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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



I spent this morning watching Rabbi Menachem Bialo lovingly and painstakingly examine and make minute repairs to the Hebrew letters of our Holocaust Torah, which was unfurled across several tables in the Kamely classroom. A couple of people dropped by to watch him work and to talk to him. He told us that our Czech Torah is about two centuries old, and like every Torah, has 304,805 letters. He looked at each one. He said that each Torah is different from every other; just as each person has his own handwriting. He particularly loves ours, with its large, clear letters and broad spaces between the columns of writing. While I was there, I packed up the silver ornaments from our Torahs. They will be polished and shiny for the New Year.

These Torahs are physical representations of the laws, customs and history that make us who we are, that bind us to something far beyond ourselves.

Most synagogues are full on the High Holidays, and most charge for seats. We at KJCC are an exception. Many of our members are still up north, so we have room and are glad to welcome all. Rabbi Agler and Cantor Dzubin will again lead our services and they promise to be intimate, interesting and inspiring. We will be organizing the Rosh Hashanah and Yom

Kippur honors over the next several weeks. If you know when you will be here and can accept either a Torah honor or an English reading, please drop me a note at joycepeckman@gmail.com as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are a much more valuable and meaningful New Year than January 1. They offer us the gift of a clean slate. It is customary, perhaps obligatory, to ask forgiveness of those we have wronged, maybe without even being aware. This is a time to open hearts and discussions, knowing that your friend should be more open to forgiveness at this time of year. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks notes that it's hard, perhaps even unnatural, to forgive people who have done you wrong. Why even bother? To which his answer is that there is no worse self-inflicted injury than harboring a sense of grievance. Life's too short to bear a grudge or seek revenge. Bad has happened, but it won't be made better by dwelling on it. Let it go. Release the weight. Move on. And so, if I have inadvertently offended you or slighted you, please let me know, and I ask your forgiveness.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy 5780. ◇

October Birthdays

2nd.....	Michael Gilson	20th	Barbara Knowles
4th	Michael Kanarek	20th	Sydney Faye-Davis
4th	Michael Krissel	21st	Sammy Knowles
5th	Mathew Tainow	22nd.....	Daniel Tainow
5th	Shayne Robinson	22nd.....	Joseph Shabathai
6th	Joel Bernard	22nd.....	Susan Roberts
7th	Jordan Feig	23rd	Joe Levi
11th	Olivia Landes	24th	Stacy Temkin
12th	Benay Krissel	25th	Landon Strasser
13th	Richard Kaufman	25th	Richard Wolfe
14th	Paul Friedman	26th	Addison Daddona
14th	Samantha Sherman	29th	Adriana Sherman
15th	Marcia Kreitman	29th	Shyella Mayk
15th	Michael Tallent	30th	Franklin Greenman
16th	Kiersten Persoff	30th	Katie J. Schur
17th	Jay Hershoff	30th	Mark Hitzig
17th	Stacey W. Seewald	31st.....	Brittany Schur
18th	Payton Borisoff		

October Anniversaries

Years

2nd	Paul & Barbara Bernstein	25
15th	David & Toby Goldfinger	60
16th	Jerry & Barbara Herson	20
28th	Michael & Suzanne Gilson.....	18
31st	Harvey & Judith Klein.....	65

November Anniversaries

Years

6th	Thomas & Renee Brodie.....	26
14th	Donald & Nancy Zinner.....	32
23rd	Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver.....	5
27th	Stanley & Jenny Margulies.....	
28th	Sam & Leslie Janowitz.....	22
29th	Louis and Linda Ulman	38

Book Plate

In Loving Memory of
My Brother Barry

He loved Yiddishkeit
Missed by Gloria

Book Plate

In Memory of
Evelyn Coltman

by Barnett Coltman

Book Plate

Honoring
**Grandchildren Luke,
Nathan & Anna Quarberg**

Love, Grandma Susan & Dot-Dot

Book Plate

In Memory of
Bubby & Zaide Lieberman

by Dr. Erica Lieberman-Garrett

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Dip and Dine

KJCC's Erev Rosh HaShanah's Best Ever Home Cooked Dinner, a Sisterhood Event is coming soon. Circle the date, Sept. 29th at 5:30 p.m. and send in your check. It's your reservation. Let's dip our apples in the honey and welcome sweetness into our lives at the beginning of this New Year. For more information, see the poster on P. 16.

Don't Forget to Feed the Fish

At 4:00 p.m. on September 30, the first day of Rosh HaShanah, we will meet at Ocean Point to pray, sing and metaphorically throw our bad deeds, the ones that missed their mark, when we were not our best selves, into the water in the form of bread (bagel?) crumbs. Tashlich is a short traditional ceremony in a beautiful place with expansive ocean view. Let the ocean carry away your bad behavior, leaving room for new and good.

Havdalah at Linda P's

Once again, as she has for many years, Linda Pollack will host us at her lovely home for a pot luck meal and the shortest sweetest service of all, Havdalah. That morning, October 5th at 10:00 a.m., we will be in our KJCC Sanctuary for the Shabbat Shuvah Torah Service, always taking place on the Saturday between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, deepening our commitment to become our better selves. That evening we will wait for three medium stars to come out so we can say goodbye to Shabbat with wine, spices, fire from a many wicked candle and song. The internal work deepens as we move closer to Yom Kippur.

Feed and Fast

We are not talking about eating quickly, but about fasting meaningfully. When you come to services on Kol Nidre eve, (or any time the week before), bring a bag of non-perishable groceries with you. Help feed those less fortunate than we are. When Yom Kippur is over, we will load up a van with the bags we've collected and bring them to Burton Memorial's Food Bank, feeding the hungry and strengthening our ties with our neighbors. For more information, see the poster on P. 24.

Break-the-Fast

After a full 25 hours of meditation, prayer, chanting, repenting and learning with Rabbi Agler,

the Days of Awe, Yamim Noraim, come to their climactic moment and conclusion. The Shofar is sounded with one long blast--the tekiah g'dolah --and when the Havdalah candle sputters out in the dish of wine, it's over. Except for what's next. Come break the fast with us at the most bountiful dairy dinner you can imagine, as soon as the afternoon and early evening services are over. For details, see the poster on P. 20.

In Our KJCC Sukkah

Come on Sunday Oct. 13th at 11 a.m. to help us decorate our sukkah. We will have an Etrog and lulav available to wave before services on Friday October 18th, and will say Kiddush and break bread there afterwards.

Sukkot at the Aglers

Rabbi and Mindy Agler have again invited us to a pot-luck dinner at their home on the Shabbat of Succot, at 7 p.m. October 19th, followed by havdalah and grapes in their bay-side sukkah. The address is 168 Sunset Drive, Tavernier. RSVP to Erica Lieberman-Garrett. For details, see the poster on P. 28.

Torah Services Begin

Lucky us. Torah learning Shabbat morning services are set to resume on the morning of November 2nd. The Parashah of the week will be Noach. If you've been to Rabbi Richard Agler's services before, you know you want to come. If you haven't, make a special effort. Our Scholar-in-Residence makes Torah study a warm, rewarding and engaging experience, a wonderful way to spend a Shabbat morning. There will be refreshments in the afterwards. Services start promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Reverse Tashlich

On Sunday, October 6th we will join Jewish communities across the country in a Hillel-sponsored "Reverse Tashlich" as we remove the sins of the community in the form of trash on the shore. We will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the KJCC parking lot, bringing gloves and grabbers (if you have) and wearing shoes that can handle walking in the wet mangroves. We will provide trash bags, more gloves and grabbers, and proceed to the mangrove area near Donna Bolton's ocean-side home to provide a cleaner environment for sea life. Call Susan Gordon at 305-766-3585 if you would like to be part of this worthwhile effort.◇



Sisterhood Book Club

Monday
October 28, 2019
- Noon



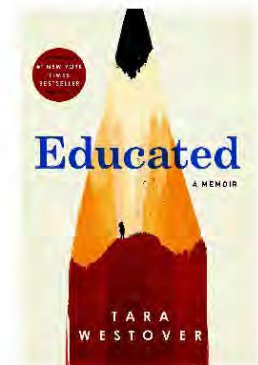
The Nightingale tells the story of two sisters in France during World War II, and their struggle to survive and resist the German occupation of France. It was inspired by the story of a Belgian woman, Andrée de Jongh, who helped downed Allied pilots to escape Nazi territory.

Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches. In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter she salvaged in her father's junkyard.

The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when Tara's older brother became violent.

Then, lacking a formal education, Tara began to educate herself. She taught herself enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she studied history, learning for the first time about important world events like the Holocaust and the civil rights movement. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Monday
November 25,
2019 - Noon



RSVP and more information - Bobbie Chester -
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SISTERHOOD

Susan Gordon



It's hard to believe that the New Year is already upon us! I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Healthy 5780. May we all have a year filled with enjoyment and contentment while enjoying our friends, family, and our varied activities, and content with our lives and how we choose to spend our time this coming year.

The women of the KJCC Sisterhood have been quite busy throughout the month of September, planning and preparing for the many High Holiday events. After taking a two month break from Sisterhood meetings during July and August, we met on the morning of Sunday, September 8th to plan these Holiday meals. This past August marked two years that I have held the position of Sisterhood President. I can honestly say that I enjoy our monthly meetings. I feel supported & surrounded by like-minded, intelligent, hard-working women who share the common goal of making the KJCC a great place for all to enjoy and feel connected to one-another while celebrating the traditions of Judaism.

The Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner which is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th at 5:30pm promises to be a delicious & bountiful buffet, worthy of celebrating the New Year in our usual KJCC style! During the following two days, Monday, September 30th and Tuesday, October 1st, Sisterhood will provide a lovely luncheon for all to enjoy at the conclusion of the Rosh Hashanah prayer services on each day. Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will gather at the home of Linda Pollack on the evening of Saturday, October 5th at 7:00pm to enjoy a (hopefully) colorful bayfront sunset, participate in a sweet Havdalah service, and share an 'End of Shabbat Shuvah' meal together. Havdalah is one of my favorite traditions; smelling the rich aroma of the spices,

lighting the multi-wicked braided candle in darkness, blending our voices in song while we say goodbye to another restful Shabbat. At the conclusion of a full day of Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, October 9th when everyone is weary from prayer and the feeling of hunger is setting in, Sisterhood will, once again, offer an exceptional buffet to the congregants of the KJCC. Please join us as we enjoy a traditional "Break-the-Fast" meal. This year, Erica has volunteered to organize all of the High Holiday Dinners and Luncheons. I am certain that every woman in the KJCC Sisterhood will agree with me, that we are very fortunate to have the 'perfect gal for the perfect job.' Somehow, Erica makes it all look so easy to plan these big functions!

Participating in the Sisterhood at the KJCC is rewarding in so many ways and on so many levels. If you are already a 'regular' at our monthly meetings...thank you! If you have not yet attended, please try to come sometime. All female members of the KJCC are automatically members of Sisterhood. Meetings are held on the first Sunday morning of each month. I look forward to welcoming you on Sunday, October 6th at 9:30am, as we begin a New Year with great enthusiasm! ◇

Book Plate

In Memory of

Dr. Victor Herman

by Bernie Ginsberg

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JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2019

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Adam & Judy Starr

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In Memory of

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Jerry & Barbara Herson

Robert & Adriana Sherman

Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver

Joe & Linda Levi

David & Wendy Morris

Book Plate

Barney Coltman

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Victor Herman

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	Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis	November 8	Sisterhood
	Yahrzeit of Laura's Dad Sidney Blum	November 15	Linda Kaplan In Honor of Her Birthday
October 4	James Brush In Memory of his great grandfather	November 22	Gloria Avner In Honor of Her Birthday
October 11	Stuart & Geri Smith In Honor of Mets World Series 50th Anniversary	November 29	Sisterhood
October 18	Jane Friedman In Honor of Paul Friedman's Birthday	December 6	Frank Rose In Honor of His 90th birthday
October 25	Joe & Kathy Shabathai in Honor of Their Birthdays		

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

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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.

TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT: Bring your empty prescription and vitamin bottles to the KJCC and place in the collection box. We are assisting Burton Memorial with a project to provide empty medicine bottles to Haiti where they are needed.

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

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

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

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

November Birthdays

1st.....	Harry Rzepka	16th	Lorelei Alexander
2nd.....	Brian Boruszak	18th	Diana Loi-Kamely
2nd.....	Jeremy M. Schur	18th	Ross Alexander
2nd.....	Matt Temkin	19th	Georgia Landau
3rd	Katherine Shabathai	19th	Michael E. Schur
4th	Zoey Barrett	20th	Betty Small
7th	Joel Stein	22nd.....	Gloria Avner
7th	Michele Lindenbaum	22nd.....	John Luis Greenbaum
8th	Nico Wilbur	24th	Arthur Lee Willner
11th	Cathy Dutton	24th	Will Travis Pollack
13th	Marilyn Greenbaum	25th	Nancy L. Cohn
13th	Tami Antelman	26th	John Douglas Greenbaum
14th	Larry Wolfe	28th	Nicole Hudson
14th	Rae Wruble	29th	Benjamin Rakov

Service Leaders

October 4	Joyce Peckman	November 2:.....	Rabbi Agler 10 a.m.
October 11	Laurie Blum	November 8.....	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
October 18	Gloria Avner	November 15	Susan Gordon & Donna Bolton
October 25		November 22	Steve Hartz
November 1	Gross-Klein Family	November 29	Medina Roy & Gloria Avner

In Memoriam – October 2019

Perren Gerber

By Gloria Avner

Mae U. Stark

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

Sadie Klimpl

By Michael Klimpl

Fanny Grossman Bernard

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

Molly Feldblum

By Marc Bloom

Sidney Blum

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

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By Barbara A. Calev

Sydney Edelman

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Doran David Zinner

By Donald Zinner

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Eugene Agler

By Richard & Mindy Agler

Audrey Bloom

By Marc Bloom

Fanny Kluger

By Nancy Kluger

Loretta Messer

By Marc Bloom

Jacqueline Berger

By Lynn Dils

Ilse Doellefeld

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Harriet Feder

By David & Suzi-Sara Feder

Lillian Skolnick

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Tillie Pollack

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By Lawrence Jacobs

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Michal Kamely

By Uri Kamely

David Kamely

By Yardena Kamely

Kenny Temkin

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Morris Mazur

By Sanford Yankow

Shirley Leventhal Strumor

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Ethel Hankin

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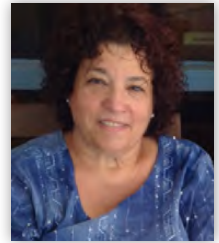
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WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



Found – David's City of Refuge from Saul

An international team of archaeologists claims to have identified the lost city of Ziklag, the town where the Bible says David was given shelter by Philistine King Achish. Based on artifacts and carbon 14 dating results of excavations since 2015, the scientists believe that the archaeological site of Khirbet a-Ra'i, in the Judean foothills, is the site of the ancient Philistine town. The Book of Samuel states that Ziklag provided refuge to David (before he was king) when he was on the run from King Saul. David settled at Ziklag for fourteen months with 600 of his men and their families and used it as a base from which to raid neighboring peoples. After his time in Ziklag, David was anointed King in Hebron. Later, in the Book of Nehemiah, the town is mentioned again as a base for Jews who returned from Babylon. Archaeologists have been searching for Ziklag for a very long time. Roughly a dozen sites have been suggested but all have been dismissed due to a lack of evidence as described in the Bible. But this site at Khirbet a-Ra'i has all the required specifications, and after seven dig seasons the archaeological team found the evidence they were looking for, typical of the period of King David. Finds at the site provide evidence of a settlement from the Philistine era lasting until the 6th century B.C.E. Some 100 complete pottery vessels found are identical to those found in the 10th century B.C.E. – around the time that David lived – fortified Judean city of Khirbet Qeiyafa (biblical Sha'arayim) in the Judean foothills. (www.timesofisrael.com, 7–8–19)

A Very Special Gift

Israel's national women's lacrosse team did something unique during their match against Kenya. In early August, Israel defeated Kenya 13–4 at a match during the 2019 Women's Lacrosse Under 19 World Championship in Ontario. Although victorious, the Israeli women knew something was not right: the two teams literally

were not “on equal footing.” None of the Kenyan players had cleats, which automatically put them at a disadvantage. And so, the Israeli women surprised their opponents with brand-new footwear. The night before the match, it rained and the Kenyan women were slipping and sliding all over the field because their shoes didn't have the needed traction. Eighteen pairs of shoes – all the correct sizes for the Kenyan team – were purchased by the Israeli teens' parents. The next day, the Kenyan coach brought his team to the Israel-Belgium game under the ruse that they were scouting out the Belgian team, who the Kenyans were scheduled to play the following day. The truth was that the Israeli team wanted them there to present them with their new cleats. (The Kenyans went on to beat Belgium 17–3.) (www.kveller.com, 8–12–19)

Another Special Gift

Employees of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the newspaper which won the Pulitzer Prize this past April for its coverage of the deadly shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue, have donated the \$15,000 prize money to that synagogue. The paper won the prize for their “immersive, compassionate coverage” of the shooting at Tree of Life, where eleven people were killed and seven others wounded last year in October. The employees stated that splitting the money among those who covered the news “just didn't seem right.” Publisher John Robinson Block suggested the money be donated to the synagogue to help it repair its bullet-riddled interior. The check was presented to the synagogue's rabbi and president of the congregation. “We feel bound to you and your congregants – by memory and duty,” said Keith Burris, the Post-Gazette's executive editor. “And we offer you, in humility, our service – as scribes and witnesses.” (www.forward.com, 9–6–19)

Root Canals a Thing of the Past?

A team at Tel Aviv University has invented fillings that prevent tooth decay from recurring. The new nano-filling prevents the secondary tooth decay that takes place beneath cavities. The product could reach trial stage in a year or two. Cavities have become among the most widespread bacterial conditions in the world. And because of our extended lifespans, more cavities develop beneath the fillings. This is known as secondary tooth decay. It affects an estimated 100 million patients a year, costing some \$30 billion. Bacteria adhere to fillings and, over time, the composite material used for fillings begins to shrink; bacteria love getting into these new cracks and crannies that are created. The Israeli team set out to create a filling that would prevent secondary tooth decay and that didn't have toxic effects like certain old-school metal fillings. The new material contains anti-bacterial nano-assemblies and bacteria do not cling to it. It does not kill bacteria but does repel them, and theoretically could last forever. The team is also looking at other health applications including wound dressings. (www.haaretz.com, 7-4-19)

A Triumph Over Evil

Holocaust survivor Shoshana Ovitz had a special request to celebrate her 104th birthday: that her descendants – some 400 of them – come together for prayer in Jerusalem at the kotel (the Western Wall). Ovitz survived Auschwitz 74 years ago. In the camp, her mother had been taken to Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, he of the medically unethical experiments on prisoners. After the war, she met a man who would later become her husband. He had lost his wife and four daughters in the camps. The two searched for surviving relatives and lived in Austria before eventually settling in Israel. She worked as a seamstress and helped her husband run a chicken shop. According to one family member there might be more descendants. And, oh, her birthday request was granted: photos of the event show the huge group posing in front of the Wall, one intrepid Jewish life spawning hundreds. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 8-7-19)

The Return of Catacombs

Jewish (and Muslim) burial customs require burying the dead in the ground, prohibiting cremation. Tel Aviv and other crowded cities have adopted vertical cemetery structures to meet demand. Now Israel is looking for solutions below ground. Har Hamenuhot Cemetery overlooks the main highway leading into Jerusalem from Tel Aviv. It is almost at capacity with some 250,000 graves. After three years of labor, the first underground section of an extensive subterranean graveyard consisting of a mile of tunnels with tombs is almost complete and will provide 8,000 burial sites. (Eventually, this first section will have some 23,000 grave sites.) The limestone walls are lined four high with tombs inspired by the ancient Jewish custom of cave burials found around Israel like the UNESCO heritage site of Beit She'arim, near Haifa. Those catacombs were active burial sites between the second and fourth centuries. They were recognized by the United Nations as a World Heritage Site in 2015. Amit Reem, Israel Antiquities Authority archaeologist, said that families would bury the deceased's remains in the catacombs, then seal the door with a rock for eight months. When they opened the door of the cave only the skeleton remained. The bones were then collected and placed in ossuaries, stone boxes, inside the cave chamber. The burial chambers being built now will be sealed with a grave marker. The executive director of the Jewish burial association in Jerusalem said the site is "100% acceptable according to Jewish tradition." (www.timesofisrael.com, 8-29-19)

And the Prize Goes to...

Early in September, David Hertz, a Jewish social entrepreneur from Brazil, was named the winner of the 2019 Charles Bronfman Prize, which comes with a check for \$100,000. He was awarded the prize in recognition of his efforts to alleviate world hunger. Hertz is the co-founder of Gastromotiva, a Brazilian-based organization that fights unemployment and social inequality. He uses cooking classes and nutrition education as tools to "create opportunities for those living on the margins of society." The Charles Bronfman Prize was established by the children of the philanthropist. It honors humanitarians under age 50 "whose innovative work, informed

by Jewish values, has significantly improved the world.” (www.jpost.com, 9-6-19)

In Memoriam

- George Rosenkranz – one of three Jewish chemists who synthesized progesterone, the main ingredient in birth control pills – died in June. He was 102. Born in Hungary, Rosenkranz studied organic chemistry in Switzerland before fleeing to Cuba to escape the Nazis. After World War II he became the research director of Syntax Corporation, a pharmaceutical lab in Mexico.

In 1951, the three chemists developed Norethindrone, which at first was used as a fertility treatment. After five years of trials, the drug demonstrated its effectiveness for use as a method of birth control. Rosenkranz later became chief executive and chairman of Syntax, which grew into a diversified international pharmaceutical and biotechnology company. He wrote hundreds of articles and scientific papers and was named in 150 patents. Rosenkranz was also a world-class bridge player, winning a dozen American championships. He wrote fifteen books on bridge and invented the “Rosenkranz Double” and “Rosenkranz Redouble.” In 1984, his wife, also a top bridge player, was kidnapped at the North American Bridge Championships in Washington, D.C., and ransomed for one million dollars. The FBI captured the kidnappers and the money was returned. (www.jta.org, 6-2-19)

- Harold “Hal” Prince, legendary Broadway producer and director who brought “Fiddler on the Roof” to the stage, died at the beginning of August. He was 91. Prince’s credits include “West Side Story,” “Damn Yankees,” “Cabaret,” “Sweeney Todd” and “Phantom of the Opera,” among others. (His production of “Phantom of the Opera” is currently the longest-running musical.) Prince received a record 21 Tony Awards and was a recipient of a Kennedy Center Honor. Born in New York City, Prince described his parents as “privileged, upper-middle-lower-rich-class” German Jews whose families had immigrated here soon after the Civil War. He’s quoted as saying that “Saturday matinees were part of a New York Jewish child’s intellectual upbringing.” (www.nytimes.com, 7-31-19)

- Krystyna Danko, a non-Jew remembered as “an angel of goodness” and recognized by

Israel’s Yad Vashem for saving Jews from the Holocaust, has died at the age of 102. Prior to the outbreak of World War II, she was an orphan taken in by a Jewish family, the Kokoszkos, near Warsaw. Later, after the war broke out, life for the Kokoszkos became extremely difficult. Danko, at great personal risk, went to incredible lengths to help the family escape the Nazis. She almost singlehandedly rescued all four of them. She hid the father, the mother and the oldest daughter in a secret location in a nearby village. She put the youngest daughter, Maria, who was eleven, on a train to a Polish orphanage in Warsaw where she was registered as a Catholic child. Danko became the liaison between the family and Maria by carrying messages and information back and forth throughout the German occupation. She provided the Kokoszkos with food, clothing, and money while they were in hiding. Danko asked nothing in return for her efforts, claiming it was her moral obligation as a human being. They all survived the war. In 1998, Danko was named “Righteous Among the Nations” by Yad Vashem. At the time of her death, Danko is said to have been one of the oldest living rescuers. (www.timesofisrael, 8-9-19)

- Semion Rosenfeld, the last survivor of the 1943 Sobibór uprising, died in June at 96. Rosenfeld was born in Ternovka, a small village in Ukraine. He joined the Red Army in 1940 to fight the Nazis. He was captured and became a prisoner of war, was sent to a concentration camp in Minsk, and in 1943 was deported to Sobibór in German-occupied Poland. In the uprising, eleven SS guards were killed along with several Ukrainian guards. The rebels cut all forms of communication and stormed the barbed wire fences and main entrance to the extermination camp. Some 300 people managed to escape but almost all were killed. In the end, only 47 survived the uprising. Rosenfeld managed to survive in the forest along with a small group of escapees. It wasn’t just the rebels who died; in all, at least two hundred and fifty thousand Jews were murdered at Sobibór. In 1944, following the liberation of the nearby town of Chelm by the advancing Red Army, he rejoined and fought with the group that helped take Berlin. In 1990, Mr. Rosenfeld moved from Ukraine to Israel. (www.jpost.com, 6-4-19) ◇

KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SISTERHOOD

invites you to our



**Erev Rosh Hashanah
Dinner**

**On Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. we will
gather at the KJCC for a haimische dinner followed by**

7:30 p.m. Services

Rosh Hashanah Oneg following services

Cost \$18

Children under 13 - no charge



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by September 23rd

Please send in your payment

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KJCC Sisterhood

PO Box 116, Tavernier, FL

33070

Meat Dinner with Vegetarian Options available



Holocaust Torah gets Touch-up, Stays Kosher

Rabbi Menachem Bialo smiled happily as he unrolled our two hundred year old Holocaust Torah scroll for its second annual Maintenance Inspection visit. He said it was one of his favorites, with its large clear Hebrew script and very wide margins between the columns. He was pleased with its condition but wanted it to be perfect and spent hours carefully examining each of its 304,805 letters, using a hand cut quill and special ink when a letter was beginning to crack or fade, just as sofers (scribes) have done for thousands of years.

Sam Vinicur, who stayed with Rabbi Bialo for the entire seven hours that the sofer/rabbi was working, enjoyed the

educational sharing that is a big part of what the rabbi brings to us along with the work. We can be proud and grateful for all that this sofer/friend and the members of our congregation have accomplished over the last four years in defense of this meaningful Torah's state of kashrut.



Linda Perloff leans forward to watch closely as Rabbi Menachem Bialo of sofer-on-site examines and makes corrections to the sacred text. Mitch, of blessed memory, and Linda were both big supporters of our Torah Restoration Project.



It is always impressive to see the entire Torah scroll unrolled in all its glory.

S'lichhot

Saturday, September 21, 2019

6:00 p.m. S'lichot Service led by Beth Hayden

6:30 p.m. Pizza and Salad followed by Movie

An all-star ensemble cast shines in this comical and poignant look at breakups, breakdowns and breakthroughs. Joel (Jim Carrey) is stunned to discover that his girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet), has had their tumultuous relationship erased from her mind. Out of desperation, he contacts the inventor of the process, Dr. Howard Mierzwiak (Tom Wilkinson), to get the same treatment. But as his memories of Clementine begin to fade, Joel suddenly realizes how much he still loves her.



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so we know how much pizza to get

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In the Keys Community

The Ocean Life Series at the Murray Nelson Center

This fascinating free series is held monthly on Thursdays at the Government Center, 102050 Overseas Highway in Key Largo. On September 26th, it features Dr. Rachel Zuercher from FIU. The topic is "Mapping Reef fisheries at the Florida Reef Tract." On October 24th Dr. Douglas Wartzak of FIU will discuss underwater acoustic marine mammals. On November 21st Sarah Fangman, Superintendent of the Keys National Marine Sanctuary, will talk about protecting the Florida Keys marine ecosystem. All events begin at 6:30 PM with a happy hour prior to lecture from 6:30 to 7:00 PM.

A new Key Largo Library event, Great Discussions, provides an opportunity to better understand how international policy works and our place in the world.

The first four events will take place once a month on Fridays (Sept. 27, Oct. 18, Jan. 24 and Feb. 28) between 1 and 3 p.m. in the library community room. Each of these will be based on the Great Decisions series, created by the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org/great_decisions) that has been educating and inspiring discussion on international themes for over 50 years. Each event will include a 20-minute video on a current topic such as: Cyber Politics, Global Migration, Trade with China or US/Mexico Policy. Jill Zima Borski who has several years of experience with the Great Decisions program at Ocean Reef Club, will be leading this group discussion.

Coralhead Blues Festival

This full day event at Marathon Community Park on October 19th benefits United States veterans and local charities. Bring your own blankets and chairs, but no outside food is permitted. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$19 at the door. Go to coralheadmusicfest.com for more information.

Ukelele Jam

Every first and third Wednesday, from 1:30–3:00 p.m. at the Key Largo library. All levels are welcome, and instruments are available to borrow.

If you know of any fun events, send Joyce an email and we will try to include them in Chai-Lights.



Keys Jewish Community Center
Sisterhood

Yom Kippur Break Fast

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

**Dairy Dinner
after the Havdalah service
at Yom Kippur's end**

**We welcome your home cooked dairy dish, prepared
with love, to share with your KJCC Mishpacha**

Please Contact Erica Lieberman-Garrett

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to coordinate your dish and to reserve your space.

RSVP: by October 2nd

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ADL/ JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SECURITY CONFERENCE LESSONS LEARNED FROM TREE OF LIFE SYNOGOGUE

By Joyce Peckman

On October 27th we will mark the one-year anniversary of the shooting at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue. Since then, KJCC has had police unofficially assess our building. We made some significant changes to increase our security, and were pronounced safer than most, but we will improve. A big "Thank You!" to those of you who sent in extra money with your dues for our security fund and to Dr. Robert Foley of Upper Keys Veterinary Hospital, who is also helping us.

On September 10th, I drove to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation building on Biscayne Boulevard to attend part one of a three part Community Security Conference series, which are a joint effort of the Federation and the ADL. The hall was filled with about 200 people, including many from national, state and local law enforcement. The meeting was opened by Stephanie Viegas, Greater Miami Jewish Federation's new Director of Community Security, who comes with an impressive background in law enforcement. She asked several people to introduce themselves, and then asked me to stand. As a representative of the Keys Jewish Center, I actually received a round of applause!

One of the first speakers was Tony Casteneda of the FBI, who spoke about having a layered approach to safety. Yael Hershfield of the ADL gave an overview of the dramatic increase in reported incidents since 2016. Every state in the US except Alaska had anti-Semitic incidents in 2018, from Maine with 9 to California with 341. Florida had 79 reported incidents last year.

Many of these were vandalism in public places, like schools or parks. She stressed how important it is to report everything, no matter how minor, to the ADL. Hateful acts usually progress from minor to more significant; the ADL can track and investigate things that police cannot prosecute.

Brad Orsini was the featured speaker of the morning. He retired after 23 years with the FBI, which included being a lead officer in the NJ response team after 9/11, to become Director of Community Security at the Pittsburgh Jewish Federation, a job he still holds. Mr. Orsini spoke at length of the massacre at Tree of Life, bringing diagrams, films and survivor interviews. He demonstrated how training is the key; there had been three training exercises in the building before the shooting, which saved many lives. In a nutshell the three basics are: 1) Get out if possible – and don't return! (two who broke that rule perished.) 2) If you can't leave – hide and don't come out until you know it is safe. Don't peek (one man died that way). 3) Fight as a last resort. He gave number of concrete examples on how to prevent, prepare for and, as in this case, deal as a community with an unthinkable tragedy.

I met with people who will help us get a free, official risk assessment, and will help us write grants. We will receive notices and warnings of anything happening in South Florida. Jewish Federation and ADL now know who we are, and I am pleased that we are associated with these exemplary organizations. ♦

**KJCC High Holiday Service Schedule
5780 (2019-2020)
Rabbi Richard Agler and Cantor Michael Dzubin**



Saturday, September 21, 2019

S'lichot - Pizza, Service and Movie

6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner

5:30 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 30, 2019

Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 - Service

9:30 a.m.

Lunch

Tashlich - Ocean Pointe

4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 - Service

9:30 a.m.

Lunch

Saturday, October 6, 2019

Shabbat Shuvah Service

10:00 a.m.

Havdalah Service at Linda Pollack's

TBA

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre Service

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Yom Kippur Service

9:30 a.m.

Yizkor Service

11:30 a.m.

"Fast Talk" with Rabbi Agler

2:00 p.m.

Neilah Service

5:30 p.m.

Havdalah Service

7:00 p.m.

Note: Afternoon times are approximate.

**For further information, please call the
Keys Jewish Community Center**

305-852-5235. Website is www.keysjewishcenter.com

From the Rabbi's Desk

Erev Rosh Hashanah, 5780

"These are the times that try men's souls." — Thomas Paine, 1776

It's amazing how some words never go out of style. With only a slight tweak for gender-sensitivity, Paine's 1776 observation remains more than valid in 2019. It has probably also been applicable for every year in between.

The words and themes of the High Holyday season are likewise, perennially on target. The Rabbis understood that the struggle of life, especially the struggle to live a decent and honorable life, is nothing if not a soul-trying experience.

Every year the prelude to the Days of Awe is familiar. We may have accomplished little or much, but we have also fallen short. We have not become all we had hoped to become—neither individually nor collectively. Our tradition teaches that we have fallen short in the eyes of God as well. The Jewish New Year is the time of Reckoning and for settling our Account on High. Without this, no improvement is possible.

Spiritual growth and character refinement are, undeniably, struggles. Anyone who claims to be fully satisfied with their life's progress, anyone who is unwilling make an effort to reach high-

er and deeper, has missed the point of Jewish life—and perhaps the point of life altogether. When it comes to our spiritual development, there is no such thing as being "done." All of us need betterment; we can all add a measure of goodness, decency, and love to a world that needs it as badly as ours does. None of us has earned the right to say, "No thanks, I'm good."

The Days of Awe are the time to take our personal inventory, to examine our better and lesser qualities, to address the shortcomings we find, and to emerge as better human beings. What a gift to be given days for such a purpose! How fortunate are we who do our best to make the most of them.

Once again this year, we will endeavor to bring these themes to life through our program of High Holyday worship, learning, and sharing. I am honored to be with you on the journey.

Mindy joins me in wishing all of our KJCC family a High Holyday season of meaning, fulfillment, and renewed strength for the soul-trials we will surely encounter in 5780.

L'shana tovah,
Rabbi Richard Agler, DD ◇

L'Shanah Tovah Greetings!

Shana Tovah to my KJCC Mshpocha
- Dr Erica Lieberman-Garrett

*L'Shana Tovah. Wishing all a
Happy & Healthy 5780*
- Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

L'Shana Tovah to My KJCC Friends
- Love from Philadelphia, Joan Wohlf

Thank you KJCC, Nancy was not Alone
- Sandy

*We wish all Our KJCC Friends
a Happy & Healthy 5780*
- Joel & Toby

Wishing you a Year of joy, Health & Friendship
- Joyce Peckman

*L'Shana Tovah. I am blessed T'o have
such a wonderful KJCC family!*
- Susan Gordon

Wishing everyone a happy New Year
- Linda Pincus

Shana Tovah to our KJCC Family
- Mindy & Rich Agler

*With best wishes For 5780 to
all KJCC and all our loved ones*
- Adam & Judy Starr

Keys Jewish Community Center

Food Drive

Wednesday, October 9th, 2019

Remember to Bring "Fast" Food

We at KJCC are continuing our tradition of making our fast more meaningful by helping to spare others from hunger. As part of our Yom Kippur Tzedakah, we can each bring a bag of groceries to Shul with us on Yom Kippur morning.

We will heed the words of Isaiah, 58:6-11. *"Is not this the fast I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free . . .? Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry . . .? Then shall your light break forth as the morning . . . and you shall be like a watered garden . . ."*

The next day our offerings will be delivered to the Food Bank at Burton Memorial Church next door. Our Days of Awe actions will bring sustenance to others as well as to ourselves. May we all be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good and healthy year.



Deciding Our Fate, B'Rosh HaShanah

by Cantor Michael Dzubin

“B’Rosh HaShanah y’kateavoon, u–v’Yom tsom Kippur yea–chateavoon (On Rosh HaShanah they are inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement they are sealed).” As the Mishnah teaches, on Rosh HaShanah, all people are judged individually, like sheep passing single file before their owner. God will decide the general fate of entire populations (Kammah ya–avroon, v’kammah y’barea–oon (how many will pass, and how many will be created)). God will also decree the fate of individuals (Mee yichyeh, u–mee yamoot (who will live, and who will die); Mee v’kitso, u–mee lo v’kitso (who (will die) at his intended time, and who will not (die) at his intended time)).

For those who are condemned to die, God determines how it will be brought about (Mee va–mayim, u–mee va–aish (who by water, and who by fire...), including Mee vara–ash (who by storm)). This last one is actually translated in our Machzor (and a number of others) as ‘earthquake’, but according to the rabbis, it includes death by lightning, hail, hurricane, or any of the other violent means known as “acts of God”.

For those whom God has deemed they have earned a right to live another year, there is even a ranking of what sort of life they will be entitled to live. It is traditional that the Cantor or Sheliach Tsibbur increases the rate of speed at which he is reciting at this point: Mee yanoo–ach, u–mee yanoo–a (who will rest, and who will wander); Mee yishakeat, u–mee yit–tareaf (who will live in serenity, and who will be distraught); Mee yishaleav, u–mee yityassar (who will enjoy tranquility, and who will suffer). According to tradition, this is done intentionally, so as not to tempt Satan as he listens to the listing of the various decrees in the prayer, much like the minchag (custom/tradition) for the Ba–al Koreh (Torah Reader) to chant the specific verses in the Torah portions B’Chukkotai and Kee Tavo,

known as the “Tocheichah” (admonition or reproof), quickly and quietly. This is in keeping with the belief, going back to medieval times, that even reading these verses (recounting God’s curses against a disobedient Israel) could result in those curses becoming reality. So they were read in a relative whisper in the hopes that they won’t come true, much like the way many people used to (and some still do) whisper the word “cancer”, in fear of a loved one somehow ‘catching it’ if it was mentioned too loudly.

In South Florida, we all too frequently face the risk of a looming hurricane. We remember very well how Hurricane Irma devastated much of the Keys as a Category 4, with 130mph winds (and some of our friends and fellow congregants are still feeling the effects, as they continue to try to recover from Irma’s visit to the Keys), and then tore into the mainland as ‘only’ a Category 3 hurricane with 110mph winds, as it began its march up the spine of the state. Then, less than two years later (only weeks ago, as you’re reading this), South Floridians found ourselves in the crosshairs of the “cone of uncertainty” of a monster Category 5 Hurricane Dorian, as it crawled through the northern Bahamas, blowing down and drowning just about everything in its path. We were horrified at what was happening to our neighbors in the Bahamas. However, with the recent memories of Hurricane Irma, and for those of us who have been here a bit longer, the memories of Hurricane Andrew, we were glued to the news coverage, maybe not entirely to empathize with what they were going through, but to also watch for signs to indicate whether we were going to be hit next, while praying fervently that Dorian would follow the example of Hurricane David (1979), and make a sharp turn northward just 50 miles before reaching our shore.

Unfortunately, as we see or read in the news

all too often, each day brings a degree of uncertainty to our lives. (For the more superstitious who may be reading this, may God prevent any of the following being mentioned from befalling any of our congregation, or any of our loved ones.) Is this our year for a mass shooting, or a visit from another hurricane (or for our loved ones in other parts of the country, an earthquake, a raging inferno, flash flooding, with overflowing rivers running through town)? Or, on an individual level, is this the day that will be one of our turns to be involved in a car accident (and with the crazy drivers here in South Florida, that can happen ANYTIME!), or to receive a tough medical diagnosis, or to face some other unnamed threat? I had a bit of a taste of one of these myself earlier this year, just a week before Pesach (Passover), when I cut one of my fingers pretty badly at work, slicing through the nerve and what was later determined to be (when the doctor began to attempt to stitch the wound closed) the “main artery” in that finger. Fortunately, being an Eagle Scout, my First Aid training immediately kicked in, and I had instantly applied direct pressure and elevation to minimize the bleeding until the paramedics arrived. Still, there was a lot of blood at the scene, and the doctor who stitched me up at the urgent care seemed very impressed with how much more blood I lost at their facility. But for the proverbial “Grace of God”, combined with my years of Scouting experience, the situation could

have turned out so much worse. At some point, we will all have to confront our vulnerability, and even mortality; some sooner than others.

What will we do with that increased awareness of our fragility? Will we give up, either by morosely accepting our ‘fate’, or by taking the hedonistic path of “eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we may die”? Or will we “seize the day”, and perhaps make more of a concerted effort to knock out a couple more of our “to-do’s” that we keep putting to the bottom of the list? Maybe, we’ll be inspired to find ways to be a better friend, spouse, parent, child, neighbor; to contribute more to our society and community; to become a better version of ourselves?

The prayer reaches its climax, as the Sheliach Tsibbur and the congregation cry out together: U-T’shoovah, u-T’fillah, u-Ts’dakah, ma-aveeren et ro-a ha-g’zearah (But repentance, and prayer, and charity can remove the evil (severity) of the decree)!

May this prayer, B’Rosh HaShanah, inspire each of us to become a more selfless, rather than selfish version of ourselves, and may we take the hint from the rousing piyyut (poem) that is part of the conclusion of our Mussaf (Additional) service both on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, which begins each verse with the word “*HaYom*” (*Today*)!

L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!
(May you all be inscribed for a Good Year!) ◇

L’Shanah Tovah Greetings!

To my KJCC Friends a Happy and Healthy 5780
- Beth Horowitz

Wishing all our Mishpachah a wonderful New Year
- Cheryl & Jeff Margulies

May this year bring health. Happy New Year
- Elaine Schulberg

To all our Keys friends: Happy & Healthy 5780
- Dotty, Larry & Sons Jeff, Rick & Jack

Shana Tova to all our Friends and Congregants
- Joseph & Kathy Shabathai

*“Wishing our ‘family of friends’ at the KJCC
a happy and healthy New Year”.*
- Geri and Stuart Smith

To my dear Mishpocha
I wish you a Sweet and Healthy 5780
- Love, Gloria

A happy, healthy 5780 to all of the KJCC
- Beth Hayden

Keeping Kosher:

Comments on Deuteronomy 11:26 –16:17

by Art Itkin

The following has been condensed from a “dvar”(Torah talk) given by Art Itkin on August 30, 2019 at KJCC. These are his views and do not necessarily represent any official position of KJCC.

In Parsha Re’eh, Moses continues his farewell speech to the Israelites, just before he passes away. He reviews his instructions regarding many topics; among them are the laws of kosher foods. Moses reminds the Israelites about what we call Kashrut.

Many Jews today view Kashrut as outdated since it was an ancient Israelite practice and feel it is no longer relevant to modern day life. But let us consider the purposes of keeping kosher. In this week’s parsha, we are told what foods we can and cannot eat. Many believe that the Biblical restrictions were made for health reasons, but the parsha makes no such claim. It simply states that the eating prohibitions are part of the Israelites’ path to holiness.

Many commentators have tried to explain why certain foods are ritually pure and therefore acceptable to eat, but just consider the fact that Moses has simply given us a list of dos and don’ts. According to the Torah, G-d asks us to abstain from certain foods as an expression of our devotion. The restrictions can be considered to be like the requests of a loved

one. We may not understand them, but we are asked to follow them as a sign of our love.

Keeping kosher is meant to connect us to Jewish tradition, to other Jews and to G-d. Eating is an ordinary activity, but Jewish rituals turn it into moments of spiritual awareness. The observance of kashrut can be expanded to incorporate other ethical and environmental concerns. Was the food produced under conditions that respect people and the environment? Were the food workers paid a living wage? Did the production process treat animals humanely? The answers to these questions should influence our choices about what to eat. Jewish tradition teaches us that our relationship to G-d and each other encompasses all of life. It is not something we just do on Friday nights or the High Holidays.

Back in 1992, Rabbi Ed Rosenthal (not our member) argued that it is a mitzvah to not eat meat. He wrote that it is an ethical mitzvah given by G-d. We should not kill another living creature, not harm human life by filling ourselves with harmful chemicals and not waste food that could be used to feed starving children instead of feeding animals destined to be slaughtered. It is a mitzvah to not contribute to the destruction of our global environment, for the world is a gift that cannot be replaced. ◇

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What We Did on Our Summer Vacations...



Jan Price and Luigi enjoying the pleasures of NYC

Susan Gordon was delighted to be in Tennessee for her grandson Hank's first birthday celebration. We can imagine the rest of the decorations.



Susan's grandson Rhett, on the far right, is apparently becoming quite an enthusiastic singer; all the boys love when their grandma comes to visit.

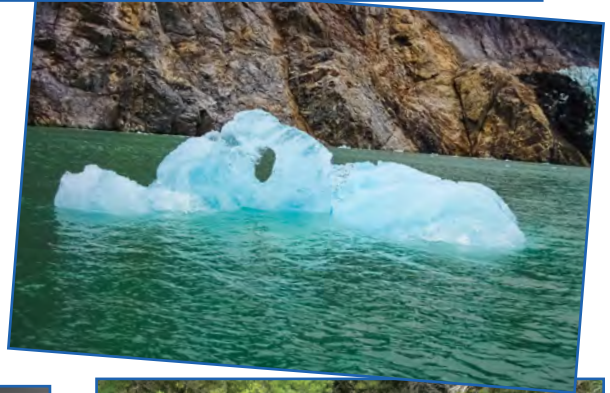


Joyce and her family in the Poconos.

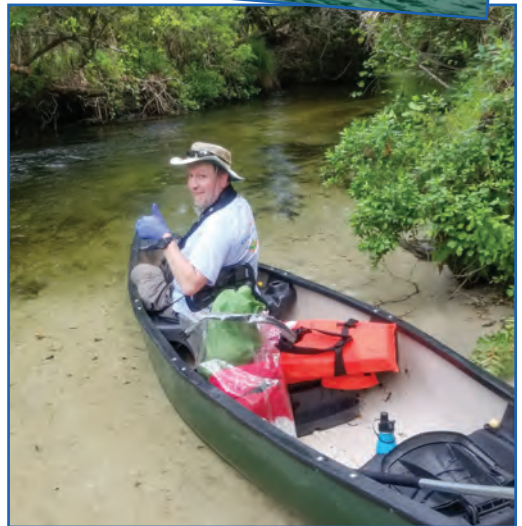




Steve Hartz went on zodiac tours with Jan's sister, Judy (who visited the KJCC in March 2017). They are the two people waving from the zodiac. Jan went on kayak tours, paired with a cruise ship staff member. Steve took the picture of the beautiful iceberg floating by with a peekaboo hole in the ice.



Steve and Jan experienced a magical land and sea tour of Alaska. They had the special treat of seeing Denali reveal herself for over 2 days.



Cantor Michael Dzubin takes a camping trip by canoe for his summer vacation, the blue glove protecting a nearly severed thumb tip. Stay well, Cantor Dzubin. We're counting on you.



What a handsome photo of Linda Pollack's and Skip Rose's families.



Roy Pollack with Will, Maddy and Elizabeth on glacier in Alaska.



Skip and Linda look wonderfully relaxed, taking a little break from the Alaska cruise action.



Erica had quite a travel-filled summer vacation. Here she is in Toronto celebrating multiple birthdays with her family.



Erica goes for a big wheel ride in Colorado woodlands. We want to hear more about this.

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Gloria wasn't exactly on vacation here in Maine (because she was working a good bit of the time), but teaching what you love to do to kids and grownups, all within easy reach of Acadia National Park, is about as good a summer gig as you can get. There was even some Yiddishkeit. That group of people on the beach are about to have a Havdalah service, led by Rabbi Darah Lerner, who comes down to the Island from Bangor once a month to lead discussions.



Ken Atlas makes haMotzi after leading a wonderful service with the assistance of Art Itkin delivering a "d'var" or Torah talk on Kashrut, printed in this issue on P. 27



Barbara and Richard Knowles celebrate their anniversary!

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To ensure a cabin, please register before August 1, 2019. As the summer goes on, cabins become limited. A 20 percent deposit is required; final payment is due October 1, 2019.

**There is a long established Jewish community in the town of
Sosua with a significant history. We are looking into
arranging a tour to the synagogue and museum.**

Oceana Goes to Europe: Shares Insights with KJCC

This summer I was able to partake in a trip with students around the country thanks to the KJCC. I am eternally grateful to you for letting me have such an amazing experience. This helped me encounter situations I'm not usually put in and it gives me great gratitude with which I'm excited to share a few stories of my trip.

We first arrived in Paris on July 2nd at 1:00 PM after a agonizing 7-hour overnight flight. Everyone was incredibly tired after the earlier day of traveling and only being able to get small amounts of sleep on the plane. I, personally, hadn't slept since I woke up at 5:00 AM on the 1st to catch my connecting flight. We took a bus to our hotel to drop off our luggage and maybe change clothes then practically immediately went on a long walk around the 10th Arrondissement. Then for dinner we went to a Creperie and then tucked in for the night. That was my first day in France with more exhaustion than excitement but that changes the next day where along with seeing Notre Dame and the Louvre we went to the Marais which is well-known as the historic Jewish district. The word "marais" means swamp which they used to disparage the Jewish people but in a turn of fate, it has not only become one of the most expensive and sought after neighborhoods in Paris but it's also become very popular and trendy. The area felt very homey despite all the other tourists and when we stopped in a cute little restaurant with Star of David's painted on the wall I could hear the chefs and waiters conversing in Hebrew in the kitchen. After a few



July 11, This was in front of the Castle of Haroué in France that is still lived in by a honorary princess whose dog we got to meet.

more days in Paris we headed in Nancy where we would meet our host families. We didn't do much those days except explore the French countryside and one day our group traveled to Strasbourg where we learned about the European Union and how it affects all the countries in and around it. We left Nancy with lots of tears for our host families and headed East to Germany, which was, without a doubt, my favorite part of the trip. We went on a walking tour right when we got to Freiburg and all I could describe the place as is classically refined. They had small canals running down almost all the streets and canopies of flowers crisscrossing along the alleys. Fountains could be found throughout the city that spewed forth cold water purified just for people to drink. It was stunning and we learned that it had many sister cities on the tour and one of them was Tel-Aviv. After all of this we walked back to our hotel and on

the way we stumbled upon the synagogue which was explained to us as the new one because the old one was burnt down but there was a memorial for on the past site, which we also passed when walking back from the train station. The trip calmed down after that and we left Germany. We did a few other things such as biking and canoeing in France before we headed back into Paris to leave. Before we did though we were allowed in small groups to explore and do activities alone in Paris. My group went to the Catacombs. The night before we left everyone was so sad to go to sleep and not spend more time in the City of Lights and we stayed up all night just talking and hanging out before we left to the airport at an ungodly 3:00 AM to fly 9 hours to New York.

I think this trip helped me learn that no matter how far away you are from everything you know, language, food, people, you can find something familiar to help you regain your senses. For me that was the Marais or my rambunctious host brother and even the latkes the hotel in Germany served for breakfast. I believe

this experience that I was able to witness is something every person should strive for in order to find out what they love about their own culture.

—Oceana G.



July 20, Walking my bike down a vineyard near Munster, France. We got to experience beautiful views while getting in a 26 km bike ride.



July 16, A plaque in front of the City Hall of Freiburg, Germany. Freiburg has many sister cities and Tel Aviv was one of the 12.



July 10, A picture of myself and a few other participants on the train coming back from visiting Strasbourg and the European Union where we learned what the EU offers its members.

Did you visit any places in Germany related to the Holocaust?

In Freiburg we got to visit the site of the old synagogue which was burned down during World War II and where a memorial currently stands. In Paris though, we visited a park dedicated to French Jews who were displaced after the German takeover.

Were any of the other kids in the group Jewish?

There were no other practicing Jews however there was another girl who was half Jewish and very interested in learning more about that part of her.

Did you have to write anything for the trip?

Yes, the Experiment program requests that participants write a post program essay on something we observed in the countries we visited. My writing was on the lack of access to public drinking fountains and bathrooms while in France but the abundance of in Germany and how that affects the area.



July 16, A picture of myself in front of the Synagogue of Frieburg. It was nestled in a beautiful little square and it was totally coincidentally that we were walking past.



July 4, We spent our 4th of July visiting all the huge landmarks of Paris.

What do you think was the overall goal of the people sponsoring the trip?

This program is known for producing curious learners and future leaders. I am so thankful to the KJCC for helping me achieve this experience and I believe it really demonstrates the family that we have in the Keys and their generosity to making sure the youth are being able to experience everything the world has to offer them.

Your biggest take-away?

I believe my biggest take-away wasn't actually on the culture but how people adjusted to it. For example, some participants are from areas where it's not uncommon to be loud and freely expressive but in France it's not normal to be loud in public or to make a scene. These people had the most trouble, to my observations, fitting in and adapting to the culture as the trip was focused on doing just that. It really presented just how different people can be from one another and that is one thing I will never forget from my trip. ♦



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At Reverse Tashlich, we do the opposite and, as a united community, remove our sins from the water and clean up our water fronts.

Reverse Tashlich

On Rosh HaShanah, it is customary for Jews to go to a body of flowing water and symbolically cast away their sins during the Tashlich Service. On Sunday, October 6, 2019, Hillels of the Florida Suncoast & Scubi Jew will sponsor the second annual Reverse Tashlich. The Reverse Tashlich is intended to reverse the process and, instead of throwing sins into the water, will remove human sins from the water by cleaning up the local water fronts.

The KJCC is proud to join along with our friends at Scubi Jew/Tikkun HaYam and participate in the 2019 Reverse Tashlich. Our KJCC team will be headed up by Susan Gordon and Josh Keller (an Eckerd College alum and past Scubi Jew president living in Key Largo).

Reverse Tashlich was the brainchild of the Scubi Jew students at Eckerd College. Four years ago, the students organized a Reverse Tashlich on campus, and wanted to make it a bigger program with a broader reach, so the decision was made to bring the program to the community-at-large. "Reverse Tashlich brings members of the Jewish community together for a day of Tikkun Olam (Repair the World), or Tikkun HaYam™ (Repair the Sea). It gives us all a chance to do this very meaningful work for the benefit of the marine environment in a Jewish context. Last year's Reverse Tashlich saw 307 volunteers remove over 650



pounds of marine debris. This year, the Reverse Tashlich has become a Hillel-wide initiative, with Hillels and synagogues across the nation participating. Some of the other Hillels taking part are, University of Miami, University of Florida, Stetson University, University of South Florida, University of Tampa, University of Michigan, University of Wisconsin, University of Iowa, University of Oregon, University of Western Washington, Emory University, Brandeis University, USC and, of course, the Hillel at Eckerd College.

If you would like to join the KJCC team, go to <https://www.repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich> and select "Key Largo – Keys Jewish Community Center" when you register.

What will make the KJCC experience special this year is that we will not only be picking up trash from the sea for Tikkun HaYam but we will be doing it close to the home of Mishpocha members Donna and Bill Bolton, both of whom are recovering from health issues that make it impossible for them to clean their trash ridden waterfront personally. We are grateful to be able to help. ◇





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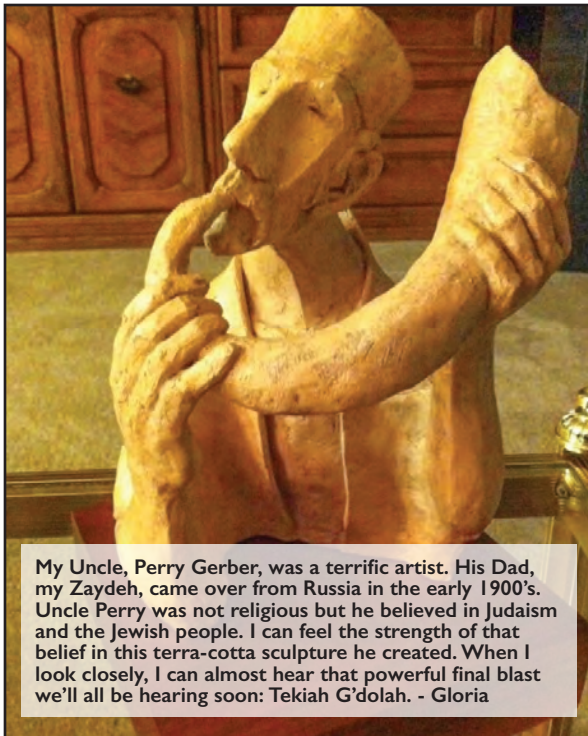


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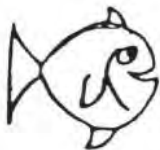


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