

High Holiday Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sept 22.	Friday 8pm
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 23.	Sat. 9am
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 24.	Sun. 9am
Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre	Oct 1.	Sun 6:30pm
Yom Kippur	Oct 2.	Mon 9am
	Torah Service	Approx. 10am
	Yizkor	Following Torah Service
	Children's Service	Following Torah Service
	Musaf Service	Following Yizkor
Break --		
Mincha and Torah Service	Oct 2.	Mon 4:30pm
		Story of Jonah
		Neilah Service
		Blowing of the Shofar
After Sunset	Break-the-Fast Celebration in the Ruth Richardson Hall	

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back! I hope your summer was relaxing, rejuvenating and a good time. At the time of this writing, Patty and I are sitting in a cabin in a small cove in Alaska. It is magnificent. And we thought the Keys were laid back. But our Keys neighborhood is a booming metropolis compared to our present surroundings. Yet, this morning on the radio we heard of the youngest Klezmer band, with the youngest member barely in his teens. It is good to know the Jewish community is alive even at the far reaches of the frozen north. I am certain that is what the visitors to the KJCC say about us. What a wonderful feeling!

Unfortunately, our worldwide community is under attack, not only by the terrorists, but also by the Western world. It is disgraceful that the world leaders must still use us as a scapegoat. If Israel and the Jewish community at large do not survive, who will be next? What will it take for the Western world to realize that Israel is fighting their war?

When I first heard of the conflict, I told Patty that I had a calling. I had to go to Israel and fight in any capacity. The cease fire put an end to those plans. But I intend to carry on the fight. I will do what I can to help insure the survival of our people, and that includes the survival of Israel. I ask for your help. I know it is extremely important that the KJCC prosper and make its mark as a thriving Jewish institution serving our community. We must speak our minds and be heard. We will be working to have the school board acknowledge and respect the religion and traditions of our children. Our children should not be penalized for missing classes or be forced to take tests on Jewish holidays. This is but a start. If non-Jewish children learn to respect Jewish children and our religion, holidays and traditions, as Jewish children respect and accept other religions, there will be less anti-Semitic adults in this world. Just think. If the Palestinian children were taught respect and acceptance of other religions, instead of intolerance, rock throwing and Jihad, the world would be a better place. The present danger that we as Jews, as well as Christians, and non-fundamentalist Muslims, face would be nonexistent. As John Lennon said, "The world would be a better place for you and me."

Now we must stand together and try to make the world that better place. There is no better way to do this than to actively participate

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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 16.

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.

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. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

DEADLINE

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

SISTERHOOD

Next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for September 3rd 2006 at 9:30 am. We need your insights and ideas, so please attend.

EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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

Dues are Due!

The annual dues package was sent out in July and we welcome your payment. No need to wait - we welcome your dues check at any time. Let me know if you did not receive your original package with the KJCC Jewish Family Calendar and I will send you another.

Linda Pollack, Treasurer
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- Sept 1 - Early Dinner at Bill and Freda's house (check for times)
8pm - Dr. Bernie - Service at KJCC
- Sept 8 - Alan Beth
- Sept 15 - Jim Boruszak
- Sept 22 - Erev Rosh Hashannah
- Sept 29 - Steve Steinbock

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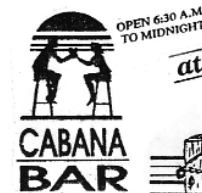


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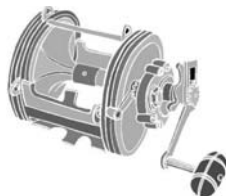
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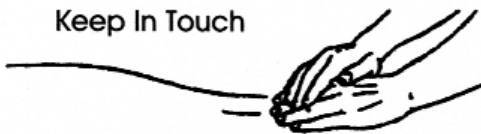
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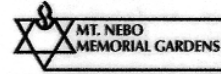
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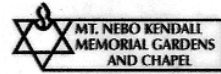
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Kibbutz Nir Am was founded by Nissan Nir, one of the pioneering founders of the State of Israel. Nir was an authority on how best to bring water to arid land. In 1943, the early settlers of Israel found an aquifer lying beneath the desert ground. (When a layer of rock in the ground readily transmits water to wells and springs it is called an aquifer). They built a 1,000 cubic meter storage tank to hold the water they found and drilled.

Later, after WWII, they purchased 220 kilometers of pipe and in 1946, Nir helped lay these pipes and extended them outward from the storage tank. This created the infrastructure for 11 new kibbutzim to be born in the desert! In just one night in 1946, working under the British radar, Jews erected houses and proudly flew a Jewish flag at each kibbutz. This water storage tank became a symbol of the Negev. Though the Negev was not part of the original 1937 U.N. partition plan, because of this Jewish drive and ingenuity, the council saw fit to include the Negev as part of the state of Israel in 1948.

Jewish National Fund has always realized how important water is to Israel's future, and over the past century we have built more than 180 dams and reservoirs. Now, JNF is taking the knowledge we have gained and sharing it with others, allowing visitors throughout the world to learn about and pay tribute to water, the essence of life.

The museum at Kibbutz Nir Am is built on the remains of this historic water system, but

because of the historic role this site played, the museum also serves as a museum of defense. But beyond the historical component, as water continues to be a struggle for Israel, JNF has undertaken an enormous project to add to the museum as well as create an International Program for Water Conservation together with its partners The Sapir College for Research Institute and The Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites.

Plans are now in place for a \$2+ million project. Planned enhancements to the current museum include new facilities as well as the latest design, film and A/V equipment. An adjacent historical building will be erected for the Water Research Center. JNF will work in conjunction with experts in Sapir Academic College, located near the museum. The goal is to facilitate research, public and government policy and invention in the broad area of water solutions. This institute will also raise policy issues that are facing Israel and the Middle East, and may help present solutions and ideas that would benefit societies around the world.

President's Message

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in the KJCC and make a commitment. I am looking forward to seeing each one of us getting involved. The Jewish nation and the Jews worldwide must survive. You can do your part. For there is no one else whom we can rely on, but each other. Come to services and participate in our programs. As always, your suggestions and input for continued improvement are appreciated. It will be a great year with your help.

Shalom,
Jeffrey

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Sisterhood



Although we all have different thoughts and wishes, world peace is something we can all pray for. As I sit quietly in my office/den in New Jersey, it is difficult to even imagine how the lives of our people in Israel have been affected by the latest terrorism and the mindless hate that always surrounds them. It is especially for them that we should pray for a peaceful and quiet New Year. With peace in the Middle East, Jews all over the world can be at peace.

Be well, see you soon -
Nettie

Jules and I both having been teachers, we mark the passage of time by school years. A new term was always a time for new beginnings, a chance to start over again in a new direction with a clean slate.

For us it has been an exciting summer. We took a Russian River cruise and had the opportunity to meet Mr. Gorbechev, former President of the Soviet Union. What a thrill that was. He really is a regular guy. Then, almost as soon as we returned, we were blessed with the birth of our grandson. This was an especially big event as my family has been blessed with all girls for several generations. We went to our first Bris. The Moyel/Pediatrician did an excellent job, (though we cringed at the cut) and his detailed explanation of the service was interesting also.

Now let's talk about Sisterhood business. Our first meeting is on September 3rd at 9:30 am. At that time we will plan our Onegs for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

There will be a short meeting on October 1st at 9:30 am to set up for Break-the-Fast and some informal talk about what we plan for the season. Please join us if you are here, as we welcome your presence and your ideas.

As we approach the High Holidays, it is a time for us to reflect on what has passed, on what we have to be grateful for and how we hope to better ourselves in the coming year.

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*Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks,
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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.

Michael Krissel	4
Jane B Kwalick	29
Laura L'Heureux	20
Dan LaGrotte	7
Olivia Landes	11
Shyella Mayk	29
Lester Neiman	17
Kiersten Persoff	16
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
Lesli & Michael Garvett	14	5
Suzanne & Michael Gilson	23	5
Toby R. & David A. Goldfinger	15	47
Lois & David Kaufman	28	27
Judith & Harvey Klein	31	52
Arlene & Jonathan Line	2	30
Susan & Harvey Schwaid	12	54

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 852-0214 or Mary Lee 664-9030 to sign up.

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.

Looking Forward to September and October

September Birthdays

Chase Barrett	4
Barbara Bernstein	19
Jeffrey Cohen	14
Thomas Dillon	10
Freda Ferns	1
Jason Garvett	26
Stacy Garvett	4
Maryon Gould	23
Steven Greenbaum	6
Fred Hudson	22
Wendy Kaplan	1
Jacob Klimpl	9
Kurt Kluger	8
Jeffrey Kominsky	8
Mitchell Kominsky	8
David Kossman	4
Shifra Kossman	21
Shirley Krissel	18
Lisha Lane	13
Stellar Levy	7
Jonathan Line	28
Brenna Nobil	19
Vippi Pollack	19
Melvin Prober	26
Millie Prober	10
Lorraine Rose	15
Larry S. Schur	16
Lauren Schur	23
Steven Schur	19
Morton Silverman	7
Cory Wasser	26
Gerri Weisberg	10

Lili Werthamer	14
Lloyd Wruble	2

September Anniversaries

	years
Nancy L. & David M. Cohn	5 14
Freda & Bill Ferns	10 17
Marsha & Tom Garrettson	30 16
Deborah & Ronald Kaplan	8 10
Gertrude & Sheldon Mann	23 55
Lynn & Jim Nobil	4 20
Sheila & Lawrence Novak	17 25
Cathy & Neal Rakov	9 22
Barbara & Steven Smith	9 28

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

Yom Kippur - Book of Life

In the first hour the idea of creating man entered God's mind, in the second God took counsel with the Ministering Angels, in the third God assembled Adam's dust, in the fourth God kneaded it, in the fifth God shaped him, in the sixth God made him into a lifeless body, in the seventh God breathed a soul into him, in the eighth God brought him into the Garden of Eden, in the ninth he was commanded [against eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge], in the tenth he transgressed, in the eleventh he was judged, in the twelfth he was pardoned. 'This,' said God to Adam, 'will be a sign to your children. As you stood in judgment before Me this day and came out with a free pardon, so will your children in the future stand in judgment before Me on this day and will come out from My presence with a free pardon.' (Vayikrah Rabbah 29:1)

In this telling, the primary source of awe is God's omnipotent power. This complements the biblical text, in which nature's wonders are extolled and prove so tremendous as to tempt Adam to disobey God almost immediately. This epitomizes the multi-layered content of the Mishnah, establishing a from-day-one tradition of Rosh Hashanah as the time of personal accounting, but building that lesson upon a firm foundation of the creation story.

By approaching the High Holidays not solely as a time of personal reevaluation, but as an opportunity to consider our places--individually and communally--in creation as a whole, we can give more depth to the holidays and provide more fertile ground for teshuvah. In this view, the holidays are a balance: we celebrate creation and then have ten days to consider how we treat others. We cannot be so concerned with our own results, our daily lives, that we diminish those of creation, either the initial creation (whatever you believe that may be) or the ongoing process in which we partner with the divine presence in making a better world. As partners in creation, we cannot demean or diminish, harm or harass, other people in the pursuit of our goals, however worthy. When we do, we tarnish creation. Yom Kippur, then, is an opportunity to repair the damage we have done to creation over the past year, and to re-consecrate ourselves as partners in the ongoing process of creation. The Book of Life is more than a register of who shall live and who shall die; it is a collection of contracts, with each of us signing on for another year of living fully by actively partnering with God.

From this perspective, despite the competing calendars, Rosh Hashanah comes at the perfect time. At the onset of fall, the weather is beginning to change; summer, the season of lushness and robust life, is fading into fall, the season of slow decay and packing up in preparation for winter. The metaphor of the Book of Life is all the more powerful in the fall, because only those who sign up for another year of helping advance creation can be assured of reaching the next spring, the season of life and birth and all the excitement and glory of creation.

None of this is to dismiss the importance of self-reflection around the holidays. One cannot fully make a commitment without taking inventory, in an honest assessment, of personal strengths and weaknesses. And a commitment to partner in creation is no light obligation. But by also looking beyond ourselves and focusing on creation, we can find another level of meaning, purpose and resonance in the holidays.

We wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Shanna Tovah.
Alan Beth



MAH JONGG CLUB CELEBRATES

The KJCC women who are the heart of the Mah Jongg group are always looking for new players to join with them. They thought that perhaps they could entice you by showing you a few pictures of a group of them who celebrated in Coral Gables recently. They took a few days vacation - all expenses paid - and sent 20 pictures of themselves - eating, drinking, shopping, loafing around in PJ's, getting spiffed up - looks like a fun group to join.

The players on this trip are Linda Pollack, Gene Silverman, Mary Lee Singer, Elaine Schulberg, Maryon Gould and Rene Rose.

Congratulations

Grab a copy of Rozi Graham's newest book, "Keeping Fit After Fifty". Of course, you don't have to read it until you reach 50, unless you want to get ready for a healthy life for your future. Rozi knows how to explain it so you can understand it.



Special Days in August

August Birthdays

Samuel E Barsh	15
Sooner Brooks-Heath	12
Esta Jo Busker	24
Camryn Clements	23
Gina Egan	13
Carolyn Epstein	6
Jeff Epstein	9
Bill Ferns	28
Marc S Field	2
Jessica Forman	4
Pamela Friedman	19
Brian Gilderman	13
Ilana Gilderman	8
Peter Goldstein	15
Zachary Grace	18
Rozi Graham	10
Judy Greenman	27
Elaine Hirsch	26
Patricia Isenberg	15
David Kaufman	5
Eileen Kominsky	15
Alan Lindenbaum	16
Jaimee Marshall	27
Nissan Mayk	5
Carl McNew	24
Amanda Nobil	20
Eric Perloff	9
Bobby Pitsenbarger	22
Gordon Present	1
Ronni Shapiro	30
Seth Sherman	28

Barbara Smith	10
Ashley Solomon	21
Evan Stuart	28
Amanda Sullivan	11
Robert Temkin	30
Alison Thompson	16
Sherry Turney	12
Sue Ann Weihl	30
Carole Weiss	4
Bill Weprin	7
Heide Werthamer	14
Ernest Wollin	20
Joan L Wollin	30
Danielle Zinner	15
Rachel Zinner	21

August Anniversaries

Lynn & Jeff Dils	16	years	21
Judy & Franklin Greenman	22		24
Nancy & Kurt Kluger	28		18
Barbara & Richard Knowles	15		7
Linda & Mario LaGrotte	29		35
Susan & Paul Roberts	15		38
Judith & Aaron Schmidt	7		51
Dorothy & Larry Wolfe	7		49

Welcome

Say hello to our newest members, ZOE BERK and her daughter Cammie. They live at 19 Pompano Ave in Key Largo and the phone number is 453-1861. Please update your directory.



Kosher Lasagna

1/2 lb medium noodles	1 lb ground meat
1 large onion, sliced	1 T oil
1 jar marinara sauce	1 can tomato soup (undiluted)
garlic	salt
	oregano

Saute onion in oil, add sprinkle of garlic, oregano and salt. Brown meat in same pan. Set aside. Boil noodles for 10 minutes and drain. Mix noodles, meat, sauce and tomato soup. Place in a casserole and bake at 350° uncovered for 3/4 hour.

Baked Tomatoes with Spinach and Cheese

6 medium tomatoes	1 box frozen chopped spinach
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese	1/2 cup Ricotta cheese
2 eggs	1/2 t salt
pepper to taste	2 T butter

Cut a 1/2 inch slice from the stem end of each tomato, scoop out pulp and seeds. Sprinkle insides of tomatoes lightly with salt, stand upside down on paper towels and set aside for 30 minutes. Squeeze moisture from uncooked defrosted spinach and combine with the two cheeses and eggs in a mixing bowl and beat until well blended. Add seasonings and mix well. Stuff tomatoes with mixture and dot with butter. Place tomatoes in a buttered baking dish and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Cheese Puffs

1 cup water	6 TBS butter
1 t salt	1/8 tsp pepper
1 cup flour	4 eggs
1 cup finely diced Gruyere cheese	

Preheat oven to 425°. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Place water, butter, salt and pepper in saucepan and heat until butter is melted and mixture is boiling rapidly. Add flour to mixture at once and continue to cook stirring until mixture forms a ball and leaves sides of pan clean. Remove from heat. Beat each egg into mixture separately until absorbed - add cheese. Drop by the teaspoon onto the cookie sheet. Bake approx 20 minutes until golden brown. (Makes about 60 puffs)

Cry to those Using Babies as Shields

By Naomi Ragen

My son is in the army. He is not the type at all, believe me. Quiet, studious, a writer, a lover of Jewish history, Talmud, ethics. He spent two years in a pre-army program in the Galilee called Karmeil Chayil. He made many good friends there from all over the country, and now he and all his friends are in the army. One of them I know well. A bit chubby, with payot, and a great laugh. He and my son have become like brothers. While both of them tried out for the elite paratroopers unit, only he made it in. He and his unit are the ones in Lebanon. They were there over a week, fighting under horrific conditions, running out of food and water. Even though the Israeli air force dropped tons of leaflets warning civilians to flee because they were in terrorist territory and likely to be injured, they still encountered civilians. My son spoke to his friend yesterday and this is how he described it:

"The village looked empty, and then we heard noises coming from one of the houses, so we opened fire. But when we went inside, we found two women and a child huddled in the corner of the room. We were so relieved we hadn't hurt them. We took up base in one of the empty houses. And then all of a sudden, we came under intense fire. Three rockets were fired at the house we were in. Only one managed to destroy a wall, which fell on one of us, covering him in white dust, but otherwise not hurting him. I spent the whole time feeding bullets to my friend who was shooting non-stop. We managed to kill 26 terrorists. Not one of us was hurt. Our commanding officer kept walking around, touching everybody on the shoulder, smiling and encouraging us: "We're better than they are. Don't worry." It calmed us all down. And really, we were much better than them. They are a lousy army. They only win when they hide behind baby carriages."

Please remember this when you hear about

the "atrocities" of the Israeli bomb dropped on Kfar Cana, killing many civilians, a place from which Hezbollah has fired hundreds of rockets at Israel. Unlike previous administrations, Mr. Olmert has my respect when he says: "They were warned to leave. It is the responsibility of Hezbollah for firing rockets amidst civilians."

Terrorists and their supporters have lost the right to complain about civilian casualties, since all they have done this entire war is target civilians. Every single one of the more than 2,500 rockets launched into Israel, is launched into populated towns filled with women and children. Just today, another suicide belt meant to kill civilians in Israel was detonated harmlessly by our forces in Nablus. So don't cry to me about civilian casualties. Cry to those using your babies and wives and mothers; cry to those who store weapons in mosques, ambulances, hospitals, and private homes. Cry to those launching deadly rockets from the backyards of your kindergartens and schools. Cry to the heartless men who love death, and however many of their troops or civilians die, consider themselves victorious as long as they can keep on firing rockets at our women and children.

Save your sympathy for the mothers and sisters and girlfriends of our young soldiers who would rather be sitting in study halls learning Torah, but have no choice but to risk their precious lives full of hope, goodness and endless potential, to wipe out the cancerous terrorist cells that threaten their people and all mankind. Make your choice, and save your tears.

That terrorists have been unsuccessful in killing more of our women and children is due to our army, God and prayers, not to any lack of motivation or intention on their part. If you hide behind your baby to shoot at my baby, you are responsible for getting children killed. You and you alone.



From an Ex-President

Aaron (Quarberg) was awarded his Bachelor's Degree in May from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He has a degree in Exercise Science/Physiology and will remain at USF for his Master's with a full tuition Graduate Assistantship. Our family is very proud and I'd be grateful if this could be shared with some who might recall his naming, Bar Mitzvah, or scholarship at KJCC!!

Susan Horn



More eating - this time at the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by Jeff and Patty at La Siesta. Yep - our members know how to celebrate - and how to eat. Heard this one went so well that Jeff & Patty are going to have another one - real soon.



Yom Yerusalym

Just a few of our members eating at the last Shabbat Dinner celebration. They do that well, don't they?



DOGGY BAG

What you are looking at is a picture of Mary Lee holding what she thought was her new dog. Turns out to be just the doggy bag. She was surprised - as you may notice - but tells us that these will be a big selling item this fall. And you don't clean up after them.

KOL NIDRE

I Don't Like Kol Nidre

We hear about forgiveness every year at the High Holy Days. We seek God's forgiveness in shul from Selihot through the final prayers of Yom Kippur. But most years, I don't feel I've sinned much. I nod in recognition, and tap my chest when we chant the lists of sins we've spent generations constructing and (more recently) reconstructing. I've got plenty of guilt about all sorts of things, large and small, but I don't think there are many people I've really wronged, nor do I think of myself as a victim of unfairness or cruelty inflicted by others. Neither as a sinner nor as a victim do I embrace the concept of forgiveness as a big part of my life, once the High Holy Days have passed. This whole concept of 10 Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of asking forgiveness from your friends, family, or anyone you have wronged seems to apply to others and not to me. I go to synagogue, socialize, eat cake and do what I can to help but I am not religious. A good Jew is someone else that dhavens three times a day, fasts on all the holidays, honors the Shabbath, this is not me.

I will look around me, at the congregation on the first night of Yom Kippur and see a crowd. A crowd full of Jews. A full house all coming to pray, to stand together as one and listen to our Cantor chant that all familiar haunting melody of Kol Nidre. We stand together as one, a congregation for the right to pray, for the right to announce that we are Jews and all with one purpose.

Now, I remember from years past, the melody of Kol Nidre will awaken something within me. A remembrance from years of ago when I was a small child, my grandfather held my hand walking me to the Shul on Kol Nidre. My mother busy, hurriedly making the feast before the fast. The lighting of candles. A feeling of connection, a sense of being Jewish.

By the third chanting of Kol Nidre - I remember - I am a Jew, a Jew in my own way. A Jew, who hopes to be inscribed in the book of Life. A Jew to make next year a better year.

Perhaps that is what this is all about - making the next year a better year for you and for me.

Shanna Tovah

Alan Beth

About the Boston Patriots -

One off-the-field note to pass along this morning: Scott Pioli has two new scouts in his personnel department -- Monti Ossenfort and Brian Smith. They replace Matt Russell and Justin Crouse.

Smith was the team's director of football operations from 2004-2005. He's a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy and Providence College. Ossenfort was a personnel assistant for the Patriots in 2003, and worked for the Texans' personnel department the last two years.

Benjamin Rakov received the KJCC Pauline & Al Roller Merit Award and a \$1000 scholarship on Friday, June 2, 2006 for outstanding achievement and meritorious service. Benny has been a member of the KJCC since he was nine years old and was a Bar Mitzvah here. Benny graduated from Coral Shores High School last month where he was in the Top Ten of his class, won a Faculty Award for Outstanding Student, held the office of President of Varsity Club and earned a Varsity Letter in football, basketball and track. He holds the CSHS record in the Pole Vault. Benny also volunteered throughout high school as an Ecosystem scuba diving instructor and REEF medic. Benny is working this summer at Tavernier Bait & Tackle. In the Fall he will attend Washington University in St. Louis.

Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

"Behind every good man, is the woman who put him there!" That is quite the case for the "first lady" of the KJCC, Patty Silver Schocket.

Patty has always been an overachiever. She was born in Brooklyn and raised on "Lon Gileland". She graduated high school in three years and the finance school at Syracuse University in three years. When asked why she was in such a hurry to complete her schooling early she replied, "It was cold!" Three more years in law school at the University of Miami and she was ready to face the world.

Patty originally had planned to get a master's degree in tax but finances, or lack thereof, forced her to enter the legal workplace. It was a choice at the time of litigation or the secretarial pool. "I started in commercial litigation because it was the only job I could find," she relates, "but I was very shy and hated speaking in front of anybody so I had to take improvisational acting classes at Miami-Dade College to overcome my courtroom fears."

Part of her killer instinct in litigation cases was developed from her being a female in a male dominated arena. Her new found aggressiveness earned her contempt charges of \$500 in each of her first three trials. While Patty maintains an infectious laugh and normally easy misdemeanor, inside of a courtroom her personality closer resembles that of a junk yard dog.

In the late 80's and early 90's Patty started

her own law firm representing such clients as the governments of Panama and Venezuela and doing leveraged buyouts within the banking industry. By the late 1990s she decided to trade her legal robes for an entrepreneurial hat. What does one do when they decide to stop practicing law? They open a juice bottling company. Of course! The recipe was pure sugar cane juice mixed with a variety of exotic fruits like mango, papaya, etc. Within three months of startup, she and her partners had their products on the shelves at Publix, Winn Dixie, Sedanos and other locations outside of Florida. Not bad for a non-practicing attorney.

In 2000, Patty got out of the juice business. It was about that time that she met Jeffrey. They moved to the Keys two years later and Patty opened her law office shortly thereafter. They married in 2003 and now live it up with two dogs, two cats and a bird. Like many others, they stopped into the

KJCC on their way down to their house in Islamorada. They liked that the congregation was less structured than they were used to. It is amazing that within a few years they have gone from just attending services to being the leaders of the congregation. "We are a community and a family, and we have a feeling among us that we each provide support for each other." Patty states and then adds, "Life is good."

We rest our case, your honor.



