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### Keys Jewish Community Center

P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, Florida 33070.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# **Important Anouncments**

### **BOARD MEETING**

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

### **SISTERHOOD**

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

### **EVENTS**

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

### **ONEG SHABBAT**

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

### **KJCC WEBSITE**

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

### **EDITOR AVAILABILITY**

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

### **DEADLINE**

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

### **EMAIL**

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

# **April Leaders**

6 Gloria

13 Bernie

20 Joyce

27 Jim

- Note Last Friday Service starts at 6:30.

## **Oneg Sponsors for April**

6 - None - Passover

13 Carole & sheldon Weiss - Anniversary

20 Franne & Barry Alter - Franne's birthday

27 Gene & Mort Silverman

- Anniversary Stephanie & Larry Gilderman

- Jordan's bday

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# **April Memoriam**

By Michael Klimpl

In Blessed Memory of

MARILYN JANET BARR

Eternal Rest

By Laurence & Renee Green

In Blessed Memory of

**DAVID BERNSTEIN** 

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Mario & Linda LaGrotte

In Blessed Memory of

MINNIE BIRNBAUM

Eternal Peace

By Steven & Barbara Smith

In Blessed Memory of

**CANTOR ALEX CHAPIN** 

Forever In Our Hearts

By Meredith A. Cline

In Blessed Memory of

JOSEPH T CLINE

In Our Heart And Memory

By Gene & Gail Saks

In Blessed Memory of

**CLARA G COHEN** 

Always In My Memory

By Donald & Nancy Zinner

In Blessed Memory of

**IRWIN CUTLER** 

Rest In Peace

By Marc & Ellen Bloom

In Blessed Memory of

NAT FELDBLUM

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Jeffrey & Patricia Schocket

In Blessed Memory of

**DOLORES FELDMAN** 

Always In Our Memory

By Gene & Gail Saks

In Blessed Memory of

SAUL GREENFEDER

In Our Memory Always

By Paul & Susan Roberts

In Blessed Memory of

MILTON GREENWALD

Long Blessed Sleep

By Joan Waldman

In Blessed Memory of

MARTHA GROSS

We Remember Always

By Margaret Gross

In Blessed Memory of

LAWRENCE GROSS

With Loving Rememberance

By Richard Karron

In Blessed Memory of

**CHARLES KARRON** 

Sleep In Peace

# **April Memoriam**

By Harvey & Judith Klein

In Blessed Memory of

NATHAN KLEIN

Remembered With Love

By Michael Klimpl

In Blessed Memory of

FRED KLIMPL

Forever Remembered With Love

By Sandy & Nancy Yankow

In Blessed Memory of

**CHARLES KRAM** 

Always Remembered

By the Blumberg Family

In Blessed Memory of

HAROLD MARKOWITZ

Always Remebered With Love

By Sandy & Nancy Yankow

In Blessed Memory of

**HILDA MAZUR** 

Rest in Blessed Peace

By Joel & Linda Pollack

In Blessed Memory of

**ERWIN MOSS** 

Never Forgotten, Always Loved

By Lester & Flo Neiman

In Blessed Memory of

**ESTELLE NEIMAN** 

Always Loved and Missed

By Jim & Lynn Nobil

In Blessed Memory of

GEORGE NOBIL

Eternal Rest

By Morris & Evelyn Zalmanovich

In Blessed Memory of

**DONALD RICH** 

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Myron & Myrna Rubin

In Blessed Memory of

**HERMAN RUBIN** 

Eternal Peace

**By Marjorie Present** 

In Blessed Memory of

**BENJAMIN A SAVAGE** 

Forever In Our Hearts

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

In Blessed Memory of

**SAM SAX** 

In Our Heart And Memory

By David & Shifra Kossman

In Blessed Memory of

**DANIEL SEROTT** 

Always In My Memory

By Miltra Sheinker

In Blessed Memory of

**WARREN J SHEINKER** 

Rest In Peace

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## **BOOK PLATES**

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

## **YARTZEIT PLAOUES**

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

## **Chabad House**

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

- 1. Which sitting US Senator had the most Jewish grandparents?
- a. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D, California)
- b. Senator George Allen (R, Virginia)
- c. Senator Hillary Clinton (D, New York)

# Reading of the Megillah - Purim 2007

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

After the blessing by Alan, the timeless story was begun in Hebrew by Michal, continued by Yardena, and then in English around the circle, a paragraph at a time. It was read by some who are great-grandparents, parents with their children, and a beautiful clear reading by 9 year old Joshua. Among us we had visitors, who were pleased and surprised to find a location in the Keys where they could fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the megillah read. We had others for whom it was the first time they had ever really heard the story in its entirety.. We ended with distribution of Shalach manot that had been prepared by our religious school children, and the collection of money (over \$27) to be sent to a charity for our needy brethren in Miami. Then we feast-

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Pollack and Jim Boruszak.

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

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

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

L'Chaim Steve

- 2. The late Israel Goldfarb was the father-in-law of:
- a. Senator Russ Feingold (D, Wisconsin)
- b. Senator Arlen Specter (R, Pennsylvania)
- c. Senator Harry Reid (D, Nevada Incoming Majority Leader)

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# **Pets and People**

NAMES OF OWNERS

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

BREED/NAME/AGE

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

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

Sweetie Pie-Feline Tiffanie Burmese; Age 4ish Jigs-Black Cat; Age 3ish

REASONS FOR CHOOSING BREED/INTER-ESTING CHARACTERISTICS/STORIES

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

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





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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## YEDA Adult Education by Yardena.

# On Jewish Wisdom and Ethics part (2)

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

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

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

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

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

This continual emphasis upon justice, com-

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

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

Making peace among friends

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

Intervening to stop a wrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **April Fool Answers**

- 1.a Of the three, only Senator Feinstein is Jewish and she wins with 3 Jewish grand-parents (although not her mother's mother), Senator Allen had 2 (his mother's parents) and Senator Clinton had a Jewish step-grandfather.
- 2. c Incoming Majority Leader Reid's father-in-law was a Jewish immigrant from the Ukraine named Israel Goldfarb, who came to America early in the 20th century. Most of his family perished in the Holocaust. Senator Reid and his wife are practicing Mormons. Senator Specter, a practicing Jew, late father-in-law was Jewish. Senator Feingold has had a Jewish father-in-law and a non-Jewish one and currently is father-in-law-less.
- 3. b House Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi, who is not Jewish, has 2 Jewish grandchildren. Congressmen Israel and Cantor are Jewish, but not yet grandparents.
- 4. a Incoming Congressman Keith Ellison, a practicing Muslim, plans to take the Oath of Office in January holding the Koran. Jews and Christians have been taking the oath holding their holy scriptures since the founding of the republic.
- 5 d- all of the above! We should kvell!!

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

# **Ongoing Projects**

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

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

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

# **Looking Forward to May**

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Alan Beth
Matthew Birnbaum
Jaime Boruszak1
Joan Boruszak2
Sidney Boruszak
Julie Burnett
Mark Burnett
Joel Cohen
Nyan Feder1
Robin Forman
Bernie Ginsberg1
Rose Marie Gordon1
Tracey Greemberg2
Nicole Karron
Carolyn Kaufman
Bianka Kirschenbaum2
Leon Kirschenbaum
Jenny Margulies
Pamela G. Marmar
Liati Mayk
Stanley Nason
Jeffrey Pollack2
Madelyn Ruby Pollack
Sharon Repua
Randy Robins
Sheila Rodin-Novak
Medina Roy1
Jonathan Schenker
Paul R. Schur
Reid Schur
Susan Schwaid2
Jules Seder2
Nettie Seder

**May Birthdays** 

Robert Sherman
Robert Silk12
Andrea P. Silverman
Mark E. Silverman31
Michael Solomon
Sheila R. Steinberg
John Temkin
Nancy Zinner

## **May Anniversaries**

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

- 5. The current US Jewish population is hovering around 2% of America's 300,000,000 people. Which of the following is true?
- a. The Supreme Court is more than 20% Jewish the largest number of Jews in history.
- b. The new US Senate will be 13% Jewish the largest number of Jews in history.
- c. The new US House will be 8% Jewish the largest number of Jews in history.
- d. All of the above

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

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

## On shaming others

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

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

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

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

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

- Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin, p.112 Judging others

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

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

The cautious people of Jerusalem had these rules:

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

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

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

-Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin, p. 23a

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

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

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

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

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## Sisterhood



## SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

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

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

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

Chai-Lights Mitzvah: Marty Graham

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

# **Special Days in April**

April Bir direidiy s
Lauren Abrams3
Franne Alter17
Rachel Barrett30
David M. Cohn6
Claire Cooper3
Robin S Denker22
David Feder9
Ethel Foster
Jared Scott Gershowitz25
Max Logan Gershowitz
Ella Gilderman16
Larry Gilderman20
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Susan Gordon24
Faychesca Graham 6
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Geri & Stuart Smith10	42
Mary & Salomon Terner7	14
Sherry & Edward Turney6	31
Carole & Sheldon Weiss 15	56

4. The current Holy Book controversy in Washington stems from

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

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

## **GEFILTE FISH SAUTE**

2 Lb jar gefilte fish 1 egg

1 Tbs water 3/4 cup matzo meal

Butter or margarine

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

## **DILL SAUCE**

1/4 cup sour cream 1/4 cup chopped dill pickles

1 Tbs pickle juice 1/4 tsp salt

Combine all ingredients and store in refrigerator.

This sauce is best prepared several hours before serving.

## **MURIEL'S PASSOVER MAGIC BROWNIES**

4 oz chocolate chips or semi-sweet chocolate 1 cup butter or margarine

1 3/4 cups sugar 4 eggs

2 tsp vanilla flavoring 1 cup cake meal

Pinch of salt 12 oz package chocolate chips

2 cups cut up or diced marshmallows

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

## **Bike Tour FORMS - UPDATE!!**

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

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

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

- 3. Which Member of Congress has the most Jewish grandchildren?
- a. Representative Steve Israel (D, New York)
- b. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D, California Speaker of the Houseelect)
- c. Representative Eric Cantor (R, Virginia)

## **Email Problems!**

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

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

## YEDA continued

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

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

# Ultrasonics Does Faster, Better Job For Aviation

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equipment can save 90 per cent in uting to the maximum in cleaning the replacement of those tubes efficiency.

the largest utrasonic installations in cleaned without disassembly. the U.S. in the cleaning of such items as aircraft oil coolers.

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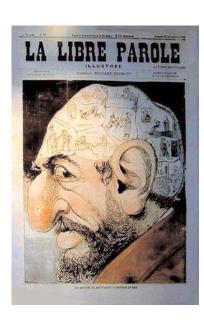
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transducer tank converts electrical and ratings. It's worth a big look.



Joel gets some KJCC visitors





Photos courtesy of Harvey Schwaid

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

# **JCC Religious School News** Continued

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

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

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

## Honorable "MENCH"ion Continued

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

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

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

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# KJCC Religious School News

Gloria Avner

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



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

A very special vote of thanks must go to the very brave adults of our congregation who joined with us so wholeheartedly to make this a special event. David Feder generously set the tone for us in playing our theme song, "As Time Goes By," Mark Bloom, Mark Wasser, Meredith Cline, Roberta McNew, Zoe Berk, Sofy Wasser,

and Jim Boruszak all showed great talent, enthusiasm, and willingness to support our children. They were each terrific and extremely funny. The KJCC Religious School is very grateful for the opportunity to share meaningful, fun projects with so many of our children's parents and other adult members.

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

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## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

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

and, perhaps, have a military background. Such is the case with this month's "mench".

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

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

of a good wage and the lure of adventure was all it took.

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

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

As one of a handful of women on auxiliary vessels from small repair ships to cruisers, Leslie taught business and economics but, with her elementary credentials, she often had to teach basic skills and be adaptable. Like the time she sailed off only to find that there

were no textbooks on board with which to teach. "I am not a good maintenance manager, but an excellent trouble shooter when problems arise."

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

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

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

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



Tuesday, April 3, 2007 6:30 pm

Islamorada Fishing Club



adults \$40

Children 12 and under are our guests.

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Holiday	Hebrew	Servi	ces on	Time	
Chanukkah - 1st candle	Kislev 24	Fri	12/15	8:00 PM	
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Tu B'Shevat	Shevat 15	Fri	2/16	8:00 PM	
Purim	Adar 14	Fri	3/2	7:30 PM	
Passover 1st Seder	Nissan 14	Mon	4/2	Enjoy	
Passover 2nd Seder	Nissan 15	IFC	4/3	6:30 PM	
Passover - Yizkor	Nissan 22	Fri	4/13	8:00 PM	
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Fri	4/20	8:00 PM	
Yom Ha'atzmaut	lyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM	
Lag B'Omer	lyar 18	Fri	5/4	8:00 PM	
Shavuot - Yizkor	Sivan 6	Fri	5/25	8:00 PM	
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Fri	7/27	8:00 PM	
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