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Rosh Hashanah	Tishri	2	Wed	Oct	5	Wed	Oct	5	9:00 am	
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summertime has arrived. Can you feel it? Traffic is a mess during holiday weekends. The temperature and humidity has risen. And many of our members have left for the summer. Those of us remaining miss you all and hope you are enjoying the summer. Hopefully, we are in your minds and hearts as well.



I have been using this time to focus on the KJCC. My sympathies go out to all those who have lost dear ones. My congratulations go out to those who have reached milestones. Time is passing. I truly love this institution and its members. Yet I am disappointed that at times we focus on the petty disagreements, like the parking lot. The duly elected board voted to pave the parking lot. Yet, the issue still comes up daily. There is a resolution.

#### **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!**

Come to the Board meetings. Make your opinions known before a decision is made, not after. We are a democratic institution and govern ourselves. As with all democracies, your elected officials should reflect the will of the constituents. But how can they, if you do not give them input? Of course, differing opinions will remain, but we must learn to accept them and move on. I am certain that each one of us has been subjected to a governing decision that we did not like. Yet I am certain there was no discord infecting the institution. I do not want to see the KJCC jeopardize its bright future and wonderful ambience because we cannot move past petty things.

So this summer, take time to reflect on what is important in our individual and in our collective lives. Consider how each of us can contribute to our collective welfare. Make a commitment to be involved so together we can overcome anything that comes our way.

And it feels good. Friendships are deepened. Our bond is strengthened. Although I am the President of the KJCC, I get more from the KJCC family than I give. No, I do not need more work. My efforts emanate from love, and the love is returned manifold. So try it, when you had enough relaxing and enough of the summer doldrums. I promise you will like it. Even though I did not get any input after my last column, as you can see I persevere. It is because I know how much each one of you would benefit from just a bit more active participation.

As for Patty and I, we hope to get some down time this summer. We look forward to seeing your smiling face at our services, events and functions, including board meetings when summer ends. Until then, enjoy and have a great summer wherever you may be. I look forward to hearing some great stories about this time.

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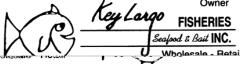


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The next Sisterhood meeting will be announced as soon as the date is decided.

#### **ONEG SHABBAT**

We are having a really special Oneg after services on June 10. We are also celebrating TWO anniversaries - Joan & Jim, Rene & Rose. Each couple married at least 50 years. Join us and congratulate them. They are exceptional.

#### **HIGH HOLIDAYS**

Information and scheduling will be announced in the next issue of Chai-Lights. In the meantime, get a jump on the season. attend when seats are more available - join us for every Friday Shabbat Service. All are followed by a great Oneg Shabbat.

#### **EDUCATION**

Our adult Hebrew classes are being planned for next season. Information about all classes will soon be available. Our children are being educated in Hebrew, Services and Traditions. Classes are scheduled for the rest of the season. Several children's services are planned for the year ahead. Be sure vou check the Chai-Lights calendar for each Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Our students deserve your support!

#### **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the August - September 2005 issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is August 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-v'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

#### MORE CHAI-LIGHTS STAFF

We welcome Roberta McNew to the staff of our monthly bulletin. She is available to you for any help you need preparing copy for inclusion.

#### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

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

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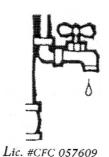


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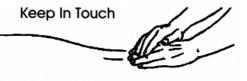
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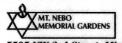
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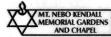
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Thank you all for your cards, phone calls and good wishes for my recuperation. You are all surely my extended family and mishpocha. All of your good wishes are truly appreciated. My shoulder is progressing nicely with physical therapy and I look forward to full recovery and getting back to fishing.

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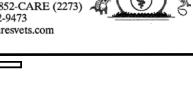
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We wish to extend our appreciation to Joseph Beth for all his hard work during the course of the year. Joseph can be seen most Friday nights taking out the Torahs, set-

ting up the Kiddush wine, and making sure the lights are all in order. After the Oneg, Joseph can be seen helping with cleanups and assisting in whatever capacity he is needed. On Sundays, he can be seen at our Religious School assisting the teachers with the children.

Joseph finds time to do all of this at the KJCC in addition to his life as an honor roll high school student and member of the lacrosse and swim teams.

Once again, thank you Joseph, from all of us at the KJCC.

Just a great display of the new bowls made by the Women's Seder Pottery Class with Beth Kamenstein

## **BOYCOTT IN ENGLAND**

The Simon Wiesenthal Center thanks its 25,000 online activists who helped lead the protest against the boycott of universities in Israel by the British Association of University Teachers, by signing the Center's online petition. The controversial boycott was abandoned at a special meeting held today in London.

The boycott, proposed in solidarity with the Palestinian people, would have barred faculty members of Haifa and Bar Ilan Universities from joint research projects and conferences with their British counterparts.

"We are relieved that the boycott was overturned and are buoyed by the burst of international indignation that exposed the AUT's initial move for what it was - a politically motivated attack." said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, adding that had the boycott been passed, it would have unfairly singled out the very sector of Israeli society that guarantees its democratic institutions and traditions. "Today's move marks the end of one skirmish in the ongoing war to delegitimize Israel," Cooper concluded.



## THE JOEL S. COHEN AWARD

We're so honored to have the winner of the first award and the namesake of the JOEL S. COHEN AWARD with us tonight. SOMETIME I should tell you of how this all began and the role that Joel and his family played...

The committee that meets every year consists of KJCC members who are former winners of this prestigious award. This year, with sincerest considerations and many of the best reasons, we believe we have chosen wisely.

These are only some of the reasons:

For the many times we have enjoyed your insights and your advice over the years - even now - and for your great and varied knowledge shared with us - and for your guidance and your humble strengths.

For all of this - and much, much more that we have gained from your devotion to the KJCC and its many activities - we present to you both, our chosen candidates, for the year 2005, THE JOEL S. COHEN AWARD.

The plaque reads:

PRESENTED TO
GEORGE & MURIEL SWARTZ
FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WORKS
AND DEDICATED SERVICE
THROUGHOUT MANY YEARS.
GEORGE AS OUR PRESIDENT AND
MURIEL AS OUR TREASURER
MAZEL TOV

15 NISAN 5765 APRIL 24, 2005
- PESACH -

(Ed. Note: This was read by Bea Graham at the presentation of the award.)

## **BOOK PLATES**

IN MEMORY OF SAM SAX BY STUART & LAUREN SAX

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT SINGER BY JOEL & LINDA POLLACK

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT SINGER
BY SKIP & RENE ROSE



## TREE OF LIFE

IN HONOR OF
THE BIRTH OF
FAYCHESCA CELESTE GRAHAM
GRANDDAUGHTER OF
MARTY & BEA GRAHAM
BY JOEL & LINDA POLLACK

IN HONOR OF
KATIE GREENMAN
5/7/05

MAZEL TOV – WHAT A MITZVAH!
RON & DOROTHY HORN



Bubbe by Nettie Seder, feels very Keesy this month. So, let's start with 2 versions of a perennial favorite,

## Key Lime Pie.

Then, after dessert, we can talk about some fish.

## Fast & Easy

Pre made graham cracker or Chocolate crumb shell One can of sweetened condensed milk (or fat free) One 8 oz container of Cool Whip (regular, lite or fat free) 1/3 to 1/2 cup Key lime juice (jarred is ok)

Beat the Key lime juice into the condensed milk, use the amount to suit your taste. Blend in about ¾ of the Cool Whip and pour mixture into the pie shell. Put into freezer about ½ hour. Top with remaining Cool Whip, store in freezer until 5 or 10 minutes before serving.

You can also make it with about ½ cup pureed Calamondem oranges (a small local sour orange).

## **Weight Watcher variation**

Reduced Fat graham cracker pie crust
2 - 8 oz, artificially sweetened Key Lime Yogurt
4 oz boiling water
Lime Sugar free Jell-O
8 oz container of Cool Whip

Dissolve the Jell-O in the boiling water, ( use 1 or 2 T of lime juice as part of the water) Beat in the yogurt, then about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Cool Whip. Put into the Fridge for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour until set, then cover with the remaining Cool Whip.

This pie can be made with any combination of Jell-O and yogurt that you might like. Try peach, strawberry (with a few fresh strawberries mixed in) or raspberry. Experiment and enjoy.

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## **Looking Forward to August**

August Birthdays
Melinda Ariowitsch28
Samuel E Barsh
Sooner Brooks-Heath
Esta Jo Busker
Camryn Clements23
Gina Egan13
Marc S Field2
Jessica Forman 4
Pamela Friedman
Brian Gilderman13
Ilana Gilderman 8
Peter Goldstein
Zachary Grace18
Rozi Graham10
Judy Greenman
Elaine Hirsch
Patricia Isenberg15
David Kaufman $\dots \dots 5$
Eileen Kominsky
Alan Lindenbaum16
Jaimee Marshall27
Nissan Mayk 5
Carl McNew24
Amanda Nobil
Bobby Pitsenbarger22
Gordon Present
Ronni Shapiro30
Seth Sherman28
Barbara Smith10
Ashley Solomon
Evan Stuart
Amanda Sullivan11

Jerry labasky19
Robert Temkin30
Alison Thompson16
Sherry Turney
Sue Ann Weihl30
Carole Weiss 4
Bill Weprin
Heide Werthamer
Danielle Zinner
Rachel Zinner

## **August Anniversaries**

Years
23
17
6
34
37
50
48

# OF THE YEAR

Joan & Jim Boruszak prouldly announce that their daughter, Beth Hudson, received the PRO-FESSIONAL AWARD FROM THE COLLIN COUNTY ADVOCACY CENTER

Congratulations to the family.

## The Joel S. Cohen Award

-- Muriel & George Swartz

What an honor to have our names on the same award with the name Joel Cohen and, as well, to add our names to the list of dedicated, valued members of the KJCC who previously received the special Joel S. Cohen Award! George and I sincerely thank you with great appreciation.

My vivid memories of our first attending services at the KJCC in January 1991 (way back in the 20th century!) include, what I consider, two very important aspects of our temple in Paradise. First, there were warm, welcoming hugs and greetings from Sara and Joel Cohen, Helen and Ben Sherman, Cathy Kaplan, Pauline and Al Roller, Tobie and Farrel Yesner, Myrna and Mike Rubin, Bea and Marty Graham, Blanche (B.Z.) and Harold Slutzker. How caring and friendly were those greetings! May we continue always to be that special ingathering spot for all the Jews of the Upper Keys.

Secondly, at the start of Friday night services, Mike Rubin (who led all the services beautifully for several years) would say "The KJCC is the only temple from Marathon to Key Largo, and we welcome and embrace those from all branches of Judaism--Reform, Conservative and Orthodox." Those words had the right sentiment for me because I'm half of a mixed marriage: George is Conservative, I am Reform. I hope the inclusiveness of all Jews, no matter how they prefer to practice and observe our traditions; will continue to be the way we decide matters pertaining to respect for all our members' traditions.

Todah Rabbah--Thank you-- You brought smiles to our faces--You surprised us! It has been our pleasure to be a part of this dear and wonderful KJCC!!!



## A Very Heartfelt Thank You

I cannot express enough appreciation for the outpouring kindness and love from all the members of the KJCC upon the passing of my dear Bobby. You all are my 'family away from home', and the support I received from you all was outstanding and so very comforting.

Mary Lee Singer

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## **Greetings from Silvan Shalom,**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the Jewish Communities in the Diaspora on Israel's 57th Independence Day 5765 - 2005

Dear friends,

On behalf of the government and people of Israel, I am pleased to convey to you my warmest wishes on the 57th anniversary of Israel's independence.

This is a day of celebration not only for us here in Israel, but for the Jewish people the world over. Together we celebrate today the rebirth of our nation in our ancient homeland, and we celebrate the great achievements of our people in overcoming the many challenges we face. We celebrate the realization of the dream of generations - to be a free people in our own land.

Particularly this year, as we mark the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, the true significance of what it means to have our own state is there for all to see. Today, Israel stands at the forefront of our joint battle against resurgent anti-Semitism, and of the effort to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust. Our country stands as a permanent

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## **Special Days in June**

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## June Birthdays

Shirley Alias	.20
Donna Bolton	. 6
William Bolton	.15
Rita Bromwich	.26
Paul Busker	.26
Andrew Cohen	.28
Stephen Cohen	.15
Alan Cooper	.28
Arthur Feinberg	.29
Linda Feinberg	.11
Bob Friedman	.30
Joseph Goldberg	.23
Maxwell Grace	.27
Justin Greenbaum	.13
Herman J. Jacobs	. 5
Peter Kantor	
Amelia Kasinof	.18
Harvey Klein	
Nancy Kluger	. 6
Robert N Kwalick	.29
Selma Levine	. 6
Sheldon Mann	. 8
Haley Mayclin	.15
Israel Mayk	.13
Jennifer Nobil	
Jim Nobil	. 7
Taryn Nobil	.21
Abraham Rakov	. 3
Delaney Rohde	.24
Judy Schmidt	.20
Jeremy Shapiro	.30
Kevin M. Silverman	.12

Robert W. Singer2	7
Lorene Solomon	3
Alfred Weihl	4
Barbara Weprin30	0
Joan Wohl	7
Dorothy Wolfe	5

#### **June Anniversaries**

	years
Joan Stark & Joel Bernard10	19
Donna & William Bolton12	12
Joan & James Boruszak14	52
Debra & Steven Faber	30
Renee & Laurence Green25	33
Elinor & Herbert Grossman 25	48
Linda & Allan Holbrook20	29
Selma & Herbert Levine11	55
Patricia & Edwin Marco2	39
Beverly M & Harvey E Robins 12	48
Rene & Skip Rose23	50
Lauren & Stuart Sax23	31
Ruth & Eric Schrader-Grace 18	11
Carol Ann & Stephen Steinbock 5	22
Sofy & Mark Wasser10	10
Barbara & William Weprin 8	37
Heide & Robert Werthamer 24	10
Joan & Milton Wohl20	54
Rae Susan & Lloyd Wruble 28	36

The members of the KJCC send their sincere condolences to Mary Lee and the Singer family upon the loss of BOBBY SINGER, May 3, 2005. May he be remembered always by his good deeds.

which guides us in all we do. And as we address the challenges of the future with hope and optimism, we also reaffirm our commitment to the values and traditions, which make us one.

From Jerusalem, the eternal and united capital of our reborn state, I send you my best wishes for a happy and joyous, Yom Haatzmaut.

Hag Atzmaut sameah! ilvan Shalom

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

## **Anti-Semitism**

Since 1948 the Jewish state has been fighting for its very existence. The unending wars might have killed our fantasies of the Israel in the Siddur, but they need not destroy our love and attachment for Israel of today. There is no great love that is without some pain and doubt. When we believe that a relationship is worth nurturing and preserving, we find ways to continue to value the object of our love.

I was born in Israel, I grew up free and proud, immersed in my rich Jewish heritage. I love Israel, it is central to my Jewish identity. And then I was living in the Diaspora, teaching in the communities about Judaism and Jewish identity. And I learned that we must never lose sight of the importance of this unity between Israel and the Jewish communities of the Diaspora, the unity of the Jewish people. There are many challenges ahead for us. United we will have more strength to fight the rising Anti-Semitism of today. Israel needs us for its survival and we need the Jewish state for our survival.

YARDENA

### YOM HA'SHOA

## **COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST**

About the Holocaust there are two main approaches we encounter:

- 1) acceptance, out of religious fear of God, which sees in the Shoa (Holocaust) God's will;
- 2) doubt and rejection, rebellion against religion, "God is dead", "life is absurd".

We, who were not there, cannot comprehend the Holocaust, but we can identify with our brothers who suffered horrors and try to comprehend their acceptance or rejection.

In his book "Faith after the Holocaust" E.Bercovich writes: We have to listen to the testimony of those who were there in the Shoa and to their reactions. There are those who continued with their faith with "emuna shlema", and there are those who lost their faith. I can understand them. They suffered the unimaginable. I believe that God himself understands them. I believe in God. I, who was not there, I cannot rebel against God because it would mean "profanation of the victims". How could I dare rebel if they accepted our faith.

On the other hand I cannot accept. It's because I was not there that I do not dare accept, how can I, if those who suffered the unimaginable lost their faith.

But I cannot doubt, not when I hear the martyrs words "ani ma'amin", I believe. I believe because they believed. But at the same time I don't know how to believe,....

We must believe and we must doubt, for the victims sake. This is a complex situation, but this is where we Jews stand after the Shoa.

Yardena Kamely

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## Sisterhood



It is hard to believe that just one week ago we were at Katie Greenman's Bat Mitzvah, and now we are back in New Jersey for the next few months. The house that Jules and I came to as newly married with no children now seems less ours than our home in Key Largo. Times do change.

I was truly delighted to have worked with Katie and Judy Greenman during the week before the Bat Mitzvah. I only had one contact before that with Katie, one day at a meeting at their home. She was one of three very small tots eating lunch in the kitchen.

She is a young lady we can all be proud of. I wish her and her family much luck and happiness for the future.

During these next couple of months of quieter times and less planned activities, we need to become creative, so in the fall when all the activities begin again, we can all come back with even better ideas than the wonderful things that we did in the past.

Jules and I would like express our sympathy to Mary Lee and the rest of the Singer Family on the passing of Bobby. We were all fortunate to have known him and, how lucky are we as a congregation to have so many things he made, especially for us, to use at all our functions. These will always be cherished along with his memory.

I know I just left the Keys but we look forward to September and returning to our many friends.

Have a Great Summer Nettie (and of course, Jules) Seder

## **Ongoing Projects**

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

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

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ON SALE NOW call Linda at 852-8575



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## **EDITOR'S PAGE**

For the last 3 years, the Board has been wrestling with the problem of fixing our driveway and parking area. Blacktopping is not inexpensive, and could easily lead to severe maintenance and flooding issues. There is also the possibility of creating an attractive area for drag racing and skateboarding that we do not wish to have.

The Board has received guidance from experts in the field, estimates were given, problems and solutions were discussed. The decision was made to start with the driveway and see if it was as great a benefit as hoped.

As those of you who have been here this spring have seen, our driveway has been blacktopped from the sidewalk entrance to the joint with the parking area. This has made the driveway much easier to navigate, especially after a heavy rain.

The issue of blacktopping the parking lot was once again brought to a motion. It was feiththale 12 of the problems has liberstowed, and the motion passed. Contracts were signed, permits were applied for, and the work will be done as soon as permits are issued.

For the record, I would like to point out that this decision was made only after much discussion pro and con, much argument amongst the Board members, and many requests for input from the general membership in the President's Message in Chailights. Once again, this issue has been a topic for almost three years. I would also like to point out that it was a Board decision, not a President's decision.

At our last Board meeting, after consideration of all the pros and cons, a vote was taken and passed to blacktop the parking area. Time now to all pull together towards this goal. In unity there is strength - let's continue to be strong together.