Conklin  |
|                              |  |

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC**

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai–Lights. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

#### - JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2020 -

#### Yahrzeit

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#### Memorial Garden

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Mah Jongg Arthur Plutzer Luba Tuchman Russ Rolnick Janet Blum Kleinfeldt Bernstein Lee Harris Dorothy Schocket Eve Greenstein Robert Coltman

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| Linda Kaplan          | Birthday                    |
| Joel & Toby Bofshever | Anniversary                 |
| Nettie& Jules Seder   | 54th Wedding Anniversary    |
| Joel & Toby Bofshever | Toby's birthday             |
| Sylvia Rimm           | Sylvia & Al's birthdays     |
| Susan Ellner          | Birthday                    |
| Sandy Serota          | Kayla Serota's Birthday     |
| Medina Roy            | Carl Roy's Birthday         |
| Roy Pollack           | Madelyn Pollack's Birthday  |
| Erica Lieberman-Garr  | ett Anniversary             |
| Donna Bolton          | Birthdays & Anniversary     |
| Steve & Jan Hartz     | Anniversary                 |
| Steve & Amelia Kasing | of Amelia's birthday        |
| Nelson & Bobbie Chest | ter Birthdays & Anniversary |
| Steve & Jan Hartz     | Steve's birthday            |
| Joel & Toby Bofshever | Joel's birthday             |
| Barney Coltman        | Birthday                    |
| Jan Friedman          | Birthday                    |
| Stuart & Geri Smith   | 51st Wedding Anniversary    |
|                       |                             |

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#### HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

Yahrzeit Plaques: KJCC has six special, Israeli-made boards in the sanctuary for yahrzeit memorial plaques. Each plaque is accompanied by its own light, which is switched on for both yahrzeit dates and on Yom Kippur; names are also read aloud in memory from the bemah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is \$400. **Book Plates:** We are, after all, the People of the Book. For \$36 an inscription of your choice will be placed in one of our Siddurim or Tanakhs. An example: "In Loving Memory of my grandfather, who first taught me about the wonders that lie between these covers."

**Tree of Life Leaves:** We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May they always be in the presence of the Eternal Light."

**Garden Bricks:** \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate living tribute, with an outdoor plaque included in the price.

## To Be or Not To Be

Below is a list of the lay leaders among us who have generously volunteered to lead Erev Shabbat services over the next two months, from April 3rd to Shavuot at the end of May. I've included a list of significant holidays happening over these two months. There would have been a lot going on at th is time. Guidance around issues of closing down are no longer in flux. We are closed for the foreseeable future. Whether we have services in our sanctuary or not, we can thank the people who stepped up, willing to maintain our thread of continuity since that momentus March day 40 years ago when KJCC's first official service was held. We are living in momentous and tumultuous times, different from anything we've ever experienced. Stay tuned to Joyce's Tuesday e-mails for the latest KJCC closings and/or planned events. Call each other to say hello. We can still wish each other Shabbat Shalom on Friday afternoons. Join us for Friday services and virtual oneg Shabbat using Zoom. Reach out. Let Joyce or Beth know if you need help. Deeds of lovingkindness will never be cancelled. Keep Yiddishkeit alive in stressful times. We pray to be back at KJCC by May.

#### **Service Leaders**

| April 3     | Joyce Peckman                                    |
|-------------|--|
| April 8     | Erev Pesach                                      |
| April 10    | Pesach I   |
| April 10    | Gloria Avner                                     |
| April 11    | Torah Learning Service<br>with Rabbi Agler 10:00 |
| April 17Med | lina Roy & Gloria Avner                          |
| April 21    | Yom HaShoah                                      |
| April 24    | Beth Hayden                                      |
| April 28    | Yom HaZikaron                                    |

| April 29 | Yom Ha Atzmaut               |
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| May 1    | Joyce Peckman                |
| May 8    | Ken Atlas                    |
| May 12   | Lag B'Omer (33 Day of Omer)  |
| May 15   | Erica Lieberman-Garrett      |
|          | & Donna Bolton               |
| May 22   | Yom Yirushalayim             |
| May 22   | Steve Steinbock              |
| May 29   | Shavuot Dinner, Service &    |
|          | Tikkun Leil Shavuot Teaching |

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**BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305–852–8575, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

**CEMETERY INFORMATION:** If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225.

**CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH:** Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

**CHAI-LIGHTS** or **DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for annual rates.

**GIFT SHOP:** We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305–394–0143, to reserve an orchid, bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR:** To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225, or email her at joycepeckman@gmail.com.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305–766–3585.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at lindap4000@ymail.com.

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: keysjewishcenter.com. Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. 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. Rabbi & Cantor Fund, Holocaust Education Fund, Meditation Garden, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, Sunshine Fund, or General Fund.

## KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SISTERHOOD TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT SHABBAT DINNER

Omer counting is over.

It is time to receive the Torah.

JOIN US at the KJCC on FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020, 6:00 PM

### SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

DAIRY DINNER, SHABBAT SERVICES, YIZKOR REMEMBRANCE SERVICES at 7:30 P.M.

After Services there will be a TORAH LEARNING EVENT led by Rabbi Agler along with a delicious cheesecake-laden ONEG.

We can feed our brains along with our appetites.



- Contact Susan susangordon424@yahoo.com - (305) 766-3585 to reserve your spot and coordinate your covered dish. Please rsvp by May 25th - No Charge -

## BETH HAYDEN HAS SENT US THIS VIEW, CULLED FROM "HONEST REPORTING" OF HOW ISRAEL'S DEFENSE FORCE IS FIGHTING CORONAVIRUS WHILE STILL DEFENDING ISRAEL AT ALL TIMES.

While the IDF has noted a reduction in terror activity as coronavirus affects the entire region, Israel's defense apparatus has been hit in other, unexpected ways. Toward the beginning of March, the Israeli intelligence learned that as a result of the spread of coronavirus in Iran, the chances of learning the final resting place of MIA soldier Ron Arad were significantly reduced, following the death of the last known Iranian intelligence official connected with Arad's disappearance.

In order to maintain a strong fighting force in case of emergency, defense minister Naftali Bennett signed an order authorizing the Israeli military to mobilize 2,000 reserve personnel for the Homefront Command as part of the fight against the coronavirus, although initially only 700 were called up. Days later, on March 17, Bennett approved a call-up of an additional 2,500 reservists, many of whom serve in the IDF Home Front Command, which works in co-operation with civilian government on disaster response. All soldiers are directed to maintain a distance of at least 2 meters from one another. Other measures approved were a ban on civilians entering IDF bases unless in exceptional circumstances with explicit approval and a cancellation of all exercises with foreign militaries for the month of March. The IDF has also moved to limit the spread of coronavirus in neighboring countries and in the Palestinian territories by conducting joint medical training sessions with the Palestinian Authority, transferring test kits and disinfectant materials to the Authority and is permitting access to Israel for limited periods of up to one or two months to Palestinian workers working in "essential services," such as medicine, construction and farming. Their page is updated regularly if you want more current information.

#### Oneg Sponsors

Though we are no longer sitting across tables from each other, enjoying coffee and cake and Jane's garden produce, we have found a way to continue celebrating Onegs. Yay! Download Zoom.us, tell Joyce you want to be among the invitees and observe Shabbat in the safety and sanctity of your own home. Tell Joyce if you need a Siddur dropped off at your house. On March 20th, 18 people miraculously appeared onscreen (you don't have to be seen if you don't want to), had a lovely service and stayed for chat and our own refreshments. We honored those marking the occasion by sponsoring the Oneg. Jewish life goes on. We are creative, grateful for each other's company and generosity.

| April 3:  | Nettie & Jules Seder<br>54th Anniversary   | April 24: | Susan Ellner<br>Susan's Birthday                |
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| April 10: | Geri & Stuart Smith<br>55th Anniversary    | May 1:    | Barney Coltman<br>Birthday                      |
| April 17: | Sylvia Rimm<br>Sylvia & Alfred's Birthdays | May 15:   | Roy Pollack<br>Madelyn Ruby Pollack's Birthday  |
|           | Joel & Toby Bofshever<br>Toby's Birthday   |           | Medina Roy & Bernie Ginsberg<br>Their birthdays |

In Memoriam – April 2020

Helen Berman By Sylvia Berman

**Jean Blumenfeld** By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

**Mark Hitzig** By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Carmel Catanese** By Jane Friedman

**Marty Graham** By Mrs. Marty Graham

Michael Janowitz By Sam & Leslie Janowitz

**Nathan Klein** By Harvey & Judith Klein

> **Clara Bloom** By Marc Bloom

Baruch Epstein By Joan Boruszak

**Becky Kanowsky** By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Frances Wolfe** By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Belle Kirschenbaum By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Gertrude F. Kaplan** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan **Fred Klimpl** By Michael Klimpl

Nat Feldblum By Marc Bloom

**Ellen Coltman** By Barnet O. Coltman

**Faye Klein** By Channa David

**Bill Gordon** By Susan Gordon

**Stella Hartz** By Steven & Jan Hartz

> **Frank Kaplan** By Sandy Kaplan

Marilyn Janet Barr By Michael Klimpl

Arlene Sugarman Margolis By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> Dr. Joel Pollack By Linda Pollack

**Sam Sax** By Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Louis S. Smith** By Steven & Barbara Smith

Ida S. Reider By George & Muriel Swartz Hilda Mazur By Sanford Yankow

George Nobil By Lynn Nobil

**Rabbi Milton Greenwald** By Paul & Susan Roberts

> Richard Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

> **Morris Smith** By Stuart & Geri Smith

Dr. Milton A. Wohl By Joan P.Wohl

**David Wernicoff** By Donald Zinner

> **Erwin Moss** By Linda Pollack

Louise Folks Baker By Joseph & Susan Sachs

**Sally Shabathai** By Joseph & Katherine Shabathai

> **Claire Smith** By Stuart & Geri Smith

**Charles Kram** By Sanford Yankow

Norma Cutler By Donald Zinner

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**Carol Steinberg** By Richard & Mindy Agler

Charles S. Cohn By Nancy L. Cohn

Clara Brooks By Lynn Dils

Vivian Faye By Sydney! Faye-Davis

Yolanda Haviv By Leo Haviv

**Leo Grossman** By Sam & Leslie Janowitz

Max Margulies By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> **Rose Roazen** By Sylvia Berman

**Sam Hitzig** By Wes & Rita Conklin **Gertrude Weisberg** By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Amalia Kahn** By Franklin & Judy Greenman

**Rose Herson** By Jerry & Barbara Herson

**Morris Kornbloom** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Maryann Sandusky By Skip Rose

> **Neil H. Tomor** By Barbara A. Calev

Jerry Abramowitz By Naomi Copeland

**Alex Peri** By Gerri & Frank Emkey

Morris Moshe Grossman By Stuart Grossman

> **Esther Jacobs** By Lawrence Jacobs

**Leo Wolynetz** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

> **Rene Rose** By Skip Rose

**Lilyan Sax** By Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Cantor Alex Chapin** By Steven & Barbara Smith

Benjamin Weber By Judith Weber

> **Robert Schur** By Lee Schur

Susan Cimkowski By Stephen Steinbock

Robert W. Singer By Mary Lee Singer

**Phillip Temkin** By Robert Temkin

#### **April Anniversaries**

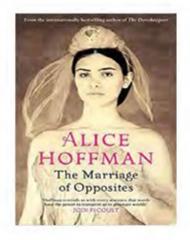
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## Sisterhood Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be via ZOOM.

March 30, 2020 The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman



Email Joyce and request to be put on the book club list. You will receive an email invitation with a link which will put you into the meeting. Access can be with either a computer or a smart phone or device. Everyone and anyone is welcome to participate. joycepeckman@gmail.com



#### ell, this was supposed to be a new beginning, uplifting and upbeat in tone. Instead we are on our way to experiencing the Coronavirus and Covid-19. In light of that. KICC will now be streaming Erev Shabbat services on Zoom. The KJCC President will keep you updated on that. The KJCC Board, at its March meeting, directed that the Women's Seder and First Night Community Seder be cancelled. Sponsors of Onegs will continue to be recognized in the President's weekly announcements. Sisterhood's April 5th meeting is also cancelled. These are temporary measures which will be re-evaluated as appropriate, dependent upon the situation in the Keys. As I write this, only 21 Coronavirus tests have been conducted in the Keys. Five were negative and 16 are awaiting results. Now for the good news - yes, there is some.

I am very happy to tell you, the Women's Seder Committee nominated Susan Gordon as Woman of the Year. We are moving ahead with that presentation and Marcia Kreitman is creating a panel honoring Susan for her service to the KJCC. Susan has been donating her time and effort for the benefit of KJCC for many years. She is very worthy of this award and recognition. We are all happy for her; all honor to Susan and many thanks for her contributions to the KJCC.

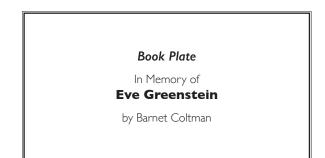
As noted above, the suspension of services and activities is a temporary act. The KJCC President and her Board and/or Executive Committee will reassess the Keys situation every week. Activities that were planned and scheduled before the transmission of Coronavirus in the United States are advertised here in this issue of Chai-Lights. Whether we will be able to actually plan and implement those activities depends on the coming days. Please pay careful attention to the President's weekly announcements to stay up to date.

Everywhere this virus has been introduced, it has multiplied exponentially. Those data are clear and irrefutable. Israel is on partial shutdown and considering total shutdown. Last week Florida had single digit reports of infections, today, as I write this there were 192 confirmed positives this morning and 216 confirmed positive cases late this afternoon. As I said in my message to Sisterhood about our April meeting - there is no need to panic, but there is every reason to be prudent. Most of all, protect yourself and your loved ones by minimizing contact with others, washing hands (at least 20 seconds), and try to avoid touching your face. Order groceries if you can and avoid going to the store as much as possible. This may be inconvenient, but none of us will die from inconvenience. People do die from Coronavirus, especially people in our age bracket. Stay safe and be well. Hopefully, my next message will be far more upbeat and we will be back to an accustomed way of life.

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden

Should you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at 305 773-0067 or hayden. elizabeth@comcast.net  $\diamond$ 





We may no longer be offering adult education classes, concerts and speakers in our own Social Hall, but there is no reason not to keep learning. The following are all offered free of charge by Tikvah University through the auspices of Tablet Magazine.

In this time of dislocation and uncertainty, the Tikvah Fund is working to keep the spirit of Jewish wisdom alive and well. These courses—offered to the public completely freeof-charge—can be accessed from your home and viewed at your own pace.



#### Declaring Israel's Independence

"We...hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel."

When Ben-Gurion proclaimed these words, he uttered the most consequential sentence spoken by a Jew in 2,000 years.

In this new course from Tikvah—the first of its kind in English—Dr. Martin Kramertakes you on a journey back to the harrowing days of 1948, when in the middle of a war, Israel's founders wrote the state's most important document: The Declaration of Independence.



#### Sholem Aleichem's Tevye the Dairyman

The Broadway hit Fiddler on the Roof and its star, Tevye the Dairyman, are among the most beloved cultural icons in America and the world.

But long before Fiddler, Tevye was the protagonist of Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem's greatest short stories. And in Tikvah's free online course, taught by master teacher of Jewish literature Professor Ruth Wisse, you'll get to know Tevye, his five daughters, and their suitors as you never have before. You'll laugh with Tevye, cry with Tevye, and appreciate anew what this simple country Jew can teach us today.

So start learning from the Jewish world's very best teachers at *tevye.tikvahfund.org* 

## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



#### An End to Dialysis?

A groundbreaking study has shown that it's possible to rejuvenate damaged kidneys and improve their function, through a procedure that could reverse chronic kidney disease and end the need for kidney dialysis. Published in January in the prestigious Cell Reports medical journal, the study was conducted by Professor Benjamin Dekel, head of Pediatric Nephrology and the Pediatric Stem Cell Institute at Sheba Medical Center in Israel. This is the first breakthrough in decades to fight a disease that affects ten percent of the world's population. In older studies, researchers discovered that the adult kidney constantly renews itself over time through the activity of colonies of cells that replace lost and degenerated cells in the kidney. Professor Dekel and his team developed an innovative technology that extracts healthy kidney cells from diseased kidneys. These cells are then expanded into large numbers within a laboratory environment. By generation of 3D cultures called "kidney spheres," the cells show improved function to generate new kidney tissue and replace lost cells. The new cells are then reintroduced into the host kidney, where they rebuild it and improve its function. A significant aspect of the discovery is that this newly developed technoloav uses the patient's own cells, thereby circumventing the need for immunosuppression as well as problems associated with immune rejection. The method has been tested on mice and, so far, the treated mice have shown improved and stabilized renal function, offering the potential of helping millions of human patients with chronic kidney disease. (www.israelnationalnews.com. 1-26-20)

#### First-in-Nation Law for New York

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has

responded to rising acts of anti-Semitism in his state by announcing several proposals to combat hate, including one that would create a first-in-the-nation domestic terrorism law. (In January, Cuomo stated he would introduce a law defining anti-Semitism as domestic terrorism.) Part of a legislative package dubbed "No Hate in Our State," the law would classify mass violence motivated by hate as a felony punishable by up to life in prison without parole. The governor's proposed budget for fiscal 2021 would allocate an additional \$25 million in grant money for institutions vulnerable to hate crimes and \$2 million to the State Police Hate Crimes Task Force. Additionally, the proposal would require New York City public schools to implement a new curriculum that "teaches civic values and the state's rich history of diversity and religious freedom," require every student to visit a Holocaust museum and have the Battery Park City Authority develop a plan to expand the Museum of Jewish Heritage on the Holocaust. (www. haaretz.com, 2-28-20)

#### There Goes the Judge

Judy Sheindlin, 77, better known as "Judge Judy" of the popular court television series, has announced that the series, which has run for 25 years, will end in 2021. Sheindlin said that she will appear in a new show, "Judy Justice," premiering the next year. "Judge Judy" is the top-rated daytime syndicated program, with an average of over nine million viewers each day. CBS (no surprise) will continue to screen "Judge Judy" in reruns. (www.jta.org, 3-2-20)

#### They Want Justice, Not Revenge

The USC Shoah Foundation Institute is the

archive of survivor testimonies started by Steven Spielberg in 1994. The institute's director, Stephen Smith - a renowned British scholar of the Holocaust - has called on Amazon Prime to not produce a second season of "Hunters," its fictional show about a group of Nazi hunters in America in the 1970s. "Survivors of the Shoah sought justice, not revenge," Smith wrote in an op-ed published in mid-March by the Jewish Journal. "By blurring the line between fact and fiction, Hunters muddies the historical record, disrespects those who perished, and provides ammunition to those who seek to deny the truth of the Holocaust," he wrote. Additionally, he stated that if the filmmakers "had taken the time and trouble to listen to some real experiences. the flashbacks to the Holocaust in the series could have been real things that happened to real people, rather than the fantasies of scriptwriters." (www.israelnationalnews.com, 3-15-20)

#### A List of 12,000

According to a recent report issued by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, an Argentinian investigator revealed a list of 12,000 Nazis in Argentina that apparently have money in accounts at a Zurich-based investment bank. The list was found in an old storage room at the former Buenos Aires Nazi headquarters. Nazi presence in Argentina dates back to the pro-Nazi regimes of Argentine president José Felix Uriburu and Agustín Pedro Justo and is well documented. But in 1938, Roberto Ortiz, Justo's successor, who did not share Justo's pro-Nazi sympathies, established a special commission to root out Nazi influence in the country. But until then there were thousands of Argentines linked to Nazi organizations such as IG Farben, the German company that supplied Zyklon-B gas used in extermination camps, and banks that enabled Nazi transfers from the country to Swiss-based banks. Then, in 1943, when the fascist Pedro Pablo Ramirez Menchaca took over Argentina, the special commission was disbanded and their findings were burned. (For some reason, the list of 12,000 names survived.) "We believe it very probable that these dormant accounts hold monies looted from Jewish victims, under the Nuremberg Aryanization laws of the 1930s," the Wiesenthal Center said in a letter to the vice president of one of the Swiss banks. "We are aware that you already have claimants as alleged heirs of Nazis in the list." The Wiesenthal Center has requested access to that bank's archives to try to settle the issue. The transfer of Nazi money out of South America is the subject of numerous efforts by the Center to properly give restitutions to the dwindling number of Holocaust survivors. (www.wiesenthal.com, 3–2–20)

#### Some Climate Good News

The Arava region in Israel - from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea, which includes Eilat along with all their hotels, homes, factories, kibbutzim and businesses - is close to being 100 percent powered by the sun during the day. And by 2025, the sun will also power all nighttime electricity needs. According to the United Nations, to prevent true global meltdown - pandemics, flooded cities, extreme wildfires, monster storms, killer droughts, food shortages, massive extinctions, half a billion refugees and more - every single country must cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. The Arava region has pioneered a solar revolution that, if other countries do the same, can save the planet. A surprising number of African countries are interested in replicating the 100 percent daytime solar goal. There are 600 million people in Africa without access to power, another 200 million burning expensive diesel, and the total population of the continent is set to double in a generation. Israel as a whole has been slow to roll out solar, but the Arava region, a pioneering local municipality made up of some ten kibbutzim, has made renewables a common cause. It has raced ahead not with the support of the national government but despite it, and also despite the fact that the country's environmental movement has allowed the gas monopoly to more or less write national energy policy. (www.jpost.com, 2-5-20)

#### Secret Archive Unsealed

At the beginning of March, the Vatican unsealed its secret archive relating to Pope Pius XII, the controversial Holocaust-era Pope. The archive was opened to a select group of scholars. Pius – some have dubbed him "Hitler's Pope" – is accused of having turned a blind eye to Jewish suffering. Researchers hope the archive will reveal why this Pope, who assumed his post in 1939 and died in 1958, did not intervene and speak up on behalf of the Jews during the Nazi deportations of some 1,800 Roman Jews, nearly all of whom died in Auschwitz. (Most of Europe's Jews were murdered during Pius's time as Pope.) Some 10,000 more Roman Jews survived World War II in hiding. (The Vatican maintains that Pius worked behind the scenes to save Jews.) Jewish activists, allied with an international mix of scholars, have long called on the Vatican to open these archives to clarify the issue.

Before it was unsealed, Vatican archivists spent fourteen years inventorying the archive's contents. Some 200 researchers had requested access before it opened. When Pius XII was still Eugenio Pacelli, he served as the Holy See ambassador to Germany from 1917 to 1929 and witnessed the beginning of the rise of Nazism. Without naming Jews specifically, in his Christmas radio message of December 24, 1942 he referred to "hundreds of thousands of people who, without any fault of their own and sometimes for the sole reason of their nationality or race, were doomed to death or gradual extermination." One reason for the Pope's silence might be that he was concerned with protecting Catholics, known to have been persecuted by Nazis in the lands they occupied.

David Kertzer, historian at Brown University and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, is one of those being allowed into the archives. Kertzer asserts that the Pope knew what was going on. "What we don't know is what kind of discussions might have taken place behind the scenes..." Whatever Kertzer finds in the archives, he believes that "[T]he larger issue about the responsibility of Christian churches has more to do with the decades leading up to the Holocaust - of vilification of the Jews." *(www.forward.com,* 2-28-20)

#### In Memoriam

• Marcelle Ninio, one of six Israeli spies formerly jailed in Egypt in the infamous Lavon Affair of the 1950s, died in October at the age of 90. In the Lavon Affair (officially named Operation Susannah), Israeli spymasters, acting without the knowledge of then-Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, recruited Egyptian Jews to carry out false-flag terror attacks (i.e. pretending to be someone you're not while committing acts of terror) against civilian targets in the country in order to destabilize the rule of President Gamal Abdel Nasser. But the operation failed. Eight cell members were imprisoned and two others were executed. Ninio, the only woman

in the squad, served as a liaison between cell members. She spent fourteen years in an Egyptian prison. Operation Susannah was initiated because of Israel's concerns about Washington's and London's good relations with Nasser and in particular, the plans of British authorities to evacuate their forces from the Suez Canal. Israeli officials feared that, without the Brits there, Nasser would block Israel from the waterway. Their aim was to sabotage relations between Egypt and western nations in order to keep Nasser from becoming more powerful. There were thirteen members of the Jewish spy cell. They were caught in 1954 after one of the operatives was captured and interrogated. The affair scandalized Israel. Born in Cairo, Ninio was 24 at the time of her arrest and attempted suicide many times. Released in 1968, she arrived in Israel where she married and had a family. In 1988 she was honored with a torch-lighting during Israel's 40th Independence Day celebration. (www.timesofisrael, 10-23-19)

• Larry Tesler, a Jewish-American computer scientist, died at the end of February. He was 74. Tesler's many computing innovations included the now ubiquitous "copy and paste" function as well as "search and replace." He created the function with Timothy Mott when he worked for Xerox in the 1970s, allowing users to highlight a piece of text, cut or copy it, and then paste it somewhere else. Later, Tesler went to work for Apple, bringing his creation with him, which was later incorporated into Apple's operating system. Today it is a standard function on all personal computers. *(www.jta.org, 2-21-20)* 

• Michael Hertz, the graphic designer who, in 1979, created a new, legible map for the New York City subway system, died recently at the age of 87. Hertz's map replaced Italian artist Massimo Vignelli's abstract design, often criticized by riders for being too difficult to understand. Hertz and his team at Michael Hertz Associates oriented the map around recognizable landmarks like Central Park, evoking real geography and neighborhoods of the city's five boroughs. Hertz was raised in Brooklyn and Queens and spent two years in the army. He worked for the Walt Disney Company as an art director before founding his own company in the 1960s. His design has undergone revisions since 1979 but his template remains the same. (www. forward.com, 2-27-20) ◊

## WHEN PESACH IS NOT PESACH

*Ma Nishtanah HaLayla Hazeh.* I know. It is hard to read the words without singing them in your head. Or hearing them sung. Unless you live with a number of people, young and old, you will not be hearing a child's voice sing those words around your table this year. Per-haps you'll go on line to hear them and sing along with the "Four Questions." But this will be the first time there won't be a lot of dishes and wine and voices coming in and out of the kitchen. And the answer to the questions that all begin with the phrase: "Why is this night different from all other nights", will have an answer we never thought of before. Will we, should we, add an 11th drop of wine to our plates when we dip our fingers into our cups and recite the ten plagues? Would we call this new thing that takes away our ability to celebrate a meaningful dinner and journey together "isolation?"

Do you have a Hagaddah? If not, call Joyce. We will make a time to leave some on the outdoor table near the back door or we will find a way to deliver to you as many as you need. Pesach is not a holiday that can be postponed (though there is a Pesach Sheini), at least not beyond springtime. One reason that the Jewish calendar is always so carefully adjusted is because our holidays, especially Pesach, are inextricably linked to a particular season and its energies. Pesach, Passover, is tied forever and always to spring, to new beginnings, to a start of an incredible journey that leads us from slavery to freedom, that gave us the Torah, that gave us Shabbat, that made us into a people who would be a light unto the nations. We love that it is not celebrated in a sanctuary. We love that it happens around a table and that we are encouraged to invite "all who are hungry" to come and eat with us. So what will we do? We know we can't have a group of more than 10, and truthfully we know we should only have the people who live with us. So, no matter what your seder table looks like, light the candles, drink the wine, do all the blessings in the right order (seder), dip the greens in saltwater and let the horseradish make you cry. If there is no one to search out the afikomen, close your eyes, smile to yourself and remember a time when an excited little one you love and cherish

searched it out and ran away happy with their present. Make sure you have matzah. It may not be so hard to find this year.

We usually award KJCC's highest honor, the Joel S. Cohen Award for Fellowship, at this time to a person in the congregation who has given of themselves generously beyond measure to the good of our Community. Wait for it. The decision has been made, the plaque has been engraved, but we want all of us to be there when the name is announced. We hope that by then, we may embrace the winner and each other, in our own promised land.



Seventeen years ago, the women of KJCC, for their first Women's Seder, created these wine cups at Beth Kaminstein's ceramics studio--a good memory in a year of cancellations. L'chaim and Yom tov!!

- Gloria

### **PHOTO GALLERY**





Our last big dinner was so good. Thank you Medina Roy and all who worked hard to make this a joyous occasion. We sat and sang and ate a delicious communally cooked meal together on Shabbat Across

America, cheerful and essentially clueless about how our lives were about to change. We honored our advertisers, our new members, our potential new members, and the holiday that is the most important in the whole Jewish ritual year—Shabbat. Let's keep lighting our candles and meeting through Zoom.us, keeping our Shabbat observance alive.







In the same week, two of our artist members won top honors in the category of Mixed Media at the Art Guilds Annual Members Show—Geri Smith for her intriguing collage and Gloria Avner for her Batik painting "Heron

Dreaming— and four members vented frustrations in a creative exercise based on Munch's Classic painting, The Scream.





Gloria Avner's "Heron Dreaming" and refreshing ribbon.



Gloria Avner won the additional honor of a special ribbon that only artists vote for-the Cris Sandifer Memorial Artists' Choice Award. She won it for this pastel portrait of Nyan Feder.



Geri Felder Smith and her blue ribbon winner.



Here are four versions of Edvard Munch's "The Scream." The exercise was supposed to be a lead in to Purim. Who could have imagined the Community reading of the Megillah would be cancelled 18 hours ahead of time. The Screamers are Medina Roy, Hannah David, Nettie Seder and Gloria Avner, who led the exercise.



Beth Kaminstein has had one exhibit in Islamorada and has an upcoming one in Key West. "Weight of a Cloud" will be one of the pieces displayed.

Let us not forget our artist musicians. KJCC runneth over with talent. David Feder has been displaying both talents.



Dave playing with Brazil's leading Jazz Guitarist.

These are the KJCC farmers! Jane and Mindy doing all of the harvesting of the produce.

Susan, Mindy and Donna were celebrating our harvest while maintaining the 6' distance from each other!









Jane brought baskets of greens- bokchoy, swiss chard and lettuce- to the Burton Memorial food bank. Jane Friedman and Mindy Agler maintain the KJCC Organic Garden in trying times. Nice of others to visit and help out.



"The old order changeth (but not very much)." At left is 2020's KJCC's Board of Directors and Officers. We are very happy to add Gary Margolis and Laurie Blum, our new leader of Yizkor services, join our ranks. We look forward to their thoughtful contributions. *Thank you Barbara Knowles Photography.* 

Joyce Peckman, entering her second year of Presidency gave an excellent State of the Synagogue address, noting the ever more enriching activities and improvements in security. Jules seder did an excellent iob of swearing in the new Board.



After a delicious celebratory luncheon prepared by Sisterhood (special thanks to Beth Hayden, Erica Lieberman-Garrett and all who helped), we tripped outside to our back forty. It was Tu BiShevat, the Birthday of the Trees, and thanks to Jane Frieman's intrepid hole digging we were able to plant two fruit trees.







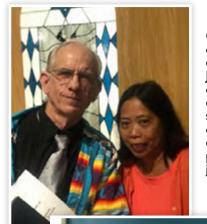
We were so lucky to have helpers Sean Kaufman and Maddy Bloom fill the hole with dirt.

As a group, we blessed the trees and sang Mayim Mayim while our youngest generation watered them.

An 80th Birthday is a big deal and friends and family came from near and far to help Steve celebrate.







On March, Friday the 13th, we celebrated a special, and rare, event. Richard Knowles and Jane Friedman led services and celebrated the seventh anniversary of their conversion to Judaism. That service may turn out to be our last coming together in observance of Erev Shabbat for an unknown period of time. They did a beautiful job and we are very proud of them!





Yom HaZikaron honors all who gave their lives that we might have a state and that the state remains strongly defended.

Israel's Independence Day, Yom HaAtzma'ut, is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel.

Join us on Friday, May 1, 2020, at

6:00 p.m.

for Israeli Food, Music, לשראל and Folk Dancing followed by



Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m.







- Contact -

Hanna David, hdavid2012@icloud.com, (305) 744-6048 to reserve your spot and coordinate your covered dish Please rsvp by April 27th - No Charge

## YOM HAZIKARON

Beth Hayden, President of Sisterhood, will be leading services on the Shabbat when we observe two contiguous holidays, the first commemorating fallen soldiers, followed by celebration for the birth of the Jewish State. Beth's husband was among the soldiers who fought and laid down their lives for Israel. Those of us who traveled with Rabbi Agler will never forget the cemetery where those Soldiers were laid to rest, literally in graves that looked like beautifully made beds, with herbs for coverlets. The soldiers were "The Silver Platter" on which we were handed the promised land.

In 1949 and 1950, the first two years after the declaration of the State, memorial services for soldiers who fell in the 1947–1949 Palestine war were held on Independence Day. Services at military cemeteries were coordinated between the IDF and the Ministry of Defense. A concern arose, expressed by families of fallen soldiers, to establish a separate memorial day observance distinct from the festive celebrations of national independence. In response, and in light of public debate on the issue, Prime Minister David Ben–Gurion – also serving as Minister of Defense – established in January 1951 the "Public Council for Soldiers' Commemoration". This council recommended establishing the 4th of Iyyar, the day preceding Independence Day, as the "General Memorial Day for the Heroes of the War of Independence". This proposal won government approval that same year.

#### Observance

Yom HaZikaron is the national remembrance day observed in Israel for all Israeli military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and for those who have been killed subsequently while on active duty in Israel's armed forces. As of Yom HaZikaron 2019, that number was 23,741.

#### Preceding evening

The day opens with a siren the preceding evening at 20:00 (8:00 pm), given that in the Hebrew calendar system, a day begins at sunset. The siren is heard all over the country and lasts for one minute, during which Israelis stop everything, including driving on highways, and stand in silence, commemorating the fallen and showing respect.

By law, all places of entertainment are closed on the eve of Yom HaZikaron, and broadcasting and educational bodies note the solemnity of the day. Regular television programs cease for the day, and the names and ranks of every soldier who died for Israel are displayed in a 24-hour television broadcast.

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#### Main memorial day

A two-minute siren is sounded at 11:00 the following morning, which marks the opening of the official memorial ceremonies and private remembrance gatherings at each cemetery where soldiers are buried.

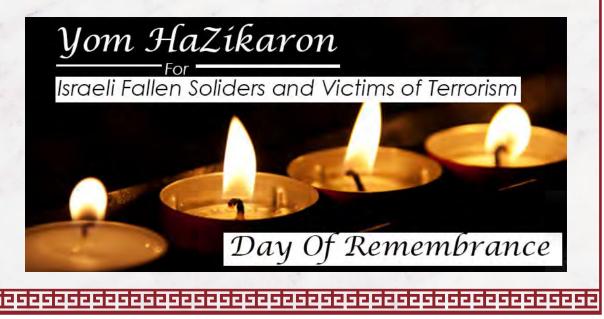
Many Israelis visit the resting places of loved ones throughout the day. National memorial services are held in the presence of Israel's top leadership and military personnel.

Yom HaZikaron differs from America's Memorial Day in that, by law, all places of entertainment are closed. Memorial candles are lit in homes, army camps, schools, synagogues, and public places, and flags are lowered to half staff. Throughout the day, serving and retired military personnel serve as honor guards at war memorials throughout the country, and the families of the fallen participate in memorial ceremonies at military cemeteries.

Many traditional and religious Jews say prayers for the souls of the fallen soldiers on Yom HaZikaron. Special prayers prescribed by the Israeli rabbinate are recited. These include the recital of Psalm 9: "For the leader, on the death of the son," and Psalm 144: "Blessed be the Lord, My Rock, who traineth my hands for war and my fingers for battle" in addition to memorial prayers for the dead. The official ceremony to mark the opening of the day takes place at the Western Wall.

The day officially draws to a close at sundown (between 19:00 and 20:00; 7–8 p.m.) in a ceremony at the national military cemetery on Mount Herzl, marking the start of Israel Independence Day, when the flag of Israel is returned to full staff.

Scheduling Yom HaZikaron right before Independence Day is intended to remind people of the price paid for independence and of what was achieved with the soldiers' sacrifice. This transition shows the importance of this day among Israelis, most of whom have served in the armed forces, or have a connection with people who were killed during their military service.  $\diamond$ 



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> Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful. (You could hardly deny it now.)

> > Know that our lives are in one another's hands. (Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands. Reach out your heart. Reach out your words. Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch. Promise this world your love--

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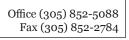


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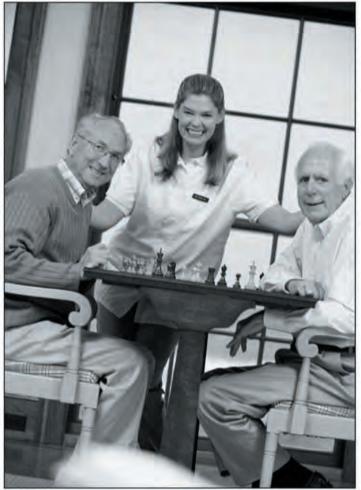


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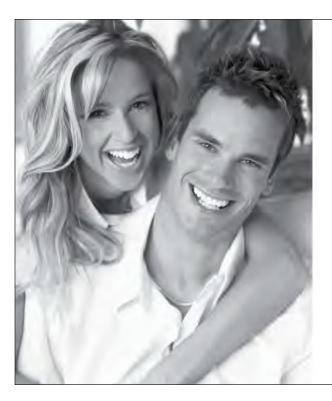
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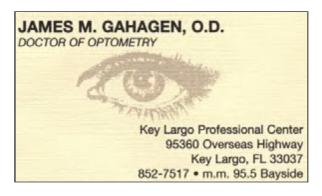
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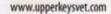
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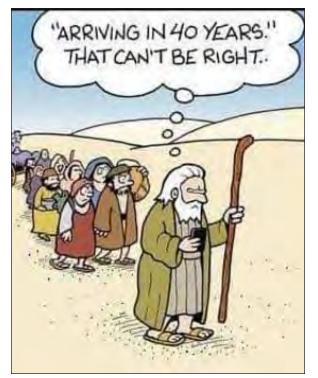
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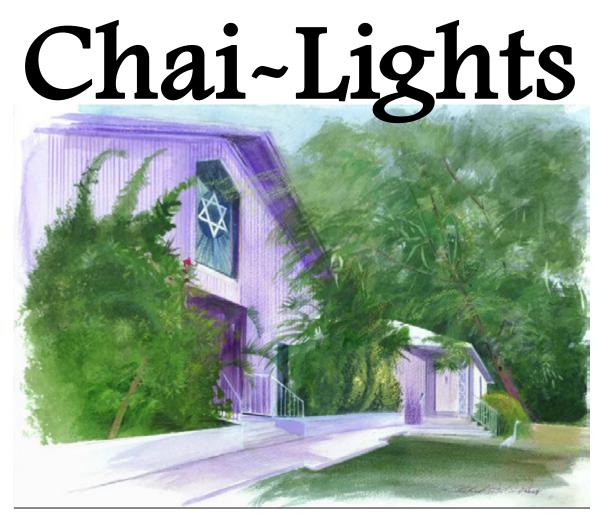
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## June 1 - July 31, 2020

Names denote leaders of Friday Services. Italicized names are Oneg sponsors. Services every Friday at 7:30pm

| Sunday                           | Monday   | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------|---|---|---|
|                                  | Zoom tea and discussion 2pm  | 2<br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm         | 3         | 4<br>Stretching<br>with Jan 4pm<br>Paper sculpture<br>with Gloria 4:30pm  | 5 <sub>Shabbat</sub> Service<br>7:30pm<br>Steve Hartz<br>Erica Lieberman-<br>Garrett                | <b>6</b><br>Torah Study<br>10:30am<br>the David Saga<br>Rabbi Agler |
| 7                                | 8<br>Zoom tea and<br>discussion 2pm  | 9<br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm         | 10        | 11<br>Stretching<br>with Jan 4pm<br>Paper sculpture<br>with Gloria 4:30pm | 12<br>Shabbat Service<br>7:30pm<br>Gloria Avner<br>& Art Itkin<br>Donna Bolton<br>Steve & Jan Hartz | 13  |
| 14<br>KJCC Board<br>meeting 10am | <b>15</b><br>Zoom tea and<br>discussion 2pm                                      | <b>16</b><br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm | 17        | <b>18</b><br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm                              | <b>19</b><br>Shabbat Service<br>7:30pm<br>Joyce Peckman<br>Steve & Amelia<br>Kasinof                | 20  |
| 21                               | <b>22</b><br>Zoom tea and<br>discussion 2pm                                      | 23<br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm        | 24        | 25<br>Zoom stretching<br>with Jan 4pm                                     | 26<br>Shabbat Service<br>7:30pm<br>Medina Roy<br>Nelson & Bobbie<br>Chester                         | 27  |
| 28                               | <b>29</b><br>Zoom tea and<br>discussion 2pm<br>Zoom Sisterhood<br>Book Club 12pm | 30   | 1 JUL     | 2   | <b>3</b><br>Shabbat Service<br>7:30pm<br>Susan Gordon &<br>Laurie Blum<br>Joyce Peckman             | <b>4</b><br>Independence<br>Day                                     |
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jovce Peckman



shul should be a place of refuge in times of trouble. But there has never in our lifetimes been a time quite like this one. How do we provide a place of refuge when we must close our doors, when people are sheltering in place? How do we provide spiritual help when we are all under stress, unable to meet? We hope that we have succeeded in some small way.

My weekly Tuesday emailed messages are opened by about sixty percent of our members, which I was told is a high number. I wish it were more. In these emails I pass along information about many topics: films. TV shows and on-line classes that members recommend, food distribution, safety information and more.

As the weeks drag on, we have developed a schedule of Zoom meetings where many of us can meet: emailed invitations go out that morning. On Mondays at 2 p.m. we have "Teatime Chat"- just an open forum to meet and exchange news. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm. Jan Price has been leading us in twenty minutes of easy stretching and breathing exercises, with time to exchange greetings before and after. We have continued our Friday Shabbat services with "Virtual Onegs." Rabbi Agler has continued teaching about the

David Saga. Sisterhood Book Club continues.

It is you, our members, who make this possible. Our wonderful lav leaders have adapted well to this new, less forgiving way of leading. Thank you to Gloria, Medina, Beth, Erica, Steve, Laurie, Donna and Ken... and all the way from Texas- Stu and Lauren. Thank you, Rabbi Agler, Gloria and Jan for your classes. Our strength comes from what we give. If you have an interest in something and want to share it online, just give me a call and we will schedule it. We have had poetry writing, discussions about films, and hope to have an art class.

The big question is: When and how will we re-open? The board will have help deciding. We are in weekly contact with the Miami-Dade Jewish Federation Security Group, which is providing a place for discussion among synagogues and JCCs, as well as information and guidelines. I am also on a group bulletin board with other shuls from around the country. The consensus is that we will not open guickly, and when we do, it will be carefully, with remote access for those who cannot safely attend. Until then, meet us on Zoom, take the time to call someone, and stay safe.  $\diamond$ 

## WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is "up" within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us and contact Joyce, we will be able to observe Shabbat, attend meetings and see each other, virtually. We can even celebrate Onegs if you bring your own cookies.

| Monday, June 1             | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m                                     |
|----------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, June 2            | Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.                                   |
| Thursday, June 4           | Stretching with Jan 4 p.m., Paper sculpture with Gloria 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, June 5             | Parashat Naso 7:30 p.m.   |
| Saturday, June 6           | Torah Study 10:30 a.m the David Saga, Rabbi Agler                 |
| Monday, June 8             | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Tuesday, June 9            | Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.                                   |
| Thursday, June 11          | Stretching with Jan 4 p.m., Paper sculpture with Gloria 4:30 p.m. |
| Friday, June 12            | Parashat Behalotecha, 7:30 p.m.                                   |
| Sunday, June 14            | KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.  |
| Monday, June 15            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Tuesday, June 16           | Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.                                   |
| Thursday, June 18          | Stretching with Jan 4 p.m   |
| Friday, June 19            | Parshat Mevarchim,7:30 p.m.                                       |
| Monday, June 22            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Tuesday, June 23           | Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.                                   |
| Thursday, June 25          | Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.                                   |
| Friday, June 26            | Parashat Korach, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Monday, June 29            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m., Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 12 p.m. |
| Friday, July 3             | Chukat-Balak, 7:30 p.m.   |
| Saturday, July 4           | Independence Day  |
| Monday, July 6             | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Friday, July 10            | Parashat Pinchas, 7:30 p.m.                                       |
| Monday, July 13            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Friday, July 17            | Parashat Matot-Masei  |
| Monday, July 20            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.                                    |
| Friday, July 24            | Parashat Chazon, 7:30 p.m.  |
| Monday, July 27            | Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m., Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 12 p.m. |
| Thursday, July 30          | Tisha B'Av  |
| Friday, July 31            | Parashat Vaetchanan, Shabbat Nachamu                              |
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#### David Saga and Rabbi Agler

We're almost done with Samuel I; it's time to begin reading Samuel II. The story continues, more exciting than a novel, and Rabbi Agler, our Scholar-in-Residence, makes it relevant to our lives today as well as going deep into historical context. Be part of the warm, informal, engaging conversation. Saturday June 6, 10:30 a.m. Watch for Joyce's Zoom invitation.

#### Book Club Goes On

KJCC Sisterhood Book Club continues to meet enthusiastically, rain or shine, summer or winter, pandemic or not. Discussions are enjoyable and the company gets better and better since we are no longer limited, thanks to zoom rooms, to those living on our island chain. The summer choice for June is Sue Monk Kidd's Book of Longings. In July, we will be reading The Street Sweeper. Zoom Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at noon. See poster for more information, on pp 16.

#### **Our Organic Garden Grows**

Jane Friedman, Harry Friedman and Mindy Agler continue their farming and bring big armloads of fresh produce to the Burton Memorial Food Pantry next door. See photos on Pp. 28.

#### Rabbi Zucker Returns

Rabbi Zucker, joined by brother Chony, is bringing us a six-week class on Wednesday evenings from 6 -7 p.m. Called "From Quarantine to Sinai," it will feature Rabbi Zucker's special blend of humor, spirituality and music. We will be participating with members of the Chabad Keys Congregation. Watch for the Zoom invitation Wednesday mornings.

#### Improvements to KJCC

While we have been absent from our building, hard work and upgrading has been going on, inside and out. Thanks to our House Committee--Skip Rose, Susan Gordon, Donna Bolton and Ken Atlas. -- external walls have been painted, closets have been cleaned and unwelcome creatures have been denied access. When we do come back, you'll be surprised. Thank Count too.

#### **Security Planning**

Joyce Peckman, Laurie Bloom, Steve Hartz and Donna Bolton have been attending Miami Jewish Federation Zoom meetings to stay abreast of the latest information and trainings for the protection and reopening of congregations in their synagogues. Be sure to read the the personal defense plan explained step by step on PP 29.

#### New Directory--It's in the Mail

Sometime in early summer you will receive your dues packet and new Directory. There are many opportunities to show generosity and support for the physical security improvements completed recently, all geared to maintaining our longevity as a Jewish community, doing deeds of lovingkindness and providing educational, spiritual and social opportunities for our members. Think about extra support too for our High Holy Days Rabbi and Cantor. We are looking towards live-streaming this year.  $\diamond$ 

#### **Service Leaders**

| June 5  | Steve Hartz                    |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| June 12 | Gloria Avner & Art Itkin       |
| June 19 | Joyce Peckman                  |
| June 26 | Medina Roy                     |
| July 3  | . Susan Gordon and Laurie Blum |
| July 10 | Steve Hartz                    |
| July 17 | Joyce Peckman                  |
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| Aug. 7  | Erica Lieberman-Garrett        |
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For weeks, these have been the most asked questions in worldwide Jewish communities, as well as our own. A month ago I asked Rabbi Agler his opinion on returning to the Sanctuary for services. He sent a link on Jewish values and his own personal statement. We are fortunate to have our Scholar-in-Residence on hand to share wise guidance.

We are equally grateful to our own Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, KJCC Board Member and experienced Public Health physician, who has given us similar opinions whenever the subject comes up, particularly around the issue of a possible second wave in the fall. We will continue to be guided by experts in their fields.

https://www.ccarnet.org/ccar-urj-guidelines-onvalues-based-decision-making-returning-to-inperson-gatherings-covid-19/ Thoughts from Rabbi Agler:

"I have yet to see anything suggesting that it is safe for significant numbers of people to be together in confined spaces. Much of what I read and hear, and I try to confine myself to medical and public health experts, is that it will not be safe for many months to come. While people are anxious to "get out" and the rate of increase MAY have slowed (we don't have sufficient testing data to know for sure) new cases of infection abound and the virus remains as contagious and dangerous as ever. In the absence of a vaccine or an effective treatment-cure, it remains extremely risky to ignore social distancing and other public health guidelines.

For businesses upon which people's livelihood and survival depend, the calculation is a fraught one. The KJCC is not such a business. It seems to me that the decision to continue our religious life virtually should be a fairly easy one to affirm."  $\diamond$ 

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| 6th                                    |  |
| 6th                                    | Nancy Kluger   |
| 6th                                    | Suzanne Gilson   |
| 7th                                    | Carrie Smith   |
| 7th                                    | Joan P. Wohl   |
| 8th                                    | Elaine Solas   |
| 9th                                    | Renee Brodie   |
| 9th                                    | Zoe Moshe-Berk   |
| 13th                                   | Israel Mayk  |
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| 14th                                   |  |
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| 15th | William Bolton          |
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|      | Marvin Blumenfeld       |
| 18th | Amelia Kasinof          |
| 20th | Harvey Klein            |
|      | Aaron Quesada           |
|      | Nancy Hershoff          |
|      | Roberta Chester         |
| 21st | Taryn Nobil             |
| 22nd | James Patrick Brennan   |
|      | Dale Chasteen           |
| 24th | Delaney Rohde           |
| 24th | Rita Bromwich           |
|      | Jake Benjamin Markowitz |
| 27th | Frank Emkey             |
|      | Kristy Moss             |
|      | Alan Cooper             |
|      | Milo Tainow             |
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#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys lewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

#### MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2020 -

#### Yahrzeit

#### In Memory/Honor of

| Lillian Tallent          | Morris Estrin              |
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|                          |                            |
| Adam & Judy Starr        | Alexandra Louise Starr     |
| Gerri & Frank Emkey      | Leroy Weisberg             |
| Marshall & Myra Kaplan   | Monty Kaplan               |
| Marshall& Myra Kaplan    | Luba Tuchman               |
| Marilyn Rapp             | Russ Rolnick               |
| Laurie Blum              | Janet Blum                 |
| Laurie Blum              | Annie Kleinfeldt Bernstein |
| Stephen & Marsha Harri   | s Lee Harris               |
| Robert Temkin            | Anne Temkin                |
| Joan Wohl                | Milton A Wohl              |
| Miltra Sheinker          | Warren J. Sheinker         |
| Linda Pollack            | Ruth Rubin                 |
| Joan Boruszak            | Baruch Epstein             |
| Marshall & Myra Kaplan   | Gertrude F Kaplan          |
| Gary Margolis & Laurie B | Blum Arlene Sugarman       |
|                          | Margolis                   |

Richard & Mindy Agler Gerri & Frank Emkey Gerri & Frank Emkev Skip Rose Skip Rose Robert Temkin Elaine Schulberg

Gloria Avner

#### Unrestricted

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**Dorothy Schocket** 

Friday Night Services Geri Smith Pascal Weisberger Stephen Steinbock's 80th birthday

Linda Pollack Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax Alfred & Svlvia Rimm loe Gould Linda Pollack & Skip Rose Gloria Avner

#### In Memory/Honor of

Donovan Henry Laskin Sam Sax Lilvan Sax

Barbara & lack Gould Sylvia Agler Sylvia Agler

#### Memorial Garden

Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax

#### **Dorothy Schocket** Prayers for Jeffrey Schocket Svlvia Agler

#### **Book Plate**

Barnev Coltman Barney Coltman **Eve Greenstein** Ellen Coltman

Shelby Strean

Ken Atlas

Lerov Weisberg

#### Plaque Marilyn Rapp Gerry & Frank Emkey

Library Stuart & Lauren Sax

#### Sisterhood **Oneg Sponsorship** Barbara Knowles Celebrating His 7th Year Conversion Birthday Barney Coltman Medina Roy Birthdav Bernie Ginsberg Birthdav Roy Pollack Madelyn Pollack's Birthday Hanna David New Apartment Erica Lieberman-Garrett Anniversary Donna Bolton Birthdays & Anniversary Steve & Ian Hartz Anniversarv Steve & Amelia Kasinof Amelia's Birthday Nelson & Bobbie Chester Birthdays & Anniversary Steve & Jan Hartz Steve's Birthday Joel & Toby Bofshever loel's Birthday Chai-Lights June - July 2020 5

#### HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

Yahrzeit Plaques: KJCC has six special, Israeli-made boards in the sanctuary for yahrzeit memorial plaques. Each plaque is accompanied by its own light, which is switched on for both yahrzeit dates and on Yom Kippur; names are also read aloud in memory from the bemah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is \$400.

**Book Plates:** We are, after all, the People of the Book. For \$36 an inscription of your choice will be placed in one of our Siddurim or Tanakhs. An example: "In Loving Memory of my grandfa-ther, who first taught me about the wonders that lie between these covers."

**Tree of Life Leaves:** We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May they always be in the presence of the Eternal Light."

**Garden Bricks:** \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate living tribute, with an outdoor plaque included in the price.

| July | Birthdays |
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| 1st  | Alex Hudson         |
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| 1st  | Chely Markowitz     |
| 1st  | Eitan Loi-Kamely    |
| 1st  | Jennifer Gilson     |
| 1st  | Nelson Chester      |
| 1st  | Patti Gross         |
| 2nd  | Dan Levi            |
| 2nd  | Rabbi Ed Rosenthal  |
|      | Joseph Moss         |
| 3rd  | Max Finkelstein     |
|      | Michael Kaufman     |
| 4th  | Mindy Rosenthal     |
| 7th  | Lucy Moss           |
|      | Gary Sherman        |
| 9th  | Joyce Peckman       |
| 11th | Steven Hartz        |
|      | Dana Grace          |
| 12th | Rebecca M. Schur    |
|      | Dot Brooking        |
| 14th | David Gross         |
|      | Paul Eric Bernstein |
| 17th | John Hawver         |
| 17th | Shira Goldman       |
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| 20th | Lyn Sherman             |
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| 20th | Roos-Mary Benowitz      |
| 21st | Arlington Garrett       |
| 21st | Brian Smith             |
| 21st | Joshua Samuel Bernstein |
| 21st | Linda Perloff           |
|      | Millie Tainow           |
| 23rd | Barat Barefoot          |
| 23rd | Carrie Temkin           |
| 25th | Alan Markowitz          |
| 26th | Lance Royce Kaufman     |
| 27th | Marc Bloom              |
|      | Rachael Bloom           |
| 28th | Lila E. Juenger         |
| 29th | Andy Loi-Kamely         |
| 29th | Barry Neumann           |
| 29th | Bruce Boruszak          |
| 29th | Candy Stanlake          |
| 29th | Mary Lee Singer         |
| 30th | Molly Bloom             |
| 31st | Drew Nobil              |
| 31st | Linda Levi              |

## ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

**BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305–587–7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to <u>lindap4000@ymail.com</u>.

**CEMETERY INFORMATION:** If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225.

**CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH:** Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

**CHAI-LIGHTS** or **DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305–587–7429, for annual rates.

**GIFT SHOP:** We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305-394-0143, to reserve an orchid, bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR:** To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225, or email her at joycepeckman@gmail.com.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305–766–3585.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at <a href="https://www.lindap4000@ymail.com">lindap4000@ymail.com</a>.

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: keysjewishcenter.com. Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. 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. Rabbi & Cantor Fund, Holocaust Education Fund, Meditation Garden, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, Sunshine Fund, or General Fund.

## GREAT IDEA: LET'S MAKE A KJCC SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK!!



Shalom, dear Sisterhood,

I want to update you on KJCC Board actions. Our annual Shabbabaque is cancelled. We are preparing for High Holyday services, but, at this point, I doubt there will be a Rosh HaShanah dinner. We are considering streaming services over YOUTUBE and FACEBOOK. Much depends on what happens when the road blocks are lifted on June 1st. In the meantime, since Sisterhood has no other business, shall we consider making a KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook? We are all great cooks - our recipes are tested and acclaimed by our diners. Please let me know your thoughts about this. I think it is a great idea - it could be an ebook or printed book (depending on cost) - we want to make it available and it should serve as a fundraiser. Your thoughts? Let me know. (hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net).

Best regards, stay home and be healthy.

- Beth

## A MESSAGE FROM JOE & KATHY SHABATHAI

We would like to thank all our dearest friends at KJCC who expressed their concern and support for Kathy during her recent cardiac surgery. She is recovering at home in Miami and every day is better.

Thank you all. It is wonderful to know our extended family has been so present for us.

## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



#### Insufficiently Heard or Supported...

In a recent speech, King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands acknowledged his great-grandmother Queen Wilhelmina's "perceived indifference to the fate of Dutch Jews during the Holocaust." This unprecedented public statement came during the annual speech at the national memorial ceremony in Amsterdam for Dutch victims of armed conflicts during and after World War II. Queen Wilhelmina, whose reign ended in 1948, mentioned the persecution of Jews only three times in a total of 48 radio speeches during her exile in the United Kingdom. Each time, she spoke of the Jewish persecution only in general terms and after mentioning other cruelties inflicted on the general population. Along with the Nazis, local collaborators murdered 75 percent of the Netherlands' prewar Jewish population of 140,000 - the highest death rate in Nazi-occupied Western Europe. The community never replenished its numbers. "Fellow human beings felt abandoned, insufficiently heard, insufficiently supported, even with words," the King said at the ceremony. "Also from London by my great-grandmother, despite her steadfast resistance [to the Nazis.] It's something that won't let go of me." Last January, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte apologized for how his nation's wartime government failed its Jews. His apology was the first by a sitting prime minister of the Netherlands. Yet The Netherlands fought fiercely against the Nazi occupation, and countless individuals did heroic things to help their Jewish neighbors. Some 5,778 Righteous Among the Nations (non-Jews who saved Jews during the Holocaust) have been recognized by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum. It is the second highest number of rescuers following the 6,992 rescuers honored from Poland, where 3.3 million Jews lived. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 5-4-20)

#### "A Short-Lived Term?"

A letter written in 1900 by James Murray, first

editor of the prestigious Oxford English Dictionary (OED), was recently discovered containing an explanation as to why he omitted the term "anti-Semite." The letter was found in the archives of the National Library of Israel in Jerusalem. Murray's letter appears to be part of a discussion between himself and anti-Zionist scholar Claude Montefiore, great-nephew of British financier Moses Montefiore, ironically (a concept so resonant in Jewish history) one of the most important early supporters of the modern Zionist movement. Murray explained that he thought the term "anti-Semite" would be short-lived and that "the material for anti-words was so enormous that much violence had to be employed" to triage them.

Murray believed the man on the street most likely would have used the words "anti-Jewish." The letter can now be found online. (One wonders whether his opinion would have changed had he lived to see the Holocaust. And by the way, the OED list of new entries for January includes dozens of words and phrases with Jewish content or origin, such as "bialy," "Jewfro," and "yeshiva bochur.") (www.clevelandjewishnews.com 5-4-20)

#### In the "Mensch" Department

Ralph Lauren (born Ralph Lifshitz to Jewish immigrant parents from Belarus), stepped down as CEO from his company in 2015 but is still its chief creative officer. In March, he announced that his foundation is dedicating \$10 million to the manufacture of 25,000 gowns and 250,000 masks for medical workers. The company will also continue to pay its workers through the pandemic, will help cancer patients vulnerable to the virus and also contribute to the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund. (www.jta.org, 3-26-20)

#### And the Winners Are...

Hillel Furstenberg, 84, and Gregory Margulis, 74, retired Jewish professors, have won the "Abel Prize" - the equivalent of the Nobel Prize – for mathemat– ics. (There is no Nobel Prize for mathematics.) The Abel Prize has been given annually by the Norwe– gian Academy of Science and Letters since 2003 to honor important advances in mathematics. The two men were recognized for their pioneering work in probability and dynamics.

Furstenberg was born in Berlin and left Germany with his family just prior to World War II. He attended Yeshiva University as an undergraduate and then earned a doctorate at Princeton. Later he moved to Israel and in 1965 joined the faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he worked until he retired in 2003.

Margulis, a Moscow native, received his doctorate from Moscow State University in 1970 and won the prestigious Fields Medal for achievement in math– ematics when he was 32. He was not permitted to leave the country because he is Jewish, but was allowed to travel to other universities beginning in the 1980s. In 1991, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, he took a position at Yale. The award is named after Niels Henrik Abel, a renowned early 19th century Norwegian mathematician. (www. nytimes.com, 3–18–20)

#### A New Discovery

A rare bronze coin from the period of the Bar Kochba revolt has recently been unveiled by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA). The coin was discovered in the IAA's archaeological excavations in the William Davidson Archaeological Park, located in the Old City of Ierusalem between the Temple Mount and the City of David. On the front of the coin there is a cluster of grapes and the inscription "Year Two of the Freedom of Israel." The reverse depicts a palm tree with the inscription "Jerusalem." It is the only Bar Kochba coin found in the area with the word "Jerusalem" on it. In over 22,000 coins discovered in archaeological excavations in the Old City area, this coin is only one of four dated to the revolt. (A large number of Bar Kochba coins have been found, but not in Jerusalem.) The Bar Kochba revolt against the Roman Empire (the third and final by tiny Judea against mighty Rome) began in 132 C.E., lasted about five years and was led by Simon bar Kochba. It happened after the Emperor Hadrian declared the establishment of a Roman colony built on the ruins of Jewish Jerusalem. Hadrian constructed a temple dedicated to the god Jupiter

on the Temple Mount. Despite having been declared the messiah by Rabbi Akiva, Bar Kochba and his rebels failed to breach the boundaries of the ancient city of Jerusalem and were routed. The site excavators from the IAA believe that the four coins found in the city very likely were brought as souvenirs by Roman legionnaires involved in suppressing the revolt. (www.jpost.com, 5-11-20)

#### Update on Pius XII

In the April/May issue of "Chai-Lights," World Jewish Report had an entry regarding the Vatican unsealing its secret archive relating to the controversial Holocaust era pope, Pius XII – often bitterly dubbed "Hitler's Pope" - amid the ongoing accusations that Pius had turned a blind eye to years of Jewish persecution and mass murder. On March 2nd, the Vatican opened its archives to scholars. A week later, the archives were closed due to the spread of the coronavirus. But in that short period of time, researchers had already found documents showing that Pius did know about the Nazi death camps and that the Vatican hid that information to protect his image. In addition, in a recent video conference of German bishops, Bishop Georg Baetzing, president of the conference, presented the findings of a 23-page report entitled "German Bishops in the World War." The document says that "inasmuch as the bishops did not oppose the war with a clear 'no,' and most of them bolstered the [German nation's] will to endure, they made themselves complicit in the war." The report also said that while the bishops did not share Hitler's racial ideology, they still helped support not only the soldiers but also the regime. Hundreds of bishops provided spiritual guidance on the German front lines and thousands of church properties had been used as military hospitals staffed by Catholic nuns. (www.haaretz.com, 5-3-20)

#### **Another Update**

When Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet dissident (and now a prominent leader in Israel), first learned back in December that he would become the eighth Genesis Prize honoree, he said he would use the \$1 million prize money to promote human rights and Zionism, issues to which he has devoted his life. But that was before the coronavirus crisis. He has decided instead to give his winnings to organizations fighting the pandemic and supporting individuals most affected by it in Israel, the United States and seven other countries. The Genesis Prize Foundation announced a new competition to reward Israeli innovations working to stop the pandemic. Sharansky, 72, spent nine years in a Soviet prison, half of them in solitary confinement. He claims that playing chess in his mind helped him keep his sanity. He has been helping Jews around the world during the pandemic by speaking to groups about living in isolation. "Freedom is inside of yourself," he says. The Genesis Prize, known as the "Jewish Nobel," was started in 2013. The annual award honors "extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity and commitment to Jewish values." (www.timesofisrael.com, 5-3-20)

#### In Memoriam

Since the release of the April/May 2020 issue of Chai–Lights, the Jewish community has lost many individuals to COVID–19 who have contributed greatly to the Jewish world. Here are just a few:

• Frida Wattenberg, 95, who at the age of 19 smuggled Jewish orphans out of Nazi-occupied France, driving them to Switzerland, died in early April just days before her 96th birthday. Born in Paris to Jewish parents who had immigrated from the Polish city of Lodz, Wattenberg was an activist in the Jewish youth movement HaShomer HaTzair when she was recruited at age 16 after the Germans had invaded. When the war was over, she continued to work for refugee children. She was an ardent Zionist and helped organize clandestine immigration by Jews to pre-state Israel. (www.thejc. com, 4-6-20)

• Sidney Fleischer, 102, was born just prior to the 1918 flu pandemic that killed some 50 million people worldwide. His death came in the middle of another viral pandemic. Fleischer was a student at Boston University when World War II broke out. When he learned of the plight of European Jews, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a gunner on a B-17 bomber. Fleischer was highly decorated, serving in campaigns across North Africa and Italy. In the end, he received eight battle stars, indicating his participation in eight military campaigns. In 2018, he was declared "Veteran of the Day" on the Veteran Affairs website. (www.forward.com, 4-28-20)

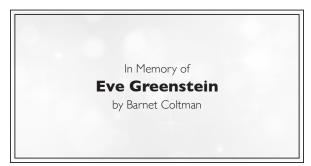
• Burton "Bud" Rose, affectionately known as "the Steve Jobs of medicine," died in April. He was 77. In 1992, Rose, a highly regarded kidney specialist and professor at Harvard Medical School, turned a rejection by the publisher of his medical textbook into something that ultimately changed the way medical practitioners work. The publisher declined to make his seminal book, "Clinical Physiology of Acid–Base and Electrolyte Disorders" available via computer. And so, Rose launched "UptoDate" and after some time, the project broadened into a massive repository of clinical information for med– ical professionals. The site now boasts some two million users around the world. An article written by three of Rose's colleagues call UptoDate "Google for medicine" and it was one of them who dubbed Rose "the Steve Jobs of medicine." (www.jta.org, 4–29–20)

#### Did You Know...

• Thinking that the world is coming to an end due to COVID-19 (and that he might soon be facing a heavenly judge?), an Israeli man decided to return an archaeological artifact he stole some fifteen years ago. He brought back (anonymously) a 2,000-year-old ballista stone – a piece of ancient ammunition – to the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA). He had stolen it from the Jerusalem Walls National Park in the City of David. (www.israel21c. org, 3-16-20)

• Israeli author and historian Yuval Noah Harari has pledged \$1 million to the World Health Organization (WHO) to help allay the suspension of funding from the United States. The Trump Administration had terminated funding to WHO for at least 60 days, saying the organization "failed in its basic duty and it must be held accountable." (www.timesofisrael.com, 4-17-20)

• Intel Corporation has acquired Moovit, the Tel Aviv-based company that is a route planner, for a \$1 billion package that includes keeping its current employees. Moovit is best known for its urban mobility application that allows travelers to plan a trip by combining public transportation, bicycle and scooter services, ride-hailing and car sharing. Moovit boasts some 800 million users and services in 3,100 cities across 102 countries. The company was founded in 2012. (www.jta.org, 5-4-20)  $\diamond$ 



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My friends are far from me now waiting, I'm waiting for the day I can hug them

The days go by pretty quickly zooming, Netflixing But can't find time for a book

The hibiscus is blooming yellow, orange, red A goldfinch joins and dances

- Medína Roy

"Covid learning experience" this is a bad test treat our world with more respect pray we'll learn from this

**"Appreciation"** Keys life is still great sunshine, kayak, fishing, swim live every moment

"Squeezies Squeezebox"

my concertina makes me feel happy I love making music

- Susan Gordon

Upside down this world Bereft of weeks and weekends Ahh the sun still sinks

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Will I lose old skills Now that I'm banned from practice I could hug trees

Fingers long in lust To touch something warm again Some day your face

- Gloría Avner

My clock on the wall Weight-driven time Will this plague never end?

Once around the block. Must we stop and sniff? Social distance with a dog.

Two-dimensional friends Tiles of smiles and tears There are no hugs in Zoom.

- Joyce Peckman

These poems, based on a Japanese form, were created via Zoom, led by Gloria Avner.

#### **August Birthdays**

| 1st  |                     | 16th |
|------|---------------------|------|
| 5th  | Nissan Mayk         | 16th |
| 8th  | Hank Ryan Casey     | 20th |
| 9th  | Delia Grace Smith   | 21st |
| 9th  | Eric Freundlich     | 22nd |
| 10th | Barbara Smith       | 23rd |
| 10th | Emma Feig           | 24th |
| 12th | Sooner Brooks-Heath | 26th |
| 13th |                     | 27th |
|      | Stephan Friedman    | 30th |
|      | Patricia Isenberg   | 31st |
| 16th | Alan Lindenbaum     |      |
|      |                     |      |

| 16th | Alison Thompson |
|------|-----------------|
| 16th | Tom Brennan     |
| 20th | Amanda Nobil    |
| 21st | Jay Stein       |
| 22nd | Murray Blitzer  |
| 23rd |                 |
| 24th | Carl McNew      |
| 26th | Mikhaela Bitton |
| 27th | Judy Greenman   |
| 30th | Robert Temkin   |
| 31st | Brynn Borisoff  |
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## SUSAN GORDON WOMAN'S SEDER HONOREE 2020



If this were not a year in which the world turned upside down, forcing us to cancel all KJCC events, we would have presented this award at the 17th Annual Woman's Seder. Next time we come together in our building, look for and admire the beautiful banner honoring Susan Gordon as our Woman of the Year, created by inspirational artist Marcia Kreitman.

We hear Susan Gordon's name and we think we know her. But Susan has worn many hats over her lifetime. Wife, Mother, musician, and now Grandmother would probably make her personal top ten list, but there is much more to Susan's history, and it is colorful. She's been independent and living on her own from a very young age. She wanted to experience life hands-on, by looking outside of her traditional suburban upbringing.

As a child, Susan felt land-locked in the middle of Massachusetts and was drawn to

the sea. Following her education in Boston, she made her way to Newport, Rhode Island, where she worked as a family counselor and teacher, owned a commercial lobster boat as well as a successful basket-weaving company in the Berkshires and Newport. After obtaining her U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License, she spent several seasons working as dock master, launch boat operator and social director to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club. It was in Newport during the late 1970's that Susan was first introduced to playing Irish traditional folk music, picking up concertina and tin whistle and playing in area bands.

After becoming scuba certified in the cold waters of New England, Susan decided to head south to the warm waters of the Florida



Every year, for the last 17, KJCC women, under the artistic guidance of Marcia Kreitman, have created a banner meant to capture the essence of the person being honored at the Annual Women's Seder. This year, Marcia outdid herself, giving artistic voice to almost all of Susan Gordon's passions.





Keys. Her plan was to open up a Scuba diving business. Apparently, fate was travelling with Susan on that early November day in 1985. Within 15 minutes of pulling into Key Largo, as she strolled along the boat docks at Mile Marker 100, Susan found Captain Bill Gordon. He had just purchased a 65' dive boat with the intention of opening up a Scuba diving business of his own. Susan and Bill were married two years later, purchased their waterfront family home the following year, and Rose Marie was born in 1991. Together, they built Admiral Dive Center, which they successfully operated for 25 years, until Bill's death.

Susan will tell you that the most important

job she's had in her life is that of mother to Rose Marie. She was dedicated to providing a wonderful childhood and loving upbringing for her daughter. When Rose Marie was just beginning school, Susan became a Girl Scout leader to a troop of 10 energetic girls. Close friendships were nurtured under Susan's guidance for nine wonderful years. Susan happily reminisces about the many years she spent as Girl Scout Leader, Figure Skating Mom, and Cheerleading Mom.

Along with helping Bill run the family dive business, Susan felt the need to bring quality musical performances to the residents of the Upper Keys. For over ten years, she worked with dear friend Brownie Ballard, Director of the South Florida Center for the Arts. Brownie was the founder of the Upper Keys Concert Series. Susan started a program to bring



concerts, plays, and workshops into the public schools, to enhance the cultural and artistic education of the children living in the Upper Keys.

It was very important to Susan that Rose Marie grew up feeling part of the Jewish community. She and Bill brought their daughter to Shabbat services every week, participated as a family in all holidays, and Susan became director of the KJCC Religious School once Rose Marie was six years old. Susan reflects with great joy on the day of Rose Marie's Bat Mitzvah, celebrated at the KJCC.

We love hearing Susan sing. Susan's many musical skills were part of her growing up, gifts from her dad Simon, who had his own jazz band in the 1940's, playing saxophone, clarinet and oboe and her mom Lillian's career as a professional model and stage actress (Lillian played Laura in the original Broadway production of the same name). Susan's voice and performing talents are part of what makes Susan such a valuable part of our community. But it is her eagerness to be of service, her thoroughness and ability to solve problems that make Susan such a





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friend and contributor.

Susan is a "Mitzvah Maiden," delighting in being able to solve a friend or shul's problem, with competence, enthusiasm and loyalty. You could not find a better friend to sit with you in a hospital, guide you and your kayak through a maze of mangroves, or lead off a country spiritual with her dozen member Mangrove Swamp Band, heading up the melody with her Irish pennywhistle or her Squeezebox.

If you don't see Susan in the Keys, she's up spending time with daughter Rose Marie and the "two little loves of her life," grandsons Rhett & Hank. Susan's greatest joy at this time of her life is being with the boys and being called "Grandma!"

In her years with KJCC, Susan has served as head of the Education Committee, Principal of our Sunday School, member of the Scholarship Committee, Vice-President and Executive Vice President of the Synagogue and President and Vice President of Sisterhood. She is one of our favorite service leaders and singers. Back in 2006, Susan received KJCC's highest honors, the Joel Cohen Fellowship Award for contribution to our community. She now receives the second highest honor, and nobody could be more deserving. Thank you, Susan, for all that you do, for being a model of excellent leadership and an even better friend. ◇



## Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming two months ~ Meetings will be at 12 p.m. via Zoom until further notice ~

June 29, 2020 <u>The Book of Longings</u> by Sue Monk Kidd July 27, 2020 <u>The Street Sweeper</u> by Elliot Perlman



RSVP and more information - Joyce Peckman joycepeckman@gmail.com Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an invitation to Zoom.



isterhood did not meet in the month of May as the KJCC remains closed and we continue to practice social distancing. Yesterday at the virtual KICC Board Meeting the decision was made to cancel the annual July Shabbabague. Sisterhood has traditionally gone for lunch in a restaurant as it closes activities for the summer. There will be no lunch meeting this coming June. Various methods are under review for attending High Holyday services. Whether this will be a virtual experience is not yet known. I will keep Sisterhood updated throughout the summer in regard to decisions about the High Holydays. Much will depend on what happens when the Keys are opened to outsiders on June 1, 2020. Florida has surpassed 45,000 confirmed cases of Corona virus with more than half of those cases con-

#### centrated in the statistical metropolitan area of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Given the situation in Miami, which has more than 15,000 confirmed cases, the decision to re-open the Keys is worrisome in my eyes. Many thanks to our own Ken Atlas and his colleagues who have manned the checkpoints and been a major factor in keeping the Keys' infection rate relatively low. We owe them our gratitude (plus which, traffic has been great - an unintended but fortunate side effect). Please continue to be prudent, stay home and take care of yourselves. Just imagine how delicious the next Sisterhood dinner will be and how grateful our attendees will be! We have survived many perils in our long history; we will survive this, too. ♦

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden

#### **June Anniversaries**

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|      | Tears                                    |
|------|--|
| 1st  | Jim & Rita Williams                      |
| 1st  | Joel Bernard & Joan Stark                |
| 5th  | Erica Lieberman–Garrett & Ron Garrett 26 |
| 8th  | Stephan & Jane Friedman24                |
| 11th | Medina & Carl Roy 48                     |
| 12th | William & Donna Bolton 27                |
| 12th | Steven & Jan Hartz 44                    |
| 19th | Richard & Mindy Agler 44                 |
| 21st | Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake 33    |
| 21st | Nelson & Roberta Chester 50              |
| 23rd | Stuart & Lauren Sax 46                   |
| 28th | Lloyd & Rae Wruble51                     |
| 28th | Wes & Rita Conklin 50                    |
| 29th | Jerry & Betty Small 51                   |
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#### **July Anniversaries**

#### Years 2nd Tomar Gross & Randy Klein-Gross.... 20 9th Terry Willner-Tainow & Jon Tainow... 48 18th Gary & Laurie Grossinger.....

#### August Anniversaries

#### Years

| 3rd  | Augie & Kristy Moss                 | 7     |
|------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 7th  | Larry & Dorothy Wolfe               | 63    |
| 14th | Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitze | er 48 |
| 15th | Richard & Barbara Knowles           | 21    |
| 15th | Paul & Susan Roberts                | 52    |
| 16th | Ira & Shirley Stein                 | 62    |
| 16th | Jeff & Lynn Dils                    | 35    |
| 21st | Jeff & Lisa Miller                  | 43    |
| 22nd | Franklin & Judy Greenman            | 38    |
| 27th | Israel & Nissan Mayk                | 48    |

In Memoriam – June 2020

**David Gitin** By Gloria Avner

**Laura Bofshever** By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Lois Owen** By Nancy L. Cohn

**Leo Finklestein** By Max Finklestein

**Irwin Grossinger** By Gary & Laurie Grossinger

> **Pearl Jacobs** By Lawrence Jacobs

**Lucy Kaufman** By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

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**Leo Blitzer** By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

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**Fred Doellefeld** By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> Dale Gerber By Dave Mont

**Jean Shaw** By Skip Rose **Candi Steinbock** By Stephen Steinbock

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> Arthur Klimpl By Michael Klimpl

**Rick Mcnew** By Roberta McNew

Leslie Peckman By Joyce Peckman

> **Milton Lang** By Skip Rose

**Leonard Tobin** By Andrew M.Tobin

Michael Klimpl By Michael Klimpl

**Carl C. Reiff** By Roberta McNew

> Morris Rose By Skip Rose

**Jan Finer** By Stuart & Lauren Sax

> Mark White By Susan White

In Memoriam – July 2020

Nettie Goodman By Gloria Avner

**Ralph Bofshever** By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Ethel Feinberg** By Hanna David

**Sylvia Hershoff** By Jay & Nancy Hershoff

**Ronald Horn** By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

> **Sydney Emsig** By Lawrence Jacobs

Miriam Margulies By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

> **Phyliss Bloom** By Marc Bloom

Zelda Edelman By Dale Chasteen

**Jack L. Gould** By Joe Gould & Marla Berenson

> **Manuel Hershoff** By Jay & Nancy Hershoff

Jacob Ratchik By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking **Chanoch Levy** By Yardena Kamely

Isaac Cohen Pardo By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Abraham L. Blumenfeld By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

> **Sandra Kanarek** By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Saul Elson** By Mrs. Marty (Bea) Graham

**Nathan Herson** By Jerry & Barbara Herson

Margaret Isenberg By Patricia Isenberg

> **Otto Kluger** By Nancy Kluger

**Fred Ross** By Joyce Peckman

Harold Rosenthal By Ed & Mindy Rosenthal

**Morgan Rowen** By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Alan Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg Manya Starr By Adam & Judy Starr

**Milton Swartz** By George & Muriel Swartz

**Leon Kirschenbaum** By Medina Roy

**Thelma San Filippo** By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

> Harvey Kelman By Elaine Schulberg

**Ben Steinbock** By Stephen Steinbock

Alfred Eichler By Judith Weber

Frank Stanley Sachs By Joseph & Susan Sachs

> Beth Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

Stanley H. Klipper By Mary Lee Singer

**Mack Swartz** By George & Muriel Swartz

**Frieda Feinberg** By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Memoriam – August 2020

**Sidney Stark** By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

> **Dick Bromwich** By Rita Bromwich

Henry Kirschenbaum By Marilyn Greenbaum

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**Max Lieberman** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**Josephine Margulies** By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> Chanoch Shiloh By Jan Price

**Joel Reed Baker** By Joseph & Susan Sachs Martha Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

**Bernard Solas** By Elaine Solas

Ralph Tallent By Lillian Tallent

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> **Tom Klipper** By Mary Lee Singer

**Olga Schuman** By Adam & Judy Starr

> Albert White By Susan White

**Howard Shutan** By Stuart & Lauren Sax

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The entire KJCC Congregation offers our heartfelt thanks to

# KEN ATLAS

for his important work manning the checkpoints coming into the Keys and helping to keep us safe.



If it weren't for COVID-19, many high school seniors would be walking across a stage to receive a diploma this month. They'd also be attending prom and other events to celebrate the end of high school.

Instead, many seniors are having to reflect on their high school experiences alone and make different memories for some of the biggest milestones.

> Maddy Pollack Liberal Arts & Science Academy Daughter of Roy Pollack, Granddaughter of Linda Pollack



Credit Michael Minasi / Kut

Maddy said she's been focused on academics during the last four years at LASA, so she was looking forward to a more chill semester.

"At LASA we do this thing called Senior Salute, which is this ceremony for all the seniors," she said. "All the people do funny skits and there are department awards and stuff. So, I was looking forward to that because it's unique to our school."

She's still reflecting on her high school experience and what made it special – even though she won't have a traditional send-off.

"LASA is also about half the size of a bigger high school, so we know everybody, which I think is really cool," she said. "I feel like I'll probably never have that again where I'll know everybody around me, especially going to a big college, so I think that's been special."





## Remembered by Alan Beth

Don't get into an arm wrestling match with Bea.... you'll lose!!! Those that knew her to be small in height but strong in stature. Bea was a force of nature and strong willed. Even though she was much shorter than me, I was always looking up to her. From my experience, if she was with you, then you were well protected (think of Yoda from Star Wars). If not - watch out, While I was president, I had the pleasure of having two forces of nature covering my back; Jim Boruszak and Bea Graham. Bea was both president of the synagogue and president of sisterhood and has guided the direction of where we are today. When her husband Marty passed away in 2008, his voice was the outgoing message on their answering machine. Bea asked me to preserve it. Bea then asked me to create a new gmail account for her martyandbea@gmail.com. Then Bea asked me to change the mailing address label to be addressed to her as Mrs. Marty Graham. That is the way it was left. Their love for each was very strong as well as it was to the KJCC. Her legacy to the KJCC will live on.

# Remembered by Joan Stark

In the days when I was first getting involved with the KJCC, Bea and Marty were vibrant, active and fun to be around. I remember when Bea phoned me and asked me to be V.P. of the Sisterhood. I was a bit flabbergasted but said it would be an honor. She said "Really? I don't usually hear that"! Beas' presence at the Sisterhood and Board meetings was always strong and warm and I've felt her absence over all these years.

# We Remember Bea Graham

# Remembered by Gloria Avner

Bea Graham was a feisty 4'10" force of nature, a rare combination of warrior woman and lovingkindness personified. In the following remembrances, we can see the impact she had on so many of our lives and the life of this Jewish community. We are devastated by the loss, forever proud to have been part of her extended family. I phoned Bea once from Maine when I heard she had fallen and broken her arm. I too had just fallen and broken my wrist. We made each other promise not to fall any more. We laughed and chatted and then I told her that I had been contacted by an old boyfriend who said he's always loved me and wanted to help drive me to Florida for the High Holy Days. She said let him come. No one should ever be without love. She would be the one to know.

Bea was a dear friend to Yardena's mother.

Granddaughter Liati with baby Tani, now 9, and Nissan





(left to right) with Liati, with Marc Bloom, with her dear husband Marty







## Remembered by Joan Boruszak

I am so sad for OUR loss of Bea Graham. She and Marty WERE the KJCC. As President of the KJCC, Bea made it the family place it became for all of us. I remember the announcement at the end of each service when Bea would tell visitors that they were guests just once and ever after they were mishpocha. When Jim and I were leaving the Keys after purchasing our first home there, we wondered if we had done the right thing. Passing the KJCC, we looked at each other and knew we had! We became mishpocha-and I know we still are.

Bea was the President and Marty was the do everything else. He kept it in perfect shape for all of us. Living in the Keys kept him busy repairing this and that! Because of them, when I think of Bea, Marty always comes to my mind. They were truly a pair. Bea was so happy when her children would come to visit. They also were part of our KJCC family.

I remember many happy afternoons in the living room of their home by the ocean. There were lots of stairs, but it was worth the climb! We would have something to drink and reflect on the joy of our amazing ocean and synagogue.

Bea was special and made the KJCC a very important part of Jewish life. We thank you and miss you.

# Remembered by Joyce Leckman

A few months after we moved here in 2003 and began attending services, my orthodox son came to visit. I mentioned at the prior week's oneg Shabbat that we would welcome visitors to our home on Shabbat to meet him, his wife and the baby (now the 16 year old girl found on page 27). We were new members who hadn't really established friendships, yet Bea Graham came and spent two delightful hours in our home.

It was Bea who arranged for theatre trips, and Bea who made the phone calls convincing me to join the Sisterhood board, beginning the journey that landed me in the position I hold today.

We both had children living in New Jersey, about half an hour from each other. Since I was there for Sukkot, Bea insisted that I bring the kids and visit their sukkah. Her grandchildren and my children bonded instantly and became good friends, resulting in an invitation for the kids and me to Shayella's wedding in Israel. It was my return there after 40 years. We had an amazing tour- I can never forget Bea being led by her grand-daughters through the water-filled tunnels under Jerusalem!

Remembered by Lee Schur

Spent many hours with her and Marty and Bob on our boat. Glad she passed peacefully. Also spent many hours with her for sisterhood. Always accepted gracefully suggestions from my own experiences.



## Remembered by Stuart Sax

Bea was "The Little General" to me. She was passionate in her opinions and liked to do things her way. When we would often take her home after services, I would offer to help her up the stairs to her door. She would have none of it. So we waited in the car and watched her climb ever so slowly but cautiously to the door and then insert her key into the lock. Once inside all we would see is a hand waving us goodnight. She did it her way.

Remembered by Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Bea Graham was the first person I met at a KJCC function in 2008. I was very sad at the loss of my dear young friend from Toronto and felt the need to be around other Jewish people. Gloria Avner invited me to the lovely home of Linda Pollack for a summertime Havdalah service. I was watching the beautiful sunset thinking about my friend David, when a very small, yet very strong woman welcomed me to the house and expressed her condolences. This was Bea Graham.

# Remembered by Yardena Kamely

So sorry to hear about Bea's passing, but glad she left in peace, surrounded by her family. She was a beloved friend of the kamely family. Bea and my mother, michal, were very close and special friends. I am sure they will meet again in the other world. Bea was a very special, wonderful woman. I will miss her like i miss my mother.

Yes, Bea and Michal were both of a generation of excellent teachers and natural, strong community leaders. They had a solid, deep, strong Jewish identity. Bea admired the Jewish education and spirituality of my mother and Michal admired Bea's Jewishness. They had so much to share about Jewish history they were fortunate to live and participate in. Bea taught Michal the history of the American Jews, especially of New York. Michal shared with Bea the history of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel. Bea was part of this history, proud to support Israel as an American Jew. Michal was living these events in Israel, grateful for the help of the American Jewish Community. With this background of their lives, they forged a very strong friendship.

Because of the connection she felt to Israel, it's no surprisie that Bea was the president of KKL (Keren Kayemet L'Israel) for many years. She made sure our community supported Israel. There are so many stories to tell about Bea. It would be difficult for me to choose from all the anecdotes and experiences we shared. Bea was an excellent President of the KJCC. She was leading with integrity and strength, contributing to the important task of the KJCC: the continuation of the Jewish community and of Judaism.

I miss Bea very much. May her memory be a blessing.

Granddaughter Shayella



## Remembered by Linda Pollack

Bea was my introduction to Keys life as part of a mispacha. She was my mother, my aunt, my sister, my teacher. Bea taught me about all matters concerning the KJCC. She was President of the Congregation and was an active president at that. A few years later we asked her to be President of Sisterhood, and she accepted graciously and excelled in that position also.

If we skipped a beat, Bea was on the telephone checking to see that all was okay. She was ever cheerful, loved her family unfailingly and unceasingly, loved all of us, and we have missed her presence these past few years Bea will always bring a smile to our lips and to our hearts.

# Remembered by LaurenSax

When we lived in Silver Shores, I remember walking over to Bea's house and she would reminisce about the "old days" with Marty and fun times at the KJCC in their beginning stages. Once she started, you couldn't stop her. She was tough, strong and sensitive all at the same time and I admired her always. To get an idea of Bea's physical accomplishments during her three year term as KJCC's first woman president (in addition to all the energetic, spiritual and cohesiveness ones), here are her own words:

My term as President, from March 1993 to March 1996, saw the dreams we all hold dear for the completion and decoration of the Ruth Richardson Social Hall, kitchen, and Educational Center become a reality. The addition of our screened porch doubled our usable space and simply delights everyone who has had the pleasure of both admiring and utilizing this new addition. Our Sukkah pad, so long in the planning, stands ready for our KJCC Sukkah after the High Holy Days. And the kitchen, well it exceeds even our planners expectations, and we use its spacious, modern facilities to utmost advantage for both pleasure and profit, taking all our large and small activities into our own environs.

These words were written 22 years ago and published in our Chai Journal. Bea was a Chai Member and we all know how important the improvements under her leadership have been to us over the last 22 years.

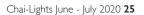
With Alan Beth and Eve Knowles

With Erica and Rosie



May her memory be for a blasting.

Much gratitude to Sam Vinicur for spending hours looking for, finding and sending these wonderful photos of Bea.



#### PHOTO GALLERY



Our synagogue closed, we were confined to our homes, missing our close knit community. But Jews are a resourceful people. Soon we became architects of virtuality, creating our own social halls, living rooms and sanctuaries via technological devices on top of desks and in our hands. Zoom-rooms, despite their shortcomings, saved us. It was just that good to see each other, not only local Mishpocha but old friends from afar—Stu and Lauren Sax, Susan Horn and Dot, Leslie Janowitz. We were led in movement exercises by Jan Price, discussed books, wrote poetry and created art with Gloria, and kept up our spiritual practice by attending our own services. Torah Study continued too, led by our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Agler.

Beth Hayden's Turbo, unstressed by the pandemic

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| June 5        | Erica Lieberman–Garrett<br>Anniversary      | June 26 | Nelson & Bobbie Chester<br>Birthdays & Anniversary |  |
| June 12       | Donna Bolton<br>Birthdays and Anniversary   | July 3  | Joyce Peckman<br>Birthday                          |  |
| June 12       | Steve & Jan Hartz<br>Anniversary            | July 10 | Steve & Jan Hartz<br>Steve's Birthday              |  |
| June 19       | Steve & Amelia Kasinof<br>Amelia's Birthday | July 17 | Joel & Toby Bofshever<br>Joel's Birthday           |  |



Look what floated up on Donna Bolton's shore during Coronavirus stay home period. It's a floating rainbow Unicorn with Pegasus style wings! There must be good fortune coming ahead. Donna looks surprised and happy.

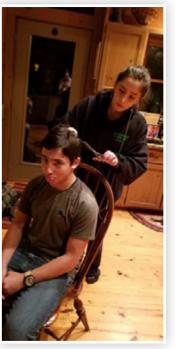


Always considerate of others in these covid-19 days, but passionate about playing music with her Mangrove Swamp Band, Susan wears her mask but cuts a hole in it so her Irish pennywhistle can send out a roaring good tune.



We wanted to know what people did for the enforced Coronavirus holidays. This just in from Steve Friedman on Jane's Mothers Day outing. "Jane and Harry, at the Palmetto driving range, are not professional yet. One squirrel was knocked out of a tree, a gopher will never get to star in Caddy Shack, the ball retriever golf cart now needs a new windshield, and a low flying bird, well ... never mind." When pandemic rules say no barber shops, teenagers get busy and creative. Joyce's grandchildren take on the challenge.





Jane Friedman with medicinal vegetables for Burton Memorial Church Food Pantry. Bitter Mellon has a lot of good benefits for diabetes and helps lower high blood pressure.



Harry harvesting in the garden



Lynn and Jeff Dils spending Pandemic time in Michigan with son and his family. We wish them well and a safe return in July.





Paper sculpture with Gloria on Zoom.

# KJCC SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO JONAH GROSS



We are happy to present a \$2000 Scholarship to Jonah Gross, a fine student and valued member of our congregation. Bar Mitzvahed here, Jonah has planted trees with us, decorated Sukkahs, led services, taken trash out of the ocean for reverse Taschlich and at High Holydays. played the finest, longest Tekiyah G'dolah on the Shofar that any of us have ever heard, all while maintaining a high GPA and doing hours of community service. Your Mishpocha is proud of you, Jonah. We look forward to hearing good things from you. Mazel Tov to you and your family.

# ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Miami-Dade Jewish Federation presented an active threat training seminar with Brad Orsini from the FBI as the guest speaker. He stressed that this information is applicable in any situation and showed us films and diagrams from actual cases, including shops, entertainment venues and synagogues.

The National Protocol Model is now

# RUN---HIDE---FIGHT

#### 1. RUN

- Run as far as you can until you feel safe.
- Movement is important-DO NOT PLAY DEAD.
- Hide and hope is not a good plan.
- Know where the exits are located. Always keep exits clear.
- Leave ASAP. Do not worry about your possessions.
- If you can't run, hide.

#### 2. HIDE

- If caught inside, lock the door
- Turn out the lights
- Get out of sight
- Put up a barrier so that the intruder cannot enter
- If you can't run or hide, fight.

## 3. FIGHT

- Fight with whatever you have on-hand: Fire extinguishers, furniture, throwable items.
- Be prepared to fight for at least 120 seconds or more until help arrives.

#### The commitment to action is very important. Know where the panic button is located and how to use it. Make sure someone calls 911.

Practice drills are very important so that if anything ever happens, a person has a plan. The body goes into fight-flight- freeze response. What was easy becomes difficult. Be flexible. Decisive action is important.

> Calm yourself Breathe Remember your plan

# Some Summer Listening: Recommendations By Beth Hayden



**Emil Gilels** – one of my favorite pianists. He is one of the Russian pianists who was sent from Russia when the "Cold War" warmed. He is never wrong and is of Jewish roots. I had the opportunity to play for him on more than one occasion. He actually gave me a copy of the Bach–Siloti piece before it was available in the US. Would that I had had the brains to ask him to auto-graph it. Here he plays the Bach–Siloti arrangement of a small prelude in b minor from the Notebook of Wilhelm Friederich Bach. Siloti was a cousin of Rachmaninoff. This may sound simple to you. It is an extraordinary ex–ample of someone who has total control of the keyboard. He is a pianist's pianist. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu06WnXIPCY</u>

7 Scarlatti Sonatas – Scarlatti was born in 1685 and was the court composer for Maria Barbara in the Court of Spain. 1685 was a good year for music. Bach, Handel and Scarlatti were all born in this year. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjRJti9HP60&t=158s</u>

If you need a lot of notes - here is Brahms Part I of the Paganini Variations - you can hurt yourself in this piece. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiTwSK8PvIM</u>

Here he plays an arrangement of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5liC1kAdzM



**Dang Thai Son.** I recently discovered him. He is now teaching (well, not now given Coronvirus) at Oberlin where I received my Bachelor's degree. He is a brilliant pianist and a superb musician. He is from North Vietnam – and has a very interesting life story. He won the Chopin International Piano Competition in 1980, but instead of launching a concert career he had the brains and integrity to send himself back to study. He thought he needed to learn more. Here is the result – brilliant technique and brilliant musicianship. Here is one of my favorite Chopin Mazurkas – I have taught this piece probably 100 times = never heard it played better. He wrings every nuance out of it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HWVCi1763s Chopin Opus 17, 4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnsoDQAyF\_k&list=RDEMCoZE466v5AarMSQtNa5BDw&start\_ radio=1 Chopin, Barcarolle Opus 60

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iYeOxsenEE Chopin, Concerto in e minor, Opus 11. How intimately is Chopin tied to the piano. Unlike other major composers, the bulk of his most inspired works are for piano.





**Dame Kiri Te Kanawa** singing the Rachmaninoff Vocalise as Rachmaninoff wrote it. A gorgeous, intelligent performance. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW630zFA93Y

#### Some surprises. Not all classical musicians are snobs. Here are some of my favorites.



**Eva Cassidy** who died young from cancer. We are lucky to have these tapes left of her singing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rd8VktT8xY Her trademark – Over the Rainbow. Very original.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXBNIApwh0c Falling Leaves



And how can we leave without **Nina Simone**? Denied entrance to graduate school because she was Black and Blacks could not be concert pianists. Then years later, presented with an honorary doctorate from Curtis. How cruel for such a superb musician. Nina Simone singing Wild is the Wind. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1\_D5gef72A



And my secret favorite – **Ketty Lester**. She was never picked up by a major recording company but she was nothing short of fantastic. Here she sings I'm a Fool to Want You <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyxmQcekqLg</u> She is my secret favorite and my secret vice – but I am sharing her with you.

If that did not convince you, here she is singing Once Upon A Time <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Euxhj2jdHs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Euxhj2jdHs</a>



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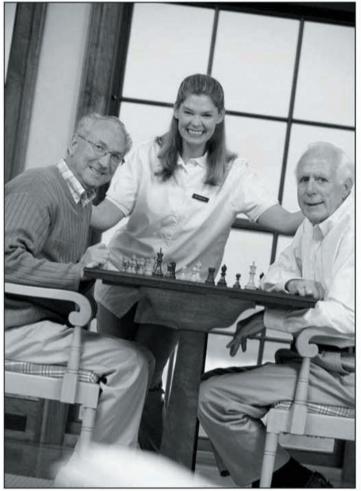
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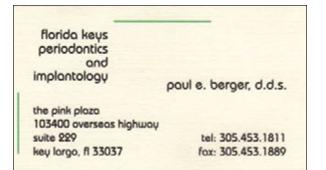
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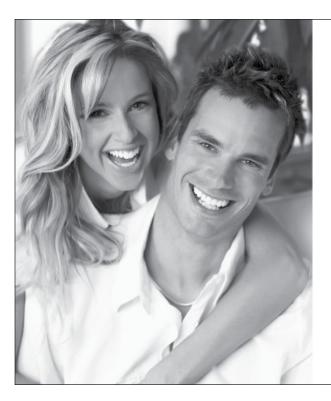
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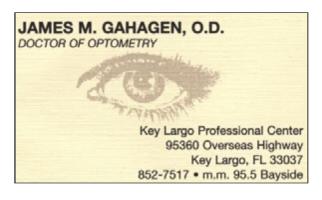
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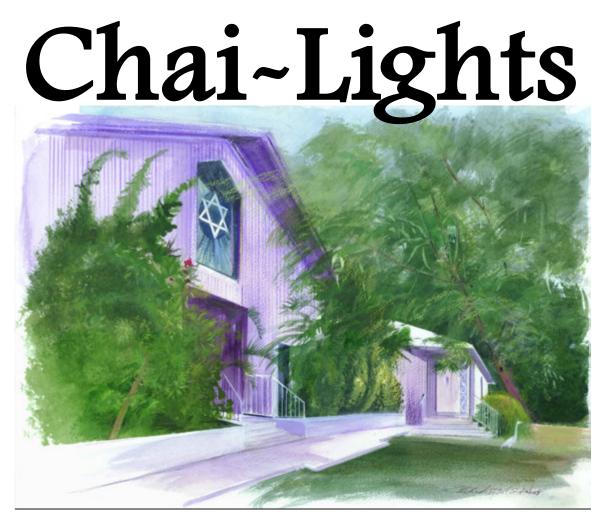
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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| 2 AUG  | 3   | 4       | 5   | 6          | 7<br>Erica Leiberman<br>Garrett<br>& Donna Bolton                      | 8   |
| 9  | 10  | 11      | 12  | 13         | 14<br>Joyce Peckman  | 15  |
| 16   | 17  | 18      | 19  | 20         | 21<br>Medina Roy   | 22  |
| 23   | 24  | 25      | 26  | 27         | 28<br>Susan Horn<br>& Gloria Avner                                     | 29  |
| 30   | <b>31</b><br>KJCC Sisterhood<br>Book Club<br>12:00 pm | 1 SEPT  | 2   | 3          | <b>4</b><br>Laurie Blum  | 5   |
| 6  | 7   | 8       | <b>9</b><br>"Age-ing and<br>Sage-ing<br>workshop pt.1<br>12:00-1:30 pm  | 10         | <b>11</b><br>Present Joel Cohen<br>Award<br>Steve Hartz                | <b>12</b><br>Leil S'lichot,<br>Laurie Blum<br>7.30 pm             |
| 13   | 14  | 15      | <b>16</b><br>"Age-ing and<br>Sage-ing<br>workshop pt.2<br>12:00-1:30 pm | 17         | <b>18</b><br>Erev Rosh<br>HaShanah<br>Rabbi Agler                      | <b>19</b><br>Rosh HaShanah I<br>5781<br>Rabbi Agler<br>10:00 am   |
| <b>20</b><br>Rosh HaShanah II<br>5781<br>Rabbi Agler<br>10:00 am | <b>21</b><br>KJCC Sisterhood<br>Book Club<br>12:00 pm | 22      | 23  | 24         | 25<br>Susan Gordon<br>ଝ Joyce Peckman                                  | <b>26</b><br>Shabbat Shuva<br>Laurie Blum<br>(10:00 a.m.<br>Zoom) |
| <b>27</b><br>Erev Yom Kippur<br>Rabbi Agler<br>7:30 pm           | <b>28</b><br>Yom Kippur<br>Rabbi Agler<br>10:00 am    | 29      | 30  | Italicized | ote leaders of Friday<br>d names are Oneg sp<br>es every Friday at 7:3 | onsors.   |

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Joyce Peckman



Our hope is that those of us who are scattered around the country and are not usually in the Keys during the High Holy Days will be able to join us virtually this year. We may use the knowledge gained to put some of our activities on-line once we do open. Our Friday night Zoom services have been well received and will continue through the summer and until it is safe to meet again.

This is a season unlike any other in our personal memories. Yet as Jews, we are a People of the Book and as students of history we can bring a larger perspective to the difficult times we are facing. We, as a people, have survived plagues for millennia. We have stories of those who fled. those who survived in ghettoes because of laws of cleanliness and separation from the main population and those who made certain that families and communities were provided for in the event of their illness. We also have the sad history of Jews and others being scapegoated and blamed for disease. For them, surviving the plague did not bring safety. Let us continue to learn, remain alert, stay safe and in touch and pray for a better 5781. ◊



# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Every Monday we meet via Zoom to check in on each other and have a virtual tea party. A good way to maintain community contact, whether you bring your own tea and cookies or not. A lot of good recommendation sharing goes on, starting at 2:00 pm. Let us know what you've been enjoying, watching or listening to. Every Friday Night, Zoom Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

| Mon, Aug. 31   | KJCC Sisterhood Book Club, 12:00pm                          |
|----------------|---|
| Wed, Sept. 9   | "Age-ing and Sage-ing workshop pt. 1, 12:00-1:30pm          |
| Fri, Sept. 11  | Shabbat Service & presentation of Joel Cohen Award, 7:30 pm |
| Sat, Sept. 12  | Leil S'lichot, Laurie Blum, 7:30pm                          |
| Wed., Sept. 16 | "Age-ing and Sage-ing, Workshop pt. 2, 12:00-1:30pm         |
| Fri, Sept. 18  | Erev Rosh HaShanah • Rabbi Agler, 7:30 pm                   |
| Sat, Sept. 19  | Rosh HaShanah I 5781 • Rabbi Agler, 10:00 am                |
| Sun, Sept. 20  | Rosh HaShanah II 5781 • Rabbi Agler, 10:00 am               |
| Mon, Sept. 21  | Sisterhood Book Club, 12:00pm                               |
| Sat, Sept. 26  | Shabbat Shuva • Laurie Blum, 10:00am                        |
| Sun, Sept. 27  | Erev Yom Kippur • Rabbi Agler, 7:30pm                       |
| Mon, Sept. 28  | Yom Kippur • Rabbi Agler, 10:00am                           |

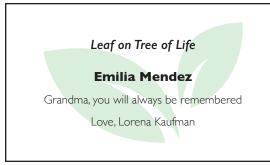
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Joyce will be posting instructions as the time gets closer. If you have an honor and haven't sent your video in to Dave yet, please do so now. And give him another virtual hug of gratitude.

#### Live Discussion with Rabbi Agler

Though most of our High Holy Day services will be prerecorded and available for at will viewing, one segment will be presented live. Joyce will send out Zoom invitations a day ahead of time. Rabbi Agler will meet with us at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 28, Yom Kippur. The discussion will lead into Neilah Services at 6:30 p'm. and culminate with the final Shofar blowing (followed by a Peckman family led Havdalah Service at approximately 7:30 p.m.) The topic for discussion is yet to be announced, but Rabbi Agler's "fast" talks have become one of our favorite and most meaningful parts of High Holy Days. You'll want to be there. When the discussion ends we will return together to the video to hear Neilah, shofar and havdalah.

#### Sisterhood in High Gear

You'd think activities would have slowed way down with all our pandemic induced social distancing and the Sanctuary and Social Hall in lockdown. Not so. Check out the Book Club Schedule on p. 10, the Baking Classes on P.16 and the Virtual Rosh HaShanah Dinner Poster on P. 20. Girls just want to have Fun (and cook creatively).

#### New Learning with New Members

What an opportunity! Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman are offering us a taste of wisdom they've been studying and teaching for years. This will be a two-part workshop on making our elderhood as meaningful as possible. It's called Age-ing and Sage-ing, based on a book by Jewish Renewal founder and leader of blessed memory, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. See P. 26 for details.

#### "Fast" food Takes Different Turn

Though we usually collect food during our fast period for those in need, this is not feasible when there are no in person services. Also, we have heard reports that, for now, the local food banks are well stocked. We still want to make our fast extra meaningful by contributing tzedakah where it is most needed in our community. To this end we are investigating contributions to "Keys Be The Change", a local highly rated (on GuideStar) social service organization. They work to provide mentoring by Police Department officers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, Monroe County School District personnel, and community volunteers to mentor at risk youth. They work with student volunteers to promote healthy choices which include living life without, drugs alcohol or violence and provide a Farm to School/ Farm to Table program. Watch for messages about this worthy program.

#### **Gloria and Jewish Paper Cutting**

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#### No Lulav or Etrog but ...

If you are one of those excellent helpers who come to decorate our Sukkah, you are excused this year. Susan Gordon will be doing it on her own, but you can come during one of those 8 days, starting Oct. 3rd, and have a meal or snack of your own under the sky. There will be a table and tablecloth. Enjoy! Thank you Susan.

#### Tashlich on Our Own

Whether you are tossing bagel bits as "sins" to fish and seagulls or taking trash out of the sea, our usual group practice is in abeyance this year. Rosh HaShanah Day one, afternoon, is the time to resolve to be our better selves.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC**

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|                      | Years                       |      | Years                   |  |
| 22nd                 | Franklin & Judy Greenman 38 | 27th | Israel & Nissan Mayk 48 |  |

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| 5th  | Nissan Mayk         | 16thAlison Thompson  |
| 8th  | Hank Ryan Casey     | 16th Tom Brennan     |
| 8th  | Joseph Reamer       | 20thAmanda Nobil     |
| 9th  | Delia Grace Smith   | 21stJay Stein        |
| 9th  | Eric Freundlich     | 21stRachel Zinner    |
| 10th | Barbara Smith       | 22nd Murray Blitzer  |
| 10th | Emma Feig           | 23rd Dave Mont       |
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| 13th | Stephan Friedman    | 27th                 |
| 15th | Danielle Zinner     | 30th                 |
| 15th | Patricia Isenberg   | 31stBrynn Borisoff   |
|      |                     |                      |

#### – September Anniversaries –

|     | Years                   |      | Years                   |
|-----|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 7th | Jay & Nancy Hershoff 21 | 15th | Rita & Harry Rzepka63   |
| 9th | Neal & Cathy Rakov      | 27th | Gary & Lyn Sherman      |
| 9th | Steven & Barbara Smith  | 30th | Marsha & Tom Garrettson |

#### September Birthdays

| 2nd<br>4th<br>6th<br>6th<br>6th<br>7th<br>7th | Mildred Finkelstein<br>Lloyd Wruble<br>Chase Barrett<br>Debby C. Block<br>Bryce Hesterman-Kutz<br>Shelby R. Morris<br>Steven Greenbaum<br>Mindy Agler<br>Stellar Levy |
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|   | Laurie Grossinger<br>Susan Horn   |
| 9th   | Jacob Klimpl<br>Gerri Emkey   |
|   | Sandy Serota  |
| 13th  | Andy Tobin  |
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| 16th<br>16th<br>17th | Samuel Grossinger |
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| 17th                 | Judd Daddona      |
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| 19th                 | Barbara Bernstein |
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| 19th                 | Joel Bofshever    |
| 19th                 | Steven Schur      |
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| 24th                 |                   |
| 24th                 | . Orlando Quesada |
| 25th                 |                   |
| 25th                 | Michel Bitton     |
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Albert L. Ichel By David & Janice Ichel

**Shirley Lieberman** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Mollie Lawent By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Anne Hendin Margulies** By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Morris Abramson By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Gary W. Cohn** By Nancy L. Cohn

Margaux Rene Grossman By Stuart Grossman

> Arthur Kaplan By Sandy Kaplan

**Billie Kornbloom** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**Burton Margolis** By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> **Gizella Reiff** By Roberta McNew

**Priscilla Leshin** By Joan Boruszak

**Jesse Ginsberg** By Bernard Ginsberg

Sheldon David Horowitz By Beth Horowitz

> **Eva Raub** By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Max Lieberman** By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**Josephine Margulies** By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> Chanoch Shiloh By Jan Price

**Joel Reed Baker** By Joseph & Susan Sachs Martha Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

**Bernard Solas** By Elaine Solas

**Ralph Tallent** By Lillian Tallent

**Clara Zirofsky** By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

> **Tom Klipper** By Mary Lee Singer

**Olga Schuman** By Adam & Judy Starr

> Albert White By Susan White

Howard Shutan By Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Selma Smith** By Steven & Barbara Smith

> **Ida R. Estrin** By Lillian Tallent

Seymour H. Levin By Sanford Yankow

KJCC Offers Our Deep Condolences To Cantor Michael Dzubin On the Death of his Brother, Joel Dzubin. May his memory be for a Blessing.

In Memoriam – September 2020

**Jim Boruszak** By Joan Boruszak

**Evelyn O. Coltman** By Barnet O. Coltman

> **Jim Nobil** By Lynn Nobil

**Toby Mitchell** By Linda Pollack

**David Schur** By Lee Schur **Charlie Temkin** By Robert Temkin

**Lillian Goldstein** By Joan Boruszak

**Leonard Roberts** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

> Erik S. Persoff By Lynn Nobil

Lorraine Martell By Skip Rose

Irving Kopecky By Adam & Judy Starr **Ronald Repka** By Nancy L. Cohn

Abraham Kaplan By Sandy Kaplan

**Beverly Harvey** By Linda Perloff

**David Gulkis** By Elaine Schulberg

**Roger Starr** By Adam & Judy Starr

Leaf on Tree of Life

#### Lucy Kaufman

Mom, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

#### Jack Rosen

Grandpa, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

#### **Ruth Rosen**

Grandma, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

#### Clara Kaufman

Grandma, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman



# Sisterhood Book Club

# ~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~ Meetings will be at 12 p.m. via Zoom until further notice ~

August 31, 2020 The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson and The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes September 21, 2020 No Surrender by Chris Edmonds October 26, 2020 The Color of Love by Marra Gad

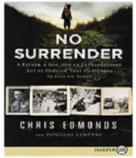


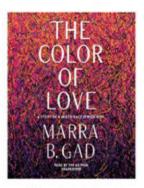
About the free library service

in 1930's-40's Kentucky Hills

and the women who rode mules delivering books there

World War‼life in a Nazi POW camp and the hero who saved the Jewish men





Memoir about a mixed-race Jewish woman

RSVP and more information - Joyce Peckman joycepeckman@gmail.com Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an invitation to Zoom.



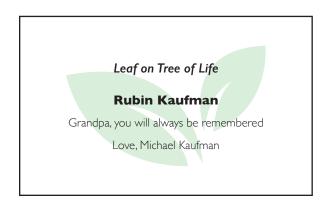
#### SISTERHOOD Beth Hayden

Shalom to all and best wishes for a **Shanah Tovah** and **G'mar Chatimah Tovah**! A happy, healthy and prosperous 5782 to all!

isterhood has two current projects under development. The first, of course, is our proposed KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook which will be completed in early 5782. We have selected a company to publish our cookbook based on the cost, choices and free support offered. At this point we are looking at a cookbook of roughly 100 pages; recipes will not mix meat and dairy products nor will they contain trefe ingredients. There will be a section on lewish Holidays that includes some of our more famous Passover recipes. If you have not already received an email with instructions and requests for recipes before you receive this issue of Chai-Lights, please let me know at 305 773-0067 or hayden.elizabeth@ *comcast.net*. We look forward to the support and talents of KICC Sisterhood as we move forward with this endeavor. Our hope is to make this cookbook unique to the Keys Jewish Community and its members. We have two honorary male members who have been generous enough to offer to share recipes – thanks to Bernie Ginsberg and Jeff Margulies. Ours is an INclusive group. We also extend our gratitude to KICC's artists who will assist in designing the cover and dividers to make this truly a unique Keys offering. Thanks to all who are helping by contributing to this endeavor.

Our second project has come about because the Board has decided to redesign the KJCC website. Sisterhood has requested its own page be added to the official KJCC website. This may help us recruit new members and will certainly make us more visible on the web as part of the KJCC. Please share with me any ideas you have for special content and important things you think should be included about Sisterhood in our webpage. Sisterhood would not be the staunch and vibrant organization that it is without you. Your ideas for the webpage are important and welcome, so please feel free to send me your thoughts and ideas.

So – (as we say) Covid may have slowed us down but it definitely has not stopped us. Any ideas you may also have for more projects Sisterhood can undertake at a distance are welcome. We can be distant but still connected. I regret to say, given the rise in the number of cases in the Keys following the removal of the road blocks and our proximity to the new epicenter of the disease - Miami-Dade County - I think, it will be some time before we will be free or relatively free of this blight. We now truly have an eleventh plague to add at Seders. For all that, as we move into the High Holydays let us all embrace 5782 as a new and joyous year with ample opportunities for self-improvement and new ways to contribute to the world around us. Again, I wish you a Shanah Tovah u'Mtukah (a good and sweet year) full of health and happiness.



Chai-Lights August | - September 30, 2020 ||

We won't be providing the usual movie and pizza after our S'lichot services this year. But nothing is as usual this year. So let's put our focus squarely on this event, an introspective

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start to the mission of High Holydays, examining our lives to see where we did not come up to the mark, asking for forgiveness and making plans to do better, to be better.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Time: 7:30 p.m. Leader: Laurie Blum Place: Zoom (invitation to follow)



We can still have our own pizza and a movie. Recommend a good one and we can watch together separately.

### WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



#### In the "Outrageous" Department

In early June, Israeli feminist groups responded with outrage after it was announced that Oded Forer, a male lawmaker, was chosen to lead the seven-member Knesset Committee for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality. Forer, a member of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu party, is the only male on the committee and has little experience dealing with gender issues. Israeli feminist group Kulan called the move "a joke at the expense of women in Israel." The group described the issue as a cynical political move to appease the Yisrael Beiteinu party and the larger parliamentary opposition that it belongs to. The Center for Women's Justice (CWJ), an advocacy group, said the move was like rubbing salt in the wound since the number of women in Israel's 120-seat parliament has dipped to only twenty-nine, just under one guarter. "This comes at a time where Israeli women are facing a crisis, with domestic violence at an all-time high and the coronavirus exacerbating women's social and economic inequity," the advocacy group said. "More than ever, the Committee for the Advancement of Women needs a gualified and expert leader at the helm. This is not that." Reports of domestic violence increased by 112 percent during the first lockdown imposed by Jerusalem to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; eleven women have been murdered by their partners since the start of the year. (Please note that this information was as of June 8th.) (www.jpost. <u>com</u>,6-8-20)

#### Outrage #2

During a sermon in June in Rio de Janeiro, a Brazilian pastor and his congregants prayed "to destroy the Jews like vermin" and bring on a second Holocaust. "Massacre the Jews, God, hit them with your sword, for they have left God, they have left the nations," Pastor Tupirani da Hora Lores shouted at the congregants at his Geracao Jesus Cristo church, a small and radical evangelical church. The event was recorded and the congregants can be heard enthusiastically repeating his words. "They contrived, went with prostitutes, and when they were told to repent they said they'd do it but they lied," the pastor said, possibly in reference to the forced conversions to Christianity during the Inquisition. "God what you have done in World War II, you must do again, this is what we ask in our prayers to you: Justice, justice, justice!"

Sinagoga Sem Fronteiras, a network of Brazilian Jewish communities, filed a complaint for incitement against the pastor with federal police. Rabbi Gilberto Ventura, founder of Sinagoga Sem Fronteiras, said, "With each complaint and lawsuit...we aim to publicize the offences and actions taken against offenders so that people will start thinking twice before taking such actions." (*www.jta.org*, 6-19-20)

#### She's Been Removed

The Board of Trustees at the University of Cincinnati voted at the end of June to remove Marge Schott's name from its baseball stadium because of her racism and anti-Semitism. Schott, once owner of the Cincinnati Reds major league franchise, died in 2004. The university's president Neville Pinto said, "Marge Schott's record of racism and bigotry stands at stark odds with our university's core commitment to dignity, equity and inclusion. I hope this action serves as an enduring reminder that we cannot remain silent or indifferent when it comes to prejudice, hate or inequity. More than ever, our world needs us to convert our values into real and lasting action." Schott owned the Reds from 1984 to 1999. She was banned from actively running the team in 1996 after she spoke admiringly of Adolf Hitler, saying that he "was good in the beginning but went too far." She also used the n-word when referring to two black Boston Red Sox outfielders. Former Major League star Kevin Youkilis, who is Jewish, joined fellow university alumni calling on the school to change the stadium's name. More than 10,000 people signed an online petition drive in early June. The baseball stadium had been named for Schott two years after her death following a \$2 million donation to the university's Athletics Varsity Village project by the Marge and Charles Schott Foundation. (<u>www.abcnews.go.com</u>, 6-24-20)

#### A Safe, Reusable Face Mask

With the worldwide demand for protective masks escalating dramatically since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a team of scientists led by Professor Yair Ein-Eli at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology's Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering have developed a reusable, self-disinfecting face mask. How is it self-disinfecting? Each mask contains a layer of carbon fibers that can be heated, using a USB port with a low current source such as a phone charger, in a process that destroys viruses that may have accumulated on the mask. The team submitted a patent application in the United States and they have approached industrial companies about mass producing the masks. (<u>www.ipost.com</u>, 6–19–20)

#### **Restoring Sight to Millions?**

CorNeat Vision, an Israeli startup, has received approval from the Health Ministry to conduct clinical trials of a synthetic cornea that bio-integrates with the human eye. The trial will be run at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah (a city east of Tel Aviv) on ten patients suffering from corneal blindness who are not candidates for or have experienced one or more failed cornea transplants. The CorNeat KPro implant is designed to replace deformed, scarred or opacified corneas and restore the vision of corneal blind patients immediately following implantation. The lens of the device is designed to integrate with ocular tissue using a patented synthetic non-degradable nanofabric skirt which is placed under the conjunctiva. Dr. Gilad Litvin, chief medical

officer at CorNeat Vision and the inventor of the KPro device, said the implantation procedure is relatively simple and takes less than an hour. "We expect it will enable millions of blind patients around the world, even in areas where there is no corneal practice of organ donation, to regain their sight," Litvin said. The first in-human implant of the CorNeat KPro will be led by Professor Irit Bahar, head of Beilinson's Ophthalmology Department. Bahar called this new technology the "key to turning the tide on global blindness." (<u>www.israelhayom.com</u>, 7–19– 20)

#### A Bipartisan Request Granted

In May, four United States lawmakers - Representatives Nita Lowey (D-NY), one of the most senior Jewish Democrats in Congress, Kay Granger (R-TX), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and John Carter (R-TX), made a bipartisan request to the Veterans Administration (VA) to replace three gravestones in military cemeteries inscribed with swastikas. The gravestones mark the burial site of three German prisoners of war. "Allowing these gravestones with symbols and messages of hatred, racism, intolerance and genocide is especially offensive to all the veterans who risked, and often lost, their lives defending this country and our way of life," the lawmakers wrote. "It is also a stain on the hallowed ground where so many veterans and their families are laid to rest. Families who visit their loved ones, who are buried in the same cemeteries with the Nazi soldiers whom they fought against, should never have to confront symbols of hatred that are antithetical to our American values." At first, the VA said it would not remove the gravestones but preserve them as "historic resources." But in June, the VA reversed course. The department noted that it was not legally permitted to unilaterally remove or change the headstones under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, but that it would begin taking the required steps to replace these headstones with historically accurate markers that exclude the swastika and German text. Two tombstones in guestion - among 140 for World War II POWs - are located at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas and one is at the Fort Douglas Post Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are marked

with a swastika inside a German cross and are inscribed with these words: "He died far from his home for the Führer, people and fatherland." The VA is proposing that the headstones be preserved in its National Cemetery Administration History Collection. There are an estimated 860 World War I and II-era German POWs buried in 43 cemeteries across the United States. (*www. timesofisrael.com*, 6-1-20)

#### In Memoriam

• Larry Kramer, one of the most important figures in LGBTQ activism and a prolific writer, died at the end of May. He was 84. Kramer was a co-founder of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, now one of the largest AIDS service organizations in the world. He was forced out because of his outspokenness but went on to found the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, better known as ACT UP, a more militant group that took to the streets to protest for more AIDS drugs research and an end to discrimination against the gay population. Kramer, a graduate of Yale University, said his worldview was shaped by his Jewish identity. The Holocaust was a defining historical moment for him, and because of what happened in the early 1980s with AIDS he felt obligated to become an activist. Kramer and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, collided with each other as the AIDS crisis continued to kill gay men, with Kramer calling Fauci a killer. That had a powerful effect on Fauci, who felt the need to break through the slow federal bureaucracy that was standing in the way of AIDS research. Later on, Kramer and Fauci became friends. (Two months before his death, Kramer contacted Fauci, telling him he felt badly for how he was being treated as the public face of the efforts to combat COVID-19.) Kramer wrote many books, plays and screenplays and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his play "The Destiny of Me." He began working for Columbia Pictures as a screenwriter in the early 1960s. (<u>www.jta.org</u>, 5-27-20)

• Beverly Pepper, a sculptor known best for her monumental iron and steel works, died in February at the age of 97. Born Beverly Stoll in Brooklyn, she moved to Europe in the late 1940s and settled in Rome in the 1950s with her husband, journalist and author Curtis Bill Pepper. In the 1970s, the couple moved to Italy's Umbria region and restored an old castle near the medi-

eval town of Todi. Together they became an anchor of a community of artists and writers. Her massive architectural sculptures were often set up in the open air, with smaller pieces sculpted directly into the landscape. In 2005, she created a land art piece called "Walls of Memory: For My Grandmother" in Vilnius, Lithuania, to honor her paternal grandmother, who had fled Vilnius for the United States. (In Yiddish and Jewish literature the city was known as Vilna.) Ms. Pepper once said that she came from a strange lewish family, her mother's parents being very religious while her father's family were socialists and against religion. Pepper received many awards. Her works are displayed in museums, collections and public spaces around the world. In 1979, she created an installation of four massive steel columns set up in Todi's main square, which were re-erected there in 2019 for their 40th anniversary. Pepper remained an active creative force until her death. (www.nytimes.com, 2-5-20)

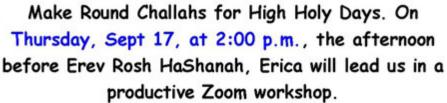
• Betty Goudsmit-Oudkerk, a Dutch Jewish woman who saved hundreds of lewish children from the Holocaust, died in June. She was 96. She was the last living member of a small group of rescuers who smuggled Jewish children to safety over several months from a Protestant religious seminary in Amsterdam run by the late Johan van Hulst. It bordered on an internment facility for Jewish children that was set up by the Nazis, opposite the Hollandsche Schouwburg concentration complex where the children's parents were held. At seventeen, Goudsmit-Oudkerk cared for the jailed children, and with active help from the director of the facility she helped transfer hundreds of children to van Hulst and his team. (Johan van Hulst was honored in 1973 by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations for saving some 600 Jewish children.) For decades. Goudsmit-Oudkerk did not speak publicly about her role in the rescue operation. The former seminary and the Hollandsche Schouwburg are now part of the Jewish Cultural Quarter of Amsterdam, a group of several Jewish heritage sites. A \$27 million Holocaust museum is scheduled to open in 2022 in the building that housed the seminary. (www. timesofisrael.com, 6-16-20) ◊

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## KJCC SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU to two delicious Zoom events

Bake Your Own Mandelbrot with Rebecca Peckman ~ If you enjoyed making your own bagels, you know you will love learning this.

Date and Time to be announced





Invitations to both Zoom events will be sent by email.





#### PHOTO GALLERY



Happy Birthday, Donna Bolton! Sorry we couldn't take you out for your favorite meal, but we did enjoy bringing it to you.





Congratulation to Elaine Schulberg on Arrival of two new "babies" in one week. The highly alert grandson is named after Alan. We don't know the sleepy baby's name.

#### How Donna Bolton & Susan Gordon spent their COVID-19 Summer Vacation

KJCC's building may have been empty of religious and social activity for the last four months, but two dedicated worker bees have been very well-occupied in making changes for the better in our physical plant. Take a look at the newly carpeted and painted office. Check out the literally spotless carpet in the schoolroom, enjoy the new entryway and countless improvements inside and out. Many thanks for all the hours you spent in upkeep and improvement.





One of the unexpected "gifts" of COVID 19 has been new service leaders in previously unreachable parts of the country. We can Zoom anywhere. Here Joyce Peckman, happily ensconced with son Keith's family in New Jersey, shares leading duties with enthusiastic chanter, granddaughter Libby.



The people working on taking everything out of the office so it could be painted were the lucky recipients of a moving concert as **Beth Hayden** got in some practicing on her Steinway in residence.





A New Role for Zoom: Into the Kitchen After months of on-line meetings, talking about books and holiday prep, art and security, Zoom found its way to the heart of KJCC, our kitchens. Many thanks to Rebecca Peckman, our President's daughter-in-law, for teaching us how to make our own bagels with a few simple ingredients. Rita Conklin's plateful is impressive, as is Erica's baking sheet full. Susan says her bagel is delicious. Joyce promises that this will happen again if you're sorry you missed it. Watch President's Tuesday Notes. There may be a round challah-making seminar in the works right before Rosh HaShanah.



Gloria finishes hanging her Art show in the Reception Area of Mt. Desert Island Hospital: "Joy Arising: Roosters, Lobsters, Fishermen. Oh My." She's doing her part to add cheeriness to times of medical stress.



Glorias paper cuttings. "All it takes is patience, imagination and a \$10 exacto knife.



#### Scholarship Awarded to Jonah Gross

Many years ago, Joel Pollack came to the KJCC Board of Directors with a forceful idea. "We have to support our kids as they go on to higher education! We must have a Scholarship fund and give our Jewish children a leg up as they enter the world." The vote was a unanimous "Yes!" and a few weeks ago Jonah Gross (and a huge contingent of his far flung family) came to a KJCC Shabbat Zoom service to see Jonah accept his Scholarship award. We are proud of

him and all he does for our community from helping to lead services to cleaning up sea trash (reverse Taschlich) to putting us into a state of awe with that final blast from the shofar he blows so well. Tekiah G'dolah. We'll hear him again soon. Mazel Tov to the Klein-Gross family.

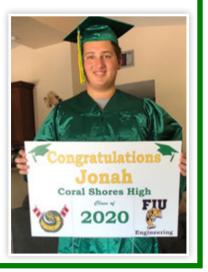
#### A Letter from Jonah :

Thank you to all facets and faces of the Keys JCC that honored me with the high school graduation scholarship towards my college experience. I have been attending FIU online this summer but will be moving into the dorms at the main campus in Miami in late August. I will be studying all aspects of engineering because as of right now I cannot decide exactly which branch I'd like to study, they all interest me.

I hope to work in the engineering field as I would love to design cars, underwater equipment or save the world.

I hope that you'll enjoy my recorded shofar blows this year and that in years to come they can happen in person again. I love making you all proud every high holiday season.

Regards to all, Jonah



## **Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner A Good Start to a Sweet Year**

**The KJCC Sisterhood** is delighted to cordially invite you to attend our Virtual Rosh HaShanah 5781 Dinner. Face masks are not required. We will remain distant but will still be able to enjoy each other's company.

At the conclusion of our meal, we will join KJCC Rosh HaShanah High Holyday services at 7:30 PM via a Zoom link to be posted on the KJCC website.

KJCC President Joyce Peckman will send an email invitation on September 16 on behalf of Sisterhood for our community dinner on September 18 at 6 p.m. Click on the link to join us.

As you plan your Rosh HaShanah dinner, Sisterhood hopes you will also share your delicious recipes for inclusion in our KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook which will shortly be under production. On behalf of Sisterhood, wishing you and yours a wonderful, healthy, happy and prosperous 5781. Stay safe and be well.





## High Holidays Schedule 5781

Saturday, September 12th 7:30pm • ZOOM S'lichot Service

Friday, September 18th 7:30pm • Erev Rosh HaShanah

Saturday, September 19th 10:00am • Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Sunday, September 20th 10:00am • Rosh HaShanah Day 2 Saturday, September 26th 10:00am • ZOOM Shabbat Shuva Service

#### Sunday, September 27th

7:30pm • Kol Nidre Monday, September 28th 10:00am • Yom Kippur 11:30am • Yizkor Service 5:00pm • LIVE ZOOM Seminar with Rabbi Agler 6:30pm • Neilah Service 7:30pm • Havdalah Service

Links for all ZOOM services & programs will be sent in emails High Holiday services have been pre-recorded and may be viewed by following the links posted on the KJCC website: www.keysjewishcenter.com \*A// times are approximate



Almost everything . . .

Imost everything is symbolic in Judaism, from numbers to letters, words, shapes and even foods. Here are some of the special foods associated with Rosh HaShanah, meant to insure an auspicious beginning to our New Year. We always have a round challah symbolizing the continuity of our ceremonial year and the Jewish people. A pomegranate is said to contain as many seeds as there are Mitzvot in the Torah; a fish head is there because it is better to be the head

than to be the tail. You get the idea.

For the first time in a long time we will not be bringing in the New Year with a shared communal meal in our Social Hall and School Room, but you will not need to eat alone. Thanks to Beth Hayden and Sisterhood, we're invited to a Virtual Erev Rosh HaShanah Dinner, where we can bring our own food and see each other's faces as we approach the New Year.





## Thoughts from our Rabbí

rom the standpoint of public health, economic fallout, race relations or politics, we have seen more than our share of disarray. Everyone's life has changed and many have been upended. It was mostly unexpected, and it was rarely comfortable.

Where can we turn for shelter from such storms? To our families and loved ones, of course. And also to meaningful labor and healthy leisure pursuits. We are blessed to live in a locale that offers as much peace and beauty as it does. But even all that may not

give us enough of our yearned-for inner quietude.

Judaism, and every faith really, affirms that peace is found when we make more of God's spirit our own. As Jews, we don't leave it that. We accept, particularly during the High Holydays, that we have allowed too much distance to grow between ourselves and our Creator. We have not attained the best that is within us and we might well have done better for and with those around us.

This acknowledgment comes with some "healthy



guilt." Looking back, we can ask ourselves, have I done all that I could to help heal the breaches in our world? Have I allowed myself to be misled, misdirected, or misinformed? Have I fallen victim to unwarranted disrespect or even to hate? Have I given honor to those it is due, charity to those in need, and sufficient care to myself and those around me?

These are the questions that the Days of Awe sets before us—this year and every year. Life's circumstances may change but the questions remain the same. As does our responsibil– ity to answer them, with renewed

awareness and improved direction. This is why we pray during the High Holydays. And, as the Rabbis taught, those who arise from prayer as better persons, their prayers have been answered.

Mindy joins me in wishing a year of health, blessing, and fulfillment to all the members of our KJCC family.

L'shana tovah! -Rabbí Ríchard Agler, DD

Díp the Apple in the honey Say the blessing loud and clear: Shana Tovah umetukah May you have a sweet new year!





New Year's Greetings

Shana Tovah To our KJCC family Rabbí Rich & Mindy Agler



Shanah Tovah To all KJCC and your loved ones Adam & Judy Starr



A happy and healthy to All at the KJCC Miss you Joan Boruszak



L'Shana Tova To all my dear Friends Joan Wohl Arthur and Johanna Willner Wish you a happy healthy New Year filled with blessings



A happy and healthy Year to everyone Stuart & Lauren Sax



Praying for good health, Love and happiness for Us all during 5781 Susan G.



A happy and Healthy Season to all Bob & Susie Temkin



We miss you all Good health to you Sylvía and Alfred Rímm



L'Shana Tovah Wishing all a happy And healthy 5781 Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum



Shana Tova and a healthy New Year to all our KJCC mishpachah Erica Lieberman-Garrett



My dear KJCC mishpachah, I wish you a year of good health Love, Gloría

Susan & Dot wish our KJCC friends a safe And health filled year! L'Shanah Tovah



## Thoughts from our Cantor

t was October of 1997, and the Marlins were scheduled to play against the Atlanta Braves in a National League Championship Series game, to determine which team would move on to the World Series. The problem was, that Yom Kippur was to begin that evening. A Jewish fan went to his rabbi for advice on what he should do, explaining to the rabbi that, while he understood that it was Yom Kippur, he felt it was also a minor miracle that a baseball team that was only in its 5th season could possibly be on the verge of going to the World Series. The rabbi, responding wisely, said "It's 1997; I'm sure you have a VCR?" To which the congregant leapt on his



Fond memories of Cantor Dzubin making HaMotzi after last year's High Holy Day services.

69:14 is interpreted to mean that the time when prayer is most welcomed by God, is when the congregation is praying, and that an individual's prayer is more likely to be accepted if he says it while praying with the congregation.

Still, there are times and situations where an individual simply cannot possibly make it to a congregational service. In these situations, the sages taught that if one is unable to attend a communal service, he is advised that the next best thing to do, is to pray privately at the same time as when the congregation is praying. This is what had/has been happening in my neighborhood, and around the world,

suggestion, responding excitedly "You mean I can record Kol Nidre?!?"

I was reminded of this joke when I heard the seemingly ever-evolving plans KJCC's High Holiday Services for this year. First, there was talk about streaming the service with minimal attendance, then it was decided that we were going to pre-record the service with no congregants, which, of course, brought to mind the professional athletes having to return to the stadiums without the fans cheering them on. What strange times this Coronavirus has brought upon us.

From the beginning, one of the identifying features of Jewish prayer has been the emphasis on the importance of praying with others as part of a congregation. But what about the idea that an individual can fulfill the Mitzvah (commandment) of prayer by praying privately? While this is true, the sages taught that God listens more readily to the prayers of the congregation than He does to those of an individual. Furthermore, the sages tell us that when 10 or more pray together, the Divine Presence (Sh'khinah) is with them. Psalm in this time of Covid-19. Even the orthodox shuls near me would advise that congregants stay home, and instead, they would (presumably) have a bare minyan (socially distanced), and post notices of what time they expected to reach each part of the service, so that the rest of the congregation could coordinate their individual prayers at home to coincide with the skeleton crew davening in the shul!

In addition to praying on behalf of the congregation, at times, the Shaliakh Tsibbur ("Emissary of the Congregation"), is counted on to elevate the souls and prayers of the congregation, bringing everyone closer to God, either through the appropriate melodies he chants on their behalf, or through a particularly moving or rousing sing-along. In other parts of the service, his job is simply to set and keep the pace of the praying congregants by finishing the last one or two verses of each prayer, and perhaps starting the beginning of the next one to keep everyone praying together, even when everyone is praying silently for many pages at a time.





All of this, of course, must be balanced with what is called "Kavannah", or "intent". This can be challenging when davening alone, and especially so when davening and recording this for the congregation in an empty sanctuary. I imagine that it will feel particularly strange when we reach the parts of the service and/or prayers that require a community response (one that may not come, at least not to our ears in the sanctuary), or the chorus portions of the sing-along melodies to certain prayers. During these times in particular, I will need to remind myself that you will all (hopefully) be out there listening, and even better. singing/praying along with me! At other times, I will especially need to remember the adage that is often written above the Ark in many congregations: "Know before Whom you stand". I must be aware of, and reflect on the meaning of the words, their history, and the intentions of the composers of the liturgy.

"B'Rosh HaShanah y'kateavoon, u-v'Yom tsom Kippur yea-chateamoon (On Rosh HaShanah they are inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement they are sealed)." On Rosh HaShanah, God will decide the general fate of entire populations (Kammah ya-avroon, v'khammah y'barea-oon (how many will pass, and how many will be created)). God will also decree the fate of individuals (Mee yichyeh, u-mee yamoot (who will live, and who will die); Mee v'kitso, u-mee lo v'kitso (who (will die) at his intended time (after a long life), and who will not (die) at his intended time (who will die before his time))).

For those who are condemned to die, God determines how it will be brought about (Mee va-mayim, u-mee va-aish (who by water, and who by fire...); this year, with the Covid-19, our attention is surely drawn to the phrase Mee vam-ma-gefah (and who by plague)). In my family (and, I'm sure, many other families), our attention this year has been drawn by the part of "who will die before his time). Around the time that I began writing this article, my brother (who is almost four years younger than me) came home from work on a Tuesday afternoon (Erev Rosh Hodesh Av), had something to eat, took a shower, and then suffered a mas-

sive heart attack (they called it a widow-maker). After a valiant effort all-around, my brother passed away on Friday afternoon (during the 9 Days of Mourning), and as I am finishing this article, it is now the day after we had to bury my brother at the age of 49, and is also Erev Tisha B'Av (the beginning of the saddest day in Jewish history. You can imagine the grief in our family; especially that of his four children (9, 11, 14 and 22), and, of course, our parents, who should never have to bury their child. However, through the practice of communal prayer, and our traditions of coming together in hard times, we learned of many good deeds my brother had done, and the very positive ways that he touched so many lives (a few of these people give credit to him for saving their lives!). I even witnessed a minor miracle at the funeral. I had been warned beforehand that we had to keep the mother of my brother's three youngest children away from my brother's fiancé. However, just before we started, I turned around just in time to see the two of them hugging each other, and crying on each other's shoulders! This never would have happened if they weren't drawn together from the two sides of the state to come pray for my brother as part of a community.

But Repentance, Prayer, and Charity annul the severity of the Decree. It's not by accident that most of the prayers are written in the plural; not in the singular. This is to emphasize the responsibilities that we Jews have for each other, making us more aware of, and responsive to, the needs of the individual. As a result, the individual Jew who worshipped regularly with a congregation, learned that he was never really alone.

I am honored that you have invited me back to share these High Holidays with you, as your Shaliakh Tsibbur, even if this year, it is only virtually. I pray that next year, we will all be able to physically be together, and pray together, in good health!

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu! (May you all be inscribed for a Good Year!) - Cantor Michael Dzubin



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## For Your Hígh Holyday Lísteníng Pleasure Recommended by Beth Hayden

A swe approach the High Holydays, here are two listening recommendations. The first recommendation is probably the most beautiful rendition of Schindler's Theme you will ever hear. This performance was filmed at the Dohany Street Synagogue, also known as the Great Synagogue in the 7th district of Budapest, Hungary. It is the largest synagogue in Europe, seating 3,000 people and is a center of Neolog Judaism.

The synagogue was built between 1854 and 1859 in the Moorish Revival style with the decoration based chiefly on Islamic models from North Africa and medieval Spain (the Alhambra). The interior design is partly by Frigyes Feszel.

The Dohany Street Synagogue complex consists of the Great Synagogue, the Heroes' Temple, the graveyard, the Memorial and the Jewish Museum, which was built on the site on which Theodor Herzl's house of birth stood. Dohany Street itself, a leafy street in the city center, carries strong Holocaust connotations as it constituted the border of the Budapest Ghetto. The Synagogue is surely one of the most beautiful in the world.

This performance was recorded live in 2017 with special thanks to Chief Rabbi Robert Frolich. Csongor Korossy-Khayll is a Hungarian violin prodigy, who played one of his first public appearances with the legendary Budapest Festival Orchestra, conducted by Ivan Fischer. He studied at the Liszt Academy (yes, Liszt was Hungarian although he spoke not a word of the language). My teacher fro my Master's and Doctoral work was Bela Boszormenyi-Nagy, <u>https://lfze.hu/</u> <u>notable-alumni/boszormenyi-nagy-bela-1857</u>, a Hungarian who studied and taught Piano Concerto, Xavier Varnus, playing the Jenheim organ and accompanying Csongor, is a Canadian citizen who lives in Berlin and has played all over the world. As you can see from the video, this synagogue was once orthodox-the Jenheim organ was added in 1996.

Please take five minutes stop listen to this extraordinary performance. Few things can be promised in life; I can promise you on hearing this, you will not be disappointed. <u>https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=iFGrooN6YDc&t=312s</u>

A second recommendation is Max Bruch's beautiful Kol Nidrei for cello and orchestra. Here is a recording by Jacqueline Du Pre, violin cello, her husband, Daniel Barenboim and the Israe-li Philharmonic. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i91RX2LhY8s</u>. As you know, Ms. Du Pre contracted multiple sclerosis and was forced to stop playing at a very young age. Nevertheless, she is regarded as one of the most important cellists of her time. She played the Davidov Strad-ivarius cello now played by Yoyo Ma. You can read about Jacqueline Du Pre here: <u>https://en.wikipe-dia.org/wiki/Jacqueline du Pr%C3%A9</u>

Max Bruch was a younger contemporary of Brahms. He was not Jewish, however, because he wrote music based on Jewish themes, the Third Reich forbid the playing of his music, as they forbid the playing Ravel's Schoenberg's Milhaud's and so many others (Stravinsky) who were not Jewish but who wrote on Jewish themes or studied with Jews. You can read about Max Bruch here: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max Bruch</u>.

I hope you enjoy these suggestions.



Two of our newest members, Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman, are sharing their training, knowledge and enthusiasm with us this September. We are grateful because the topic is both interesting and relevant. One of the branches of Judaism we seem to know least about is Jewish Renewal. Here is our chance. The class will be taught via zoom. Donation is voluntary. And the word Sage, in the context of Rabbi Zalman's teaching does not refer to a plant that Native Americans burn ceremonially or a to an herb used for cooking, but to wisdom, the kind that comes with a lifetime of experiential learning. This is a unique opportunity.

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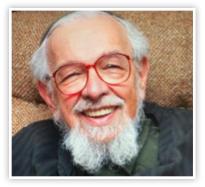
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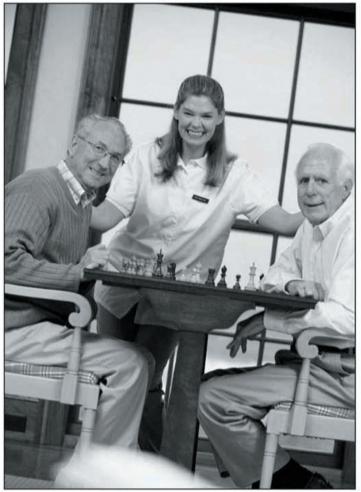
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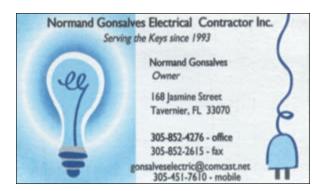


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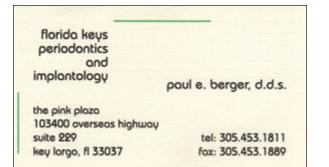
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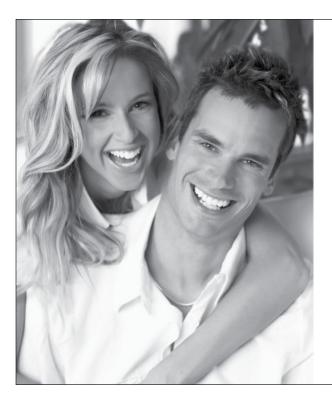
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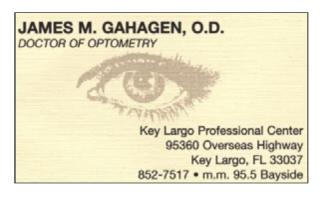
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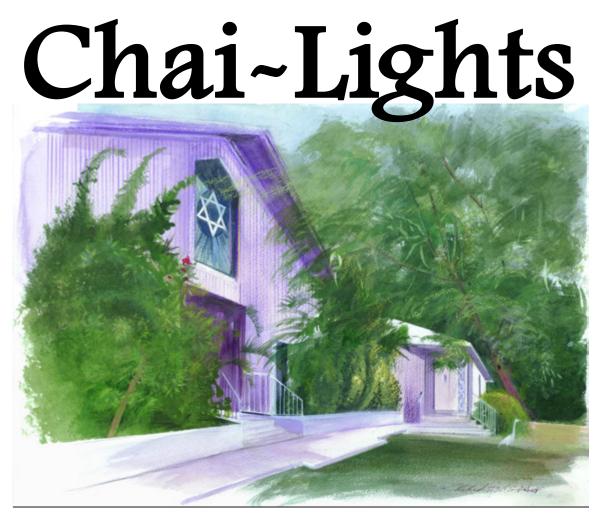
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Joyce Peckman

his is a season unlike any other in our personal memories. Yet as lews, we are a People of the Book, and as students of history we can bring a larger perspective to the difficult times we are facing. We, as a people, have survived plagues for millennia. We have stories of those who fled. those who made certain that families and communities were provided for and those who used their lewish faith to give them strength. We at KJCC are all of the above, but in this generation, we have the power of the internet to keep us together. Now as we look towards a new, hopefully better year, let's take the time to gaze inwards at our strengths and weaknesses and outwards towards those who have helped us along the way and those whom we, in turn, can help.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who worked so hard during the past few months to make our services and holiday events possible. We were able to continue old traditions in a new way: making challah and sharing a festive meal together and hearing the familiar voices of Rabbi Agler, Cantor Dzubin and our dear members during Holy Day prayers. It seemed like a very personal holiday as we saw so many of you contribute your part of the service from your homes.

Simchat Torah is Sunday, October 11th. Lam saddened that we cannot open the doors of KJCC, open the ark (aron kodesh), take out our Torahs and dance with them, as we finish the book of Deuteronomy and begin Genesis, renewing the never-ending cycle. So, this year we will commemorate Simchat Torah on Friday, October 9th during our Shabbat Service. I will lead that service. There will also be a Yizkor service led by Laurie Blum and a virtual oneg with or without chocolate afterwards. You may want to print out pages from the 5781 Yizkor book that was emailed. I encourage you to look online, either through My Jewish Learning or a shul you know. for Simchat Torah virtual events on that Saturday night or Sunday.

Stay well, and stay connected.



#### Evelyn Coltman

By Barnet Coltman



## WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is "up" within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us, we will be able observe Shabbat and holidays, attend meetings and see each other virtually. We can even celebrate onegs if you bring your own cookies. Check Tuesday "President's Notes" for further activities.

| Friday, Oct. 2   | Erev Sukkot 7:30 p.m.                                |
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| October 3 – 10   | Succot - Come visit the KJCC Succah and Garden       |
| Monday, Oct. 5   | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Oct. 9   | Yizkor/Simchat Torah Zoom service 7:30 p.m.          |
| Monday, Oct. 12  | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Tuesday, Oct. 13 | ADL Florida webinar "Standing Up to Hate" 7:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, Oct. 16  | Parasha Bereshit 7:30 p.m.                           |
| Sunday, Oct. 18  | KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.                           |
| Monday, Oct. 19  | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Oct. 23  | Parasha Noach 7:30 p.m.                              |
| Monday, Oct. 26  | Zoom Sisterhood Book club 12:30, drop-in chat 2 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 30  | Parasha Lech-Lecha 7:30 p.m.                         |
| Monday, Nov. 2   | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Nov. 6   | Shabbos Project, Parasha Vayera - 7:30 p.m.          |
| Sunday, Nov. 8   | KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.                           |
| Monday, Nov. 9   | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Nov. 13  | Parasha Chayei Sarah 7:30 p.m.                       |
| Monday, Nov. 16  | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Nov. 20  | Parasha Toldot 7:30 p.m.                             |
| Monday, Nov.23   | Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.                             |
| Friday, Nov. 27  | Parasha Vayetzei 7:30p.m.                            |
| Monday, Nov. 30  | Zoom Sisterhood Book club 12:30, drop-in chat 2 p.m. |

### NOSH

#### Sisterhood Book Club Zooms Ahead

Distance is no objects to good stimulating discussion. Look at the poster on P. 28 for meeting details and to see the next three books we are reading. Be prepared for an interesting, interactive hour every month. The time has changed from noon to 12:30 p.m. Try it, even if you have not read or completed the book. The content is wonderful, and the company is beyond compare. All KJCC members and friends are Invited.

#### Shabbat Project Survives Covid

This year's Shabbat Project might feel a little different without live events and big Shabbat tables bursting with guests. But in truth – as cities shut down, grandparents stopped hugging grandkids and full-time parents became full-time teachers – one thing that remained constant was Shabbat—an anchor in all the crazy.

And the irony is that this year we may be closer to each other than ever before. Whether we are in Vienna or Chicago, Toronto, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina or Key Largo, we are all home.

Save November 6th. We have not made specific

plans yet, but watch Joyce's Tuesday messages and be prepared for something creative to happen here.

#### Tikkun Olam Transforms Fast

Remember how we used to bring food to the shul during High Holidays, changing deprivation to sharing with the Burton Memorial Food Bank? We've transformed our fast again, making it more meaningful by making the lives of four children in foster care in Key Largo less hungry. See the Tikkun Olam Tzeddakah story on P. 17.

#### Don't Forget to Check-In

Monday is the day. Two o'clock is the time. Schmoozing and catching up is the only agenda. We love hearing from each other. Buddy, Erica's African Grey Parrot, often weighs in on matters of import. We exchange book and movie recommendations, let each other know who is sick and who is healing, who has a mazal Tov and if anyone could use some help. We tell jokes. We laugh. It helps us not miss each other's physical presence so much. Bring tea, cookies or whatever refreshments nourish you. Share with us any projects you are working on. We look forward to seeing you.

"Thank you, Jan Hartz, for your beautiful meditative photographs; that kept us good company during High Holy Day Amidah prayers."

#### Joyce Peckman & Gloria Avner

People of accomplishment rarely sit back and let things happen to them. They go out and make things happen!

(with a nod to Leonardo da Vinci) Love, The Graham-Mayk Family Ever so grateful to both of you.



#### In Memory of

**Beatrice Elson Graham** March 6, 1926 - May 25, 2020 2 Sivan 5780

BEA-utiful inside and out! She was our whole world without a doubt. Graham, Mayk, Shuker & Hai Families



### ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

**BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305–587–7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to *lindap4000@ymail.com*.

**CEMETERY INFORMATION:** If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Joyce Peckman, 732–447–5225.

**CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH:** Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

**CHAI-LIGHTS** or **DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305–587–7429, for annual rates.

**GIFT SHOP:** We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305-394-0143, to reserve an orchid, bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR:** To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225, or email her at *joycepeckman@gmail.com*.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305–766–3585.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at *lindap4000@ymail.com*.

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: keysjewishcenter.com. Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. 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. Rabbi & Cantor Fund, Holocaust Education Fund, Meditation Garden, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, Sunshine Fund, or General Fund.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC** We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

#### - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020 -

|                             | In Honor/Memory of                           | Joan Wohl<br>Linda Pollack   | Bea Graham<br>Bea Graham              |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Elaine Schulberg            | Bea Gulkis<br>Joan Kaminsky<br>Nathan Gulkis | Linda Pollack & Skip Rose Carl R   |                                       |  |
|                             | Paul Kaminsky<br>Nate Schulberg              | Oran Hesterman & Lu<br>Susan Ellner  | cinda Kurtz<br>Bea Graham             |  |
|                             | Sondra Lundy                                 | Susan Emici  | Sylvia Agler<br>Carl Roy              |  |
| Skip Rose                   | Milton Lang<br>Morris Rose<br>Jean Shaw      | Linda Pollack& Skip R<br>Susan Ellner  |                                       |  |
| David & Pam Marmar 🛛 🛛 🛛 🛛  | lercedes Pietromartire                       | Irvin & Margie Ungar   | Bea Graham                            |  |
| Joe Gould & Marla Berenson  | Barbara Gould<br>Jack Gould                  | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Howard Shutan                         |  |
| Gloria Avner                | David Gitin<br>Barry Avner                   | Meditation Garden  |                                       |  |
| Susan White                 | Mark White                                   | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Sylvia Agler                          |  |
| Stan & Jenny Margulies      | Miriam Margulies                             | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Prayers for Jeffrey Schocket          |  |
|                             | Isaac Pardo                                  | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Bea Graham                            |  |
| Gary & Laurie Grossinger    | Sharon Grossinger<br>Irwin Grossinger        | Stuart & Lauren Sax Wishing Kathy Shahbathai a<br>Speedy and complete recovery |                                       |  |
| Patricia Isenberg           | Margaret Isenberg                            | George & Muriel Swar   |                                       |  |
| Ronald & Deborah Kaplan     | Sidney Kaplan<br>Catherine Kaplan            | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Bea Graham 1928–2020<br>Howard Shutan |  |
| Hermine Taramona            | Robert Robinson                              | Nissan Mayk  | Bea Graham-2 trees                    |  |
| Adam & Judy Starr           | Manya Starr                                  | Harry & Rita Rzepka  | Brick                                 |  |
| Beth Horowitz               | Sheldon Horowitz                             | Sisterhood   | Annual Donation                       |  |
| Lillian Tallent             | Ralph Tallent<br>Ida Estrin                  | Joel Agler   | Richard & Mindy Agler                 |  |
| Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis | Mollie Laurent<br>Burton Margolis            | Library  |                                       |  |
| Ioan Boruszak               | Priscilla Leshin                             | Stuart & Lauren Sax  | Ken Atlas                             |  |
| Susan White                 | Albert White                                 | Chai-Lights  |                                       |  |
| Jeff & Cheryl Margulies     | Josephine Margulies                          | Joe & Kathy Shabatha   | İ                                     |  |
| Rosalyn Kofler              | David Kofler                                 |  |                                       |  |
| Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis | Sidney Blum                                  | SISTERHOOD   |                                       |  |
| Laurie Burn & Gary Margons  | Sidiley Bidili                               | Onen Snoncorchin   |                                       |  |
| Holocaust Education         |  | <b>Oneg Sponsorship</b><br>Joyce Peckman                                       | Pirthday                              |  |
| Susan Horn & Dot Brooking   | Suzanne Tabasky                              | Barbara Knowles  | Birthday<br>21st anniversary          |  |
|                             | ······································       | Joel & Toby Bofshever  |                                       |  |
| Unrestricted                |  | JUEI & TUDY BUISTIEVEI   | Joer's britilday                      |  |
| Linda Pollack & Skip Rose   | Sylvia Agler                                 | Unrestricted   |                                       |  |
| Ariel Poholek               | Pascal Weisberger                            | Orlando Quesada  |                                       |  |
| Gloria Avner                | Sylvia Agler<br>Bea Graham                   | Anonymous  |                                       |  |

Béa Graham

#### **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### **Leaf** Elaine Schulberg

#### **New Year's Greetings**

Erica Lieberman-Garrett Beth Horowitz Jeff & Cheryl Margulies Jerry & Sheila Olsen Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum Joe & Kathy Shabathai Joel & Toby Bofshever Elaine Schulberg Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

#### **High Holy Days**

Susan White Stephen Steinbock Erica Lieberman-Garrett Jeff & Cheryl Margulies Medina Rov Jerry & Sheila Olsen Stuart & Geri Smith Barney Coltman loe & Kathy Shabathai loe Gould & Marla Berenson Steve & Barbara Smith Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver Nelson & Bobbie Chester Nancy Kluger Joe & Linda Levi Iovce Peckman

#### Security

Erica Lieberman-Garrett Medina Roy Barney Coltman Joel & Toby Bofshever James Brush Barney Coltman Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

#### **Meditation Garden**

Erica Lieberman-Garrett Medina Roy

#### Yizkor

Susan White Stephen Steinbock Jim & Rita Williams Wes & Rita Conklin Frica Lieberman-Garrett Beth Horowitz George & Muriel Swartz Beth Hayden Jerrold & Roos-Mary Benowitz Jeff & Cheryl Margulies Medina Roy Linda Pincus Jerry & Sheila Olsen Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum Harry & Rita Rzepka Barbara Calev David & Toby Goldfinger Joseph & Susan Sachs **Richard & Sheila Steinberg** Barnev Coltman David & Patti Gross Joe & Kathy Shabathai Joel & Toby Bofshever loe Gould & Marla Berenson Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer Dale Chasteen Steve & Barbara Smith Barney Coltman Elaine Schulberg Art Itkin Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver Marilvn Greenbaum Nelson & Bobbie Chester Beth Kaminstein Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea

6 Chai-Lights October I - November 30, 2020

| Jane Friedman<br>Yardena Kamely<br><b>Holocaust Education</b><br>Jim & Rita Williams<br>Linda Pincus  | <b>Tikkun Olam</b><br>Linda Pincus<br>Joel & Toby Bofshever<br>Nelson & Bobbie Chester<br>Yardena Kamely  |   |
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| Nelson & Bobbie Chester   | OtherIn Honor/Memory oWes & Rita ConklinSisterhood  |   |
| Tzeddakah<br>Medina Roy<br>Linda Pincus<br>Richard & Sheila Steinberg<br>Scholarship Fund<br>Medina Roy<br>Linda Pincus<br>Nelson & Bobbie Chester<br>Beth Kaminstein | Unrestricted<br>Wes & Rita Conklin<br>Beth Horowitz<br>Linda PIncus<br>Stuart & Geri Smith<br>David & Patti Gross<br>Joe & Kathy Shabathai<br>James Brush |   |
| Jane Friedman   | Elaine Schulberg Paul Kaminsk<br>Betty Small Joel Willi   | - |
| <b>Chai-Lights Support</b><br>Linda Pincus  | Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver<br>Joyce Peckman<br>Bernie Ginsberg   |   |

### HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

Yahrzeit Plaques: KJCC has six special, Israeli-made boards in the sanctuary for yahrzeit memorial plaques. Each plaque is accompanied by its own light, which is switched on for both yahrzeit dates and on Yom Kippur; names are also read aloud in memory from the bemah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is \$400.

**Book Plates:** We are, after all, the People of the Book. For \$36 an inscription of your choice will be placed in one of our Siddurim or Tanakhs. An example: "In Loving Memory of my grandfa-ther, who first taught me about the wonders that lie between these covers."

**Tree of Life Leaves:** We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May they always be in the presence of the Eternal Light."

**Garden Bricks:** \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate living tribute, with an outdoor plaque included in the price.

In Memoriam – October 2020

**Perren Gerber** By Gloria Avner

**Gertrude Widlan** By Norbert Birnbaum

**Steven V. Calev** By Barbara A. Calev

Ida Hitzig By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Stanley J. Goodman** By Jamie & Laura Goodman

> Michal Kamely By Yardena Kamely

**Sol Levy** By Beth Kaminstein

**Stephen Berman** By Sylvia Berman

Shirley Leventhal Strumor By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

> **Arnold Tomor** By Barbara A. Calev

Abraham Kanowsky By Wes & Rita Conklin

> Simon Skolnick By Susan Gordon

**Rebekah Levy** By Yardena Kamely

Neel Christensen By Nancy Kluger

Fanny Grossman Bernard By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

> Audrey Bloom By Marc Bloom

William Chait By Nelson & Roberta Chester

> **Muriel Catanase** By Jane Friedman

Henry Walter Isenberg By Patricia Isenberg

> **Ron Levy** By Beth Kaminstein

Eliza Christensen By Nancy Kluger

**Rosie Kleinfeldt Blum Krilov** By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> **David Frank** By Linda Pollack

Patty Silver Schocket By Jeffrey Schocket

> Morton I. Singer By Mary Lee Singer

**Carol Steinbock** By Stephen Steinbock

**Doran David Zinner** By Donald Zinner

Jose (Pepe) Cohen Charaf By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

> Rosalyn Rose By Skip Rose

Maurice Singer By Lee Schur

**Solomon Felder** By Stuart & Geri Smith

**Beverly Tobin** By Andrew M.Tobin

Joel S. Cohen By Lynn Nobil

Bradley Schocket By Jeffrey Schocket

Jon R. Singer By Mary Lee Singer

Mr. Harry Stein By Shirley Stein

> **Zara White** By Susan White

In Memoriam – November 2020

**Eugene Agler** By Richard & Mindy Agler

Harriet Feder By David & Suzi-Sara Feder

> **David Jacobs** By Lawrence Jacobs

**Jacob S. Raub** By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Ilse Doellefeld** By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> **Tillie Pollack** By Linda Pollack

Seymour Schocket By Jeffrey Schocket

Loretta Messer By Marc Bloom

**Lillian Skolnick** By Susan Gordon

**David Kamely** By Yardena Kam

**Fanny Kluger** By Nancy Kluger **Benjamin Margulies** By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Raymond K. Hess By Jan Price

Shirley Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

Harold Goldstein By Joan Boruszak

Helene Tulsky By Patricia Isenberg

**Esther M. Klein** By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Ethel Hankin** By Richard & Barbara Knowles

> Murray Pincus By Linda Pincus

Selma Moore Sachs By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Albert Kaminsky By Elaine Schulberg

Shirley Singer By Lee Schur Samuel Tallent By Lillian Tallent

**Esther Gold Willner** By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

> **Katy Kram** By Sanford Yankow

**Florence Cohen** By Jules & Nettie Seder

> Kenny Temkin By Robert Temkin

**Diana Wolfe** By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

Nancy Kram Yankow By Sanford Yankow

Marianne Cimkowski By Stephen Steinbock

**Dick Jacob** By David & Pat VanArtsdalen

> **Morris Mazur** By Sanford Yankow





### KJCC Sisterhood ANNOUNCES OUR NEWEST PROJECT!!!

### KJCC SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK

The cookbook is a work in progress and our committee is enthusiastically exploring features which will be of interest. The book will be professionally published and will be available in our gift shop. What better gift could you want to send your children, parents, friends? And of course we will all want to have a memento of our own Community Mishpachah!

Here is a listing of the proposed sections for the book.

### Holidays

Appetizers, Soups, Salads Main Dishes - Meat, Fish, Poultry Main Dishes - Egg, Cheese, Pasta, Kugel Vegetable Side Dishes Quick and Easy Desserts and Baked Goods

What we want from you are your favorite recipes! Please refer to letter from Sisterhood President Beth Hayden for instructions as to how to submit

> your recipes, or contact her directly at hayden.elizabeth@comcast net

We look forward to featuring your recipes in our new cookbook!

10 Chai-Lights October 1 - November 30, 2020

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Sisterhood extends its best wishes to all for a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah and may all finish with a Chatimah Tovah. In consideration of Covid, no traditional Rosh HaShanah dinner could be offered at the KJCC, however Sisterhood did issue an invitation sent out to all KJCC members to participate in a virtual Rosh HaShanah dinner that began at 6 PM on September 18th. Sisterhood also offered a Challah Baking Workshop, led by Erica Lieberman-Garrett, on Thursday, September 17th at 2 PM prior to Erev Rosh HaShanah. Thanks to Erica for her organization of these events.

The KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook steering committee met again in September and continues to move forward with important decisions regarding the development and publication of Sisterhood's Cookbook. Now we are at the important step of procuring recipes from our members. A few recipes have been submitted; we need many more from our distinguished and able cooks. Sisterhood will do one more email notice sent out to all by the KJCC President and then begin to follow up with phone calls. Please watch your email for the invitation to submit recipes – our success in

### this endeavor depends largely on the participation of you, our members. We hope that everyone will submit at least 3 of their favorite recipes. We are also looking for suggestions to name the cookbook; if you have an idea for a unique and catchy name, please forward your suggestion to Beth Hayden at hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net.

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden

Because of Covid, Sisterhood was unable this year to make the charitable contributions for Tikkun Olam it normally makes from funds raised at the Annual Women's Seder, however, Sisterhood is happy to report it was able to make Sisterhood's annual donation to the KJCC in the amount of \$2,000 to be used at the discretion of the Treasurer and President where it may be most useful. This has been a difficult year for all of us and for KJCC. Wishing a wonderful 5781 for everyone, a successful cookbook launch for Sisterhood, health and happiness for all. G'mar chatimah tovah! B'shalom, Beth

### - Shabbat Service Leaders -

| Oct. 2 Erev Sukkot: Bernard Ginsb  | berg |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Oct. 9 HoShanah Rabah: Joyce Peckr | nan  |
| Shemini Atzeret & Simchat To       | orah |
| Laurie Blum: Yizkor Ser            | vice |
| Oct. 16B'reishit: Susan Gor        | don  |
| & Jane Friedr                      | nan  |

| Oct. 23: Noach        | Medina Roy             |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Oct. 30 Lech Lecha: E | rica Lieberman–Garrett |
| Nov. 6                | Vayera: Steve Hartz    |
| Nov. 13Chayei S       | Sarah: Steve Steinbock |
| Nov. 20Toldot: Gloria | Avner & Donna Bolton   |
| Nov. 27               | .Vayetzai: Laurie Blum |

### October Anniversaries

#### Years

| 2nd  | Paul & Barbara Bernstein    |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 15th | David & Toby Goldfinger61   |
| 16th | Jerry & Barbara Herson 21   |
| 28th | Michael & Suzanne Gilson 19 |
| 31st | Harvey & Judith Klein       |
|      |                             |

### **November Anniversaries**

#### Years

| 6th  | Thomas & Renee Brodie27         |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 14th | Donald & Nancy Zinner           |
| 23rd | Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver 6 |
| 27th | Robert Dandrea &17              |
|      | Joni Sages Dandrea              |
| 27th | Stanley & Jenny Margulies       |
| 28th | Joseph & Leslie Reamer27        |
|      |                                 |

### **October Birthdays**

| 2nd<br>4th<br>4th<br>5th<br>5th<br>6th | Michael Kanarek<br>Michael Krissel<br>Mathew Tainow<br>Shayne Robinson |
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| 7th                                    | 5  |
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| 11th                                   |  |
| 12th                                   |  |
| 13th                                   |  |
| 14th                                   | Paul Friedman  |
| 14th                                   | . Samantha Sherman   |
| 15th                                   | Marcia Kreitman  |
| 15th                                   |  |
|  | Kiersten Persoff   |
|  |  |
| 1.7+6                                  | Steen W Seewald  |
| 17th                                   | stacey w. seewald  |
| 18th                                   | Payton Borisoff  |
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| 20th | Barbara Knowles   |
|------|-------------------|
| 21st |                   |
| 21st |                   |
| 22nd |                   |
| 22nd | Joseph Shabathai  |
| 22nd |                   |
| 23rd | Joe Levi          |
| 24th | Stacy Temkin      |
| 25th | Landon Strasser   |
| 25th |                   |
| 26th | . Addison Daddona |
| 29th | Adriana Sherman   |
| 29th |                   |
| 30th |                   |
| 30th | Katie J. Schur    |
| 30th | Mark Hitzig       |
| 31st | Brittany Schur    |
|      |                   |

### **November Birthdays**

| 1st  | Harry Rzepka        | 16 |
|------|---------------------|----|
| 2nd  | Brian Boruszak      | 18 |
| 2nd  | Jeremy M. Schur     | 18 |
| 2nd  | Matt Temkin         | 19 |
| 3rd  | Katherine Shabathai | 20 |
| 4th  | Zoey Barrett        | 22 |
| 7th  | Joel Stein          | 22 |
| 7th  | Michele Lindenbaum  | 24 |
| 8th  | Nico Wilbur         | 24 |
| 11th | Cathy Dutton        | 25 |
| 13th | Marilyn Greenbaum   | 26 |
| 13th | Tami Antelman       | 28 |
| 14th | Larry Wolfe         | 29 |
| 14th | Rae Wruble          |    |
|      |                     |    |

16thLorelei Alexander18thDiana Loi-Kamely18thRoss Alexander19thMichael E. Schur20thBetty Small22ndGloria Avner22ndJohn Luis Greenbaum24thArthur Lee Willner24thWill Travis Pollack25thJohn Douglas Greenbaum28thNicole Hudson29thBenjamin Rakov

### WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy

### A New Owner of the NY Mets?

lewish billionaire Steve Cohen is set to become the next owner of the New York Mets baseball team. The deal is rumored to be somewhere around a record \$2.4 billion and, as of this writing, still needs approval by Major League Baseball. Cohen, a hedge fund manager, grew up in a Jewish family. His father worked in New York's garment district. The Wall Street Journal has referred to Cohen as one of the industry's most talented money managers. He is said to be worth some \$14 billion - his art collection alone is worth about \$1 billion. (Cohen's ex-wife once sued him in a case involving insider trading allegations. The case was dropped in 2011.) Mets fans have long complained that the current owners of the team – both also Jewish – have refused to spend enough money to attract star players in their prime. Cohen has said he will spend what it takes to create a winning team. (*www.ita.org*, 9-14-20)

### "Airline Food for Sale. No Ticket Required."

For those missing international travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, stop worrying. A leading airline food company headquartered at Israel's Tel Aviv International Airport is offering its in-flight meals to the general public as a low-cost delivery option during the crisis. Tamam Kitchen, which services Israel's FLAI airlines and other international carriers that fly out of Tel Aviv, piloted the idea (get it?) at the end of July as a way to stay in business. Many of the company's 550 workers had been furloughed. After Israel flattened its first coronavirus curve in the spring, Tamam cooks were back in the kitchen, stocking up for what they thought would be a busy summer travel season. Instead, they got stuck with lots of tiny meal trays. Nimrod Demajo, vice president of operations, said "We have to rethink and reinvent ourselves." The meals are priced at as little as three dollars a tray. The company has been selling about 100 orders a day. Customers include a

metal factory whose cafeteria supplier went out of business, an elder care facility that closed its dining room and a Google employee working from home who bought kids meals for her children. Many of the customers are senior citizens who

### Holocaust Denial is "Readily Accessible"

have been isolated at home for months, looking

for cheap, easy meals. (*www.npr.org*, 8-3-20)

According to a report in mid-August by the London-based Institute for Strategic Dialogue, Holocaust denial content is "readily accessible" on social media. Not only that, but Facebook algorithms actively promote it. The Institute found that typing "holocaust" in Facebook's search function brought up recommendations for denial pages. These pages point users to publishers that sell revisionist and denial literature. "Using a 'snowball' discovery method, we found that when a user follows public pages containing Holocaust denial content, Facebook actively promotes further Holocaust denial content to that user," the report noted. The report is titled "Hosting the 'Holohoax': A Snapshot of Holocaust Denial Across Social Media" and is downloadable. It found that Facebook and Twitter "provide a home to an established and active community of Holocaust deniers." The report noted that there are 36 Facebook groups, with a combined following of 366,068 followers, that are specifically dedicated to Holocaust denial or who host such content. (*www.ipost.com*, 8-18-20)

### Ambulance License Finally Granted

After years of lobbying to operate their own ambulance, a medical group that serves Orthodox women in Brooklyn has been granted a permit. In



mid-August, Ezras Nashim ("women's aid") was granted an ambulance permit by New York State's Regional Emergency Medical Services Council. The permit finally came despite a major setback last year when the all-male emergency service Hatzolah, the main organization providing emergency services in Orthodox communities, opposed the move. Ezras Nashim had been founded in 2014 by Orthodox women in Brooklyn to provide a more comfortable environment for Orthodox women needing emergency medical care who might be uncomfortable being treated by men for reasons of modesty. One of the founders of Ezras Nashim was Judge Ruchie Frier, the first Chasidic woman to hold elected office in America. (Judge Frier and this story were the subjects of "93 Queen," a film screened during KJCC's Jewish Film Festival.) Ezras Nashim's staff of some 40 volunteers had already been operating in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Borough Park and Flatbush, but the lack of an ambulance license limited their operations. (www.haaretz.com, 8-14-20)

### More Revealed About Pius XII

At the end of August, The Atlantic published an article showing the results of Brown University historian David I. Kertzer's investigation into some Vatican documents that were finally unsealed in March. Kertzer studied the high-profile case of Jewish twin boys Robert and Gérald Finaly, who were kidnapped and baptized by French Catholic priests. Angelo Dell'Acqua, a Vatican Secretariat of State official (he later became the Cardinal of Rome), played a key role in the smuggling of the Finlay boys from France to Spain. That took place after French judges ordered the twin boys, who had been hidden from the Nazis in a Catholic monastery, to be turned over to their aunt, which finally happened in 1953. (The twins now live in Israel.) Kertzer's findings confirm what has long been thought about Pope Pius XII: that he turned a blind eye to the Holocaust, which happened during the early years of his tenure of nearly 20 years as pope. Kertzer found a memorandum advising Pius not to formally protest the rounding up of some 1,000 Italian Jews in 1943 for deportation to Auschwitz. Dell'Acqua advised Pius XII "to speak privately with a German ambassador, recommending to him that the already grave situation of the lews not be aggravated further," but he asked the pope not to protest the move publicly. (*www.ipost.com*, 8-30-20)

### A Very Old Prayer Newly Online

If you go to the website of the National Library of Israel (nli.org.il), you can now see a recently discovered prayer by the Ramban, the 13th century Spanish rabbi and author of commentaries on the Bible and the Talmud. The Ramban - also known as Nachmanides - was a leading kabbalist. (The name Ramban is an acronym of the initials making up his name – Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman.) He was born in Catalonia - the region south of the Pyrenees along the Mediterranean coast - but was forced to flee at 70 after being ordered to publicly defend his faith against Pablo Christiani, a Jewish convert to Christianity. (You might remember a program at the KJCC a few years ago, facilitated by Rabbi Agler, based on the discussion of the film "The Disputation," which we screened prior to the discussion. The film portrayed the Barcelona Disputation of 1263 that took place in the court of King James of Aragon. At great personal peril, Nachmanides used his wit and knowledge of sacred literature to defend the Jewish faith. In the end, King James rewarded him with a gift of three hundred gold pieces as a sign of his respect for Nachmanides' courage and success.) Nachmanides eventually moved to Jerusalem, where he is credited with reestablishing Jewish life and settlement in the city. The recently discovered poetic prayer - it has also been translated into English – is part of the bakashot, or supplications, which was a common form among Iberian Jews of the Spanish Golden Age period. It was published in Hebrew for the first time last year in Idan Perez's Sidur Catalunya, the first printed prayer book of the Catalonian liturgy and ritual used by the Ramban and the once-thriving Jewish communities of Catalonia, Valencia and Maiorca. These communities were annihilated by the Spanish Inquisition and expulsion more than 500 years ago. Written just after the expulsion, the praver was found in a manuscript likely used by Catalonian exiles living in Provence, France. The original document is now housed in Rome's Casanatense Library. The National Library of Israel has led an initiative to open digital access to all of the world's Hebrew manuscripts. (www.timesofis*rael.com*. 9–16–20)

### Next on Netflix

"The Trial of the Chicago 7," the latest film by Aaron Sorkin, the Jewish creator of the hit TV series "The West Wing," is scheduled to premiere on Netflix October 16th. The film tells the story of Jewish anti-Vietnam War activist Abbie Hoffman, who, along with six others, was tried for conspiracy and inciting to riot for their role in the protests at Chicago's Democratic National Convention in 1968. The role of Hoffman is played by Jewish actor Sacha Baron Cohen. The film is said to feel timely and familiar, even though the events took place more than 50 years ago. The movie is full of scenes of protests around the anti-war movement in 1968, scenes that led to a violent showdown between the protesters and law enforcement, including the police and the National Guard. (The only difference between then and now? The hairstyles and clothing plus the fact that no one is wearing a mask.) Sorkin is a prolific screenwriter, director, producer and playwright responsible for many successful productions, including "A Few Good Men," "The American President," and "Molly's Game." (Sacha Baron Cohen can be seen in another lewish role, portraying famed Israeli spy Eli Cohen in Netflix's 2018 miniseries "The Spy.") (www.jta.org, 9–16–20)

### In Memoriam

 Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the acclaimed Israeli scholar whose monumental translation of the Babylonian Talmud made the rabbinic debates and folkloric tales easier to understand for those without a higher-level Jewish education, died in early August. He was 83. He converted the Aramaic text into modern Hebrew and integrated his own commentary, filling in gaps in the text that had previously been next to impossible for non-scholars to understand. The project took him 45 years to complete. "The Talmud is the central pillar of Jewish knowledge, important for the overall understanding of what is lewish," Steinsaltz said in 2010 when he completed the translation. "But it is a book that lews cannot understand. This is a dangerous situation, like a collective amnesia..." ("Let my people know," was his favorite slogan.) Writing a comprehensive commentary on the Talmud alone elevated him alongside the likes of Rashi, the medieval French scholar whose commentary on the Bible and the Talmud, composed 1,000 years ago, is considered the most authoritative.

Steinsaltz was born in Jerusalem to secular parents, and although his father was an irreligious socialist, young Adin was sent to study Talmud with a tutor when he was 10. The boy's intellectual gifts were evident right away. (He became the youngest school principal in Israel at 23.) His study led him to fully embrace Jewish practice.

Steinsaltz has been described as a "once-in-a-millennium scholar" known for his intellect and tireless work ethic. It is said that he put in seventeen-hour work days. But his work has also been controversial. His translation departed from longstanding conventions. He introduced punctuation and paragraph breaks, changed the pagination and placed his own commentary in the space around the main text where Rashi's commentary used to be. Some leading ultra-Orthodox rabbis in Israel called Steinsaltz a heretic, forbidding their followers from reading his works.

Rabbi Steinsaltz wrote some 60 other books on a variety of topics, among them Jewish ethics, theology, prayer and mysticism. He also helped establish educational institutions in Israel and the former Soviet Union. His accomplishments, along with the various awards that have been presented to him, are too numerous to be listed here. (*www. jta.org*, 8–7–20)

 Seymour Schwartz, an internationally renowned surgeon and medical teacher who cowrote the "Principles of Surgery," the classic surgical textbook for medical students, died at the end of August at 92. The textbook, now in its 11th edition, was first published in 1969. It became the standard for medical students around the world, as medicine began to shift from relying on exploratory surgery in order to diagnose medical issues to turning to widespread X-rays instead. During his 70-year career he literally shaped the field of surgery and the practices of countless surgeons. The son of Jewish immigrants, Schwartz grew up in the Bronx. A history buff, rare map collector and accordion player, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was chair of surgery at New York's University of Rochester from 1987 to 1998 and director of surgical research for 20 years. He retired from the operating room when he was 72. Schwartz served as president of three national surgical societies, and was editor-in-chief of several surgical journals. (*www.ap.org*, 8-29-20)  $\diamond$ 

### Keys Jewish Community Center



### TIKKUN OLAM GIVES MEANING TO OUR FAST

For years we have answered the call, read so beautifully from Yom Kippur's Haftorah portion by Nyan Feder, "is this the fast you want?" We are encouraged not just to stop eating for a day, but to feed the hungry and clothe the poor—to heal the world. Bringing non-perishable food to KJCC for the Burton Memorial Church Food Bank was not a practicable choice this year. With research from Linda Kaplan's Tikkun Olam Committee we were able to find a needy family and contribute directly. Thank you. Linda and Susan Gordon.

During last month's board meeting we had discussed finding a local organization that works with children and families within our community who are in need of help.

I have been communicating with Amy Harper, Assistant Director of a local non-profit organization called "Keys to be the Change." They have created several programs throughout the Keys that empower children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life.

They partner with the school Social Workers to identify families who are in most need of help. I was contacted by the Social Worker from Key Largo and Plantation key School, Emily Halbert.

She identified a family in Key Largo who is in desperate and immediate need of assistance. The four young children attend KLS. Their Father recently passed away and their Mother is gone. The children are temporarily staying with a family friend and her own family in a small trailer.

Gladly, we were able to help, and from our Tzeddakah fund, we purchased a \$200 food card from Publix as a donation to help these children. The school Social Worker went shopping this past Friday and delivered the groceries to the children and their caregiver.

I'm hoping that the KJCC Tikkun Olam Committee will continue to partner with "Keys to be the Change", helping the most needy and vulnerable population right here in our own backyards.





Susan Gordon presents a check from KJCC for \$200 Publix shopping card to Key Largo School Social Worker Emily Halbert, who then went shopping for a family of four children living in foster care and are challenged by food deprivation. We are committed to being the change we want to see.

### PHOTO GALLERY



This is a sad sign of the times, but it was wonderful spending time with Rose Marie!

Pomegranates, Apple and honey from Susan's house and kjcc's tree.



Gloria's new ChaiLights assistant (and great grand-daughter)



Despite the lack of in-person fundraising opportunities via monthly in person dinners, Sisterhood has seen fit to make a \$2000 donation to KJCC to use as it sees fit. In this era of Covid forced emergencies and needed repairs, this gift is much appreciated and will be used well. Thanks, Ladies. We miss your great cooking and comaraderie



Does anyone recognize this handsome neighbor and protector of KJCC property? Yes this is Roo, catcher of balls, chewer of coconuts and faithful companion of Count, who keeps everything KJCC neat and clean. Pastel portrait by Gloria Avner.



This spot was reserved for your photos. Please send them in for the next issue!



It was worth two days drive to Tennessee for Susan Gordon to be with grandsons Rhett and Hank



### VIRTUAL EDITION

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Wishing Cheryl & Jeff Margulies a wonderful new year Beth Horowitz



Wishing all our friends a healthy new year Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

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A happy healthy safe 5781 to all at KJCC Sheila & Jerry Olsen



Have a happy and healthy 5780 The Rzepkas, Ríta & Harry

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Shana Tova to all our friends and congregants Joseph & Kathy Shabathai

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We wish all al very healthy and happy new year 5781 Toby & Joel Bofshever

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Health and Happiness in New Year 5781 Jon & Terry Tainow A better year for all Elaíne Schulberg



Shana Tovah To our KJCC family Rabbí Rích & Míndy Agler



Shanah Tovah To all KJCC & your loved ones Adam & Judy Starr

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A happy and healthy to All at the KJCC. Miss you Joan Boruszak

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L'Shana Tova To all my dear Friends Joan Wohl

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Arthur and Johanna Willner Wish you a happy healthy New Year filled with blessings



A happy and healthy Year to everyone Stuart & Lauren Sax Praying for good health, Love and happiness for Us all during 5781 Susan G.

A happy and Healthy Season to all Bob & Susie Temkin

We miss you all Good health to you Sylvía and Alfred Rímm

L'Shana Tovah Wishing all a happy And healthy 5781 Gary Margolís & Lauríe Blum

Shana Tova and a healthy New Year to all our KJCC mishpachah Erica Lieberman-Garrett

My dear KJCC mishpachah, I wish you a year of good health Love, Gloría

Susan & Dot wish our KJCC friends a safe And health filled year! L'Shanah Tovah



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### Sísterhood Sponsors a Dífferent Kínd of Dínner

We didn't really eat much and we didn't eat it together, but everyone present at our zoom Erev Rosh HaShanah Virtual Dinner agreed we were happy to be there. Susan Gordon lit the candles, Gloria Avner chanted the YomTov blessing over wine, Erica Lieberman-Garrett made HaMotzi and was a terrific MC, Beth Hayden, Sisterhood President, led us in a hearty Shehechiyanu and every one of us dipped an apple in some honey, blessed "Borei p'ri ha'Etz" the fruit of the tree, praying for a sweet and healthy year.

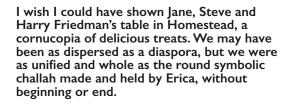
Joe Shabathai had just flown in from Zurich. The Hartzes were with us from North Carolina, Gloria was here from Maine and once more we were a community about nourishment. Just looking at the challahs handcrafted the previous day by Sisterhood members was enough to set juices flowing.



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## SUKKOT CELEBRATION

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Join us virtually for Sukkot/Shabbat on Friday, October 2, 2020 ~ 7:30 p.m. Services will be led by Dr. Bernard Ginsberg.

Also, when you are in the area, visit the KJCC succah decorated by Susan Gordon. Bring an olive's worth of food or a whole meal.

### Chag Sameach

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# **KJCC SUKKAH**

### By Joyce Peckman

Growing up on Long Island, I knew Sukkot as the holiday when my conservative synagogue sprouted a large open-air structure in the parking lot, decorated with chains of colored paper provided by the nursery school and gourds and apples hung on string from the bamboo roof. A few bee traps were hung in an attempt to catch the yellow-jacks that inevitably found the apples. Large colorful posters with prayers were on the walls. A long thin table was set up inside, running the entire length, with folding chairs around the perimeter. After

Saturday morning services, the congregants would crowd into the succah, children running under feet, scrambling to feast on the gefilte fish and chunks of cut-up challah and pound cake.

People would pass around the lulav and etrog, and everyone who wanted would make the blessing, facing east and shaking three times -front, right, back and left, before turning over the etrog so the pittom (stem) faced up and handing to the next person.

It wasn't until I was newly married and living in Brooklyn that I was invited to a personal succah. It was a revelation. The walls were decorated with their grand-children's artwork and repurposed holiday lights were strung around the edges of the roof. The table was beautifully set for company, and after the feast we lingered, singing. This was a holiday for family and friends! The next year we purchased a small prefab canvas and metal-poled succah





### Joyce Peckman, Susan

Gordon and Donna Bolton came together the day after Yom Kippur to decorate our Candy Stanlake/ Alan Beth KJCC Sukkah. They did it with zest and social distancing so each of us would have the chance to stop at our meditation garden and make the mitzvah of sharing a meal in temporary shelter open to the sky. There is a table and tablecloth as well as decor. All that is missing is you. Maybe we are meant to be the "ushpizin" this year, the sacred visitors, our biblical ancestors In disguise. Sukkot starts on Friday night, October 2nd. Dr. Bernard Ginsberg will lead services via zoom at 7:30 p.m. that just fit on the porch of our attached row home. We were able to squeeze in one folding table and eight folding chairs. Five years later, when we moved to our home in Long Beach with its tiny backyard, the succah came with us. Every year we invited all the neighboring kids to help us decorate and rewarded them with juice and cookies inside. We bought our own lulav and etrog and ate any meal we could outside. My personal favorite was breakfast. The kids liked afternoon snack, complete with toys and no parents.

Now my sons have families and sukkahs of their own. Their sukkahs are far larger than mine and they love to decorate them and share meals with their

friends. They like to spend at least one night camping out under the stars that shine through the Joyce's grandchildren joyously shake the lulav and hold the etrog in their family Sukkah in pre-social-distancing days.

bamboo roof. The roof of a sukkah must be open to the sky, to remind us of the majesty of God's universe, and the impermanence of

our ex-

istence.



Living in a sukkah

in September or October can indeed be hazardous. I remember snows in Denver collapsing the schach (bamboo or branch-



KJCC Sunday School kids are helped to decorate by Foster Davidson of blessed memory. We have made many sukkahs.

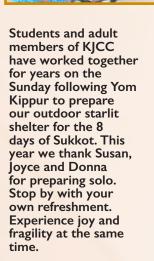


Joyce's grandson in Denver Sukkah four years ago.

es used as the roof) and hurricanes in New Jersey blowing the schach into the neighbors' yards. Here in Florida, we brave heat, humidity and mosquitoes. We vividly remember the bay almost flooding Rabbi and Mindy Agler's sukkah. Despite that, their succah party was always a highlight of our year.

This year, Sukkot begins on the night of October 2nd. At KJCC our sukkah is

the pergola built by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake, which each year is transformed, usually by our students, into a sukkah. This year we will not have a formal party, or even an etrog and lulav to share, but Susan Gordon will decorate it so that it is available for anyone who wants to fulfil the mitzvah of "dwelling in a booth" by eating food "at least the size of an olive" in it. ◊



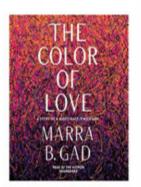




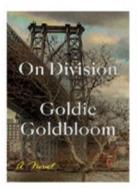
## Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~ Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom until further notice ~

October 26, 2020 The Color of Love by Marra Gad November 30, 2020 On Division: A Novel by Goldie Goldbloom December 28, 2020 The Gown by Jennifer Robson



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# L'HITRA'OT MINDY & RABBI AGLER

Dear Rich and Mindy,

You might have thought you were retiring when you moved from Boca Raton to our sleepy Keys—possibly you envisioned interacting with a new Jewish community. Instead, like many of us, you've become so intricately woven into the fabric of our KJCC family that as happy as we are for you, heading off to your exciting new phase of life, we know we will feel a deep hole with your departure.

Who could have guessed you'd be our High Holiday Rabbi, Rich, for seven years, or that in-season you would volunteer to lead engaging monthly Torah learning services, that we'd get to celebrate Simchat Torah by unrolling our entire scroll and hearing you translate our 5000 year history in seven minutes. Who would have imagined you'd inspire our youngsters becoming B'nai Mitzvot, that we'd get to be part of your book launch, that you'd join with three of our artists to collaborate on a fascinating discussion series or that you'd lead a dozen of us on an eye opening, life-changing journey through Israel. I've barely scratched the surface of your contributions to us.

More than ceremonial and ritual participation, you and Mindy have shared your hearts, your family tragedy, and later the triumphs of TAGS. You filled our sanctuary to near-bursting when our enitre Keys community needed a place to respond and be with us after the Pittsburgh massacre.

Mindy, you shared your soul and professional training with us, beyond the gift of sharing Talia. Thank you for your work in the garden, for opening your home on Sukkot, enabling the sunset potluck dinner we looked forward to every year and for the kind listening ear you gave a group of us after the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma.

You have shared your friends, family, rabbis, authors and teachers. You leave behind a breath-taking material gift as well—the Beiner Collection of Antiquiries from Israel. For all this and more we say Todah Rabbah. Thank you so much.

We've had to say goodbye to lots of wonderful people over the years. Now, thanks to Zoom, we're getting to say hello again to some—Susan Horn and Dot Brooking, Stu and Lauren Sax, Yardena Kamely, Sheila and Richard Steinberg. We hope that we will see you two often also, for tea and empathy, Shabbat services, conversation and laughter, perhaps even a peek at a new siddur someday. Social distancing has created a strange new world. What is the difference between three miles and 3000

miles? Can a Scholar-in-Residence be in residence across a continent? Why not? We sincerely hope so. L'hitra'ot. Be well and happy. Our best to your family.

B'ahava, Your KJCC mishpocha



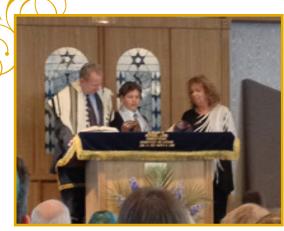


The list of contributions by Richard and Mindy Agler to our community would fill this entire edition of Chai-Lights. Rabbi Agler not only brought us Saturday Torah learning services, but train our lay leaders to lead more meaningful services. He truly was our resident scholar, and we are all wiser for it. When I became KJCC president, Rabbit Agler told me that he was always available for advice. I took him up on that offer many times. Knowing he was there gave me a sense of comfort and reassurance.

I was in the discussion group that Mindy created for the community after Hurricane Irma. She made the KJCC a place where we could share our experiences and anxieties. I still use some of the relaxation techniques she taught. - Joyce Peckman

If I were to choose one experience that impacted my life the most, out of all the projects I've worked on with Rabbi Agler, it would have to be the trip he led for us to and through Israel with his friend, our guide. Every day, filled with multiple adventures, historical geography and learning, was beyond ordinary travel. It was heart expanding, spirit expanding, life-changing. - Gloria Avner





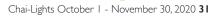
My fond memories of the Agler's Bayside Annual Sukkot pot luck celebration include a beautiful sunset, a meaningful service and a lovely gathering of our KJCC mishpocha.

Setting up the delicious assorted food delicacies with Mindy and help from Carla, always included Mindy's famous fruit cobbler with their friends' delicious homemade gelato.

Rabbi Agler helped my family from Toronto in his first KJCC bar mitzvah for my nephew Mark Lieberman with my assistance. It was my first KJCC Shabbat service inspired by the gentle guidance of Rabbi Agler. Rabbi Agler's always encouraging words have been lifechanging for me.







A Prophecy For Our Tíme

In Rabbi Agler's Zoom discussion about how many mitzvahs are necessary to observe in order to be a good Jew, we discussed texts that offered every number from 613 to 365 to 9 to 3 to 2 to one. Most dealt with behavior of one human being towards another, not with ceremony, rituals or dietary laws. Coming from the Talmud meant of course that there would be lots of disagreements among the rabbis, just as there are among us, but what never changed in the winnowing down from 613 to a handful to one, was the insistence on treating one another charitably, pursuing justice and performing deeds of loving kindness. How moving that Rabbi Agler should choose to end that session with a poem written by Judy Chicago, the groundbreaking feminist artist Marcia Kreitman brought to us in last year's discussion series, presenting a vision of a time that could come to pass. It's been centuries, even millennia, since prophets lived among us, but if her words could come true, this would be the prophecy to have. We can hold her vision.

### The Merger Poem (From the dinner party)

"And then all that has divided us will merge And then compassion will be wedded to power And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind And then both men and women will be gentle And then both women and men will be strong And then no person will be subject to another's will And then all will be rich and free and varied And then all will be rich and free and varied And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old And then all will nourish the young And then all will cherish life's creatures And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth And then everywhere will be called Eden once again." - Judy Chicago

**G'mar Chatímah Tovah** May you be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good and healthy year.

(Let us come together to celebrate next year in our own KJCC Sanctuary — with food)



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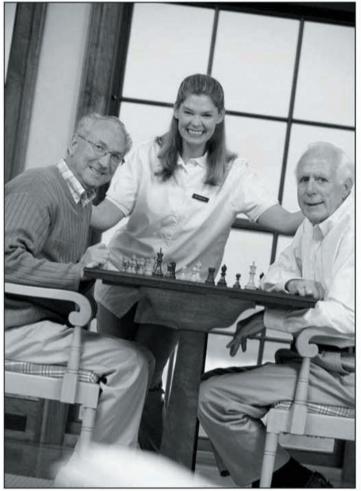
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We did no group Taschlich ceremony this year, throwing bits of bread in the water to represent our "sins" while we vow to do better next year. It's not too late, and here is some specific (humorous) guidance:

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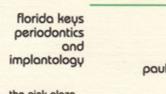


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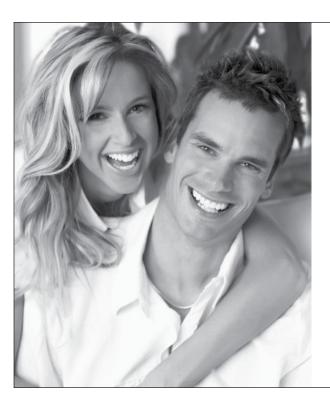
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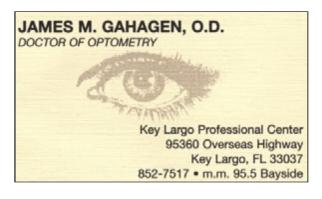
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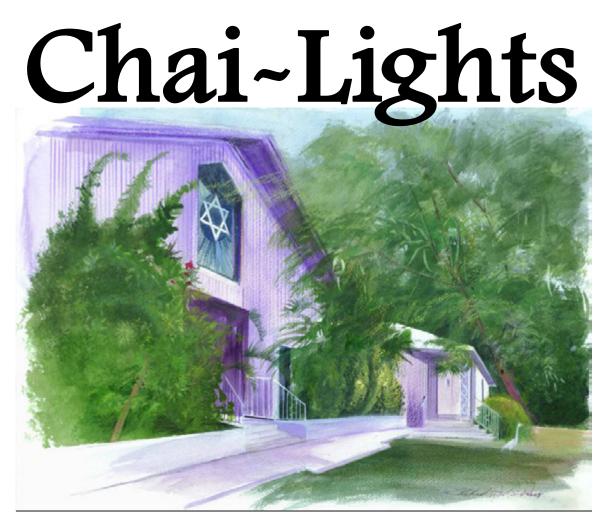
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### December 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| Names denote leaders<br>of Friday Services.<br>Italicized names are<br>Oneg sponsors.<br>Services every Friday at 7:30pm |   | 1 DEC   | 2         | 3  | 4<br>Parashat Vayishlach<br>Joyce Peckman &<br>Susan Ellner<br>Linda Pollack, Susan<br>Gordon, Steve &<br>Jan Hartz, Laurie Blum<br>& Gary Margolis | 5   |
| 6  | <b>7</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                   | 8       | 9         | <b>10</b><br>First night of<br>Hanukkah.<br>Candle<br>Lighting &<br>Latke Eating<br>Zoom 6pm | 11<br>Parashat Vayeshev<br>Susan Gordon &<br>Gloria Avner<br>Laurie Blum,<br>Muriel Swartz & Beth<br>Hayden, Linda Pollack                          | <b>12</b><br>Lunch & Learn<br>with Rabbi Agler<br>12:30pm                     |
| <b>13</b><br>Board Meeting<br>10am   | <b>14</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                  | 15      | 16        | <b>17</b><br>Rabbi Ed<br>Hanukkah Talk.<br>Light 8 Candles<br>Together<br>7:30pm             | <b>18</b><br>Parashat Vayeshev<br>Yardena Kamely &<br>Joyce Peckman<br>Patricia Isenberg  | 19  |
| 20   | <b>21</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                  | 22      | 23        | 24   | <b>25</b><br>Parashat Vayeshev<br>Medina Roy<br>Geri & Stuart Smith   | 26  |
| 27   | 28<br>Zoom Sisterhood<br>Book Club<br>12:30pm<br>Zoom Drop-in<br>Chat 2pm | 29      | 30        | 31<br>New Year's<br>Eve  | 1 JAN<br>Parashat Vayigash<br>Erica Lieberman Garrett<br>& Donna Bolton<br>Michael & Suzanne<br>Gilson  | 2   |
| <b>3</b><br>Sisterhood<br>10am   | <b>4</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                   | 5       | 6         | 7  | <b>8</b><br>Parashat Shemot<br>Beth Hayden  | 9   |
| <b>10</b><br>Board Meeting<br>10am   | <b>11</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                  | 12      | 13        | 14   | <b>15</b><br>Parashat Vaera<br>Steve Hartz  | <b>16</b><br>Lunch & Learn<br>with Rabbi Agler<br>- the David Saga<br>12:30pm |
| 17   | <b>18</b><br>Zoom<br>Drop-in Chat<br>2pm                                  | 19      | 20        | 21   | <b>22</b><br>Parashat Bo<br>Susan Horn  | 23  |
| 24   | 25<br>Zoom Sisterhood<br>Book Club<br>12:30pm<br>Zoom Drop-in<br>Chat 2pm | 26      | 27        | <b>28</b><br>Tu B'Shevat   | <b>29</b><br>Parashat Beshalach<br>Laurie Blum<br>Alfred & Sylvia Rimm  | 30  |
| 31   |   |         | ·         | <u>.</u>   |   | <u> </u>  |

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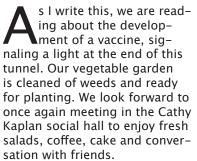
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Joyce Peckman



But that light at the end of the tunnel is not a *chanukiah*. We will have to light our candles at home this year. We will meet online 6 p.m. onThursday, December 10th to eat latkes and light the first candle together.

Meanwhile, Monday chats and Friday services continue on Zoom. We are joined by members and friends who are far away and would be otherwise unable to participate. Rabbi Agler will be giving a Talmud talk from on Saturday. December 12th from San Diego and Rabbi Ed will be joining us from Tampa on Thursday, December 17th, the last night of Hanukkah. We are working on finding a way to Zoom or livestream even after we return to the building. In the meantime, if you want to join in but are worried about the technology, give me a call and I will try to walk you through it.

Board members have used Zoom to join Federation conferences normally difficult to access when they are held in downtown Miami. We continue to participate in the Securitv Network of Greater Miami Jewish Federation, which includes police, FBI, synagogues and JCCs. They are guiding our security measures and will assist us when we finally open the building. Gloria Avner and I are attending "Sacred Conversations", which covers the topics of legacy, aging and having difficult conversations about illness and death. Laurie Blum, Gloria and I are participating in "Refuat HaNefesh," a twelve-session course which deals with visiting the sick, the spiritual life of seniors and the modalities of healing using ritual, music and art.

Laurie Blum will be spearheading the formation of a caring *kehillah*, a more formalized group of people committed to staying in touch and helping out. Please contact me if you can be part of this. We are also planning to have a special healing service. Laurie will give us a taste of this during her January 29th Friday night service. I urge everyone to tune in.

Stay safe and stay in touch. - Joyce



## WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is "up" within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us, we will be able observe Shabbat and holidays, attend meetings and see each other virtually. We can even celebrate onegs if you bring your own cookies. Check Tuesday "President's Notes" for further activities.

| Every Monday       | Zoom Drop-in Chat • 2 p.m.   |
|--------------------|--|
| Friday, Dec. 4     | Parashat Vayishlach • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Thursday, Dec. 10  | First night of Hanukkah. Candle Lighting & Latke Eating • Zoom 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Dec. 11    | Parashat Vayeshev 7:30 pm. Light 2nd night candles before Shabbat        |
| Saturday, Dec. 12  | Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler • 12:30 p.m.                              |
| Sunday, Dec. 13    | Board Meeting • 10:00 a.m.   |
| Thursday, Dec. 17  | Rabbi Ed Hanukkah Talk. Light 8 Candles Together • 7:30 p.m.             |
| Friday, Dec. 18    | Parashat Miketz • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, Dec. 25    | Parashat Vayigash • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Monday, Dec. 28    | Sisterhood Book Club • 12:30 p.m.  |
| Friday, Jan. 1     | Happy New Year! Parashat Vayechi • 7:30 p.m.                             |
| Sunday, Jan. 3     | Sisterhood • 10:00 a.m.  |
| Friday, Jan. 8     | Parashat Shemot • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Sunday, January 10 | Board Meeting • 10:00 a.m.   |
| Friday, Jan. 15    | Parashat Vaera • 7:30 p.m.   |
| Saturday, Jan. 16  | Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler - the David Saga • 12:30 p.m.             |
| Friday, Jan. 22    | Parashat Bo • 7:30 p.m.  |
| Monday, Jan. 25    | Sisterhood Book Club • 12:30 p.m.  |
| Thursday, Jan. 28  | Tu B'Shevat  |
| Friday, Jan. 29    | Parashat Beshalach • 7:30 p.m.   |

#### NOSH

#### Sisterhood Invites You to a Virtual Chanukah Latke-Fest

We do miss Sisterhood dinners. Just because we can't all gather around the same table doesn't mean we can't get together virtually to celebrate the tastes and beauty of our favorite holidays. Sisterhood will send out recipes submitted by members on Dec. 3rd. Bring your latkes to our virtual Chanukah Dinner Party on **December 10th** at 6:00 PM (please note the time change). We will light together the first candles of Chanukah, admire and eat our latkes. Please be as creative as you wish with your latkes; we will be voting to choose the most creative looking latke. Join us. You are all invited.

#### Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Agler

Rabbi Agler has volunteered to offer a new monthly Saturday learning series. He is on the opposite coast and in a different time zone, but we found a solution – Lunch & Learn at 12:30. Bring your lunch, a cool drink, get comfortable with your tablet or computer and join us as we honor the Sabbath with learning and conversation.

The first session will be on **December 12th**, when he will discuss a section of the Talmud (Arakhin) dealing with last kings of Judah. The next class will be **January 16th**, when we return to The David Saga, reading from Samuel II, Chapter 1.

#### Rabbi Ed and the Age of the Universe

On Thursday evening, December 17th, we have a double treat. Adult Education Committee and Rabbi Ed Rosenthal will present us with a teaching grappling with the discrepancies between Western Science's view of how old we are and the Biblical view. It should be fascinating. And because the 17th marks the 8th and final night of Chanukah, bring your chanukiahs within view of your computer screens. We will start the evening by lighting and blessing all our candles and listening to Rabbi Ed's short Chanukah d'rash. See poster on PP 14 for details.

#### Sisterhood Book Club

Solid as a rock, the devoted readers among us continue to enjoy lively discussions every last Monday of the month. See poster on PP 18 for titles, dates and times. All KJCC members are invited to attend (even if you have not read the book).

#### **Trees for Tu BiShvat**

For as many years as we can remember, on the New Year of the Trees, we've gathered in spiritual seders, planted trees, blessed, watered, sang and danced with our children to them to *Mayim*, *Mayim*, *Mayim* (*Water*). Once more we need to recalibrate our ritual practices in the light of safety. A tree will surely be planted in our KJCC orchard on January 28th, but the only group prayer may be the one recited at our zoom service on Friday, **January 29th**. It will be sincere, even if socially distant. Tu BiShvat is one of our favorite holidays.

#### Shabbat Service Leaders -

| Dec. 4: Vayishlach                     | Joyce Peckman & Susan Ellner           |
|--|--|
| Dec. 11: Vayeshev (Chanukah-2nd night) | Susan Gordon & Gloria Avner            |
| Dec. 18: Mikeitz                       | Yardena Kamely & Joyce Peckman         |
| Dec. 25: Vayigash                      | Medina Roy                             |
| Jan. 1: Vayechi                        | Erica Lieberman Garrett & Donna Bolton |
| Jan. 8: Shemot                         | Beth Hayden                            |
| Jan. 15: Vaera                         | Steve Hartz                            |
| Jan. 22: Bo                            | Susan Horn                             |
| Jan. 29: Beshalach                     | Laurie Blum                            |

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|      | Jerry Small                |
|      | Jonah Gross                |
| 19th | Lorena Kaufman             |
| 19th |                            |
|      | Jennifer Erin VanArtsdalen |
|      | Laura Molly Friedman       |
|      | Lisa Miller                |
|      | Stuart Smith               |
|      | David Morris               |
|      | Steven Smith               |
|      | Claire Tallent             |
|      | Steve Kasinof              |
|      | Elaine Schulberg           |
|      | Emily Sherman              |
|      | Len Levi                   |
|      | Michael Klimpl             |
|      | Tyler Jacob Morris         |
|      | Joan Stark                 |
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### Congratulations/Mazel Tov

To Janís Remer & Max Fínkelstein On Their Engagement From Your KJCC Mishpocha



#### **December Anniversaries**

- 11th Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner.... 55
- 14th David & Pat VanArtsdalen ...... 39
- 27th Joe & Linda Levi



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## KJCC SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK

The cookbook is a work in progress and our committee is enthusiastically exploring features which will be of interest. The book will be professionally published and will be available in our gift shop. What better gift could you want to send your children, parents, friends? And of course we will all want to have a memento of our own Community Mishpachah!

Here is a listing of the proposed sections for the book.

#### Holidays

Appetizers, Soups, Salads Main Dishes - Meat, Fish, Poultry Main Dishes - Egg, Cheese, Pasta, Kugel Vegetable Side Dishes Quick and Easy Desserts and Baked Goods

What we want from you are your favorite recipes! Please refer to letter from Sisterhood President Beth Hayden for instructions as to how to submit

> your recipes, or contact her directly at hayden.elizabeth@comcast net

We look forward to featuring your recipes in our new cookbook!

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S isterhood met via Skype in November. Nine people were present. Sisterhood activities for November included the Shabbat Project. Jane Friedman led a Challah Bake on November 5th at 2 PM to prepare dough; participants reconvened at 3:30 to braid loaves. Thanks to Jane for her preparation and leadership in conducting the Challah Bake. On November 6th, a Shabbat Project virtual dinner took place at 6 PM prior to Erev Shabbat services. Four members participated.

### Planned activities for the month of December include:

• Channukah - begins on Thursday, December 10th - plans made include Sisterhood gathering latke recipes from the KJCC community and sending them out to the general membership for preparation and frying. We will send out recipes on December 3rd – one week prior to the first night of Channukah. A link to our celebration will be sent the morning of Thursday, December 11th, the first night of Channukah; Sisterhood invites all KJCC members to join us via Zoom in lighting Channukiyot at 5 PM and eating latkes made earlier per the recipes sent out in celebration of the holiday. We will social distance, but still share camaraderie and joy as we celebrate. On the second night of Channukah, December 11th, Sisterhood again invites KJCC members to light Channukiyot prior to lighting Shabbat candles. Per KJCC's calendar, we have usually had a Channukah dinner, generously sponsored by Linda Pollack. This year, our sponsor generously will continue to sponsor, but there will be no dinner. Only the lighting of Channukivot and Erev Shabbat services. Please join us. We will also light Channukiyot on the last

day of Channukah, December 17th – as we plan to spend an evening with Rabbi Ed Rosenthal (see Adult Education on PP 32 in this Chai-Lights).

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden

• Sisterhood has sent out Oneg letters for the year 5781 – please be generous in your response. We look forward to celebrating and commemo-rating your simchot and memorial virtual Onegs. Please note that Erica Lieberman-Garrett is now coordinating and handling Onegs. You can reach her at *hippiejap@hotmail.com*.

• Sisterhood's cookbook project continues to progress. If you have not submitted a recipe or two or three, please reconsider. We would love to have every member represented by at least one recipe. We hope by the next Chai-Lights issue, our very distinctive and unique cookbook will be close to printing or already printed. We will have information on how to order in the next Chai-Lights. I want to thank those who have worked hard on this project: Linda Pollack, Susan Roberts, Donna Bolton, Erica Lieberman-Garrett and Randy and Oceana Klein-Gross.

• Sisterhood will meet again via Zoom on January 3rd at 10 AM to plan our participation in a February Friday night service. Please join us as we plan that and discuss other activities we can undertake for the future. If you have items for the January agenda, please let me know. All are welcome. Remember – the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

In Memoriam – December 2020

Alex Avner By Gloria Avner

Stephan Ban By Franklin & Judy Greenman

J.D. Stanlake **Rose Beth** By Alan Beth & Candace |. Stanlake By Alan Beth & Candace |. Stanlake

Ivy W. Blumenfeld By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

Burton V. Boruszak By Joan Boruszak

Leatrice Tomor By Barbara A. Calev

**Morris Hitzig** By Wes & Rita Conklin

Harry Wolfe By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Laurie Beth By Alan Beth & Candace |. Stanlake

> Daniel Birnbaum By Norbert Birnbaum

**Betty Abramson** By Joel & Toby Bofshever

**Julius Kohlenbrener** By Joan Boruszak

**Robert Scott Coltman** By Barnet O. Coltman

Sidney P. Finklestein By Max Finklestein

**Teddy Sharenow** By Marc Bloom

David Pearlman By William & Donna Bolton

**George Paul Tomor** By Barbara A. Calev

Eva Levine By Barnet O. Coltman

Harry Friedman By Jane Friedman

Alvin S. Gross By David & Patti Gross

Sylvia Sarah Grossman By Stuart Grossman

**Janet Kaplan** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Gary Kreitman** By Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver

**Charles Margolis** By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> Claire Lempel By Linda Pincus

Raymond Martell By Skip Rose

**Steven Garfinkel** By Betty Small

Fannie Zacks By Jerry & Barbara Herson

> **Evelyn Stockser** By Sandy Kaplan

**Deborah Krissel Cannon** By Michael Krissel

> **Daniel Harvey** By Linda Perloff

**M.** Arlene Hess By Jan Price

Rhonie Lee Klipper By Mary Lee Singer

**Murray Blinder** By Steven & Barbara Smith

Sylvia Joan Ichel By David & Janice Ichel

> Kurt Kluger By Nancy Kluger

**Harris Warren** By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> Mitch Harvey By Linda Perloff

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Harvey Sherman By Alfred & Sylvia Rimm

**Sylvia L. Singer** By Mary Lee Singer

**Peter F. Steinberg** By Richard & Sheila Steinberg Steve Cimkowski By Stephen Steinbock

**Frances Willner** By Jon S. Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

**Bernard Swartz** By George & Muriel Swartz **Eve W. Zinner** By Donald Zinner

Harold Tainow By Jon S.Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

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**Bea Avner** By Gloria Avner

**Kitty Nyman** By Alan Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

> **Ellen Bloom** By Marc Bloom

Betty Weinstein By Rita Bromwich

**Lola Rosenberg** By Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages

> **Judy Lombardi** By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Sylvia Emsig** By Lawrence Jacobs

**Bernice Bernstein** By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

> Annette Bitton By Michel Bitton

**Emma Kohlenbrener** By Joan Boruszak

> **David Cohn** By Nancy L. Cohn

Larry Daddona By Hanna David

**Louis Hartz** By Steven & Jan Hartz

**Dinah Levy** By Yardena Kamely

Sunnie Bernstein By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

> **Muriel Blitzer** By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

Irving J. Kulick By Thomas & Renée Brodie Yetta Hitzig By Wes & Rita Conklin

Marvin Greenbaum By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Ernest Isenberg** By Patricia Isenberg

Bernard Kaminstein By Beth Kaminstein

**David M. Kaplan** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**John Evans** By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

**Ruth Greenwald** By Paul & Susan Roberts

> **Bea Gulkis** By Elaine Schulberg

**Joseph Cohen** By Jules & Nettie Seder

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**Joseph Shapiro** By Libby P. Shapiro

**Karen Hayhurst** By Stephen Steinbock

Walter Hankin By Richard & Barbara Knowles

> **Betty Weinstein** By Jerry & Sheila Olsen

Mr. Samuel Roth By Joel & Mary Roth

**Paul Kaminsky** By Elaine Schulberg **Mr. Bobby Serota** By Selma (Sandy) Serota

Janet Garfinkel By Betty Small

**Morris I. Estrin** By Lillian Tallent

**Goldie Schweitzer** By Richard & Barbara Knowles

Clayton Allan Rakov By Neal & Cathy Rakov

> **Nat Gulkis** By Elaine Schulberg

Joan Kaminsky By Elaine Schulberg

**Jacob Menahem Shabathai** By Joseph & Katherine Shabathai

> **Hedy Kopecky** By Adam & Judy Starr

**Sheldon Paul Frankel** By Nadine Thompson

**Adele Siegel Bayer** By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

#### Oneg Sponsors

Dec. 4 Linda Pollack Birthday of Skip Rose

> **Susan Gordon** Rhett's Birthday

**Steve & Jan Hartz** Jan's Birthday

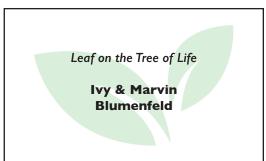
Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis Anniversary

Dec. 11 Laurie Blum Laurie's birthday & Hanukkah

> Muriel Swartz & Beth Hayden George Swartz's 90th birthday Linda Pollack Hannukah Dinner celebration

- Dec. 18 Patricia Isenberg Lillian Forbes' Birthday
- Dec. 25 Geri & Stuart Smith Their birthdays
- Jan. 1 Michael & Suzanne Gilson Charlie Horowitz, Heather & Howard Gilson
- Jan. 29 Alfred & Sylvia Rimm Anniversary





#### January Birthdays

| 1st  |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
|      | Justin Wade Gilson    |
|      | Laura Goodman         |
| 2nd  | Sherrie Willner       |
|      | Lucinda Kurtz         |
|      | Howard Gilson         |
|      | . Randi W. Freundlich |
|      | Stanley Margulies     |
|      | Jan Price (Karen)     |
|      | Matthew Barrett       |
|      | Cathy Rakov           |
|      | Michelle Zinner       |
|      | Alex Dutton           |
|      | Amy Nobil             |
|      | Charlie Horowitz      |
|      | Heather Gilson        |
|      | Jamie Goodman         |
|      | Brieze Levy           |
|      | Donald Zinner         |
|      | Andrea Kluger         |
|      | Neal Rakov            |
|      | Suzi-Sarot Feder      |
|      | Wendy Morris          |
|      | Benjamin Friedman     |
|      | Mark Kanarek          |
|      | Peyton Ruth Morris    |
|      | Sandy Seder           |
|      | Sheila Olsen          |
|      | Bev Strumor-Blitzer   |
|      | David Epstein         |
|      | Randy Klein-Gross     |
|      | Stuart Grossman       |
|      | Marshall Kaplan       |
|      | Beth Hudson           |
|      | Pat VanArtsdalen      |
|      | Arthur Itkin          |
|      | Yardena Kamely        |
|      | Beth Kaminstein       |
|      | Jeffrey Boruszak      |
| 30th | Kristen M. Schur      |



### Ha<mark>ppy Announcem</mark>ent:

Roy Pollack, son of Linda Pollack and Joel Pollack of blessed memory, while visiting for Thanksgiving, took his girlfriend Elizabeth Giddens out for a boat ride, got down on one knee and proposed. She said "Yes!" Mazel Tov and Siman Tov to the whole family! Your KJCC Mishpocha wishes you all good things!

#### January Anniversaries

| 4th  | Steve & Amelia Kasinof38  |
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| 12th | George & Muriel Swartz 40 |
| 27th | Alfred & Sylvia Rimm63    |
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## **Leaf on the Tree of Life Paul Kaminsky** "Not to help Justice in her Need would be an Impiety." - Plato

#### KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### AN EVENING WITH RABBI ED ROSENTHAL Thursday, December 17, 2020

7:30 p.m. • Zoom

#### Judaism and the Age of the Universe

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Every week we say, "the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath in every generation as a covenant for all time. It is a sign forever between Me and the people of Israel, for in six days the Eternal G-d made heaven and earth and on the seventh day G-d rested from all labors."

So, G-d created the world in 6 days, 5781 years ago? How does Judaism address the conflict between Torahh and the Science concerning the Age of the Universe?

Please join us to celebrate the last night of Chanukah with Rabbi Ed Rosenthal prior to his presentation. Bring your chanukiyot as we will light candles and Rabbi Ed will present a short Chanukah d'rash (talk).

This presentation is open to all. Please share with your friends. For information contact Beth Hayden hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net Zoom invitations will be sent out.

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Rabbi Ed encourages us to bring fried food of choice. He is bringing a doughnut.

### WORLD JEWISH REPORT



Medina Roy

A bronze statue of former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be unveiled in Brooklyn, New York, where she was born and raised. The unveiling will take place on the late justice's birthday, March 15th, during Women's History Month. The statue will be placed in front of City Point, a residential and commercial area in Downtown Brooklyn. The statue's artists. Gillie and Marc, installed 10 statues of notable women in New York City last year, increasing the city's representation of women in public sculpture from 3% to 10%. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said, "As a lawyer, jurist, and professor, she redefined gender equity and civil rights and ensured America lived up to her founding ideals - she was a monumental figure of equality, and we can all agree that she deserves a monument in her honor." In September, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that the Brooklyn municipal building will be renamed for Ginsburg. The campaign to rename the building after the "proud daughter" of Brooklyn" began some two years ago. (www. abcnews.go.com. 10-14-20)

Honors for "Proud Daughter of Brooklyn"

#### Following in Ramon's Footsteps

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin recently announced that Eytan Stibbe, 62, is expected to depart for the International Space Station next year. Stibbe, a former ace fighter pilot turned big-time investor, will become only the second Israeli in space — and he'll be paying for the trip himself. Pending approval by NASA, the mission will be the first entirely manned by private astronauts. Axiom Space, a private Houston-based company that aims to create the world's first commercial space station, is initiating the trip. (Stibbe once held the distinction of having the most enemy kills of any Israeli pilot when he served as a combat pilot for the Israel Defense Forces.) Since his military career ended, he has been involved in investing in Africa as the founding director of the "Vital Capital Fund." Stibbe will be following in the footsteps

of Ilan Ramon, another former Israeli pilot, who died along with six other astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia when it exploded upon reentry into the Earth's atmosphere in 2003. (*www.haaretz.com*, 11–16–20)

#### Jewish Connections to COVID-19 Vaccines

Mikael Dolsten, head scientist at Pfizer, has been helping to develop their COVID-19 vaccine for the better part of 2020. And recently they have reported it to be over 90% effective. "This may turn out to be one of the biggest medical advances of the past 100 years," Dolsten said. He was referring not only to the historic need to medically fight a virus that's again ravaging the world (particularly the United States, which is setting case records by the week) but also the fact that the Pfizer product is part of a groundbreaking new type of vaccine made guickly from synthetic versions of the virus' genetic material. But he also saw it as a proud moment for lewish immigrants like himself who have contributed to American scientific innovation. "A lot of the great breakthroughs in America have come from people that immigrated," he said. "There has been a strong Jewish tradition around contributing to humanity and a strong tradition within medicine." Born in 1958, Dolsten grew up in the small Halmstad Municipality on Sweden's western coast, the son of a Jewish father with prewar roots in the country and a Jewish mother who escaped from Austria in the early days of World War II. His home life wasn't religiously observant, but he visited Israel several times growing up, something that helped inspire him to spend nearly a year of his doctoral studies at the renowned Weizmann Institute just south of Tel Aviv. He trained as a physician and began his career on the medical faculty

at the University of Lund, but his experience in Israel learning about cutting-edge immunology helped inspire his turn to pharmaceutical science. Dolsten and his family moved from Sweden to New York in 2004.

But Dolsten is far from the only Jewish immigrant in his field. Pfizer's Jewish CEO Albert Bourla is from Thessaloniki, Greece. And the chief medical officer for Moderna, the competing drug maker that announced its COVID-19 vaccine to be nearly 95% effective, is Tal Zaks, an Israeli immigrant. The new Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, like the one created by Moderna, is made from mRNA, a relatively new technology that Dolsten says will allow companies to combat pandemics in the future with greater speed and effectiveness. So far, the vaccine success rates have impressed Dr. Anthony Fauci, our country's top infectious disease expert, who was hoping for a 75% success rate. The scientist responsible for the scientific breakthrough that allowed for the development of an mRNA vaccine is University of Pennsylvania's Jewish professor Drew Weissman, who once worked under Dr. Fauci at the National Institutes of Health. (www.jta.org, 11-16-20)

#### Add Them to the List

• Louise Gluck, 77, American granddaughter of Hungarian Jews, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in early October. She was awarded the prize "for her unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal." In 1993, she received the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for "The Wild Iris." She became the United States' poet laureate in 2003 and received a National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama in 2015. Gluck's paternal grandparents owned a grocery store after settling in New York City. Her father helped invent the X-Acto knife. She is the first American and first Jewish writer to win the Nobel in Literature since songwriter Bob Dylan won it in 2016. (www.jta.org, 10-8-20) Jewish-American economist Dr. Paul Milgrom, 72, is sharing the Nobel Prize in economics with fellow American Robert Wilson for their work in auction theory. Their theoretical discoveries in how auctions work have "used their insights to design new auction formats for goods and services that are difficult to sell in a traditional way, such as radio frequencies. Their discoveries have benefitted sellers, buyers, and taxpayers around the world." Milgrom is now the Shirley and Leonard Elv Ir. Professor of Humanities and Sciences at

Stanford University. Wilson was his thesis advisor. Milgrom is known for "analyzing the bidding strategies in a number of well-known auction formats, demonstrating that a format can give the seller higher expected revenue when bidders learn more about each other's estimated values during bidding," (www.timesofisrael, 10-12-20) • Harvey Alter, 85, Jewish researcher at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), shares the Nobel Prize in Medicine with two other scientists for identifying the hepatitis C virus. They were cited for their "landmark achievement in the ongoing battle against viral diseases. Thanks to their discovery, highly sensitive blood tests for the virus are now available and these have essentially eliminated post-transfusion hepatitis in many parts of the world, greatly improving global health." Alter was born in New York. Early in his career he worked with Jewish Nobel Prize-winning scientist Baruch Blumberg, who identified the hepatitis B virus. In 2000, Alter received the Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research for his work leading to the discovery of the virus that causes hepatitis C. (www.forward.com, 10-5-20)

#### "I Had the Whole Nation Behind Me"

Deni Avdija, 19, the Israeli basketball phenom who is known as "The Prince of Tel Aviv," was taken by the Washington Wizards with the ninth overall pick of the NBA Draft in mid-November the earliest an Israeli has been picked in league history. Avdija, the 6'9" forward for Maccabi Tel Aviv in Israel's top professional league, becomes the second player from the lewish state to go in the first round. Omri Casspi, also a standout forward for Maccabi Tel Aviv, went 23rd to the Sacramento Kings in the 2009 draft and played ten years in the NBA for several teams. "I had the whole nation behind me," Avdija said. "I'm still thinking it's a dream." Avdija, a native Israeli, lives in the coastal town of Herzliva and holds dual Israeli and Serbian citizenship. His father. Zufer, a Muslim Serbian-Israeli citizen, played for his native Yugoslavia's national basketball team as well as several Israeli pro teams in the 1990s. His mother, Sharon Artzi, is a Jewish Israeli and former track and field athlete. A second Israeli was chosen later, marking the first time that two Israelis were picked in the same draft. The Boston Celtics took Yam Madar with the 47th selection. Also 19, he has played for Hapoel Tel Aviv, in the same Israeli league as Avdija, for the past two

years. He's a 6'2" point guard described as a solid defender and passer. (*www.jta.org*, 11-18-20)

#### Fired, Rehired and Fired Again

A year ago, the Palm Beach County School Board voted to fire William Latson, principal of Spanish River Community High school in Boca Raton, after he told a parent that "he can't say the Holocaust is a factual, historical event." Latson sued, saying he had been wrongfully terminated. In August, a judge concluded that he should not have been terminated but rather reprimanded, so the board voted early in November to rehire him rather than face a protracted and costly legal battle. The board's only Jewish member voted against the rehiring and said, "If we rehire Dr. Latson, it is going to be a stain on this school district that will never go away." The board chair asked the board to reconsider. A meeting to reconsider the decision ended without action after the board received more than 1.200 public comments that members were required by law to read or hear before voting. (At that point, Latson issued a public apology.) On November 2nd, the board voted unanimously to fire Latson again. Members said "they had come to the conclusion that their decision represented a statement of the district's values that transcends the risk of litigation." One board member who switched her vote said, "What Dr. Latson did was open the door for the students whose parents are Holocaust deniers for generations to come to deny the atrocity of the Holocaust." (www.sun-sentinel.com, 11-2-20)

#### In Memoriam

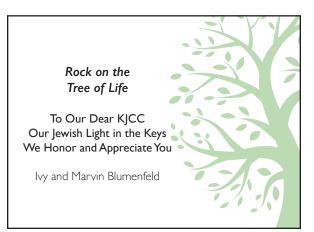
• Bernard Cohen, the lawyer who made history when he volunteered with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and successfully argued that the Supreme Court should overturn laws banning interracial marriage in 1964, died in mid-October. He was 86. Cohen was born in Brooklyn to immigrant Jewish parents. He was 29 when Mildred, a Black and indigenous American, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian, contacted the ACLU. They had been criminally charged in Virginia for marrying. The couple avoided jail time by agreeing not to enter Virginia for 25 years. They moved to Washington, D.C., but they were both homesick. Mildred returned to Virginia while Richard remained in Washington. The ACLU assigned Cohen, who had a private law practice in Alexandria, Virginia, and Philip Hirschkop (also Jewish) to the case. "I knew it was going to the Supreme

Court," Cohen said in an interview in 1992. "And I definitely thought there was something serendipitous about the fact that the case would be called "Loving vs. the Commonwealth of Virginia." (www. npr.org, 10–16–20)

 Shlomo Sulayman, Israel's oldest person, died recently at the age of 117. According to his grandson, Sulayman was living on his own and with a clear mind until the very end. But the confinement to his home due to the pandemic contributed to his decline. "Until the pandemic, he would go to the synagogue, even at the age of 116. He was a very modest man, which is why everyone loved him. But I guess the isolation at home contributed to his health deteriorating." Sulayman was born in Yemen and immigrated to Israel with his wife and four children in 1949. Two other children would later be born in Israel. Sulayman served in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and worked in agriculture. (www.jpost.com, 10-12 - 20)

#### Did You Know...

According to Forbes, Israeli actress Gal Gadot, best known for her role as superhero Wonder Woman, is the third-highest-paid actress in 2020, earning \$31.5 million. She earned \$20 million for "Red Notice," which also stars Ryan Reynolds and Dwayne Johnson. It is the biggest feature film ever made by Netflix and is scheduled to be released in 2021. She will also star in the sequel "Wonder Woman 1984," whose release date has been postponed four times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's now scheduled to be released on December 25, 2020. (*www.jpost.com*, 10-3-20)  $\diamond$ 



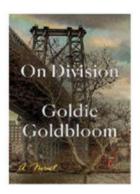
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## Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~ Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom until further notice ~

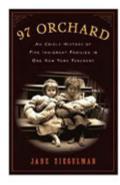
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Pregnant at 57 A novel of wisdom and uncertainty 2020 Jewish Fiction Award



An enthralling tale of making the Queen's wedding dress



Unique narrative of New York's immigrant culture

RSVP and more information - Joyce Peckman joycepeckman@gmail.com

Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an invitation to Zoom.



### WHAT'S NEW? KJCC'S BIKKUR CHOLIM Committee

Joyce Peckman, Gloria Avner, and Laurie Blum have embarked on a journey to help promote the well being of KJCC members. These three women are taking part in the Refuat Ha'Nefesh class offered through Mishkan Miami, a division of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. This class started in October and runs through April 2021. As a result of COVID 19, this year's class is virtual. As such, we couldn't miss such a wonderful opportunity.

The class is all about healing, spiritual healing. A Mitzvah Project is required for our class. We are so blessed that KJCC has such helpful members who are willing to step up when they see a need. A member needs a ride to a doctor's appointment. A member may be confined to their home for health reasons, but would welcome a phone call to check in, or maybe a visit after COVID. Someone may need a helping hand after a hospital stay.



You get the idea. Many of us are doing this already for members that we know. How about we extend our outreach? We would love to have you be part of this committee.

We are recruiting volunteers to help in whatever capacity you are willing, able, and comfortable doing. Initially, we plan to start small with calls to members who we haven't seen or heard from in a while. This is especially true since we've gone virtual for services and programs, and not everyone is willing and able to do Zoom. A short chat once a week might be the highlight of the recipient's week. If nothing else, it would certainly brighten his or her day. Joyce, Gloria, & Laurie are working on putting together a list of those members we haven't heard from in a while. So....

If you know of anyone, please contact Laurie 414-698-5647 or blum1212@gmail.com

If you, yourself, would like to receive a call, please contact Laurie. It's hard to ask for help, but KJCC is family. Most of us don't have relatives living in the Keys, but we have each other. We can only help those members that we know of.

If you'd like to be on our committee, please contact Laurie and let her know how you'd like to assist.

#### REMEMBER ... IT'S A MITZVAH!!!



# lots of Latkes

Creativity has come to the realm of potato pancakes. We love the classics but oh the exciting possibilities of colorful, otherly textured vegetables. Think zucchini and beets, cauliflower and carrots, spinach and turnips. And then there's the realm of shape. Enjoy the process. Here's a little peek into a page or two of our coming KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook. Bring your creations to the Virtual Chanukah Dinner on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Latkes Classic**

Makes about 24 pancakes

- 1 medium onion, peeled
- 4 large russet or Idaho potatoes (about 3 1/2 pounds), peeled
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Applesauce and/or sour cream, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 200°F. Place 2 nonstick baking sheets in oven.

2. Using box grater or food processor fitted with grating disc, coarsely grate onion and place in colander set in sink. Coarsely grate potatoes, add to colander, and set aside to drain.

3. In large mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs, then whisk in flour.

4. Press potatoes and onion to extract as much liquid as possible, then add to egg/flour mixture. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Using wooden spoon or hands, mix well, but do not overwork.

5. In heavy-bottomed, 12-inch skillet over moderately high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil and 1 tablespoon butter until hot but not smoking. Drop 4 scant 1/4-cup portions of potato mixture into pan and flatten with spatula to form four 3-inch pancakes.

6. Fry until bottoms are golden-brown, 4 to 5 minutes, then turn over and fry until golden-brown and crisp, an additional 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer to paper towels to drain; season immediately with salt and pepper. Keep warm on baking sheets in oven while making remaining pancakes.

1. Using paper towels, carefully wipe out pan. Add 1 tablespoon oil and 1 tablespoon butter and fry 4 more pancakes. Repeat with remaining batter, wiping out pan and adding 1 tablespoon oil and 1 tablespoon butter before each batch.

2. Serve pancakes hot with applesauce and/or sour cream.

#### Gingered Carrot Latkes Donna Bolton

- 6 cups coarsely grated, peeled carrots
- 6 T all purpose flour
- 1 ½ t salt
- ¾ t baking powder
- ½ t pepper
- 7 t finely grated peeled fresh ginger
- 3 eggs, beaten to blend

• Place carrots in large bowl; press with paper towels to absorb any moisture. Whisk flour, salt baking powder, pepper together in a second bowl. Mix in carrots and ginger, then eggs.

• Pour enough oil into heavy large skillet to cover bottom and heat over medium heat. Working in batches and adding more oil as needed, drop carrot mixture by ¼ cup into skillet and spread into 3 ½" rounds. Fry until golden, about 10 minutes per side.

• Transfer latkes to rimmed baking sheet. Let stand at room temperature. Reheat in 350 oven until crisp, about 10 minutes).

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#### Latkes • Lisa Miller

- small bag Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2-3 large sweet onions
- 2 gala apples
- 2-3 eggs
- 1/4 cup +/- flour
- little baking powder
- salt/pepper
- peel/grate potatoes, apples and onions
- put mixture in bowl and add eggs salt pepper and flour (with baking powder mixed in) - mix well.

• Heat oil in pan – fry pancakes med heat. Place on paper towels in metal pan. can freeze and take out all year.



#### Cauliflower Latkes • Gloria Avner

- 1 2lb bag frozen cauliflower
- 2 fresh pressed garlic
- ½ tsp salt
- 6Tbs reduced fat cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1Tbs flour
- 1 Tbs olive oil

• Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Add the cauliflower, and simmer for 10 minutes or until soft. Drain and return the cauliflower to the pot. Using a potato masher, mash the cooked cauliflower. Add the garlic, salt, cream cheese, eggs, flour and olive oil and mix until well combined.

• Heat 3 Tbs oil in a frying pan. Drop cauliflower mixture by tablespoon into the hot oil. Cook until nicely browned on both sides. Serve immediately with a dollop of sour cream.

• These freeze well and are delicious when warmed up in the oven at 300 F for about 15 minutes.

#### Sweet potato latkes with applesauce • Roos-Mary Benowitz Serves 4

• 2 Golden Delicious (or similar) apples, peeled and cubed

- 2 teaspoons honey, divided
- Dash of cinnamon
- Dash of salt
- 10 ounces sweet potatoes, peeled & grated
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 8 ounces sour cream

• Place apples in a small saucepan. Add cinnamon, dash of salt and half the honey. Add just enough water to cover the bottom of the saucepan. Cook on medium-low heat, covered, until the Apple chunks become soft and mushy. Add more water as needed to prevent burning. Apples should resemble a chunk h sauce. This should take at least 30 minutes. • Mix the sweet potatoes, cardamom, flour, egg and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat until oil glazes over and is hot. Turn heat to medium -low. Add 1/8 to 1/4 cup spoonfuls of the potato mixture to the pan. patting gently with a slotted spatula to flatten. Cook about 2 to 3 minutes per side, until golden brown. Remove from heat. Drain excess oil using a rack or paper towels.

• Serve hot with applesauce and sour cream.

#### **Celery & Cilantro Relish**

- 2 cups finely diced celery
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 teaspoons Sherry wine vinegar
- Combine all ingredients in medium bowl
- Season with salt and pepper
- Let stand at least 30 minutes
- Can be made 6 hours ahead, cover and chill

#### Latkes-Beet Donna Bolton

• 6 cups coarsely shredded peeled beets (about 6 medium)

- 6 T all purpose flour
- 1 ½ t salt
- 1 ½ t ground cumin
- ¾ t ground coriander
- ¾ t baking powder
- ¼ t black pepper
- •3 eggs

• Place beets in a large bowl; press with paper towels to absorb any moisture. Whisk flour and next 5 ingredients in second large bowl. Mix in beets, then eggs.

• Pour enough oil into large skillet to cover bottom; heat over medium heat. Working in batches, drop beet mixture by ¼ cupfuls into skillet; spread to 3 ½" rounds. Fry until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer latkes to baking sheet.

• Latkes can be made 6 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature. Reheat in 350 oven until crisp, about 10 minutes.



#### **PHOTO GALLERY**





We may not be able to meet indoors for worship or meals and holiday celebration right now, but we are always welcome to walk through and have a peaceful sit in our lovely KJCC Meditation Garden. Enjoy the many trees, engraved bricks, orchids and resting benches dedicated to our beloved friends.



Gloria celebrates an open-air Covidcareful birthday:





Gloria's newest great grandson, Niko.



And her great granddaughter Jackson, who helps put ChaiLights together (Lacy's daughter).



No wonder Susan drives to Tennessee for two weeks every two months. Who wouldn't want to hang out with such a cute blue dragon and baby cow (grandsons Rhett and Hank).







Photos from Mindy and Rabbi Agler's trip out West. They only wished they could have spent more relaxed time seeing the sights.











Buddy loves eating Thanksgiving dinner from Erica's plate.



Roy Pollack and Elizabeth and poodle Violet Pearl. Visiting Key Largo for Thanksgiving.



Gloria's turkeyless table with Beef Wellington and lots of cranberry.

Post Thanksgiving neighborhood walk with Lacy, ChaiLights designer, and Gloria's greatgranddaughter Jackson.



Susan Gordon, under her chickee, with her Thanksgiving Feast!



## Jane Fríedman Receíves KJCC's Híghest Honor

#### Let the Standing Ovation Begin!

It's not easy keeping a secret for nine months. One could produce an entire human being in that time. We were excited for our recipient. We just wanted to honor an exceptional human being, and we wanted to do it in person with as many of our mishpocha present as possible. The plaque had been engraved, the presentation had been planned for the day of our 40th Anniversary Gala, and then, one week ahead, Covid-19 pulled the rug out from under us.

Joel Cohen and his wife Sarah were the founding force and spirit behind the KJCC. When it was decided to give an annual award to the person who most embodied that indomitable, hard working spirit, it was a natural that the first recipient would be Joel and that the award would be named after him. Many of



those now gone from us and lots still with us keep this place alive and thriving and these past winners are the ones who nominate and vote on each year's winner. I

Steve came with a truck and tools to help his wife clean out the garden. He was as surprised and delighted as Jane, and qvelled when she said, "I could not have done any of this without my husband, Steve." want to share the strong nominating letter that came in from Sam Vinicur for Jane Friedman this year.



"Oh no! I don't deserve this. I never expected it. I do what I do because I love it." – You do deserve it Jane. We love you.

greeted enthusiastically and Jane was elected unanimously:

The Joel Cohen Fellowship Award "is not a popularity contest, or a gift to give to friends. It's to recognize the person or couple who has, aside from other winners, made the greatest ongoing contributions to the health, well-being, sustenance and mission of KJCC for the longest and most sustained period of time. It isn't necessarily given to someone who's been flashy or particularly visible. In fact, my favorite winners have been the unsung heros, the people who quietly and consistently do the day-to-day work that adds up to making KJCC not only work but become a better place. I'm specifically thinking fondly here of Marc Bloom, Rene Rose and Jules & Nettie.

So, in that spirit, my candidate for this year is Jane Friedman. To me she's the only person who checks off all the boxes. It isn't just the dutiful maintenance of Harry's garden and regular, vital contributions to the hungry in our midst, though that's huge and too many do not realize the delightful reflection that offers to KJCC. Do you enjoy the coffee and delicacies of the KJCC onegs, plus so much of the ready availability of plates and utensils for dinners? Jane shops for those, week after week, month after month, year after year, with no fanfare or attempt to shine a spotlight on her. She's always one to help with anything else anyone asks of her, be it leading services or running errands or schlepping mulch on behalf of KJCC. And they often ask, because Jane always makes herself available and then guietly and efficiently just makes things happen. It is said that both armies and synagogues run on their stomachs. Well, Jane is the guartermaster who just makes everything in the background work. It's easy to come up with ideas, or opine about what needs to be done. Iane is the one who always just does it. (I haven't even mentioned the flowers and the regular attendance at virtually everything from her home in Homestead.) And she has done all this for a long time. She deserves recognition."



Donna, Erica and Yardena, thank you for your work in the hot afternoon sun. We're glad Jane saved you from the snake.

Snake? Yes, a snake appeared out of the underbrush, fat, scary and long according to Erica, a dangerous coral snake according to Jane. Our indomitable gardener and master chef, the 9th of 13 children, is not fazed by dangerous beasts. She warned everyone away, grabbed an appropriate tool and swiftly dispatched it.





Past Honorees and a few garden friends gather in our Meditation Garden to bear witness to this amazing talented, hardworking, humble woman.

Within 24 hours, the verdict was a unanimous fait accomplit. And what was Jane's reaction when a small assembly of previous winners and friends surprised Jane with her plaque at a scheduled November workday to get the KJCC Harry Friedman Organic Garden ready for winter planting?

"Oh no! I don't deserve this. I never expected it. I do what I do because I love it." – You do deserve it Jane. We love you. ◊

#### Jane Friedman

For all the years you've cared for us, In graceful ways great and small, Quietly providing for KJCC's needs Shopping, cooking, service leading, Digging holes for trees, Sharing the bounty Of son Harry's organic garden, Nourishing the needy, You are our unsung hero.

We honor your generosity of spirit With gratitude and love.

## The Jews of Azerbaíjan

The Russian-brokered peace and territorial exchange ending the conflict between majority- Muslim Azerbaijan and majority-Christian Armenia is recent news. The New York Times had photos of Armenians burning their homes as they left for relocation to Armenia. The U.N. will supervise the return of Azerbaijanis to their former communities. So, an article in Tablet written by Milikh Yevdayev, head of the Community of Azerbaijan's Mountain Jews, caught my attention. Here is a synopsis. – Joyce Peckman

On Nov. 10. the 44-day war between Armenia and Azerbaijan ended. Armenia agreed to withdraw from territories it had occupied since the 1990's, when they invaded villages in Azerbaijan's Karabakh region, destroying homes, turning ancient mosques into barns, slaughtering many civilians and forcibly displacing 800,000 people. Before that had been the March Genocide of 1918, when Armenian Dashnaks and Bolsheviks massacred 12,000 Muslim civilians in the capital city of Baku within a few days. Many Jews tried to save their Muslim neighbors. The pogroms then spread throughout the country, targeting both Muslims and Jews, killing over 50,000. Muslims and Jews fought and died together.

When the recent war began, an additional 250,000 people were forcibly exiled from Armenia. Days before the November cease-fire, Azerbaijan took back the city of Susha, its cultural capital and the place where Albert Agarunov, a Jewish tank commander, became a national war hero in 1992. It might seem strange that there is a statue and a street in the capital honoring a fallen Jewish soldier in a Muslim country, but his is the story of the remarkable cultural coexistence of Azerbai-jan.

Jews have lived in Azerbaijan for over 2,000 years, since the destruction on the Second Temple, living in peace with Zoroastrians, then Christians, then Muslims. In 1742 the Muslim ruler of the Quba region gave the Jews resources to build a flourishing town of their own. Many Russian and Eastern European Jews tried to flee there for safety and called it "Little Jerusalem." Today, called "Red Town," it is the only all–Jewish town outside of Israel or New York State. It boasts a flourishing community, with incomparably beautiful synagogues, schools, kosher restaurants and organizations for Mizrachi and Ashkenazi Jews. About 30,000 Jews live in Azerbaijan, involved in all facets of life, including all three branches of government.

Azerbaijan has a long tradition of standing on the right side of history. It protected lews over the centuries and sheltered 10,000 European lews fleeing the Holocaust, Hitler had his eyes set on Azerbaijan's oil fields. While the German Wehrmacht included an Armenian legion that helped the Nazis round up resistance fighters and Jews, one fifth of the adult men of Azerbaijan died fighting Nazi Germany. Since its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan has been a strong ally of Israel. While the world celebrates the recent treaties signed by Israel with other Muslim nations, Azerbaijan stands as the long-time exemplar of this peace process – proof that multifaith harmony works and brings benefits for everyone.



#### TAKE CARE: A SERIES Mindy Agler



Well, it's been quite a year. I don't think I need to remind anyone of the challenges of 2020! By the time you read this, the election will be over and we will be preparing for Chanukah and the arrival of 2021. Let's take this opportunity to look at how we can improve our self-care and reduce our stress levels for the new year. This is the first in a series of articles on the subject, and the first stress-buster we will consider is to BREATHE!

Breathe: It sounds so simple, yet it can be so easily forgotten. When we get stressed, we tend to hold our breath. And the more we hold our breath, the more stressed we get, because our cells aren't getting the oxygen they need to function optimally. Anything we can do to improve our awareness of our breathing is therefore beneficial. Yoga, pilates, working with weights, dancing, running, singing, all include proper breathing patterns in their practice. Getting exercise will help not only with breathing, but also with increasing stress-reducing brain chemicals that will improve our moods. So get out there and move! Meditation is also a practice that has been shown to have both physical and emotional benefits. There are probably as many ways to meditate as there are people on the planet, but I have a very simple meditation that I think is great for beginners.

Before we begin, a few words about meditation in general. Meditation is an attempt to rein in our brains from what they are designed to do: think 24/7. Even when we sleep, our brains are working. So getting our brain to slow down is a challenge, and is what we strive for when meditating. Meditation is NOT an opportunity for us to criticize ourselves. When a thought pops up during our practice, we can just notice it, like clouds blowing in the breeze or leaves floating downstream. The idea is to notice the thoughts, but not attach to them, and if you do attach, to bring yourself back to the meditation as soon as you're aware you've strayed. No judgment!

There are probably as many ways to meditate as there are people on the planet. I am going to teach a very simple meditation here that involves pairing your breath with counting up to 10 and back down to 1 several times. I will talk you through it so you can just focus on your breath and not worry about the mechanics. A note about attaching to thoughts: sometimes when I am using this technique, I find myself at 24—remember I just said we will be counting up to 10 and back down to 1. When I realize I have gotten off track, I just note that I must really be needing to meditate at that time, and I go back to 1 and start over. Again, NO judgment.

## To try out the simple counting meditation, click <u>https://voca.ro/1okcAZMcg50K</u>

I hope you found that calming. The deep breaths at the beginning and end are important, so don't skip them! Remember to breathe at your own pace, regular breathing in and out through your nose for the counting parts. That session was about 5 minutes. You will get the most benefit from practicing on a daily basis, preferably at the same time, and on an empty stomach. You can start with 5 minutes and work up to 20 minutes. If you think you like the idea of meditation, but this one didn't work for you, please find other techniques to try. There are several apps and you-tubes to investigate! And when you're ready to do this on your own, the trick is that every inhale is an odd number, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and every exhale is an even number, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. So transition from 10 on an exhale back to 9 on an inhale.

I hope this was helpful, and I'll have more suggestions for managing stress in the next issue of Chai Lights!  $\diamond$ 

## "Etz Chaim Hí" Happy Birthday, Tree of Life

#### By Gloria Avner

When spring arrives and you first see a fruit tree burst forth with blossoms, there is a blessing we are told to say: Baruch Atah Adonai Elohainu Melech ha-Olam, Blessed are vou. Lord our God. Ruler of the universe, who did not cause any lack in this world, but created in it good creatures and good trees that all may enjoy them." As Jews, we are nothing if not constantly attentive to "firsts" and grateful to be alive to celebrate them. Witness all our "Shehechiyanu's". But this prayer, and these trees, are even more special. The Kabbalah teaches that the blessing upon blossoming fruit trees. Bircat Hallanot, can redeem souls.

Imagine t is Shabbat morning in normal times. We're getting ready to take out the Torah. Rabbi chants: "L'dor va dor." We echo with gusto: "L'dor va dor," from generation to generation. There is pride in our on-goingness, and in almost every mention of continuity there is metaphor. In every metaphor, at bottom, is a tree.

As children we learn to count growth rings to tell the age of a tree. When we want to document our personal ancestry, generation to generation, we make a graph of continuity and call it a family tree. Awe sets in early when we discover that trees use the carbon dioxide waste we exhale to make their food and they then excrete oxygen. We breathe their air, eat their fruit, and plant their seeds to make new trees. The linkage between trees and man, physically and metaphorically extends throughout every field of study from biblical history to anthropology, art, poetry, philosophy, biology, and mysticism. The deep-rooted fascination (pun intended) crosses cultural

boundaries, continents, and centuries. On the 15th day (the number Tet Vav, pronounced Tu ) of Sh'vat, the Jewish take on trees comes to life.

Because Tu B'Shvat marks the last of the winter rains in Israel, it also marks the time when life force in the form of sap begins to rise from earth, roots, and tree trunk to the growing tips of branches. Seasons transition from death like winter stasis to a promise of spring and budding fruit growth. The day is not just a birthday, but the beginning of a New Year for the Trees, one of the four distinct New Years that Jews celebrate over the course of one calendar year.

For us, the tree is a double symbol, representing both Man and Torah. From the psalmists we hear "... a man is as a tree of the field." From our liturgy on Shabbat morning, we sing "Etz chaim hi." Torah is a "tree of life" for all who cling to it. Both man and Torah have roots, trunk, branches, and fruit, all the major elements of a tree.

The roots of man, the Jewish people, are our ancestors, our matriarchs and patriarchs, the whole book of Genesis The trunk is the whole body of the Jewish people, the "signers-on" to the covenant at Sinai, who received the Torah and entered the Promised Land, the cast of the Book of Exodus.

In Hebrew, the word for tribe is Shevet, a word close to Sh'vat, the name of this month and also the exact word for branch of a tree, all who came before us, survived oppression, and nurtured coming generations in the ways of Judaism. Our tribes are our branches, spreading out from but still attached to the trunk, with sub branches from original branches reaching all the way to and throughout the diaspora.

What is the fruit? The fruit of Man and

the fruit of the Torah are the same: the good deeds of every living soul. When Rabbi Agler talks on a Shabbat morning of those deeds that we cannot do too much of - visiting the sick, honoring our parents, consoling the bereaved, celebrating with bride and groom - studying Torah is the last act mentioned, and said to be the greatest, because, as the verse goes on, the study of Torah leads to them all.

One interpretation of Torah's roots, trunk, and branches are its inner secrets, the concealed mother and father principle explored in Kabbalah, and the body of written and oral Torah with all the different methods of commentary. Torahs fruits can be seen as new insights that flow to those who devote themselves to its study and share those insights with the world, resulting in tikkun olam actions

People, Torah and trees. There are very specific laws (Halacha) that interrelate the three. We are told not to harvest the fruit of a tree until it is three years old. Even in war, it is forbidden to cut down a fruit tree. There are laws about gleaning. And numerology (Gematria) adds even more mystical depth.

The period from Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat to Tu B'Shvat falls exactly between the two holidays of Chanukah and Purim. From the last day of Chanukah until Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat there are 29 days. From the 2nd of Shevat until Tu Bishvat there are 14 days. Following Tu Bishvat, from the 16th to the day of Purim again there are 29 days. 2 times 29 (58, the value of the word chen, "grace" and "symmetry") plus 14 gives a total of 72 days, the value of chesed, "lovingkindness". We come back to the fruits of Man and Torah. "gemilut chasadim." From the fruits of kind deeds we move to fruits we can eat. The holiday of Chanukah is the holiday of pure olive oil. The holiday of Purim is the holiday of wine. All of the seven species and fruits of the land of Israel are contained within and encompassed by these two primary fruits

Remember all the years in the school-

room when we held the mystical seder devised more than 5 centuries ago in S'fat during the time of the Ari . We would sample all 15 varieties of fruit, listen to stories, drink four cups of "wine" progressing from pure white to rose to russet to pure red, symbolizing each season of the year. And then we'd plant a tree or two, sing and dance and say the blessings from the Torah.

The words of the first psalm describe a person who follows the Torah: "she shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in season; her leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever she does shall prosper."

#### ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTS: REVIEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS

December 6 at 2 PM, the Israeli Philharmonic offers a Pre-Hannukah Global Celebration at no charge. The concert will feature works by award winning composer Hans Zimmer, the Music Director of the Israel Philharmonic, Lahav Shani and Ronalee Shimon - star of Fauda and Ester Rada - an Ethiopian jazz singer. There is no cost; you can register here: <u>https://www.afipo.org/mmm-rsvp/</u>

On December 8 at 1 PM, the ongoing series from Friends of the IDF will continue with Stories Behind the Headlines – Fighting Media Bias Against Israel with Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, IDF International Spokesperson and Head of International Public Affairs, Public Diplomacy and Social Media. Register here at no cost: <u>https://www.fidf.org/events/behind-the-headlines/behind-headlines-fighting-media-bias-against-israel</u>

Future programs will include stories from the Secret UAE Peace Treaty Negotiations – with Ambassador David Friedman and Un– earthing Terror's Tunnels – with Col. Yuval Moshe, Chief of the IDF Engineering Corps, Southern Command, I am delighted to tell you that Rabbi Ed Rosenthal will present a lecture for KJCC in which he will explore the gap be– tween timelines of science and the Jewish cal– endar. Rabbi Ed, who is well known to all of us, will deliver his presentation over Zoom on **December 17th at 7:30**. Since December 17th is also the last day of Chanukah, we will open the evening with the lighting of *Chanukiyot* and a brief Drash (teaching/explanation) on Chanukah. See Poster, PP XX Please join us

for an interesting and informative evening. Mark your calendar.

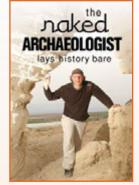
Lastly - I challenge you to watch FAUDA on Netflix. Fauda (Arabic for "chaos") is an award-winning Israeli series that ran for 3 seasons for a total of 36 episodes. The series was developed by Lior Raz and Avi Issacharoff, drawing on their experiences in the Israel Defense Forces. The series premiered on February 15, 2015. It tells the story of Doron, a commander in the Mista'arvim unit and his team as they pursue a Hamas arch-terrorist known as "The Panther". The series follows the activities of an Israeli undercover intelligence unit composed of individuals who read, write and speak fluent Arabic. They operate in the West Bank and, in the third season, in the Gaza Strip. (You think you have been under

> series was even praised by the New York Times (not Israel's greatest fan). And, yes, Virginia, excuse me, I mean Gittel, by popular demand a 4th season will be forthcoming.

stress???) The

This is a pic of Emek haBacha - the Valley of Tears - if Syria would have gained control of the plateau in the pic -Syria would have had total control over the valley and area below.





#### Barbara the filmographer enjoying a break

## Should Auld Aquaíntance Be Forgot ...

People leave us, people who have been incredibly important to KJCC over the years. We had a chance to say a good bon voyage to Mindy and Rabbi Agler, but not to Dr. Steve and Barbara Smith. I asked a few questions and learned some KJCC history. We also received some amazing videos of Steve playing multiple brass instruments in Cuba. Check them out. What he does not talk about is the research he did and the beautiful book he published about our holocaust torah and the hysterically funny Purim spiels he'd write and perform with his son every year. In his own words...

Thanks for asking about Barbara and me. We certainly hope that all are well in the Kevs. As you know I retired on July 1 of this year. Our permanent home at that point moved to Orlando, Florida, to be close to our daughter Rebecca and her children, our grandchildren Landon and Skyler. We will now spend the extended summers in Plymouth, Massachusetts. As a matter of fact the pandemic has extended the summer to the point that we are still there, and it certainly is no longer summer. In Plymouth, we are about an hour ride away from our son Brian's family, his wife Carrie, and their two children Tommy and Delia Grace. Our goals in retirement were not only to spend more time with the children and grandchildren, but to travel extensively as well as participate with as many bands as possible.

As a result of the COVID 19 pandemic we travel, but just in a slightly different manner. In June one early Saturday morning we got in the car and drove nonstop 21 hours from Orlando to Plymouth. We



Steve and Kids



see Brian's family about once per week in a social isolation manner. We have not stepped foot in a restaurant. For exercise, I take the garbage out and go to the mailbox at non-peak hours. My music has become primarily 1 1/2 to 3 hours per day practice. My band is a one-man band, which performs on YouTube. I have learned to audio and video edit. Find at: https:// youtu.be/Yy8iP7ka1rA and https://youtu. be/OwI0c5ifZqY as well as https://youtu. be/Xiui6rC7\_RM

#### A Smith family Halloween



As for services, in our isolation we have attended the Or Ha Lev Zoom Services where my sister-in-law is the Rabbi and my brother acts as the Cantor. The files above were prepared for their High Holiday Services.

Our diets have become plant based. I don't think that would be possible without "Social Isolation"! It is good that we have been married 42 years.

As far as ancient history, Barbara and I moved to the Keys in 1979 when I completed my General Surgical Residency. We thought we'd spend a year in "Paradise" and return to the big city. Staying 41 years was not in our plans. Our involvement with the KICC started in 1982 with a Passover Seder in Marathon at the "Wooden Spoon" Restaurant, which at that time was owned by Susan and Stephen Ban, Judy Greenman's parents. We also attended events at Leo Goldner's house in Marathon. I recall the Horn family attending. In 1984 we started attending services at the KJCC'S current location in what is now the Ruth Richardson Social Hall. Service leaders included Dr. Mike Rubin, Joel Cohen, Dr and Mrs Iser and others. We became friends with Ruth Richardson as well as Al and Pauline Roller. As the congregation became more established, the current sanctuary was built. In 1991 after a short lapse in attendance we returned to services on a regular basis. Around that time, along with Muriel Swartz, Bea Graham, Susan Gordon, and myself, we established the Hebrew School. What was very frightening, before we hired a teacher, was that I was one of the teachers. My old Hebrew School Principal was probably turning over in his grave.

Both of our children went through the Hebrew School and became Bar and Bat Mitzvah at the KJCC. During that time I was on the Board for many years, participated with the Holocaust Committee including giving lectures, and received the Joel Cohen Award.

Thanks for everything, Steve and Barbara Your KJCC mishpocha



View YouTube video An American in Havana – too good to miss. Steve playing at list 4 different brass instruments, with himself, simultaneously, Havana in the background. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Owl0c5ifZqY

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Two other key people who have moved away are George and Muriel Swartz. They are sponsoring an Oneg for George's 90th birthday.

When I think of celebrating George's birthday, my memories are always woven together with evenings at Pauline Roller's house, with Yardena, the schoolkids and as many of the KJCC mishpocha as we could fit in her trailer. Good friends, good music, laughter, kids playing dreidel on the rug, grownups sampling latkes and sharing laughter. And then it was time to sing to George. It is all of a piece for me. We, your mishpocha away from home, are delight– ed to celebrate with you. George too made a great impact at KJCC and was both its president and a Joel Cohen Award winner. In Muriel's words:

As with most people these days, we are "hangin' in there" doing our best to try to make it through the pandemic. We miss not being able to join with our family from time to time as we had been doing during the last three years that we have been living in Hallandale Beach. We have wonderful memories of our 26 years at the KJCC and are grateful for the friendships we made there with so many truly exceptional people.

We send love to all the KJCC mishpocha and hope they and all their loved ones will



Here is a "Keys " photo of us a "few" years ago. it was taken at the wedding reception of Gerri and Frank Emkey on March 16, 2008... We had just snapped a photo of Linda and Joel Pollack and then they snapped one for us!

#### stay

safe and well. As George turns 90 (WOW!....God willing) on December 9th, we'll have an intimate twosome celebration at our home looking out on the lovely intracoastal waterway. Hoping for calm and peace in the U.S.A. and all the world....BEST always....

Love, Muriel and George



Lee Schur was a high powered active member who brought us the original idea of having a Women's Seder. Now she lives near family in Chicago. Here she sits telling stories to her great grandson.

Forgotten? Never!!

# New Moon in Kislev: Rekindling Our Dreams A letter from Lucinda Kurtz

As we enter the new moon of the Hebrew month of Kislev, we experience the darkest time of the year, the time when we must use our intuition, understanding, and courage to bring in the light, to keep our faith burning strong and clear in the midst of darkness, chaos and fear. In this moment, we are called to maintain our vigilance, our determination, our perseverance, as the very foundation of our democracy is challenged and a virulent pandemic is sweeping through our world.

Throughout the history of the Jewish people and many others, there have been those leaders who wish to usurp power to themselves. And there are those forces that rise up in protest. We saw it in ancient times when a small band of dedicated souls, the Maccabees, sparked an uprising against the ruler of the Seleucid Empire, attracting enough followers to achieve victory. The 36 candles we light during the eight nights of Chanukah honor their bravery and the human spirit reaching for freedom, for justice, for light.





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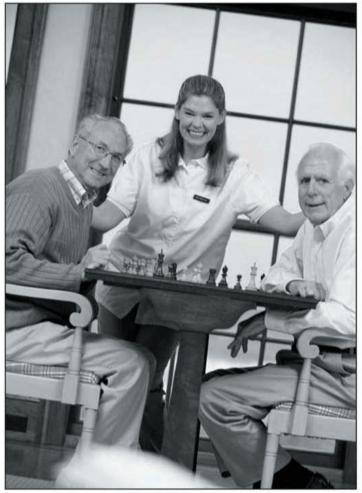
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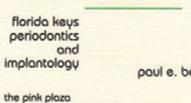
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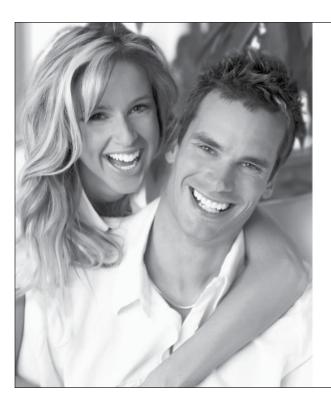


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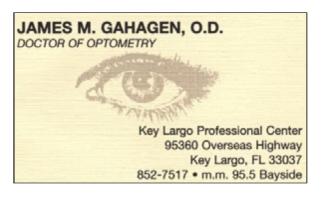
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