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2	3	4 Sisterhood Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 Men's Club Game Night 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Gloria Avner & David Gitin <i>Steve & Barbara Smith</i>	8 S'lichot Pizza & Movie 6:00 p.m. Service 8:00 p.m.
9 KJCC Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 Gloria Avner & Marc Bloom	15
16 Erev Rosh Hashanah Community Dinner 5:00 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.	17 Rosh Hashanah Day One	18 Rosh Hashanah Day Two	19	20	21 Steve Steinbock <i>Linda & Joel Pollack</i>	22 Shabbat Shuvah
23 30 Erev Sukkot	24	25 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre	26 Yom Kippur Yizkor Service	27	28 Georgia Landau & Dave Mont 6:30 Service	29

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President's Message Stuart Sax



September has arrived and that means that the easy, laid-back pace of the summer is gone. Now we dive head first into more meetings, more events, more services, and more challenges.

As you thumb through the pages of this issue, you will see many smiling faces of those that were here during the summer months enjoying everything from Sunday School graduation to a birthday party in Miami for Michal Kamely and our combination Shabba-B-Q and celebration of Pauline's 97th birthday. And in between were card games and paddling adventures on the ocean and bay, Sisterhood events, and Saturday morning Torah services with Rabbi Agler. We had some wonderful and meaningful times.

There were also meetings. The Membership and Finance Committees met to discuss the fee structures. The Endowment, House, and Planning Committees met and discussed our short term and long term needs, goals, and desires. With an extra million dollars in donations there is nothing we can't do! Seriously, our plans for the year ahead will depend on the generosity of each of you in our current dues and fundraising efforts. If you have not yet returned your renewal applications, please do so before the holidays.

Our coming High Holy Days will again be led by

Rabbi Danny Young and Cantor Mark Halpern. This is due in part to your contributions also. And nothing would show these devoted spiritual leaders and this congregation our true colors more than for each of you to be in the synagogue during this time of reflection, redemption, and renewal. Some of you seem to show up only in September for the holidays. I challenge you to be here when your family member's yahrzeits are read and/or to join us for alienu on the bima when your name is read for a birthday or anniversary. We have several new service leaders giving of their time. Why not give some of yours and make your temple membership even more meaningful?

The Sisterhood has been meeting to discuss dates for Shabbat dinners and other fund raising opportunities. We are all looking at ways to maximize our income in the most cost effective ways possible. Our Membership Committee under the capable guidance of Dave Mont has led us to our largest membership in KJCC history and for that I recognize Dave as another KJCC Unsung Hero. Even with larger numbers, we know that dues do not cover all of our expenses. Please give what you can in addition to your dues. Participate and it will come back ten-fold in satisfaction.

Nosh

The Early Bird.....

With many of our congregants either remaining in the Keys for the holidays or coming down early to be with us, please plan to arrive at least ten minutes before each scheduled service. Refer to our service times on page ____ or check online. Remember, the earlier you arrive, the closer to the building you can park!

-Stuart

YARTZEIT PLAQUE

In Memory Of Beloved Parents
Walter Hankin
11/28/1916 - 01/10/1986
Ethel Hankin
05/25/1920 - 11/14/2006
Barbara Knowles & Family

Meditation Garden Brick

**IN MEMORY OF
LESLIE ALLEN SACHS**

Sanctuary Seat Plate

David & Patti Gross
In Memory
Alvin S. Gross

Don't Forget The Online Calendar

Along with all the helpful information and online version of Chai-Lights you'll find on the KJCC website, there is also a frequently-updated, user-friendly calendar where you can keep track of all the events scheduled for the current month at the KJCC.

Servers Needed

Actually, what Sisterhood needs are flat glass serving platters and serving trays. They are needed for use this High Holiday Season. If you have any you would be able to donate, please contact Erica Liebermann-Garrett at hippiejap@hotmail.com.

September Anniversaries

	Years
4th Jim & Lynn Nobil.....	26
8th Ronald & Deborah Kaplan.....	16
9th Neal & Cathy Rakov.....	28
9th Steven & Barbara Smith.....	34
30th Ira & Anita Krieger.....	34

Meditation Garden Brick

**IN MEMORY OF
SELMA MOORE SACHS**

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Max Lieberman

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

The KJCC offers its deepest condolences to

The Cooper Family

on the death of

Murray Cooper

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner

The KJCC Sisterhood is planning a wonderful dinner before Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Sunday, September 16th. This **reservations only** sit down dinner begins at 5pm in the social hall with services following at 7pm. Members \$20 (member children under 12, no charge). All non-members \$25 each. R.S.V.P. to Erica Garrett at hippiejap@hotmail.com by September 10th. See the ad on page 16 for more details.

Contacting Chai-Lights

If you would like to contact Chai-Lights the easiest way is through our e-mail, which is chailights@keysjewishcenter.com. But you can also get a message to us by writing Stuart at president@keysjewishcenter.com. Stuart can forward your comments, Nosh items and/or story ideas to us.

Meditation Garden Brick

**NISSAN & ISRAEL MAYK
THESE COCONUTS DIDN'T FALL FAR
FROM THEIR TREES.
B'AHAVA-GRAHAM-SHUKER-HAI
FAMILIES
40TH ANNIVERSARY
08/27/2012**

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Bill Gordon

With our Love ...

Susan and RoseMarie Gordon

Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC

Sunshine Committee - If you know of any member who should receive a get-well, congratulations or condolence card from KJCC, call Rene Rose, 305-852-3959.

Cemetery Information - If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bea Graham, 305-852-0214.

Picture Postcards - We have beautiful picture postcards bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC, which was commissioned by Sisterhood. Quantities to fit your needs and can be mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Joan Boruszak, 305-852-0833.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor - To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665.

Meditation Garden - Participate in our newest venture. A beautiful garden is in progress and you can be part of this exciting new project by making a donation for an engraved brick, an engraved bench, or for plants in honor or memory of a loved one or event. Call Steve Steinbock for information, 305-394-0143.

KJCC Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yahrzeit Memorial Plaques, Bookplates for Siddurim - Call Carol Steinbock to arrange your donation, 305-852-6152.

JNF Trees In Israel - 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. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Nancy Kluger, 305-852-4353.

Chai-Lights Mitzvah - Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Carol Steinbock, 305-852-6152 to make your donation.

Advertisement In Chai-Lights or Directory - Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights and/or annually in the Directory. Call Gene Silverman 305-664-3316 for rates.

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds: e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, or General Fund.

September Birthdays

1st.....	Mildred Finkelstein
1st.....	Wendy Shatz
2nd.....	Lloyd Wruble
4th.....	Chase Barrett
4th.....	Debby C. Block
6th.....	Steven Greenbaum
7th.....	Mindy Agler
7th.....	Morton Silverman
7th.....	Stellar Levy
8th.....	Jeffrey Kominsky
8th.....	Kurt Kluger
8th.....	Mitchell Kominsky
8th.....	Susan Horn
9th.....	Jacob Klimpl
10th.....	Gerri Emkey
10th.....	Thomas Dillon
13th.....	Andy Tobin
13th.....	Lisha Lane
14th.....	Lili Werthamer
15th.....	Lorraine Rose
16th.....	Larry S. Schur
18th.....	Avery Haviv
18th.....	Shirley Krissel
19th.....	Barbara Bernstein
9th.....	Brenna Nobil
19th.....	Steven Schur
19th.....	Vippi Pollack
22nd.....	Fred Hudson
23rd.....	Lauren Schur
23rd.....	Maryon Gould
24th.....	Noah Bitton
25th.....	Marla Berenson
25th.....	Michel Bitton
26th.....	Cory Wasser
26th.....	Joan Kay
28th.....	Jonathan Line
29th.....	Bernard Solas

Meditation Garden Brick

**IN MEMORY OF
FRANK STANLEY SACHS**

Got something to say?

Well we want to hear it! Chai-Lights is interested in your opinions, ideas and suggestions. This is your publication, what do you want to see? Send your comments—criticism or especially compliments—story ideas, photos, Nosh items or other info to Chai-Lights—KJCC P.O. Box 1332 Tavernier FL 33070, or to chailights@keysjewishcenter.com

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Aaron M. Schmidt

Schmidt Family

Oneg Sponsors

September 7th - Barbara and Steve Smith in celebration of their anniversary.

September 21st - Linda and Joel Pollack honoring Joel - 5 Years.

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Simon and Lillian Skolnick

With Love ...
Susan and RoseMarie Gordon

Mark Your Calendars

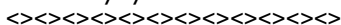
Upcoming September KJCC events include the next Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at 7p.m., Men's Club Game Nite on Wednesday, September 5th at 7p.m., S'Lichot on Saturday, September 8th at 6p.m., and the next meeting of the Board on Sunday, September 9th.

In Memoriam September 2012

In Memory Of

Sam Roazen

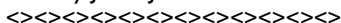
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In Memory Of

Lillian Goldstein

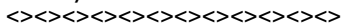
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Ida Hitzig

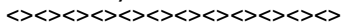
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In Memory Of

Hannah Improta

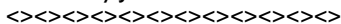
By Carol Field



In Memory Of

Nettie Gorson

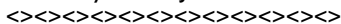
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In Memory Of

Isadore Hurowitz

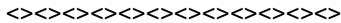
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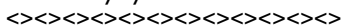
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In Memory Of

Goldie Berman

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In Memory Of

Ronald Repka

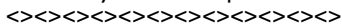
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In Memory Of

Sarah Sandberg

By Claire Cooper



In Memory Of

Louis Gitin

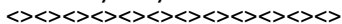
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Paul Gould

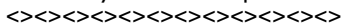
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In Memory Of

Sadie Klimpl

By Michael Klimpl



In Memory Of

Toby Mitchell

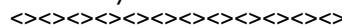
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Molly Feldblum

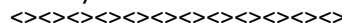
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In Memory Of

Evelyn O. Coltman

By Barnet O. Coltman



In Memory Of

Albert Improta

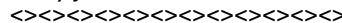
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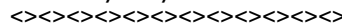
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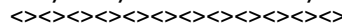
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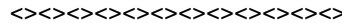
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In Memory Of

Samuel D. Savage

By Marjorie Present

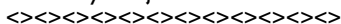


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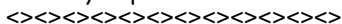
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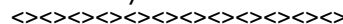
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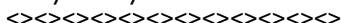
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In Memory Of

Fred Roemer

By Harvey & Susan Schwaid



In Memory Of

Gertrude B. Schwaid

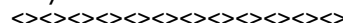
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In Memory Of

Mollie Silverman

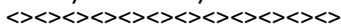
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In Memory Of

Mauro Ojeda

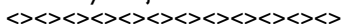
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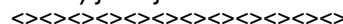
By Marjorie Present



In Memory Of

Lillian Goldstein

By Jim & Joan Boruszak



How Certain Contributions to KJCC Can Instantly Become Permanent, Living Memorials

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 treasures that lie between these covers."

Tree of Life Leaves: We have two beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$50 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. No one ever made tastier blintzes."

KJCC Gift Shop

New Merchandise for a
New Year!

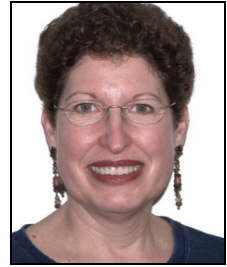


Tallit, Kipot, Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks
Mezuzzot, Jewelry and More!



For further information contact:
Susan Gordon (305) 766-3585
Medina Roy (305) 852-3872

Sisterhood Lauren Sax



Happy New Year everyone! With the NEW year comes many NEW things. NEW Chai-Lights staff, NEW KJCC members, NEW temple programs and NEW Sisterhood events. Sisterhood's first meeting of the NEW season is Tuesday, September 4th at 7 p.m. in the classroom. Please note the NEW day, time and place due to the Labor Day holiday. We will resume our regular scheduled meetings on the first Sunday of each month starting in October.

Our first NEW event of the year is our Erev Rosh Hashana Dinner. It was a huge hit when we originally did it 2 years ago. Erica Lieberman-Garrett is rounding up some of our more advanced chefs in the synagogue to prepare a sumptuous buffet so that we may start the holidays in grand fashion. We should have full tummies to make praying easier. Please see The ad on page 16 and make your reservations A.S.A.P.

Make sure that the next time that you are at the KJCC, you pay attention to the gift shop. Susan Gordon has been busy making NEW purchases. NEW Mezzuzot for your homes or offices, NEW Kippot, NEW gift items and much much more! If you still don't see what you need, please contact Susan and she will try to accommodate you.

We have an almost NEW kitchen as well! Erica Lieberman-Garrett and Georgia Landau spent many hours scrubbing shelves, cabinets and the refrigerator so that we would be ready for the holidays and our NEW year. Thanks so much ladies for your dedication and all your hard work. If we have to be in the kitchen, at least let it be clean!

Lastly, Sisterhood has a dilemma. Just like the temple, what Sisterhood does takes manpower. We have had many wonderfully dedicated women come before us and because of them, Sisterhood has thrived. We have a lot to live up to. As in many other

synagogues and organizations, we are fighting to maintain what we have built. This year you will see a smaller Break-The-Fast and not as many Shabbat Dinners. We will be doing things on a smaller scale. The fact is there are not enough people who are stepping up to the plate. So, I am asking for your help so that Sisterhood may continue to grow and prosper. To those of you that have come forward and volunteered time for Sisterhood, I thank you. To those that haven't, please consider helping out in some way that is conducive to your schedule. You can help by cooking or baking, making phone calls or even serving a short stint on a committee. In the next few months I will be forming a nominating committee to choose a slate of officers for the 2013-2014 year. I truly hope we will see some NEW fresh faces. The future of Sisterhood depends on you.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy NEW Year! ◇

Do you know all the amazing things Sisterhood does for KJCC?

Here's a brief list:

- The Annual KJCC Fundraiser
- Shabbat and holiday dinners.
- After-services onegs.
- The Gift Shop in KJCC's lobby, with all manner of Judaica.
- The Annual Fashion Show.
- The Annual Second Seder.
- Theater outings.

There's much more. But to keep going Sisterhood needs your help. Please volunteer. We'll match your talents with our myriad of tasks.

Contributions to KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please signify the fund it is to go to and the recognition of the name or names to be listed.

Chai-Lights

Sheinker, Miltra
Smith, Steve and Barbara
Willner, Arthur Lee and Johanna

Holocaust Education Fund

Smith, Steve & Barbara
Swartz, George and Muriel

Book Plates

Gould, Maryon

In Honor of
Rene Rose - Good Health

Holocaust Education Fund

Barefoot, Rosemary

In Memory of
Karen Hayhurst

Book Plates

Gordon, Susan and RoseMarie

In Memory of
Bill Gordon
Simon & Lillian Skolnick
Max Lieberman
Aaron Schmidt

Meditation Garden

Graham, Bea brick - 40th anniversary Nissan & Israel
Mayk

Lieberman-Garrett, Erica
Schmidt, Judith

Beth, Alan and Candy Stanlake brick - Sam Vinicur
Sax, Stuart and Lauren get well wishes for Barbara
Knowles

General Fund

Begam, Delores
Begam, Delores
Beinfest, Bennett and Deborah
Boruszak, Jim and Joan
Cohn, Nancy
Cooper, Alan and Susan
Davidson, Foster and Carol Laskin
Dorf, Barry and Natalie
Gilson, Michael and Suzanne
Ginsberg, Bernard
Gould, Maryon
Graham, Bea
Graham, Douglas
Jacobson, Melvin
Miller, Steve and Tonia Sledd
Peckman, Joyce
Pollack, Joel and Linda
Rapoport, Murray and Barbara Osder
Roberts, Paul and Susan
Sachs, Joseph and Susan

In Honor of
pray for us
pray for us, please

Steinbock, Steve and Carol brick - Sam Vinicur
Vinicur, Sam

Roy, Medina tree - Leon Kirschenbaum
Sachs, Joseph and Susan brick - Selma Moore Sachs
Sachs, Joseph and Susan brick - Frank Stanley Sachs
Sachs, Joseph and Susan brick - Leslie Allen Sachs
Sax, Stuart and Lauren Jan Finer
Shabathai, Joseph and Katherine tree - Sally Shabathai
Smith, Steve and Barbara brick - Irving H. & Daisy D.
Smith

Sax, Stuart and Lauren
Shabathai, Joseph and Katherine
Sisterhood
Stein, Ira and Shirley
Willner, Sherrie
Yankow, Sandy and Nancy

Jim and Joan Boruszak's
anniversary

Oneg Fund

Alter, Barry
Burnett, Shirley
Gross, David and Patti
Kamely, Yarden
Kluger, Kurt and Nancy
Knowles, Richard and Barbara

In Honor of

Birthday
Michal Kamely's birthday
Anniversary
Anniversary;
Barbara's birthday
Dave's birthday
Nephew's bar mitzvah
Anniversary; Crue LaMarche birthday
Anniversary
Just because...

Landau, Georgia
Lieberman-Garrett, Erica
Line, Jon and Arlene Anniversary;
Sax, Stuart & Lauren
Shabbathai, Joseph and Kathy

Sisterhood

Schmidt, Judith

Rabbi and Cantor Fund

Calev, Barbara
Cohn, Nancy
Coltman, Barney
Dorf, Barry and Natalie
Ginsberg, Bernard
Gould, Maryon

General Fund

Pollack, Joel and Linda
Pollack, Joel and Linda

In Memory of
Murray Cooper
Beulah Grossman, mother of
Leslie Janowitz

Contributions to KJCC continued

Rabbi and Cantor Fund Cont.

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 Hernstadt, Roger & Jessica
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KJCC Trip to Israel Series Part 1: ROSH PINAH

We are all very excited about the KJCC Trip to Israel-2013. To learn a little about Israel, (the land, the places both ancient and modern, the people and the vibrant life in this old/young country), I will write a series of articles about all you'll have the opportunity to see on this journey.

Where to begin? In Israel wherever you take a step (or three) you are standing on a historical place. Let's look at the history of modern Israel, of the *hityashvut*, (Jewish settlement) in *Eretz Israel*, the Land of Israel.

During the 400 years of Ottoman rule, the Land of Israel was ruled from Istanbul. By the end of the 18th century the country had suffered from neglect, taxation had devastated the *yishuv* (settlement), the great forests of the Galilee and the Carmel mountains were cut, and the country was sparsely populated by impoverished tenant farmers. The 19th century saw the first signs of progress when Britain, France, Russia, Austria, and the U.S. opened consulates in Jerusalem. Postal and telegraphic connections were installed and the first road connecting Jaffa and Jerusalem was built.

The situation of the country's Jews slowly improved and their numbers increased. By the middle of the 19th century Jews had built the first neighborhood outside the city walls of Jerusalem. Land for farming was purchased throughout the country and Hebrew was revived as a spoken language. The agricultural school *Mikve Israel*, east of Jaffa, was founded in 1870 by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, to train Jewish pioneers from urban environments in Europe in agricultural work. In 1878 the first *moshava* (rural settlement), *Petah Tikvah*, was established. The pogroms in Russia and Romania in 1882 led to the

First *Aliya* (wave of immigration) and the foundation of the agricultural villages: *Rishon Lezion*, *Ekron*, *Zichron Ya'akov* and *Rosh Pinah*.

Ask people what the first Jewish settlement in modern Israel was and most will say *Petah Tikvah*. However, three months before *Petah Tikvah* was founded in 1878, eighteen religious Jews from Safed (*Tzfat*) decided to attempt farming and walked 90 minutes to the slopes of Mt. Canaan to build a new settlement, taking advantage of the areas three natural springs. They called it *Gai Oni*. "They didn't want to beg for money from European Jews," says tour guide and local resident Akiva Oren. "They wanted to work the land as farmers and make their own living." Though their attempt failed after three years, it formed the basis for what is now the village of *Rosh Pina* ("cornerstone") in the Upper Galilee. This village offers spectacular views of the Sea of Galilee, the Hula Valley, Mt. Hermon and the Golan Heights. Many of its historic stone buildings and gardens have been reconstructed and preserved, while new structures, parks and art galleries have been added in recent years.

In 1882, (First Aliyah), a Romanian Jew named Moshe David Shuv arrived on a boat at Jaffa Port. He bought a horse and rode all the way up north looking for the right spot to settle. He was there to scout a location for the at least 40 families from his village who had funded his journey. "When he reached *Rosh Pinah* (Gai Oni), he said 'I found it!' and he sent a telegram describing it as similar to their own Romanian village. It was high up in the mountains, chilly, with a lot of water. The families all packed up and came by boat to Beirut. They then walked to *Rosh Pinah* and

established homes there,” tells Oren. The renamed town of *Rosh Pinah* was officially recognized by the state of Israel in 1953.

Shuv was the great-great-uncle of Orit Segal, another Israeli tour guide. Orit says her grandmother Leah was five years old when she arrived from Romania with her parents, Mordechai and Rivka Katz. Rivka was Shuv’s sister. “My grandmother remembered living in hillside caves at the beginning,” tells Orit. “The first thing they built was a *mikvah* (ritual bath) and then small homes. They tried to be farmers, but didn’t know much about it.” The European newcomers had naively brought along wooden boats, assuming they could earn some money by fishing in the springs. Quickly realizing this would not work, they instead put the boats together to form the roof of the wooden synagogue built in large part by Mordechai Katz. “You can still see the contour of the boats if you look up at the ceiling,” says Orit.

Farming turned out to be no more successful than fishing. “It was really hard to survive,” says Oren. “Then, Baron Rothschild sent them help. Rothschild helped them build their huge, elegant synagogue and gave a stipend to each family to help them buy a cow and a mule.” As he did in other new settlements, Rothschild sent paid emissaries to oversee how his money would be spent. “These clerks didn’t know much about agriculture either,” says Orit. First, the families tried planting mulberries to grow silkworms, and then they planted flowers to make perfume. Both ideas were flops, says Orit. “They suffered a lot from diseases and from hostile neighbors, too. My great-grandfather, who was very tall with red hair and a red beard, rode around guarding the settlement on a big white horse.”

Leah married the widowed religious leader of the community when she was young, and Segal’s father was the eighth of their 10 chil-

dren. “They stayed in *Rosh Pinah* until the start of World War I, and then my immediate family moved to Jerusalem,” she says. In 1929, Dr. Gideon Mer established a malaria research laboratory in *Rosh Pinah*, which gained worldwide recognition as his work helped stop the malaria epidemic among new agricultural settlers in the region, and also overseas, once Mer was made a medical officer in the army of King George VI. The preserved house contains an exhibit of ancient items from various periods, such as old plows, laboratory equipment, and textbooks.

For many years, this “Mother of the Galilee settlements” remained a sort of forgotten backyard, as Orit puts it. “*Rosh Pinah* was

never really successful until the 1980’s or 1990’s, when it became a haven for artists looking for inexpensive old homes. It was reborn as people bought up houses to make *zimmerim* (bed-and-breakfasts) and ceramic and art galleries. There are a lot of places to stay here today, and the weather is beautiful with a high elevation,

so it’s pleasant in the summer with a great view.” When she guides tourists in *Rosh Pinah*, Orit shows them the house where her father was born, as well as the synagogue and the *mikvah*. “A lot of the original houses are there, just ‘yuppified’ and glorified,” she says. The house where the Rothschild employees worked has been turned into offices and a museum. The nearby Baron’s Gardens, modeled on the grand gardens at Versailles, are also open to the public.

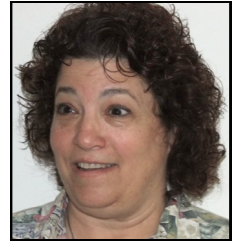
Oren likes to use *Rosh Pinah* as a starting point for tours of other spots in the Galilee, including Safed, Tiberias (Tveria), and the Hula Lake, a major attraction for migrating birds and the people who enjoy watching them. I will tell you about these places in my next article of “Israel Series.” ♦



The house of Dr. Gideon Mer in Rosh Pinah.

World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



Israel's Latest Weapon

Kibbutz Dan, located north of the Sea of Galilee, is a small Israeli farm and Israel's only sturgeon farm. Roe from sturgeon produce caviar and the delicacy used to be an important market in Russia and Iran. However, with a ban on fishing sturgeon in the Caspian Sea, all legal exported caviar now comes from farms. *Karat Caviar*, the Israeli farm, has several ponds that hold 70,000 *Ostera* sturgeon. At approximately twelve years old, the fish are pulled from the ponds to see if their eggs are ready. If ready (at that point, the fish are about 50 pounds and can yield close to five pounds of eggs), they are sent off for harvesting; if not, they are placed back in the ponds to continue maturing. In 1992, farm manager Yigal Ben-Tzvi went to Russia and brought fertilized *Ostera* sturgeon eggs to Israel. His intention was to raise the fish and sell them to the growing Russian population in Israel. A decade later, the price of caviar jumped and the decision was made to let the sturgeon get older so they could produce eggs. This year *Karat Caviar* hopes to produce four tons of caviar. "The Israeli caviar is the best there is today on the market," says Eric Ribert, owner of New York's *Le Bernardin* restaurant. "The Chinese have good caviar but the quality...is not consistent. Germany and Italy have pretty good caviar...but what comes out of Israel is the nearest thing to the top." Ben-Tzvi credits the farm's success with the cold, clean water in which the sturgeon swim. The farm is fed by the local Dan River which is a source of the Jordan River. Ironically, the caviar is not sold in Israel. Sturgeon don't have scales that can be removed by hand so they're not consid-

ered kosher. The farm feels it cannot risk losing its kosher license because they also sell trout. Caviar can retail for as much as \$2,500 a pound. (www.abcnews.com, 6-8-12)

Shalom, Amigos!

Geneticists at Israel's Sheba Medical Center in Tel Aviv have discovered a genetic mutation linking a Native American population living in Colorado to Jews who were expelled from Spain during the Inquisition. The scientists discovered the genetic marker BRCA1 in a group of Mexican Indians who emigrated from Mexico to the United States over the past 200 years and settled in Colorado. Researchers say the mutation found in the Colorado Indians is identical to that of Ashkenazim and dates back to more than 600 years ago. The scientists believe this discovery offers genetic proof that some of the Jews expelled from Spain reached South America and intermarried with the indigenous population. Their descendants later migrated to Mexico and then to the United States. According to the Sheba team however, Colorado's Mexican Indians do not have any traditions that link them to Jews. By the way, BRCA1 is the same marker that has been shown to lead to a higher incidence of breast and ovarian cancer in Jews of Ashkenazi origin. (www.thejewishweek.com, 6-4-12)

The "Magenta Yenta"

Mindy Meyer, a 22-year-old Orthodox Jew, is running for New York State Senate in the election to be held on November 6th. She's running on the Republican and Conservative party lines. She's become known as the

“magenta yenta” because of her hot-pink, “Legally Blond”-inspired website. Meyer, a lifelong Flatbush (Brooklyn) resident, is single and still lives with her parents and five siblings. She claims she has wanted to enter politics since meeting former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani when she was just a child. The odds are against her as she has no experience and is running in a heavily Democratic district.
(www.nydailynews.com, 7-23-12)

An Olympic Oxymoron: A Hebrew Tattoo

At the London Olympics held last month, the French freestyle relay team defeated the Americans and won the gold medal in the 4x100 meter contest. What makes this story interesting? Fabien Gilot, a member of the winning team (and a non-Jew) raised his arm in victory and in doing so, revealed a Hebrew tattoo on the inside of his left arm. The tattoo read, “*Ani klum biladayhem*,” which translates to mean “I am nothing without them.” Gilot explained that the tattoo is a tribute to Max Goldschmidt. Goldschmidt, an Auschwitz survivor, moved to France where he met Gilot’s grandmother. Despite not being Gilot’s biological grandfather, Goldschmidt (who died earlier this year) played an important role in Gilot’s life, who called him “a grandfather in every way.” *(There have been numerous discussions on the Jewish prohibition of tattooing. The subject can warrant an entire article for Chai-Lights. Briefly stated, according to the Torah, tattoos are forbidden as stated in Leviticus 19:28, “You shall not... incise any marks on yourselves: I am the Lord.” Maimonides believed that tattooing was an act of idolatry. Over time, the rabbis agreed that since we are created “b’tzelem Elohim” (in the image of G-d), our bodies are to be viewed as a precious gift on loan from G-d and we are expected to treat it respectfully. The prohibition is only for personal, voluntary tattooing. Jews who were tattooed with numbers on their arms by the Nazis are considered blameless. And in modern times, tattoos which are used in cancer treatment or other medical procedures to permanently mark the body for necessary treatment are also not*

included in the prohibition.
(www.huffingtonpost.com, 8-2-12 and www.myjewishlearning.com)

A Celebration, Seven and a Half Years in the Making

On August 1st, some 90,000 Orthodox Jews (mostly men) packed the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey to celebrate the completion of a rigorous seven-and-a-half-year cycle of Talmudic study. The celebration of the page-a-day Talmud cycle is known as *Siyum HaShas* (“siyum” means completion and the Talmud is known collectively as “Shas”.) During the cycle, participants around the world study a folio – two sides of one page – of the 2,711-page Babylonian Talmud each day – everyone on the same page creating a spiritual connection that joins them as Jews. As the rabbis began the prayers at the stadium, the women – there were about 20,000 – pulled a massive curtain thus shielding the women’s area from view in accordance with the strict modesty standards of traditional Orthodoxy. After the half hour of prayer, the curtain was opened for the women to watch and listen to the speeches about Torah study. Orthodox women normally do not study the Talmud. The women were there to celebrate the men’s achievements and to encourage their study. Traditional Orthodox rabbis generally do not approve of Talmud study by women, though they do not ban it. This tradition is rooted in the belief that G-d created different gender roles. While it is the man’s job to study the Talmud – the 1,500-year-old record of rabbis discussing laws that govern Jewish life – it is the woman’s role to bring those laws to life in practice in the home. The daily study, known as the “*Daf Yomi*” (daily page) began in 1923 by Meir Shapiro, a Polish rabbi and the first *siyum* was celebrated in Lublin, Poland in 1930. This year’s *siyum* celebrated the completion of the 12th cycle since that time. About 70,000 to 80,000 Jews worldwide now participate in the daily learning sessions, some via their iPads while riding the New York City subways. The new *Daf Yomi* cycle began on August 3rd with page 2 (all Talmudic

tractates begin on page 2) of Tractate *Bra-
chot*. (www.nytimes.com, 8-1-12)

Muhammad “Zaidy” Ali

Muhammad Ali, former world heavyweight boxing champ, recently had a *simcha* in his family; Ali’s grandson Jacob celebrated his *Bar Mitzvah* at Philadelphia’s Congregation *Rodeph Shalom*. The 13-year-old is the son of Ali’s daughter Khaliah Ali-Wertheimer and her Jewish husband Spencer Wertheimer. “I was born and raised a Muslim,” Ali’s daughter said, “but I’m not into organized religion. I’m more spiritual than religious.” She said her son chose this on his own because he felt a kinship with Judaism and Jewish culture. “My father was supportive in every way,” she said. Born Cassius Clay, Ali was brought up Baptist but converted to Islam in the 1960s, at first affiliating himself with the Nation of Islam, but later converted to Sufism.

(*The Forward*, 6-1-12)

In Memoriam

-Yitzchak Shamir, who served as Israel’s seventh prime minister (1983-1984 and again from 1986-1992), has died at the age of 96. Shamir was among the founders of the *Mosad* and served there for 10 years. Born Isaac Yazernitsky in what is now Belarus (then part of the Russian Empire), he cut his studies short – studying law at the University of Warsaw – to immigrate to what was then the British Mandate of Palestine. In 1935, he changed his name to Shamir. In 1944 he married Shulamit whom he met in a detention camp. (She died last year at the age of 88). Shamir was among the leaders of the *Irgun*, the national military underground organization in mandatory Palestine and became part of the militant *Stern Gang*. After its leader Avraham Stern was killed, Shamir became one of the group’s leaders. He succeeded Menachem Begin as prime minister in 1983 and was defeated by Yitzchak Rabin’s Labor Party in the 1992 election. In 1990, Shamir undertook one of the most daring rescue operations of modern times. He ordered an emergency airlift, code name “Operation Solomon,” of more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews

caught in the crossfire of a bloody civil war, bringing them from Ethiopia to Israel over 36 hours of nonstop flights. Both Shamir’s political allies and adversaries alike agree that his battle to protect the Jewish people and their right to self-determination in their own state served as a guiding principle of his leadership. It is most likely that he will be remembered as one of Jewish history’s most committed and uncompromising ideologues, a hard-liner who battled for Jewish rights to the Land of Israel including Judea and Samaria. (*World Jewish Congress*, 7-6-12)

-Nora Ephron, Oscar-nominated screenwriter, and a prolific writer (she was an author, film director, essayist and journalist) who wrote the screenplays for “When Harry met Sally,” “Sleepless in Seattle,” as well as the drama “Silkwood,” among other Hollywood hits, died over the summer. She was 71. Ephron, a native New Yorker, was born to a Jewish family of writers. She was nominated for three Academy Awards. Her last movie was the 2008 film “Julie and Julia,” starring Meryl Streep. Ephron was married three times and divorced twice. Her second husband was Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein. She was an intern in the Kennedy White House. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 6-27-12)

Did You Know.....

-This past May, Bar Refaeli, the 26-year-old Israeli supermodel was named “*Maxim’s* Hottest Woman in the World.” *Maxim* is an international men’s magazine based in the United Kingdom. (www.dailymail.co.uk, 5-29-12)

-The biggest manufacturer of sex toys in the United States, “Doc Johnson,” is owned and run by the father-son team of Ron and Chad Braverman. They’ve enlisted the help of Jewish porn star James Deen to make the business even bigger (no pun intended). Deen has made a deal with the Bravermans to “replicate a certain part of his anatomy” for \$20,000. “Doc Johnson” was founded by the Bravermans in 1976 and has been called “the Procter & Gamble of sex toys.” (*The Forward*, 7-23-12) ◇

We cordially invite you to

Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner

on Sunday, September 16th at 5:00 pm before evening service. We will gather at the KJCC for a traditional fleishich meal of soup, brisket, chicken, kasha and tzimmis, along with vegetarian options, ending with honey cake and more.

Voluntary donation is \$20 per Member. Our children 12 and under are our guests. Non-members of all ages are \$25.

Reservations are necessary. Contact Dr. Erica Garrett by September 10th at hippiejap@hotmail.com or 305-853-1003 if you would like to attend. Prepayment is requested, payable to Sisterhood. Mail to PO Box 116, Tavernier, FL 33070.



—The L'Shanah Tovah page—

*KJCC members and friends from here
and across the country send their new year
greetings to each other for the best possible 5773.*

<p>Wishing A Shana Tovah To Our KJCC Family Mindy And Rich Agler</p>	<p>L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu To The Members Of The KJCC Miriam R. Gillespie</p>	<p>To My Dear KJCC Friends A Happy And Healthy 5773 Love, Maryon Gould</p>	<p>Thank You For Your Prayers & Well Wishes During This Tough Year Barney</p>
<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR THE DORFS</p>	<p>To Serve Is A Mitzvah It Has Been Our Honor L'SHANAH TOVAH Stu & Lauren</p>	<p>Wishing Our KJCC Mishpocha A Happy And Healthy Year Joel & Linda</p>	<p>TO OUR DEAR KJCC FAMILY A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 5773 LOVE, JIM AND JOAN BOURSAK</p>
<p>The Knowles Family Wish All Our KJCC Mishpocha A Happy & Healthy New Year</p>	<p>Dr. Erica Lieberman-Garrett Wishes All Our KJCC Mishpocha L'Shanah Tovah</p>	<p>Wishing My KJCC Family A Happy And Healthy 5773 Joyce Peckman</p>	<p>To My Friends At The KJCC Wishing Everyone A Happy New Year Linda Pincus & Family</p>
<p>Wishing Health And Happiness To All Steve & Carol Steinbock</p>	<p>To Our Dear KJCC Friends- A Happy And Healthy 5773. The Roses</p>	<p>L'Shanah Tovah To My Extended KJCC Family Lee Schur</p>	<p>L'Shanah Tovah Best Wishes For 5773 Milton And Joan Wohl</p>

High Holy Days 5773

Once again this year we are lucky enough to have KJCC's High Holy Day services led by Rabbi Danny Young and Cantor Mark Halpern. They have both written pieces for our section this month to help get you ready for the Days of Awe. Gloria, Head of Ritual, starts us off.

On Gathering for Prayer by the Dark of the Moon

There are still two more weeks in the Hebrew month of *Elul*, the traditional time for Jews to prepare for the yearly Ten Days of Awe. It is a perfect time for reflection, meant for us to take stock of our lives and make a behavioral inventory before we gather in a full house with our *Mishpocha* to pray for forgiveness, inspiration, and a good year to come.

This season we are fortunate once again to have words of thoughtfulness and encouragement from the leaders who will guide us through these special days. Our New Year, as always, will begin in the dark. The moon will be new. All is hidden as we gather to pray and look inward, especially the results that have yet to be written and sealed in the Book of Life.

We offer gratitude to Rabbi Danny Young and Cantor Mark Halpern, as they shed light on the coming season.

*L'Shanah Tovah,
Gloria Avner*

Inspiration and Prayer From Cantor Mark

As fall approaches, Jews throughout the world prepare for our unique ten-day period

	High	Holiday	Sch
Saturday	Sept. 8	6:00 p.m.	
Saturday	Sept. 8	8:00 p.m.	
Sunday	Sept. 16	5:00 p.m.	
Sunday	Sept. 16	7:00 p.m.	
Monday	Sept. 17	10:00 a.m.	
Monday	Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	
Tuesday	Sept. 18	10:00 a.m.	
Tuesday	Sept. 25	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	Sept. 26	10:00 a.m.	
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of prayer, self-examination, fasting, and repentance. The *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, the High Holy Days, begin with Rosh HaShanah and end at the conclusion of Yom Kippur. But for a whole month before *Tishrei*,

we are encouraged to take time to get ourselves ready. Throughout the month of *Elul*, morning worship includes special penitential prayers, and each service concludes with the blowing of the *Shofar*, a reminder of the approaching call to atonement.

In some communities, this is a time to visit the graves of loved ones. After all, we are preparing for a time when all our fates will be written and sealed, including the ultimate judgment: who shall live and who shall die.

One of the centerpieces of my work, and that of every Cantor, is not just to lead the Congregation in prayer, but, hopefully, to inspire the congregants to want to pray, to create a mood through the music, the liturgy, and the intensity of one's own prayer in order to create an environment in which all our prayers go deeper.

Prayer is not a Religious Ritual or Spiritual Technique but a heart-to-heart, person-to-person communication. Rather than trying to change or influence HaShem, my belief is that the ultimate purpose of prayer is to change us, and make us better human beings.

We are instructed to create a "Heshbon Hanefesh," an inventory of our soul, to count those things that matter for our hearts, souls, consciences, and our very life.

Fundamental questions are asked now: Who shall live and who shall die as we usher in the New Year. Who shall be hungry, who shall be poor; who shall be rich? We don't know the answers to these questions, but the prayer that we chant together ends on a wonderful, hopeful note. We have the power to mitigate results of our past behavior and the coming judgments. We are told, and we say it loudly, that with repentance, prayer, good deeds and righteousness, we can avert any decree that is not positive..

Sari, I, and my family are positive and hopeful that this coming year will be a peaceful one, a year of harmony, full of life and good health; we wish that for all during these coming High Holidays, and we look forward to praying with you.

Words from Rabbi Danny- On Comfort and Uncertainty

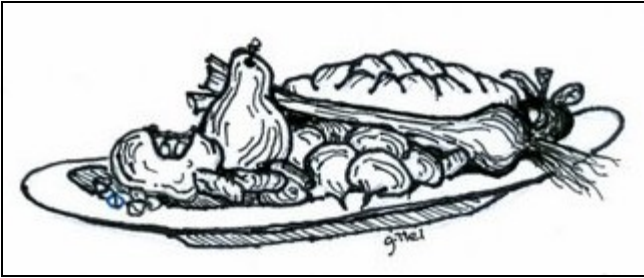
I am writing this soon after *Tisha B'Av*, the day that commemorates the fall of the Temple in Jerusalem among all the other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people. We spend the day in fasting and mourning. After that intense sadness, we look for hope, consolation and comfort. The Shabbat following *Tisha B'Av* has a special name that reflects a deep yearning for order after confronting the disorder that came with the loss of our spiritual home all those years ago. The Shabbat is called *Shabbat Nachamu*, the Sabbath of Compassion. The word *Nachamu* comes from the first words of the haftarah on that Shabbat, where Isaiah cajoles "*Nachamu, nachamu ami*" - be comforted, be comforted my people.

Those ancient words resonate because we still seek comfort in the face of uncertainty. Who doesn't have a comfort food that soothes us when life throws us a curveball? While comfort is important in the wake of sadness and loss, comfort and familiarity can also help us deal with uncertainty.

There is a lot of uncertainty at this time of year. The High Holy Day liturgy suggests that our past behavior is judged, and that the judgment determines our destiny for the coming year.

Many people find themselves uneasy because services are unlike those of any other time of year. There are unfamiliar prayers and a relative formality to the experience of these Days of Awe. Melodies for prayers are changed. Simply put, things are different.

KJCC is an interesting place because it is a nondenominational community. Members of the KJCC come from Reform, Conservative and Orthodox backgrounds, while other members have never been associated with any movement. This means that individuals in our community have had quite diverse High Holy Day experiences. The melodies we remember, the *Machzor* (High Holy Day



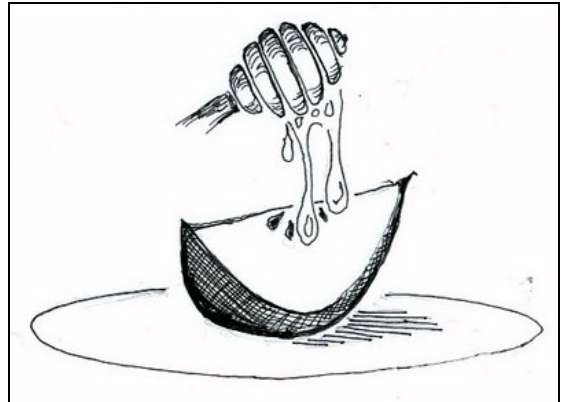
prayerbook) we use, the prayers and readings that bring us comfort, may differ.

I enjoy the challenge and opportunity this gives me as a service leader to try to create a service that includes moments of comfort for our whole community. Surely there are parts of the Days of Awe experience at KJCC that are unfamiliar to each of us. Hopefully, there are also meaningful moments of connection.

If there are things that you remember which help you to connect to the Days of Awe, please share them. I'd love to hear from you! You may send me an e-mail at daniel.philip.young@gmail.com or call me at 786-216-5263.

I look forward to sharing the High Holy Days with you! ◇

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KJCC Sunday School Celebrates

With parents, teachers, Board Members, Education Director, and our President standing by, all "klaibing nachas" (filling up with gratitude and pride), our KJCC Religious School students made their end of year presentation. It was a joyous occasion. There were readings about Shavuot, lots of songs from different holidays, and a colorful display of student artwork as each child helped summarize the ceremonial cycle of the Jewish year.

As the class concluded, Stuart, Yarden, Gloria, and Susan presented each student with a Certificate of Achievement. You can see their glowing faces in the photos--Harry, Noah, Zach, Moira, Lili, Mikhaela and Natalie. We then said a special good-bye and "Todah Rabah" to Joshua Bernstein, our November Bar Mitzvah boy who became an excellent tutor as well as service leader. He will leave our school this year, and we wish him a great High School career.

Then out came the ice cream cake, and the school year ended on a very sweet note. Now, in just a few days, our school year will begin again, a very special year, with five of our students taking on their Bar and Bat Mitzvah training. Expect to see more of these shining, enthusiastic faces on the bimah this year.

- Gloria



On June 6th a small group of Michal Kamely's friends travelled to Yardena's home in Kendall to celebrate Michal's 92nd birthday. In the KJCC tradition, it was a pot-luck event, with lots of chips & dips, stuffed mushrooms, cheeses and cakes and cookies. The conversation switched from English to Hebrew and back again as old friends who had not seen each other for months caught up on the news. Yardena sent a message from Michal that she really enjoyed it.

She was happy to see everyone. This has brought memories of other gatherings with her dear friends. She treasures these memories and is very grateful to all for keeping up their friendship.





(left) The Olympic medals were not the only ones handed out this summer. Chai-Lights wishes to congratulate Gerri Emkey and her Dragon Boat team for their recent win.

"I competed in the Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival competition in Burlington Vermont. Our team, Save our Sisters, won second place in the breast cancer division. Our team is an all breast cancer women's team. We compete in different events throughout the year. We also raise money for breast cancer research. We are a support group in the water."

-Gerri Emkey

KJCC connections extend far beyond the Keys. Gloria Avner ran into a familiar face while in Maine this summer.

"That's Linny Nobil I'm hugging. She's Joel Cohen's second youngest daughter and now a full time resident of Bar Harbor. What did we do at this Internet cafe? Sip mocha and trade KJCC memories of course."

-Gloria



The oneg on August 10th was sponsored by Barbara and Richard Knowles in celebration of their 13th anniversary. It was a

lucky 13 for those who attended, they got to share in the cake!



The logo for KJCC Meditation Garden is displayed in a 3D, blocky font. The letters are multi-colored, with 'K' in blue, 'J' in purple, 'C' in pink, and 'C' in orange. 'Meditation' is in purple and pink, and 'Garden' is in purple and pink. The text is set against a light beige background with a brick border.

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Dr. Rebecca Boehling:

Professor, Author, Director of the ITS...and KJCC Member

Dr. Rebecca Boehling, a member of our congregation, and a woman I am proud to call friend, was recently appointed Director of the International Tracing Service (ITS), a Holocaust archive and documentation center and tracing service for victims and survivors of Nazi persecution.

Some of you may have attended a presentation Dr. Boehling gave a few years ago at the KJCC about a book she was co-authoring, "Life And Loss in the Shadow of the Holocaust: A Jewish Family's Untold Story." The book was published by Cambridge University Press and I am in the process of reading it. There is also a copy of the book in the KJCC library, which you can borrow.

Like myself, Rebecca is not Jewish. She is married to our KJCC member, Mark Lipkus, who my husband and I have known since we purchased our home here in 1990. At that time, we only visited the Keys a few times a year.

Every visit, we saw Mark and in 1994 he began to talk about this wonderful, brilliant woman he had met when she was on vacation in Key Largo. He was clearly in love but was concerned about logistics. Mark is an avid sailor and owner of WellFound Yachts, a boat brokerage headquartered in Key Largo.

Rebecca is a professor of history at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. We encouraged him, pushing aside his hesitations, saying, in essence "If you love her, marry her; all the rest will work itself out." They did, and I have never seen two people more happily married, no matter what difficulties they have faced.

Rebecca has agreed to come to the KJCC before she leaves for Germany in December, and speak to our congregation about the ITS

and what she wants to accomplish there.

The following is an article from the Baltimore Jewish Times, about the ITS and Rebecca's appointment as Director. It is reprinted here with permission of the author and the Jewish Times, which holds the copyright.

(NB - Additionally, Robert Silk, a reporter with the Free Press, and also a congregant, wrote a nice article on July 18th about Rebecca and Mark and the ITS. You should be able to find it online at www.keysnews.com.)

-Carol Steinbock



Dr. Rebecca Boehling

"Prestigious Appointment: UMBC Professor named Director of the International Tracing Service"

By Simone Ellin

In the 1970s, when she was an American

The ITS was established by the Western Allies at the end of World War II with the mission of helping survivors to trace the fate of missing family members persecuted by the Nazis.

graduate student in Germany studying the aftermath of World War II and German-American relations, Dr. Rebecca Boehling probably never imagined she would one day return to the country as director of the International Tracing Service's Holocaust Archive. Boehling, a Mount Washington resident who is director of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Dresher Center for Humanities and a professor of history at the university, was recently appointed ITS's director in a unanimous vote by an 11-member international commission.

A co-author of "Life And Loss In The Shadow Of The Holocaust: A Jewish Family's Untold Story," Boehling will take a leave of absence from UMBC and assume her new position at the ITS in the small town of Bad Arolsen on Jan. 1, 2013. She will live and work in Germany for a minimum of 2 1/2 years.

The ITS was established by the Western Allies at the end of World War II with the mission of helping survivors to trace the fate of missing family members persecuted by the Nazis. From 1955 to the present, the service has been administered by the International Committee of the Red Cross alongside an

international commission of the U.S., Israel and various European countries. In late 2006, the ITS opened its archives, giving researchers access to more than 50 million documents.

The following year, the ITS began an expansion process that extended its mission to include historical research and education so that besides tracing, which it still does and will continue to do, it would also be a center devoted to telling the stories of real people who were exploited, abused and murdered during the Nazi occupation of Europe.

"The ITS still gets 1,000 tracing requests per month," said Boehling. "Of those requests, 4 percent are from direct survivors, around 10 percent are from researchers and the rest come from more distant relatives of victims." She stressed that the archive's growth as a research center will not undermine its traditional role. "It is still crucial that people have a means of finding out about their family members," Boehling said.

As of 2013, the ITS will no longer operate under the auspices of the Red Cross. Instead, it will be run directly by the International Commission of the U.S., Israel and nine European nations, with advisory support from the German Federal Archives, but funded completely by the German government. Boehling

"There is now more than one generation of adults for whom WWII is history, not part of their lived experience, but for whom the legacy of the war and the Holocaust is very much part of their historical consciousness of being German."

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believes that as an American paid by the German government, but answerable to an international commission, she is in a unique position.

“I’m beginning to think that having an American in this role may give me a certain advantage,” she said. “I have some distance and perhaps I can use that distance to maintain objectivity, and a certain sense of neutrality in the midst of current European tensions. Since my appointment has been made public, I’ve received a lot of emails from Americans telling me about their research and requesting tracing services. I’m wondering if having an American at the ITS may lead to more requests from Americans. Of course, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in D.C. now has digitized copies of many of the ITS holdings, so researchers can go there to access many of these materials rather than to have to go to Germany.” Boehling, who was born in Leesburg, Va., and grew up in Wilmington, N.C., has spent a significant amount of time in Germany. She feels the country, its people and culture have evolved significantly since she first began visiting Germany 30-some years ago.

“There have been a lot of changes especially since the [Berlin] wall came down,” she says. “There is now more than one generation of adults for whom WWII is history, not part of their lived experience, but for whom the legacy of the war and the Holocaust is very much part of their historical consciousness of being German. I think it’s now a somewhat

more relaxed yet politically conscious society.” In the 1970s, Boehling said films, books and television docu-dramas like “The Holocaust” about Nazi Germany were just beginning to come to the forefront of popular culture.

“I think recently the German government, for the most part, has done an amazing job of trying to face up to their past and to take responsibility, especially in the last 20 years,” she said. Boehling said leaders at both the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and Yad Vashem in Jerusalem have expressed great interest in the ITS becoming like theme-museums and educational centers. She shares this interest and is especially dedicated to making the incomparable resource available to more survivors, their families and researchers.

“In April, I was in Holland and I talked with people about ITS. I was surprised that so few people knew about it. It just wasn’t well-publicized.”

“There were people on staff who helped with tracing requests, but no professional archivists or researchers,” she said.

That, says Boehling, is beginning to change. The ITS recently hired several professionals in related fields. “The ITS is burgeoning,” she said, “but I’m going to make sure it burgeons more.” ♦

For information about the ITS, visit its-arolsen.org. JT.

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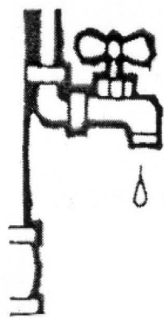
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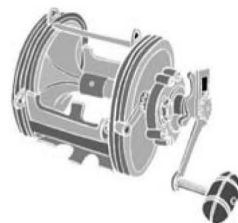
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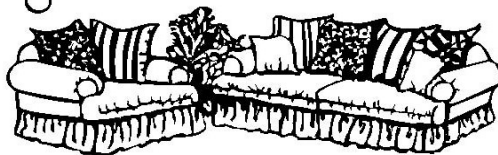


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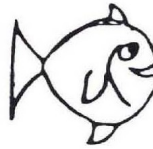
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