

# CHAI-LIGHTS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the year 5766 draws to a close and the New Year approaches, I am asking, how do we make the old new? How do we approach parts of our lives that are important and meaningful, but perhaps have become routine and lost some of their meaning? I ponder this question because it arises in many areas of our lives: in our friendships, in our work, in our connection with Judaism, and yes even in our marriages. During Rosh Hashana, we pray hadesh yamenu k'kedem . Renew our days, make our lives real, engaging and meaningful. How do we do that as we enter a new year?

I do not pretend to have "the" answer. Yes, we rely on our spirituality and we pray. But simply saying the words without thinking about what they mean, and merely going through the motions without involving our hearts and minds, does not fulfill our obligation to pray according to the rabbis. The point is to be engaged, to be passionate. In a broader sense, we are to live life like we really mean it.

We have all had a friendship where we once felt really close and then felt as though we were just going through the motions. We still hung out and talked about this or that but didn't really talk about what's on our minds or share what's in our hearts. Getting excited about a new friendship is easy, but making a friendship last over time means investing our minds and our hearts in the relationship. Making a friendship last means we must accept the fact that sometimes there will be misunderstandings and disagreements. It's trusting that we can talk through problems and make ourselves vulnerable enough to open up. A major challenge to both friendship and love is our tendency to withdraw and simply go through the motions of friendship or love. To engage our relationships means that we commit to bringing energy, direction and honesty into the relationship, even though it feels easier to pretend things are fine. By doing this, the passion is renewed.

So my goal for the New Year is to find something that makes me excited and fully engages me, "with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my might." I am intent on taking parts of my life that feels routine and animate them with energy, so that other areas of my life will likewise be infused with passion. If we remember that our lives are supposed to be fun and full of passion, we can insure we do not miss the life we are meant to live. L'Shana Tova

Shalom,

Jeffrey

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## Important Announcements

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### BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2006 at 9:00 am. Yes - 9:00 am was passed at the last Board meeting. All Members are welcome.

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### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Read the High Holy Days schedule on the back of the cover page. Make your plans to attend the services and the Break-the-Fast. Be sure to read the S'lichot flyer on page 28.

As always, there is no charge for attending any of our High Holy Day Services.

Beat the rush - attend services this coming Friday night at 8:00 pm and enjoy a great Oneg after.

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### KJCC WEBSITE

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

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### DEADLINE

Deadline for the November issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is October 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.

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### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for October 1. The main item on the agenda is plans for the bread-the-fast.

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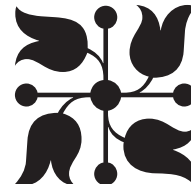
### ONEG SHABBAT

Letters will be sent soon so you can sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

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### EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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



### Leaders

We wish to thank all of our members who lead the services each week. It is indeed a wonderful thing that you do.

Now I ask that you give Alan Beth your available dates as soon as possible, so we can list all of our great leaders in Chai-Lights. This would indeed be another good deed.

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## October Memoriam

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**By Robert & Sylvia Berman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**STEPHEN BERMAN**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Shirley Boxer**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MILTON BOXER**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Mel & Blanche Taks**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**EVA BUCHMAN**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Joel Cohen**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SANDERS G COHEN**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Marty & Bea Graham**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**FANNY ELSON**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Marty & Bea Graham**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JOSEPH ELSON**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By Stuart & Geri Smith**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SOLOMON FELDER**

*Rest In Peace*

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**By Alvan & Carol Field**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**NATALIE FIELD**

*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Joel & Linda Pollack**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DAVID FRANK**

*Always In Our Memory*

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**By Marty & Bea Graham**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**LILIAN GOLDENBERG**

*In Our Memory Always*

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**By Melvin Jacobson**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**PEARL W. HUROWITZ**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Melvin Jacobson**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MURIEL JACOBSON**

*We Remember Always*

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**By Melvin Jacobson**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**STANLEY W. JACOBSON**

*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By Michal Kamely**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**LEAH KAMELY**

*Sleep In Peace*

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## October Memoriam

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**By Linda Rutkin**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BERTHA KAUFMAN**

*Remembered With Love*

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**By the Blumberg Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**LEE SIBEN**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Harvey & Judith Klein**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ESTHER M KLEIN**

*Forever Remembered With Love*

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**By Robert & Lee Schur**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MAURICE SINGER**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Michal Kamely**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**REBEKAH LEVY**

*Always Remembered*

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**By Mary Lee Singer**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MORTON I. SINGER**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Lillian Lippman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JACK LIPPMAN**

*Always Remebered With Love*

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**By Sid Samuels**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DAVID C STARK**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Skip & Rene Rose**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ROSALYN ROSE**

*Rest in Blessed Peace*

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**By Alfred & Sue Ann Weihl**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HERBERT S. WEIHL**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By David & Shifra Kossman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**FANNIE SEROTT**

*Never Forgotten, Always Loved*

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**By Donald & Nancy Zinner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SARAH WERNICOFF**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By the Sherman Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HELEN SHERMAN**

*Always Loved and Missed*

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**By Norbert Birnbaum**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**GERTRUDE WIDLAN**

*Rest In Peace*

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## SUCCA

Once again, Candy took charge, and with the able assistance of her heavy-duty carriers, the various pieces of the Succah were brought to the building site and erected in record time.



What a great job this group does. Susan will have the decorations done, and everyone is invited to tour and enjoy.

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## Excerpted from the Israeli press

Jerusalem, 31 July 2006

From Address by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to the Mayors Conference

We are not willing to give up our right to a normal life - like any other nation, like any other society, anywhere.

Not everyone identifies with us. More than a few criticize us and express reservations with our battle. We seek neither conflict nor confrontation, but it is our right to tell all those who attack us: none of you would ever acquiesce to such murderous attacks against your citizens. I do not want to tell you what you would have done if you had been in our place.

I will only say that the State of Israel sanctifies the most fundamental moral values, which are carved in our ancient Jewish tradition - and in our blood which was spilled - and we do not need any nation or any country to teach us these principles. We do not pursue innocent civilians, we do not fight against the Lebanese people and we do not seek to topple their government. We are fighting against reckless terrorists, and we will not stop fighting them until we remove them from our border.

I wish to appeal to the citizens of Lebanon: Just when a new chapter began in your country, with new spirits of freedom and democracy, you were taken hostage by the Hizballah organization of murderers. This organization does not fight the war of the people of Lebanon. There is no cause for conflict between us and Lebanon. There is no territorial dispute and no ideological "abyss" between us. We and you need to want the same thing - the right to a simple, quiet and safe life.

Citizens of Lebanon, we regret the pain caused to so many of you, the fact that you had to flee your homes and places of residence and the unintentional harm to innocents, but we do not apologize for it.

We want to coexist with you in calm and tranquility, and, with G-d's help, also in peace. But we will not give up - not even for a moment - our right to protect the State of Israel and defend our lives, and we will not apologize to those who dare to question Israel's right to exist.

The founder of the State of Israel, David Ben Gurion, said at the Temporary State Council in 1948: "while we have never despaired of the human conscience and never ceased - and will never cease - from demanding from the world what is rightfully ours, based on law and justice, we must always memorize to ourselves, day and night, that our existence - our freedom, our future - depend first and foremost on ourselves, our efforts, our abilities and our will".

Let me finish this reflection on the Crisis in the Middle East with the following opinion: I share with my Israeli friends the belief, that this war in Lebanon against terrorism is not over, we have to prepare ourselves for the next battle. Israel cannot fight this war alone, we need the help of the international community. Israel needs us, the Jewish Community in the Diaspora, especially America, to support her with strong lobbying,..... we need Israel for the survival of the Jewish people.

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### Bowling Fun

Come join us every Tuesday @ 9:45 for a morning of unpressured bowling. We are a non-sanctioned league and bowl all year round @ The Fish Bowl. There is no age limit and as an added bonus, we have cookies and coffee! See either Marty or Mary Lee to sign up.



## Sisterhood

Time is passing. Here in New Jersey the summer season is officially over. Swim clubs have closed, kids are back at school. Even the tourist attractions are closed except for a few special weekends. So different than our activities in Florida that are year round. Of course that is what brings us to the Keys every year. This is the time that we are twixt and between. We would like to be in the Keys, but we are not ready to leave NJ yet.

As we look toward our busy season, there will be many new ideas to add to our regularly scheduled functions. We are always looking for something new to bring us together for an evening. I would like to continue our participation in the loving hands program at Homestead Hospital. Our hats have been greatly appreciated. If those of you who have contributed can do just 2 or 3 a month that would be golden. I am making both Chanukah and Christmas hats for our local hospital here in New Jersey.

Next Sisterhood meeting will be Oct 1st at 9:00 am. It will be a time to talk informally about our calendar for the year and set up for the Break-the-fast at the same time. Our next meeting, after the holidays, will be Nov 5th at 9:30 am. Plan to attend and work hard to nail down the details of our calendar.

Jules and I wish you an easy fast and the hope for a quiet and peaceful year, here, in Israel and world wide.

Nettie

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## Ongoing Projects

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

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

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

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

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



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## KJCC Religious School Calendar

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Classes begin at 10am and end at 12 noon. If you need to report that your child will be absent, please notify

Susan Gordon: 451-0787,  
Yardena Kameli :305-273-9171,  
or Gloria Avner: 451-7170

September 10  
September 17  
NO CLASS Sept. 24 (Rosh Hashanah)  
NO CLASS Oct. 1 (Erev Yom Kippur)  
October 8 - (2nd day Sukkot)  
October 15 - (Simchat Torah)  
October 22  
October 29  
November 5  
November 12  
November 19  
NO CLASS November 26 (Thanksgiving  
Weekend)  
December 3  
December 10  
December 17 (3rd night of Chanukah)

NO CLASS December 24 (Winter Break)  
NO CLASS December 31 (Winter Break)  
January 7  
January 14  
January 21  
January 28  
February 4 (Tu B'Shevat)  
February 11  
February 18  
February 25  
March 4 (Purim)  
March 11  
March 18  
March 25  
April 1 (Student Passover Seder)  
April 8  
April 15 (Yom Hashoah)  
April 22  
April 29  
May 6 (Lag Ba-Omer)  
NO CLASS May 13 (Mothers Day)  
May 20- LAST CLASS





## TASHLICH

A popular practice during the holiday Rosh Hashana is Tashlich ("casting off"). We walk to flowing water, such as a creek or river, on the afternoon of the first day and empty our pockets into the river, symbolically casting off our sins. Small pieces of bread are commonly put in the pocket to cast off. This practice is not discussed in the Bible, but is a long-standing custom. Tashlich is normally observed on the afternoon of the first day, before afternoon services.

Steve Steinbock downloaded some pictures of the KJCC celebrating Tashlich with Cantor Mark. If you don't see your picture - talk to Steve. Either you weren't there or he didn't like the picture he took.





### **VISIT TO JOEL**

A group of KJCC members visited with Joel Cohen in his new quarters. Left to right - Bill Ferns, Alan Beth, Joseph Beth, Pauline Roller, Candy Stanlake, Joel, Freda Ferns. Standing behind Joel are his cousin Jennifer and a friend.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS**

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

*Chai-Lights Mitzvah:* **Marty Graham**

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

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**YEDA**  
The Crisis in the  
Middle East:  
**THE WAR AGAINST  
TERRORISM AND  
ITS THREAT TO  
EXTERMINATE  
ISRAEL**



When the conflict between Israel and Lebanon broke out on July, when Hezbollah kidnapped our soldiers, we were sitting at my cousins home in New York watching Israeli TV News..... and we were very concerned for our family and friends that live in northern Israel. We made calls to Israel and talked to them every day. They were not afraid, they did not want to leave their homes in Haifa and vicinity. They were resolved to respond to the attacks by fighting back.....

My childhood friends asked their parents, who live in Haifa (our hometown), to leave and go to Raanana (near Tel-Aviv) to stay with them. They refused and remained at their home, using the shelter for many days. It is the same shelter we were staying at as small children during the other Arab-Israeli wars. It is so sad that our parents and our children and grandchildren have to use these same shelters once again. We wanted so much to believe that a coexistence with the Arabs is possible, but we have no illusions now.

Another dear friend, a teacher from a northern town, kept sending me e-mails and articles, telling about reactions and feelings of other friends in Haifa. Let me share with you what a teacher at the Haifa University wrote:

"While I write this in the comfort of my apartment, I know full well that at this moment (I can hear the warplanes overhead) people are being blown to bits in Beirut in my name, and soldiers who could be my children are fighting

and dying to keep me safe from people who have been trying to kill me all week. I know that Hezbollah targets civilians (people just like me), and I know that our army does not -- but I also know that there is no such thing as a "surgically precise" airstrike.

My heart cries out to stop the death and pain in Lebanon, but I do not speak. Hezbollah started a war and could end it. Imagine what would happen if they said: "We are releasing the two kidnapped soldiers and stopping the Katyushas." Israel in a matter of minutes would suspend operations in Lebanon. Every Lebanese child killed by a Jewish bomb dies because Nasrallah refuses to make that announcement.

What would Israel do if Hezbollah disarmed? Stop the bombing and turn its back on Lebanon. What would Hezbollah do if we disarmed? I leave that to your imagination.

The Israeli view of the world has room for Lebanon, for Jordan, for Egypt, and even, for the majority of Israelis, for a free and independent Palestine. The Hezbollah, the Hamas, the Iranian view of the world has no room for Israel."

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This war affected not only the people living in Israel, but all the Jewish people and the Jewish Communities all over the world. To me, watching those images on TV showing the Hezbollah terrorists training for the killing of Israelis, is something quite scary. All this hatred they are teaching their children, how can we expect a peaceful coexistence? ..... scary.

To listen to Israel's leaders in these difficult times makes me aware, again and again, of how courageous we, the Jewish people, are. And it makes me understand that as long as we stand united, we will continue to be strong.

*See pages 7, 13 & 14.*

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## Letter from an Israeli Citizen

Hi,

I wanted to share with you a letter from my brother Moshe, who lives in Haifa, with his family.

Feel free to share with your friends and loved ones. ....Hanan.

From the Haifa incident to the Qana incident: Every day (except for the recent days that I am locked in a shelter) on the way to work to the University, I drive by a particular bus station, a mile away from my home here in Haifa. It is a bus station turned into a sober minimalistic monument but still functioning as a bus stop: a stone wall with a plaque with 21 names inscribed, mostly children who were on the bus that was blown to pieces by the terrorist.

The bomber was Palestinian, the sponsors and planners were the Hizbollah (who are responsible for 70% of the terrorists bombings incoming from the Palestinian territories, over the last two years).

The children on the bus were from the Reali school, the same school that my kids now attend, among them Abigail, a gentle girl whose parents were Mormons, not Jews, her father was a visiting professor at the Haifa Univ. Why do I mention Abigail in particular? Personal acquaintance: this gentle soul happened to be my wife's student in her afternoon art therapy class.

I do not recall any outrage, a single demonstration anywhere in the world, at this hideous act committed by the Hizbollah....

Actually the two acts are similar, yet different. The similarity, that in both cases many people, most of them children, were killed. For kid-loving people who don't care about context, that would have been enough reason to demonstrate in both cases. But that is where the similarity ends. It makes all the difference in the world - in the Haifa case the kids were mur-

dered. In the Qana case the kids were unintentionally killed. Israel did not target the kids in Qana, we never do, but Hizbollah did target our kids in Haifa, then and now, it always does.

Now, if those pious souls thousands of miles away from here, taking to the streets in outrage, people in other continents most of whom probably cannot even point where Israel is on the map, really cared about kids, should we have heard of them when the body parts of our kids were sprayed on the pavement and the walls of the homes across the bus station where the Hizbollah-launched human bomb mounted the bus? (And there was not just a single bus, but tens of buses like this in Israel, I just describe the one I pass by everyday).

Why is it that whenever we stand up to fight a monster who kills our civilians while hiding among its civilians and putting its own people at risk, while exercising our right for self-defense we unintentionally happen to hit civilians, the Europeans gang up to stop us, to leave us helpless, exposed to the threat? Is this a World WarII European tradition?

Speaking of WWII, Benjamin Netanyahu gave an interview yesterday to a British network, in which he reminded them of a forgotten episode in their history: The Royal Airforce Pilots set out to bomb the Gestapo headquarters in Copenhagen. The bombs fell instead on the nearby Children's hospital. 83 Danish kids were killed...

Examples like this, of democracies unintentionally hitting civilians while fighting existential threats, abound. Want some recent ones? How about Nato in the Balkans repeatedly but unintentionally hitting bus-loads of innocents, many of them kids? No demonstrations against them. Examples of the other kind also abound, e.g. hundreds of Iraqi civilians includ-

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## Letter from an Israeli Citizen

continued

ing many kids being wiped out almost daily by Islamic terrorists. No demonstrations against them.

Why is it that when the Israelis are involved in a tragic incident, directly caused by the terrorist enemy firing from a few tens of meters away from the house that was hit, right into our homes here in Northern Israel, aiming to kill every kid that hides in every home here throughout a third of my country, then the whole word takes to the streets, but not to denounce the terrorists for causing the outrage on both sides, but rather to tie up our hands behind our back? What have we done to you to deserve being weakened by you to the point where our justifiable right of self-defense is being stripped off? The words we hear are "stop the bloodshed" but the message is "shed your blood".

I say squarely - the weapon was an Israeli plane, the murderer of those kids in Qana is Hizbollah. The weapon was a Palestinian human bomb, the murderer of those kids in Haifa is Hizbollah. If you have any decency - whether you are European, American or Arab - take to the streets to denounce Hizbollah. Take to the streets to protest Qana denouncing the killer, Hizbollah.

Moshe-

*an Inhabitant of Haifa - A professor of Electrical Engineering at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.*

Shalom and Shana Tova,  
Yardena.

## Greetings from Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to the Diaspora Communities

Rosh Hashana 5767

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to send you warm greetings from Jerusalem as we prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashana and the holiday season.

The last few months have been difficult ones for the State of Israel, as we faced renewed violence and terror by those who would wish our total destruction. Thanks to the courage of our soldiers and citizens alike, we have weathered this current storm and emerged stronger than ever.

However, we still face the difficult task of recovering from the extensive damage in the north, the Haifa region and the Negev. All our efforts are directed towards rehabilitating those areas most affected and to moving ahead. As we have in the past, we rely on the support of our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora.

Your participation in strengthening the Jewish homeland is invaluable, and your unwavering encouragement reinforces our determination to live our lives here in Israel and to uphold our Jewish, democratic values.

It is my wish that the New Year brings security, stability and peace to our nation and its eternal, undivided capital, Jerusalem.

May you all have a year of good health, prosperity and success.

Shana Tova!  
Sincerely,  
Ehud Olmert

October 2006

9 Tishri – 9 Cheshvan 5767

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Sisterhood 9:00 Erev Yom Kippur	2 Yom Kippur Yizkor	3	4	5	6 Erev Sukkot	7 Sukkot
8 Board 9:00	9	10	11	12	13 Yizkor	14 Shemini Atzeret
15 Simchat Torah	16	17	18 Chai-Lights	19	20	21 Bereshit
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Noach
29 dst ends	30	31	We wish everyone the Healthiest New Year.			

**Holidays and Services Schedule - 5766 & 5767**

Holiday	Hebrew	Date	Services
Erev Yom Kippur	9 Tishri	Sun	Oct 1 6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	Mon	Oct 2 9:30 am
Erev Sukkot	14 Tishri	Fri	Oct 6 8:00 pm
Chanukah	25 Kislev	Fri	Dec 15 8:00 pm
Purim	14 Adar	Fri	Mar 2 7:30 pm



## Baked Corn

1 can creamed corn  
2 eggs  
2 T very finely grated onion (or onion juice)  
8 - 10 crushed saltine crackers

1 can whole kernel corn  
2 T milk  
salt & pepper as desired

### For Top -

2 T butter  
5 - 10 finely crushed crackers

Mix all ingredients except butter and pour into a buttered □casserole dish. Put additional pieces of butter on top and sprinkle □with additional cracker crumbs. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes until center puffs up.

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## Vegetarian Baked Beans

3 medium onions, chopped  
1/3 c vinegar  
1/3 c maple syrup  
1/2 c brown sugar  
1/3 c ketchup  
1/2 c liquid smoke (optional)

15 oz. cans each of:  
- white kidney beans  
- green lima beans  
- dark red kidney beans  
- vegetarian baked beans

Cook onions in large frying pan. Add sugar, vinegar, ketchup, maple syrup and liquid smoke. Drain all beans (except baked beans). Mix beans together in large cooking pot or casserole dish. Add onion mixture. Bake at 325° for one hour.

Yes, you non-vegetarians can fry some meat with the onions. Cube the meat small, crumble it after cooking, leave out the liquid smoke.



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## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Many of us, while growing up, had the very good fortune to have parents and grandparents that seemed to embrace us, our friends, and life all around them. No one was turned away and there was a purpose for each of us no matter our background or place of birth. That ancestral practice seems to still be very much alive here in the Florida Keys.

When you consider that nearly every member of our congregation is from some place else, it truly defines us as a melting pot of personalities from all corners of the globe. What makes the Keys Jewish Community Center (KJCC) so special is the camaraderie that exists almost immediately after one's first visit. We announce at every service that "You are a stranger only once; after that you are part of our mischpuka (family)". Each of us has our own individual stories about this, but it is the collective result of our attraction to this congregation that has laid the foundation for its existence and growth over the years.

As one enters the sanctuary facing the bema it is impossible not to notice the beautiful stained glass windows and panels that tell the many stories of the Torah. On sunny days these tiny panes of colored glass seem to come alive with the travels of our ancestors from their earliest existence through the many hardships endured to reach our present day accomplishments. Of special note are the windows above the arc that house our sacred scrolls. One depicts the burning bush representing the birthplace of those sacred teachings and the other, very appropriately, features a dove of peace and life from the waters that



have drawn many of us to this wonderful place.

To the left and right are the memorial plaques that eternalize those who have come before us to establish this house of worship and to keep their memories alive each time we gather to pray. During our Friday services we turn and face the entrance to welcome the Sabbath bride and view the magnificent Trees of Life that commemorate special occasions and life cycle events in the lives of our fellow members. At that same moment it is also awe inspiring to see the beautiful blue and white

stained glass Mogan David that brilliantly shines upon those on both sides of our front entrance.

The Ruth Richardson Social Hall (the original KJCC building) holds many more memories of delicious onegs and special celebrations in addition to being the focal point for a variety of meetings and the reli-

gious education of our children. And as we enter and exit the east entrance, one is greeted aromatically and visually by the newly established Dr. Ben and Helen Sherman Patio Garden.

For all of the above accomplishments and "gifts" that we have and with the knowledge that all of our ancestors before us are uniquely responsible for us coming together as a family, we can fully realize that our KJCC itself is a "Mensch" for all of us to embrace.

As we enter this New Year together, please take a moment to walk the grounds, the halls, and the aisles of this magnificent gift to our Jewish community here in the Keys and expand your chest with pride that you are a part of our mischpuka.

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## Special Days in October

### October Birthdays

Cynthia Arsenaut	.11
Gregory Barsh	.8
Henry Charles Barsh	.29
Joel Bernard	.6
Alexander L Burnett	.21
Jacqlyn L Burnett	.16
Susan Cooper	.31
Debra Faber	.25
Alan Field	.15
Michael Forster	.21
Marnie Gershowitz	.24
Michael Gilson	.2
Franklin Greenman	.30
Ronald Kaplan	.16
Matthew Kaufman	.9
Barbara Knowles	.20
Sammy Knowles	.21
Benay Krissel	.12
Michael Krissel	.4
Jane B Kwalick	.29
Laura L'Heureux	.20
Dan LaGrotte	.7
Olivia Landes	.11
Shyella Joy Mayk	.29
Lester Neiman	.17
Kiersten Persoff	.16
Susan Roberts	.22
Brittany Schur	.31
Katie J. Schur	.30
Stacey W Seewald	.17
Samantha Sherman	.14
Patricia Silver	.29

Matthew A. Silverman	.15
Jerry Spero	.3
Michael J Sundheim	.21
Stacy Temkin	.24
Salomon Turner	.13

### October Anniversaries

	Years
Barbara & Paul Bernstein	2 12
Suzanne & Michael Gilson	.23 5
Toby R. & David A. Goldfinger	.15 47
Lois & David Kaufman	.28 27
<b>Judith &amp; Harvey Klein</b>	<b>.31 52</b>
Arlene & Jonathan Line	.2 30
<b>Susan &amp; Harvey Schwaid</b>	<b>.12 54</b>

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## October Memoriam

**By Joseph & Susan W Goldberg**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ARNOLD WIDRICH**

*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Edward & Sherry Turney**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ROBERT WOLF**

*Always In Our Memory*

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**By Donald & Nancy Zinner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DORAN DAVID ZINNER**

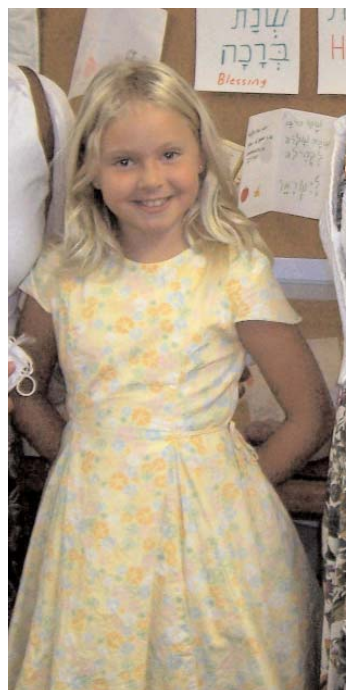
## Looking Forward to November

### November Birthdays

Gloria Avner	.22
Zoey Barrett	4
Jake H Blumenthal	4
Brian Boruszak	2
Nancy L. Cohn	.25
Cathy Dutton	.11
Jeri Goldberg	9
Christopher Gould	.22
Ruth Grace	.26
John Greenbaum	.26
Marilyn Greenbaum	.13
Herbert Grossman	4
Fred Hermann	.30
Robert Hermann	.25
Steven Horowitz	.30
Nicole Hudson	.28
Amy LaGrotte	.28
Michele Lindenbaum	7
Jason Orans	.17
Will Travis Pollack	.24
Marjorie Present	.13
Benjamin Rakov	.29
Eric Sanders	.24
Jeremy M Schur	2
Michael E. Schur	.19
Matt Temkin	2
Madalyn F Tobias	2
Samuel Vinicur	.26
Mark Wasser	.13
Sofy Wasser	.16
Hannah Werthamer	2
Milton Wohl	5
Larry Wolfe	.14
Rae Wruble	.14

### November Anniversaries

	Years
Eileen & Robert Hermann	.28 38
Eileen & Randy Kominsky	.30 26
<b>Flo &amp; Lester Neiman</b>	<b>.27 58</b>
Patricia & Jeffrey Schocket	1 3
Nancy & Donald Zinner	.14 19



### Cammy

Our own little Cammy Berk collected \$29.34 for the Jewish National Fund by herself. She filled a blue Box and it was sent to the Jewish National Fund at 42 East 69th Street New York, New York 10021. Nice Job Cammy.