

HOLIDAYS AND SERVICES SCHEDULE
5766 (2005)

Holiday	Hebrew	Actual Date	Services	Time
Chanukah	Kislev 25	Mon Dec 26	Fri Dec 30	8:00 pm
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Purim	Adar 14	Wed Mar 14	Fri Mar 17	8:00 pm
Erev Pesach	Nissan 14	Wed Apr 12	Enjoy the 1st seder	
Second Seder	Nissan 15	Thu Apr 13	IFC Apr 13	6:30 pm
Pesach #8	Nissan 22	Thu Yizkor	Fri May 6	8:00 pm
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Tue Apr 25	Fri Apr 28	8:00 pm
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 3	Mon May 1	Fri May 5	8:00 pm
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Tue May 16	Fri May 19	8:00 pm
Shavuot	Sivan 6	Fri Yizkor	Fri Jun 6	8:00 pm
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Thu Aug 3	Fri Aug 4	8:00 pm
S'lichot	Elul 22	Sat Sep 15	Sat Sep 16	TBA
ErevRoshhaShanah	Elul 29	Fri Sep 22	Fri Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 1	Sat Sep 23	Sat Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	Tishri 2	Sun Sep 24	Sun Sep 24	9:00 am
Erev Yom Kippur	Tishri 9	Sun Oct 1	Sun Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	Tishri 10	Mon Yizkor	Mon Oct 2	9:30 am

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hurricanes more hurricanes dying vegetation.... debris on the streets....and wide-spread violence erupting throughout the world. These are indeed trying times and affecting each one of us. But we try to maintain our equilibrium and strive for a meaningful and enriching life. So we must not be consumed by the negative. We need to remember and focus on the positive.

We have had three bar/bat mitzvah celebrations. What a joy! Molly and Cory you are an inspiration to us all. On behalf of the entire KJCC family, I want you to know how proud we are of you and look forward to your continued active participation. We have much to learn from and share with you, as you enter a new phase of your lives.

But that is not all. The storyteller, Linda Spitzer, provided an enjoyable time for all. And I thought everyone came for the board meeting on Sunday morning. Our Hebrew school and adult Hebrew classes are in full swing. Yardenia has also started her discussion series. The discussions are enlightening and often lively, to say the least.

So I am encouraged. I am also encouraged by what Patty and I experienced during our recent trip to Morocco. Before we left, many of you expressed surprise that we were taking a trip to a Muslim country, especially now. Were we intentionally placing ourselves in harm's way? As you can see, we are back home safe and sound. I am happy to report that we had no problems.

Every person we met, Muslim and Jew alike, was open, engaging and genuinely hospitable and accepting. Yes, there are still Jews in Morocco. In Casablanca, there is even a Jewish museum, reported to be the only one in the Arab world. The Jewish community, albeit small, is alive and well. There are fully functioning synagogues, Kosher butchers and the like. Jewish cemeteries are well preserved, and at least one was guarded by the Royal army.

There is a peaceful co-existence and mutual respect between the Muslims and the Jews, dating back hundreds of years. As we were told, we all come from the same place. We share Abraham, Isaac and others. We were expelled from Spain during the Inquisition. We have similar beliefs and commandments. Tzedakah, yes that is the word used, is one of the five foundations of Islam. At a tannery in Fes, we learned that the process of slaughter is the same as Kashrut. The major difference is the lack of rabbinical certification.

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BOARD MEETING

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SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2005. Please attend.

EDITOR

There is an opening for a new Chai-Lights editor. Here is your chance to show your talent and ability in producing a great KJCC bulletin. The present editor will be your helper until you learn the routine of the job, but the creative side of the job is all yours. So, hurry - beat the competition - call Marty at 305-852-0214 NOW. Read all about it on page xx.

ONEG SHABBAT

Be sure to sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at <http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/> and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth.

BAR MITZVAH

Mark your calendar big for December 2 and 3. Cory Wasser will be called as a Bar-Mitzvah, and we all want to be there as his support group. Look for the invitation on page 7.

EDUCATION

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

DEADLINE

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

EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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December Leaders

- 2 - Cory Bar Mitzvah
- 9 - Jim Boruszak
- 10 - Shabbat Service (Call Alan for details)
- 16 - Bernie Ginsburg
- 23 - Jim Boruszak / Patti Schocket
Channukah Play
- 30 - George Swartz

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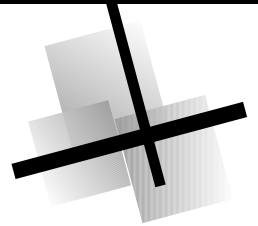
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<p>By Mary Lee Singer <i>In Blessed Memory of</i> RHONIE LEE KLIPPER <i>Always Remembered</i></p>	<p>By Gordon & Marjorie Present <i>In Blessed Memory of</i> HANNAH OSER <i>Eternal Peace</i></p>
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President Message Continued

Can you believe Muslims eat only "Kosher" meat and have the same standards of acceptable meat sources? Jewish history, Jewish symbols and artifacts, Jewish contribution in Moroccan development, and the Moroccan admiration of the Jews were stressed throughout our trip. We were even told of a secret meeting held between the King and Yitzhak Rabin in an attempt to reach a peace accord.

So we had no reluctance to ask the questions ever present on our minds. What about al-quaida? What about the fundamentalists? What do the Moroccans think is motivating the violence? How can the violence be dealt with? The universal response was that the fundamentalists are out of control fanatics. The general opinion related to us was that the violence is caused by the Arab leaders themselves and is the result of oppression, both economic and educational. Morocco itself has been subject to attacks within its borders. Recently, its embassy personnel have been kidnapped by al-quaida. Those we spoke with also blamed the Arab leaders for using the Palestinians as a diversion, thus creating and inflaming the Israeli Palestinian conflict. They thought Arafat, with his double talk, was likewise responsible. We were amazed that these opinions were being related by Muslims in a Muslim country. These opinions could have been expressed by any one of us. Were they tailor made for us, Jewish tourists helping their economy? I think not.

Yes, there is hope for the future. We should remember that there are Muslims who are not represented by the fundamentalists. It is those who we should try to reach so that their voice, too, can be heard, alongside ours.

Shalom!

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Lillian Lippman has a new granddaughter. Lillian's daughter, Amy, and her husband Bruce are doing well. Baby not named an deadline time.

KJCC Hebrew School News:

A Stellar Event

All of our teachers and students are delighted to congratulate Stellar Levy on her fine Bat Mitzvah performance. We are very proud, not only of how hard she has worked over many years with us and how accomplished and confident she has become in what she has learned, but also we are proud of how she is integrating her entrance into the Jewish community by giving of herself to help others. She has been an asset to our school for many years and we hope she will continue her Jewish education. We say "Mazel Tov" to Stellar and all her family and friends as we now look forward to the coming Bat Mitzvah of Molly Bloom and Bar Mitzvah of Cory Wasser.

Simchat Torah

The KJCC Hebrew School celebrated the completion of a full year's Torah reading with great joy and creativity on Sunday, October 29th. Next time you are in the social hall, enjoy the lovely art work created by our students portraying the Torah on hanging prayer flags.

With Cantor Mark, our students read the beginning words of the first chapter of Genesis from our own Holocaust Torah Scroll, dressed the Torah, and paraded around the Sanctuary with it while singing.

Our celebration ended with all students learning to dance both the hora and another Hebrew folk dance called "Mayim," or "water." Watch for notice of a future evening performance in which our students will dance with and for you.

Cory Wasser
Please join with us on Friday,
December 2 and Saturday,
December 3, 2005 when our son
Cory is called to the bema as Bar
Mitzvah. Oneg to follow.
Sofy & Mark Wasser

ARAB - ISRAELI CONFLICT

It is not very often we hear a commentary on the Arab-Israeli Conflict from a non Jewish source that is in favor of Israel. In a media that is very anti Israel, anti Jewish and anti American I thought it is of interest for our Jewish Community to know about a brave Christian Arab woman who raised her voice and talked about her "enemy" and it's humanistic values, Jewish values, that prevail in spite of the prolonged suffering and frustration in this conflict.
Shalom, Yardena.

Brigitte Gabriel Speech at Duke University

Remarks of Brigitte Gabriel, delivered at the Duke University Counter Terrorism Speak-Out

I'm proud and honored to stand here today, as a Lebanese speaking for Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East. As someone who was raised in an Arabic country, I want to give you a glimpse into the heart of the Arabic world.

I was raised in Lebanon, where I was taught that the Jews were evil, Israel was the devil, and the only time we will have peace in the Middle East is when we kill all the Jews and drive them into the sea.

When the Moslems and Palestinians declared Jihad on the Christians in 1975, they started massacring the Christians, city after city. I ended up living in a bomb shelter underground from age 10 to 17, without electricity, eating grass to live, and crawling under sniper bullets to a spring to get water.

It was Israel who came to help the Christians in Lebanon. My mother was wounded by a Moslem's shell, and was taken into an Israeli hospital for treatment. When we entered the emergency room, I was shocked

at what I saw. There were hundreds of people wounded, Moslems, Palestinians, Christians, Lebanese, and Israeli soldiers lying on the floor. The doctors treated everyone according to their injury. They treated my mother before they treated the Israeli soldier lying next to her. They didn't see religion, they didn't see political affiliation, they saw people in need and they helped.

For the first time in my life I experienced a human quality that I know my culture would not have shown to their enemy. I experienced the values of the Israelis, who were able to love their enemy in their most trying moments. I spent 22 days at that hospital. Those days changed my life and the way I believe information, the way I listen to the radio or to television. I realized I was sold a fabricated lie by my government, about the Jews and Israel, that was so far from reality. I knew for fact that, if I was a Jew standing in an Arab hospital, I would be lynched and thrown over to the grounds, as shouts of joy of Allahu Akbar, God is great, would echo through the hospital and the surrounding streets.

I became friends with the families of the Israeli wounded soldiers: one in particular Rina, her only child was wounded in his eyes.

One day I was visiting with her, and the Israeli army band came to play national songs to lift the spirits of the wounded soldiers. As they surrounded his bed playing a song about Jerusalem, Rina and I started crying. I felt out of place and started walking out of the room, and this mother holds my hand and pulls me back in without even looking at me. She holds me crying and says: "it is not your fault". We just stood there crying, holding each other's hands.

What a contrast between her, a mother looking at her deformed 19 year old only child, and still able to love me the enemy, and between a Moslem mother who sends her son to blow

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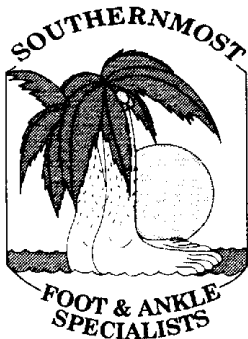
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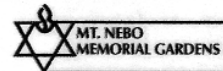
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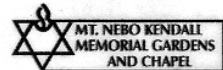
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himself up to smithereens just to kill a few Jews or Christians.

The difference between the Arabic world and Israel is a difference in values and character. It's barbarism verses civilization. It's democracy verses dictatorship. It's goodness verses evil.

Once upon a time, there was a special place in the lowest depths of hell for anyone who would intentionally murder a child. Now, the intentional murder of Israeli children is legitimized as Palestinian "armed struggle".

However, once such behavior is legitimized against Israel, it is legitimized every where in the world, constrained by nothing more than the subjective belief of people who would wrap themselves in dynamite and nails for the purpose of killing children in the name of god.

Because the Palestinians have been encouraged to believe that murdering innocent Israeli civilians is a legitimate tactic for advancing their cause, the whole world now suffers from a plague of terrorism, from Nairobi to New York, from Moscow to Madrid, from Bali to Beslan.

They blame suicide bombing on "desperation of occupation". Let me tell you the truth. The first major terror bombing committed by Arabs against the Jewish state occurred ten weeks before Israel even became independent.

On Sunday morning, February 22, 1948, in anticipation of Israel's independence, a triple truck bomb was detonated by Arab terrorists on Ben Yehuda Street, in what was then the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Fifty-four people were killed, and hundreds were wounded. Thus, it is obvious that Arab terrorism is caused not by the "desperation" of "occupation", but by the VERY THOUGHT of a Jewish state.



Jorie Sax, holding the 2005 World Series trophy. Jorie is the Coordinator of Corporate Partnerships with the Chicago White Sox franchise.

So many times in history in the last 100 years, citizens have stood by and done nothing, allowing evil to prevail. As America stood up against and defeated communism, now it is time to stand up against the terror of religious bigotry and intolerance. It's time to all stand up, and support and defend the state of Israel, which is the front line of the war against terrorism.

I hope to find other articles and reports on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the war on terrorism that indicate some change among the moderate Arabs in favor of the Israeli steps taken towards a peaceful solution to the conflict.

IRONMAN FINISHER

Gerri Weisberg

On November 5, 2005 I completed the IRONMAN Triathlon in Panama City Florida. The IRONMAN consist of three events. The 2.4 mile swim in the ocean or gulf (within 2 hours and 15 minutes), the 112 mile bike (within 8 hours), and the 26.2 mile run (within 7 hours). All of these events have a time limit. In order to go on to the next event you must be in the time frame. You have to complete the IRON MAN in 17 hours and that includes the transition (changing clothes for each event). I did the swim in 1 hour 55 minutes, the bike in 7 hours 55 minutes and the run in 6 hours and 40 minutes.

This was a dream come true. I had been training for two years. Last year I went to the competition but I was unable to finish due to a knee injury. I had been training for the IRONMAN and in June 2005 I went to Lake Tahoe to ride a 100 mile bike ride for Leukemia. I did not train for the mountains (how could I living in Fl. in the keys) and I injured both of my knees especially the right knee. I had to go into physical therapy for several months. I was then able to train again on the bike but I was not where I would have liked to have been. My Dr. and boyfriend both advised me not to participate in it but I wanted to. I was stopped on mile 89 on the bike ride. I was really upset but I knew I was not in the best condition to be participating in this event. I then started training again for the IRONMAN this year.

Every week I would run about 25 miles, bike about 80 miles and swim about 3 miles. I would get up early before work and train. My weekends were dedicated to the long 50 mile bike rides and the long runs.

G-d was with me all the way. I had to have fearless faith. Whenever I would start to worry I would turn to pray. I also turned to the spirit world. My mom was a great swimmer so I knew she was with me in the gulf. My dad was



a bike rider and I knew he was with me on the bike ride. I also knew of a friend called Bob who was with me all the way.

I also did this competition for a charity called ACT (Adirondack Community Trust). This charity helps support youths in sports. For ex: boys and girls clubs, boys and girl scouts etc. Whenever I would have doubt I would think of all the people that were my sponsors. I can always depend on some members of the synagogue to sponsor me in all my events. I was so grateful to be able to finish this event. I want to thank my boyfriend who was there for me at the start of the race on the course and at the finish. So follow your dreams, believe in yourself, have faith, and practice, practice, practice.

I plan on doing another IRONMAN in two years.



Next month we celebrate Chanukah and here is my family's recipe for latkes along with some other delights.

LATKES

6 medium potatoes	1 onion
2 eggs	1/2 cup flour
1 tsp salt	1/2 tsp baking powder (mix with flour)
Oil for frying	

Pare and grate potatoes into a mixing bowl. Squeeze out the water. Peel and grate onion into potatoes. Add eggs, flour and salt. Stir to make a smooth batter. Drop batter by the heaping spoonful into heated oil to cover. Brown on both sides. Lift out and drain off excess oil on paper bags or paper towels.

APPLE STRIPS

2 cups flour (sifted)	4 eggs
1/2 lb butter	1 cup sugar
2 tsp baking powder	7 medium apples
1 tsp cinnamon	

Mix butter and sugar in mixer and then add eggs. Sift flour with baking powder and mix with egg mixture by hand. Spread on greased cookie sheet that has a ledge. Peel and slice apples into eighths. Place apples slices in rows on the batter and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake in 350° oven for 1 hour.

MINI DATE-NUT CUPS

1 1/2 cups pitted dates	1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts
3 eggs (beaten)	1 TBS sugar

Mix everything together and spoon into greased muffin pan (mini size). Bake at 325° for 25 minutes. Makes at least 2 dozen.

Looking Forward to January

January Birthdays

Matthew Barrett	8
Jeffery Boruszak	29
Jacqueline Boxer	2
Shirley Boxer	28
Breanna Clements	18
Meredith A Cline	12
Stanley Cohen	2
Murray Cooper	14
Alex Dutton	12
Ryan Faber	1
Suzi-Sarot Feder	17
Mark Feinberg	30
Benjamin Freidman	19
Randi W Freundlich	4
Jamie Goodman	15
Janice Gorson	6
Stuart Grossman	24
Beth Hudson	27
Henry Isenberg	18
Sarah Kamely	9
Beth Kaminstein	29
Andrea Kluger	17
Randy Kominsky	24
Arnold Lang	24
Brieze Levy	16
Roger Levy	8
Stanley Margulies	6
Amy Nobil	13
Cathy Rakov	9
Neal Rakov	17
Sonia Reitman	10

Joseph Robinson	19
Stanley Rosenberg	2
Kara Rothman	13
Sidney Samuels	22
Kristen M. Schur	30
Sandy Seder	19
Carol Ann Steinbock	26
Matthew Storeygard	24
Rebecca Tabasky	10
Jill Taksey	15
Mary Turner	20
Jeanne Zaret	5
Rebecca Zaret	5
Donald Zinner	16
Michelle Zinner	11

January Anniversaries

	Years
Leslie & Thomas Dillon	1 9
Pamela & David Marmar	26 20
Millie & Melvin Prober	14 55
Sonia & Les Reitman	13
Pauline & Al Roller	27 54
Elaine & Alan Schulberg	17 12
Muriel & George Swartz	12 25
Suzanne & Jerry Tabasky	7 26

Kabbalah

On Nov. 13, 2005 Vicki Kitzen from the Kabbalah Centre in North Miami came to our synagogue and presented us with a wonderful gift - full set of Zohar books.

We spoke with her and expressed our most sincere gratitude and thanks. The books will be on display at the rear of the sanctuary.

I also asked Vicki if she could arrange to have an instructor come down to the KJCC and provide us with an introductory class. She wanted to know how many would attend.

If you are interested please let me know ASAP.

Thanks
Alan Beth
alanlbeth@yahoo.com

P.S. Note the correct English spelling of the word centre

This is a copy of the letter that accompanied the books:

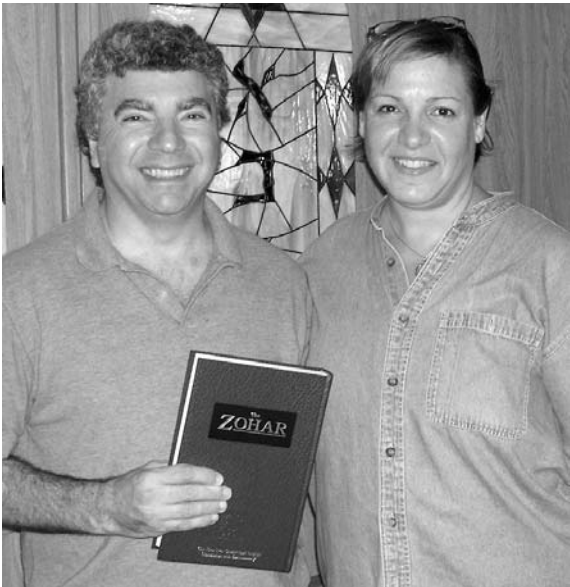
THE KABBALAH CENTRE

November 13, 2005

Dear KJCC Friends

Congratulations on being chosen to receive a full set of Zohar books at no cost ... these books are extremely valuable therefore only through private donations is it possible for us to do this for you.

In brief, the Zohar is an ancient commentary on cosmic laws and spiritual matters in the form of conversations among learned scholars. Some of the world's most brilliant minds have been inspired by these books including Isaac Newton, Pythagoras, Sigmund Freud and Einstein just to name a few. In fact, a copy of Newton's Zohar is on display at Cambridge University in England. Through our groups effort we have placed several sets



in Universities, hospitals and other institutions such as yours throughout Florida and elsewhere.

Please feel free to open any book and read the stories or just look at the letters which are Aramaic, the power of these books does not depend on understanding nor belief. Rather, it is imbued in every word and letter of the Zohar. We hope you will receive the power that is contained within their pages.

If you would like to find out more information and or have any additional questions please feel free to contact us 1 .800.kabbalah and/or visit our website www.kabbalah.com.

All the best,
Vicki Kitzen
The Kabbalah Centre
Tel: 786-357-7172

Run in the Rain

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in, "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom asked.

"Let's run through the rain!" She repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated, "Mom, let's run through the rain."

"We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for

a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories... So, don't forget to make time and take opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Send this to the people you'll never forget and remember to also send it to the person who sent it to you. It's a short message to let them know that you'll never forget them.

If you don't send it to anyone, it means you're in a hurry.

Take the time to live!!!

Keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other

-- and don't forget to run in the rain!

Sisterhood



It is the time of year when all of us are looking forward to the holiday season. With school vacations and family visits it is a very busy time of year and we here at the KJCC have also planned a busy month of activities for our members and friends.

On Sunday the 11th of December we have planned a movie night showing 'Nowhere in Africa'. The movie starts at 6:30 pm. Join us for a good movie, popcorn and soda.

Next we have our annual Chanukah Potluck Dinner on Friday the 23rd of December, followed by the children of our religious school who will participate in the service. The kids are always charming and a treat for us all. We light the first candle on the 25th of December.

January 11th brings our Fashion Show at Café Largo with fashions from Angelika's and a preview from Sunny Exposures (the bathing suit shop). Join us for a great lunch, great fashions on great models and a fun and enjoyable afternoon. There is one more special event in January, a sunset cruise on the catamaran Quick Silver on the 21st. (Weather permitting)

Jules and I were pleased to join the Bloom and Galanty families for Molly's Bat Mitzvah. I have worked with Molly several times in the last year on Onegs and other functions, She just jumped right in and did whatever needed to be done. It was a joy to work with her. Her good nature shows in many ways even as she delighted everyone during her Bat Mitzvah. A job well done. Congratulations to the whole family.

Don't forget our next Sisterhood Meeting on the fourth of December. A light breakfast at 9 will be followed by the meeting at 9:30. It is a planning meeting for the Chanukah Potluck Dinner.

Have a great month and a happy Chanukah,

Nettie

Ongoing Projects

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

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

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Special Days in December

December Birthdays

Robert Jay Auston	9	Tracy B Nikolas	3
Robert Berman	17	Jeff Olsen	22
Cody W Blumenthal	4	Melissa Pierce	12
Haley Boruszak	6	Harvey Robins	10
James Boruszak	9	Franklin Rose	7
Sarah Boruszak	13	Ilyse Rothman	8
Leslie Dillon	8	Gail Saks	26
Marshall A Field	2	Stuart Sax	5
Lilian Forbes	12	Jeffrey Schocket	17
Bruce Forman	17	Alan Schulberg	20
Bob Freundlich	1	Elaine Schulberg	28
Sara Rose Friedman	11	Emily Sherman	28
Michael Garvett	4	Geri Smith	5
Adam Gersh	3	Steven Smith	26
Kevin Gershowitz	6	Stuart Smith	22
Susan Greenbaum	10	Joan Stark	29
Joseph Burke Grossman	2	George Swartz	9
Gerald Hirsch	6	Elizabeth Turney	7
Paul Hudson	1	Sheldon Weiss	5
Neal A. Jacobson	6	Susan Widrich	13
Steve Kasinof	27	Jonathon Woolin	25
Judith Klein	4		
Michael Klimpl	20		
Samuel Klimpl	16		
Teresa Kwalick	20		
Jonathan Lang	2		
Robin Margulies	13		
Rick McNew	3		
Roberta McNew	21		
Elysa M Mittermaier	12		
Jackie Neubauer	3		

December Anniversaries

	Years
Esta Jo & Paul Busker	21 19
Stephanie & Larry Gilderman	17 39
Bea & Marty Graham	21 59
Pearl & Lawrence Jacobs	8 52
Gail & Gene Saks	25 39
Lee & Robert Schur	17 56

Schocket trip to Morocco



Kosher butcher sign in Marakesh



In a 500 year old temple in Fes

One of the oldest synagogues we saw in Morocco was in Fes - this is the Maimonides Temple and it is 500 years old. We were in Morocco during Succoth, and were invited to tour the inside of a private succah in Marakesh by these two ladies. It certainly was a posh setup, fancy chairs, tablecloth and decorations.

We were going to get some meat in this butcher shop - but it was Shabbat, and the shop was closed. Then Jeff figured out that he had no place to cook the meat, anyway, so we were glad we didn't buy any.

From Morocco, we went to Spain, and then Wilma came along and we cut our trip short to get back to the Keys to survey our damage.



In a sukah in a home in Marakesh



More Wilma Damage

Mary Lee Singer sent some pix of the damage to her house and yard. Notice the railings gone from the porch and the uprooted tree - typical Wilma damage. If you would like to share some of your hurricane pix with the rest of us, please send them in for the next issue, and we will make a combination Katrina, Rita and Wilma page.

PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION CHALLENGE DAY

This year it has been the third time that I was invited by our congregation member Judy Greenman to participate as a volunteer in a program for Highschool students in the Keys.

The program is called "CHALLENGE DAY" and is an anti-prejudice program that addresses prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination of all types. It is a powerful, very dynamic program in which youth and adult participants are guided through a series of experiential learning process.

This year in our series of lectures at the KJCC we addressed the issue of prejudice and discrimination in its form of Anti-Semitism extensively.

By participating as an adult facilitator in "Challenge Day" I could observe how awareness was building among the teens that prejudice, intolerance, and discrimination are a big threat to our society, and that we as a community can do things to change this situation. And sad to say, many of those teens and their families are suffering from social oppression, discrimination, and racism.

To bring on changes in our society we need to take actions to defend ourselves against intolerance and discrimination. The coordinators, professionals, and volunteers of this program are doing a great job. By uniting our Highschool kids with adults of our community through this program we can make progress.

As members of the Jewish Community we grew up in a world defined by tradition. The values, wisdom, and teachings of Judaism offer us a firm base in our lives. It is built upon family, community, and shared responsibilities. Education is one of our strongest pillar in Judaism. I was very proud to meet members of our KJCC and a large group of members from the JCC of Naples participating as facili-

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

Just ask the person:

1. TO SMILE.
2. TO RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. TO SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE COHERENTLY).

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

tators on "Challenge Day". Their support for this important educational program was of great value.

Personally, I want to thank Judy Greenman for the opportunity she gave me to continue with our tradition, to care for others and touch their lives. Hope more of us will be motivated to participate and support the coming "Challenge Days" programs.

Shalom, Yardena.

Hannukah Shabbat Dinner

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Friday December 23, 2005

6:30 pm



OUR THANKS

We are very grateful to our friends and vendors who were there to help us get the KJCC ready for services and for the Levy Bat Mitzvah. Jon Line got our plumbing working properly. Marty Graham did yeoman electrical service and brought our sign back to life.

Thanks also go to our carpenter and cabinet-maker, Dean Bosworth, who cleaned up the gutters that were blown down. P.J. from Eye Catchers Signs put up our sign for temporary use and replaced it within a week. Tim Matthews from Matthews Tree Trimmers and Ted from Island Electric were there within days. David from Key Largo Awnings came out immediately and removed our awning and frame that had been blown across to the other side of the room and lodged in the tree in front of the building. It took a crane to do that. Robert Ross from Coverall Cleaning Concepts was first on the scene and his crew did a wonderful job. Kathy from Bushwackers, our lawn service, worked all day on Friday to clean the area so we could use the driveway and parking lot.

Because of your efforts, the KJCC is alive and well!

Jim, house committee

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- Alan Beth

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Feedback:
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2. Mark your calendars for Dec. 10 Shabbat Service. Please call or email Alan (tel: 305-451-2874) for details.
3. Torah Study - Sunday mornings

We are starting up Torah Sunday mornings with Cantor Mark call or email Alan for details and for more info.

alanbeth@yahoo.com

Important Dates for Sisterhood

Dec 4th Meeting - light Breakfast at 9 meeting at 9:30

Dec 11th Movie Night - 'Nowhere in Africa' at 6:30

Dec 23rd Chanukah Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30

Jan 11 Fashion Show at Cafe Largo
Fashions from Angelika's and preview from Sunny Exposures

Call Leslie Dillon for Tickets (\$ 20)

Jan 21 Quick Silver Sunset Cruise

That is it for now
Nettie

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December 2005

29 Cheshvan—30 Kislev 5766

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OK, the last bat mitzvah of the year is Cory Wasser. Be there, enjoy, celebrate. The Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner is on the 23rd. Make your reservations NOW.				1	2 <i>Cory & Cantor Mark</i>	3 <i>Cory & Cantor Mark</i>
4 <i>Sisterhood</i>	5	6	7	8	9 Jim Boruszak	10
11 <i>Board Movie Night</i>	12	13	14	15	16 Bernie Ginsburg	17
18 <i>Chai-Lights</i>	19	20	21 Winter	22	23 <i>Jim & Patti Chanukah Play Chanukah Dinner</i>	24
25 <i>First Chanukah Light</i>	26 <i>2nd Light</i>	27 <i>3rd Light</i>	28 <i>4th Light</i>	29 <i>5th Light</i>	30 <i>George Swartz 6th Light</i>	31 <i>7th Light</i>