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20 Rosh HaShanah II 5781 Rabbi Agler 10:00 am	21 KJCC Sisterhood Book Club 12:00 pm	22	23	24	25 Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman	26 Shabbat Shuva Laurie Blum (10:00 a.m. Zoom)
27 Erev Yom Kippur Rabbi Agler 7:30 pm	28 Yom Kippur Rabbi Agler 10:00 am	29	30	Names denote leaders of Friday Services. Italicized names are Oneg sponsors. Services every Friday at 7:30pm		

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



The world may be turbulent, but the earth continues to revolve around the sun and the High Holy Days will arrive, ready or not. Our first priority is the safety of our members, and to that end KJCC is preparing a very different New Year's Service for 5781. The building will remain closed. Instead, Rabbi Agler and Cantor Dzubin are preparing a beautiful pre-recorded service, which will include readings and aliyot by our members. Yizkor service on Yom Kippur will be led by Laurie Blum, who brings deep meaning and spirituality to the task. Everything will be recorded separately at people's homes and sent in to be professionally spliced together, then available to be seen through our website on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. We hope to in some way provide the personal, family feeling that makes KJCC so special. Our deep gratitude goes to Dave Feder, who suggested this possibility and will take on the tremendous task, including the filming of Rabbi Agler on the bimah at KJCC. The work is beginning now.

Our hope is that those of us who are scattered around the country and are not usually in

the Keys during the High Holy Days will be able to join us virtually this year. We may use the knowledge gained to put some of our activities on-line once we do open. Our Friday night Zoom services have been well received and will continue through the summer and until it is safe to meet again.

This is a season unlike any other in our personal memories. Yet as Jews, we are a People of the Book and as students of history we can bring a larger perspective to the difficult times we are facing. We, as a people, have survived plagues for millennia. We have stories of those who fled, those who survived in ghettos because of laws of cleanliness and separation from the main population and those who made certain that families and communities were provided for in the event of their illness. We also have the sad history of Jews and others being scapegoated and blamed for disease. For them, surviving the plague did not bring safety. Let us continue to learn, remain alert, stay safe and in touch and pray for a better 5781. ♦

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Every Monday we meet via Zoom to check in on each other and have a virtual tea party.

A good way to maintain community contact, whether you bring your own tea and cookies or not. A lot of good recommendation sharing goes on, starting at 2:00 pm.

Let us know what you've been enjoying, watching or listening to.

Every Friday Night, Zoom Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

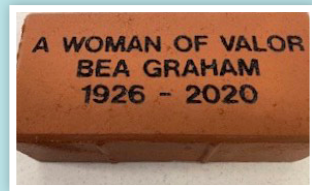
Mon, Aug. 31	KJCC Sisterhood Book Club, 12:00pm
Wed, Sept. 9	"Age-ing and Sage-ing workshop pt. 1, 12:00-1:30pm
Fri, Sept. 11	Shabbat Service & presentation of Joel Cohen Award, 7:30 pm
Sat, Sept. 12	Leil S'lichot, Laurie Blum, 7:30pm
Wed., Sept. 16	"Age-ing and Sage-ing, Workshop pt. 2, 12:00-1:30pm
Fri, Sept. 18	Erev Rosh HaShanah • Rabbi Agler, 7:30 pm
Sat, Sept. 19	Rosh HaShanah I 5781 • Rabbi Agler, 10:00 am
Sun, Sept. 20	Rosh HaShanah II 5781 • Rabbi Agler, 10:00 am
Mon, Sept. 21	Sisterhood Book Club, 12:00pm
Sat, Sept. 26	Shabbat Shuva • Laurie Blum, 10:00am
Sun, Sept. 27	Erev Yom Kippur • Rabbi Agler, 7:30pm
Mon, Sept. 28	Yom Kippur • Rabbi Agler, 10:00am

Leaf on Tree of Life

Celestina Bravo-Mendez

Mom, you will always be remembered

Love, Lorena Kaufman



A BRICK IN MEMORY OF BEA

Donated by George & Muriel Swartz

Leaf on Tree of Life

Emilia Mendez

Grandma, you will always be remembered

Love, Lorena Kaufman



THERE IS A NEW
ADDITION TO OUR
ORCHID GARDEN.

THANK YOU STEVE AND
AMELIA KASINOF FOR
THE LOVELY GIFT
IN MEMORY OF
LEE KASINOF.

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High Holy Days — Pandemic Style

We owe David Feder a huge debt of gratitude. He had a brilliant idea, the skills to go with it and you will get to experience a seriously thought out and well prepared series of services. You will see your friends and perhaps yourselves taking part in reading blessings and prayers. There will be a beautiful Yizkor Service led by Laurie Blum. All of Rabbi Agler's sermons will be available for repeat viewing if so desired. And you won't have to drive anywhere or miss a minute. Because it is being pre-recorded, we will all have access to it at will, in consecutive sessions. These will not be Zoom gatherings. You can access the services via YouTube, Vimeo or through our own website: [keysjewishcenter.com](https://www.keysjewishcenter.com)

Joyce will be posting instructions as the time gets closer. If you have an honor and haven't sent your video in to Dave yet, please do so now. And give him another virtual hug of gratitude.

Live Discussion with Rabbi Agler

Though most of our High Holy Day services will be prerecorded and available for at will viewing, one segment will be presented live. Joyce will send out Zoom invitations a day ahead of time. Rabbi Agler will meet with us at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 28, Yom Kippur. The discussion will lead into Neilah Services at 6:30 p.m. and culminate with the final Shofar blowing (followed by a Peckman family led Havdalah Service at approximately 7:30 p.m.) The topic for discussion is yet to be announced, but Rabbi Agler's "fast" talks have become one of our favorite and most meaningful parts of High Holy Days. You'll want to be there. When the discussion ends we will return together to the video to hear Neilah, shofar and havdalah.

Sisterhood in High Gear

You'd think activities would have slowed way down with all our pandemic induced social distancing and the Sanctuary and Social Hall in lockdown. Not so. Check out the Book Club Schedule on p. 10, the Baking Classes on P.16 and the Virtual Rosh HaShanah Dinner Poster on P. 20. Girls just want to have Fun (and cook creatively).

New Learning with New Members

What an opportunity! Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman are offering us a taste of wisdom they've been studying and teaching for years. This will be

a two-part workshop on making our elderhood as meaningful as possible. It's called Age-ing and Sage-ing, based on a book by Jewish Renewal founder and leader of blessed memory, Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. See P. 26 for details.

"Fast" food Takes Different Turn

Though we usually collect food during our fast period for those in need, this is not feasible when there are no in person services. Also, we have heard reports that, for now, the local food banks are well stocked. We still want to make our fast extra meaningful by contributing tzedakah where it is most needed in our community. To this end we are investigating contributions to "Keys Be The Change", a local highly rated (on GuideStar) social service organization. They work to provide mentoring by Police Department officers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, Monroe County School District personnel, and community volunteers to mentor at risk youth. They work with student volunteers to promote healthy choices which include living life without, drugs alcohol or violence and provide a Farm to School/ Farm to Table program. Watch for messages about this worthy program.

Gloria and Jewish Paper Cutting

One of the many short workshops offered by My Jewish Learning was an early inexpensive art form once practiced widely in Poland (there's a museum dedicated to it) and now practiced all over the world. If you are interested in trying out this craft, Gloria would be interested in teaching a zoom class this fall. Geetavner@gmail.com. See P. 19 for examples of her work and new designs.

No Lulav or Etrog but ..

If you are one of those excellent helpers who come to decorate our Sukkah, you are excused this year. Susan Gordon will be doing it on her own, but you can come during one of those 8 days, starting Oct. 3rd, and have a meal or snack of your own under the sky. There will be a table and tablecloth. Enjoy! Thank you Susan.

Tashlich on Our Own

Whether you are tossing bagel bits as "sins" to fish and seagulls or taking trash out of the sea, our usual group practice is in abeyance this year. Rosh HaShanah Day one, afternoon, is the time to resolve to be our better selves.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

JULY & AUGUST 2020

Leaf

Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Celestina Bravo-Mendez
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Emilia Mendez
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Lucy Kaufman
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Ruth Rosen
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Jack Rosen
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Clara Kaufman
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Rubin Kaufman

In Memory/Honor of

Security

Bill & Donna Bolton
Lillian Tallent
Richard & Mindy Agler
Adam & Judy Starr
Sherrie Willner
Augustus & Kristy Moss
Joan Wohl

Other

Mary Lee Singer	Robert W. and Jon R. Singer
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New Year's Greeting

Richard & Mindy Agler
Adam & Judy Starr
Joan Boruszak
Joan Wohl
Arthur & Johanna Willner
Stuart & Lauren Sax
Susan Gordon
Al & Sylvia Rimm
Gloria Avner
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Susan Horn & Dot Brooking
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High Holy Days

Bill & Donna Bolton
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Lillian Tallent
Adam & Judy Starr
Linda Pollack
Skip Rose
Gloria Avner

Meditation Garden

Marshall & Myra Kaplan
Richard & Mindy Agler
Steve & Amelia Kasinof

Yizkor

Bill & Donna Bolton
Steve & Jan Hartz
Harvey & Judith Klein
Nancy Cohn
Linda Perloff
Lillian Tallent
Richard & Mindy Agler
Gerri & Frank Emkey
Michael Krissel
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Miltra Sheinker
Adam & Judy Starr
Sherrie Willner
Jamie & Laurie Goodman
Linda Pollack
Skip Rose
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Arthur & Johanna Willner
Marsha Garrettson
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Susan Gordon
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Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

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Claire Tallent
Susan Gordon

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Lillian Tallent
Adam & Judy Starr

Chai-Lights Support

Marshall & Myra Kaplan
Adam & Judy Starr
Linda Pollack
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Susan Gordon
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Library

Lillian Tallent

Tikkun Olam

Linda Kaplan
Richard & Mindy Agler

Unrestricted

Bill & Donna Bolton
Steve & Jan Hartz
Judith Weber
Michael Krissel
Augustus & Kristy Moss
Steve & Amelia Kasinof
Joan Boruszak
Linda Pollack
Skip Rose
Stan & Jenny Margulies

Shabbat Service Leaders

Aug. 7	Erica Lieberman–Garrett & Donna Bolton	Sept. 4	Laurie Blum
Aug. 14	Joyce Peckman	Sept. 11	Steve Hartz
Aug. 21	Medina Roy	Sept. 18	Rabbi Agler
Aug. 28	Susan Horn & Gloria Avner	Sept. 25	Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman

HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN
INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

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

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

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

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

August Anniversaries

Years			Years		
22nd	Franklin & Judy Greenman	38	27th	Israel & Nissan Mayk	48

August Birthdays

1st.....	Tom Brennan	16th	Alan Lindenbaum
5th	Nissan Mayk	16th	Alison Thompson
8th	Hank Ryan Casey	16th	Tom Brennan
8th	Joseph Reamer	20th	Amanda Nobil
9th	Delia Grace Smith	21st.....	Jay Stein
9th	Eric Freundlich	21st.....	Rachel Zinner
10th	Barbara Smith	22nd.....	Murray Blitzter
10th	Emma Feig	23rd	Dave Mont
12th	Sooner Brooks-Heath	24th	Carl McNew
13th	Gina Moritz	26th	Mikhaela Bitton
13th	Stephan Friedman	27th	Judy Greenman
15th	Danielle Zinner	30th	Robert Temkin
15th	Patricia Isenberg	31st.....	Brynn Borisoff

September Anniversaries

Years			Years		
7th	Jay & Nancy Hershoff	21	15th	Rita & Harry Rzepka	63
9th	Neal & Cathy Rakov	36	27th	Gary & Lyn Sherman	
9th	Steven & Barbara Smith	42	30th	Marsha & Tom Garrettson.....	

September Birthdays

1st.....	Mildred Finkelstein	16th	Larry S. Schur
2nd.....	Lloyd Wruble	16th	Samuel Grossinger
4th	Chase Barrett	17th	Ellen Ecker
4th	Debby C. Block	17th	Judd Daddona
6th	Bryce Hesterman-Kutz	18th	Shirley Krissel
6th	Shelby R. Morris	19th	Barbara Bernstein
6th	Steven Greenbaum	19th	Brenna Nobil
7th	Mindy Agler	19th	Joel Bofshever
7th	Stellar Levy	19th	Steven Schur
8th	Laurie Grossinger	22nd.....	Fred Hudson
8th	Susan Horn	23rd	Lauren Schur
9th	Jacob Klimpl	24th	Noah Bitton
10th	Gerri Emkey	24th	Orlando Quesada
11th	Sandy Serota	25th	Marla Berenson
13th	Andy Tobin	25th	Michel Bitton
13th	Shawn Borisoff	27th	Blake Rose

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

CEMETERY INFORMATION: If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH: Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

CHAI-LIGHTS or DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT: Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for annual rates.

GIFT SHOP: We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

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

ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR: To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225, or email her at joycepeckman@gmail.com.

PICTURE POSTCARDS: We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at lindap4000@ymail.com.

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

In Memoriam – August 2020

Sidney Stark

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

Billie Kornbloom

By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Martha Schulberg

By Elaine Schulberg

Dick Bromwich

By Rita Bromwich

Burton Margolis

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Bernard Solas

By Elaine Solas

Henry Kirschenbaum

By Marilyn Greenbaum

Gizella Reiff

By Roberta McNew

Ralph Tallent

By Lillian Tallent

Albert L. Ichel

By David & Janice Ichel

Priscilla Leshin

By Joan Boruszak

Clara Zirotsky

By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

Shirley Lieberman

By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Jesse Ginsberg

By Bernard Ginsberg

Tom Klipper

By Mary Lee Singer

Mollie Lawent

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Sheldon David Horowitz

By Beth Horowitz

Olga Schuman

By Adam & Judy Starr

Anne Hendin Margulies

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Eva Raub

By Harvey & Judith Klein

Albert White

By Susan White

Morris Abramson

By Joel & Toby Bofshever

Max Lieberman

By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Howard Shutan

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

Gary W. Cohn

By Nancy L. Cohn

Josephine Margulies

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Selma Smith

By Steven & Barbara Smith

Margaux Rene Grossman

By Stuart Grossman

Chanoch Shiloh

By Jan Price

Ida R. Estrin

By Lillian Tallent

Arthur Kaplan

By Sandy Kaplan

Joel Reed Baker

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Seymour H. Levin

By Sanford Yankow

*KJCC Offers Our Deep Condolences To Cantor Michael Dzubin
On the Death of his Brother, Joel Dzubin.
May his memory be for a Blessing.*

In Memoriam – September 2020

Jim Boruszak

By Joan Boruszak

Charlie Temkin

By Robert Temkin

Ronald Repka

By Nancy L. Cohn

Evelyn O. Coltman

By Barnet O. Coltman

Lillian Goldstein

By Joan Boruszak

Abraham Kaplan

By Sandy Kaplan

Jim Nobil

By Lynn Nobil

Leonard Roberts

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Beverly Harvey

By Linda Perloff

Toby Mitchell

By Linda Pollack

Erik S. Persoff

By Lynn Nobil

David Gulkis

By Elaine Schulberg

David Schur

By Lee Schur

Lorraine Martell

By Skip Rose

Roger Starr

By Adam & Judy Starr

Irving Kopecky

By Adam & Judy Starr

Leaf on Tree of Life

Lucy Kaufman

Mom, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

Jack Rosen

Grandpa, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

Ruth Rosen

Grandma, you will always be remembered

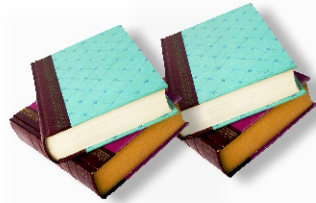
Love, Michael Kaufman

Leaf on Tree of Life

Clara Kaufman

Grandma, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman



Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~

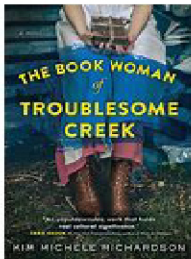
Meetings will be at 12 p.m. via Zoom
until further notice ~

August 31, 2020 *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson and

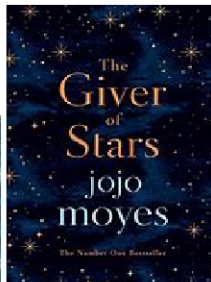
The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes

September 21, 2020 *No Surrender* by Chris Edmonds

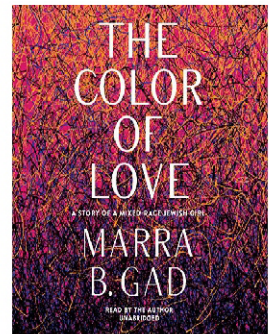
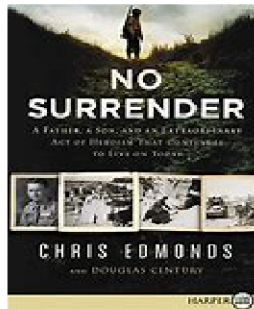
October 26, 2020 *The Color of Love* by Marra Gad



About the free library service
in 1930's-40's Kentucky Hills
and the women who rode mules
delivering books there



World War II -
life in a Nazi POW camp
and the hero who saved the
Jewish men



Memoir about a
mixed-race
Jewish woman

RSVP and more information - Joyce Peckman

joycepeckman@gmail.com

Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an
invitation to Zoom.

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden



*Shalom to all and best wishes for a **Shanah Tovah** and **G'mar Chatimah Tovah!** A happy, healthy and prosperous 5782 to all!*

Sisterhood has two current projects under development. The first, of course, is our proposed KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook which will be completed in early 5782. We have selected a company to publish our cookbook based on the cost, choices and free support offered. At this point we are looking at a cookbook of roughly 100 pages; recipes will not mix meat and dairy products nor will they contain trefe ingredients. There will be a section on Jewish Holidays that includes some of our more famous Passover recipes. If you have not already received an email with instructions and requests for recipes before you receive this issue of Chai-Lights, please let me know at 305 773-0067 or hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net. We look forward to the support and talents of KJCC Sisterhood as we move forward with this endeavor. Our hope is to make this cookbook unique to the Keys Jewish Community and its members. We have two honorary male members who have been generous enough to offer to share recipes – thanks to Bernie Ginsberg and Jeff Margulies. Ours is an INclusive group. We also extend our gratitude to KJCC's artists who will assist in designing the cover and dividers to make this truly a unique Keys offering. Thanks to all who are helping by contributing to this endeavor.

Our second project has come about because the Board has decided to redesign the KJCC website. Sisterhood has requested its own page be added to the official KJCC website. This may help us recruit new members and will certainly make us more visible on the web as part of the KJCC. Please share with me any ideas you have for special content and important things you think should be included about Sisterhood in our webpage. Sisterhood would not be the staunch

and vibrant organization that it is without you. Your ideas for the webpage are important and welcome, so please feel free to send me your thoughts and ideas.

So – (as we say) Covid may have slowed us down but it definitely has not stopped us. Any ideas you may also have for more projects Sisterhood can undertake at a distance are welcome. We can be distant but still connected. I regret to say, given the rise in the number of cases in the Keys following the removal of the road blocks and our proximity to the new epicenter of the disease – Miami-Dade County – I think, it will be some time before we will be free or relatively free of this blight. We now truly have an eleventh plague to add at Seders. For all that, as we move into the High Holydays let us all embrace 5782 as a new and joyous year with ample opportunities for self-improvement and new ways to contribute to the world around us. Again, I wish you a **Shanah Tovah u'Mtukah** (a good and sweet year) full of health and happiness.

Leaf on Tree of Life

Rubin Kaufman

Grandpa, you will always be remembered

Love, Michael Kaufman

S'lichot

We won't be providing the usual movie and pizza after our S'lichot services this year. But nothing is as usual this year. So let's put our focus squarely on this event, an introspective start to the mission of High Holydays, examining our lives to see where we did not come up to the mark, asking for forgiveness and making plans to do better, to be better.

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Leader: Laurie Blum

Place: Zoom
(invitation to follow)



We can still have our own pizza and a movie.
Recommend a good one and we can watch
together separately.

WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



In the “Outrageous” Department

In early June, Israeli feminist groups responded with outrage after it was announced that Oded Forer, a male lawmaker, was chosen to lead the seven-member Knesset Committee for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equality. Forer, a member of the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu party, is the only male on the committee and has little experience dealing with gender issues. Israeli feminist group Kulan called the move “a joke at the expense of women in Israel.” The group described the issue as a cynical political move to appease the Yisrael Beiteinu party and the larger parliamentary opposition that it belongs to. The Center for Women’s Justice (CWJ), an advocacy group, said the move was like rubbing salt in the wound since the number of women in Israel’s 120-seat parliament has dipped to only twenty-nine, just under one quarter. “This comes at a time where Israeli women are facing a crisis, with domestic violence at an all-time high and the coronavirus exacerbating women’s social and economic inequity,” the advocacy group said. “More than ever, the Committee for the Advancement of Women needs a qualified and expert leader at the helm. This is not that.” Reports of domestic violence increased by 112 percent during the first lockdown imposed by Jerusalem to limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; eleven women have been murdered by their partners since the start of the year. (Please note that this information was as of June 8th.) (www.jpost.com, 6-8-20)

Outrage #2

During a sermon in June in Rio de Janeiro, a Brazilian pastor and his congregants prayed “to destroy the Jews like vermin” and bring on a second Holocaust. “Massacre the Jews, God, hit them with your sword, for they have left God, they have left the nations,” Pastor Tupirani da

Hora Lores shouted at the congregants at his Geracao Jesus Cristo church, a small and radical evangelical church. The event was recorded and the congregants can be heard enthusiastically repeating his words. “They contrived, went with prostitutes, and when they were told to repent they said they’d do it but they lied,” the pastor said, possibly in reference to the forced conversions to Christianity during the Inquisition. “God what you have done in World War II, you must do again, this is what we ask in our prayers to you: Justice, justice, justice!”

Sinagoga Sem Fronteiras, a network of Brazilian Jewish communities, filed a complaint for incitement against the pastor with federal police. Rabbi Gilberto Ventura, founder of Sinagoga Sem Fronteiras, said, “With each complaint and lawsuit...we aim to publicize the offences and actions taken against offenders so that people will start thinking twice before taking such actions.” (www.jta.org, 6-19-20)

She’s Been Removed

The Board of Trustees at the University of Cincinnati voted at the end of June to remove Marge Schott’s name from its baseball stadium because of her racism and anti-Semitism. Schott, once owner of the Cincinnati Reds major league franchise, died in 2004. The university’s president Neville Pinto said, “Marge Schott’s record of racism and bigotry stands at stark odds with our university’s core commitment to dignity, equity and inclusion. I hope this action serves as an enduring reminder that we cannot remain silent or indifferent when it comes to prejudice, hate or inequity. More than ever, our world needs us to convert our values into real and lasting

action.” Schott owned the Reds from 1984 to 1999. She was banned from actively running the team in 1996 after she spoke admiringly of Adolf Hitler, saying that he “was good in the beginning but went too far.” She also used the n-word when referring to two black Boston Red Sox outfielders. Former Major League star Kevin Youkilis, who is Jewish, joined fellow university alumni calling on the school to change the stadium’s name. More than 10,000 people signed an online petition drive in early June. The baseball stadium had been named for Schott two years after her death following a \$2 million donation to the university’s Athletics Varsity Village project by the Marge and Charles Schott Foundation. (www.abcnews.go.com, 6-24-20)

A Safe, Reusable Face Mask

With the worldwide demand for protective masks escalating dramatically since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a team of scientists led by Professor Yair Ein-Eli at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology’s Faculty of Materials Science and Engineering have developed a reusable, self-disinfecting face mask. How is it self-disinfecting? Each mask contains a layer of carbon fibers that can be heated, using a USB port with a low current source such as a phone charger, in a process that destroys viruses that may have accumulated on the mask. The team submitted a patent application in the United States and they have approached industrial companies about mass producing the masks. (www.jpost.com, 6-19-20)

Restoring Sight to Millions?

CorNeat Vision, an Israeli startup, has received approval from the Health Ministry to conduct clinical trials of a synthetic cornea that bio-integrates with the human eye. The trial will be run at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah (a city east of Tel Aviv) on ten patients suffering from corneal blindness who are not candidates for or have experienced one or more failed cornea transplants. The CorNeat KPro implant is designed to replace deformed, scarred or opacified corneas and restore the vision of corneal blind patients immediately following implantation. The lens of the device is designed to integrate with ocular tissue using a patented synthetic non-degradable nanofabric skirt which is placed under the conjunctiva. Dr. Gilad Litvin, chief medical

officer at CorNeat Vision and the inventor of the KPro device, said the implantation procedure is relatively simple and takes less than an hour. “We expect it will enable millions of blind patients around the world, even in areas where there is no corneal practice of organ donation, to regain their sight,” Litvin said. The first in-human implant of the CorNeat KPro will be led by Professor Irit Bahar, head of Beilinson’s Ophthalmology Department. Bahar called this new technology the “key to turning the tide on global blindness.” (www.israelhayom.com, 7-19-20)

A Bipartisan Request Granted

In May, four United States lawmakers – Representatives Nita Lowey (D-NY), one of the most senior Jewish Democrats in Congress, Kay Granger (R-TX), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and John Carter (R-TX), made a bipartisan request to the Veterans Administration (VA) to replace three gravestones in military cemeteries inscribed with swastikas. The gravestones mark the burial site of three German prisoners of war. “Allowing these gravestones with symbols and messages of hatred, racism, intolerance and genocide is especially offensive to all the veterans who risked, and often lost, their lives defending this country and our way of life,” the lawmakers wrote. “It is also a stain on the hallowed ground where so many veterans and their families are laid to rest. Families who visit their loved ones, who are buried in the same cemeteries with the Nazi soldiers whom they fought against, should never have to confront symbols of hatred that are antithetical to our American values.” At first, the VA said it would not remove the gravestones but preserve them as “historic resources.” But in June, the VA reversed course. The department noted that it was not legally permitted to unilaterally remove or change the headstones under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, but that it would begin taking the required steps to replace these headstones with historically accurate markers that exclude the swastika and German text. Two tombstones in question – among 140 for World War II POWs – are located at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas and one is at the Fort Douglas Post Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are marked

with a swastika inside a German cross and are inscribed with these words: "He died far from his home for the Führer, people and fatherland." The VA is proposing that the headstones be preserved in its National Cemetery Administration History Collection. There are an estimated 860 World War I and II-era German POWs buried in 43 cemeteries across the United States. (www.timesofisrael.com, 6-1-20)

In Memoriam

- Larry Kramer, one of the most important figures in LGBTQ activism and a prolific writer, died at the end of May. He was 84. Kramer was a co-founder of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, now one of the largest AIDS service organizations in the world. He was forced out because of his outspokenness but went on to found the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, better known as ACT UP, a more militant group that took to the streets to protest for more AIDS drugs research and an end to discrimination against the gay population. Kramer, a graduate of Yale University, said his worldview was shaped by his Jewish identity. The Holocaust was a defining historical moment for him, and because of what happened in the early 1980s with AIDS he felt obligated to become an activist. Kramer and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, collided with each other as the AIDS crisis continued to kill gay men, with Kramer calling Fauci a killer. That had a powerful effect on Fauci, who felt the need to break through the slow federal bureaucracy that was standing in the way of AIDS research. Later on, Kramer and Fauci became friends. (Two months before his death, Kramer contacted Fauci, telling him he felt badly for how he was being treated as the public face of the efforts to combat COVID-19.) Kramer wrote many books, plays and screenplays and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his play "The Destiny of Me." He began working for Columbia Pictures as a screenwriter in the early 1960s. (www.jta.org, 5-27-20)

- Beverly Pepper, a sculptor known best for her monumental iron and steel works, died in February at the age of 97. Born Beverly Stoll in Brooklyn, she moved to Europe in the late 1940s and settled in Rome in the 1950s with her husband, journalist and author Curtis Bill Pepper. In the 1970s, the couple moved to Italy's Umbria region and restored an old castle near the medi-

eval town of Todi. Together they became an anchor of a community of artists and writers. Her massive architectural sculptures were often set up in the open air, with smaller pieces sculpted directly into the landscape. In 2005, she created a land art piece called "Walls of Memory: For My Grandmother" in Vilnius, Lithuania, to honor her paternal grandmother, who had fled Vilnius for the United States. (In Yiddish and Jewish literature the city was known as Vilna.) Ms. Pepper once said that she came from a strange Jewish family, her mother's parents being very religious while her father's family were socialists and against religion. Pepper received many awards. Her works are displayed in museums, collections and public spaces around the world. In 1979, she created an installation of four massive steel columns set up in Todi's main square, which were re-erected there in 2019 for their 40th anniversary. Pepper remained an active creative force until her death. (www.nytimes.com, 2-5-20)

- Betty Goudsmit-Oudkerk, a Dutch Jewish woman who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust, died in June. She was 96. She was the last living member of a small group of rescuers who smuggled Jewish children to safety over several months from a Protestant religious seminary in Amsterdam run by the late Johan van Hulst. It bordered on an internment facility for Jewish children that was set up by the Nazis, opposite the Hollandsche Schouwburg concentration complex where the children's parents were held. At seventeen, Goudsmit-Oudkerk cared for the jailed children, and with active help from the director of the facility she helped transfer hundreds of children to van Hulst and his team. (Johan van Hulst was honored in 1973 by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among the Nations for saving some 600 Jewish children.) For decades, Goudsmit-Oudkerk did not speak publicly about her role in the rescue operation. The former seminary and the Hollandsche Schouwburg are now part of the Jewish Cultural Quarter of Amsterdam, a group of several Jewish heritage sites. A \$27 million Holocaust museum is scheduled to open in 2022 in the building that housed the seminary. (www.timesofisrael.com, 6-16-20) ◇

**KJCC SISTERHOOD INVITES YOU
to two delicious Zoom events**

**Bake Your Own Mandelbrot with Rebecca Peckman ~
If you enjoyed making your own bagels, you know
you will love learning this.**

Date and Time to be announced



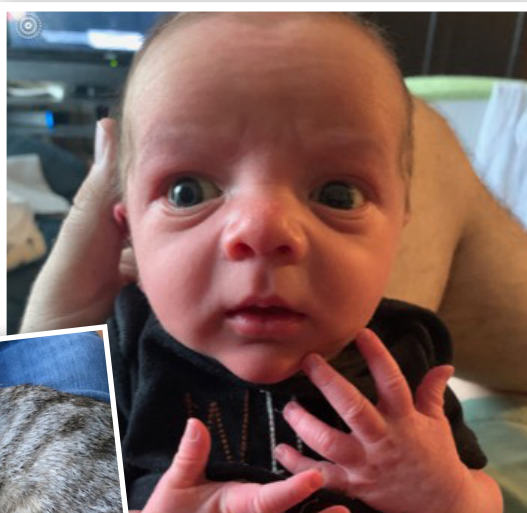
**Make Round Challahs for High Holy Days. On
Thursday, Sept 17, at 2:00 p.m., the afternoon
before Erev Rosh HaShanah, Erica will lead us in a
productive Zoom workshop.**



Invitations to both Zoom events will be sent by email.



Happy Birthday,
Donna Bolton!
Sorry we couldn't
take you out for
your favorite meal,
but we did enjoy
bringing it to you.



Congratulation to Elaine
Schulberg on Arrival of two
new "babies" in one week.
The highly alert grandson is
named after Alan. We don't
know the sleepy baby's name.

How Donna Bolton & Susan Gordon spent their COVID-19 Summer Vacation

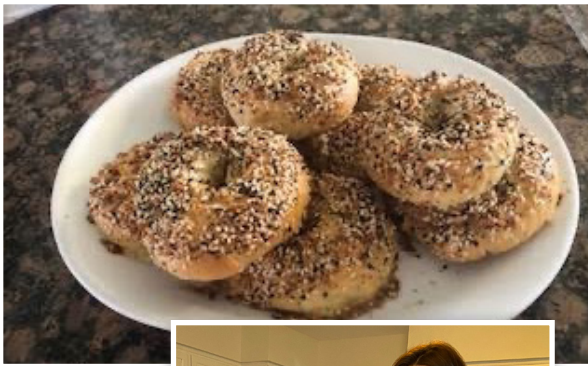
KJCC's building may have been empty of religious and social activity for the last four months, but two dedicated worker bees have been very well-occupied in making changes for the better in our physical plant. Take a look at the newly carpeted and painted office. Check out the literally spotless carpet in the schoolroom, enjoy the new entryway and countless improvements inside and out. Many thanks for all the hours you spent in upkeep and improvement.





One of the unexpected “gifts” of COVID 19 has been new service leaders in previously unreachable parts of the country. We can Zoom anywhere. Here Joyce Peckman, happily ensconced with son Keith’s family in New Jersey, shares leading duties with enthusiastic chanter, granddaughter Libby.

The people working on taking everything out of the office so it could be painted were the lucky recipients of a moving concert as Beth Hayden got in some practicing on her Steinway in residence.



A New Role for Zoom: Into the Kitchen
After months of on-line meetings, talking about books and holiday prep, art and security, Zoom found its way to the heart of KJCC, our kitchens. Many thanks to Rebecca Peckman, our President’s daughter-in-law, for teaching us how to make our own bagels with a few simple ingredients. Rita Conklin’s plateful is impressive, as is Erica’s baking sheet full. Susan says her bagel is delicious. Joyce promises that this will happen again if you’re sorry you missed it. Watch President’s Tuesday Notes. There may be a round challah-making seminar in the works right before Rosh HaShanah.



Gloria finishes hanging her Art show in the Reception Area of Mt. Desert Island Hospital: "Joy Arising: Roosters, Lobsters, Fishermen. Oh My." She's doing her part to add cheeriness to times of medical stress.



Glorias paper cuttings. "All it takes is patience, imagination and a \$10 exacto knife."



Scholarship Awarded to Jonah Gross

Many years ago, Joel Pollack came to the KJCC Board of Directors with a forceful idea. "We have to support our kids as they go on to higher education! We must have a Scholarship fund and give our Jewish children a leg up as they enter the world." The vote was a unanimous "Yes!" and a few weeks ago Jonah Gross (and a huge contingent of his far flung family) came to a KJCC Shabbat Zoom service to see Jonah accept his Scholarship award. We are proud of him and all he does for our community from helping to lead services to cleaning up sea trash (reverse Taschlich) to putting us into a state of awe with that final blast from the shofar he blows so well. Tekiah G'dolah. We'll hear him again soon. Mazel Tov to the Klein-Gross family.

A Letter from Jonah :

Thank you to all facets and faces of the Keys JCC that honored me with the high school graduation scholarship towards my college experience. I have been attending FIU online this summer but will be moving into the dorms at the main campus in Miami in late August. I will be studying all aspects of engineering because as of right now I cannot decide exactly which branch I'd like to study, they all interest me.

I hope to work in the engineering field as I would love to design cars, underwater equipment or save the world.

I hope that you'll enjoy my recorded shofar blows this year and that in years to come they can happen in person again. I love making you all proud every high holiday season.

Regards to all, Jonah



Erev Rosh Hashanah Dinner

A Good Start to a Sweet Year

The KJCC Sisterhood is delighted to cordially invite you to attend our Virtual Rosh HaShanah 5781 Dinner. Face masks are not required. We will remain distant but will still be able to enjoy each other's company.

At the conclusion of our meal, we will join KJCC Rosh HaShanah High Holyday services at 7:30 PM via a Zoom link to be posted on the KJCC website.

KJCC President Joyce Peckman will send an email invitation on September 16 on behalf of Sisterhood for our community dinner on **September 18 at 6 p.m.** Click on the link to join us.

As you plan your Rosh HaShanah dinner, Sisterhood hopes you will also share your delicious recipes for inclusion in our KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook which will shortly be under production. On behalf of Sisterhood, wishing you and yours a wonderful, healthy, happy and prosperous 5781. Stay safe and be well.



High Holidays Schedule 5781

Saturday, September 12th
7:30pm • ZOOM S'lichot Service

Friday, September 18th
7:30pm • Erev Rosh HaShanah

Saturday, September 19th
10:00am • Rosh HaShanah Day 1

Sunday, September 20th
10:00am • Rosh HaShanah Day 2

Saturday, September 26th
10:00am • ZOOM Shabbat Shuva Service

Sunday, September 27th
7:30pm • Kol Nidre

Monday, September 28th

10:00am • Yom Kippur

11:30am • Yizkor Service

5:00pm • LIVE ZOOM Seminar with Rabbi Agler

6:30pm • Neilah Service

7:30pm • Havdalah Service

Links for all ZOOM services & programs will be sent in emails

High Holiday services have been pre-recorded and may be viewed by following the links posted on the KJCC website: www.keysjewishcenter.com

**All times are approximate*



Almost everything . . .

Almost everything is symbolic in Judaism, from numbers to letters, words, shapes and even foods. Here are some of the special foods associated with Rosh HaShanah, meant to insure an auspicious beginning to our New Year. We always have a round challah symbolizing the continuity of our ceremonial year and the Jewish people. A pomegranate is said to contain as many seeds as there are Mitzvot in the Torah; a fish head is there because it is better to be the head

than to be the tail. You get the idea.

For the first time in a long time we will not be bringing in the New Year with a shared communal meal in our Social Hall and School Room, but you will not need to eat alone. Thanks to Beth Hayden and Sisterhood, we're invited to a Virtual Erev Rosh HaShanah Dinner, where we can bring our own food and see each other's faces as we approach the New Year.

Thoughts from our Rabbi

From the standpoint of public health, economic fallout, race relations or politics, we have seen more than our share of disarray. Everyone's life has changed and many have been upended. It was mostly unexpected, and it was rarely comfortable.

Where can we turn for shelter from such storms? To our families and loved ones, of course. And also to meaningful labor and healthy leisure pursuits. We are blessed to live in a locale that offers as much peace and beauty as it does. But even all that may not give us enough of our yearned-for inner quietude.

Judaism, and every faith really, affirms that peace is found when we make more of God's spirit our own. As Jews, we don't leave it that. We accept, particularly during the High Holydays, that we have allowed too much distance to grow between ourselves and our Creator. We have not attained the best that is within us and we might well have done better for and with those around us.

This acknowledgment comes with some "healthy



guilt." Looking back, we can ask ourselves, have I done all that I could to help heal the breaches in our world? Have I allowed myself to be misled, misdirected, or misinformed? Have I fallen victim to unwarranted disrespect or even to hate? Have I given honor to those it is due, charity to those in need, and sufficient care to myself and those around me?

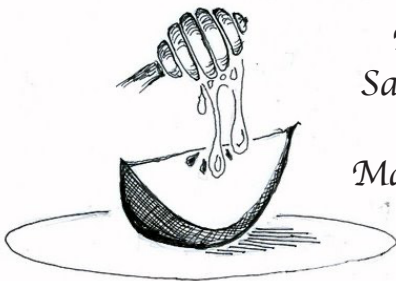
These are the questions that the Days of Awe sets before us—this year and every year. Life's circumstances may change but the questions remain the same. As does our responsibility to answer them, with renewed

awareness and improved direction. This is why we pray during the High Holydays. And, as the Rabbis taught, those who arise from prayer as better persons, their prayers have been answered.

Mindy joins me in wishing a year of health, blessing, and fulfillment to all the members of our KJCC family.

L'shana tovah!

-Rabbi Richard Agler, DD



*Dip the Apple in the honey
Say the blessing loud and clear:
Shana Tovah umetukah
May you have a sweet new year!*

New Year's Greetings

Shana Tovah
To our KJCC family
Rabbi Rich & Mindy Agler



Shanah Tovah
To all KJCC and your loved ones
Adam & Judy Starr



A happy and healthy to
All at the KJCC
Miss you
Joan Boruszak



L'Shana Tova
To all my dear Friends
Joan Wohl

Arthur and Johanna Willner
Wish you a happy healthy
New Year filled with blessings



A happy and healthy
Year to everyone
Stuart & Lauren Sax



Praying for good health,
Love and happiness for
Us all during 5781
Susan G.



A happy and
Healthy Season to all
Bob & Susie Temkin



We miss you all
Good health to you
Sylvia and Alfred Rimm



L'Shana Tovah
Wishing all a happy
And healthy 5781
Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum



Shana Tova and a healthy
New Year to all our KJCC
mishpachah
Erica Lieberman-Garrett



My dear KJCC mishpachah,
I wish you a year of good
health
Love, Gloria



Susan & Dot
wish our KJCC friends a safe
And health filled year!
L'Shanah Tovah

Thoughts from our Cantor

It was October of 1997, and the Marlins were scheduled to play against the Atlanta Braves in a National League Championship Series game, to determine which team would move on to the World Series. The problem was, that Yom Kippur was to begin that evening. A Jewish fan went to his rabbi for advice on what he should do, explaining to the rabbi that, while he understood that it was Yom Kippur, he felt it was also a minor miracle that a baseball team that was only in its 5th season could possibly be on the verge of going to the World Series. The rabbi, responding wisely, said "It's 1997; I'm sure you have a VCR?" To which the congregant leapt on his suggestion, responding excitedly "You mean I can record Kol Nidre?!"

I was reminded of this joke when I heard the seemingly ever-evolving plans KJCC's High Holiday Services for this year. First, there was talk about streaming the service with minimal attendance, then it was decided that we were going to pre-record the service with no congregants, which, of course, brought to mind the professional athletes having to return to the stadiums without the fans cheering them on. What strange times this Coronavirus has brought upon us.

From the beginning, one of the identifying features of Jewish prayer has been the emphasis on the importance of praying with others as part of a congregation. But what about the idea that an individual can fulfill the Mitzvah (commandment) of prayer by praying privately? While this is true, the sages taught that God listens more readily to the prayers of the congregation than He does to those of an individual. Furthermore, the sages tell us that when 10 or more pray together, the Divine Presence (Sh'khinah) is with them. Psalm



Fond memories of Cantor Dzubin making HaMotzi after last year's High Holy Day services.

69:14 is interpreted to mean that the time when prayer is most welcomed by God, is when the congregation is praying, and that an individual's prayer is more likely to be accepted if he says it while praying with the congregation.

Still, there are times and situations where an individual simply cannot possibly make it to a congregational service. In these situations, the sages taught that if one is unable to attend a communal service, he is advised that the next best thing to do, is to pray privately at the same time as when the congregation is praying. This is what had/has been happening in my neighborhood, and around the world,

in this time of Covid-19. Even the orthodox shuls near me would advise that congregants stay home, and instead, they would (presumably) have a bare minyan (socially distanced), and post notices of what time they expected to reach each part of the service, so that the rest of the congregation could coordinate their individual prayers at home to coincide with the skeleton crew davening in the shul!

In addition to praying on behalf of the congregation, at times, the Shaliakh Tsibbur ("Emissary of the Congregation"), is counted on to elevate the souls and prayers of the congregation, bringing everyone closer to God, either through the appropriate melodies he chants on their behalf, or through a particularly moving or rousing sing-along. In other parts of the service, his job is simply to set and keep the pace of the praying congregants by finishing the last one or two verses of each prayer, and perhaps starting the beginning of the next one to keep everyone praying together, even when everyone is praying silently for many pages at a time.



All of this, of course, must be balanced with what is called “Kavannah”, or “intent”. This can be challenging when davening alone, and especially so when davening and recording this for the congregation in an empty sanctuary. I imagine that it will feel particularly strange when we reach the parts of the service and/or prayers that require a community response (one that may not come, at least not to our ears in the sanctuary), or the chorus portions of the sing-along melodies to certain prayers. During these times in particular, I will need to remind myself that you will all (hopefully) be out there listening, and even better, singing/praying along with me! At other times, I will especially need to remember the adage that is often written above the Ark in many congregations: “Know before Whom you stand”. I must be aware of, and reflect on the meaning of the words, their history, and the intentions of the composers of the liturgy.

“B’Rosh HaShanah y’kateavoon, u–v’Yom tsom Kippur yea–chateamoon (On Rosh HaShanah they are inscribed, and on the Fast Day of Atonement they are sealed).” On Rosh HaShanah, God will decide the general fate of entire populations (Kammah ya–av–roon, v’khammah y’barea–oon (how many will pass, and how many will be created)). God will also decree the fate of individuals (Mee yichyeh, u–mee yamoot (who will live, and who will die); Mee v’kitso, u–mee lo v’kitso (who (will) die) at his intended time (after a long life), and who will not (die) at his intended time (who will die before his time))).

For those who are condemned to die, God determines how it will be brought about (Mee va–mayim, u–mee va–aish (who by water, and who by fire...)); this year, with the Covid–19, our attention is surely drawn to the phrase Mee vam–ma–gefah (and who by plague)). In my family (and, I’m sure, many other families), our attention this year has been drawn by the part of “who will die before his time). Around the time that I began writing this article, my brother (who is almost four years younger than me) came home from work on a Tuesday afternoon (Erev Rosh Hodesh Av), had something to eat, took a shower, and then suffered a mas–

sive heart attack (they called it a widow–maker). After a valiant effort all–around, my brother passed away on Friday afternoon (during the 9 Days of Mourning), and as I am finishing this article, it is now the day after we had to bury my brother at the age of 49, and is also Erev Tisha B’Av (the beginning of the saddest day in Jewish history. You can imagine the grief in our family; especially that of his four children (9, 11, 14 and 22), and, of course, our parents, who should never have to bury their child. However, through the practice of communal prayer, and our traditions of coming together in hard times, we learned of many good deeds my brother had done, and the very positive ways that he touched so many lives (a few of these people give credit to him for saving their lives!). I even witnessed a minor miracle at the funeral. I had been warned beforehand that we had to keep the mother of my brother’s three youngest children away from my brother’s fiancé. However, just before we started, I turned around just in time to see the two of them hugging each other, and crying on each other’s shoulders! This never would have happened if they weren’t drawn together from the two sides of the state to come pray for my brother as part of a community.

But Repentance, Prayer, and Charity annul the severity of the Decree. It’s not by accident that most of the prayers are written in the plural; not in the singular. This is to emphasize the responsibilities that we Jews have for each other, making us more aware of, and responsive to, the needs of the individual. As a result, the individual Jew who worshipped regularly with a congregation, learned that he was never really alone.

I am honored that you have invited me back to share these High Holidays with you, as your Shaliakh Tsibbur, even if this year, it is only virtually. I pray that next year, we will all be able to physically be together, and pray together, in good health!

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

– Cantor Michael Dzubín





YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR SERVICE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

**Please join us for an inspirational Yizkor Service
that will honor your departed loved ones and will
leave you with a renewed sense of connection to them.**



For Your High Holyday Listening Pleasure

Recommended by Beth Hayden

As we approach the High Holydays, here are two listening recommendations. The first recommendation is probably the most beautiful rendition of Schindler's Theme you will ever hear. This performance was filmed at the Dohany Street Synagogue, also known as the Great Synagogue in the 7th district of Budapest, Hungary. It is the largest synagogue in Europe, seating 3,000 people and is a center of Neolog Judaism.

The synagogue was built between 1854 and 1859 in the Moorish Revival style with the decoration based chiefly on Islamic models from North Africa and medieval Spain (the Alhambra). The interior design is partly by Frigyes Feszeli.

The Dohany Street Synagogue complex consists of the Great Synagogue, the Heroes' Temple, the graveyard, the Memorial and the Jewish Museum, which was built on the site on which Theodor Herzl's house of birth stood. Dohany Street itself, a leafy street in the city center, carries strong Holocaust connotations as it constituted the border of the Budapest Ghetto. The Synagogue is surely one of the most beautiful in the world.

This performance was recorded live in 2017 with special thanks to Chief Rabbi Robert Frollich. Csongor Korossy-Khayll is a Hungarian violin prodigy, who played one of his first public appearances with the legendary Budapest Festival Orchestra, conducted by Ivan Fischer. He studied at the Liszt Academy (yes, Liszt was Hungarian although he spoke not a word of the language). My teacher from my Master's and Doctoral work was Bela Boszormenyi-Nagy, <https://lfze.hu/notable-alumni/boszormenyi-nagy-bela-1857>, a

Hungarian who studied and taught Piano Concerto, Xavier Varnus, playing the Jenheim organ and accompanying Csongor, is a Canadian citizen who lives in Berlin and has played all over the world. As you can see from the video, this synagogue was once orthodox—the Jenheim organ was added in 1996.

Please take five minutes stop listen to this extraordinary performance. Few things can be promised in life; I can promise you on hearing this, you will not be disappointed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFGrooN6YDc&t=312s>

A second recommendation is Max Bruch's beautiful Kol Nidrei for cello and orchestra. Here is a recording by Jacqueline Du Pre, violin cello, her husband, Daniel Barenboim and the Israeli Philharmonic. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i91RX2LhY8s>. As you know, Ms. Du Pre contracted multiple sclerosis and was forced to stop playing at a very young age. Nevertheless, she is regarded as one of the most important cellists of her time. She played the Davidov Stradivarius cello now played by Yoyo Ma. You can read about Jacqueline Du Pre here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacqueline_du_Pr%C3%A9

Max Bruch was a younger contemporary of Brahms. He was not Jewish, however, because he wrote music based on Jewish themes, the Third Reich forbid the playing of his music, as they forbid the playing Ravel's Schoenberg's Milhaud's and so many others (Stravinsky) who were not Jewish but who wrote on Jewish themes or studied with Jews. You can read about Max Bruch here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Max_Bruch.

I hope you enjoy these suggestions.

Two of our newest members, Lucinda Kurtz and Oran Hesterman, are sharing their training, knowledge and enthusiasm with us this September. We are grateful because the topic is both interesting and relevant. One of the branches of Judaism we seem to know least about is Jewish Renewal. Here is our chance. The class will be taught via zoom. Donation is voluntary. And the word Sage, in the context of Rabbi Zalman's teaching does not refer to a plant that Native Americans burn ceremonially or a to an herb used for cooking, but to wisdom, the kind that comes with a lifetime of experiential learning. This is a unique opportunity.

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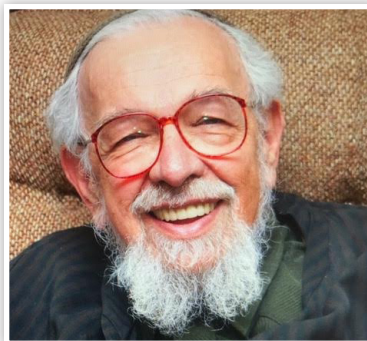
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