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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit here thinking of this month's message, I look back to the High Holidays with fondness. Thanks to our leaders and Cantor Mark for memorable services. Our ritual chairman deserves a medal. Sisterhood once again out did itself with Break the Fast. Thanks to all who contributed to make this an outstanding success. The KJCC is truly a remarkable place. Do you know why?

The KJCC is remarkable because it embraces the diversity among us. We communicate with each other openly and respect our individual differences as well as our similarities. In the KJCC, every one of us is free to pursue our own beliefs in our own way. There is no right way. There is no wrong way. We celebrate our Jewishness and the meaning of Judaism in the way each of us feels is right for us. I can think of no other institution that respects individual freedom as much as we do here. And that is the heartbeat of the KJCC.

By chance, we learned that a Chabad House is opening in Key Largo and it is promoted by some of our members. I am disappointed that we were not directly told in light of the open communication we have tried to embrace. Regardless, I, on behalf of the KJCC, wish you well and welcome another Jewish institution in the Keys. In the KJCC tradition, each person's beliefs and religious needs are respected. We respect yours.

The rumor mill has been at work. Is it good? Is it bad? Will we lose members? Is this signaling our demise? My own opinion is that it is good; the KJCC is healthy and alive; and prosperous. The KJCC will continue to provide what we have always provided to the members of our community: the practice of Judaism according to our individual preferences and the sense of family derived from this basic acknowledgment of individuality. It is that individuality which has created the assumed need for another synagogue. We have trouble getting a minion. We do not have Saturday services. We do not have a rabbi. If someone desires these things, we need to proudly admit, that the KJCC does not provide them. We are a synagogue of equals and need no spiritual leadership. We do not need to be told what we must do to be a good Jew. We draw on each others' strengths and are satisfied. We learn from each other, on equal footing. The KJCC has never engaged a rabbi to lead us or divide us. Each one of us is a

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## Important Announcements

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### BOARD MEETING

The first Board meeting of the year is scheduled for January 14, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

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### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for January 7 at 9:00 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

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### EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them scheduled. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about such fabulous events as the Joshua Nelson concert, the Fashion Show and much, much more.

### FEEDBACK

HELP - the editor needs to know the desires of the readers. Check the Website paragraph (next one) and let us know which version of Chai-Lights you prefer to see on-line.

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### KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at <http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/> and read Chai-Lights every month, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. We would like feedback on the format for the Web issue of Chai-Lights. Check October or November against an earlier issue, and let us know which is easier to read. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

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### ONEG SHABBAT

If you haven't mailed in your Oneg dates form, this would be a great time to do it.

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### DEADLINE

Deadline for the February issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is January 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'all. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

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### EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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## January Leaders

Jan 5th - George Swartz

Jan. 12 - Meredith Cline

Jan 19 - Alan Beth

Jan 26 - Note: 6:30 Early Service - led by Stuart and Lauren Sax

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## January Memoriam

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**By Paul & Barbara Bernstein**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BERNICE BERNSTEIN**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Robert Jay & Gloria Auston**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**CLARA GOLDSTONE**

*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Laurence & Renee Green**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**RALPH BERNSTEIN**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Marilyn Greenbaum**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MARVIN GREENBAUM**

*Always In Our Memory*

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**By Jeff & Lynn Dils**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**WILLIAM BROOKS**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Mollie Gross**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HENRY GROSS**

*In Our Memory Always*

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**By Pauline Roller**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ETA BROWNSTEIN**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Richard & Barbara Knowles**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**WALTER HANKIN**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Meredith A. Cline**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**CAROLYNNE H CLINE**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Henry & Patricia Isenberg**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ERNEST ISENBERG**

*We Remember Always*

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**By Jules & Nettie Seder**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JOSEPH COHEN**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By Ron & Beth Kaminstein Levy**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BERNARD KAMINSTEIN**

*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SYLVIA EMSIG**

*Rest In Peace*

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**By James & Joan Boruszak**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**EMMA KOHLENBRENER**

*Sleep In Peace*

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**By Marilyn Greenbaum**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JUDY LOMBARDI**

*Remembered With Love*

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**By the Blumberg Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**CELIA MARKOWITZ**

*Forever Remembered With Love*

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**By Meredith A. Cline**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MIRIAM S. MARKS**

*Always Remembered*

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**By Lester & Flo Neiman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JACOB NEIMAN**

*Always Remebered With Love*

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**By Alan Netzman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ANN NETZMAN**

*Rest in Blessed Peace*

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**By Jackie LePree**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SAMUEL NEUBAUER**

*Never Forgotten, Always Loved*

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**By Marjorie Present**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SYLAN OSER**

*Always Loved and Missed*

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**By Gene & Gail Saks**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BLANCHE SAKS**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Marjorie Present**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ANNA SAVAGE**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Richard & Barbara Knowles**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**GOLDIE SCHWEITZER**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Randy & Eileen Kominsky**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HARRY STOLER**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Joel Cohen**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SALLY SUSSMAN**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Eric & Ruth Schraeder- Grace**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BETTY WEINSTEIN**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By Jerry & Sheila Olsen**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BETTY WEINSTEIN**

*Rest In Peace*

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## January Memoriam

By Gerri Weisberg  
*In Blessed Memory of*  
**NATHAN WEISBERG**  
*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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By Marshall & Janice Gorson  
*In Blessed Memory of*  
**MARCUS WEISS**  
*Always In Our Memory*

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By Donald & Nancy Zinner  
*In Blessed Memory of*  
**SYDNEY ZINNER**  
*In Our Memory Always*

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## YARTZEIT PLAQUES

**LESLIE PECKMAN**  
**JUNE 16, 2005**  
**9 SIVAN**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY**

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## President's Message

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leader, creating a synergistic effect. That is the essence of the KJCC. So with that, I for one look forward to another Jewish institution in the Keys and hope it makes us proud. I look forward to an open exchange and dialogue. Because that is what we are about!

Shalom,  
Jeffrey

## RIGHTEOUS FRIENDS OF THE KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

**MURRAY E. NELSON**  
born :10/29/1938  
died: 4/17/2006

**REMEMBERED BY THE KEYS JEWISH  
COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HIS KIND  
SPIRIT AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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## People and Pets

You may have noticed that there isn't a People and Pets article this month. Why? you may ask--well, it's because this reporter has had difficulty in getting you, our dear members, to send in their wonderful articles and pictures. So, if you would love to see your adorable pets featured, please send the interview sheet (which can be emailed to you) and pictures of you and your pets to: mizleez3@bellsouth.net (Mary Lee). Hope to see you and your pets next month!

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## TREE OF LIFE

**TO JIM AND JOAN BORUSZAK**  
**WITH THANKS**  
**MARJORIE PRESENT AND FAMILY**

**TO THE GRAHAMS**  
**60 YEARS AND GOING STRONG**  
**WITH LOVE FROM THE POLLACKS**

## **AN EVENING WITH THE PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL MUSIC IS COMING TO THE KJCC**

We are so fortunate to welcome Joshua Nelson to our very own KJCC on Sunday, January 14 at 7:30 PM. He is a grammy nominated Cantor who has sung for presidents and prime ministers, in synagogues and churches, with Wynton Marsalis and Aretha Franklin. He has even appeared on "Oprah." Joshua Nelson is bringing his combination of African-American spiritual styles and Jewish liturgical music to the Keys in a single concert for us.



Join us for this very special concert. Tickets are \$36 each for general seating-or \$72 each which includes preferred seating and a CD autographed by Joshua Nelson. We have limited seating so please order your tickets soon. You received a return envelope in the last mailing. You can either send that in or call Leslie Dillon at 305 852 3654 or Joan Boruszak at 395 852 0833.

**This is truly a once in a lifetime event-DON'T MISS IT!!!**

For more information, please check our web site at [www.keysjewishcenter.com](http://www.keysjewishcenter.com).







## KJCC Religious School News

by Gloria Avner

December was quite a full month for our students. Though we only had three classes in which to study Hebrew, history, ritual, and prepare for our Chanukah play, we still managed to bring two important projects to fruition.

The first project, a Shabbat dinner, hosted graciously by Ruth Schrader-Grace in her lovely home, was a great success. The children played, had a wonderful discussion around the table about grandparents as well as the meaning of family and Shabbat. They sang songs, chanted the traditional blessings over candles, wine, and challah, and enjoyed the delicious home-made food prepared by our children's mothers. After the meal, we sang more songs and even danced before going off together, Joshua, Nyan, Hannah and Lily, Max and Zach, to enjoy and participate in the Shabbat Service, led by our KJCC Religious School teachers, Yardena Kameli and Gloria Avner. They were ably assisted by two of our school tutors, post Bar and Bat Mitzvah

students Cory Wasser and Molly Bloom. We are proud of the energy and enthusiasm all our students and tutors brought to both the Shabbat Dinner and the Services. At the Oneg we celebrated Camy's birthday. The social hall seemed extra "haimische" that evening,

The second project, our second annual Chanukia lighting, has evolved into an intentional sharing of time, celebration, and respect for our elders. Last year we met at our patriarch Joel







Cohen's house where adults and children gathered to share the lighting, the songs, and traditional treats of Chanukah. This year Pauline Roller was our gracious host, making us magnificent latkes as well as welcoming a large number of grownups and children into her home.

Our students, Nyan Feder, Joshua Bernstien, Hannah and Lili Werthamer, and Camy Berk, joined by tutors Molly Bloom, Joseph Beth, and Cory Wasser. lit their chanukias, led by another of our revered elders, George Schwartz,

One of our most important goals is and has been to reinforce this interplay between young and old, mutual respect and comfortable interactions. We are building happy memories. We want our children to cherish and never forget these times, the dreidel playing on Pauline's living room rug, the glow of all those chanukia candles, and always of course the great food.

Special thanks to Mark Wasser and Zoey for more latkes than one thinks any group could eat. (Is it Jewish law that wherever Jews are gathered to eat latkes, no matter how many are made, there will never be leftovers?)

There are several other people who also deserve our gratitude. We honor Linda Rutkin, who quietly organized the coordination of food and, as always, in her quiet way, the cleanup. Mark Bloom is our hero for bringing coffee, and Dr. Steve Smith is a wonderful example for us of conscious "mishpochahness" as he chooses to treat Pauline Roller as his much-loved grandmother. There are two kinds of family: family by blood, and family by choice and love. At this wonderful, warm event, I believe all who attended, definitely felt part of a family, a mishpochah by love and choice.



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## Sisterhood



My time has come to turn over leadership of Sisterhood to my successor, Joan Stark. She has been Vice President for the past two years. It will be a pleasure to work with her in the future.

I would be amiss if I did not thank all our past presidents, Joan Boruszak, Bea Graham and Linda Pollack. They keep us on track with each months' projects and all our commitments to the Center. Without their help and the time and effort of all the project chairpersons, who had the creative ideas and did the nitty gritty work, little of this would have happened. Everything we do is a group effort.

We have two events coming up. The Fashion Show is on Wednesday, January 31st at Café Largo (11:30 AM). Stuart and Lauren Sax will bring fashions from Angelikas and Sunny Exposures. The food is always excellent, the fashions are wonderful and the Sax's are generous and entertaining. Then in February we travel to Actor's Playhouse in the Gables to see 'I Love You Because'. Every play I have seen there has been delightful, so join us if you can.

Don't forget our baby hat project. If you wish, please continue to make a few baby hats each month for Homestead hospital. If you need some help getting started or need patterns please call me. I would like to expand this to Take Me Home blankets. Call me if you

need some encouragement. We will meet next for this project in early 2007.

I want to wish Joan and the rest of the officers of Sisterhood, Joyce Peckman, Candy Stanlake, Nancy Kluger, Beth Kaminstein, Lauren Sax, and Gene Silverman the best of everything. They will work hard for us so let's all support them for all we hope to accomplish and enjoy.

Thanks for your support,  
Nettie

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## Sisterhood Calendar

Jan 7 Sisterhood Meeting

Jan 31 Fashion Show @ 11:30 at Café Largo  
Call Joyce Peckman or Leslie Dillon for Tickets

Feb 4 I Love You Because

Feb 4 9:30 Sisterhood Meeting

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## KJCC SISTERHOOD SLATE FOR 2007

PRESIDENT -- JOAN STARK

VICE PRESIDENT -- JOYCE PECKMAN

SECRETARY -- CANDY BETH

TREASURER -- NANCY KLUGER

PGM & FUND RAISING -- BETH LEVY

MEMBERS AT LARGE -- LAUREN SAX  
GENE SILVERMAN

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## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

The lyrics to a Lyle Lovett tune say, "If I had a boat, I'd go out on the ocean..." Our "mench" this month has lived those lyrics.

Like her father and his father, Joan is a native of Baltimore. She stayed in the Baltimore area through college at the University of Maryland where she received a degree in elementary education. And like most elementary ed college grads in those days she immediately put her degree in storage and took off for Europe. "I studied French in Paris for a year," she relates, "and then moved back to the states and settled in the San Francisco bay area." Due to a general freeze in fulltime teacher hiring, Joan taught on a substitute basis and supplemented her income by working in restaurants, managing offices, and working in data processing among other odd jobs.

After ten years in the bay area, Joan was looking for a new and warmer change of scenery. "Everyone else was doing the Asian thing and I didn't want to go that far," she recalls. "A friend told me that she knew this French guy in Puerto Vallarta who had a sailboat so I cashed it all in and bought a one way ticket to Puerto Vallarta."

Sure enough, when Joan got to Mexico she found Joel there and, sure enough, he was on his sailboat. Suddenly the French she studied in Paris had meaning and purpose. They dated for a short time and Joel asked her to sail away with him. After checking with her friend back in San Francisco to see "if this guy was OK to take off with" she accepted the offer.

They sailed down the Pacific coast and through the Panama Canal into the western

Caribbean. They both worked in the timeshare industry in Central America for about seven years before relocating in the late 80's to the island of St. Maarten. "It was rare in the Caribbean and in Mexico to find synagogues but wherever we sailed we found Jewish people", Joan says. "In St. Maarten we found a group at Rosh Hashanah and I was the only one who could read Hebrew."

Following a few years there, the itch to sail away again tugged at them and they landed in South Florida where they bought a catamaran and started the Quicksilver Charter Service in Key Largo. After relocating here in the Keys, Joan and Joel started attending services at the KJCC as visitors and found a connection with their Jewish past. Joan became active in the KJCC Sisterhood and that involvement has led to her recent election as Sisterhood President. "The wonderful thing about this place is that everybody works with you and you do what you can do without it interfering with your life." She adds, "I'm looking forward to my new responsibilities."

Joan and Joel recently sold their charter business and found themselves with idle time. So what was there to do? Travel, of course. But this time they did it by land. They headed up the east coast and spent some time in Maine with fellow KJCCers Tom & Leslie Dillon and Gloria Avner before heading back and then on to Argentina for some hiking. No doubt their future plans include more traveling, especially by water. "Sailing is like traveling in an RV only on the water. It's a lifestyle." By the way, Joan, we also think it's OK for you to sail off with the French guy!!

Editor's Note: Lauren & Stuart have a timeshare at the same resort where Joan & Joel worked. Big ocean but small world.





## Chanukah Play Makes Light in Hearts as Well as Menorahs

*"The Chanukah Play Makes Light in Hearts as Well as Menorahs"*

"The Flying Latke," a story written by Arthur Yorinks and adapted and directed by Gloria Avner, brought tears to the eyes of the nearly 80 people attending the KJCC Chanukah Dinner and children's Religious School play December 15th. They were tears of laughter.

The premise of a latke being thrown out the window during a family argument and never landing anywhere, being seen by the larger community as a UFO, a threat of alien evil intent so grave that it must be shot down by the government, is funny in itself. But as played by our KJCC children and selected brave adults, the enacted story was riotous.

Special credit must be given to Susan Gordon and Mark Wasser who played mother and father of this slightly mishuggenah brood with full believability of upset, caring, and frustration, making the action even funnier. Danielle Zinner did a particularly nice animated portrayal of Aunt Esther. Hannah Werthammer, Joshua Bernstein, and Nyan Feder carried the roles of narrator/children very well and improve their line delivery and diction in each new play. Lily Werthammer, Camy, and Max Schrader-Grace, kept the action, and the latka, going on into the night sky, providing human wings for the potato filled UFO. Cory Wasser did another wonderful job as narrator for us and made such a believable News Correspondent, he should be thinking about this as a new career possibility.

All the children did a wonderful job creating props and chanukah décor as well.



We congratulate them all on a job well done. We thank Marc Bloom and Paul Bernstein for taking on such argumentative roles with so little advance notice. It is so much fun for all of us when our adults, particularly our students parents, join us in creative projects. We thank every person who attended for their uninhibited reactions and warm appreciation. Your enjoyment is our enjoyment.

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## HANUKKAH

The post-Biblical holidays are festivities not sanctified with Sabbath-like atmosphere. However, various religious observances have been instituted to reflect their special historical significance. The most important of those post-Biblical occasions are Hanukkah, Purim and Tisha b'Av.

Hanukkah commemorates the historic victory of the Maccabees following a three-year long uprising against the ruling Assyrian-Greek regime and their Jewish Hellenist supporters who conspired to impose restrictions against Jewish religious practices and values. The struggle culminated with the recapture of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. and the restoration of its traditional Jewish practices. The victory also restored Jewish political sovereignty over the land.

In Israel, Hanukkah is important in that it is a festival that commemorates a military victory. It is understandable that modern Israelis would remember fondly a historic victory over a foe that greatly outnumbered and should have overwhelmed their ancestors. It's interesting that, unlike other holidays, Hanukkah in Israel is celebrated by religious and secular Jews with the same fondness and respect. It is the celebration of freedom that we respect so much.

In the course of diaspora history, when host countries were not always so hospitable, Jews were often confronted with a dilemma at Hanukkah. Should they honor their tradition and light the candles? If they did light candles, would they be at any risk for therefore openly living as Jews? Some stories in the Hebrew literature deal with this issue. It was in fact often life-threatening throughout history to openly live as Jews, but we know many stories of courage and heroism where Jews would not give up their freedom of religion, nor abandon their faith and risked their lives for it.

One story speaks of individual courage and heroism, of one Jew celebrating Hanukkah when it was very dangerous to light a candle. This was in Europe, at some time during one of their many wars over hundreds of years. One village Jew decided to light his candles.

Thinking his candles were perhaps a signal to their enemy, the townspeople suspected that he might be a spy and brought him before the authorities, who sentenced him to hang. Shortly before the execution, a high-ranking military officer arrived in the village in advance of his army. Why was he there? He had seen the brilliant light from some candles. Moving toward it, he had come across the enemy forces in the night and had soundly defeated them. So by lighting his candles, the lone Jew had saved the entire village from an enemy army that had been approaching unseen.

Another story tells of a Jewish soldier from eastern Europe who enlisted in George Washington's Continental Army. On a frigid Hanukkah night in 1776, he

was positioned in a fortification on the eve of a battle. He remembered that it was Hanukkah, and that in his possessions he had a small menorah his father had given him before he left for the American colonies. Despite the obvious dangers, he retrieved his Menorah, lit the candles and said the blessings. General Washington, in deep melancholy because of the desperate condition of his army and near hopeless prospects for victory against the world's greatest military power, happened at that moment to walk by on his rounds. He looked up and saw a light flickering from one of the fortifications. Approaching, he saw a soldier standing beside a lighted candle and humming an unfamiliar tune, and asked him what he was doing. The soldier explained the story of





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Hanukkah, and added that he'd also prayed for Gen. Washington and for victory, and that he was sure that His Excellency would win just as the Maccabees did. Washington thanked the soldier, and then somehow became infused with a spirit of hope and confidence from the soldier's story. Before dawn, Washington attacks and wins the battle. (Interesting comments by S.V.: ..... this is a lovely story that aptly illustrates the Jew-in-a-strange-land Hanukkah dilemma. Armies of that period, and through at least the American Civil War, almost never fought in the winter, when both sides would encamp for months. The encampment of 1777-1778 was perhaps the most famous of all winter camps in American history, that of Valley Forge, outside Philadelphia. There were no major battles fought that winter, other than to survive the weather. Washington's unprecedented attacks on Trenton and Princeton, so vital to the morale of the rebel forces and country and perhaps the most significant guerrilla military operation since, well, the Maccabees, took place a year earlier, on Christmas of 1776.)

One more Hanukkah story, telling about the heroism of Mattathias' daughter. Like in the modern Israeli army, women in ancient times were also fighters.

An ancient legend tells the story of a daughter of Mattathias, the High Priest, who was also a sister to Judah Maccabee. When the Greeks captured Judea, they passed an edict that any daughter of Judea wishing to marry must first submit to being a concubine of the governor. So what did the women do? Not being willing to succumb to the Greeks, they simply waited to marry. But when the daughter of Mattathias was ready to marry, she could not wait, she had to marry a Kohen. Not wanting to be exploited by the Greeks, the girl instead planned an attack. She placed a small dagger under her clothes and asked her brothers to take her to the governor's house. Once there-

and the exact circumstances in which this happened are left to our imagination-she unsheathed the knife and killed the governor. Her brothers then set upon the guards, and therefore the rebellion began that encompassed the Hanukkah story and the Hasmonean dynasty.

So, for those of us who feel connected to our Jewish history and heritage, celebrating Hanukkah is about love for freedom and heroism. And so on Hanukkah we like to hear those stories about the heroes in our history, those freedom fighters and their courage and fearlessness. Especially for the Jews who live in Israel, a country that is always in danger of being attacked by the surrounding enemies, it is important to be reminded of the Maccabees.

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We regret to inform you that  
Herb Uram passed away on  
December 23, 2007.

We send our deepest sympathy  
to Becky and the Uram family.  
We will miss our friend Herb

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Keys Jewish Community Center

# Fashion Show Luncheon



Date: Wednesday  
January 31, 2007

Place:  
Cafe Largo  
MM 100 Bayside

Time: 11:30  
Donation: \$25

Fashions by  
**ANGELIKA &  
SUNNY EXPOSURES**  
For reservations call Joyce Peckman 451-0665

January 2007

11 Tevet—12 Shevat 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Vayechi</i>
7 <i>Sisterhood</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>George Swartz</i>	13 <i>Shenot</i>
14 <i>Board</i> <i>JOSHUA</i> <i>NELSON</i> <i>7:30 pm</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Chai-Lights</i>	19 <i>Alan Beth</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	20 <i>Vaera</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Stuart &amp; Lauren</i> <i>Sax</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	27 <i>Bo</i>
28	29	30	31 <i>BIG—BIG</i> <i>FASHION</i> <i>SHOW</i>			

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# ACTORS PLAYHOUSE

## Sunday, February 4, 2007

### 2:00 pm

# I LOVE YOU BECAUSE



FLORIDA PREMIERE -- Off Broadway's most recent musical sensation, *I Love You Because* sets the pace for life's romantic sketches on relationships in the 21st century. A gender-reversed modern day musical retelling of Jane Austen's classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, *I Love You Because* explores the rules and nuances of romance and learning how to love someone, not in spite of their differences, but because of them. A bright, brash new musical for the New Year.

*Music by Joshua Salzman      Book & lyrics by Ryan Cunningham*

"Infectiously entertaining, filled with wit and zest, *I Love You Because* is terrific refreshing fun." *-The New York Times*

Tickets are \$30.00. For tickets and information, contact Leslie Dillon at 852-3654, [law2@bellsouth.net](mailto:law2@bellsouth.net).



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### VIGO CHICKEN

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|--|---------------------------|
| 1 large package Vigo yellow rice               | 8 chicken breasts         |
| 2 cans Mushroom soup                           | 4 TBS water               |
| 2 sm cans of mushrooms or 1 lb fresh mushrooms | 3 medium onions           |
| 2 green peppers                                | 1 can French Fried Onions |

Cook rice 15 minutes according to directions on package. Place rice in bottom of 9 X 15 baking dish. Saute onions, peppers and mushrooms until onions are transparent. Place on top of rice. Saute chicken breasts in same pan for about 20 minutes. Place chicken on vegetables. Pour soup and water over chicken. Cover and bake for 25 minutes in 350° oven. Uncover, sprinkle French Fried Onions on top and bake for an additional 5 minutes.

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### TOMATOES STUFFED WITH SPINACH & CHEESE

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| 6 medium tomatoes              | 1 10 oz box frozen spinach, defrosted |
| 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese | 1/2 cup ricotta cheese                |
| 2 eggs                         | 1/2 tsp salt                          |
| 1/2 tsp grated nutmeg          | 2 TBS butter, cut into small bits     |
- salt and pepper to taste

Cut a slice off each tomato, scoop out pulp and seeds and reserve for another use. Sprinkle insides of tomatoes lightly with salt and stand upside down to drain for 30 minutes. Squeeze out moisture from spinach and mix with the two cheeses and eggs in a mixing bowl. Beat until well blended. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Mix well again. Stuff tomatoes with spinach and cheese mixture and place on a buttered baking dish. Dot each tomato with cubed butter. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes, Serve at room temperature.

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### PEACH PARFAIT PIE

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 1/2 cups sliced peaches | 1 pkg lemon jello        |
| 1/2 cup cold water        | 1 pint vanilla ice cream |
| 1 pastry shell            | Cool Whip                |

Drain peaches, reserve syrup. Add water to syrup to measure 1 cup. Heat to boiling. Add jello and stir until dissolved.. Add cold water. Cut ice cream into pieces and add to hot liquid. Stir until melted. Chill in refrigerator till mixture mounds slightly when dropped from a spoon (approx 15-20 minutes). Fold in peaches. Pour into cooled, baked pastry shell. Freeze. Before serving garnish with Cool Whip or whipped cream and some sliced peaches.



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## January Birthdays

Barry Alter	18
Matthew Barrett	8
Jeffrey Boruszak	29
Breanna Clements	18
Meredith A Cline	12
Murray Cooper	14
Alex Dutton	12
Ryan Faber	1
Suzi-Sarot Feder	17
Mark Feinberg	30
Benjamin Freidman	19
Randi W Freundlich	4
Heather Gilson	15
Howard Gilson	4
Jamie Goodman	15
Laura Goodman	1
Janice Gorson	6
Stuart Grossman	24
Charlie Horowitz	15
Beth Hudson	27
Henry Isenberg	18
Sarah Kamely	9
Yardena Kamely	28
Beth Kaminstein	29
Andrea Kluger	17
Randy Kominsky	24
Brieze Levy	16
Stanley Margulies	6
Amy Nobil	13
Lawrence Novak	21
Jerry Olsen	1
Sheila Olsen	22
Cathy Rakov	9
Neal Rakov	17

Sonia Reitman	10
Stanley Rosenberg	2
Sidney Samuels	22
Kristen M. Schur	30
Sandy Seder	19
Carol Ann Steinbock	26
Matthew Storeygard	24
Jill Taksey	15
Mary Turner	20
Donald Zinner	16
Michelle Zinner	11

## January Anniversaries

	years
Leslie & Thomas Dillon	1 11
Amelia & Steve Kasinof	4 26
Pamela & David Marmar	26 22
<b>Millie &amp; Melvin Prober</b>	<b>14 57</b>
Elaine & Alan Schulberg	17 14
Muriel & George Swartz	12 27

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

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

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

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

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## Looking Forward to February

### February Birthdays

Lori Barsh .....	16
Dick Bromwich .....	3
Shirley Burnett .....	10
Jill Clements .....	26
Anabel Epstein .....	23
Martin Field .....	6
Emily Caryn Gershowitz .....	24
Marshall Gorson .....	21
Renee Green .....	26
Susie Greenman .....	24
Beth Hayden .....	18
Linda Holbrook .....	7
Larry Jacobs .....	7
Robin Kantor .....	5
Deborah Kaplan .....	9
Johnny Knowles .....	12
Tarah Kordansky .....	13
Arlene Line .....	28
David J. Marmar .....	21
Roy Pollack .....	1
Paul Roberts .....	12
Linda Rutkin .....	2
Lisa Sanders .....	26
Steven B Sanders .....	14
John D. Schur .....	26
Robert C. Schur .....	17
Sean Sherman .....	25
Rebecca Smith .....	5
Justin Solomon .....	11
Shari Storeygard .....	18
Carleigh Stuart .....	3
Muriel Swartz .....	24

Judith Weber .....15

Audrey Wolf .....21

### February Anniversaries

	years
<b>Claire &amp; Murray Cooper</b> .....	<b>21 59</b>
Susan & Bill Gordon .....	20 20
Liliam & Uri Kamely .....	9 15
Linda & Joel Pollack .....	11 45

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### High Holidays

I know, I know..

The high holidays are over! Phew ! - At this point you are probably saying... Wait.. I don't have to go back to the synagogue for at least another 10 more months!!

Now, in all seriousness, we have been asked to form a new committee. The High Holiday committee is to look at these special days (Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, Yizkor) for our synagogue and the quality of the services.

Our goal is to provide a spiritual and meaningful High Holiday service for all of our members.

If you attended our services the past few months or in prior years and have any comments / feedback that you would like the committee to hear, please let me know. Email me or call me.

Thanks

Alan Beth

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Email: KJCC H.H. Committee)

Tel: 305-925-4193



We thank Israel Mayk for hanging the tapestry in the sanctuary. Take a look at his precision job next time you are in the sanctuary

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## Ongoing Projects

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

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

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Holiday	Hebrew	Services on		Time
Chanukkah - 1st candle	Kislev 24	Fri	12/15	8:00 PM
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Tu B'Shevat	Shevat 15	Fri	2/16	8:00 PM
Purim	Adar 14	Fri	3/2	7:30 PM
Passover 1st Seder	Nissan 14	Mon	4/2	Enjoy
Passover 2nd Seder	Nissan 15	IFC	4/3	6:30 PM
Passover - Yizkor	Nissan 22	Fri	4/13	8:00 PM
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Fri	4/20	8:00 PM
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27	8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Fri	5/4	8:00 PM
Shavuot - Yizkor	Sivan 6	Fri	5/25	8:00 PM
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Fri	7/27	8:00 PM