

# Chai~Lights



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13 KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m. General meeting 11 a.m.	14 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	15	16	17	18 Yardena Kamely <i>Jane Friedman</i>	19
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13 KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m. <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	14 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	15	16 Purim Megillah reading & Pizza Party Live (B"H) at KJCC 7 p.m.	17	18 Sisterhood <i>Jeff &amp; Cheryl Margulies</i>	19
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



As I write this, we are trying to digest the events that took place at Congregation Beth Israel in Texas. There are those who react by distancing themselves, and those who respond by showing our strength, standing tall and proving that we will not be pushed into hiding by bullies. KJCC is a part of Secure Community Network, the collaboration between synagogues, community centers, FBI and ADL. In the past we have had workshops and drills at KJCC. We will continue our preparedness training in the coming months as we reopen, but they are only as effective as the people who participate in them. Please watch for announcements and make it a priority to join us at that time. Most of these workshops are useful for many situations.

Quite a bit is happening in February, and I hope you will all be a part of it. Our annual KJCC general meeting will be held on February 13th, probably a hybrid of live attendance and Zoom participation. I hope you will all tune in or come, if possible, to join us as we begin this new season. I am gratified that we continued to provide a community and kept people connected during an extremely difficult time. I am proud that we learned new skills. But we must build on these new skills to enlarge our active core group and bring in new members.

We need to recognize that we are a unique congregation, and consider what brought most of us here, to this far away corner of the country, where we found each other. For most of us it is love of the bay and the ocean and the activities that they provide us. For many of us, it is the

beauty of the place: the many changing colors of the sky, water, and foliage. With this in mind, we are considering adding to our name the words "Congregation Ohr HaYam" (Light of the Sea). There is a belief that a name does more than tell the world who you are. It connects to the soul, provides spiritual defense, and allows us to find and access our unique inner strengths. KJCC truly is a place of worship, not just a community center without a pool, as many first-time visitors seem to think. We would not be changing the name, but rather adding to it to help us draw upon these strengths. So please attend our February meeting to discuss and vote on this.

We will hear the "State of KJCC" and vote on our new board of directors and officers. You may also nominate directors from the floor if the person nominated is in attendance and is agreeable. We need people – not necessarily to join the board, but to help with technology, building maintenance and ritual, or wherever your skills and interests may be. Reopening KJCC will be both a challenge and an opportunity, and we want your ideas and energy.

I will be stepping down from the presidency after three difficult and eventful years. But I will remain active as co-president of Sisterhood (with Susan Gordon), member of the security committee and ritual co-chair. I will also continue to help with communications and technology. I am excited to be part of the new leadership team as we begin this new era. ◇

# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

## February – March 2022

Many of our activities remain on Zoom.  
Look for details & more events in the Tuesday President's messages.

Every Monday	2 p.m. Drop-in Chat. Please contact us to be placed on mailing list.
Wednesday, Feb. 2	3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets outdoors at KJCC – Lucinda Kurtz
Friday, Feb. 4	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman
Sunday, Feb. 6	10 a.m. Sisterhood meeting
Friday, Feb. 11	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Laurie Blum
Saturday, Feb. 12	12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler
Sunday, Feb. 13	10 a.m. KJCC Board meeting • 11 a.m. Annual General Meeting & Installation
Friday, Feb. 18	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Yardena Kamely
Friday, Feb. 25	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Erica, Andrea Grace & Donna Bolton
Monday, Feb. 28	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood book Club – “Black White Jewish”
Wednesday, Mar. 2	3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets at KJCC outdoors – Lucinda Kurtz
Friday, Mar. 4	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Steve Hartz
Sunday, Mar. 6	10 a.m. Sisterhood meeting
Friday, Mar. 11	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Medina Roy and Gloria Avner
Saturday, Mar. 12	12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler
Sunday, Mar. 13	10 a.m. KJCC Board meeting (daylight saving time begins)
Wednesday, Mar. 16	7 p.m. Purim Megillah reading & Pizza Party Live (B”H) at KJCC
Friday, Mar. 18	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Sisterhood
Friday, Mar. 25	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Ken Atlas & Art Itkin
Monday, Mar. 28	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood book Club – “People of the Book”
Wednesday, Mar. 30	3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets at KJCC outdoors – Lucinda Kurtz



# NOSH

## Sisterhood Book Club

We continue meeting on Zoom so that we can include our members near and far. Our next two books range from contemporary culture to adventures of the distant past. In February we will discuss *“Black White and Jewish”*, a memoir by Rebecca Walker. In March we will read *“People of the Book”* by Geraldine Brooks. Please leave yourself time to read this magnificent sweeping historical novel, inspired by a true story. USA Today writes “Less flash and more substance than *“The DaVinci Code... stirring testaments to the people of many faiths who risked all to save this priceless work.”* We chose to discuss this just before Passover, so plan to join us! We meet the last Monday of the month at 12:30. Contact Linda if you want to be added to the list.

## Saturday Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Agler

Join Rabbi Agler and a dedicated group of students as we delve into the timeless story of King David. We have passed the young slingshot-wielding hero and are now deeply into political machinations and personal failings of an aging king. Bring your own lunch to the Zoom sessions at 12:30 on Saturdays February 12th and March 12th. Thank you, Rabbi Agler, for sharing your Shabbat morning from the West Coast.

## Light of The Sea

Jewish tradition holds that names are significant. Abraham, Sarah and Joshua all had modifications to their names as their missions and status changed. There is a belief that a name does more than tell the world who you are. It connects to the soul, provides spiritual defense, and allows us to find and access our unique inner strengths. As we re-enter society, we at KJCC want to re-define ourselves to our mission. We know that we are the only Jewish presence for many over 100 miles. We also need to recognize that we are a unique congregation, and consider what brought most of us here, to this far away corner of the country, where we found each other. For most of us it is love of the Florida Bay and the ocean, and the activities that they provide us. For many of us,

it is the beauty of the place: the many changing colors of the sky, water, and foliage. With this in mind, we are considering adding to our name the words “Congregation Ohr HaYam” (Light of the Sea). We truly are a place of worship, not just a community center without a pool, as many first-time visitors seem to think. We would emerge from the darkness of isolation as “Keys Jewish Community Center – Congregation Ohr HaYam. So please attend our hybrid February annual general meeting (taking place at KJCC but also on Zoom) on February 13th at 11 a.m. to discuss and approve this addition to our name.

## High Holidays Announcement

Ritual Committee is excited. We may not know exactly what our Sanctuary’s plans will be for this year’s High Holidays, but we are happy to announce we know who will lead us, both in person and on zoom. Rabbi Richard Agler and Cantor Michael Dzubin have agreed to be here in the Keys with us for the Sacred Days. We are holding the vision of being together, hopefully in person, with the utmost care being taken for security, good health and a meaningful spiritual experience. We look forward to Rabbi Agler’s teachings, leadership and insights and Cantor Dzubin’s mellifluous voice and enthusiastic presence. May optimism and community connection reign.

## New Moon Group

Please join Lucinda Kurtz and KJCC Sisterhood for the next Rosh Chodesh Circle on Tuesday, February 1, as we welcome in the new Hebrew month of Adar. Just when we need the energy of joy and laughter to create healing in our lives, Adar comes and invites us to party and instructs us to have fun. We have been experiencing a dark time of illness and separation. Adar and our Circle invite you to look up and brighten up through song and movement, through sharing with each other. We can find comfort in the small and large gifts that life gives us. Lucinda invites us to bring a story or poem or joke to share with us. Tell us what brings you joy. Bring your whole self to just enjoy the presence of your sisters connecting with you and each other. ◊



**KJCC ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2022**  
**11:00 A.M.**

Dear KJCC Member:

The KJCC Annual Meeting will take place at 11 AM on February 13, 2022. At the meeting, the 2022 slate of Board officers and directors will be approved and sworn in.

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. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Board, please be prepared to nominate from the floor. Nominees must be members in good standing and be present at this meeting to accept the nomination.

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 was selected and approved at the January 9th Board Meeting.

President	Ken Atlas
Executive Vice President	Michael Kaufman
Vice Presidents:	Susan Gordon, Randy Klein-Gross
Treasurer	Linda Kaplan
Recording Secretary	Laurie Blum
Corresponding Secretary	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
Financial Secretary	Donna Bolton
Directors:	Gloria Avner, Jane Friedman, Steve Hartz, Art Itkin, Gary Margolis, Stan Margulies, Loni Padden, Linda Pollack, Medina Roy, Joseph Shabathai, Stuart Smith
Sisterhood Co-Presidents	Susan Gordon, Joyce Peckman

Please accept this notice as your invitation to join us at the KJCC Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you for your loyalty to and support of the KJCC.

B'shalom

*Joyce Peckman*

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**In Memory of M. Arlene,**  
**My Mom**

Best friend, pure love, amazing soul,  
With me now & forever remembered,  
Love, Jan Karen

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**In Memory of Chanoch Shiloh**

My wonderful 'clear broth noodle soup'  
Our journeys continue in happiness  
Love, Jan Karen

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**In Memory of Jean B.**  
**My Bro**

Your guidance & brightness forever shines  
Love, your sis, Jan Karen

## 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 bemaah 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.

# 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](mailto: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? Thank you, Steve Steinbock and Jane Friedman. 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 Erica Lieberman-Garrett, 305-393-1162, or email her at [hippiejap@hotmail.com](mailto:hippiejap@hotmail.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.

**CARING KEHILAH/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. The Caring Kehilah Committee is calling and checking in on our socially distant members. Call Laurie Blum, 414-698-5647 if you wish to request that someone be contacted.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com).

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://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.



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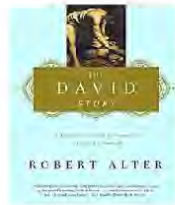
## THE DAVID SAGA LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI AGLER

Discussion of the David saga will continue on:

Saturday, February 12, 2022, and  
Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Even if you have not partaken in our previous sessions or done any preparatory reading, come and enjoy the discussion. No preparation is necessary.



**Zoom invitations will be sent out prior to each session.**

## February & March Birthdays

### February

1st..... Libby Shapiro  
 1st..... Roy Pollack  
 2nd..... Jaxson Brandon Lebofsky  
 3rd ..... Beth Horowitz  
 5th ..... Rebecca Smith  
 6th ..... Evan Harvey  
 7th ..... Erica Lieberman-Garrett  
 9th ..... Linda Pincus  
 9th ..... Ron Garrett  
 9th ..... Rosemary Barefoot  
 12th ..... Johnny Knowles  
 12th ..... Paul Roberts  
 13th ..... David Levi  
 13th ..... Hannah David  
 15th ..... Judith Weber  
 18th ..... Beth Hayden  
 18th ..... Evan Daddona  
 22nd..... Harry Friedman  
 22nd..... Tomar Gross  
 23rd ..... Sienna Rose Lebofsky  
 24th ..... Muriel Swartz  
 25th ..... Rita Conklin  
 26th ..... John D. Schur

7th ..... Toby Goldfinger  
 8th ..... Rita Rzepka  
 10th ..... Kate Horowitz  
 10th ..... Thomas Davis Smith  
 11th ..... Bryan Schur  
 11th ..... Sandy Yankow  
 12th ..... Heath Greenbaum  
 12th ..... Oceana Gross  
 13th ..... Ira Stein  
 14th ..... Jenna Lane  
 15th ..... Allan Boruszak  
 15th ..... Johanna Willner  
 15th ..... Maria Cartagena  
 16th ..... Jeff Margulies  
 16th ..... Steven Nobil  
 17th ..... Daniel Friedman  
 19th ..... Michelle Palacino  
 20th ..... Janet Palacino  
 20th ..... Susan Sachs  
 21st ..... Barbara A. Calev  
 21st ..... James Jr. Nobil  
 21st ..... Joseph Palacino  
 23rd ..... Ken Atlas  
 25th ..... Stephanie Coeurjoly  
 25th ..... Sylvia Berman  
 26th ..... Anna Verity Greenbaum  
 27th ..... Sarah Hesterman-Kutz  
 30th ..... David VanArtsdalen  
 30th ..... Lee Schur  
 31st ..... Jane Friedman  
 31st ..... Sari Eliz. Goldstein

### March

1st..... Sasha Dutton  
 2nd..... Nadine Thompson  
 3rd ..... Stephen Steinbock  
 5th ..... Annie James Brennan  
 7th ..... Hannah Feig

## Anniversaries

### February

Feb. 11th Michele & Alan Lindenbaum  
 Feb. 14th David & Loni Padden .....13

### March

Mar. 7th Joseph & Susan Sachs .....57

Mar. 8th Shlomit & Eran Tromer.....20  
 Mar. 8th Adam & Judy Starr  
 Mar. 16th Frank & Gerri Emkey .....14  
 Mar. 22nd David & Patti Gross .....25  
 Mar. 24th Joel & Toby Bofshever .....54  
 Mar. 30th Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

# *In Memoriam – February 2022*

**Harvey Roazen**

By Sylvia Berman

**Herbert Frankel**

By Miriam Frankel  
& Nadine Thomp-son

**Chalom Haviv**

By Leo Haviv

**Pinchas Kaboli**

By Yarden Kamely

**Joseph Krissel**

By Michael Krissel

**Irene Nobil**

By Lynn Nobil

**Bianka Kirschenbaum**

By Medina Roy

**Eve Greenstein**

By Barnet O. Coltman

**Rose Gilson**

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

**Ida Ratchik**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

**Rachamim Levy**

By Yarden Kamely

**Joseph Kaufman**

By Jeff & Lisa Miller

**William Pollack**

By Linda Pollack

**John A. Schur**

By Lee Schur

**Robert Kinney**

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Charles Gilson**

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

**Fannie Phillips**

By Patricia Isenberg

**Irving Stockser**

By Sandy Kaplan

**Sara J. Cohen**

By Lynn Nobil

**Malka Frank**

By Linda Pollack

**Sara J. Cohen**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

**Ann R. Kapulskey**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Morris Feinberg**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

**Herbert Frankel**

By Nadine Thompson  
& Miriam Frankel

**Samuel Wolfe**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

**David C. Willner**

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

**ONEG SPONSORS**

Feb. 04 Erica Lieberman Garrett  
Celebrating her & Ron's Birthdays

Feb. 04 Mary & Joel Roth  
Celebrating Mary's Birthday

Feb. 04 Beth Horowitz  
Celebrating her birthday

Feb. 11 Lynn Nobil  
In memory of her parents,  
founding members Joel &  
Sara Cohen

Feb. 18 Jane Friedman  
Celebrating Harry & Angelina's  
Birthdays

Feb. 25 Mary & Joel Roth  
Celebrating Rachel Roth's Birthda

Mar. 04 Judy & Adam Starr  
Celebrating their anniversary

Mar. 11 Medina Roy  
In memory of her husband Carl

Mar. 11 Jerry & Barbara Herson  
Barbara's Birthday

Mar. 18 Jeff & Cheryl Margulies  
Celebrating Jeff's Birthday

Mar. 25 Marla Berenson & Joe Gould  
Celebrating Joe's Birthday

Mar. 25 Joel & Toby Bofshever  
Celebrating their anniversary

# *In Memoriam – March 2022*

**Robert Berman**

By Sylvia Berman

**Robert Kohlenbrener**

By Joan Boruszak

**Harry Kaplan**

By Marsha Garrettson

**Arlene R. Brenner**

By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Monroe ( Monty) Kaplan**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Shirley R. Krissel**

By Michael Krissel

**Janet Blum**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Mathew Strumor**

By Murray Blitzer &  
Bev Strumor-Blitzer

**Louis Weinstein**

By Rita Bromwich

**Maxine Kaplan**

By Marsha Garrettson

**Anna Horn**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

**Luba Tuchman**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Samual Lieberman**

By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**Oscar Margulies**

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

**Audrey Pearlman**

By William & Donna Bolton

**Leroy Weisberg**

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Robert Greenbaum**

By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Harry Phillips**

By Patricia Isenberg

**Marian Rose Klimpl**

By Michael Klimpl

**Annie Kleinfeldt Bernstein**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Dorothy Ross**

By Joyce Peckman

**David Harvey**

By Linda Perloff

**Leslie Allen Sachs**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

**Esther Schur**

By Lee Schur

**Sarah Felder**

By Stuart & Geri Smith

**Abe M. Reider**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Alice Weber**

By Judith Weber

**Irwin Cutler**

By Donald Zinner

**Denise Moss**

By Linda Pollack

**Nate Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Isadore Seder**

By Jules & Nettie Seder

**Alexandra Louise Starr**

By Adam & Judy Starr

**Gilda Tainow**

By Jon S.Tainow &  
Terry Willner-Tainow

**Deborah Eichler**

By Judith Weber

**Cissie Rose Lang**

By Skip Rose

**Sondra Lundy**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Ida Seder**

By Jules & Nettie Seder

**Theresa Steinbock**

By Stephen Steinbock

**Anne Temkin**

By Robert Temkin

**Maxine Ruby Feinberg**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe



# Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming months ~

Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

January 31, 2021 ~ The Only Woman in the Room

February 28, 2022 ~ Black White and Jewish

March 28, 2022 ~ People of the Book

April 25, 2022 ~ The Wife



Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.



A look at the challenge of personal identity, in a story at once strikingly unique and truly universal.



A rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war.



The story of the long and stormy marriage between a world-famous novelist and his wife and the secret they've kept for decades.

Email Joyce ([joycepeckman@gmail.com](mailto:joycepeckman@gmail.com)) before the meeting date to let her know you will be attending and she will send you an invitation to Zoom.



## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman



Something unprecedented (unpresidented?) occurred at our January Sisterhood meeting – the installation of co-presidents, both of whom had held the position in the past. Gloria Avner ceremoniously inducted Presidents Susan Gordon and Joyce Peckman, Vice President Jane Friedman, Treasurer Erica Lieberman Garrett and Secretaries Susan Roberts and Rita Conklin. Under the leadership of Beth Hayden, Sisterhood remained active on Zoom during the past two years while KJCC was shuttered. We held bi-monthly meetings, cooking workshops and monthly book club discussions. Erica Lieberman Garrett coordinated virtual Oneg Shabbats. Beth Hayden, Randy Klein-Gross, Linda Pollack, Laurie Blum, Donna Bolton and Susan Roberts spent countless hours organizing and producing a magnificent cookbook, which is rapidly selling out at only \$20 each. But without live interaction, our numbers have dwindled. Sisterhood needs to quickly renew its energy as we re-open KJCC. We felt the experience and teamwork of Susan and Joyce will give us the jump-start we need. Every female member of KJCC is automatically a member of Sisterhood – no extra dues required. So please join us as we become a powerhouse to propel KJCC forward.

Last month, at the height of the Omicron surge, Lucinda Kurtz led a few of us (all masked) in a

lovely, self-affirming Rosh Chodesh (new moon) circle. The next one will be held on Weds., February 2, at 3 p.m. on the grassy area in the back.

Next month, on March 18th, Sisterhood will lead Friday night services, hopefully live at KJCC and live-streamed to those who cannot be there. We would love for every one of you to have a part in this meaningful experience – reading something in English or Hebrew. Expect a questionnaire in your inbox soon.

Our kitchen is clean and waiting for us. We have a new sign on the cabinets to inspire us: “Marc Bloom Coffee Center.” Our two hired helpers, Stella and Sondra, have both submitted copies of their vaccinations and are ready when we are.

Ever optimistic, we want to prepare for an active year ahead, a year when new members and old friends will come back and enjoy each other’s company, having fun and learning skills together. We look forward to enjoying potluck dinners again. Some past activities have included a clothing/accessories exchange, cooking classes, and crafts workshops. We all have skills and ideas to share, and we need yours. We meet at 10 a.m. the first Sunday of every month. Our next meeting will be February 6th on Zoom. Please join us! ◇

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**In Memory of Great Grandma  
Elize Eidam**

Thank you for your strength,  
perseverance & love of life,  
Love, Jan K.

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**In Memory of Gramps  
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Always in my heart,  
Love, Jan Karen

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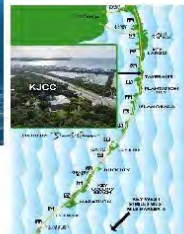
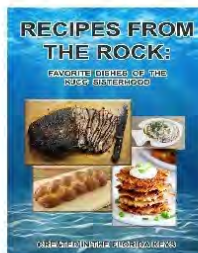
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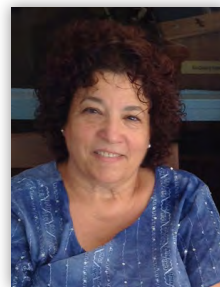
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## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

### Medina Roy



#### A Winning Streak Comes to an End

Until the end of December, Yeshiva University's (YU) basketball team – the Maccabees – were the most exciting men's team in the country, winning their 50th straight game and ranked the top Division II team. They were not just winning games; they were dominating them. (YU's average margin of victory through fourteen games was more than 29 points. Only twice did they win by fewer than ten.) Well, their history-making winning streak ended abruptly when they suffered a bruising 73–59 loss at home on December 30th at the hands of Illinois Wesleyan University. YU's Max Stern Athletic Center was packed and hundreds were turned away. It was the first time YU faced a top–25 opponent since its streak began two years ago and it became clear early on that the Maccabees were outmatched. The loss was their first since Nov. 9, 2019. ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 12–31–21)

#### Israel...The New Florida?

It seems like increasing numbers of older American Jews are choosing to spend their golden years not in the Sunshine State but the Jewish State. According to Nefesh B'Nefesh (which translated means "soul to soul") – the nonprofit agency that coordinates the Aliyah process (immigration to Israel) for U.S. and Canadian citizens – of the 4,478 new immigrants who arrived in Israel from North America last year, 762 – just over 17 percent of the total – were 55 or older. That figure is up almost 23 percent from the 580 who came in 2020. "Israel is becoming a more attractive place, specifically for people at the age of retirement," said Marc Rosenberg, vice president of Diaspora partnerships at Nefesh B'Nefesh. "With increasing technology, cellphones and internet use, Israel is much more international now, especially with apps that allow people to get around, navigate

and do their banking online." Rosenberg believes that the pandemic has prompted people of all ages to rethink what's important to them. (Think "The Great Resignation.") "The pandemic really shifted how many people connect and stay close to family without being in close proximity," Rosenberg said. "And they know the healthcare system in Israel is excellent..." ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 1–18–22)

#### 2021 National Jewish Book Awards

The Jewish Book Council's list of award winners for 2021 are:

- "To Repair a Broken World: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah," by Dvora Hacoheh, won two honors – Jewish Book of the Year and Best Biography.
- "The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family," by Joshua Cohen, a satirical chronicle, won the council's Fiction award.
- "A Play for the End of the World," by Jai Chakrabarti, won the Debut Fiction prize. It's a fictionalized exploration of real-life Warsaw Ghetto educator and humanitarian Janusz Korczak and the children at the orphanage he ran.
- "People Love Dead Jews: Reports From a Haunted Present," by Dara Horn, is an exploration of anti-Semitism and vanished Jewish communities. This book won in the Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice category.
- "Bene Appetit: The Cuisine of Indian Jews," by Esther David, won the award for Food Writing. David is a member of the tiny Bene Indian Jewish community. Here she explores the culinary practices of India's 5,000-member Jewish population.
- "The Book of Anna," by Joy Ladin, took the top

prize for poetry. Ladin is a professor at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women.

- "The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos," by Judy Batalion. It won the Women's Studies prize. (The book has been optioned for a film adaptation by Steven Spielberg.)
- "The House of Fragile Things: Jewish Art Collectors and the Fall of France," by James McAuley, the Paris correspondent for the Washington Post. McAuley won the council's History prize. His book presents a history of Jewish art collectors between 1870 and the end of World War II. The book also doubles as a history of French anti-Semitism.
- "Dear Mr. Dickens," by Nancy Chumin, illustrated by Bethany Stancliffe, won for top Children's Book. It is an historical account of a young Jewish girl who confronts Charles Dickens over anti-Semitic stereotypes in his books.
- "Rebel Daughter," by Lori Banov Kaufmann, took the prize for top book for Young Adults. It's a novel set during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE.

The award winners will be honored at a virtual ceremony on April 6th. ([www.jewishbookcouncil.org](http://www.jewishbookcouncil.org), 1-20-22)

### **And the 2022 Genesis Prize Goes to...**

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla has been named the winner of the 2022 Genesis Prize, the award sometimes called the "Jewish Nobel." The Genesis Prize "honors extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values." It will be presented by Israeli President Isaac Herzog at a ceremony in Jerusalem on June 29th. Bourla's win was determined by an online vote in which 200,000 people participated, recognizing his work at Pfizer developing one of the first vaccines to protect against COVID-19. "I accept it humbly and on behalf of all my Pfizer colleagues who answered the urgent call of history these past two years and together bent the arc of our common destiny," Bourla said. "I was brought up in a Jewish family who believed that each of us is only as strong as the bonds of our community; and that we are all called upon by God to repair the world. I look forward to being in Jerusalem to accept this honor in person, which symbolizes the triumph of science and a great hope for our

future."

The Genesis Prize comes with an award of \$1 million. Past recipients – including Steven Spielberg, Michael Douglas, Michael Bloomberg, Natalie Portman and Natan Sharansky – have all donated their winnings to philanthropic causes. Bourla said he will donate his prize money to Holocaust memorial initiatives, particularly emphasizing the tragedy suffered by the Greek Jewish community. His parents, both from Greece, were Holocaust survivors. The Genesis Prize was launched in 2013 by a group of Russian-Jewish philanthropists that includes current foundation chairman Stan Polovets. It is financed through a permanent endowment of \$100 million established by The Genesis Prize Foundation. ([www.genesisprize.org](http://www.genesisprize.org), 1-19-22)

### **In Memoriam**

- Rabbi Israel Dresner, who demonstrated with Martin Luther King, Jr. and was sometimes called the "most arrested rabbi in America," died in mid-January at age 92. Dresner was a Freedom Rider in the 1960s. He became a social justice-oriented Reform rabbi and was active in the fight against the Vietnam War. He was a vocal opponent of Israel's occupation of the West Bank. Israel "Sy" Dresner was born on New York's Lower East Side to an Orthodox family and grew up in Brooklyn, where his father ran a delicatessen. He attended yeshivas as a child but went on to become a Reform rabbi after serving in the Korean War and working on a kibbutz in Israel. He began his activism in 1947, protesting the British government's decision to block Jewish immigration to Palestine. His first arrest was in June 1961, when he joined an interfaith group of white and black activists traveling on a bus through the south on a Freedom Ride to desegregate bus stations. He was arrested again every summer over the next three years.

Dresner first met Dr. King in 1962. That summer, he spent a night trapped in a house with him and other activists while the house was surrounded by hundreds of members of the local White Citizens Council. King later told Dresner about his experience attending a Passover seder at a Reform synagogue in Atlanta that year. "Dr. King said to me, 'I was enormously impressed that, 3,000 years later, these people remember their



ancestors were slaves, and they're not ashamed," Dresner said. "He told me, 'We Negroes have to learn that, not to be ashamed of our slave heritage.'" In 1963, King spoke at Dresner's synagogue in Springfield, New Jersey. In 1964, at Dr. King's request, Dresner led a group of Reform rabbis to St. Augustine, Florida, where they participated in an anti-segregation protest. "We need you down here with as many Rabbis as you can bring with you!" King wrote. Dresner and the other rabbis traveled to Florida straight from a meeting of the Central Conference of Rabbis in Atlantic City, N.J. In 1965, King asked Dresner to deliver the prayer at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Dresner's activism extended far beyond the Civil Rights Movement. In the 1970s he frequently protested in support of Soviet Jews. He tried – unsuccessfully – to get the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) to condemn Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. At the time, Dresner said he was committed to a "democratic and just Israel" and "what is happening in Lebanon today has nothing to do with that kind of Israel." In 2013, he was honored by President Barack Obama for his role in the Civil Rights Movement.

After receiving a cancer diagnosis, Dresner said "...I want to be remembered as somebody who not only tried to keep the Jewish faith ... But also to invoke the Jewish doctrine from the Talmud... 'tikkun olam,' repairing the world, and I hope that I made a little bit of a contribution to making the world a little better place." ([www.forward.com](http://www.forward.com), 1-14-22)

### Did You Know...

• According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, the research and analysis division of the Economist Group which provides advisory and forecasting services, Tel Aviv is now officially the most expensive city in the world (out of 173 cities), pushing last year's winners Paris, Hong Kong and Zurich off the top of the list. Prices of goods and services in Tel Aviv are higher than any other global city. In addition, the strength of the shekel, along with the increased volatility of markets and prices due to the COVID epidemic, is responsible for its higher ranking this year. Last year Tel Aviv ranked 6th overall. Damascus, Syria's capital, was at the bottom of the list as the world's cheapest

city. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 12-1-21).

• Heinrich von Treitschke, the 19th century German historian who coined the phrase "the Jews are our misfortune," a phrase later popularized by the Nazis, has a street named for him in Berlin. So does a 15th century official who was a competitive athlete loved by the Nazis and who supported a murderous purge of Jews. And now, according to a recent study conducted by Berlin's commissioner in charge of fighting anti-Semitism, at least 290 streets or squares in Berlin are named for people who embraced anti-Semitic views. The commissioner, Samuel Salzborn, a scholar of political science, is not calling for the street names to be removed. He initiated the study to "create a systematic basis for an important social discussion;" like how to take into consideration the fact that anti-Semitism was a mainstream view in Germany for centuries and show that many people who made significant contributions to society may have held anti-Semitic views. Salzborn cites Martin Luther, the 16th century German theologian who founded Protestantism – by any measure a major figure of both German and western culture – also called to persecute and banish Jews. Martinlutherstrasse today runs through an exclusive area of Berlin. On the plus side (well, sort of), there are several streets that are named for people who became active in the Resistance but had, at one time, also expressed anti-Semitic views. Think Martin Niemöller, the pastor who opposed Nazism and who wrote the now-famous poem "First They Came," the poem that lists many victims of Nazism and openly condemns the silence of other Germans about the persecutions. A public square and subway station honor him. But at an earlier time, as a Christian theologian, he had accused Jews of deicide. (Niemöller was imprisoned – along with Jewish inmates – by the Nazis for opposing them. In 1963 he acknowledged his anti-Semitic views and apologized for them.) The study's author suggested that renaming some streets might be appropriate. But in others he feels that adding a plaque or some other marker explaining the street's namesake's anti-Semitic history might be a better solution. That method openly addresses the mistakes and perversities of history rather than just happily sanitizing its dark stories via new street signs. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 12-14-21) ◇



# Keys Jewish Community Center

Presentation by

Lucinda Kurtz



## ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE FOR WOMEN

Rosh Chodesh gatherings bring together a group of women interested in deepening their spiritual connection to our tradition and to each other at the time of the new moon of each month. Rosh Chodesh Women's Circles are gaining national and international popularity as a way for contemporary women to tap into our ancient Jewish rituals. Today's Jewish women are rediscovering a path back to the sharing of wisdom and tradition inherited from our female ancestors.

In these Circles, we explore the different energies that are manifested in each Hebrew month according to the Kabbalistic teachings of our sages. We do this through a variety of mediums such as music, movement, meditation, connection to the natural world, story telling and Torah study. We may look at any number of aspects each month such as: the important biblical events in Jewish history that occurred that month, the Torah portion, the astrological sign of the month, particular biblical figures active in the month, and the holidays.

I have been teaching Rosh Chodesh Circles in person and on line for several years. They were an outgrowth of the Kabbalah classes that I taught. They initiate and deepen the spiritual exploration and personal connection many women find very nourishing and stimulating. I look forward to facilitating this type of Circle with interested women in the Keys Jewish Community Center.

The Rosh Chodesh Circle will meet at the KJCC from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on:

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - Adar I

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Adar II

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - Nisan

For more information, please call Lucinda at 734-635-9441 or write [lucindakurtz@comcast.net](mailto:lucindakurtz@comcast.net). Also, see my website at [www.lucindakurtz.com](http://www.lucindakurtz.com)

## PHOTO GALLERY



Skip with his newly renovated 1976 Schwinn. You just can't keep a handsome 92 year old down, even after pneumonia. We're so happy that you're well again. Happy cycling.

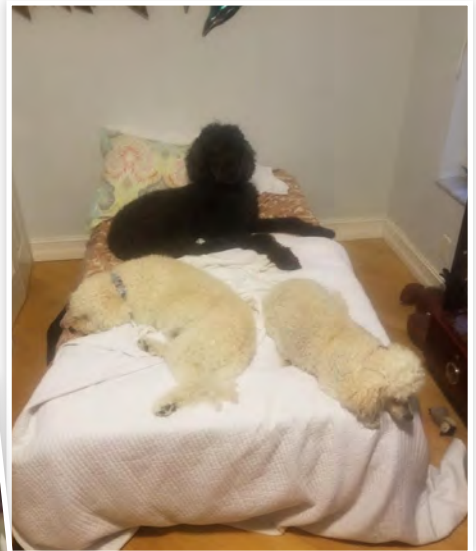


Mindy and Elly couldn't possibly be having more fun. Now we totally understand why the Aglers had to move 3000 miles away.

Susan visits with her sister from Western Mass. in Ft. Lauderdale. Sisterly love



Looking through old photos, I see people we miss. No one is gone as long as they are remembered.



Joyce Peckman's bed at her son Daniel's house in Hollywood Is being kept warm by those awaiting her safe return from New Jersey.





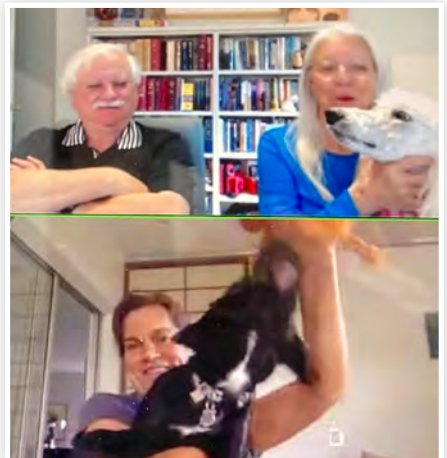
Jan Price, whether she's in the Keys, the Poconos or Brooklyn, stays in touch and keeps surprising us with how fast her new puppy is growing. Luigi is still numero uno.



Jonah wanted his grandad to send a video doing ski tricks. It didn't happen but this is a shot from a video at the end of a very nicely done run at a rabbi conference in Vail. Great break from rabbi work.



Susan sent us two pictures with her grandsons Rhett and Hank two days apart. What a difference a day makes!



Congregation Ohr HaYam continues to welcome furry and feathered friends to events on Zoom.



A look back at the New Jersey family of Pres. Joyce Peckman. My how they grow.

Joel Bofshever couldn't have a wider grin as he sits with daughter and holds new grandchild. Toby must be grinning too as she takes the picture. We miss you guys.



KJCC Sisterhood held its annual election via zoom this year and Gloria Avner inducted the very fine and experienced officers elected by acclamation. Joyce "as I'm. and SusN Gordon will be Co-presidents and Jane Friedman will be Vice President. For the rest of the slate see the Sisterhood Column on P 13.





# REMEMBRANCE OF PURIMS PAST

Yes, we used to meet together in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall all the time, for extravagant pot-luck Sisterhood dinners, celebrations, teachings, talks, meetings and movies. We've had a bit of a direct-contact drought for the last couple of years, alas, so here are some pictures from the past to re-whet our appetites for joyous social contact. We probably won't sit this close ever again, but we are going to try to make a start, with masks and social distancing, next month, for Purim. We'll celebrate survival, from the machinations of wicked wicked Haman to the current acts of antisemitism to the ravages of Covid. Together we will continue celebrating and surviving, making mitzvot and yes, eating Pizza. These lovely faces are from our gathering in 2018, before anyone could have imagined that someday putting on a mask would be an everyday affair, necessary for survival. May our eyes sparkle as much as these do when we gather for our Megillat Esther reading on March 16. (See the poster on p. 26)



Susan Gordon  
and Jules Seder  
regaled us with  
their rendition of  
Vashti's song.

Taking on roles with eagerness and joy. It's so good to see these faces again, don't you think? Some have moved away, but the unexpected good brought about in Covid times by zoom is that our far-away friends can still come be with us (yay Sylvia Rimm) and participate at services or book group.





We are so intent, both reading and listening, groggers at the ready to drown out Haman's name. Forty-six people came to the reading that year, Shushan and Haman could have meant the end of us. But here we were in 2018. And here we are yet again, alive and thriving in 2022.



Sean Kaufman made such a great Black Panther that year. Rachel Levine, Maddy Bloom and Sean were also on duty as BooLeaders whenever Haman's name was mentioned.

Bernie is away now too, living near family in Southern California. But again we are grateful every time he comes back to zoom and leads us in an enthusiastic Ashkenazi kiddush.



Behind these cheery people, you can see the coffee is ready. The bar must be set up on another counter. Drinking on Purim is another Mitzvah we definitely do not want to bypass. Donna Bolton and Michael Kaufman look so content they may not even need liquid refreshment.



Oh, these twinkly eyes. We do miss seeing them in person.



Sometimes the most interesting masks can be made from our own faces, as Medina Roy demonstrated about 5 years ago when she took photos of us with some kind of special lens and mounted them on one of our display boards. We are so funny. And so is she. Can you identify everyone? Yourself? For now we will still wear KN95s, pay attention to social distancing, and do our best to stay healthy so we can safely come together again soon. Hope to see you at the Megillat Esther reading. (Just not so closely face to face as on this panel :-)

Zai gezundt!!





# Celebrate the Joy of Adar

By Lucinda Kurtz  
January 2022, Adar 5782

Just as winter deepens and spirits dampen in the bitter cold, the new moon of the Hebrew month of Adar invites our inner child out to play. We huddle in our homes protecting ourselves from Covid, from the wind and snow, from the multitude of challenges besetting us individually and as a nation. This is precisely the time to open our arms wide, to break free from the contractive state that blocks the flow of creative energy and recover the joy we can claim for ourselves.

I just spent 2 weeks with my 3-year-old grandson rediscovering the world through his eyes. Every stone and rock, each seashell and wave are miracles of nature to amaze and delight, to explore and celebrate. Through the unfiltered vision of Henry, I can see the fluidity between all living things, the interconnection between the material and spiritual worlds that we are invited to experience in this month of Adar.

The ancient wisdom of Kabbalah teaches us that the One created this world for joy and love not for suffering, though through confronting difficulties we learn and evolve our consciousness to fulfill our mission for being present on this sacred planet earth.

In *The Book of Joy* His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu write, “No dark fate determines the future. We do. Each day and each moment, we are able to create and re-create our lives and the very quality of human life on our planet. Lasting happiness resides only in the human mind and heart.”

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to stand in the presence of both of these wise and holy men. I heard them laugh and bring a lightness to their presentations that communicated an expanded perception of reality, not weighed down by suffering, though

both had been imprisoned and abused. They found a way to release the trauma they had experienced and step into the flow of light. My rebbe, Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, also exuded that same childlike wonder and lightness more and more as he aged. There is something about the aging process that can return us to the joy of childhood if we are able to forgive ourselves and others for transgressions and embrace life wholeheartedly, recognizing we are graced with this one precious life on this planet for just a few short decades.

It is possible for us as individuals, as a nation and global community to meet the challenges we are facing head on through our intelligence and will. This is what Jane Goodall, another wise elder, implores us to do in all of her writings. We can learn from our elder sages and our children how to find joy in the mystery and marvel of the natural world that is the foundation of all life. Adar invites us, once again, to smile and embrace the miracle of life with gratitude and delight. ◇

**Could Lucinda and her grandson possibly look and more joyous? They and we happily welcome in the month of Adar!**

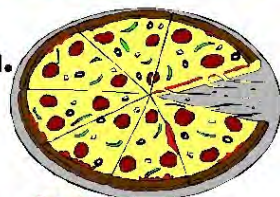


# PURIM & PIZZA



Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Survival at KJCC  
with Mishpachah !!



**MAKE FOUR MITZVOT IN ONE NIGHT:**

Hear Megillat Esther -- The Ganze Megillah.

Share a Festive Meal (Salads and Pizza).

Share gifts of food with Neighbors and Friends.

Give Charity.



We've often heard this description of Jewish holidays: "They tried to kill us; we survived; let's eat!" It has never been more appropriate than our persistence through this modern-day pandemic. Purim is coming in mid-March, and we want to party! We have a custom when talking about future plans of adding the words "B'ezrat HaShem" or B"H - "With the help of G-d. " So, B"H on Wednesday night, March 16th at 6:30, we will meet at KJCC to read the Purim megillah round-robin style in English and finish with a pizza party! We will eat, drink and celebrate our survival! Wear costumes or something funny or snazzy to enhance the fun.

Contact: Joyce Peckman (305) 451-0665,  
JoycePeckman@gmail.com to let her know you are coming.

*Remember, it is a Mitzvah to hear the reading of the entire Megillah.*

Thanks to Joyce Peckman for her contribution for this year's pizza.

# Double the Joy, Double Adar

## Happy Jewish Leap Year & Chag Purim

by Gloria Avner

Something special is happening this year, something uniquely Jewish and joyful (We need it, as we enter our third year unable to hug at will and share delicious monthly communal pot-lucks). HAPPY LEAP YEAR!! Ours is not quite like the secular world's once-every-four-years leap year. Our Jewish quasi-lunar calendar needs more than the addition of a single day. We add a leap MONTH, an especially joyful one according to Jewish tradition, since Adar is the month in which we might have been destroyed in Persia, but escaped and became jubilant instead.

Thank you, Queen Esther, for foiling Haman's wicked plot to annihilate us. The wipeout was to occur on 14 Adar, a day Haman chose by casting "lots" (or purim). Be sure to attend our Scroll of Esther reading at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, March 19th, 2022, hopefully at KJCC in person, but also via Zoom. In round-robin style, we'll take turns reading and listening to the gansa Megillah (the whole scroll), just as we are commanded to do. We are also commanded to share with friends and neighbors, have a feast, give to charity and celebrate our survival. Put on a costume, wear a fancy



mask, bring a treat to a neighbor, make a donation, eat, drink (until you can't tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman), and be merry. Thank you, Joyce Peckman, for sponsoring the pizza feast.

Primarily known as "people of the book," we are equally a people of the land and of

time. Our tribe has been observing and celebrating the natural world and all its cycles for millennia. In addition to the secular New Year, Judaism uniquely observes four special New Years within each year (in Nissan, Elul, Tishrei and Sh'vat). Jews also observe more leap years than



almost any other culture. In fact, we make seven "leaps" in every nineteen-year cycle – on the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years, and are one of the few cultures (including Chinese, Hindu, and Persian) to add "leap months" to make up astronomical differences. Our calendar, in addition to its role in setting *yahrzeits*, *rosh chodesh* (new moon) dates, and *parashah* (Torah portion) readings, uses both solar and lunar time-marking systems to insure that we celebrate our core rituals in proper season.

In a Chassidic article on The Sixty Days of Purim, Yanki Tauber talks about how each month of the Jewish year has its own quality. Jewish time is comprised not of days but of months, each possessing a distinct spiritual essence. The "special" days of the year are those on which the particular month's quality is more pronounced and actualized. Nissan, for example, is the "Month of Liberation," while Passover (observed on Nissan 15 to 22) is a week-long period within Nissan during which the month's freedom-quality is more accessible. Similarly, Sivan is the month of Wisdom, Shevat is the month of Growth and Fruitfulness, Elul is the month of Compassion, and so on. Each day of the month possesses the month's unique spiritual properties, but on some days the quality rises to the surface and is



intensified. This is why many festivals and special dates in the Jewish calendar occur on the 15th of the month – the night of the full moon, the point at which the month’s essence is in its most revealed



and luminous state. Adar is the month of Trans-formation. Adar transforms sorrow into joy, oblivion into exuberant being, a “scattered people” into a unified nation.

Our tribe has always paid attention to both solar and lunar cycles. It’s all about time. We watch the stars, as anyone who has attended one of our short, sweet Havdalah services knows. (You have to love a religion that does not put a specific number on the hours necessary to call a day a day. It is enough for us that the day begins and ends at sundown – or once three medium-sized stars are visible in the sky.) We honor our weekdays by naming them solely after their relation to the days of Creation and cessation/rest. We continue to be tied to our agrarian-based earth honoring origins while remaining in tune with the secular world – a necessity in a world where governments have always required the timely payment of all kinds of taxes.

Hillel and his fellow scholars were so smart. (Credit is given them in the Mishnah). Over all these hundreds of years, their codified system has never need-ed more than a few seconds of adjustment. Here’s how it works, in simplified form:

Most years, we have 12 months, six with 29 days and six with 30. Accordingly, a non-leap year consists of 354 days. That is eleven days short of the Gregorian calendar around which the secular world and our date books revolve. What do we do so that we don’t



get hopelessly behind? We can’t celebrate *Pesach* in November or *Rosh Hashanah* in June. We know that our rituals are tied to earth’s seasons and cycles. Right now, after the month of *Sh’vat* and our recent celebration of “The New Year of the Trees”, we are approximately 30 days behind. At the end of *Sh’vat*, we add an extra month of either twenty-nine or thirty days, depending on which is necessary in order to avoid any fast day occurring the day before or after Shabbat – intelligently avoiding the problem of not being able to cook a meal before or after fasting. We call this extra month *Adar 1*. It is followed by our regular month of Adar, which in this case we refer to as *Adar 2*. All is then in place for us to be in harmony with the energy of the seasons as they relate to our ritual cycles and holy days (until it is time for the next “leap”). Purim is thus celebrated during the second Adar.

According to Jewish tradition, Adar is a lucky and happy month. In this year of two Adars, we get 60 days of happiness rather than 29 or 30. A leap

year is referred to in Hebrew as *Shanah Me’uberet*, a pregnant year. May this leap month and year be pregnant with all kinds of possibilities for us, our families, and the world community. May it give birth to good fortune, good health, creativity, and a lively shared social and spiritual life among our KJCC *mishpochah*. Give it a head start. Put on your Purim mask and costume. Listen to the tale, spin that *grogger* and stamp your feet. Make a doubly joyful noise as we celebrate one more instance of survival against the odds. ◇

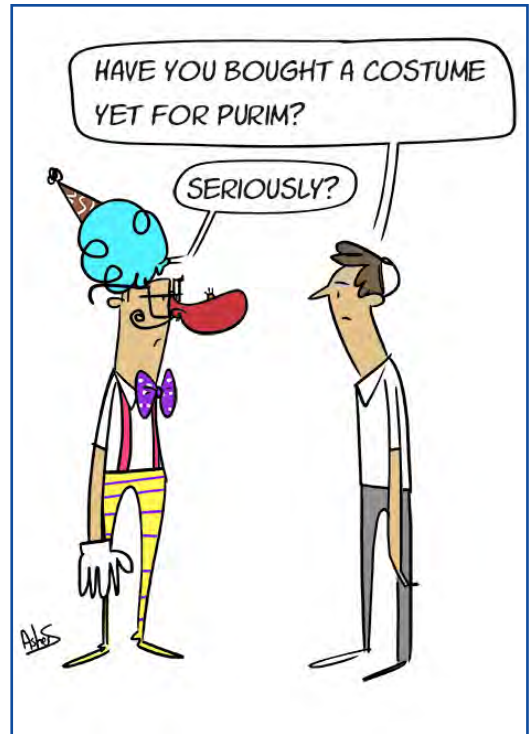


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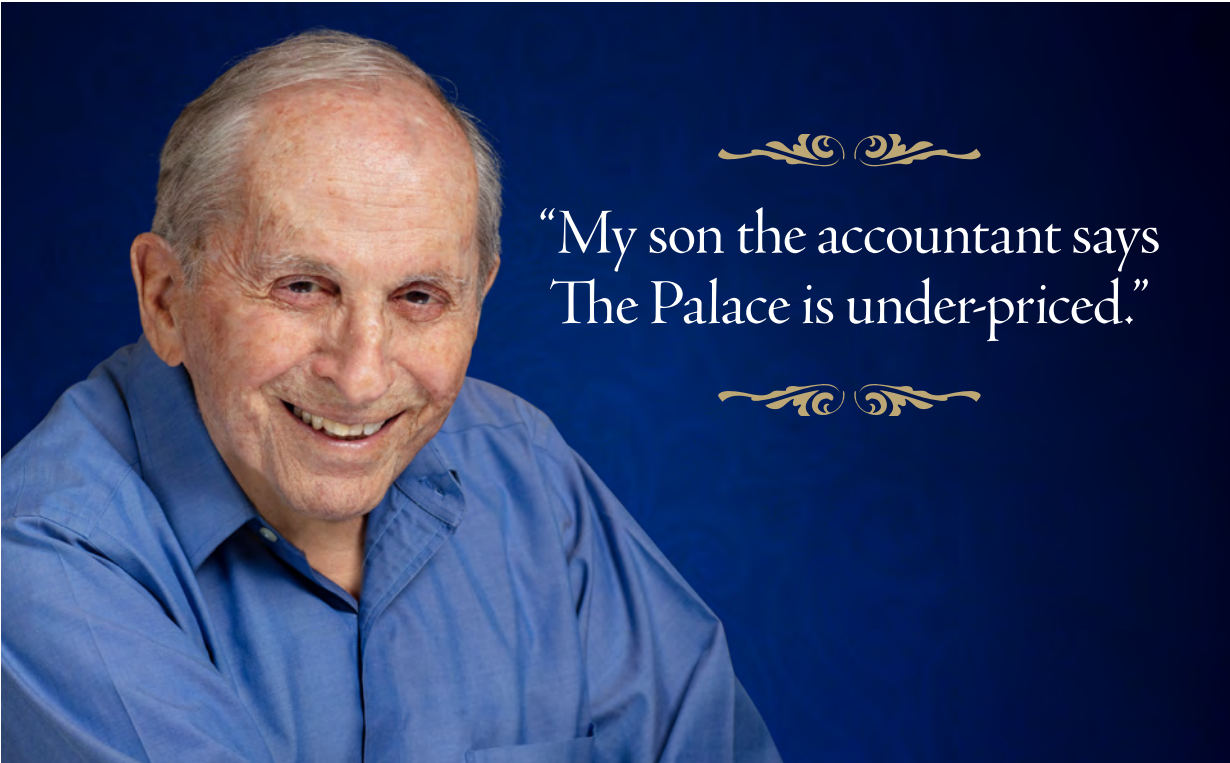
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Names denote leaders of Friday Services. Italicized names are Oneg sponsors. Services every Fridayat 7:30pm					1 <b>APR</b> Rosh Chodesh Nissan Joyce Peckman & Jane Friedman <i>Nettie &amp; Jules Seder, Laurie Blum &amp; Gary Margolis, Cheryl &amp; Jeff Margulies</i>	2
3 Sisterhood Meeting at KJCC 10 a.m. Foot Massage for Self-Care 1 p.m.	4 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Joe Shabathai <i>Geri &amp; Stuart Smith, Barbara &amp; Richard Knowles, Joan Wohl</i>	9
10 KJCC Board Meeting on Zoom 10 a.m.	11 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Erev Pesach 6:30 p.m. Early Shabbat Services Ken Atlas <i>Susan Roberts</i>	16
17	18 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Laurie Blum Zoom Yizkor <i>Susan Gordon</i>	23 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler 12:30 p.m.
24	25 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club 12:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Yom HaShoah	29 Yom Yerushalayim Medina Roy & Gloria Avner <i>Toby &amp; David Goldfinger</i>	30 Night at the Movies at KJCC 7 p.m.
1 <b>MAY</b> Sisterhood Meeting at KJCC 10 a.m.	2 Rosh Chodesh Iyar Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	3	4 Yom HaZikaron	5 Israel Independence Day	6 Erica Lieberman Garrett & Linda Pollack <i>Cheryl &amp; Jeff Margulies</i>	7
8 KJCC Board Meeting on Zoom 10 a.m.	9 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	10	11	12	13 Steve Hartz <i>Chely &amp; Alan Markowitz</i>	14 Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler 12:30 p.m.
15	16 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	17	18	19 Lag B'Omer	20 Yarden Kamely <i>Barbara &amp; Jerry Herson</i>	21
22	23 Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Joyce Peckman & Donna Bolton <i>James Brush</i>	28
29	30 Sisterhood Book Club 1 p.m. Drop-in Zoom Chat 2 p.m.	31	Many of our activities will be moving on-site to the KJCC. Please check the weekly announcements for details.			

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Atlas



**H**ello all, this will be my first entry here. It will come as no surprise that the most time consuming function of the president, is all the writing that's required.

The first few columns will be a mix of stuff about me and world events, rituals etc.

When I was in the fourth grade, I barely liked Hebrew school. Maybe it was the teacher, a young hipster type, or the fact that we had to go three times a week that year. It didn't help, that he borrowed a toy of mine, and threw it back. I watched in shock, as it hit the floor, and broke into a bunch of pieces.

The next year everything changed as I went into the Gimmel class. The teacher was wonderful (probably orthodox) and my interest in Hebrew and all things Jewish, began to grow.

We are currently in a very uncertain time. Covid changed our lives, in some ways, forever. Above all, it made us appreciate the small things.

In terms of religion, it brought us new possibilities with zoom. Zoom has allowed us to keep going with services, board meetings, and other Jewish events. It's also allowed us to keep in contact with other members socially. That's been a lifeline for many.

For me personally, it's allowed me to visit my family on Fridays and still attend most services. And it's helped keep members involved who have moved away, or just cannot attend. So there is always good, even in bad situations.

The low point of the past few years is what's happening in the Ukraine. This is a world tragedy, but hits home for 2 reasons. 1. Its president is the only Jewish world leader outside of Israel, and they have a sizable Jewish population. 2. On a personal note, my friend Elmira lives there with her family, in the now occupied town of Kherson. In 2006 I got to visit them there. I spent 2 days on planes and 2 days on trains for a 3 day stay. I saw a movie in Russian, and took a boat on the Dnipro River. I still remember how the trains had no power when they stopped, and Gypsies sold snacks at the stops. I hope my friend is okay, and I pray for their president, Jews, and all innocent people over there. I truly hope by my next column, things will be better, but it's not realistic. Our only real distraction from this will have been Purim.

Enjoy the food, song, and masks. Be well. ◊

# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

## April – May 2022

Many of our activities will be moving on-site to the KJCC.  
Please check the weekly announcements for details.

Every Monday	2 p.m. Drop-in Zoom Chat. Please contact us to be placed on email list.
Friday, April 1	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman & Jane Friedman KJCC
Sunday, April 3	10 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting at KJCC 1 p.m. Donna Bolton teaches foot massage for self-care
Friday, April 8	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joe Shabathai at KJCC
Sunday, April 10	10 a.m. KJCC Board Meeting on Zoom
Friday, April 15	6:30 p.m. Early Shabbat Services led by Ken Atlas at KJCC. First Passover Seder. Check mailings or contact Erica Lieberman Garrett
Friday, April 22	7:30 p.m. Shabbat and Yizkor Services led by Laurie Blum on Zoom
Saturday, April 23	12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler on Zoom
Monday, April 25	Sisterhood Book Club 12:30 p.m. – “The Wife” by Meg Wolitzer
Friday, April 29	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Medina Roy and Gloria Avner
Saturday, April 30	7 p.m. – Night at the Movies at KJCC – Honoring Yom HaShoah
Sunday, May 1	10 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting at KJCC
Friday, May 6	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Erica Lieberman Garrett & Linda Pollack Israel Independence Day Celebration at KJCC
Sunday, May 8	10 a.m. KJCC Board Meeting on Zoom
Friday, May 13	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Steve Hartz at KJCC
Saturday, May 14	12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler on Zoom – Ending The David Saga
Friday, May 20	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Yardena Kamely at KJCC – Lag b’Omer
Friday, May 27	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Donna Bolton & Joyce Peckman Yom Yerushalayim celebration
Monday, May 30	Sisterhood Book Club 1 p.m.

## NOSH

### Saturday Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler

We have followed the David saga from his days as a young shepherd with a slingshot, his relationships with King Saul and family, through the battles that created the Kingdom of Israel and the conquest of Jerusalem, into his numerous personal family dramas. We discussed the fascinating contemporary parallels and timeless lessons. As we resume our discussions, the once vibrant king is approaching old age. Join us for the final two Saturday Zoom seminars: April 23 and May 14 at 12:30. Zoom links will go out that Friday. You do not have to have attended previous classes to tune in.

### Women's Seder 2022

With a sad heart, Sisterhood determined that we will not hold a Women's Seder this year.

The core of dedicated workers has diminished, and we will be involved in creating a small First Seder for KJCC members. But we have every confidence that now we will build up our talented energetic group going forward into 2022. We wish all of you a "Zissen Pesach" and hope for a renewal of the tradition in 2023.

### Support for Ukraine

Two checks in the amount of \$500 each, one from Sisterhood and one from KJCC Tikun Olam fund, have been sent to Greater Miami Jewish Federation Ukraine Relief Fund. The Purim party raised another \$82. GMJF supports the life-saving efforts of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Campaign, the Jewish Agency of Israel, and World ORT, all of which are working overseas helping refugees. We encourage all our members to make individual donations to these or other known groups, as the humanitarian crisis deepens.

### Sisterhood Book Club

Look for our flyer on page 10. We have decided to continue our last Monday of the month meetings on Zoom in order to include those of us who travel or no longer live in the Keys. On April 25 we will discuss "The Wife" by Meg Wolitzer. On May 30, we have "The Last Kings of Shanghai" by Jonathan Kaufman and on June 27 we will talk about "The Paperback Shoe" by Goldie Goldboom. Contact Linda Pollack to be put on the mailing list. You need not have read the book to join in the conversation. ◇

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### April

3rd Jules & Nettie Seder ..... 56  
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**Alex Perl**

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Belle Kirschenbaum**

By Marilyn Greenbaum

**Max Margulies**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

**Maryann Sandusky**

By Skip Rose

**Lilyan Sax**

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Carol Steinberg**

By Richard & Mindy Agler

**Becky Kanowsky**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Barbara Linda Hayes**

By Jane Friedman

**Fred Klimpl**

By Michael Klimpl

**George Nobil**

By Lynn Nobil

**Rene Rose**

By Skip Rose

**Robert Schur**

By Lee Schur

**Neil H. Tomor**

By Barbara A. Calev

**Gertrude Weisberg**

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

**Carmel Catanese**

By Jane Friedman

**Morris Kornbloom**

By Erica Lieberman Garrett

**Rabbi Milton Greenwald**

By Paul & Susan Roberts

**Mrs. Trudy Roth**

By Joel & Mary Roth

**Sally Shabathai**

By Joseph & Katherine Shabathai

**Robert W. Singer**

By Mary Lee Singer

**Rose Wainer**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

**Ida S. Reider**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Dr. Milton A. Wohl**

By Joan P. Wohl

**Claire Smith**

By Stuart & Geri Smith

**Sam Wainer**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

**Phillip Temkin**

By Robert Temkin

**Martha Greenberg**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

**Cantor Alex Chapin**

By Steven & Barbara Smith

**Susan Cimkowski**

By Stephen Steinbock

**Benjamin Weber**

By Judith Weber

**Norma Cutler**

By Donald Zinner

## Shabbat Service Leaders

April 1 ..... Joyce Peckman & Jane Friedman

April 8 ..... Joe Shabathai

April 15 ..... Ken Atlas

April 22 ..... Laurie Blum (Including Yizkor)

April 29 ..... Medina Roy & Gloria Avner

May 6 ..... Erica Lieberman Garrett  
& Linda Pollack

May 13 ..... Steve Hartz

May 20 ..... Yardena Kamely

May 27 ..... Joyce Peckman & Donna Bolton



# *In Memoriam – May 2022*

**Helen Berman**

By Sylvia Berman

**Ellen Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman

**Larry Ira Frankel**

By Miriam Frankel & Nadine Thompson

**Stella Hartz**

By Steven & Jan Hartz

**Nathan Klein**

By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Joseph Lempel**

By Linda Pincus

**Louise Folks Baker**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

**Jean Blumenfeld**

By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

**Mark Hitzig**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Frances Wolfe**

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

**Gertrude F. Kaplan**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Marilyn Janet Barr**

By Michael Klimpl

**Erwin Moss**

By Linda Pollack

**Sam Sax**

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Baruch Epstein**

By Joan Boruszak

**Faye Klein**

By Hanna David

**Bill Gordon**

By Susan Gordon

**Frank Kaplan**

By Sandy Kaplan

**Arlene Sugarman Margolis**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Dr. Joel Pollack**

By Linda Pollack

**Dolores Feldman**

By Jeffrey Schocket

**Richard Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Mrs. Anne Miller**

By Shirley Stein

**Louis S. Smith**

By Steven & Barbara Smith

**Larry Ira Frankel**

By Nadine Thompson & Miriam Frankel

**Morris Smith**

By Stuart & Geri Smith

**David Wernicoff**

By Donald Zinner

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April 1 Nettie & Jules Seder – Celebrating Their 54th Wedding Anniversary  
Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis – Honoring Laurie's Mom, Janet Blum's, Yahrzeit  
Cheryl & Jeff Margulies – Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversary

April 8 Geri & Stuart Smith – Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversary  
Barbara & Richard Knowles – Celebrating Richard & Eve's Birthdays  
Joan Wohl – Celebrating Her Birthday

April 15 Susan Roberts – Celebrating Her Birthday

April 22 Susan Gordon – Celebrating Her Birthday

April 29 Toby & David Goldfinger – Celebrating David's Birthday

May 6 Cheryl & Jeff Margulies – Celebrating Cheryl's Birthday

May 13 Chely & Alan Markowitz – Celebrating Their Anniversary

May 20 Barbara & Jerry Herson – Celebrating Jerry's Birthday

May 27 James Brush – Celebrating Jascha Brush's Birthday



# Sisterhood Book Club

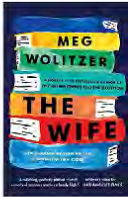
~ Books and dates for the coming months ~

Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

April 25, 2022 ~ The Wife by Meg Wolitzer

May 30, 2022, ~ The Last Kings of Shanghai by Jonathan Kaufman

June 27, 2022 ~ The Paperback Shoe by Goldie Goldberg



The story of the long and stormy marriage between a world-famous novelist and his wife and the secret they've kept for decades



The extraordinary forgotten history of two Jewish families who helped transform China into a global economic powerhouse



A beautiful and mesmerizing book. Reading it is like slipping inside the skin of one Gin Toad, an albino who accepts a marriage proposal from an abusive husband, moves to a farm in the Australian outback, becomes a wife and mother, and then falls in love.

An invitation to join the Zoom session will be sent prior to each meeting.

## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman



By the time you read this, we will have opened up the KJCC Sanctuary with an energetic Sisterhood-led Shabbat service, including our youngest members: Lily Padden and Oceana Gross. “Yasher Koach” to all the ladies! (That translates roughly as “more power to you – great job!”) Afterwards we enjoyed a true KJCC style Oneg Shabbat in our own Cathy Kaplan social hall. The small joys of getting together for coffee, cake, challah and conversation in our art-filled room seem much sweeter now. Join us on Friday nights!

Thank you, Jane Friedman, for guiding our Zoom Hamentashen workshop just before Purim. We had fun, and some of us brought our varied delicacies to share at the Purim Pizza party the next evening.

On Tuesday, March 29th we will hold our fourth Rosh Chodesh Circle at 3 p.m. under the trees behind KJCC, led by Lucinda Kurtz. It is a lovely spiritual enrichment, and we are considering continuing the tradition even after Lucinda heads north. Let’s talk about it... perhaps an evening under the stars?

The cookbooks continue to sell both from Dr. Erica Lieberman Garrett’s office and now from KJCC–Congregation Ohr HaYam. The first section includes some luscious Passover recipes.

The Sisterhood book club is going strong under the guidance of Linda Pollack. We have been meeting on Zoom at 12:30 the last Monday of each month. Its structure seems to vary each month...sometimes focused on the characters and themes of the book, and sometimes going more into the related histories of our own lives. You are welcome to join even if you haven’t read the book. On April 25th we will discuss “The Wife” by Meg Wolitzer. Let Linda know if you want to be added to the email list.

Passover is almost around the corner. After some discussion at the last meeting, we decided

that we had no choice but to forgo the Women’s Seder again this year. We felt it more important to focus our energies on the First Seder, which will be Friday, April 15th. We are unable to hold it at The Fishing Club this year. Instead, we will host a small seder in the social hall, allowing at most forty KJCC family members. The cost will be \$36 per person, \$18 for children aged 13 and under. Contact Erica Lieberman Garrett at [hippiejap@hotmail.com](mailto:hippiejap@hotmail.com) for more information. Your check, which you can send to Sisterhood at PO Box 116 Tavernier, is your reservation. Reservations unfortunately must be closed when the capacity of forty people is reached. In this way we can provide a safe and comfortable way for those far from family to enjoy Passover among friends. In case you are trying to shop for Passover in the Keys (not very easy), be aware that we approached the manager of Publix in Key Largo to request Bartenura and Baron Herzog wines. He assured us that there will be a KP section before the holiday and wrote down the brands requested. We can only hope. If you shop elsewhere, let them know what you want.

Traditionally, Women’s Seder proceeds fund a donation to several organizations in the service of tikkun olam. At the Sisterhood meeting we decided that even though there will be no event, Sisterhood will send a \$500 donation to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation Ukraine Relief Fund.

The next Sisterhood meeting will be held at KJCC! Come and join us Sunday April 3 at 10 a.m. We promise a delicious breakfast as well as a warm welcome. As a special bonus, after the meeting at 12:30 Donna Bolton will run a workshop open to the entire congregation on foot massage as self-care.

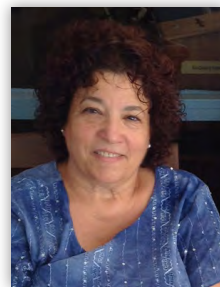
Wishing you a joyous Pesach, and hoping to see you soon. ◇





## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

### Medina Roy



#### The Jewish offshoot of Wordle

Are you hooked on “Wordle,” the online game where players are asked to guess a five-letter word using codebreaker’s logic? (It’s really fun!) Well, there have been several offshoots of the original game (and there are several in other languages, including Yiddish and Hebrew). An Australian-based Jewish community organization has created “Jewdle” – a distinctly Jewish version. Jewdle offers words from English, Yiddish, Hebrew and Aramaic. Players have to guess six-letter Jewish words which significantly increases the game’s difficulty. And Jewdle throws in an educational component, offering explanations and context once a player correctly gets the word. “This seemed like a perfect way to create Jewish relevance within a very popular, secular context that so many people around the world are accessing right now,” said Alon Meltzer, the game’s creator. Jewdle uses six letters instead of five because of the phonetic differences in writing out many Hebrew and Yiddish words. (A ‘ch’ or ‘sch’ combination is often needed, or an ‘ah’ suffix.) You can find and play Jewdle at <https://www.jewdle.app> ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 2-3-22)

#### Arizona’s Jews Sue

Leaders of Arizona’s Jewish community are suing the state to stop the use of hydrogen cyanide, the same lethal gas that was utilized at Auschwitz, to carry out capital punishment. During World War II, the Nazis used pellets of Zyklon B, a hydrogen cyanide formulation, in the gas chambers at Auschwitz and other death camps. An average of 6,000 Jews were gassed to death each day during the height of operations in Auschwitz in 1943 and 1944. Janice Friebaum, former vice president and spokesperson for the Phoenix Holocaust Association, said that using the gas in

executions in the United States is “tantamount to approving of what the Nazis did. It’s a very painful way to kill a person and it’s fundamentally inhumane. To think that it was done to millions of people during the Holocaust is horrific enough, but to think that 70 to 80 years later we’re thinking of using it as a method of capital punishment is mind-boggling.” Arizona stopped using lethal gas as a method of execution in 1992, but allowed it for people who had already been sentenced at that time, leaving seventeen people potentially subject to this form of execution.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona filed the lawsuit on behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix along with two individual members of the local Jewish community. The suit alleges that the state statute allowing cyanide gas to be used as a form of execution violates the Arizona state constitution’s prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. “We are not arguing the merits of the death penalty, nor the guilt or innocence of the defendants – simply that because of our tragic history we have a unique lens to declare that the use of Zyklon B is a cruel and barbarous practice whose usage has no place in modern society,” Paul Ruckower, executive director of the Phoenix JCRC and one of the individual plaintiffs, said. The last time Arizona executed someone with hydrogen cyanide gas was in 1999 when it executed Walter LaGrand, who displayed “agonizing choking and gagging.” It took eighteen minutes for LaGrand to die.

Jewish tradition prescribes the death penalty in some situations, but in practice Jewish courts have rarely if ever carried out executions. Many Jewish leaders in the United States have long advocated against this form of punishment. (Israel

did away with the death penalty in 1954.) ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 2-18-22)

### **The Dan David Prize for 2022**

Natalia Romik, a Polish historian who has been researching the hiding places of Jews in Poland and Ukraine during the Holocaust, is one of nine winners of the Dan David Prize for this year. The \$300,000 prize is awarded by the Dan David Foundation, which has its headquarters at Tel Aviv University. It is given to historians “who illuminate the human past in bold and creative ways.” Romik, 39, located and mapped twenty sites where Jews hid during World War II, including a 650-year-old tree and an underground hiding place in the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw. And in Ukraine, she researched the hiding places in the sewers of Lviv, caves in the Ternopil region and a place discovered underneath the floor tiles in a café in the city center. “Jews used whatever they could in order to provide protection for themselves,” Romik said. “Some of these stories have almost been forgotten, in other cases there are no archival documents and there are only hints that have to be followed up.” Romik is also an architect and an artist. She gathers testimony from local residents and survivors, examines memoirs and Jewish archives searching for information about the forgotten hiding places. Once she finds these sites, she consults with experts from a variety of fields to help her reconstruct and map them. She often uses an endoscopic camera, which helped her expose stairs that were built by Jews in the trunk of a hollow tree so they could use it as a hiding place. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 3-1-22)

### **Jewish Students in the News**

Twenty-seven undergraduate students from New York’s Yeshiva University and its Stern College for Women arrived in Vienna in mid-March as part of a humanitarian relief effort to support hundreds of Ukrainian refugees. The school reported that 124 students applied to participate in the mission within the first twenty-four hours of it being announced. The students were sent to Vienna because it had already received refugees and was still far enough away from the conflict, more or less ensuring students would be safe. (Vienna is some 400 miles from Ukraine’s western border.) The group provided educational activities for children, sorted donations, delivered supplies and

helped to coordinate housing for the refugees. The students returned to New York on March 20th. According to Der Standard, the Austrian newspaper, some 117,000 refugees had arrived in Austria by the middle of March. Only some will stay in Vienna. The majority will move on to other countries. The United Nations High Commission for Refugees called the Ukrainian exodus “the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.” ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 3-14-22)

### **Using Their Skills for Good**

Avi Schiffmann was in high school in Seattle two years ago when he made headlines for building one of the world’s first and largest COVID-19 tracking systems. Now he’s a Harvard freshman and taking a year off to use his technical skills to help another urgent cause: finding housing for Ukrainian refugees. The 19-year-old has created “Ukraine Take Shelter,” a website that matches Ukrainian refugees with hosts in neighboring countries and elsewhere. He received the 2020 Webby Person of the Year Award for his COVID-19 website. The idea for his new venture came to him while attending a pro-Ukraine rally in San Diego in the early days of the Russian invasion. Schiffmann felt like he could do so much more than just hold an angry sign. He researched how government agencies and organizations that aid refugees were responding to the devastating humanitarian crisis. He found that existing efforts to connect refugees to hosts were inefficient and the websites hard to navigate. He called his college buddy, 18-year-old software developer Marco Burstein; using FaceTime to collaborate while being thousands of miles apart, and working almost non-stop for two days, the pair created a safe, secure and user-friendly site. (At one point, Burstein paused to take a midterm exam.) After testing its cybersecurity, “Ukraine Take Shelter” was launched on March 2nd. At the time of this writing, more than 2,000 hosts have signed up.

The two young men first met online, even before arriving on campus. Schiffmann saw that someone had posted “WhatClass,” an app for Harvard students to find classes their friends were taking. Schiffmann reached out to the creator of the website – Burstein – and soon afterwards they met over pizza and immediately hit it off. Both are computer science students who learned about web development from YouTube videos when they

were children. “The internet is our home, we’re digital natives,” Burstein said. They both enjoy using technology to solve problems. Burstein wrote scheduling algorithms that are still being utilized by his high school. And Schiffmann, in addition to the COVID-19 tracker, previously created a website that showed people how to find and join “Black Lives Matter” protests across the country. The two men see themselves as using their skills to do good. ([www.forward.com](http://www.forward.com), 3-10-22)

### **A Tribute to Sandy Koufax**

A bronze statue of Jewish baseball legend Sandy Koufax will be unveiled at Dodger Stadium this summer. The Hall of Fame pitcher will join his teammate Jackie Robinson, whose statue was unveiled in the centerfield plaza in 2017. Koufax, now 86, became the youngest player to enter baseball’s Hall of Fame when he was inducted at the age of 36 in 1972. That same year, the Dodgers retired Koufax’s jersey number, 32, alongside Robinson’s iconic number 42, which is retired now throughout all of Major League Baseball. Remembered as one of the best pitchers in baseball history, and by some experts as the greatest-ever southpaw, Koufax was a member of four World Series championship teams, winning two World Series Most Valuable Player awards. Koufax also won a National League MVP and three Cy Young awards (the best pitcher for any given year) during his twelve-year career with the Dodgers. (He retired at the age of 30 due to chronic arm issues. You know, Jews and health.)

Koufax posted a career record of 165-87 with a 2.76 earned run average, 2,396 strikeouts, 137 complete games and 40 shutouts. He was the first pitcher to throw four no-hitters. Among Jewish fans, he is best known for a game he refused to play: game 1 of the 1965 World Series, which fell on Yom Kippur. (Some of us are still upset with Walter O’Malley for moving the Dodgers from Brooklyn to LA in 1958.) ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 3-17-22)

### **Update**

In the February/March issue of Chai-Lights, we reported on Yeshiva University’s amazing basketball team’s winning streak of 50 games. The end to the Maccabees’ unforgettable three-year success – where they managed to grab national and international attention, not to mention

inspiring the Jewish people at a time of rising vicious anti-Semitism and a relentless pandemic – came in early March, when they lost to Johns Hopkins University, 63-59. And now, YU’s guard Ryan Turell has entered the NBA draft, hoping to become the league’s first Orthodox player. The 22-year-old will forgo his final year of college to enter the 2022 draft on June 23rd at Brooklyn’s Barclays Center. He was the leading scorer in the NCAA across all divisions this season, averaging 27.1 points per game. He shot 59 percent overall, and an impressive 47 percent from three-point range. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 3-15-22)

### **In Memoriam**

Charles Entenmann, the family patriarch who helped make the eponymous Entenmann’s Bakery a national brand, died at the end of February at the age of 92. Although Entenmann’s earned a place in Tablet magazine’s list of “100 Most Jewish Foods,” the Entenmann family that opened the bakery on Long Island and expanded into supermarkets all over the country wasn’t Jewish. Charles Entenmann was a shrewd businessman and inventor and focused on engineering and the technical aspects of the bakery. One of the company’s innovative moves was its see-through packaging, letting shoppers look through a cellophane window to see what types of pastries they were buying. The business was purchased by Warner-Lambert for \$233 million in 1978.

Charles Entenmann was the grandson of a German immigrant who originally launched the bakery in Brooklyn in 1898. Entenmann’s reputation as a Jewish brand was due to its adoption of kosher certification from the Orthodox Union in the 1980s. The company found a market for inexpensive baked goods for Jewish families who wanted Orthodox kosher certification.

Charles moved to Florida, where he founded a medical technology company that focused on sealing wounds. His son, also named Charles, recently admitted “I’m going to tell you something that’s been pretty much a secret...He didn’t eat Entenmann’s cake. He just wasn’t a dessert guy.” (Is there anyone out there who does not remember the iconic white and blue rectangular box with the Entenmann’s logo sitting on the kitchen table at one time or another?) ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 3-9-22) ◇



## PHOTO GALLERY

KJCC harbors many talented artists. They paint, create collages in mixed media, evolve evocative pieces in clay. Members' artwork is always welcome here. Show us what you do. (Send jpegs to [geetavner@gmail.com](mailto:geetavner@gmail.com)) If you can't get to a show, you can enjoy them in Chai-Lights.



“Delight” by Jan Hartz was in the Garden Club show and was selected as the Garden Club's choice, to be used as next year's poster for the Garden Club tour and other events.



“Are You Coming?”, is Jan's entry for the Art Guild's annual show, an image of a Key Deer fawn inviting her to follow him into the woods.



Gloria's batik homage to Ukraine, “Survival in Winter.” Prints available. Profits to Ukraine Relief (via Miami Jewish Federation)



These musicians must be playing klezmer. They never tire. Gloria Avner's acrylic on canvas, “Play On,” is also on display at the Annual Show, on until March 30th at Ocean Sotheby's. Take a friend and have an art date. Worth a visit.



And when we don't see Susan around for two weeks, we know she's in Tennessee, having a great time with her boys.



When we don't see Joyce around it's a good bet she's either in Hollywood or New Jersey (and yes, there was a recent trip to Israel). Happy sweet 15th birthday Michal!





## Sisterhood Service

Erica Lieberman Garrett sets the mood for a lovely service playing Shabbat melodies on the piano. Erica's Sister joins us as part of Sisterhood on the bimah for a reading, while co-President of Sisterhood, Susan Gordon, keeps everything organized.



Linda Kaplan standing near Shabbat candles, about to escort li'l iguana from the building. He was not obeying protocols. No mask.



Sisterhood Service Participants



This past Wednesday, Key Largo Library hosted many of the agencies and groups that offer worthwhile services to people in the Upper Keys. We at KJCC, Congregation Ohr HaYam, were happy to have an information table among them. Donna Bolton, Joyce Peckman, Linda Pollack, Randy Klein-Gross and Terry Willner-Tainow were among those womaning the table. Medina Roy, Board Member of Friends of the Library helped organize the event. Medina also, on behalf of KJCC, to Christina Teasley, KL Library Branch Manager, Vols. I and II of *Maus*, a graphic novel about the Holocaust, banned from many libraries after pressure from conservative parents and politicians.



### “Repair the Seas”

#### With Rabbi Ed & The Scubi Jews:

We were so fortunate to reunite with Rabbi Ed, Josh, Shayna and four other young people from our extended family in the Tampa area and Miami (but Tikkun HaYam has expanded so much that this year’s reverse Taschlich had participants throughout the States and in 18 other countries). We heard a wonderful talk on Spirituality of the Sea Tuesday night. Progress in dealing with plastic pollution has taken a very creative turn. Our gift shop will soon be carrying recycled waste plastic made into beautiful mezuzahs, water bottles and even yads. Yes , I do mean blue Torah pointers.



# Springing into Nissan and Iyar 5782

By Lucinda Kurtz

With hopeful anticipation, we welcome in the new moon of the Hebrew month of Nissan on April 2. In Nissan, we leave our narrow and confined space of gestation and birth ourselves into a new and waking world. Stepping out of the safe wombs we created for ourselves to survive and thrive during the pandemic, we take baby steps toward a new vision of what is possible for ourselves in this changing reality in which we now reside. What does this new landscape look and feel like as we emerge blinking into the light?



This month, in the celebration of Passover, we retell the story of our ancestors fleeing from slavery, leaving behind the landmarks and activities that filled their lives, wandering in the desert of the unknown, exploring new inner and outer territory to sustain them on their journey. In our own way, we, too, have taken an unexpected journey, confronted our own terror, recovered and reclaimed lost parts of ourselves that were buried beneath the daily routines of life and land with a new awareness of the treasures within and those in the natural world that surround us.

Hopefully, we as individuals and parts of a greater whole will navigate this new world in more conscious ways informed by the quiet and inward time we have had to deepen and listen to the usually muffled inner voice that can guide and inform us. We can embody the powerful energy of this month by affirming our faith in the One for helping us to survive this journey, traverse the deep and tumultuous waters, and be alive to embrace the gift of freedom that the holiday of Passover celebrates.

On May 2, we enter into the new moon of the Hebrew month of Iyar, the time of healing mind, body, and spirit through connection to our hearts, each other, and the One. What needs healing before we can root ourselves deeply into the fallow earth?



During this past year, many of us have pruned away aspects of our lives not essential to our being, which like a tree enables us to channel our energy back into new growth and evolution. We instinctively respond to the powerful life force calling to us, beckoning us out from the dark, interior places where we have resided this winter. Yet we are tender from the many losses we have individually and collectively witnessed and experienced.

We have the opportunity this month, symbolized by the spiritual practice of counting the Omer, to release old wounds and tap into our deepest longings, freed from many of the restraints of this past year. It's the energy of compassion, the hallmark of this month of Iyar, that can soften our transition into a greater expansion and allow us to trust our intuition as we sow our seeds, so ripe with potential.

When we open our hearts to ourselves and others, welcome in and embrace the full range of our emotions, and release judgement, we can water our roots gently with kindness and compassion. We can come out of this time of isolation with a commitment to be more kind to ourselves and each other, allow compassion to lead us forward and transform the ways we interact with each other, both in the small orchards of our lives and in the towering forests of our global community.

# PURIM STRIKES BACK!

Welcome home, dear Mishpocha. Two years ago, almost to the very day, KJCC shut itself down just before Purim.. Upon hearing Dr. Bernard Ginsberg's sage and supremely serious advice about the coming of Covid, we canceled our Purim Party, and every single activity (including Pesach and our 40th Anniversary Gala) for high season.

What better way to re-open our long shuttered, mostly shut down synagogue than with a celebration of Survival on the eve of Purim. Chag Sameach!! There was total joyous participation among the 24 adults and children booing Haman and cheering for Esther, wearing masks (both kinds), costumes, picking raffle tickets and eating our 3 course communal feast (salad, pizza and homemade hamantaschen. We observed all four mitzvot/commandments. Sharing a celebratory meal, hearing the Gansza Magillah, giving charity and sending gifts of food to neighbors and friends. Yes re read the whole thing!! Look at these lovely faces:



All created by the amazing Super Jane Friedman.



Barbara Knowles and Sean Kaufman each won a raffled basket, courteous of Chabad's Rabbi Zucker.



Joel and Toby Bofshever's family went all out Canadian for their Purim Party theme this year.



Medina of course, dresses as the Purim Flamingo.



So good to welcome Rachel and Maddy back!



Haman and Queen Vasht (Sean and Susan Gordon)





Jacob, recently back from Israel opens his newly acquired Megillah Esther.

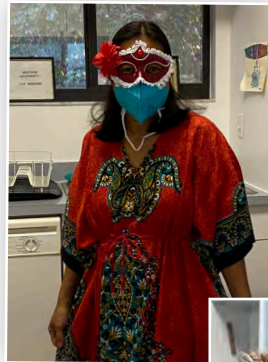
Thanks! Gloria was one of the gift box raffle winners. Sean Kaufman's friend Lexi picked her ticket.



Ever since Randi Klein-Gross and Tomar's kids started going to Sunday School with us, they have been making the best and most imaginative hamentashen.



Is this our own Geri Smith or Woody's (Tom Hanks) girlfriend in Toy Story?



Jane Friedman in her gorgeous Purim costume.



Joyce Peckman, Susan Gordon and Gloria Avner unroll the Megillah before we begin.

King Achashverosh (aka Jules Seder) was the big shalach manot gift basket winner. (What a great smile).



Joyce Peckman, recently past President of KJCC, just back from Israel, leads off the reading while the Roths look on. Later she will laugh when she realizes why everything looks so dark.



How nice to see and celebrate with the Roths.

# KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Congregation Ohr HaYam

## Sisterhood

Friday, April 15, 2022

Services 6:30 p.m.

Seder 7:30 p.m.

at the KJCC



## First Night Mischpacha Seder

For information and reservations contact

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

hippiejap@hotmail.com 305-393-1162

Your check is your reservation, payable in advance. Mail to

KJCC Sisterhood, PO Box 116, Tavernier, FL 33070.

**Limited to 40 participants. Please reserve quickly -  
by 4/10/22.**

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# LEAVING EGYPT

Miriam beats the timbrel 'til her palms bleed,  
sees the giant split sea waves  
close once more over galloping soldiers  
in hot then cold pursuit.

Don't gloat because we're safe.  
There is no way back now,  
even if we wanted one.

But sing for your supper,  
for everything you want.

Sing eons of fear  
and joy and thanks.

Sing to remember  
all parts of the story  
of narrow escape  
you'll retell each year  
around dinner tables  
for millennia.

Four questions,  
four children,  
four glasses of wine,  
two midwives.

Remember unfreedom,  
feed strangers with gladness,  
free women from fear  
and dependence and lack  
of self-confidence.

Moses is her creation, and the well  
we know as Miriam's Cup  
appears each evening by her tent  
to slake our thirst.

- *Gloria Avner*





# From the KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook:

## ASHKENAZIC APPLE CHAROSET 🍏

Joyce Peckman

6 apples, peeled and coarsely chopped  
½ c. almonds, chopped  
3 T. sugar to taste  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
1 lemon rind, grated  
4 T. sweet red wine

Combine apples with almonds, sugar, cinnamon, and lemon rind. Add wine as needed. Blend to desired texture (coarse, crunch, paste). Chill.

## SOPHIE KAMINSTEIN'S PESACH BAGELS 🍞

Beth Kaminstein  
Sophie Kaminstein

½ c. oil  
1 c. water  
1 level tsp. sugar  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 c. matzo meal  
5 eggs, well beaten

Preheat oven to 400°. Bring oil, water, sugar and salt to a boil. As soon as it boils, pour in matzo meal and stir thoroughly until mixed. Add matzo mixture to well beaten eggs and mix thoroughly. If an electric mixer is available, use on low for about a minute, or use a food processor with the "S" blade. Let mixture stand for 10 minutes at least. Grease a shallow baking pan. To form the bagels, wet hands and form a ball about 2 inches in diameter. Pat down to about an inch in thickness and press center with finger to make a dent. Place on baking sheet and bake for 25 - 40 minutes until puffed and brown. Check to make sure the underside is done.

## PASSOVER ROLLS 🥯

Eileen Hermann

2 c. matzo meal  
1 tsp. salt  
1 T. sugar  
½ c. peanut oil  
1 c. water  
4 eggs

Combine matzo meal with salt and sugar. Bring oil and water to a boil. Add matzo meal mixture and mix well. Beat in eggs thoroughly, one at a time. Allow to stand for 15 minutes. With oiled hands, shape into rolls and place on a well greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven, 375°, for 50 minutes or until golden brown.

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## PESACH CHICKEN AND POTATO PATTIES 🍗

Randy Klein-Gross

1 onion, diced  
2 T. fat or oil for browning  
2 c. cooked white meat chicken, ground  
2 eggs, divided  
Salt to taste  
Pepper to taste  
2 c. mashed potatoes (about 3 potatoes)  
½ c. matzo meal  
Oil or chicken fat for frying

Chicken: Brown onion in hot oil or fat. Combine with chicken, 1 egg, and salt and pepper to taste. Make into flat patties. Potato: Combine mashed potatoes with 1 egg and salt and pepper to taste. Make into flat patties. Place chicken and potato patties together and press gently. Dip both sides in matzo meal. Fry in hot oil or fat on both sides until brown. 4 servings.

## FRIED MATZO ⚡

Randy Klein-Gross

6 matzos  
4 eggs  
¼ c. milk  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
¼ c. butter, melted

Soak matzos in water until softened. The more tender you like fried matzo, the longer you soak them. Squeeze out the water. Beat eggs with milk, salt and pepper. Break up the matzos and add to the egg mixture, mixing to coat evenly. Fry in melted butter on both sides until brown. 3 - 4 servings.

## PESACH CHOCOLATE SIN CAKE ⚡

Judy Greenman

3 c. chocolate chips  
2 c. sugar  
4 sticks of butter, softened  
½ c. cold espresso coffee  
½ c. coffee liqueur (like Kahlua)  
¼ c. Bailey's liqueur  
8 eggs, slightly beaten

Melt chocolate chips and sugar, covered with plastic wrap, in the microwave for 3 minutes. Add butter, espresso coffee, coffee liqueur and Bailey's liqueur to the melted chocolate mixture. Add 1 beaten egg at a time. Mix well. Pour into greased 10" spring form pan that has bottom wrapped with foil. Place in larger pan, filled halfway with water. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes at 350°.

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NOTES FROM

# ì The Unofficial Hogwarts Haggadahî by Moshe Rosenberg

*Submitted by Joyce Peckman, with thanks to Sara Kaplan for the book.*

On the evening before Passover, families gather to search for hametz in their already cleaned homes, using a candle or flashlight to gather strategically planted pieces of bread or pasta. We burn (or otherwise dispose of) the collected hametz the next morning. All of the Harry Potter saga can be reduced to a search. At first Harry seeks a father figure and the way to deal with the death of his parents. Later, he thinks that what he is looking for is in the Ministry of Magic. In the end he must complete his own version of bedikat hametz as he tracks down each treacherous fragment of Voldemort's diseased soul.

Four cups of wine: Raising one's glass in a toast is a practice that spans cultures...sometimes it was a pretext for excessive drinking. Judaism elevates the toast to a celebration of gratitude. "Other cultures drink; the Jew says a blessing and "to Life!" In the Harry Potter series, Professor Trelawney and Winky the house elf are cautionary tales of the dangers of alcohol. At the end of "The Goblet of Fire" Dumbledore raises his goblet in a toast to Cedric Diggory and Harry. In both Hogwarts and Halakha (Jewish law) the toast is about honor and tribute.

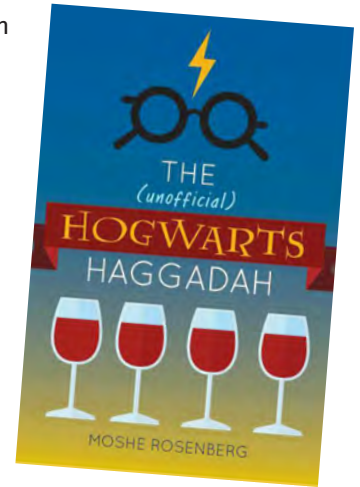
The four questions: The best professors at Hogwarts were the ones who invited questions, like Rems Lupin or Albus Dumbledore. Some, out of impatience (Snape) or superiority-insecurity complex (Umbridge) or incompetence (Trelawney) evaded questions. Judaism recognizes the meeting ground of sincere questioner and unintimidated respondent as fertile soil for forging a

relationship between generations.

The four sons and varieties of wisdom: Hermione reminds us that there are many ways to be wise. The different forms of wisdom in which Harry, Ron and Hermione excelled were all tested. Wisdom comes in many varieties. It is necessary for each student

to be exposed to those of differing strengths and natures, yet given the opportunity to develop their own style, surrounded by those who share it. Hogwart's four houses of Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw follow the guidelines of King Solomon who wrote in Ecclesiastes, "Educate each child according to his path."

The wand and the staff: The greatest wizard would be rendered powerless in the absence of his staff. When Dumbledore was disarmed by Draco Malfoy in the Astronomy Tower, he was unable to defend himself. Moses, on the other hand, learns that it is not his staff, but the will of God that causes miracles.◇



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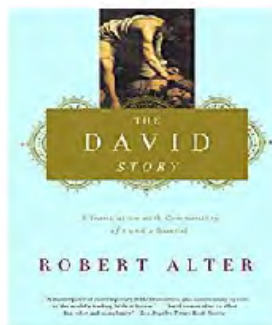
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# VISITING ISRAEL WITH JNF – IT’S NOT JUST TREES – PART 1

By Joyce Peckman

On Sunday, February 13th after three years serving as President of KJCC, I passed that responsibility on to Ken Atlas. Three days later I boarded a United Airlines jet to Tel Aviv. In September, anticipating an end to the pandemic, I had given a small deposit towards an excursion affiliated with the Jewish National Fund geared to active retirees. Fast forward to Omicron, and of the 25 who gave deposits, only eight decided to go. The organizers, two American expats who had managed this tour for 30–40 people for 16 years, vowed to run it even if only two people showed up! Many hours later, after a rapid Covid test at Ben Gurion airport, I was deposited at the Metropolitan Hotel in Tel Aviv and instructed not to leave until I received my negative results on my cell phone. Half the group had arrived earlier and were enjoying a buffet dinner. We, the newly arrived four, masked, were seated in a side room, with access to the same buffet. By the following morning we received our temporary “green certificate” and freedom. We spent Friday walking and shopping. That evening the hotel



**Wheelchair accessible merry-go round at Aleh Negev**



**In Tel Aviv with my traveling companion Miriam Bazely**

filled with Israelis, many of them families. At the entry to the dinner buffet were small bottles of wine, and on every table a plate of challah rolls. Each family made their own kiddush, and we eight became a family. As we ate, we listened to some of the religious groups singing lovely “zmirot Shabbat” after their meals.

Shabbat is a day of rest with no planned activities. Three of us took a taxi to AMU, the newly named Museum of the Diaspora that Rabbi Agler’s tour had visited eleven years ago. The museum has been completely modernized, and was a delightful highlight of the trip, but that’s an article



**General Doron Almog**



**Beersheva Park - Nahal Benyamina**

for another time.

Early the next morning we boarded a ten passenger Mercedes minibus for the ride to Eilat.

Our first stop was Aleh Negev, a unique village/medical center/school created by General Doron Almog and largely funded by donors through JNF. You may recognize the name of General Doron Almog as the first paratrooper to land at Entebbe during the 1976 rescue, or as the leader of Operation Moses, the secret airlift of 6000 Ethiopian Jews in 1984. He led many other operations, most of which we will never hear about. As head of the Israel Defense Forces Southern Command in 2000–2003, he secured the border with Gaza.

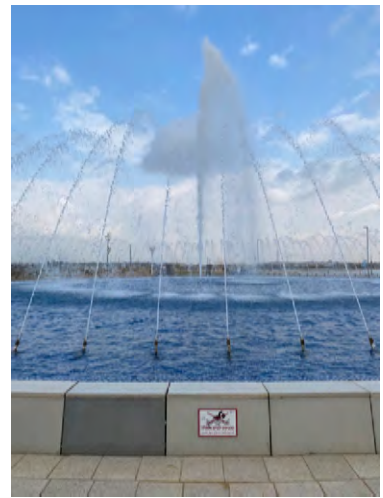
General Almog met us in a small conference room at the school to talk about one of



**Beduin grazing his sheep in the riverbed park**

his proudest accomplishments. One of his sons, Eran, was born severely disabled. Israel provided care for disabled children, but only for the first 21 years, after which the disabled adult is released to the guardianship of his family. General Almog convinced the government to donate land near Beersheva, and proceeded to create a community unlike any other in the world. 180 severely handicapped people of all ages live there at Aleh Negev– Nachalat Eran, cared for by professionals and volunteers. On the site is a preschool and elementary school for children

from the local area, who are integrated with the disabled children. The medical and dental clinics on site provide services to the entire Northern Negev, and Nachalat Eran (named after the son who died 18



**Nahal Benyamina fountain uses reclaimed water**

months after its opening) provides employment for hundreds of locals and draws medical and research personnel to the Negev. The facility, with its gardens, farm animals and bubbling stream, is created to provide sensory stimulation. Even the benches under newly planted trees have varied textures. Visiting aerospace engineers created special playground equipment to accommodate wheelchairs. Among the volunteers are criminals on work release programs, who come away with a different perspective on freedom of choice. General



Almog passionately believes that a society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable. "We are all limited in abilities and time and must use all of our abilities to make our lives count."

Leaving Aleh Negev, we passed through the city of Beersheba, Beer Sheva in Hebrew, named after its seven life-giving wells, written about in the stories of Abraham and Isaac. Beersheba over the past forty years has grown from a sleepy town populated mainly by poor immigrants from North African countries, into "the capital of the Negev", a city of 200,000 featuring Ben Gurion University, growing rapidly with high



**New Beersheva apartment buildings behind the new park**

rise apartments, a tech center and shopping centers. Nachal Ben-yamina, the wadi (seasonal river) which runs alongside the city and flows during heavy rains from Hebron to the sea, had become a huge dump filled with garbage, discarded appliances and junked cars. Sewage overflow from Hebron and Kiryat Arba added significantly to the pollution. In 2013 The Jewish National Fund began the creation of Beersheva River Park. They hauled out many tons of trash. They built sewage reclamation plants and used the reclaimed water to create a large lake suitable for boating. Now the park, which runs over five miles along the riverbed, has playgrounds and greenspace (irrigated with



**Ben Gurion Gravesite**

reclaimed water) with pretty fountains. Bedouin graze their sheep in the grass along the dry riverbed, and families fill the park on weekends.

David Ben Gurion, who guided Israel during its early years, believed that the future of the country lay in the barren Negev. He uprooted his wife Paula and their children and moved to Kibbutz Sde Boker, south of Beersheva. Their serene gravesite overlooks the magnificent Nachal Zin. Hiking trails called us, but we needed to reach Eilat by nightfall.

In part two of the series, we will visit some of the attractions of the Negev and Eilat and see how Ben Gurion's vision is being realized. ◇



**Nahalat Zin in the Negev - view from Ben Gurion gravesite**



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# APARTHEID

## THE HEINOUS ACCUSATION UNJUSTLY USED AGAINST ISRAEL

By Beth Hayden

**A**partheid. Just the mention of the word is emotive and provocative. For millions of South Africans who suffered under apartheid, the word is synonymous with suffering, discrimination and racism.

The word apartheid is currently being applied by Israel's detractors as a way to launch a well-orchestrated assault on Israel's legitimacy as a state. Detractors count on the emotional response that the word and the images it evokes elicit. It is a perfect ploy to put forward their own plans for the destruction of the Jewish state and the elimination of Zionism.

One might well wonder how this appellation of apartheid has become so common against Israel. The Durban Conference on Racism, held in South Africa in 2001, became the springboard where the charge of apartheid was levelled against Israel. Not since Nazi Germany have such nasty invective and accusations been leveled against Israel and the Jewish people.

The rationale behind this is that if Israel is compared to and demonized just as much as apartheid South Africa was, then treating the Jewish state like a pariah and meting out the same treatment in the form of boycotts, divestment and sanction policies is the logical step. In fact, if Israel is as odious as South Africa was, should it exist at all? And herein lies one of the fundamental differences. At no point during the apartheid years was South Africa's legitimacy or existence as a state challenged, just the racist governmental policy. The co-founder of the BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanction) movement which aims to destroy Israel, Omar Barghouti, in fact holds a Master's degree in Ethics from none other than Tel Aviv University. He

rejects a two-state solution and advocates "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" – meaning, Israel will cease to exist and be replaced by a Muslim-majority state.

Israel has long been singled out for opprobrium at the expense of other conflict regions and countries guilty of human rights abuses. More resolutions are passed by the UN against Israel than against any other country in the world. A sad, but true, fact.

Apartheid has been defined as discriminatory and oppressive laws based on race that deemed one group of people (non-white) as inferior and legislation enacted in all spheres to support that. It also pertained to the forced removal of people of color from their neighborhoods and relocation to less desirable areas.

Does racism exist in Israel? Yes it does. Just as it does in Canada, the U.S., Brazil, South Africa or any other country in the world. It is abhorrent and inexcusable but is it state legislated and state policy like it was in Nazi Germany or South Africa? No, and to single Israel out exposes a shocking double standard. Israeli Arabs who are citizens of Israel enjoy equal voting rights, representation in government, the right to education in the same schools and universities as anyone else and all inalienable rights. Israel's critics will argue but what about the Palestinians? Aren't they subject to apartheid that is worse than South Africa at the hands of Israel?

Israel famously disengaged from Gaza in 2005, removing the citizens that had settled there, including the dead. Any Israeli presence was removed from the area and an opportunity was created for the Palestinians to make overtures towards peace. Instead, a vacuum was created that led to the fundamentalist Hamas taking control of the territory. This new regime persecuted and

got rid of any opposition, installing an Islamist leadership that quickly imposed harsh restrictions and trampled on human rights including on the media, freedom of religion, women's rights and sexual orientation.

Israel's detractors make the comparison of Hamas being a liberation movement for the Palestinians but can one really compare the genocidal Hamas Charter, which advocates the destruction of the Jews and Israel, to the South African Freedom Charter, which calls for equal rights and inclusion of all citizens of South Africa regardless of race or history? To do so maligns everything those who fought to end apartheid injustice stood for and the hard work by veterans such as Nelson Mandela to broker reconciliation.

If we are going to point a finger at any regime practicing apartheid in the Middle East, Hamas is certainly a top contender. Others include Lebanon and Jordan and others who withhold the rights of citizenship from Palestinians, relegating them to perpetual second-class citizenship status. What about Iran or Saudi Arabia whose records on human rights are deplorable? What about the treatment of Christians in areas returned by Israel to the Palestinian Authority (PA) as the ruling entity? Bethlehem has lost its Christian majority; indeed the population of Christians under PA authority has markedly decreased while the Christian population in Israel has significantly increased. Druze, Circasian and Bedouin populations have prospered under Israeli rule. A recent survey by Shfa, a news organization working with the PA, recorded an overwhelming 93% of non-Israeli Arabs (Arabs who are not Israeli citizens) living in east Jerusalem preferred Israeli rule to PA rule.

The PLO ambassador to the U.S. famously declared, and he is not alone, that no Jews would be allowed to live in a future Palestinian state. Is this not apartheid?

The Rev. Kenneth Meshoe, leader of the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP) had this to say about the Israel apartheid analogy:



**Rev. Kenneth Meshoe**

As a black South African who lived under apartheid, ...in my view, Israel cannot be compared to apartheid in South Africa. Those who make the accusation expose their ignorance of what apartheid really is. Black, brown and white Jews and the Arab minority mingle freely in all public places, universities, restaurants, voting stations and public transportation. All people have the right to vote. The Arab minority has political parties, serves in the Israeli parliament (Knesset) and holds positions in government ministries, the police force and the security services. In hospitals, Palestinian patients lie in beds next to Israeli Jews, and doctors and nurses are as likely to be Israeli Arabs as Jews. ... None of the above was legally permissible in apartheid South Africa!

Despite evidence and statements to the contrary, Israel continues to face accusations of apartheid practices. The singling out of Israel for opprobrium in the media, United Nations, university campuses and farcical tribunals like the Russell Tribunal (<http://www.russelltribunalonpalestine.com/en/index.html>) reinforces the idea of an antisemitic cabal. Now, that is racism. ◇



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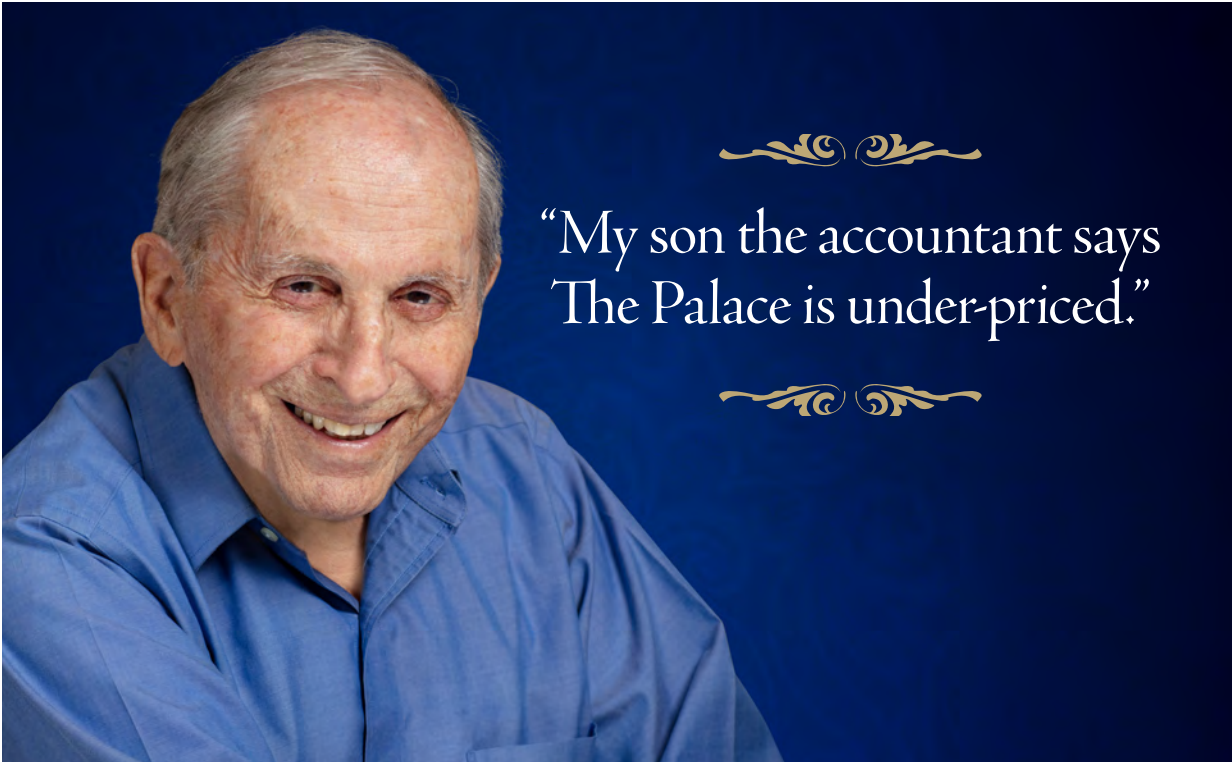
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ken Atlas



Growing up, I found as I got older, being Jewish meant more and more to me. 7th grade was really the turning point for me. Hebrew school class was taught by an old orthodox rabbi. Rabbi Yehuda was phenomenal, and no one ever influenced me more. Oddly, the other students didn't share my enthusiasm, and he wasn't retained. But I'll never forget him.

On the ritual side, 7th grade meant turning 13, and having my Bar Mitzvah. By that point, we had been going to Friday night services every week, for several years. My goal was to lead the entire service, and the cantor was given the night off. We still had the rabbi, but I did all the Hebrew parts. It was the best day of my life, until the next day replaced it.

I was incredibly nervous, and it didn't help that I had such a long

Haftorah. But my Gimmel teacher said both the Maftir and Haftorah were perfect. I'd say that was my goal, but one I'd surely felt unobtainable. My tutor was a lawyer, but our one orthodox member, in addition to being a friend of my dad. Even now, I treasure those memories.

Summer is fast approaching, and I'm happy to say I expect we will have a number of live events. I think we will even be able resume the Shabbabaque! Although it wasn't safe last year, its return feels long overdue.

On a more somber note, there is still fighting in the Ukraine. I continue to pray for those under siege. I wish everyone in our membership a happy and healthy summer. ◇

### Shabbat Service Leaders

June 3 .....	Gloria Avner / Yizkor: Joyce Peckman
June 10 .....	Steve Hartz
June 17 .....	Erica Lieberman Garrett & Art Itkin
June 24 .....	Laurie Blum
July 1 .....	Randy Klein-Gross
July 8 .....	Susan Gordon & Linda Pollack
July 15 .....	Donna Bolton & Erica Lieberman Garrett
July 22 .....	Joyce Peckman
July 29 .....	Joe Shabathai
Aug 12 .....	Joyce Peckman
Aug 19 .....	Donna Bolton & Jane Friedman

# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

## June – August 2022

Many of our activities will be moving on-site to the KJCC.  
Please check the weekly announcements for details.

Every Monday	2 p.m. Drop-in Zoom Chat. Please contact us to be placed on email list.
Friday, June 3	Shavuot Dairy Potluck Dinner– Coordinate Dishes & RSVP with Joyce Peckman 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services & Yizkor led by Gloria Avner
Friday, June 10	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Steve Hartz
Sunday, June 12	10 a.m. KJCC Board Meeting on Zoom
Friday, June 17	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Erica Lieberman Garrett & Art Itkin
Friday, June 24	7:30 p.m. Shabbat and Yizkor Services led by Laurie Blum on Zoom
Tuesday, June 28	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club “The Last Kings of Shanghai” by Jonathon Kaufman. Meeting on Zoom
Friday, July 1	6 p.m. Shabbabaque – must RSVP Erica Lieberman Garrett by June 28 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Randy Klein-Gross
Friday, July 8	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Susan Gordon & Linda Pollack
Friday, July 15	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Donna Bolton & Erica Lieberman-Garrett
Friday, July 22	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman
Tuesday, July 26	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club “The Paperbark Shoe” by Goldie Goldbloom
Friday, July 29	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joe Shabathai
Friday, August 5	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services
Sunday August 7	Tisha B’Av
Friday, August 12	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman
Friday, August 19	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Donna Bolton & Jane Friedman
Friday, August 26	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services
Tuesday, August 30	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club. Meeting at Joyce’s House.

# NOSH

## Erica Wins Joel Cohen Award:

Erica Lieberman Garrett was named winner of KJCC’s highest honor at our Family First night Seder. This award is chosen each year by past honorees only, given to the person contributing the most over the longest period of time to the leadership, well being, growth and daily functioning of our congregation. Here are the words inscribed on her plaque: For Years of leadership, in positions great and small, Treasurer and Past President of Sisterhood, Writer of Thank–Yous for our Board, Service leader and piano player, event organizer and Kitchen Maven, for this we honor you, all while you care for patients and make chicken soup for friends. Mazel Tov! See p. 21 for picture.

## Book Club Makes Changes

We had an enjoyable meeting in April, some of us live (thank you Linda Pollack) and some of us on Zoom. We would like to continue to do this as it enables those of us in town to get together and those of us out of town to still participate, which we all enjoy. We will not always have a movie to watch but we can enjoy snacks and conversation regardless.

The big news is that we are changing our meeting dates to the last Tuesday of the month, instead of Mondays. If you cannot come for the entire meeting, perhaps you can squeeze in a few minutes to say hello. The time remains at 12:30 p.m. See Poster for 3 months of details on P.10. Note that we also changed the coming book selections by inserting *Hotel Moscow* by Talia Carner for May 31 as it was felt that the subject was timely and should be addressed earlier rather than later. Please contact Joyce for her address and let her know you will be attending.

## KJCC Sisterhood Does Good

The Cathy Kaplan Sisterhood collected articles in April for the Domestic Abuse Shelter. Since these women and children usually leave with whatever is on their backs, we felt it important to help. We had great response and decided to focus on the children’s needs. When the woman from the shelter arrived to pick up the collection, we stuffed her station wagon FULL of sheets, towels, children’s clothing, children’s shoes and toys. Before we decided to focus on the children, there was a great response with women’s clothing donations. We were also able to donate two full SUVs worth of women’s clothing to the MARC House. ◇

## Anniversaries

### June

	Years
1st	Joel Bernard & Joan Stark .....36
5th	Erica Lieberman Garrett & Ron Garrett ....28
7th	Richard & Sheila Steinberg .....63
8th	Stephan & Jane Friedman .....26
10th	Scott & Sharon Greenstein .....38
12th	Steven & Jan Hartz .....46
12th	William & Donna Bolton .....29
19th	Mindy & Richard Agler .....46
21st	Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake .....35
23rd	Stuart & Lauren Sax .....48
28th	Lloyd & Rae Wruble.....53
28th	Wes & Rita Conklin .....52
29th	Jerry & Betty Small .....53
29th	Oran Kurtz & Lucinda Hesterman

### July

2nd	Tomar Gross & Randy Klein–Gross .....22
9th	Terry Willner–Tainow & Jon Tainow ....50
18th	Gary & Laurie Grossinger

### August

3rd	Augie & Kristy Moss.....9
4th	Arnold & Tina Klein.....56
7th	Larry & Dorothy Wolfe.....65
14th	Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor–Blitzer..50
15th	Paul & Susan Roberts .....54
15th	Richard & Barbara Knowles .....23
16th	Ira & Shirley Stein .....64
21st	Jeff & Lisa Miller.....45

## 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.

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### MARCH, APRIL, & MAY 2022

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#### Yahrzeit

Laurie Blum &  
Gary Margolis ..... Arlene Sugarman Margolis

Stephen Harris ..... Lee M Harris

Linda Pollack..... Joel Pollack

Marshall & Myra Kaplan.....Gertrude Kaplan

Sandra Kaplan.....Frank Kaplan

Miriam Frankel &  
Nadine Thompson .....Larry Ira Frankel

Miltra Sheinker.....Warren J Sheinker

Maryann Charlap Azzato .....E Paul Charlap

Erica Lieberman Garrett ..... Morris Kornbloom

Joan Wohl ..... Dr. Milton A Wohl

Dorothy & Larry Wolfe.....Martha Greenberg

Gerri & Frank Emkey ..... Gertrude Weisberg  
& Alex Perl

Robert Temkin.....Phillip Temkin

Kathy & Joe Shabathai .....Sally Shabathai

Marshall & Myra Kaplan..... Monroe Kaplan

Richard & Mindy Agler ..... Carol Steinberg  
Sylvia Agler

Dorothy & Larry Wolfe.....Rose Fine

Gloria Avner.....David Gitin

Adam & Judy Starr..... Norman James Schuman

Medina Roy.....Carl Roy

David & Pamela Marmar .... Mercedes Pietromartine

Jeff & Cheryl Margulies..... Max Margulies  
& Fred Doellefeld

Stephen Steinbock .....Candi Steinbock  
& Susan Cimkowski

#### In Memory/Honor of

#### Unrestricted

Linda Pollack & Skip Rose..... Harvey Schwaid's  
95th birthday

KJCC .....Purim

Sisterhood ..... Annual donation

Anonymous .....Sale of car

#### Meditation Garden

Stuart & Lauren Sax ..... Sam Sax, Lilyan Sax  
& Jan Shutan Finer

#### Library

Barney Coltman ..... Ellen Coltman

#### Sisterhood Donations

Laura B Goodman ..... Thanking Sisterhood

Beth Hayden ..... Oneg May 27  
Celebrating Ollie's 15th Birthday

Kathy & Joe Shabathai ..... Oneg Jun 29  
Oneg October 21: Celebrating Joe's Birthday  
Oneg November 3: Celebrating Kathy's Birthday

Susan Roberts..... Oneg April 15  
Honoring the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Milton Greenwald

Rita Conklin..... For Purchasing New  
kitchen Serving Dishes

Joyce Peckman..... Oneg July 15  
Celebrating Her Birthday

Jane Friedman..... Oneg August 19  
Celebrating Steve's Birthday

Michael & Lorena Kaufman..... Shavuot Dinner

Loni & David Padden ..... Oneg August 12  
Celebrating Lily's Bat Mitzvah

Lynn Nobil ..... Sponsorship of Shababaque Dinner  
In Memory of Her Parents Sara & Joel Cohen



## ONEG SPONSORS

June 3	Shavuot Dinner Sponsored by Michael & Lorena Kaufman	July 8	Steve & Jan Hartz Celebrating Steve's Birthday
June 3	Donna Bolton Celebrating Her Birthday	July 15	Joyce Peckman Celebrating Her Birthday
June 10	Steve & Jan Hartz Celebrating Their Anniversary	July 22	Sisterhood Celebrating Seeing Everyone
June 17	Steve & Amelia Kasinof Celebrating Amelia's Birthday	July 29	Kathy & Joe Shabathai Celebrating Leading Service
June 24	Sisterhood Celebrating the Summer Season	Aug 5	Sisterhood Celebrating the New Month
July 1	Lynn Nobil In honor of her parents Joel and Sara Cohen	Aug 12	Loni & David Padden Celebrating Lily's Bat Mitzvah
July 1	Michael and Lorena Kaufman Sponsoring Shabbabaque Dinner Celebrating Independence.	Aug 19	Jane Friedman Celebrating Steve's Birthday

### 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 bemaah 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.

# 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](mailto: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 ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for 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? Thank you, Steve Steinbock and Jane Friedman. 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 Erica Lieberman Garrett, 305-393-1162, or email her at [hippiejap@hotmail.com](mailto:hippiejap@hotmail.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.

**CARING KEHILAH/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. The Caring Kehilah Committee is calling and checking in on our socially distant members. Call Laurie Blum, 414-698-5647 if you wish to request that someone be contacted.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com).

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://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.

## June, July, & August Birthdays

### June

2nd..... Barbara Osder  
 2nd..... Myra Kaplan  
 3rd ..... Abraham Rakov  
 3rd ..... Elanor Forbes  
 5th ..... Dorothy Wolfe  
 5th ..... Joseph Sachs  
 6th ..... Donna Bolton  
 6th ..... Nancy Kluger  
 6th ..... Suzanne Gilson  
 7th ..... Carrie Smith  
 7th ..... Joan P. Wohl  
 9th ..... Renee Brodie  
 9th ..... Zoe Moshe  
 13th ..... Jeff Miller  
 13th ..... Justin Greenbaum  
 14th ..... Jennifer Nobil  
 15th ..... William Bolton  
 16th ..... Marvin Blumenfeld  
 17th ..... Leo Haviv  
 18th ..... Amelia Kasinof  
 18th ..... Kim Haviv  
 20th ..... Harvey Klein  
 21st..... Aaron Quesada  
 21st..... Taryn Nobil  
 22nd..... James patrick Brennan  
 24th ..... Delaney Rohde  
 24th ..... Rita Bromwich  
 27th ..... Frank Emkey  
 27th ..... Kristy Moss  
 28th ..... Alan Cooper  
 30th ..... Bob Friedman  
 30th ..... Milo Tainov

### July

1st..... Alex Hudson  
 1st..... Eitan Loi-Kamely  
 1st..... Jennifer Gilson  
 1st..... Patti Gross  
 2nd..... Dan Levi  
 2nd..... Rabbi Ed Rosenthal  
 3rd ..... Joseph Moss

3rd ..... Michael Kaufman  
 4th ..... Mindy Rosenthal  
 7th ..... Lucy Moss  
 9th ..... Joyce Peckman  
 11th ..... Steven Hartz  
 12th ..... Dana Grace  
 12th ..... Miriam Frankel  
 12th ..... Rebecca M. Schur  
 12th ..... Richard Steinberg  
 13th ..... Dot Brooking  
 14th ..... David Gross  
 14th ..... Paul Eric Bernstein  
 17th ..... John Hawver  
 17th ..... Shira Goldman  
 18th ..... Sage Indy Leofsky  
 19th ..... Matt Hesterman-Kutz  
 20th ..... Roosmary Benowitz

### August

4th ..... Eric Greenstein  
 4th ..... Jessica Forman  
 8th ..... Hank Ryan Casey  
 8th ..... Sean Kaufman  
 9th ..... Arnold Klein  
 9th ..... Delia Grace Smith  
 9th ..... Eric Freundlich  
 10th ..... Barbara Smith  
 10th ..... Emma Feig  
 13th ..... Gina Moritz  
 13th ..... Stephan Friedman  
 14th ..... Joey Lindenbaum  
 15th ..... Danielle Zinner  
 15th ..... Patricia Isenberg  
 16th ..... Alan Lindenbaum  
 16th ..... Alison Thompson  
 17th ..... Tina Klein  
 19th ..... Pamela Friedman  
 20th ..... Amanda Nobil  
 20th ..... Eran Tromer  
 20th ..... Loni Padden  
 21st..... Rachel Zinner  
 22nd..... Murray Blitzler  
 26th ..... Mikhaela Bitton  
 30th ..... Robert Temkin  
 31st..... Brynn Borisoff

## *In Memoriam – June 2022*

### **David Gitin**

By Gloria Avner

### **Leo Blitzer**

By Murray Blitzer &  
Bev Strumor-Blitzer

### **Louis R. Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman

### **Bea Ginsberg**

By Bernard Ginsberg

### **Yolanda Haviv**

By Leo Haviv

### **Max Tuchman**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

### **Ruth Rosen**

By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

### **Rose Roazen**

By Sylvia Berman

### **Esther R. Cohn**

By Nancy L. Cohn

### **Sam Hitzig**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

### **Sharon Grossinger**

By Gary & Laurie Grossinger

### **Andrew Hutchison**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

### **Lucy Kaufman**

By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

### **Emilia Mendez**

By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

### **Samuel Segal**

By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

### **Lois Owen**

By Nancy L. Cohn

### **Moshe Sages**

By Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages

### **Irwin Grossinger**

By Gary & Laurie Grossinger

### **Samuel Horn**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

### **Celestina Bravo-Mendez**

By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

### **Arthur Klimpl**

By Michael Klimpl

### **Jacob Maxwell Klimpl**

By Michael Klimpl

### **Leslie Peckman**

By Joyce Peckman

### **Milton Lang**

By Skip Rose

### **Norman James Schuman**

By Adam & Judy Starr

### **Mark White**

By Susan White

### **Leo Wolynetz**

By Erica Lieberman Garrett

### **Morris Rose**

By Skip Rose

### **Carl Roy**

By Medina Roy

### **Candi Steinbock**

By Stephen Steinbock

### **Rose Fine**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

### **Fred Doellefeld**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

### **Jean Shaw**

By Skip Rose

### **Jan Finer**

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

### **Leonard Tobin**

By Andrew M. Tobin

## *In Memoriam – July 2022*

### **Jack Steinberg**

By Richard & Mindy Agler

### **Laura Bofshever**

By Joel & Toby Bofshever

### **Ronald Horn**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

### **Margaret Isenberg**

By Patricia Isenberg

### **Miriam Margulies**

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

### **Leon Kirschenbaum**

By Medina Roy

### **Beth Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

### **Nettie Goodman**

By Gloria Avner

### **William Owen**

By Nancy L. Cohn

### **Jacob Ratchik**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

### **Les Reitman**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

### **Fred Ross**

By Joyce Peckman

### **Frank Stanley Sachs**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

### **Alan Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

### **Abraham L. Blumenfeld**

By Marvin A. Blumenfeld



## *In Memoriam – July 2022 Cont.*

### **John Carson**

By Scott & Sharon Greenstein

### **Dorothy Horn**

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

### **Otto Kluger**

By Nancy Kluger

### **Harold Rosenthal**

By Ed & Mindy Rosenthal

### **Morgan Rowen**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

### **Harvey Kelman**

By Elaine Schulberg

### **Stanley H. Klipper**

By Mary Lee Singer

### **Mollie Z. Cohen**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

### **Milton Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

### **Henrietta Zinner**

By Donald Zinner

### **Manya Starr**

By Adam & Judy Starr

### **Ben Steinbock**

By Stephen Steinbock

### **Alfred Eichler**

By Judith Weber

### **Wally Steinberg**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

### **Mack Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

### **Frieda Feinberg**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

## *In Memoriam – August 2022*

### **Sunny Andracchio**

By Zoe Berk-Moshe

### **Ralph Bofshever**

By Joel & Toby Bofshever

### **Mr. Jacob Ephraim Brush**

By James Brush

### **Ethel Feinberg**

By Hanna David

### **Sheldon David Horowitz**

By Beth Horowitz

### **Shirley Lieberman**

By Erica Lieberman Garrett

### **Mollie Lawent**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

### **Isaac Berman**

By Sylvia Berman

### **Priscilla Leshin**

By Joan Boruszak

### **Gary W. Cohn**

By Nancy L. Cohn

### **Jesse Ginsberg**

By Bernard Ginsberg

### **Chanoch Levy**

By Yardena Kamely

### **Billie Kornbloom**

By Erica Lieberman Garrett

### **Burton Margolis**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

### **Sidney Stark**

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

### **Dick Bromwich**

By Rita Bromwich

### **Sandra Kanarek**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

### **Henry Kirschenbaum**

By Marilyn Greenbaum

### **Shlomo Kaboli**

By Yardena Kamely

### **Max Lieberman**

By Erica Lieberman Garrett

### **Isaac Cohen Pardo**

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

### **Josephine Margulies**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

### **Howard Shutan**

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

### **Olga Schuman**

By Adam & Judy Starr

### **Erwin Wainer**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

### **Chanoch Shiloh**

By Jan Price

### **Martha Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

### **Meyer G. Cohen**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

### **Albert White**

By Susan White

### **Joel Reed Baker**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

### **Tom Klipper**

By Mary Lee Singer

### **Samuel Wainer**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg



Congregation Ohr HaYam

# Sisterhood Book Club



~ Books and dates for the coming months ~

We have changed to **Tuesdays** ~

**Please Note Date, Location, and Book Changes**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022, ~ *Hotel Moscow* by Talia Carner at Joyce Peckman's house**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022 ~ *The Last Kings of Shanghai* by Jonathan Kaufman**

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022 ~ *The Paperbark Shoe* by Goldie Goldbloom**



Story of an American woman, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, who travels to Russia shortly after the fall of communism, and finds herself embroiled in a perilous mafia conspiracy that could irrevocably destroy her life.



The extraordinary forgotten history of two Jewish families who helped transform China into a global economic powerhouse.



A beautiful and mesmerizing book. Reading it is like slipping inside the skin of one Gin Toad, an albino who accepts a marriage proposal from an abusive husband, moves to a farm in the Australian outback, becomes a wife and mother, and then falls in love.

We will Zoom and meet in person. An invitation to join the Zoom session will be sent prior to each meeting.

**Let us know if you would like to host a meeting.**

## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman



It felt so good to be back in our KJCC Social hall on Friday April 15th, celebrating Passover together, live & in person. The evening truly felt just as the flyer read: The KJCC Sisterhood first night *Mishpacha* Seder. It was like a large family gathering of 35 extended family members, sitting around the table, enjoying our Passover Seder. Thank you to all of the leaders of the Seder; to Susan Gordon who organized the service, President Ken Atlas, Executive V. President Michael Kaufman, Joe Shabathai, Gloria Avner & Erica Lieberman Garrett. It was delightful to see our youngest 'family members' Sean, Madison & Benjamin enthusiastically running in search of the hidden *afikoman*. Once it was found, they continued to play 'hide & seek' with it for the remainder of the evening! Lily Padden, one of our newest KJCC members and soon-to-be Bat Mitzvah, did an absolutely beautiful job chanting the four questions. As usual, Erica expertly organized the meal. She brought in a professional Chef who prepared a fabulous chicken dinner as the main entrée. Barbara & Richard Knowles made their famous and most delicious matzo ball chicken soup. It was enjoyed by all, but we missed Barb & Richard who were not able to attend. Although we had three very competent kitchen staff, I had difficulty coercing Erica to get out of the kitchen when it was time to present the Joel S. Cohen Fellowship Award. The expression of extreme surprise on her face was priceless once she realized that she was this year's recipient. Well deserved, Erica! We look forward to many more *Mishpacha* Seders together in the years to come.

May Day became Sisterhood Ladies Day at Hobo's. Sixteen of us had a lively lunch on their patio under the awning. The weather was perfect and the food and conversation delightful. After our meal, we were able to hold a discussion over the din of the fans. The consensus was – getting together is wonderful.

We are planning our first potluck dinner in two years, in celebration of Shavuot. It only seems right. This is the holiday when we read the story of Ruth, the brave and faithful young woman who became the ancestor of King David. Just as she persevered under hardship to find her strength and faith, so do we at KJCC Sisterhood find ways to not only survive, but to grow. (Our delicious potlucks can cause waistlines to grow too, but there will be plenty of salads and other healthy choices.) Contact Joyce at [joycepeckman@gmail.com](mailto:joycepeckman@gmail.com) or 732-447-5225 to RSVP and coordinate your dairy or vegetarian contribution.

The Domestic Abuse Shelter and MARC were the grateful recipients of a large donation of clothing, toys and linens as a result of our collection. Donna Bolton organized the bags and made the time to meet Jasmine, the Upper Keys Advocate for the shelter, who thanked us for our efforts.

The women of the KJCC Sisterhood will be planning some wonderful events as we approach the High Holidays, so please stay tuned.

May everyone enjoy the summer season, wherever it may take you! ◇



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# Shabbabaque

**DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022**

**PLACE: KJCC**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M. HAMBURGERS,  
HOT DOGS AND SIDES  
7:30 P.M. SERVICES**

**COME, EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY**



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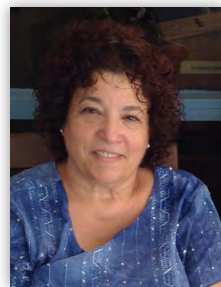


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## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

### Medina Roy



#### Rough, Yes, But They're Happy

Most of us know that the United Nations continually condemns Israel and singles her out with more negative resolutions than any other nation. But here's a bit of positive news coming from the U.N. According to the "World Happiness Report," a project of the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Israel is the 9th happiest country in the world. In recent years, the Jewish state has moved slowly up the rankings, going from number 14 in 2020 to number 11 in 2021. The report, now in its tenth year, factors in "a country's GDP, social support, life expectancy, 'freedom to make life choices,' citizen generosity and perceptions of corruption into its ranking." Each country's response to COVID-19 was also a factor this year in the ranking and Israel was one of the first countries to successfully vaccinate a large percentage of its population. The report noted that "Deaths from COVID-19 during 2020 and 2021 have been markedly lower in those countries with higher trust in public institutions and where inequality is lower." As in past rankings, cold European countries held their spots at the top of the list. Finland ranked as the happiest country in the world for the fifth consecutive year. Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland placed in the top four. The only other countries ahead of Israel are also European, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Sweden and Norway. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 3-18-22)

#### Postal Service Honors Jewish Author

A new series of Forever stamps has recently been issued by the U.S. Postal Service to honor Shel Silverstein, prolific Jewish author and illustrator who died in 1999. (Unless you haven't had children or if you've been living in a cave all

these years, Silverstein was a beloved children's book author, poet, illustrator, playwright, and songwriter - he wrote the 1969 Johnny Cash hit, "A Boy Named Sue." His books have been translated into more than 47 languages and have sold more than 20 million copies.)

The postage stamps commemorate what some claim to be his most famous book, "The Giving Tree," which tells the story of the relationship between a boy and a tree.

Silverstein was born in 1930 to a middle-class Jewish family in Chicago and started drawing and writing at a young age, drawing his first cartoons for adult readers (which led to work for Playboy Magazine) when he was a GI in Japan and Korea. He lived in Key West and died there when he was 68. (Go to any public library and borrow Silverstein's children's books, "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "A Light in The Attic." And take a look at "The Giving Tree," or any other children's books by him. Trust me, you'll want to own your own copies.) ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 4-11-22)

#### Zak the Baker

Zak Stern. His name is synonymous with some of the best fresh-baked bread in South Florida. And now, Zak Stern - the Zak in "Zak the Baker" - is being recognized as one of the best in the country. He has been named a finalist for a James Beard award, a prestigious award honoring those who toil in the most creative levels of the food industry. Stern was born and raised in South Miami and has twice previously been named a semifinalist in the Outstanding Baker category (2017 and 2018) for the kosher bakery he started in Wynwood. At that time, he was baking naturally leavened sourdough loaves

out of his house and selling them at farmer's markets. Now his breads are available throughout Whole Foods markets all over South Florida. This is the first time Stern has made it to be one of the five finalists. Winners will be announced June 13th in Chicago at an event that's known as the Oscars of the food world. ([www.apnews.com](http://www.apnews.com), 3-27-22)

### **The Next Ken Burns Documentary**

Tentatively scheduled to air September 18-20 on PBS, renowned Emmy-award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns is working on a three-part miniseries exploring America's relationship to the Holocaust. The series is co-directed and co-produced by Burns and his longtime collaborators Lynn Novick and Sarah Botstein. According to Burns, the series "dispels the competing myths that Americans either were ignorant of what was happening to Jews in Europe, or that they merely looked on with callous indifference." He stated that the series would be about immigration and who is an American and who is not. Like all of his projects, this documentary has taken years to complete. "Our latest film is one of the most important we've worked on," Burns said. Burns has previously explored the Holocaust in his films. He worked on the 2016 documentary "Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War," which followed American Unitarian minister Waitsill Sharp and his wife Martha in their mission to save Jewish refugees in Europe. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 4-11-22)

### **Righting a Wrong**

When Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter, professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University, visited a cemetery for U.S. soldiers in Normandy in 2014, he noticed that most of the graves seemed to have Christian symbols. Why were there no graves of Jewish soldiers? That question resulted in a non-profit project called Operation Benjamin, which tracks down the graves of Jewish U.S. servicemen mistakenly buried under crosses and replaces the headstones with those bearing the Star of David. So far, the project has replaced the headstones of nineteen U.S. Jewish servicemen. The group does not take money from the families of the dead soldiers; rather, it solicits donations through its website. The organization works with the American

Battle Monuments Commission, the government agency responsible for graves that are overseas. Schacter explained that mistakes were often made in the chaos during war. Also, many Jewish soldiers often removed the letter "H" from their dog tags that identified them as "Hebrew" in the event they fell into Nazi hands. Currently, Operation Benjamin is working on another 22 names. "These Jews died so we could remain alive - and free," Schacter said. "Remembering them for who they were is the least we can do. Being involved in this *chesed shel emet*, a true kindness, is a matter of *hakarot hatov*, recognizing the good they did for us, and being appreciative of their sacrifices." ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 5-3-22)

### **Caring for the Righteous**

Millions of Ukrainians had their lives changed forever after Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24th. The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) was particularly concerned with fifteen of them. That's how many Ukrainians are still alive from the foundation's tally of "Righteous Gentiles," non-Jews who have been verified and recognized by Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, to have risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust 80 years ago. The foundation financially supports these non-Jews (along with medicine, home health aides, warm clothing and home heating fuel). The JFR had sent the first installment of \$1,000 in early February but realized that the elderly Ukrainian rescuers couldn't wait until later in the year to receive their next check. Stanlee Stahl, the foundation's executive vice president, and the organization's board members, quickly agreed to fast-track the rest of the year's funding - \$2,000 each - to the fifteen living Righteous in Ukraine. That decision led to a feverish scramble to transfer cash across international borders at a time of total chaos and at the same time attempt to verify that the individuals were still alive and that the money was going to the right place. All of the rescuers - one died in March of natural causes, most likely exacerbated by the Russian bombing - were contacted and within a short time had received the \$2,000 (equivalent to more than a month's salary for the average Ukrainian). "We have a responsibility on

behalf of the Jewish people to make sure that these Righteous Gentiles are taken care of in their time of need,” said Harvey Schulweis, the foundation’s chairman. The JFR was founded in the late 1980s and over the years it has financially supported 3,600 Righteous Gentiles in 34 countries. At its height, the organization supported 1,850 rescuers, a number that declines each year and now services 134 in 14 countries. ([www.forward.com](http://www.forward.com), 5-11-22)

### In Memoriam

• Gerda Weissmann Klein, Holocaust survivor who became an author, humanitarian and subject of an Oscar-winning film, died in April. She was 97. During the liberation of the concentration camps, when Allied forces were quickly approaching, the Nazis barricaded Jews inside a barn, planting a time bomb outside. Gerda Weissmann was among those trapped in the barn. By a stroke of luck, a sudden rainstorm disconnected the bomb’s wiring. American forces found the barn and unlocked the door. Weissmann told the first rescuer she saw that she was Jewish. While he held the door open for her, he responded that he too, was Jewish. A few years after the war, the survivor and her liberator, U.S. Intelligence Officer Kurt Klein, were married in Paris. The couple later moved to the U.S. and Weissmann Klein became a naturalized citizen. She would go on to become a best-selling author of ten books, including her 1957 autobiography, “All But My Life,” which is often used as a text by Holocaust educators. (A copy of her book is available in the KJCC library and can be found in the Biography section (BIO). Decades later, her story became the basis of the 1995 HBO documentary, “One Survivor Remembers.” The film won both an Emmy and an Oscar. Director Kary Antholis’s intention was to have the film serve as a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camps and also as an urgent call for action concerning the Bosnian and Rwandan genocides of the 1990s. Antholis said that Weissmann Klein was his perfect subject; a survivor “who could articulate in the present day both the horrors of the camps, the miraculous resilience of the human spirit, and a general plea for tolerance and common humanity.”

Kurt Klein died in 2002. In 2008, Weissmann

Klein, along with her granddaughter, founded Citizenship Counts, a nonprofit which aims to teach students across the country about civic rights and responsibilities. For this and other humanitarian work, President Barack Obama in 2011 awarded Weissmann Klein the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States. ([www.abcnews.go.com](http://www.abcnews.go.com), 4-15-22)

• Vanda Semyonovna Obiedkova, 91, who survived Nazi roundups during the Holocaust, died in early April while sheltering in a cold basement in Mariupol, the southern city virtually obliterated by the Russians when they attacked Ukraine. Her death was reported by Chabad.org, which helped evacuate her family, among others, earlier that week.

Born in Mariupol, Obiedkova was ten years old when the Nazis arrived in the city and began rounding up the city’s Jews in 1941. The Nazis took away her mother. She managed to avoid the same fate by hiding in a basement. Later, she was detained on the outskirts of Mariupol but family friends convinced Nazis that she was Greek. Her non-Jewish father checked her into a hospital, where she remained until the city was liberated in 1943. In 1998, she gave testimony to Steven Spielberg’s USC Shoah Foundation, giving a full account of her Holocaust experience. When Russian bombardment began in March, Obiedkova and her family moved into the basement of a neighboring store with no water, heat or electricity. Mariupol had also been hit hard by the Russians back in 2014. At that time, Obiedkova and her family escaped with other members of the city’s Jewish community to a Chabad campground in Western Ukraine. ([www.nbcnews.com](http://www.nbcnews.com), 4-27-22)

• Boris Romanchenko, a 96-year-old non-Jewish Holocaust survivor who lived through four different Nazi concentration camps, died in a Russian airstrike on the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv at the end of March. His concentration camp uniforms bore a red triangle which was used for several non-Jewish categories. It likely indicated that he was either a political prisoner or a gentile who assisted Jews. Romanchenko was at home when his building was hit by Russian fire. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 3-22-22) ◇



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**MAKE ART, NOT WAR**

There is a group of artists in Israel that is fighting back against Anti-Semitism and hatred with chalk and sidewalk art. We've been asked to help make up an International group of 900 people who will do their best to counteract the 900 acts of violence perpetrated this year. Let's be part of this unique effort on Friday, Shavuot, the day we contracted, thousands of years ago, to take on the commandments and become the Jewish people. Think of what you'd like to say and we'll put it on long rolls of paper in our classroom. Show up to combat . . .

**ART AGAINST HATE**

**Meet on Friday afternoon, June 3, 2022, at KJCC  
from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.**

**Chalk and Markers will be our not so secret weapons.**

**All materials will be provided as well as guidance.**

**(You don't need to be an artist to do this):**

**Our SHAVUOT PROJECT**

**will BE DISPLAYED IN THE CLASSROOM**

**while we are having our Shavuot Dinner Friday Night**



**If you have questions, call or write Gloria: [geetavner@gmail.com](mailto:geetavner@gmail.com)**



# PHOTO GALLERY



Stan Margulies and Kathy Shabathai take part in our Yom Ha Shoah service, lighting a candle in memory of the one million Jewish children who were murdered.

We mark Yom HaShoah with a special service remembering the Holocaust, led by Medina Roy and Gloria Avner. Here Joyce Peckman and Susan Gordon light a candle representing one million of the six million Jews who were murdered.



Ellie, granddaughter of Mindy and Rich Agler, is looking very grown up and regal.



Rich and grandson Jonah seem to be enjoying a good snack. Why am I in awe of this grown up boy? Because I am remembering Grandma Mindy knitting a whale blanket for him before he was born.



Kjcc sisterhood enjoys its last meeting of the season with a lovely luncheon at Hobo's restaurant. We're feeling happy and healthy. Nice to have Lainey, Linda Pollack's sister, with us for Linda's Birthday.



Of course a good bit of attention was being paid to food..



Erica even attracted a Buddy clone African Grey.



Erica and her nephew at the beginning of her family adventure in Portugal. Beautiful scenery, lots of cliffs and seashore.



Next time you're at live KJCC services, getting your Oneg treats in the schoolroom, please notice and welcome back the beautiful Women's Seder Tribute Cloth. Every panel, meaningfully decorated by KJCC artists, is custom created, most of them created by or under the guidance of Marcia Kreiman. We are grateful to have it back. Here's hoping we'll have the Seder back next year and recognize another woman for her good works and loving presence.



One of the best things about going back to live services is that it allows us to welcome visitors. On this first full night back we were able to reconnect with and support the memory and family of Pascal. We lit a Yahrzeit candle marking the second year.





Beth Kaminstein and daughter Brieze give the annual Scholarship award in Ron Levy's name.



Gloria tells Oshi (Oceana Gross) how proud we are of her as we present her with a KJCC Scholarship check at the High School Class of '22 award night while Susan Gordon and Joyce Peckman applaud.



Mikhaela Bitton, now back in the Keys and already in college, accepts a KJCC scholarship check from Gloria.

Harry Friedman, son of Jane and Steve, applied for and received a project support grant for creative engineering work he'll be doing this summer before his birthright trip. Can't wait to see photos of the completed device.



Medina has post service leading happiness. Actually we all did that night. It was so good to be sitting together "gam yachad."



Happy Yom HaAtzmaut!! The decor (by Susan Gordon of course), was appropriate blue and white and Stars of David, celebrating Israel's Independence Day. The containers of Pita, tzaziki sauce, hummus, salads and matzoh bark made for a festive Erev Shabbat. We were all happy to see each other in person. Thanks to Erica for organizing this comeback dinner.

Dave Feder's Birthday and Suzi and Dave's Anniversary spent generously at an Our Place in Paradise fundraiser for The Good Health Clinic

Happy Passover!



Always good to see Nettie and Jules Seder in person.



Lily Padden and Maddy Bloom show off their \$2 prizes for finding the afikomen.



Rabbi Zucker brings shmura (made kosher in 18 minutes) matzah to Art Itkin at the Rehab Center.





Keith and Joyce's grandkids find and burn the chametz, getting ready for Pesach.



Erica Lieberman Garrett is surprised and happy at our first night Seder to receive KJCC's highest honor for the hard work and leadership she has contributed over many years to the life of our shul.



Sean Kaufman drums while we sing DAYENU



Yay, we found the afikomen!

Change takes getting used to, even if it is a change back to what was once as normal as coffee after dinner. For two years we stayed away from the Sanctuary, the Ruth Richardson Social Hall and the classroom where we had overflowed for many a celebratory dinner. We stayed away from each other. We kept our doors locked and our Torah closed. But now, with a healthy nod to following vaccination status and mask protocols, we are back.

The smiles were so genuine as we wished one another Shabbat Shalom after services and gathered in the Social Hall for Kiddush and HaMotzi. We were all happy to be there. So were non-members who chose to be with us, including a father and son wishing to say Kaddish for the recently departed mother, and the father and grandfather of Pascal, a frequent and welcome visitor in better days. Pascal was to be honored in a 5K race the next day, with proceeds going to animal protection.



Book club had a well-attended meeting at Linda Pollack's home



# Today

to Rabbi Agler

F O R D A V I D S A G A

KJCC Congregation Ohr HaYam extends its thanks and congratulations to Rabbi Agler on the completion of his two year “lunch and learn” series focusing on the story of King David, a central figure in Jewish history. Meeting with members of the Congregation for approximately an hour a month on Zoom, Rabbi Agler took attendees on a scholarly journey through the books of Samuel from the rise of David and his conflicts with his predecessor, King Saul, up to the death of David. Along the way, using close textual analysis, Rabbi Agler pointed out the strengths of David as a warrior king guided by G-d and flaws of David as a ruthless and despotic leader. Throughout the series, members debated parallels between David and subsequent leaders throughout history, gaining important insights into the use and misuse of power. We are indebted to Rabbi Agler for this and his many other contributions to our congregational life and look forward to seeing him and Mindy at the High Holy Days. *Today Rabah!!*



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## ***SHAVUOT***

*Counting of the Omer is ending.*

*JOIN US at the KJCC on*

*Friday, June 3rd, at 6:00 P.M.*

*for a Shavuot Dairy Potluck Dinner Celebration.*

**Contact Joyce at**

**[joycepeckman@gmail.com](mailto:joycepeckman@gmail.com) or**

**305-451-0665 to RSVP**

**and coordinate your dairy or veggie dish.**

***Shabbat and Yizkor Service***

***will follow at 7:30 P.M.***



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# What does cheesecake have to do with Shavuot?

by Joyce Peckman

When I prepare a dvar (Torah Talk) I go to my computer and search ideas from Rabbi Sacks , Chabad or reform.org. But if we are talking food, I go immediately to JamieGeller.com. Jamie Geller, sometimes called “the Kosher Rachel Ray” is a celebrity chef and author of “Quick and Kosher,” the only kosher cookbook better than “Recipes From The Rock” (which is still available from KJCC Sisterhood for only \$20).

Jamie explains how after the countdown to the seders, another type of countdown begins– the Omer! Immediately following Passover, for 49 days, or 7 weeks, the Jewish people wait and count the days until the date when they were given the Torah on Mount Sinai. This date is Shavuot – the Feast of Weeks, called both the Festival of the Giving of Torah and the Festival of the First Fruits since Shavuot commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Holy Temple.

The rabbis have been discussing the tradition of eating dairy on Shavuot since the 13th century. Apparently, they didn’t know its origins either. Many reasons are given:

1. With the giving of the Torah, suddenly the laws of keeping kosher were in effect, especially separating milk and meat. However, the Torah was given on Shabbat, when it would be impossible to kasher (make kosher) all the pots and pans, or cook kosher food, so they ate what was available – dairy.
2. Milk = Torah – Just like a mother gives milk to nourish a newborn baby, the Torah is the spiritual nourishment of the Jews.
3. In Hebrew, the word for milk is halav: Its numerical value in gematria is 40, which is a significant number in the Torah (40 years in the desert; Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai receiving the Torah..).
4. In Numbers 28:26 the children of Israel are told to bring “a new meal offering to G-d on your Shavuot.” The first three letters of those Hebrew words are the letters that make the word “halav” or milk.

5. The Israelites were on their way to a “land flowing with milk and honey.”

6. The simplest explanation is probably a practical one. The Shavuot festival falls in the calving season in Europe and Russia when there is a large amount of surplus milk. Since it did not keep well, especially in an age before refrigeration, most milk was made into butter and cheese. After the custom arose, our ancestors invented the beautiful explanations we have seen above.

We will honor this custom at our pre-Shavuot dinner on June 3rd. If you haven’t yet decided what to bring to this potluck event, may I suggest you consult “Recipes From The Rock”, which has blintz souf- fle (p.61), zucchini quiche (p.68), cheese-dill kugel (p.69) sweet cheese kugel (p.71) and more. Or go to [jamiiegeller.com](http://jamiiegeller.com) and get lost in a world of food. ◇

## Count Zischka’s Best Ever Cheesecake



### Crust:

- 3 Tbs. Sugar
- 3 Tbs. Butter (melted)
- 15 Lorna Doones (Shortbread Cookies)
- Mix cookies and sugar, stir in butter
- Bake 8–10 min. – 350 degrees

### Cake:

- 3 Pkgs. Cream Cheese (Softened)
  - 1 ¼ Cup Sugar
  - ½ Cup Sour Cream
  - 2 Tbs. Flour
  - 3 eggs
  - 1 Tbs. Vanilla Extract
- Mix cream cheese, sugar, sour cream and flour, beat at medium speed until smooth. Add eggs and vanilla extract, and mix well. Bake 10 min. at 425  
Reduce heat to 250,  
Bake 55 min. or until center appears set.

# The Changing Face of Shavuot

## (And How the Yizkors Came to Be)

By Gloria Avner

Let's face it. With the possible exception of Georgia Landau, Linda Perloff, Mort Silverman, and Steve Steinbock, we are not agricultural people anymore. We haven't been for a long time. Even if we had "*bikkurim*" or "first fruits" for offerings, there has been no authorized holy place to bring our fruits for sacrifice since the destruction of the second temple about 2000 years ago.

Here are some post-*Pesach* questions to ponder. How is it that our holidays and observance are so closely linked? One eight-day ritual is barely begun when we start our preparation for the next. By the end of the second day of *Pesach* we are already counting *Omer*, sheaves of barley grain, for the seven "weeks" leading up to *Shavuot*. When we are finished counting *Omer*, it will be time for sacrificing the *Bikkurim*, "first fruits," of harvest season. Finally, on the second day of *Shavuot*, comes the fourth and final *Yizkor* of our ceremonial year.

How are these events connected? After years of organizing KJCC's ritual events and holy days, I was sure there were never more than three or four weeks a year without a holiday or fast or feast to be observed (and that's not counting *Shabbat*). It could make a person dizzy.

The passage from *Pesach* to *Shavuot* was always connected, but a yearlong proliferation of holiday events such as KJCC celebrates may not always have been the case (and definitely was not called for in the *Torah*). In fact, prior to exile in the diaspora, there may only have been two ceremonial seasons. Both would have been related to the necessities of farming.

The first would have been the ceremonial season beginning with *Rosh HaSahanah*, through the 10 Days of Awe, ending with *Yom Kippur* and the

first *Yizkor*. This ten-day period, not unlike the *Pesach* period, was followed almost immediately by another multi-day celebration, this time the harvest celebration of *Sukkot*, again celebrating "fruits," an eight-day joyous observance capped by *Simchat Torah* and *Shemini Atzeret*, the day on which we hold our second *Yizkor* memorial service of the year.

Here comes the season in which we pray for rain and dew to nourish our crops. Six months later comes the second season, the one that heralds Spring. On the full moon of *Nissan* we celebrate our passage from slavery to freedom with eight days of *Passover*. This would have heralded the planting season along with all associations with new growth and transformation. On the last day, a third *Yizkor* service is held in the memory of our parents and grandparents.

Seven weeks later *Shavuot* arrives and the final celebration before the hard work of harvest takes place. On the second day of *Shavuot*, here in the diaspora, the fourth and last *Yizkor* service of the year is observed. In Israel, founded with strong agricultural roots by *kibbutzim* making the deserts bloom, people still celebrate with singing, dancing and flower displays. In Temple days, the farmers would leave Jerusalem after bringing their sacrifices and go home, back to their fields.

We won't go home. Like many congregations, we will focus on another face of *Shavuot*, the giving of the *Torah* on Mount Sinai, the metaphorical signing of the contract between us, the newly forged Jewish People and *Adonai*. "As God promises us rain and sun in proper season, we agree to honor the *Mitzvot* and be a "light to the nations The covenant is sealed.

On the morning scheduled for presentation we will not fall asleep as our ancestors nearly did. With the possibility of some dairy induced

carb-drowsiness (see the flier on p. and save the date--May 22), our congregants will be fully awake, having a Torah study session after a shared meal, a Shabbat Service and a *Yizkor* Service. Ah, we come back to *Yizkor*, a ceremony begun a mere thousand years ago.

Read the words inside the box to learn more of *Yizkor*'s origins. They are not so very ancient. But why is *Yizkor* relevant to the holidays it follows?

Think about *Bikkurim*, the fruits. They were sacrifices, gifts to God. It is the custom when honoring our departed to give charity or *tzedakah* in their names. That will be our sacrifice, in somber times and happy ones. Grateful for the teachings and the nourishment our parents gave us, it becomes obvious that we are their fruit, giving of ourselves, our good deeds, remembrances, and *Tzedakah*, in their names, so that others may thrive. ◇



### — *The Origin of Yizkor* —

\*The custom of reciting *Yizkor* on the solemn holiday of Yom Kippur began in Germany in the eleventh century following the devastation of Rhineland Jewry during the Crusades, a trauma that was exacerbated in the fourteenth century when Jews were butchered because non-Jews were convinced that they caused the Black Plague. It was originally a personal family prayer recited to remember their dead, but it soon became a prayer recited within a community in synagogues on Yom Kippur.

The custom of reciting *Yizkor* spread eastward very quickly and Polish Jews supplemented it with a prayer remembering the Jewish victims of the 1648 Cossack massacre under the leadership of Bogdan Chmielnicki. The Polish Jews also extended the recital of *Yizkor* beyond the sole recitation on Yom Kippur to the last days of the three festivals Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

*\*(quoted from a book review by Israel Drazin of "May God Remember," edited by Rabbi Dr. Lawrence J. Hoffman)*

### — *The Prayer* —

May God remember the soul of my beloved \_\_\_\_\_ who has passed to his/her eternal rest. I pledge charity in his/her name and pray that his/her soul be kept among the immortal souls of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah and all the righteous men and women in heaven. Amen.



## *In loving memory of Rabbi Steven Sager*

In loving memory of Rabbi Steven Sager, Master teacher of Rabbis, great friend to the Aglers and a much treasured visitor and teacher to us here at KJCC, Congregation Ohr HaYam. We offer deep condolences to Sabina and her family. We can still hear his voice reading Amichai to us. His memory already is, and will continue to be, a blessing.

## MY FATHER WAS GOD AND DID NOT KNOW IT

My father was God and did not know it. He gave me  
the ten commandments neither in thunder nor in fury, neither in fire nor in cloud  
but in gentleness and in love. He added caresses and added kind words  
adding, "I beg you," and "please." He sang keep and remember

in a single melody and he pleaded and cried quietly between one commandment and the next:

Don't take your God's name in vain; don't take it, not in vain.

I beg you, don't bear false witness against your neighbor. He hugged me tightly and whispered in my ear

Don't steal. Don't commit adultery. Don't murder. And he put the palms of his open hands  
on my head with the Yom Kippur blessing. Honor, love, in order that your days might be long on the earth.

And my father's voice was white like the hair on his head.

Later, he turned his face to me one last time  
like on the day he died in my arms and said, "I want to add  
two to the ten commandments:

The eleventh commandment: Don't change.

The twelfth commandment: You must surely change.

So said my father and then he turned from me and went off  
disappearing into his strange distances.

*Yehuda Amichai translated by Rabbi Steven Sager*



## VISITING ISRAEL WITH JNF PART 2 • NEGEV AND ARAVA

By Joyce Peckman

Heading through the Negev, south of the Dead Sea, we entered the part of the Negev called the Arava. Much of the drive seems like moonscape, yet this fascinating region was once a valuable center of trade, and today produces most of its dates and 60% of Israel's export of fresh vegetables. To the east are the Edom mountains of Jordan; at its southern tip is Eilat, a small city at the tip of the Red Sea with Jordan's much larger port city of Aqaba to the east, Egypt to the west and the mountains of Saudi Arabia in the distant southwest. Isrotel is a major Israeli upscale hotel chain, with several in Eilat. We stayed at Agamim Isrotel, justifiably famed for its gorgeous, bounteous breakfast and dinner buffets.

The next morning, we traveled about 30 minutes north of Eilat to Grofit, the Red Mountain Therapeutic Riding Center, a JNF project that serves special needs children and adults. It has been found that when on a horse, a person's hips, muscle tone

and inner core are strengthened. The rhythm of the horse's gait helps many processes in the brain, including body awareness and balance.

Specially trained horses and volunteers work with children and adults who have severe cerebral palsy or debilitating injuries, who gain not only skills, but immense joy at their upright mobility. Autistic children respond to the horse and therapist, overcoming fear and learning to laugh. This is therapy that changes lives. I just learned that they are also serving young refugees from the Ukraine. At Grofit we planted a tree in memory of JNF volunteers.

In Timna Park among the dramatic Arava hills, we visited "King Solomon's mines", where copper was extracted during the time of Solomon, but also long before then by the Egyptians. Once part of an ancient desert trade route, Timna is near the new Ramon airport and boasts a beautiful JNF sponsored visitor center and lots of dramatic walking and biking trails. For thousands of years, copper ore was extracted from narrow holes and tunnels dug into the ground, smashed to dust and then smelted on the spot. You can imagine the heat under which the slaves worked. But we were there in February, and the weather was delightful for climbing the magnificent rock formations. We returned exhausted and ready for that elegant dinner buffet.



Tziporim park bird release.



Tziporim Park bird Sanctuary with Eilat in the background.



**Dr. Solowey & son Nadav with Methuselah**

The next morning breakfast was late, because at 6:45 a.m. we were on a bus headed for the “Tziporim Park” International Bird Sanctuary.

We were met by a 19-year-old aspiring conservationist who was doing a year of service before his term in the army. We learned that Eilat is a crucial stop for over 500 million birds migrating from Northern Europe and Russia to Africa. Israel lies between the Mediterranean and the deserts of Jordan, where they cannot land. They



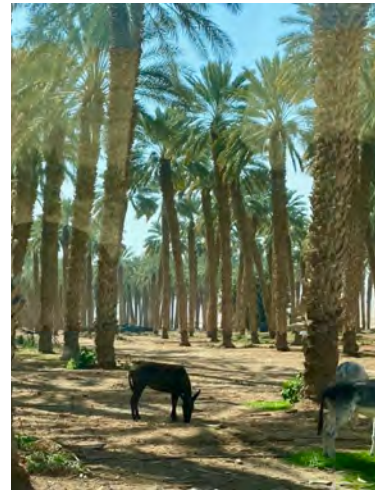
**Tree planting at Riding Academy**

stop in Eilat, the only location providing safe flying and resting space to rest and build up reserves of fat before attempting the three-day non-stop flight a mile high over the Sahara. Much of Eilat’s natural habitat has become urbanized, but JNF stepped in, recovered degraded land and planted native trees. JNF works with city planners, the armed forces and scientists in neighboring countries to protect the birds. At the International sanctuary some are caught and banded to help scientific studies. I “helped” release a tiny banded cheepchack, named for its song. We saw flamingoes, kingfishers, kites, cormorants in the water, and dozens of martins flying over our heads.

We returned to a sumptuous breakfast and then back into the Arava desert to Kibbutz Keturah.

You may have heard of “Methuselah,” the date palm grown from ancient seeds. Keturah is its home.

We were greeted by Dr. Elaine Solowey’s son Nadav, who explained his mother’s incredible work. Among the ancient treasures found Masada’s clay jars in 1963 were some two thousand-year-old date palm seeds. Dr. Solowey, working in The Arava Institute, was able to germinate one and planted it on Tu b’Shevat, 2005. In 2008 the young “Methuselah” was added to the Guinness book of world records as the world’s oldest date palm. This specimen of a formerly extinct variety was sadly found to be a male. But



**Donkeys at Kibbutz Keturah**



other even more ancient date seeds were found in Qumran. This time Dr. Solowey was able to germinate three plants, one of which was female. The seedling was named Hannah and pollinated with seeds from Methuselah. In Sept 2020, dates were harvested.

Dr. Solowey then came out to proudly show us her greenhouse, featuring twenty young date trees from the seeds harvested from Hannah, and to tell us about her latest work, searching for valuable crops that could be grown with less water. Argan



**Climbing in Timna**



**Timna Descent - leading is Donelle, my roomie from Chicago, then my friend Miriam, and behind me is Mike from Boynton**

oil, rich in antioxidants and vitamin E, is prized for its use in revitalizing hair and skin. The kibbutz is now growing argan trees and creating less labor-intensive ways of

producing the oil. They are also growing marula trees. In the mahogany family, marula can produce 1000 lbs. of fruit per tree and uses 10% of the water needed for dates. Its antioxidant oil is prized for cosmetics, and Amarula liqueur, tasting like Amaretto, is made from the fruit. Dr. Solowey also has created a shelter garden for nearly extinct plants such as the anti-inflammatory Balm of Gilead and the air-cleansing Boswellia, known biblically as frankincense.

The chief product of Kibbutz Keturah is Madjool dates, which they sell around the world, even to Arab countries. Donkeys do the weeding between the trees. On the grounds of the kibbutz is a room leased to Denmark – in which dates are packaged, labeled “product of Denmark” and shipped out. There are many kibbutzim and moshavim in the Arava (Southern District) of the Negev which use reclaimed and desalinated water in the most efficient ways possible to grow much of Israel’s produce.

Those who choose to make their home in the Negev thrive in the sometimes harsh, starkly beautiful rural environment that brings the joys and challenges of nature directly into their lives. ◇



**Timna - Solomon's Pillars**



TALIA AGLER GIRLS SHELTER

# 10 Years of Saving & Enriching Girls' Lives

By Mindy Agler

In April, Rich and I, and our niece Eve, were able to visit the Talia Agler Girls' Shelter (TAGS) for the first time since before the pandemic. We were so grateful to get back there, and to share the excitement as the girls moved from their rented home of the last few years in to their new, permanent, home! (see photos 1-5)

The new home offers not only a sense of stability and purpose, it is spacious enough to include several bedrooms, several bathrooms, *all*

*with running water*, and a reading room, library, and resource center! Edith Murogo, the founder, CEO, and official "Mum" of the shelter, also has a vision of opening up the library to children from the neighborhood, helping to integrate TAGS girls into a more normal life, and giving them an opportunity to give back to the community.

The ability to purchase the home began with a gift of \$130,000 from a friend of TAGS. A second gift of \$125,000 made it possible to move in, with an agreement to raise the additional \$245,000 before August of 2023 to complete the purchase.



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Photos 1-5





Photos 6-9

All contributions, large or small, to the building fund are welcomed!

Rich, Eve, and I had some time to feed giraffes at The Giraffe Centre <https://www.giraffecentre.org/> and to take a short safari through Nairobi National Park <http://www.kws.go.ke/parks/nairobi-national-park>. (see photos 6-9)

April 9th would have been Tali's 36th birthday. We celebrated her with a fundraising walk through Karura Forest with dozens of TAGS' supporters. It was a beautiful day and I can't think of a better way to spend her birthday! (see photos 10-12)

The girls also had the opportunity to go to



Photos 10-12



I also made a good friend at our AirBnB.

camp, thanks to Erin Shattuck, a member of Spirit and Truth Ministries of the Keys. (Erin also participated in the walk, and is pictured on the left in photo 11.) Erin raised the funds for the adventure, and the church very generously supplemented what she needed. Erin is a dynamo, full of energy, compassion, and joy. She put together a wonderful program for the girls, who are rarely able to leave the shelter except to go to school. This was a 3-day trip to the "country," to a campsite on a river, with tubing, a moonlight hike, and kayaking though a waterfall. The girls were given a journal to record their thoughts and feelings every day,

and also had a photo shoot, which made each of them feel special! I wish we could share pictures from the shoot; the girls' smiles were so wide and beautiful! (see photos 13-16)

We spent our final afternoon at the office of the Centre for Domestic Training and Development, the parent organization of TAGS, with Edith and her amazing staff. We got an update on current projects as well as plans for sustainability and growth. It was a productive afternoon. (see photos 17-18)

And finally, I want to end with a photo I took of a "matatu" on the streets of Nairobi. The matatus are private buses that shuttle people around the

city, and they are vibrant and crowded and chaotic—often filled not only with people but with chickens! They crowd the streets and own the roads with their aggressive driving, but they keep the city moving. This one made me think of all of you!

Thank you to Sisterhood for supporting us through the Women's Seder, even when it didn't happen—we're so grateful! And thank you now for taking the time to "visit" along with us through Chai Lights! (And stay tuned—we are beginning to put together a trip to Nairobi to visit TAGS, explore Nairobi, and go on safari!) ◇



Photos 13-16



Photos 17-18

Photo 19



# Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Memorial Day)

In 1949 and 1950, the first two years after the declaration of the State, memorial services for soldiers who fell in the 1947–1949 war were held on Independence Day. Services at military cemeteries were coordinated between the Israeli Defense Forces 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.

Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) 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 2022, that number was 24,068. Since its inception Yom HaZikaron also remembers Israel’s terror victims; as of 2022 they number 3,190.

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.

Yom HaZikaron differs from America’s Memorial Day in that, 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. Memorial candles are lit in homes, army camps, schools, synagogues, and public places, and flags are lowered to half-mast. 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.

A two-minute siren is sounded at 11:00 AM 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.

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 PM), in a ceremony at the national military cemetery on Mount Herzl, marking the start of Israel's Independence Day, when the flag of Israel is returned to full mast.

Scheduling Yom HaZikaron right before Independence Day (Yom HaAtzmaut) 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. A special Kaddish and El Male Rachamim are recited on Yom HaZikaron. You can hear the special rendition of El Male Rachamim here: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=el+male+rachamim+yom+hazikaron&FORM=AWVR>

O God, full of mercy, Who dwells on high, grant proper rest in the wings of the Divine Presence in the lofty level of the holy and the pure ones, who shine like the glow of the firmament for the souls of the men and women of the Israel Defense Forces who met their deaths in the wars of Israel, in action of defense, retaliation and se-

curity, while fulfilling their missions and during their service, and to the souls of all the fighters of the underground organizations and the fighting units in the nation's battles, and all the men and women of the intelligence community and the security and police forces who gave their lives in the sanctification of Gods Name and, with the help of the God of the armies of Israel, brought about the rebirth of the nation and the state and the redemption of the Land and the City of God, as well as all those who were murdered, in Israel and abroad, by murderers of the terrorist organizations, by virtue of our prayers for the ascent of their souls. May the Merciful One therefore shelter them in the shelter of His wings for eternity; and may He bind their souls in the Bond of Life. The Lord is their heritage, Eden their place of rest. May they repose in peace in their resting places, may their merit reflect on all of Israel, and may they meet their destiny in the End of Days. Now let us respond: Amen.

Here is a link to Shlomi Shabbat singing with orphans of the Israel Defense Force. It has subtitles in English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G4Yc8ubFlxw> This is one of the major prices Israel pays for its wars. Consider supporting an orphan.







# Reverse Tashlich October 2, 2022

Reverse Tashlich is a little under five months away, so I am reaching out in hopes that Keys Jewish Community Center will be joining Tikkun HaYam, and Jews around the world, for our 5th Annual Reverse Tashlich. This year the Jewish community will come together to clean their local environments on October 2nd, 2022. We appreciate your participation last year, and hope to have you and the Keys Jewish Community Center join us again this year.

— Shayna Cohen & Rabbi Ed Rosenthal



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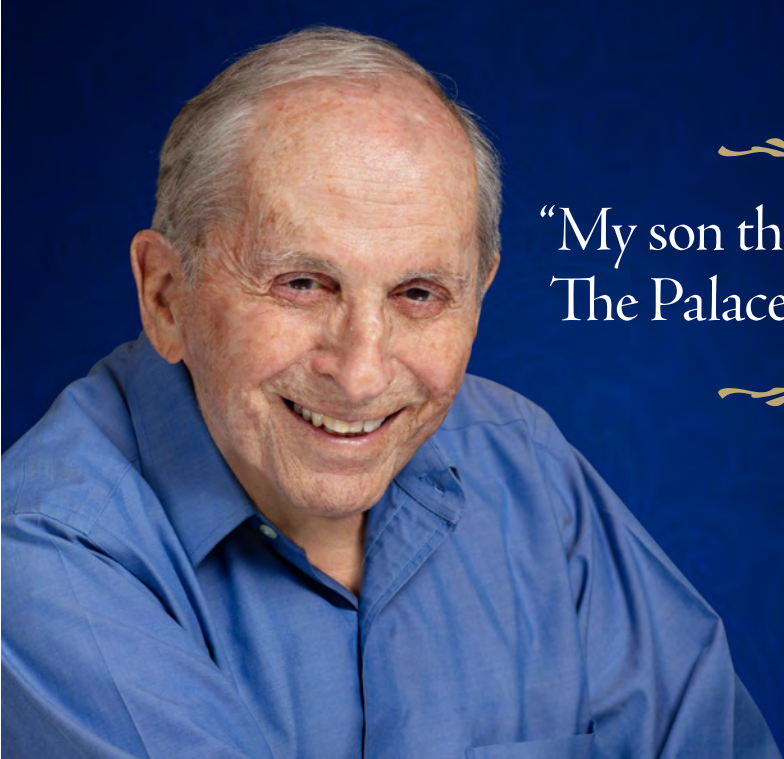
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Ken Atlas



This will be my last entry for the secular year. Needless to say, it will be ritual heavy. I do want to first say how proud I am of KJCC, it's board and members. We've had some real setbacks over the past month, but banded together, came up with stellar ideas, and in the process, really flourished!

By now everyone knows about our Covid issues at High Holidays. We saw first hand, that travel is still a dangerous venture, and an easy way to pick up Covid. Several of our traveling members unfortunately were in that boat. And after RH, our Rabbi was among them.

But our House and Ritual Committees quickly added a large TV screen to our sanctuary and set it up so the rabbi could participate through zoom, right into the

sanctuary. This tech will come in handy in the future as well. Ritual coordinated with the cantor and the rabbi, to make sure all parts of the services were covered. A few of us stood in, while the rabbi continued his teachings, as well as an impromptu discussion, as I finished Neilah a tad before sundown (I've always been quick)!

The feedback I've gotten has been very good, and I feel, despite Covid, and the storms, we still had one of our best HH seasons ever.

Looking ahead, we will have completed Sukkot, and will be looking forward to Chanukah as the secular year comes to end.

L'shana tovaH ◇

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## November – December 2022

Many of our activities will be moving on-site to the KJCC.  
All High holiday services will be at KJCC Congregation Ohr HaYam and on Zoom  
Please check the weekly announcements for details.

Every Monday	2 p.m. Drop-in Zoom Chat
Friday, Nov. 4	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Erica Lieberman Garrett at KJCC
Sunday, Nov. 6	10 a.m. Sisterhood at KJCC. Move clocks back to standard time
Tuesday, Nov. 8	Election Day
Friday, Nov.11	Veterans Day 6 p.m. Shabbat Project Dinner – Dairy Pot Luck. RSVP to Erica Lieberman Garrett 7:30 p.m. Shabbat service led by Barney Coltman, Gloria Avner & Donna Bolton
Sunday, Nov.13	10 a.m. KJCC Board Meeting
Friday, Nov. 18	7:30 pm. Shabbat Service led by Steve Hartz on Zoom
Thursday, Nov 24	Thanksgiving & Rosh Chodesh Kislev
Friday, Nov. 25	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at KJCC led by Joe Shabathai
Tuesday, Nov.29	12:30 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club, at the home of Shirley Stein
Friday, Dec. 2	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at KJCC led by Erica Lieberman Garrett
Sunday, Dec. 4	10 a.m. Sisterhood Meeting
Weds, Dec. 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Friday, Dec. 9	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service at KJCC led by Joyce Peckman
Sunday, Dec. 11	10 a.m. KJCC Board Meeting
Friday, Dec. 16	7:30 p.m. Shabbat service at KJCC led by Susan Gordon & Linda Pollack
Sunday Dec. 18	First Night of Chanukah
Friday, Dec.23	6 p.m. Chanukah Party Dairy Pot Luck. RSVP Loni Padden 7:30 p.m. Shabbat services led by Randy Klein-Gross
Sunday, Dec. 25	Rosh Chodesh Tevet – Last Night of Chanukah
Monday, Dec. 26	8th Day of Chanukah
Tuesday, Dec. 27	12:30 Sisterhood Book Club
Friday, Dec. 30	7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Medina Roy & Gloria Avner

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## Book Club and Talks

Our next KJCC Book Club meeting will be Tuesday, November 29th at 12:30 p.m. See poster for coming winter selections on pp. 12. Shirley Stein has graciously agreed to not only review the book but will also welcome us to her home. We will, of course, do Zoom as well. The book is *The Spirit Catches You And You Fall Down*, written by Anne Fadiman. In September we enjoyed Rabbi Agler's review of the book he has recently co-edited, *A G-d We Can Believe In*. We were on Zoom, able to follow Rabbi's talk and ask questions as well. If you missed the talk and would like to tune in, here is the information which will enable you to watch it Write down the passcode, because you will have to enter it separately.

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### *Recommendations for further reading:*

- Jew(ish) by Matt Greene
- Anxious People by Fredrik Backman (Author of A Man Called Ove – another good book)
- The Great Kosher Meat War of 1902 by Scott D. Seligman – recalls a highly organized consumer uprising led by Lower East Side immigrants fed up with slaughterhouse price fixing
- The Nazi-Fighting Women of the Jewish Resistance by Judy Batalion
- The Light of Days – The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters by Judy Batalion
- The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks
- Jewish Cooking in America by Joan Nathan
- An Unorthodox Match by Naomi Ragen
- The Half-Jewish Book by Daniel Klein
- The Pity of It All by Amos Elon
- The Choice by Edith Eva Eger
- Defending Britta Stein by Ronald Balson
- Shadows Walking by Douglas Skopp
- The Berlin Zookeeper by Anna Stuart
- The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
- Horse by Geraldine Brooks
- Midnight Library by Matt Haig
- Angels of the Pacific by Elise Hooper

## Coming Attraction: KENYA Safari With the Aglers

Yes, when you read about Linda Kaplan's Trip to visit the girls from TAGS (Talia Agler Girls Shelter) outside Nairobi and her jeep journey to wild animals in natural habitat, ask yourself "Would I like an experience like that?", because there is an opportunity coming up. Mindy and Rabbi Richard Agler are planning to lead just such an adventure in August of 2023. Details will be forthcoming shortly but if you have even an inkling of interest, write them a note. They will need a certain minimum, but are pretty sure they will have it. Definitely check out Linda Kaplan's story: pp. 22.

## The Shabbos Project

All over the world, people will be gathering in celebratory groups to make challah and celebrate Shabbat on November 11th. We have had wonderful times doing it ourselves for years, with the exception of Covid time. Join with our KJCC Mishpocha on Nov. 11 at 6:00 pm for a homemade Shabbat dinner before services. We will once again be celebrating our most important holiday in our home, the KJCC Congregation Ohr HaYam Social Social Hall. A sincere Todah Rabah (thank you) to the women of Sisterhood for putting together another delicious dinner for us. See pp 10 for details.

## Chanukah Oh Chanukah

We love our Chanukah traditions, songs and food. Into the darkest time of the year, we will bring light and joy. So check out the poster for details on pp. 16, make the required call, heat up your oil and bring some latkes, souvganiyot (jelly donuts), other treats or just your Shabbat self and appetite to our Chanukah Dinner/Party. Thank you, Linda Pollock, for once again sponsoring the dinner, so there will be no charge (though donations are always welcome). Don't forget to bring your chanukiyot (candleholders) and candles so we can all light the lights and sing the blessings together before services, always such a beautiful and moving ceremony.

## New Year's Eve Eve

Let's drink a toast to a happy, healthy, vibrant New Year on December 30th, the last Shabbat Service of the secular year to be led with a lot of singing by Medina Roy and Gloria Avner. ◇

# ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

**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 ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429 or email [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com), for 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? Thank you Jane Friedman. Call Donna Bolton, 305-393-1351, to reserve an orchid, bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR:** : To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Erica Lieberman Garrett, 305-393-1162, or email her at [hippiejap@hotmail.com](mailto:hippiejap@hotmail.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.

**CARING KEHILAH/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. The Caring Kehilah Committee is calling and checking in on our socially distant members. Call Laurie Blum, 414-698-5647 if you wish to request that someone be contacted.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at 305-587-7429 or [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com).

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://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. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

### SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, 2022

#### Rabbi & Cantor

David & Patti Gross  
Medina Roy  
Beth Kaminstein  
Alan & Chely Markowitz  
Michael & Lorena Kaufman

#### Security

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow  
Linda Pincus  
Medina Roy  
Michael & Lorena Kaufman

#### Yizkor

Jane Friedman  
Richard & Barbara Knowles  
Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea  
James Brush  
David & Patti Gross  
Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow  
Linda Pincus  
Medina Roy  
Beth Kaminstein  
Maria Cartagena

#### Tzeddakah Fund

Linda Pincus  
Medina Roy

#### Scholarship Fund

Linda Pincus  
Medina Roy

#### Chai-Lights Support

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow  
Linda Pincus  
Maria Cartagena

#### Unrestricted

Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea  
James Brush  
Michael & Lorena Kaufman  
Melvin & Joyce Ruthen

#### Tikkun Olam

Linda Pincus  
Alan & Chely Markowitz

#### Leaf

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

#### Yahrzeit

Linda Pollack..... Hunter Padgett  
Laurie Blum..... Rosie Kleinfeldt Blum Krilov  
& Gary Margolis  
Stephen Steinbock ..... Carol Steinbock  
Patricia Isenberg .....Henry Walter Isenberg  
Randy Kominsky ..... Natalie Kominsky  
Lillian Tallent ..... Samuel Tallent  
Joan Boruszak ..... Harold Goldstein  
Marshall & Myra Kaplan..... Leonard Roberts  
Larry & Dorothy Wolfe ..... Diana Wolfe  
Jeff & Cheryl Margulies..... Ilse Doellefeld  
Benjamin Margulies  
Patricia Isenberg ..... Helene Tulsky

#### In Memory of

#### Scholarship

Barney Coltman ..... In memory of Family

#### Other

Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis ..... TAGS  
Erica Lieberman Garrett ..... TAGS  
Donna & Bill Bolton ..... TAGS  
Gloria Avner..... TAGS  
Richard & Mindy Agler ..... Food Drive  
Stephen Steinbock ..... Food Drive  
Elizabeth Hayden ..... Piano Tuning  
Paul & Marlene Berger ..... Yom Kippur service  
Donald Steamer & Elynn Eiss .... Yom Kippur service  
June Berkon ..... Perle Goodman

#### Sisterhood Donations

Jane Friedman..... Steve's Birthday  
Tina & Arnold Klein..... 56th Wedding Anniversary  
Hanna David .....In Memory of Son, Judd  
Barbara Knowles ..... Her and Sammy's birthdays  
Ken Atlas ..... Thanksgiving  
Barney Coltman ..... The leadership of Steve Hartz  
Beth Horowitz .....Her Birthday  
Jeff Cheryl Margulies ..... Anniversary & Birthdays  
Gloria Avner..... Special Birthday &  
Memory of David Gitin  
Erica Lieberman Garrett .....Her Medicare Birthday  
Linda Pollack..... Chanukah Dinner Sponsorship

## 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 bimah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is \$400.

**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

November 4	Kathy Shabathai Celebrating Her Birthday	November 25	Ken Atlas Celebrating Thanksgiving
November 11	Medina Roy In Honor & Memory of Husband Carl on Veterans Day	December 2	Barney Coltman Celebrating KJCC Fellowship
November 11	Shabbat Across America Canada Dinner Sisterhood	December 9	Sisterhood
November 18	Gloria Avner Celebrating Her Birthday & the Memory of David Gitin	December 16	Sisterhood
		December 23	Linda Pollack Chanukah Party Dinner
		December 30	Sisterhood Celebrating the New Year

## Birthdays

### November

2nd..... Brian Boruszak  
 2nd..... Jeremy M. Schur  
 2nd..... Matt Temkin  
 3rd..... Katherine Shabathai  
 4th..... Zoey Barrett  
 7th..... Joel Stein  
 7th..... Michele Lindenbaum  
 8th..... Melissa Katz-Fusco  
 8th..... Nico Wilbur  
 11th..... Cathy Dutton  
 13th..... Kevin Cheatham  
 13th..... Linda Kaplan  
 13th..... Marilyn Greenbaum  
 13th..... Tami Antelman  
 14th..... Larry Wolfe  
 14th..... Rae Wruble  
 15th..... Nora Brennan  
 16th..... Lorelei Alexander  
 18th..... Diana Loi-Kamely  
 18th..... Ross Alexander  
 19th..... Michael E. Schur  
 20th..... Betty Small  
 21st..... David Greenstein  
 22nd..... Gloria Avner  
 22nd..... John Luis Greenbaum  
 24th..... Arthur Lee Willner  
 24th..... Will Travis Pollack  
 26th..... John Douglas Greenbaum  
 28th..... Nicole Hudson  
 29th..... Benjamin Rakov

### December

1st..... Rachel Levine  
 3rd..... Ashley Berk  
 3rd..... Cammie Berk  
 4th..... Jan Hartz  
 4th..... Judith Klein  
 5th..... Geri Smith

5th..... Joseph Beth  
 5th..... Stuart Sax  
 6th..... Haley Borisoff  
 6th..... Leslie Boruszak  
 7th..... Franklin Rose  
 7th..... Gary Grossinger  
 7th..... Rhett William Casey  
 7th..... Vada Charity (Bella) Greenbaum  
 8th..... Naomi Moss  
 9th..... George Swartz  
 9th..... Jacob Grossinger  
 10th..... Susan Greenbaum  
 11th..... Oran Hesterman  
 11th..... Sara Rose Friedman  
 12th..... Laurie Blum  
 13th..... Robin Margulies Juenger  
 13th..... Sarah Boruszak  
 16th..... Diana Lal  
 16th..... Samuel Klimpl  
 17th..... Bruce Forman  
 17th..... Lilian Forbes  
 18th..... Emelyn Anne Juenger  
 18th..... Jerry Small  
 19th..... Jonah Gross  
 19th..... Lorena Kaufman  
 19th..... Terry Willner-Tainow  
 20th..... Jennifer Erin VanArtsdalen  
 22nd..... Laura Molly Friedman  
 22nd..... Lisa Miller  
 22nd..... Stuart Smith  
 26th..... Steven Smith  
 27th..... Claire Tallent  
 27th..... Steve Kasinof  
 28th..... Elaine Schulberg  
 28th..... Emily Sherman  
 28th..... Len Levi  
 28th..... Michael Klimpl  
 29th..... Joan Stark

## Anniversaries

### November

2nd Michele & Alan Lindenbaum  
 6th Thomas & Renee Brodie.....29  
 6th Susan Horn & Dot Brooking  
 14th Donald & Nancy Zinner.....35  
 23rd Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver.....8

27th Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea..... 19  
 27th Stanley & Jenny Margulies

### December

7th Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum..... 12  
 10th Linda & Bruce Pincus..... 33  
 11th Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

# *In Memoriam – November 2022*

**Eugene Agler**

By Richard & Mindy Agler

**Molly Sandroff**

By Hanna David

**Lillian Skolnick**

By Susan Gordon

**David Kamely**

By Yardena Kamely

**Fanny Kluger**

By Nancy Kluger

**Benjamin Margulies**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

**Raymond K. Hess**

By Jan Price

**Elaine Ruda**

By Sylvia Berman

**Jacqueline Berger**

By Lynn Dils

**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

**Harold Goldstein**

By Joan Boruszak

**Harriet Feder**

By David & Suzi-Sara Feder

**Michal Kamely Levy**

By Yardena Kamely

**Jacob S. Raub**

By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Ilse Doellefeld**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

**Tillie Pollack**

By Linda Pollack

**Shirley Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Albert Kaminsky**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Rose T. Steinberg**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

**Kenny Temkin**

By Robert Temkin

**Esther Gold Willner**

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

**Shirley Singer**

By Lee Schur

**Marianne Cimkowski**

By Stephen Steinbock &  
Rosemary Barefoot

**Dick Jacob**

By David & Pat VanArtsdalen

**Diana Wolfe**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

**Florence Cohen**

By Jules & Nettie Seder

**Samuel Tallent**

By Lillian Tallent

**Zara White**

By Susan White

## Veterans Day Remembrance

by Stuart Sax

**O**n the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, military veterans pause, whether they are attending a ceremony or not, to remember those before us that have served, fought, and died to preserve the freedoms that we often take for granted. Some of my fondest memories include driving to Mt Nebo Memorial Gardens each November with Steve Steinbock, Jeff Schocket and others to place flags and recite Kaddish at the gravesites of our Jewish military veterans interred there.

It was always a solemn and meaningful

experience and a reminder that this holiday is not for going to malls and movies and barbecues, but for remembering and reflecting and honoring. Many often forget, especially when our nation is not actively at war, but Veterans Day should mean more to everyone than it does in modern times. Make it mean something to you. Fly a flag proudly in honor of our veterans both here and departed. Pause for a moment of silence at 11am on November 11th wherever you are and remember that I will be remembering with you. ◇



# *In Memoriam – December 2022*

**Alex Avner**

By Gloria Avner

**Betty Abramson**

By Joel & Toby Bofshever

**George Paul Tomor**

By Barbara A. Calev

**Eva Levine**

By Barnet O. Coltman

**Harry Wolfe**

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

**Michael (Mischa) Stieglitz**

By Elizabeth Hayden

**Kurt Kluger**

By Nancy Kluger

**Daniel Birnbaum**

By Norbert Birnbaum

**Burton V. Boruszak**

By Joan Boruszak

**Leatrice Tomor**

By Barbara A. Calev

**Morris Hitzig**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

**David Carson**

By Scott & Sharon Greenstein

**Jerry Levy**

By Yardena Kamely

**Gary Kreitman**

By Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver

**Ivy W. Blumenfeld**

By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

**Julius Kohlenbrener**

By Joan Boruszak

**Robert Scott Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman

**Harry Friedman**

By Jane Friedman

**Jacqueline Greenstein**

By Scott & Sharon Greenstein

**Janet Kaplan**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Deborah Krissel Cannon**

By Michael Krissel

**Harris Warren**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Mitch Harvey**

By Linda Perloff

**Raymond Martell**

By Frank Rose

**Murray Blinder**

By Steven & Barbara Smith

**Bernard Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Eve W. Zinner**

By Donald Zinner

**Charles Margolis**

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Claire Lempel**

By Linda Pincus

**Rhonie Lee Klipper**

By Mary Lee Singer

**Steve Cimkowski**

By Stephen Steinbock & Rosemary Barefoot

**Harold Tainow**

By Jon S. Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

**Adele Kaufman**

By Jeff & Lisa Miller

**M. Arlene Hess**

By Jan Price

**Sylvia L. Singer**

By Mary Lee Singer

**Bertha Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

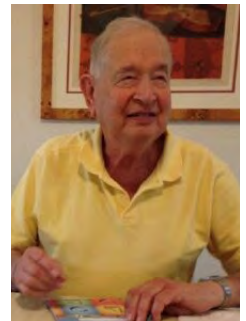
**Frances Willner**

By Jon S. Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

## *KJCC Remembers George Swartz*

KJCC regrets to announce the passing of George Swartz, on 2 Cheshvan. The beloved husband of Muriel Swartz, he was President of KJCC from 1996 –1998, a frequent lay leader, a brilliant scientist and dear friend to many. For years we celebrated his birthday on the same day we celebrated Chanukah at Pauline's house. Our students would give him birthday cards they had made for him. We would sing to him after we lit our Chanukiahs. His light shines on. May his memory be a blessing.

*Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot? – No One Is Ever Lost Who Is Remembered*



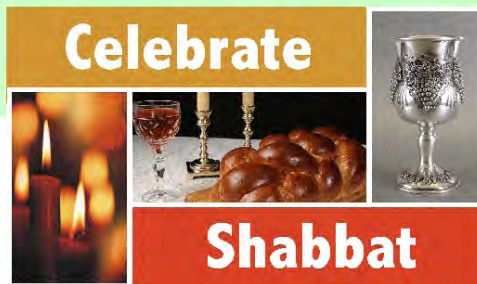


**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

**Please join us for the  
worldwide celebration of  
Shabbat ~  
The Shabbos Project  
DAIRY Shabbat Dinner!**

**6:00 P.M. DINNER**

**7:30 P.M. SHABBAT SERVICE**



Contact Erica Lieberman Garrett to reserve your spot.

Please reserve by November 4th.

hippiejap@hotmail.com, 305-393-1162

**Sponsored by  
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**No Charge**

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## SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman



**W**ith the High Holy Days behind us and cooler weather bringing the return of our snow-birds ahead of us, we wanted to shout to the world, “We are back!”

We celebrated our return with a beautiful Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner, featuring Kathy Shabathai’s brisket, Barbara Knowles’ chicken matzo ball soup, Joyce Peckman’s salmon, Loni Padden’s schwarma platter and a chicken paella stand provided by Lorena Kaufman, whose family sponsored the dinner. A highlight of every KJCC buffet table are the sides and desserts that provide color and more deliciousness. Kudos to Jane Friedman, Geri Smith, Erica Lieberman Garrett, Luz Levine, Susan Gordon and Donna Bolton for their outstanding contributions. Over fifty people attended. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the event so successful.

Unfortunately the holy days coincided with another local COVID outbreak. We felt a bit traumatized that four people who attended the dinner later came down with COVID (most likely from other exposures), so in an abundance of caution, changed our Yom Kippur break-the-fast to a grab-n-go.

The intermediate Sunday of Sukkot featured a brunch. The weather cooperated and we had a delightful time.

On November 11th we will have a dairy pot-luck dinner in honor of the international Shabbos Project.

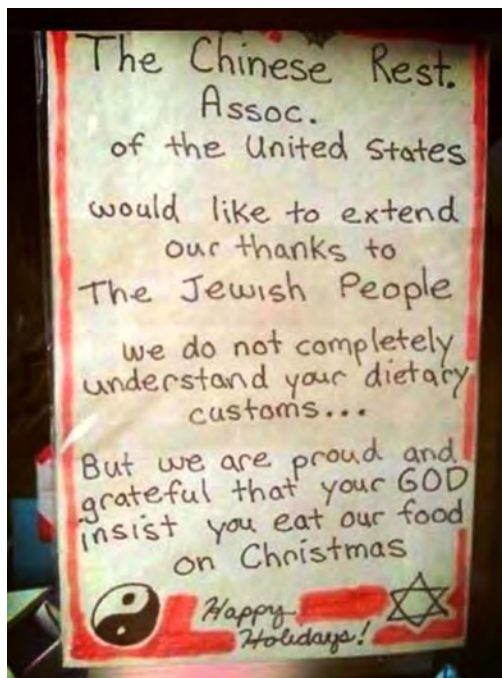
Hannukah begins the night of December 18th . We will have a festive Hannukah party before services on Friday December 23rd. Erica Lieberman Garrett will coordinate.

You should have received the annual oneg sponsorship letters, thanks to the efforts of Donna Bolton, who kept the records current, and Kathy Shabathai who folded, stuffed and mailed

them. Thank you to all of you who sponsored virtual onegs in the past. Now that we are opening up – the wine, challah, salads and desserts will be really enjoyed by our members. Please reply by sponsoring onegs or a dinner in honor of a simcha or in memory of your loved ones. There is special blessing for those “who provide wine and challah to the community.”

We look forward to seeing you in our Cathy Kaplan Social Hall! ♦

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# Sisterhood Book Club



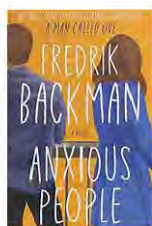
**Tuesday, November 29, 2022 ~ *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman**

**Tuesday, December 27, 2022 ~ *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman**

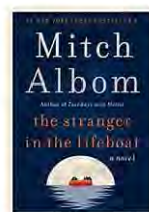
**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 ~ *The Stranger in a Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom**



The story of the family's favored daughter, who was diagnosed with a severe form of epilepsy and the culture conflict that obstructs her treatment.



Before long, the robber must decide which is the more terrifying prospect: going out to face the police, or staying in the apartment with this group of impossible people.



A group of shipwrecked passengers pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord." And he says he can only save them if they all believe in him.

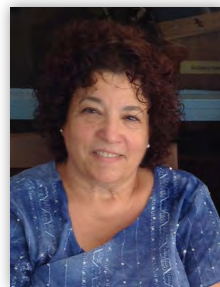
We will always Zoom and sometimes meet in person as well. An invitation to join the Zoom session will be sent prior to each meeting.

**Let us know if you would like to host a meeting and/or review a book.**



## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

### Medina Roy



#### The Battle Over Secular Education

Betty Rosa, New York State's commissioner of education, has recently ordered New York City to work with Yeshiva Mesivta Arugath Habosem in Brooklyn's Williamsburg section on a plan to improve its secular education. The decision is in response to a lawsuit brought by Beatrice Weber, a former Hasidic and mother of ten. Weber heads the advocacy group Yaffed, which promotes improvements in secular learning in Haredi (ultra-Orthodox) private schools. The ruling represents "the first time that New York State has taken action against a Hasidic boys' school" and "could be a harbinger of significantly tougher oversight of Hasidic schools." According to Commissioner Rosa, the Brooklyn school has repeatedly refused to comply with – and Mayor Eric Adams' education department had failed to – enforce state education law requiring that it offer studies in math, English and other subjects that are "substantially equivalent" to those offered in public schools.

The battle over secular education at religious schools broke out last month when the New York Times reported that Hasidic boys' schools were the beneficiaries of taxpayer dollars but failed to provide their students with an adequate general studies education. Those defending the yeshiva say that "their vigorous religious studies provide adequate preparation for the lives Hasidic Jews intend to lead" and that the state should not be interfering with their religious liberty. These supporters of the yeshivas were outraged when the state issued their new rules and threatened to withdraw state funding from non-public schools that do not comply. Yeshivas and other groups supporting them have sued the state, looking to have the new regulations overturned. Yaffed filed a complaint with state Attorney General Letitia James alleging that several New York City yeshivas have collected \$28 million in state funding while

failing to meet state standards when it comes to secular education. ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com), 10-12-22)

#### "Anti-Semitism Didn't go Away. It Went Underground"

According to an official investigation by Stanford University, which was released in mid-October 2022, longstanding suspicions that university administrators acted to limit Jewish enrollment in the 1950s – while publicly denying that they were doing so – were confirmed. When the report was released, Marc Tessier-Lavigne, Stanford's president, apologized on behalf of the university to the Jewish community. "This ugly component of Stanford's history...is saddening and deeply troubling," Tessier-Lavigne wrote. "As a university, we must acknowledge it and confront it as a part of our history, as repellent as it is, and seek to do better." He also wrote that Stanford will "work to ensure that it is welcoming to Jewish students today by increasing anti-bias training, creating a dedicated advisory committee, paying more attention to Jewish holiday cycles in university scheduling and other measures." (It should be noted that the university's first day of classes this fall fell on Rosh HaShanah.)

The task force that produced the report began last year after a historian published his discovery of documents that were left behind by Rixford Snyder, Stanford's admissions director from 1950 to 1970. These documents suggest that Snyder was biased against Jews and wanted to reduce their enrollment. "For decades, it's been understood by many Jews in California that Stanford either had or has a bias against Jewish applicants," said Ari Y. Kelman, Stanford history professor and chair of the task force. "What we found was that the director of admissions, with knowledge of other members of high administration...took

steps to limit the number of Jewish students that were enrolled at Stanford.” A document uncovered shows that Snyder felt that too many of Stanford’s male applicants were Jewish and that the university must find ways to stop that from happening, in spite of the stated policy at that time of paying no attention to the race or religion of applicants. Snyder accomplished his goal of reducing Jewish admissions by targeting both Beverly Hills High School and Fairfax High School, two Los Angeles schools with predominantly Jewish student bodies. Snyder then dropped the two schools from his recruitment efforts at Southern California schools. (It should be noted that many Ivy League schools in the mid-20th century enacted far more blatant policies of discrimination. For years Penn was known colloquially as “the Jewish Ivy.”) “In the 1950s it was no longer as acceptable to be so overtly anti-Semitic,” Stanford historian Emily J. Levine said. “Anti-Semitism didn’t so much go away as it went underground.”

Today, about seven percent of Stanford’s undergraduates are Jewish. ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com), 10-13-22)

### **A Grisly Discovery Reveals Jewish Genetic Secrets**

For close to a thousand years, a group of seventeen Jews, both children and adults, have been lost to history. In 1190 in Norwich, a city near England’s eastern coast, Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land massacred the entire group and threw them down a well. The town had long been a center of anti-Semitism; in 1144, its people originated the first known blood libel, blaming Jews for the ritual murder of a child. (That Jews murder Christian children to use their blood in the making of matzoh is still believed today by tens of thousands of people around the world. And medieval Norwich was hardly unique in this particular Crusader depravity. Knights from all over Europe sacked, looted and honed their killing techniques on Jewish towns and villages while making their way to Palestine. This practice continued during all five Crusades, over two centuries.) Norwich is one of the most perfectly preserved medieval cities in the world – famous for its gardens and cobblestone streets. When construction workers were clearing ground for a shopping center in 2004, they discovered the remains of the seventeen individuals. Then in 2011, initial DNA testing showed the skeletons were those of Jews. (In 2013, they all received a proper

Jewish burial.)

Now, a British study of the DNA extracted from the bones of six individuals – prior to their identification as Jews – reveals that Ashkenazi Jews developed a unique genetic variation centuries earlier than realized. The study has been published in *Current Biology*, a scientific periodical posted by the Natural History Museum of London. When the DNA from the remains were studied, it revealed that they are more closely related to modern day Ashkenazi Jews than to any other modern population.

The massacre of the Jews in Norwich is known to us because of the writings of Ralph de Diceto, who was the dean of London’s St. Paul’s Cathedral at the time. De Diceto wrote of the horror and savagery of his countrymen. “On February 6th of 1190, all the Jews who were found in their own houses in Norwich were butchered,” he wrote. “It cannot be that so sad and fatal a death of the Jews can have pleased prudent men.”

“Ralph de Diceto’s account of the 1190 attacks is evocative, but a deep well containing the bodies of Jewish men, women and especially children forces us to confront the real horror of what happened,” said Tom Booth, a post-doctoral researcher at Harvard University who contributed to the study. (The study is scholarly, very comprehensive and too detailed to summarize here. To read it, go to [https://www.cell.com/current-biology/fulltext/S0960-9822\(22\)01355-0](https://www.cell.com/current-biology/fulltext/S0960-9822(22)01355-0) [www.ajsh.com](http://www.ajsh.com), 9-11-22)

### **A TV Show in the Works**

Manhattan’s Lower-East Side’s famous set of Jewish sisters – Ella, Henny, Sarah, Charlotte and Gertrude – the children portrayed in Sydney Taylor’s award-winning 1951 children’s book, “All-of-a-Kind Family,” – may soon become a one-hour live action TV series. The series, much like the book and its four sequels, will follow the story of the sisters’ (eventually including a brother’s) experiences growing up as Jewish immigrants in New York City around 1912. The series is under development by The Jim Henson Company. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 9-22-22)

### **A Park Gets a New Name**

The Dutch municipality of Hogeveen, a city some 80 miles northeast of Amsterdam, has renamed Mayor Tjalma Park. In 2020, a local historian discovered that Jetze Tjalma, who was mayor of Hogeveen for 30 years until 1958, was the first

mayor in Nazi-occupied Netherlands to voluntarily hand over a list of local Jews to the Nazis after the German army invaded in 1940. The list contained some 250 names. But in 1951, according to the Jewish Historical Museum of Amsterdam, Hogeveen had only 27 Jews remaining. Shortly after Tjalma's death in 1985, the park was renamed "Municipal Park."

Several years after World War II, Tjalma had his city take over a portion of the Jewish cemetery and pave a road over it. That portion of the cemetery was returned to Jewish hands in 2019. Earlier this year, the Amsterdam-based Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies confirmed that the research of Hogeveen done by a local historian prompting the municipality to change the park's name. ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 8-15-22)

### **And the Nobel Prize Goes to...**

Ben Bernanke, the former chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, was awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize for Economics, sharing it with two other scholars. The three economists examined how banks function in economic crises. Bernanke was recognized for an influential paper he wrote in 1983 when he was a professor at Stanford University that examined the Depression era. In it, he showed "how runs on banks during economic uncertainty tend to exacerbate and broaden a crisis." His theories helped him deal with the 2008 economic crisis and the bailout of major financial institutions at that time. Bernanke, 68, was chairman of the Fed from 2006 to 2014. He was one of at least five Jewish chairmen of the Federal Reserve which is the central banking system of the United States. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 10-12-22)

### **In Memoriam**

• Judah Samet, a man who survived two unthinkable tragedies – imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp and then the 2018 massacre at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue – died at the end of September. He was 84. And somehow Samet managed to hold on to his faith in humanity. "I have the right to believe that the world is a rotten place, but I don't," he said in a 2019 interview with the USC Shoah Foundation, which preserves the testimonies of thousands of Holocaust survivors. Surviving the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where more than 50,000 people died and the Pittsburgh shooting, where eleven people were gunned down was a responsibility he took seriously. Samet was present for the

founding of the State of Israel in 1948 and served as a paratrooper and radio man in the Israeli defense Forces (IDF). He went on to manage a kibbutz where he developed a distaste for socialism and emigrated to the United States. Living in Pittsburgh, Samet raised a family and became a jeweler. He attended the Tree of Life synagogue for decades and usually arrived early to services. But on the morning of October 27th, 2018, he arrived four minutes late and was warned away, remaining in his car outside the synagogue as gunshots sounded. Samet remained a committed community member up until his death, which was on the second day of Rosh HaShanah. ([www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com), 9-30-22)

• David Gottesman, descendant of a Jewish philanthropic dynasty (and also one of the most successful investors in the United States), died recently at the age of 96. He was the son of a banker and a trustee of Yeshiva University (YU). His grandfather Mendel, a paper manufacturer, helped found YU and started a family foundation devoted to supporting YU and its library, which eventually was named for him. Gottesman – known to his friends as Sandy – attended Harvard Business School before he went to Wall Street, where he connected with Warren Buffet, at that time an up-and-coming investor. The two became fast friends. Gottesman was an early investor in Berkshire Hathaway, the company that for a time made Buffet the richest man in a world. More than 50 years after making his initial investment, Gottesman's net worth, according to Forbes, is estimated to be \$3 billion, placing him at number 358 on its list of 400 wealthiest Americans. ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 10-1-22)

### **Did You Know...**

• Marc Chagall's home in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York is for sale. The two-bedroom, one-bath cottage on half an acre in Ulster County, where Chagall lived and worked between 1946 and 1948, is on the market for \$240,000. Chagall shared the house with Virginia Haggard McNeil, his much-younger lover, an artist and the daughter of a British diplomat. She had been his housekeeper when he lived in New York City. Chagall grew up in Vitebsk in what is now Belarus. He lived for a time in the south of occupied France and then later in New York on East 74th Street. He also worked for a time in his studio in Sag Harbor, Long Island. ([www.clevelandjewish-news.com](http://www.clevelandjewish-news.com), 9-29-22) ◇

# KJCC Chanukah

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## Sisterhood Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Friday  
December 23, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Dairy Dinner - Latkes!

Services at 7:30 pm

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to reserve your spot and coordinate your dish.

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## A LOOK BACK AT HIGH HOLIDAYS

*Rabbi Agler may have gotten sick in the middle of our High Holidays, but he still came through for us. He provided us with words of wisdom in our time of need, inspiring us to look deep and find ways to be our better selves, ways to make the world a better place. With Rabbi's permission, we print here his first talk, given on Erev Rosh HaShanah, and his last, from Niealah, Yom Kippur. We are grateful. If you wish to read more, all the talks are available at his website: [rabbiagler.com](http://rabbiagler.com)*



### הכיא – THE FIRST QUESTION

In the Tanakh—the Hebrew Bible, God sometimes speaks. We know this. God speaks to create the world, “Let there be Light!” God speaks to Abraham, “Lech Icha m’artzecha—Go forth from your land.” God speaks to Moses and the entire nation at Mt. Sinai, “I am God who brought you out of the land of Egypt.” There are countless examples.

Sometimes though, instead of making statements, God asks questions. That’s kind of a funny thing. Why would God ask a question? Doesn’t God know all the answers?

According to tradition, yes, God does know all the answers. So then why does God ask anything? Well, perhaps it’s the way we do sometimes, asking a question in order to teach something.

God’s first question comes near the beginning of the Torah. It’s to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In Hebrew, the question is one word: הכיא—Ayeka? (Gen. 3:9) It means, “Where are you?” And it is directed specifically to Adam who is trying to hide after having tasted the forbidden fruit. Now, God knows where Adam is. God is not asking where Adam is in order to determine Adam’s physical location. God seems to be asking in order to help Adam understand where Adam is. And where Adam is is trying to hide from God. Which is a losing proposition if ever there was one.

We can take God’s question to Adam and put it in the context of the High Holydays. Today, and for the next ten days, our tradition is for us to gather and give an account of our lives, to ourselves and to God. In other words, each of us is being asked the same question, הכיא—Ayeka?—Where are you?

Indeed, where are we? And the answer is not “Tavernier,” or wherever we may be remote accessing

from. It is not a question about our physical location any more than it was about Adam’s. The question is meant to grab us, even to bring us up short, and to account for where we are at this point in our journey through life. Nu? Where are we?

This one Hebrew word may be the central question of the entire High Holy Days. And we are the only ones, as individuals, who can answer it. Where are we? As we begin this new year?

Adam was less than truthful and didn’t answer the question very well. He couldn’t bring himself to say, “I’m trying to hide.” Because that would have meant acknowledging that he had messed up. Which he should have done because he would have gotten to the moment of truth much sooner. But instead, he blurts out ridiculous responses and points his finger in every other direction. “I was afraid.” “I’m not dressed.” “Eve gave it to me.” Yeah, right. Hopefully, we can be more honest in our answers than Adam was in his. Perhaps we can say something like, “I’m right here, God. Proud in some ways, embarrassed in others, but doing the best I can. I know I haven’t been perfect. I know I’ve made mistakes. I know I haven’t always been everything I should have been or could have been. I know I’ve fallen short. I want to do better and I know that I can. I know life is a priceless gift, and we only get to live it once. And if I can find You within me, around me, above me, anywhere really, Your strength and presence will help me. Thank you, God. This is where I am. Signed, Me.

Your mileage may vary when it comes to the answer. But God’s first question, the question to the ancestor of all of us, is today’s question for every one one of us. L’shanah tovah. ◇

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# POWER AND US

**W**ho doesn't love having power—and being powerful? It comes with so much! Ego fulfillment, Status, maybe a better job, the ability to do more things, to put your ideas into action, to direct others instead of them directing you. Who doesn't want that?

But as we've seen, power is never a free lunch. There is always the danger that we will misuse it. Think of the typical schoolyard bully. Or an adolescent "mean girl." They might be power at its most petty—putting down and lording it over others, mostly in order to make themselves feel better in the process—taunting, abusing, and causing pain just because they can.

Most schoolyard bullies and mean girls grow up and find other, better, ways to be fulfilled. But not all of them. Some who don't end up in street gangs and prisons. Others end up in workplaces. Others end up in governments. Where they continue to use power to serve themselves instead of making positive differences in the lives of others.

We can think of Lyndon Johnson as a counter-example. He was warned that if he signed the Civil Rights Act, it would cost him politically, and, therefore, personally. He wasn't having it. He said, "If I can't do this, what's the Presidency for?" He wasn't always right about the power choices he made but that time he was. It was a monumental decision that did right for others, at enormous cost to himself.

Power is deployed on behalf of the self is hazardous to others. In the new Ken Burns documentary on the US and the Holocaust, a survivor recalls that her neighbors were antisemitic before the war, but with power, they became vicious.

And yes, we have to be careful about who has it. As the science fiction writer Robert A. Heinlein observed, "Almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so." When power becomes political, when the arena is bigger than the schoolyard or even the workplace, the stakes become higher, even ultimate. And if there is one lesson that the Bible teaches, and it is not the least bit contradicted by history, it is that Power selfishly exercised leads to tragedy for some, horror for others.

The modern philosopher Isaiah Berlin wrote, "Both liberty and equality are among the primary goals pursued by human beings throughout many centuries; but total liberty for wolves is death to the lambs, total liberty of the powerful, the gifted, is not compatible with the rights to a decent existence of the weak and less gifted."

Some of us recently undertook to study the King David saga. One of the things we learned was that David's selfish use of power brought his kingdom to depths from which neither he nor it, ever recovered. Power, its use and misuse, was and is the fulcrum upon which much of human history pivots.

On Yom Kippur, we are here to pray. And one of the things we can pray for is the courage to stand up to misused Power, and the strength to speak Truth to it. I believe that such prayers are answered to the degree that they are sincere and coupled with the resolve to act. On this holy day, let's pray these prayers and pray them hard. It is not too much to say that our world depends on it.

G'mar tov and shanah tovah. ◇





Rosh Hashana Dinner



Dave Padden & Kleins with Cantor



Markowitz family and KJCC President, Ken Atlas, at Rosh Hashana/Musaf break.



# THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY - DECEMBER

*Chai-Lights is reviving a column initiated by Sam Vinicur during Bernie Ginsberg's Presidency. Historical changes are happening faster than ever in this 3rd decade of the 21st century. We have survived as a people for 5000 years. It's good to keep perspective on what we have lived through and the changes of which we've been a part, beyond these last few years.*

● **519 B.C.E.** – Supported by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, the foundations for the Second Temple are laid during the second year of the reign of Persian ruler Darius The Great. It will take four years to complete the project.

● **220 C.E.** – Rabbi Judah Hanasi (Judah the Patriarch) dies. Born in Eretz Israel in 138 (three years after the last rebellion against Rome, the one led by Bar Kochba), Judah's greatest claim to fame is as the compiler of the Mishna, the compilation of Oral Law, which will serve as the basis for both the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds. It served, and still serves, as a code for regulation of all Jewish life. Some of his more famous sayings include: "Be as punctilious in observing a light as a weighty commandment, for you do not know their relative reward." And the favorite of all who teach: "I have learned much from teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from pupils."

● **321 C.E.** – A letter from Emperor Constantine the Great regarding special taxes provides the first evidence of Jews living along the Rhine in central Europe.

● **771** – Charlemagne becomes sole Frankish king upon the death of his brother, King Carloman. Contrary to typical historical patterns, the consolidation of political power in the hands of one monarch actually helps the kingdom's Jews. Charlemagne is favorably disposed to his Jewish subjects, even to the point of defying edicts of powerful prelates.

● **1197** – During the Third Crusade, the wife and daughters of Rabbi Eleazar ben Judah ben Kalonymous of Worms are murdered and he is gravely wounded. A Kabbalist, Halachic scholar and religious poet, Rabbi Eleazar describes in Sefer HaHokhmah (The Book of Wisdom)

the loneliness he feels after the death of his family and also his teacher, Judah he Hasid. He ultimately leaves behind a body of writing that still influences Kabbalists almost eight hundred years later.

● **1254** – Pope Innocent IV dies. During his papacy, Innocent denounces Blood Libels against the Jews as "unfounded." In 1247, Innocent issues a declaration on behalf of Jews stating that the Talmud is an absolute necessity for the Jews, if Judaism is to continue to exist as a separate religion; and that burnings of the Talmud are to cease. This is not a position taken by many medieval Popes.

● **1655** – Oliver Cromwell convenes a gathering of English notables at Whitehall to decide if the Jews should be readmitted to England. Cromwell is a strong proponent of readmission, as are most of Cromwell's military and government leaders. Opposition comes from merchants and the mainline Christian clergy. The council is stalemated, and eventually disbanded. But conferees do agree that there is no legal reason not to readmit the Jews since they had been expelled by royal decree and not by an act of Parliament.

● **1787** – Delaware becomes the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. It abolishes all religious tests for public office in 1792.

● **1847** – Solomon Schechter is born in Rumania to a Chabad Chassidic family. His Chassidic upbringing does not satisfy him, and in 1879 he goes to study at the Hochschule fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums at the University of Berlin. He quickly rises to prominence as a rabbinic scholar and spokesman for Jewish traditionalism, gaining international fame as a scholar when he discovers and brings back to London more than 100,000 pages of rare manuscripts from



the Cairo Geniza. In 1913 he is instrumental in founding the United Synagogue of America, the umbrella organization of all Conservative congregations. Though a staunch traditionalist, Schechter admits that there can be change in modern Judaism. He is supposedly quoted as saying, "Gentlemen, in order to be a success in the American rabbinate, you must be able to talk baseball."

● **1861** – An edition of the Louisville–Nashville Courier gives the following details concerning the burning of a bridge at Whip-poorwill on the Memphis Branch Railroad: "A detachment of fifty or sixty federal soldiers under the command of a Dutch Jew peddler named Netter fired a volley of over one hundred rounds from Sharp's revolving rifles" at the Confederates guarding the bridge. "Netter" is probably Gabriel Netter, a French-born Jew (not Dutch) living in Kentucky, who within a year would rise to the rank of Lt. Colonel before being killed in fighting near Owensboro.

● **1864** – A meeting is held in Philadelphia, which results in the establishment of the first Jewish theological seminary in America. The seminary is established under the joint auspices of the Hebrew Education Society and the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, and is named Maimonides College. The school begins operations in 1867. It ceased operations in 1873 due to lack of support and funds.

● **1875** – Father Bernhard Lichtenberg, anti-fascist German priest and outspoken defender of the Jews of Germany, is born. After Kristallnacht, Lichtenberg is the only prominent Church figure to raise his voice publicly and fearlessly against Nazi brutality. "We know what happened yesterday, we do not know what lies in store for us tomorrow. But we have experienced what has happened today: Outside burns the temple. This is also a place of worship." He is arrested in 1941, but continues to speak out. In 1943, Lichtenberg asks to accompany the Jews being sent to the Ghetto at Lodz, Poland. The Church refuses, but the Gestapo orders him sent to Dachau. Not yet seventy, Lichtenberg dies

while awaiting shipment to the concentration camp.

● **1889** – Poet Robert Browning dies. Browning's poem "Rabbi ben Ezra" is based on the life Abraham ibn Ezra, a leading figure in the Golden Age in Spain and second only in fame to Rashi as a Torah commentator. The poem begins with the famous line "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be..."

● **1891** – Rachel Sasoon Beer, granddaughter of David Sasoon and daughter of Sasoon David Sasoon, is named editor of The Observer in London, making her the first female editor of a national newspaper. During her tenure The Observer achieves one of its greatest exclusives: the admission by Count Esterhazy that he had forged the letters used to condemn innocent Jewish Captain Alfred Dreyfus to Devil's Island. The ensuing international outcry leads to the release and pardon of Dreyfus and court martial of Esterhazy.

● **1917** – British troops under General Allenby fight their way into Jerusalem, defeating the Ottoman Turks and freeing the ancient Jewish homeland from hundreds of years of Ottoman rule. The whole city turns out to greet the General, as do the Chief Sephardic and Ashkenazi Rabbis. The Jaffa Gate is opened after years of disuse to enable Allenby to enter on foot, but also to enable him to enter the city without having to use a gap in the wall created for Kaiser William in 1898.

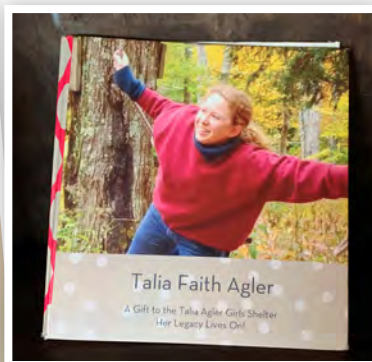
● **1917** – Corporal Louis Isaac Salek, a Galilipoli veteran from New Zealand, hoists and flies the first Jewish flag to fly over Jerusalem since the city's fall to the Romans almost two thousand years ago. The flag is made by an Egyptian–Jewish department store owner named Moreno Cicurel with the assistance of a tailor from Alexandria named Eliezer Slutzkin. Salek's flag design is blue and white – the top half blue, the bottom half white – with a Magen David in the center. Salek plants Moreno's flag atop the Tower of David – the Citadel – where it flies for 20 minutes before being removed by the British. ♦

# A WONDERFUL VISIT TO THE TALIA AGLER GIRL'S SHELTER

by Linda Kaplan

Prior to going on a 17-day safari in Kenya and Tanzania, I visited TAGS which is about an hour drive from Nairobi. The safari far exceeded my grand expectations but the visit to TAGS was one of the highlights of the trip. I was given a tour by Edith Murogo, Executive Director of the Centre for Domestic Training and Development and Agnes, the director of the shelter. Meeting with the school/mental health counselor and primary school teacher was part of the tour. Edith was especially impressive, but they were all bright, energetic, and very much dedicated to the wellbeing of the girls. At the time of my visit there were about 30 primary school students there with the secondary school students away at boarding school. Other girls with babies were elsewhere.

The girls were friendly, delightful to meet and expressed ambitious goals for their future. Thanks to all that contributed things for the girls, we were able to give each girl (including the ones away at boarding school) two shirts and three pair of underwear. The clothing was very much appreciated because they do not have money budgeted for clothing. Even the girls with shaved heads enjoyed the head bands and I was told that the older girls have more hair so will enjoy the other hair accessories. In the future when I am rested from the trip, I will prepare a power point presentation on TAGS. I learned so much about what they were doing, that I want to share this with anyone interested. I urge you to visit if you can, they will welcome you like royalty. ◇



**Rabbi Agler's daughter, after whom the shelter is named.**

Linda giving out clothing presents to grateful girls.





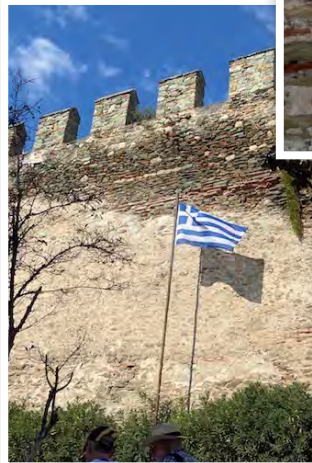
# PHOTO GALLERY



This is Roy Pollack's Daughter and Linda Pollack's granddaughter, Maddy, having just taken 1st place in two heats in her horse show this weekend. Bravo, Maddy!! Your KJCC family is proud of you!



Donna outdoes herself with baked goods for High Holidays and Sukkot.



Joyce Peckman and Yardena Kamely have been on a wonderful educational expedition in Greece, specifically visiting places of historical Judaic importance. These photos give a small taste and make us eager for her story in the next issue of Chai-Lights. Perhaps there will be a talk and slide show



"Can you guess who this is?" 1977





Gloria explains the elements of Lulav species while Susan and Sean appreciate the scent of Etrog



Joyce leads hamotzi blessing after leading services on October 23rd



Jacob was telling us of his stay in Israel and telling us of his hat and coat. We were delighted when he shared this picture of himself with us at the oneg table

Loni Padden made mini quiches for our Sukkot brunch. We were so grateful to enjoy the blessing of eating together in our own Sukkah



Erica and Buddy travel to North Carolina for Sister-in-laws wedding.



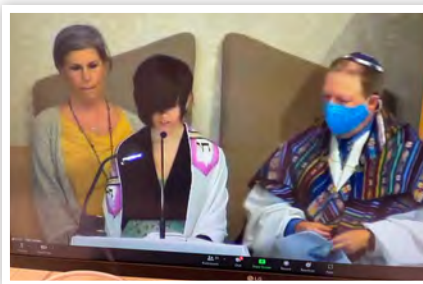
So good to have Day I Rosh HaShanah services in our Sanctuary, live with Rabbi Agler and Cantor Dzubin, while those from away were still able to watch via zoom.





Susan Gordon leading services.

Donna Bolton, happy with her display of High Holiday baked goods.



Lili Padden, her mother Lonnie and Cantor Dzubin deliver the blessings and Haftorah reading for Yom Kippur morning services.

We did not have Jonah Gross this year for that final Tekiah Gedolah, but his mom Randy Klein-Gross did a wonderful job.

### BOOK BURIAL WITH HONORS

While cleaning KJCC before the holidays, we discovered a large hidden stash of very old prayer books that had been donated many years ago.

To the pile, we added our old Yizkor books and other items with the Hebrew name of God. We then made arrangements to have them buried behind the parking lot. Chad came in with his back-hoe, dug a ditch, and along with his young worker, helped me lay a white sheet in the hole and pile the books inside. The worker asked why we were burying the books, and this is what I told them:

“These books contain the written Hebrew name of God, and for that reason, they are sacred and cannot be just tossed in the trash. They contain prayers written just as they were said many hundreds of years ago. Some of the prayers written in these books were spoken by Moses, King David, the priests and prophets of the ancient Temples, and even by a young Jesus.” As we covered the books with the white sheet and prepared to cover it with soil, the young man said that it seemed like burying a person. I thought about that. The books, like us, are made of made of carbon-based material that came from the earth, and to the earth must return. Both deserve respect even when their useful life is done. I am proud that Congregation Ohr HaYam is able to fulfill this task.

*Thank you to Chad Ellis at All Keys Landscaping for his assistance.*







# Going Global For Chanukah

## A fresh take on Holiday Food: the tradition of Zengoulah

**W**e know that Chanukah is all about the oil, but we'd be very much mistaken if we thought it was all about the potato. In the home of Amelia Saltsman, a Canadian food critic and author, Chanukah means Zengoula (Iraqi funnel cakes) as well as sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), and latkes, all fried dishes from different Jewish traditions, commemorating the eight nights of oil that fueled the Chanukah miracle. Jews have been on the move for 3,500 years and we've been cooking wherever we go.

Sure, potato latkes are the food of Chanukah in European and North American Jewish cultures but that's relatively recent. What about the Jews of the Middle East? What about the great history of Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews well before potatoes came from the New World?

Saltsman is the daughter of a Sephardic Iraqi father and Ashkenazic Romanian mother; her parents were both raised in Israel. In working on her most recent cookbook, *The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen* (Sterling Epicure, 2015), she took a look at traditions, her own included, and asked: why do people tend to view their family rituals as definitive? Certainly the local quality of holiday foods gives more meaning to our celebrations.

So this year let's add zengoula to our repertoire, a tradition hundreds of years old among Iraqi Jews.

Variations on the deep-fried sweet can be found in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (where they're known as jalebi). Growing up in California, they weren't part of her family's Chanukah traditions until a cousin's tales of their Iraqi grandmother's version compelled her to learn more. She developed her own recipe, based in tradition and scented with local California citrus. The cakes are dipped in lemon simple syrup, and embellished

with long strands of lemon zest (recipe follows).

Zengoula has been a Hanukkah treat in Iraq since the 13th or 14th century. It's a very typical Middle Eastern pastry. "If you're in Paris and go to a Tunisian bakery, you will find them on Rue des Rosiers in the Marais district," she says.

Diversity has been a big topic in world news for the last few years; we mostly focus on those things in the abstract. We don't realize that in our daily acts – how we get our food, how we cook – there are myriad opportunities for honoring and celebrating diversity and interconnectedness. Fair food in the form of "funnel cakes" will never be the same to me. Perhaps someone will take on the following recipe and we can expand our Chanukah repertoire (we are already expanding our range of vegetables used when we gather on December 23rd for our Chanukah dinner. Chag Sameach, dear mishpochah

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**Iraqi Funnel Cakes:** Makes: 8 servings  
1½ tsp (5.5 mL/½ package) active dry yeast  
¼ cups (300 mL) warm water (100° to 110°F/38° to 43°C)

1 cup (125 g) unbleached all-purpose flour

¾ cup (95 g) cornstarch

Scant ½ tsp (2 mL) salt

For the syrup:

2 to 3 lemons

½ cup (120 mL) water

1 cup (200 g) sugar

2 quarts (1.9 L) mild oil with a medium-high smoke point, such as grapeseed, sunflower, or avocado, for deep-frying

1. To make the dough: In a small bowl, stir together the yeast and ¼ cup (60 mL) of the warm water and let stand in a warm place until the mixture bubbles, about 10 minutes.

2. In a medium bowl, using a fork, stir together the flour, cornstarch, and salt. Stir in ½ cup (120 mL) of the warm water and the yeast mixture. Then slowly stir in enough of the remaining ½ cup (120 mL) warm water until the dough is lump-free and the consistency of thick pancake batter. You should have 1½ to 2 cups (360 to 480 mL) batter.

3. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate until doubled in bulk, at least 6 hours or up to 24 hours. The dough will be loose and spongy and have a yeasty aroma.

4. To make the lemon syrup: Using a five-hole zester, remove the zest from 1 of the lemons in long strands. Halve and squeeze enough lemons to yield ⅓ cup (75 mL) juice. In a small pot, stir together the

lemon juice and zest, water, and sugar over medium heat. Bring to a boil and cook, stirring frequently, until the sugar is completely dissolved and clear, about 1 minute. Pour into a pie pan and let cool. (The syrup can be made 1 day ahead, covered, and refrigerated.)

5. To make the fritters: Scrape the dough into a 1-gallon (4-L) resealable plastic bag or large pastry bag fitted with a ¼-inch (6-mm) plain pastry tip and set the bag in a bowl for support. Let the dough stand for about 15 minutes before frying. Line a large plate with paper towels. Place the prepared plate, tongs, a small spider or slotted spoon, the syrup, and a tray to hold the finished fritters near the stove.

6. Pour the oil to a depth of 3½ inches (8.5 cm) into a 4- or 5-quart (4- or 5-L) pot, wok, or electric fryer and heat to 375°F (190°C). If using a plastic bag for the dough, snip ¼ inch (6 mm) off of one of the bottom corners, cutting on the diagonal, to create a piping tip. Roll the top of the pastry bag closed to move the batter toward the opening. Don't worry about air pockets.

7. Pipe a bit of the batter into the hot oil. The oil should bubble around the batter immediately. If it does not, continue heating the oil and try again. Pipe the dough into the hot oil, creating 3- to 4-inch (7.5- to 10-cm) coils or squiggles, letting gravity help push the batter out. Be careful not to crowd the pan. Fry the dough, turning once at the halfway point, until bubbled, golden, and crisp, 4 to 5 minutes total. Use a spider or slotted spoon to fish the fritters out of the oil, drain them briefly on the towel-lined plate, and then drop them into the syrup for a moment or two, turning them to coat evenly. Lift them out of the syrup and transfer them to the tray in a single layer to cool. Repeat with remaining batter, skimming any loose bits of dough from the hot oil between batches to prevent burning. Scrape any batter that escaped into the bowl back into the pastry bag to make more pastries.

8. The cooled pastries can be piled on a platter. Pour any remaining syrup over the top. The fritters taste best served the same day they are made, although they will hold their crispness overnight. Store loosely covered at room temperature. ◇







# The Mystical Dreidel

Just when we thought we knew all there was to know about the dreidel game, here comes Rabbi Goldie Milgram, a modern mystic and member of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, with a new twist. Yes, we knew that the boys studying Torah during the Maccabean time brought dreidels with them as subterfuge, so they could tell Greek soldiers who came looking to arrest violators of the “Do Not Study Torah” decree, that they were just playing a harmless gambling game. And of course we knew that the letters on each face of the dreidel were emblematic of the sentence: “Nays Gadol Hayah Sham,” Hebrew for “a great miracle happened there.”

Now, here is Rabbi Goldie’s mystical reading of the nun, gimmel, hey, shin inscription and the rules of the dreidel game.

There seems to be no limit to the depths of meaning that can be found in the simplest of our traditions.

**Shin : Shafal** – “**humility.**” When the dreidel lands with “shin” facing up, a player must put a

coin/raisin/candy (or whatever is being played for in the dreidel game) back into the pot. Once an ego is shrunk to proper size the call to contribute to the pot of life is answered with enthusiasm.

**Gimmel : Galgal** – “**wheel.**” Happy is the dreidel player who lands on Gimmel because the whole prize pot becomes his. Those who open themselves to the twists of life evolving, revolving, unending shifts of fortune and fate get everything the pot of life has to offer.

**Nun : Nivdal** – “**separate.**” Dreidel players who turn up a Nun generally cluck in despair because one gets nothing from the pot when a Nun turns up. Getting nothing, standing apart from the grabbing masses, or Nivdal in mystical parlance, is not such a bad thing. Separateness helps distinguish between that which is holy and that which is not.

**Hey : Hiuli** – “**formlessness.**” When a Hey faces up, the spinner receives half the pot. Regarding one’s fortune as half the pot is to be a co-creator in the future. ◇





# Hidden in the Candles of Chanukah: Long Days' Journey into Light

By Gloria Avner

As an avocational ethnologist, I studied world religions for years. As a practicing, enthusiastic Jew I look for answers to life's big questions in my own tribal heritage. Every early religion found powerful teachings and created ceremonies of hope, appeasement, and gratitude in the time of shortest, darkest days. How could life go on if the sun did not return to warm the earth. I have read words from contemporary rabbis linking Chanukah to winter solstice, saying that in our earliest days, sacrifices were made for eight days both before and after the shortest day of the year. Whether we are talking about bonfires or candles, it is all about light (and not just the oil or the latkes).

"Light " is a big concept. As an artist I am in love with light and the act of creation. Light against dark is what makes a painting come alive. My father, whose personal light went out 20 years ago on the eighth day of Chanukah, gifted me with light through his name. "Av" is the Hebrew word for father and "ner" means both candle and light. Every synagogue in the world has its ner tamid, or everlasting light.

The light of "yiddishkeit" nearly went out when our Temple was desecrated by the Greeks of Ahashverosh's time, 2100 years ago. Their primary goal was to assimilate if not annihilate us. Laws were passed making Torah study illegal. Disobedience was punishable by death. When the unlikely band of students warriors, the Maccabees, recaptured the temple, cleansed and restored it, they needed oil to re-dedicate it (the meaning of the word Chanukah) but to complete the dedication they needed an additional seven days in which to replace the consecrated oil that had been defiled by the Greeks. With only one "kosher" vial

left, holding enough oil for just one day, they needed a miracle that would last the exact length of time of the creation.

We all know the historical events behind the "Great Miracle that Happened There," (Nes Gadol Hayah Sham). But where is the deeper meaning of the miracle? This is Judaism. There is always more.

Anyone who has ever prepared a Friday night "parshah" knows how many stories lie within each Torah portion and that within each story there are as many layers as we have time and energy to discover. It does not surprise me as I look for hidden meanings in the light of Chanukah, that I am thrown back to "B'reishit", the beginning, the creation of primordial light.

When Adam and Eve came into being in the Garden on the sixth day of creation, light stepped beyond its bounds. There were thirty-six hours of intense, limitless light says the teaching, and Adam could see from one end of the world to the other. Adam and Eve failed to do their mitzvot and were punished. The brilliant light that was visible for such a long uninterrupted time and distance was withdrawn, hidden away, saved for the righteous in the world to come. We weren't ready for it.





How does this primordial light relate to Chanukah? Let's count the candles. Not the helper candles, or shamashim with which we light the candles, but the Chanukah candles themselves. One plus two plus three plus four plus five plus six plus seven plus eight makes thirty-six. The twelfth century Kabbalist, Rabbi Eliezer of Worms, says: "the 36 candles on the menorah correspond to the 36 hours when Adam and Eve were bathed in The Primordial Light of creation." Today, as we kindle our lights in our own homes, he suggests we are calling forth a remembrance, if not a revelation, of that intense, now hidden light. The light was ours before the mitzvot were disobeyed.

The mysterious expansion of light came to Jews who were rededicating themselves and their temple to the practice of Judaism. They did not succumb to a culture that did not want them to worship their one God in their own way. What was really won was religious freedom. The myriad meanings of the number 36 could fill reams, and range from double "chai" (the Hebrew word for life) to equivalence of the names of God to the amount of years it took Jacob to transform himself on his journey to the number of righteous souls in every generation who keep alive that spark of primordial light. We talk about Chanukah as a minor holiday, and yet there is an understanding that when the messiah comes the only holidays that will still be celebrated will be Chanukah and Purim. The Sanhedrin declared Chanukah a holiday one year after the event and it has been observed with candle lighting (technically in chanukiahs, not menorahs, which only had room for six candles plus a shammas) ever since --- though Hillel and Shammai did have their disagreement over whether to start with one and go up to eight or start with eight and go down to one. Hillel's school won.

Rabbi Ozair puts it in terms of Earth school. We are here to learn, "training ourselves to reach higher levels of consciousness. The Chanukah lights serve as antennae for holiness, drawing down the energy of the 36. With every day of Chanukah that passes, the light gets stronger. We place our lit candles in the window as a beacon to



all passersby to remind the world that darkness can indeed be dispelled, obscurity can be illuminated, and that it is God's Light which will prevail." Unafraid to be different, to be a minority, we put our lights and belief system on display, on the line.

In the dark of winter, we are encouraged to look within, reconnect with the light of creation by correcting behavior, observing mitzvot, rededicating our inner sanctuaries, and shining our light on all around us. It is not surprising that Chanukah is the favorite holiday of children and mystics. As we enjoy our traditional foods, chant our blessings, sing our songs and spin our dreidels, may we happily give and receive both presents and Presence. ◇





# LATKES-BEET

## Ingredients

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

## Method:

- 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.

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# CARROT LATKES-GINGER CARROT

## Ingredients:

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

## Method:

- 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).





# NEW MOON

by Lucinda Kurtz

With the coming of the new moon of Cheshvan, we move inward. After the soul-full intensity of the holidays of Tishrei and joyful community interactions, we exhale. We move into a more reflective space to confront the commitments we made during the New Year. It is time to go beneath the surface and shift the patterns that have blocked our growth.

We surround ourselves with warmth and protection, so we may touch into the difficult places that need to be revealed and released. Our tradition invites us to savor this time of quiet stillness, this opportunity to rest and integrate all that we have taken in during the past months. Still reeling from the multiple shocks of the pandemic, continued political divisiveness, and heightened environmental instability we touch into our vulnerability, our lack of control, our awakened understanding of the fragility of our existence.

We take this opportunity to reconstitute our relationship to natural rhythms of body and earth, to water the roots of our intentions, and discover a new balance.

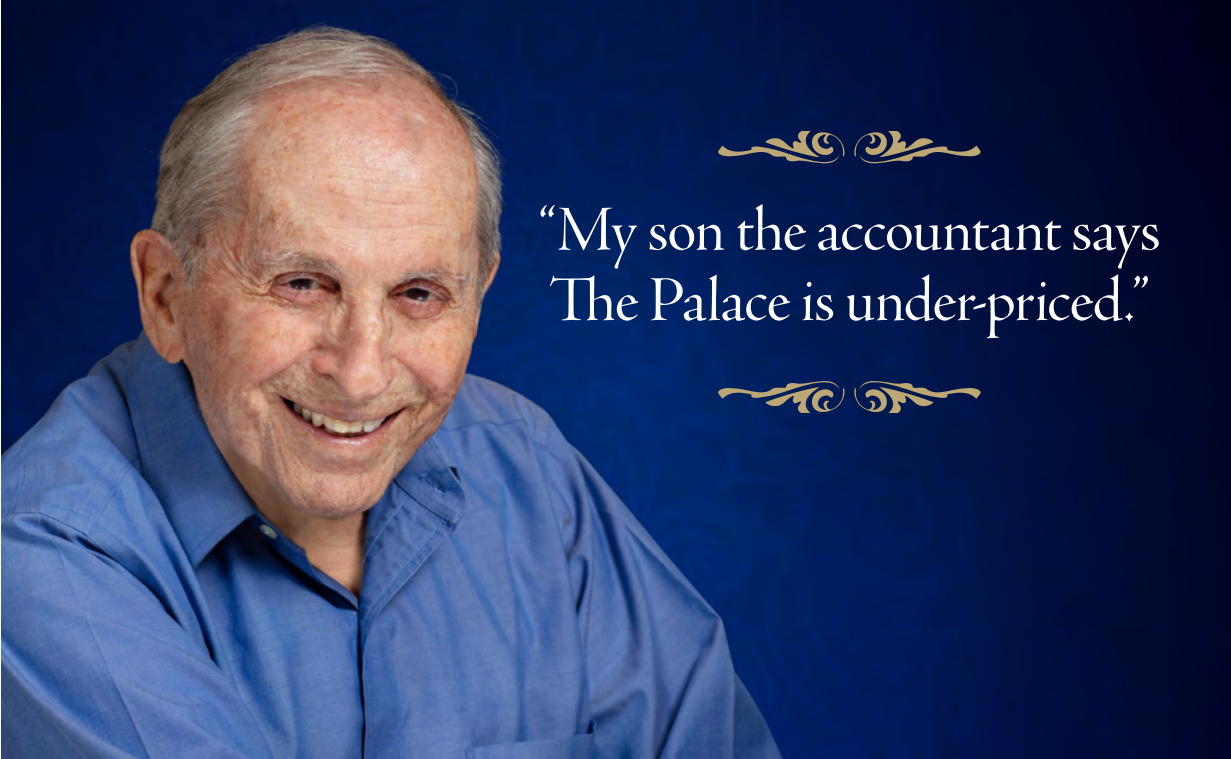
Rabbi Jill Hammer calls Cheshvan “an underground time” when we “seek our roots,

merge with the earth, and give our strength to it, so that it may bloom again in the spring.”

This week I had the privilege of walking among some of the oldest living beings on planet earth in the Redwood Parks of Northern California. Towering redwoods over 350 feet high, more than 2,000 years old, create interconnected root systems that allow these primeval treasures to resist insects, fire and rot. Walking in the lush undergrowth of azaleas and rhododendrons, I peer into giant root balls 30 feet in diameter surrounded by banks of leafy ferns. The native peoples revered these ancient giants and integrated their lives into the surrounding ecosystem, preserving these valuable resources for future generations.

How can we find a new way of resonating with the powerful energy of our forests and waters that can guide us forward, protecting vital resources for our children’s children. We need moments of quiet contemplation that the month of Cheshvan can provide to help us touch into the inner well of wisdom that resides within each one of us. Let us learn from the interconnected root systems of the magnificent redwoods to support one another through heart-to-heart openings that nourish our souls and keep us rooted to the wisdom of our tradition. ◇





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