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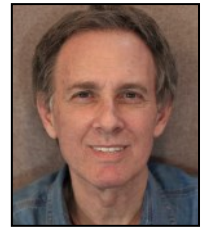
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President's Message Sam Vinicur



Being a lover of words and their unparalleled magic, I pay close attention each week to the text of our KJCC *siddur*. I listen carefully to everyone's *Parshah*. I am always grateful for Rabbi Agler's penetrating discussions during his Saturday morning services. I've learned – perhaps more accurately am learning – that the words of the psalms and songs, and especially complex prayers like the *Amidah*, have layers. One doesn't just read the deceptively simple words; one discovers how to see into them. I now know to fight off the false intimacy of repetition; just because the words are familiar doesn't mean one understands them. More than once I've felt more an archeologist than a reader. Meaning – like ancient cities and tangible evidence of real people who lived and fashioned things there and probably wondered, like Spartacus, where the wind comes from – is often buried deep beneath the surface.

My best understanding so far (I am not, even by the most elasticized application of the term, a theologian) is that Judaism does not measure us by the things we think, or believe (or, wisely, profess to believe), but by the things we do. It's by our actions that we are seen.

So what actually happens here at KJCC? What do we

do? A more important question is...what do we do that matters? Since summer is nigh, with high season over, let's look back at what we did just this past season.

The list certainly includes all the things you'd expect from a synagogue, though nothing is done here without careful thought. How many shuls have members cook homemade dinners for each other once a month? This year we joined the International Shabbos Project and offered a challah-making class; laughter and joy ensued (and flour flew). Like Abraham, we opened our tent, and our membership grew dramatically. We brought one of the world's leading Jewish musical anthropologists to perform here, and Laura Wetzler dazzled. We honored our traditions, and our *mitzvot*, through celebrations of Sukkot, and Simchat Torah, and Chanukah, and Purim, and Tu B'Shvat, and Passover, and Shavuot. Most significantly of all, we restored our Holocaust Torah and allowed over seventy of us the opportunity to fulfill the 613th and final *mitzvah*, to "write for yourselves this song." We continued to work hard to bring you a monthly publication that both informs and delights. We offered films, and lectures, and a library, and the world's most gregarious weekly onegs.

And, like the Torah, a new cycle begins again in the fall. Stay tuned. ♦

Nosh

Tikkun Leil Shavuot: June 10th 6:00 p.m.

Eat. Pray. Remember. We will celebrate Shavuot, the fiftieth day after our release from slavery in Egypt, on Friday night, June 10th (though the holiday technically begins on Monday, the 13th) with a creamily delicious dairy pot luck dinner. Eating will be followed by a service that will include the dramatic reading about the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, and the fourth (and last) mandated Yizkor (Memorial) service of the year. Afterwards, enjoy an evening of informal teaching and discussion with our Resident Scholar, Rabbi Richard Agler. We don't want to be caught sleeping through the giving of the sacred law as our ancestors so nearly did, so we participate in what has become an adaptation of a 16th century mystical custom initiated in S'fat, the Kabbalistic center of Israel. We will not stay all night, but if we make it past 10, especially after all those creamy carbs, we will be doing well. (Did I mention there will also be desserts, cheesecake chief among them?) Come. This is one of our three significant pilgrimage holy days, when sacrifices were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem. Let your presence and your sincere prayers be your sacrifice. Relive and renew the covenant that made us a people.

Summer Happenings

Summer season is fast approaching. Snowbirds have flown north, leaving us to enjoy our little piece of paradise, blessed with sunny days and balmy breezes. The KJCC Activities Committee has fun events planned. Jewish Heritage Day at Marlins Park is on Sunday June 26th. We will be leaving by bus to enjoy a nosh and a ball game between the Marlins and Cubs. See the flyer in this issue of Chai-Lights for more details. We are also organizing a sunset cruise. Stay tuned for more information when it becomes confirmed. And, of course, there is the annual Shabbabague on July 1st, celebrating our country's independence and Pauline Roller's 101st birthday! Contact

me, Mitch Harvey at 303- 521-5240 or harveyaip@yahoo.com to confirm so we can plan the food. Remnants of the Men's Club will man the grills. Have a great summer!

Girls Just Want to Have Fun

At the last Sisterhood meeting it was decided to break with "tradition" and dance to a different tune. Just because the last Sisterhood get-together of the year has always been celebrated with a restaurant luncheon doesn't mean that we have to do it the same way forever. We like our own food better anyway. And what could be more fun than trying on new(ish) clothing and accessories previously chosen by our friends whose tastes we already like and whose prices will beat the best yard sale bargains ever -- free.

So save the date. On Saturday, June 25, at 12:30 p.m., the first-ever KJCC Sisterhood Pot Luck Clothing Exchange will take place. To have even more fun, volunteer to help with the set-up of clothing racks, mirrors, and table settings at 10:00 am. in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall. Please see the house ad on page 28.

July Service Leaders

July 1:	Sam Vinicur and Gloria Avner
July 8:	Bernie Ginsberg
July 15:	Erica Lieberman-Garrrrett and Mitch Harvey
July 22:	Ken Atlas and daughter Sara
July 29:	Beth Hayden and Linda Pollack

Good Rabbinic News for the Fall

We've just had the last of Rabbi Agler's Shabbat morning learning services for the season. We will miss them. After Tikkun Layl Shavuot activities on June 10th, Rabbi Agler sightings will be sporadic and non-rabbinic. His Saturday morning services usually do not start again until well after High Holy Days, but change is in the air. Here's the good news. Because of our added leap month this year, High Holy Days will not

begin until early October. There is a good chance that Rabbi Agler will offer one of his services in September, before *Yamim Noraim* (the ten Days of Awe) begin. Watch this space in the September issue.

Member Authors Everglades Guidebook

KJCC member Robbie Silk, a longtime journalist of the Florida Keys, has produced a magnificent guide for those who seek to explore the local flora and fauna. *An Ecotourist’s Guide to the Everglades and the Florida Keys* is an exceptionally well-written book providing advice on touring the vast array of natural attractions found in South Florida. It provides background on the history and ecological challenges of the area. The warm and moving foreword by legendary Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher is a powerful endorsement of Robbie’s ability to capture and convey the complex beauty of South Florida. Available on Amazon, the guide is perfect for residents and tourists who want to maximize their experience in our natural paradise. I would get a few copies to keep and to give away. I never knew how much great stuff I have missed.

-Steve Hartz

June Anniversaries

	Years
1st	Joel Bernard & Joan Stark.....30
1st	Jim & Rita Williams.....32
5th	Erica Lieberman-Garrett & Ron Garrett .22
7th	Richard & Sheila Steinberg57
8th	Stephan & Jane Friedman.....20
11th	Medina & Carl Roy.....44
12th	William & Donna Bolton.....23
12th	Steven & Jan Hartz.....40
14th	Harvey & Joan Kay.....46
19th	Richard & Mindy Agler.....40
21st	Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake.....29
23rd	Stuart & Lauren Sax.....42
25th	Herbert & Elinor Grossman.....59
28th	Lloyd & Rae Wruble.....47
28th	Wes & Rita Conklin.....46

July Anniversaries

	Years
2nd	Tomar Gross & Randy Klein-Gross.....16
9th	Terry Willner-Tainow & Jon Tainow.....44
9th	Michel Bitton & Sylvie Coeurjoly.....6
12th	Jason & Debbie Madnick.....21
24th	Dick & Rita Bromwich.....42
30th	Andrew & Randi Grant.....27

Wanted: Summer Postcards from Away

We don't really want postcards. We want photos of you in summer situ -- jpegs attached to e-mails. Chai-Lights staff may be taking the summer off, but that doesn't mean that you should. Please take photos of people and places, what you love to do while away, the exceptional places you go and the peeps you take with you. We miss you already and don't want to miss any skydiving, bungee jumping, hot dog eating, river cruising, horseback riding, concerts, baseball games, beach time, hiking or indescribable uncontainable experiences you are having with friends and grandchildren. If we get them before August 10th, we will share them with *mishpocha* in our September issue. Have fun, stay safe, and *zai gezundt!*

KJCC Library

Thanks to Muriel Swartz, we now own the DVD of “The Children of Chabbanes.” If you missed its screening on *Yom Hashoah*, you can borrow it to watch at home. It is both moving and uplifting. There are plenty of other cool DVDs and books there to enjoy over the long hot days ahead. Rabbi Agler enthusiastically recommends a recent acquisition - “Rethinking God and Ethics” by his beloved teacher and mentor, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz. Or check out the many novels and cookbooks to help feed your mind and body. Just look for the sign-out book on the shelf, near the gift shop.

June Birthdays

Todd Botwin.....	1st
Barbara Osder.....	2nd
Myra Kaplan.....	2nd
Elanor Forbes.....	3rd
Abraham Rakov.....	3rd
Alfred Weihl.....	4th
Scott Kay.....	4th
Dorothy Wolfe.....	5th
Joseph Sachs.....	5th
Sam Weis.....	5th
Suzanne Gilson.....	6th
Nancy Kluger.....	6th
Donna Bolton.....	6th
Joan P. Wohl.....	7th
Carrie Smith.....	7th
Elaine Solas.....	8th
Eina Fishman.....	8th
Renee Brodie.....	9th
Zoe Moshe.....	9th
Kevin M. Silverman.....	12th
Israel Mayk.....	13th
Jeff Miller.....	13th
Justin Greenbaum.....	13th
Jennifer Nobil.....	14th
William Bolton.....	15th
Deborah Weiss.....	15th
Haley Mayclin.....	15th
Marvin Blumenfeld.....	16th
Leo Haviv.....	17th
Anita Krieger.....	17th
Kim Haviv.....	18th
Amelia Kasinof.....	18th
Judy Schmidt.....	20th
Harvey Klein.....	20th
Sam Janowitz.....	21st
Nancy Hershoff.....	21st
Roberta Chester.....	21st
Taryn Nobil.....	21st
Steve Levine.....	23rd
Dale Chasteen.....	23rd
Delaney Rohde.....	24th
Rita Bromwich.....	24th
Frank Emkey.....	27th
Kristy Moss.....	27th
Alan Cooper.....	28th
Arthur Feinberg.....	29th
Milo Tainow.....	29th
Bob Friedman.....	30th

July Birthdays

Jennifer Gilson.....	1st
Patti Gross.....	1st
Alex Hudson.....	1st
Nelson Chester.....	1st
Elissa A. Denker.....	2nd
Rabbi Ed Rosenthal.....	2nd
Max Botwin.....	2nd
Michael Kaufman.....	3rd
Joseph Moss.....	3rd
Max Finkelstein.....	3rd
Pauline Roller.....	4th
Mindy Rosenthal.....	4th
Lucy Moss.....	7th
Joyce Peckman.....	9th
Lindsay Gould.....	10th
Steven Hartz.....	11th
Richard Steinberg.....	12th
Rebecca M. Schur.....	12th
Dana Grace.....	12th
Leslie Reamer.....	13th
Dot Brooking.....	13th
David Gross.....	14th
Paul Eric Bernstein.....	14th
Danna Levy.....	15th
Shira Listman.....	17th
Foster Davidson.....	17th
Luzviminda Levine.....	18th
Carol Laskin.....	20th
Roosmary Benowitz.....	20th
Linda Perloff.....	21st
Joshua Samuel Bernstein.....	21st
Brian Smith.....	21st
Arlington Garrett.....	21st
Millie Tainow.....	22nd
Carrie Temkin.....	23rd
Carol Field.....	26th
Lance Royce Kaufman.....	26th
Marc Bloom.....	27th
Stephanie Bittner.....	27th
Rachael Bloom.....	27th
Mary Anne Pearl.....	28th
Lila E. Juenger.....	28th
Bruce Boruszak.....	29th
Barry Neumann.....	29th
Mary Lee Singer.....	29th
Candy Stanlake.....	29th
Molly Bloom.....	30th
Drew Nobil.....	31st
Mark Steinberg.....	31st

August Birthdays

Nicholas Rivera.....	1st
Marc S. Field.....	2nd
Jessica Forman.....	4th
Nissan Mayk.....	5th
Joseph Reamer.....	8th
Eric Freundlich.....	9th
Delia Grace Smith.....	9th
Barbara Smith.....	10th
Emma Feig.....	10th
Larry Weiss.....	12th
Stephan Friedman.....	13th
Gina Moritz.....	13th
Linda Ulman.....	15th
Patricia Isenberg.....	15th
Danielle Zinner.....	15th
Alan Lindenbaum.....	16th
Tom Brennan.....	16th
Alison Thompson.....	16th
Ben Botwin.....	17th
Pamela Friedman.....	19th
Amanda Nobil.....	20th
Rachel Zinner.....	21st
Dave Mont.....	23rd
Fia Botwin.....	23rd
Carl McNew.....	24th
Mikhaela Bitton.....	26th
Jaimee Marshall.....	27th
Judy Greenman.....	27th
Evan Stuart.....	28th
Robert Temkin.....	30th
Sue Ann Wehl.....	30th
Ivy Blumenfeld.....	31st
Brynn Borisoff.....	31st

August Anniversaries

	Years
3rd	Augie & Kristy Moss.....3
7th	Larry & Dorothy Wolfe.....59
15th	Richard & Barbara Knowles.....17
15th	Paul & Susan Roberts.....48
16th	Ira & Shirley Stein.....58
17th	Stephen & Marsha Harris.....15
21st	Jeff & Lisa Miller.....39
22nd	Franklin & Judy Greenman.....34
27th	Israel & Nissan Mayk.....44
28th	Renee & Sam Weis.....18

Oneg Sponsors for Summer 2016

- June 3rd: Erica Lieberman-Garrett in honor of her Anniversary.
- June 10th: Lynn Nobil in memory of Joel and Sara Cohen.
- June 17th: Sisterhood
- June 24th: Gloria Avner in memory of David Gitin.
- July 1st: Sisterhood
- July 8th: Sisterhood
- July 15th: Sisterhood
- July 22nd: Arthur Itkin to celebrate Vi's birthday.
- July 29th: Sisterhood
- Aug. 5th: Sisterhood
- Aug. 12th: Steve and Barbara Smith in honor of Barbara's birthday.
- Aug. 19th: Barney Coltman for KJCC fellowship.
- Aug. 26th: Sisterhood

New Members

We are happy to welcome new members Adam and Judy Starr of Islamorada and Westport, Connecticut. Bob Pratt saw our sign, came to Friday services, and asked to join our KJCC *mishpocha*. He has homes in Islamorada and Deerfield Beach. Sheree Savar, our newest member, lives in Tavernier and Miami.

We look forward to seeing all of you become vital components of our little shul by the sea.

Chai-Lights Hiatus

Chai-Lights is published ten times per year. What you're reading is the combined June/July/August issue, with as many summer listings as we could gather. The next issue you see will be the September issue. Please continue to send your photos and events to us at the Chai-Lights e-mail. We'll publish them in September. Have a healthy and safe summer.

Need Service Leaders for August

Not volunteering for services because you're nervous before an audience? Summer would be the ideal time, since attendance is lower. Contact Gloria, 305-619-0216, who will happily match you up with an experienced co-leader.

Remember the Bricks

The KJCC Meditation Garden pathways have room for more dedicated bricks, a moving way to honor and remember loved ones. Contact Steve Steinbock, 305-394-0143 for details.

Summertime Creativity

An art project is brewing this month. We may channel pre-history and create our own cave paintings, make self-portraits, or work with watercolors, India ink and string to create abstract masterpieces which we will frame.

Contact Gloria with your preference, and watch Sam's Tuesday messages for the date and time.

Grillers Needed

Be a part of our Independence Day Shabbabake and help celebrate Pauline Roller's 101st birthday. Hamburgers and hot dogs will need to be tended. Contact Mitch Harvey at 303-521-5240 or Harveyaicp@yahoo.com. Our Independence day will happen on Friday, July 1st this year. Look for the ad in this issue.

Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Gene Silverman, 305-664-3316.

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 Bernie Ginsberg, 305-852-9300.

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

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.

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSOR: To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665.

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In Memory Of

William Owen

By Nancy L. Cohn

In Memory Of

Louis R. Coltman

By Barnett O. Coltman

In Memory Of

Betty Weiss

By Janice Gorson

In Memory Of

Andrew Hutchison

By Susan Horn

In Memory Of

Celestina Bravo-Mendez

By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

In Memory Of

Arthur Klimpl

By Michael Klimpl

In Memory Of

Carl C. Reiff

By Rick & Roberta McNew

In Memory Of

Ben Horwitz

By Pauline Roller

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In Memory Of

Harold Rosenthal

By Ed & Mindy Rosenthal

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Rose Graff Rosenfeld

By Morton & Gene Silverman

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Irma Weihl

By Alfred & Sue Ann Wehl

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In Memory Of

Phyliss Bloom

By Marc & Ellen Bloom

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In Memory Of

Zelda Edelman

By Dale Chasteen

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In Memory Of

Max Gould

By Maryon Gould

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In Memoriam June, July and August 2016

In Memory Of

Samuel Wainer

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Erwin Wainer

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

[illegible]

In Memory Of

James Nobil

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Erik S. Persoff

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Ralph Tallent

By Lillian Tallent

[illegible]

In Memory Of

Seymour H. Levin

By Sanford & Nancy Yankow

[illegible]

MISHEBERACH – A PRAYER FOR HEALING

The 18th Century Jewish Mystic Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, wrote:

God of wholeness,
God of healing,
Hear our words,
Accept our prayers; Send a special blessing
Of healing
To (name) son/daughter of
(mother's name),
among all those of Your children
who are in need of
Your healing blessing

When the Torah is read, we are granted an especially opportune moment to invoke blessing for those in need of divine intervention. So for hundreds of years it has been a tradition, before the Torah is returned to the ark, to recite the names of those who are ill, asking that Hashem, who blessed our founding ancestors, also bless those in need of healing. The person is not called by the standard Hebrew name (ex: *Moshe ben* {son of} *Amram*). Instead the mother's name is invoked (*Moshe ben Yochebed*.)

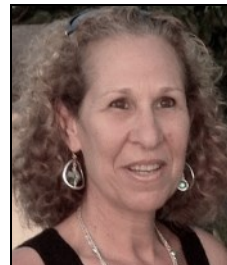
When the Reform movement moved the major Shabbat service from Saturday morning to Friday night, the prayer for healing, often in the form composed by Debbie Friedman, became an important element of their Friday night service.

The KJCC is non-denominational, but we too have incorporated the *Misheberach* prayer into our Friday evening service, after the *dvar Torah* (Torah talk.) We maintain a list of long-term and short-term names, as well as inviting names to be called from the congregation. There are even post cards at the back of the room to be used by anyone who wants to inform a friend or family member that they have been the subject of our community's prayer.

If you have someone that you wish to add or remove from KJCC's *Misheberach* list, please, call or e-mail and let us know. We'll happily include any name (or names) you tell us about. The main KJCC number is 852-5235. The website, which accepts e-mail, is keysjewishcenter.com.

Sisterhood

Erica Lieberman-Garrett



Summer in the Keys allows us the time to replenish our energy, while we continue to spend time together, with a bit less chaos. Regular Sisterhood meetings are suspended, but summer onegs, havdalahs, and special events still occur.

We began the summer season with our Fresh Start Shabbat dinner on May 20th. With the encouragement of Linda Kaplan, who has been following a healthier diet (and looks fabulous as a result), we sat down to some new and adventurous dishes. Restricting the meat, dairy, sugar, and flour, we created scrumptious and healthy dishes with vegetables, brown rice, quinoa, legumes, fruit, and salads. I love food, especially fresh food, so I really appreciated the effort of all who participated in this new Sisterhood event. We challenged ourselves to step it up another level and try some new things. It gave us some new motivation to continue to eat healthier and pay more attention to our food choices. Perhaps our adventures with veggies helped us to lose a few pounds after the big Passover season. Oy!

But we will make up for it at our dairy Shavuot dinner on June 10th. We look forward to yummy blintzes and cheesecake. Please let me know if you are coming and what you can bring.

Saturday, June 25th will bring a brand new endeavor -- our first ever pot luck/clothing exchange. Set up will be at 10 a.m., and lunch and "shopping" (no money exchanged) at 12:30. We will clean our clutter, clear our closets and jewelry boxes, and gather together for some shopping, a mini fashion show, and pot-luck lunch event. It will be so much fun to give away to our Sisterhood girlfriends things that we do not need or use anymore, or that don't quite fit or suit us. It is such a good feeling to reorganize, and *feng shui* your clutter. And of course it is also exciting to take home something "new." The positive

energy of the event will continue when we take the remaining items to the local MARC store and Women's Shelter.

Speaking of positive energy, Sisterhood will present our annual gift to the KJCC at the June board meeting. Additionally, from the Women's Seder a gift was made to the KJCC Scholarship fund. The Women's Seder "*Tikkun Olam*" also presented a special gift to Mindy Agler in support of the Talia Agler Foundation, and another to the Florida Keys VNA Hospice.

We are small, but we are productive. It was a very successful year for Sisterhood thanks to the hard work of our members, and all of our guests who participated in our fabulous dinners, events, and gatherings. Special thanks to Susan Gordon, our vice president of Sisterhood, gift shop coordinator and master event decorator; Jane Friedman, who shops and schlepps and now grows the food too; Joyce Peckman, for her diligent work with the oneg sponsorships; Beth Hayden, who keeps our finances in order; Gloria Avner who with ritual committee makes all our Sisterhood events meaningful; and to Linda Pollack, who prepares our beautiful fliers each month to let everyone know what is going on.

Sisterhood will continue to have delicious and meaningful onegs each Friday night with those who are in the Keys over the summer. Please contact Joyce Peckman (305-451-0665) for sponsorship to help celebrate and honor your special simchas. We wish Pauline Roller a Happy 101st birthday as we celebrate our annual Shabbabeque for the Fourth of July. I hope that you all enjoy your summer season. We are glad to have a bit of reprieve before we return in the fall and start our High Holiday season. We look forward to a wonderful 5777. ◇

Contributions to KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their 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 signify the fund it is to go to and the recognition of the name or names to be listed.

General Fund

Kaufman, Michael & Lorena

In Honor of

Sponsor 1st
Seder at KJCC

Peckman, Joyce birth of Jonah Arlo Agler
Pollack, Linda birth of Jonah Arlo Agler,
grandson of Rabbi Rich and Mindy Agler
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Singer, Mary Lee Molly Bloom's graduation
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Meditation Garden

Steinbock, Steve Harry Friedman, Eagle Scout
Steinbock, Steve Wishing Skip Rose
a speedy recovery

In Honor of

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Hight, Holly Nancy Kluger – sale of
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YEDA VE'TORASHA

Yardena Kamely



Shavuot Celebrated in Israel

Shavuot is one of the three pilgrimage holidays when Jewish males traveled to Jerusalem at the time of the ancient Temples. It has several names – *Shavuot* refers to the counting done from Passover to Shavuot (it literally means “weeks”), “*Yom HaBikurim*” refers to the bringing of agricultural offerings to the Temple in Biblical times and “*Chag Matan Torah*” refers to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

It is a one-day holiday in Israel (two in the Diaspora) and has many traditions that offer something for everyone. For many, Shavuot is about celebrating Israel’s agriculture. It was at this time of year that the Israelites would bring an offering from the first wheat harvest to the Temple in Jerusalem. In modern times, *kibbutzim* and *moshavim*

(A *moshav* is a type of co-operative agricultural community of individual farms pioneered by the Labor Zionists during the second wave of aliyah.) organize agricultural festivals on Shavuot and bring an “offering” of Israeli produce to the President of Israel – a contemporary pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Another custom is praying at dawn at the *Kotel* (Western Wall) or the beach. To be at the *Kotel* at dawn of Shavuot is a unique experience. Hundreds of people gather to pray and at the exact minute when the sun rises, a united voice arises as the people recite the prayer “*Shema*

Yisrael.” The beach in Tel Aviv is another place where people come together at dawn on Shavuot for a spiritual prayer experience.

A fourth tradition is dressing in white and eating tons of dairy food. It isn’t entirely clear why people dress in white on Shavuot or eat dairy. One explanation is that once the laws were given on Mount Sinai, the people could no longer eat meat until they began preparing it according to the new laws they had just received. And so meanwhile, as they celebrated the giving of the Torah, they feasted on dairy.

Holidays tend to take on different forms as they pass from one historical period to another, influenced by diverse cultures and social contexts. In Biblical culture, when the Israel-

ites were an agricultural society centered on the Temple, Shavuot was an agricultural festival “set to take place seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing corn.” (Deuteronomy 16:9), marking the conclusion of the harvest period.

After the destruction of the Temple, the Temple-centered society of the Biblical period was replaced by a rabbinic society that emphasized Torah study, and it became necessary to add

new content into the holiday. Shavuot gradually became the “Holiday of the Giving of the Torah,” based on a Biblical reference to the Israelites congregating at Mount Sinai to re-



ceive the Torah during the month of Sivan (Exodus 19:1). In the centuries following the destruction of the Temple, customs like *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* that emphasize the value of Torah study developed around the Shavuot holiday and became the main significance of the festival.

An interesting change in the holiday's customs began at the beginning of the Zionist project, when first fruit celebrations were created in the pre-state Yishuv, inspired by the magnificent festivities that took place in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem and that are described in the Mishnah (Tractate Bikkurim). Now the local public space of the village or city was substituted for the temple, a representative of the Jewish National Fund took the place of the high priest, and the first fruits were brought to strengthen Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel instead of being offered up to God. Big "first fruits" celebrations were held not only in villages and Kibbutzim, but also in urban communities such as Hadar Hacarmel in Haifa, and in Tel Aviv.

Not everyone, however, wanted to give up the "Holiday of the Giving of the Torah." For example, in a speech at a first fruits ceremony at Kibbutz Ein Harod in 1937, Shlomo Lavi, a prominent figure among the early *halutzim* (Zionist pioneers), called for celebrating Shavuot not only as an agricultural festival but also as the holiday of the giving of the Torah. His reasoning for this

was that "this Torah gave us the human conscience." Lavi and many of his contemporaries believed that abandoning the idea of celebrating Torah study

would be harmful for the project of renewing Jewish culture, which for them was the essence of Zionism. In the 1960s, the young intellectuals of the Kibbutz movement, who also called for Jewish renewal, raised similar arguments.

Today more than ever, participation in a *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* is a tradition not only of the observant Jews. Several years ago, for example, a night of

learning was held for the first time at the Tel Aviv Municipality building. This event was initiated and supported by the municipality and conducted by the liberal, inclusive, and egalitarian Beit Tefilah Israeli congregation. Many Kibbutzim still celebrate colorful first fruit ceremonies. Thousands of Israelis love

to spend the whole day of Shavuot outdoors in one of the Kibbutzim, but the perception of Shavuot as a holiday of the giving of the Torah remains predominant. This reality reflects a growing sense among Israelis that the Torah belongs to everyone. ♦



It's clear that the ancient practices of celebrating the Jewish connection to the land and nature still appeal to modern Israel.

Young Israeli women celebrate the outdoor festival of first fruits



*Monday, June 13th.
Chag Same'ach*

- Yardena

World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



It Tricks Your Brain

Eight cups of water a day....we all know that's what we should drink each day – not soda, or fruit juice but just plain water. To some, plain water is tasteless and boring when compared to the sugary alternatives. But we also know that high intakes of sugar increase the risk for diabetes, obesity and other chronic conditions. With that in mind, Israeli entrepreneur Isaac Lavy has invented a unique but ordinary-looking BPA-free plastic cup. He calls it *The Right Cup*, and it provides flavor without sugar by taking the same FDA-approved substances that make drinks sweet and tasty and infusing them inside the cup itself and not in the drink. By doing that, the “smell” of the flavor tricks the brain into believing that one is drinking a fruity beverage when, in fact, it's plain drinking water. Our sense of smell accounts for 80 percent of our “taste experience,” which helps explain why we lose our sense of taste when we are down with a cold. The cup took six years to perfect. Seventy-eight dollars will buy you a package of four flavored cups (apple, lemon-lime, orange and berry). The company is working on reproducing the flavor of cola – probably the most popular sweet drink – to be used with sparkling water. (*World Jewry Digest*, April 2016)

Italy Promotes Its Jewish History

At the end of April, Rome's Jewish catacombs opened to the public for the first time as part of a campaign to “highlight diverse cultural sites throughout Italy.” Numerous Christian underground burial sites have been drawing hundreds of thousands of tourists each year but, until now, Jewish catacombs have only been open to small groups and private tours. *Vigna Randanini*, the Jewish burial site outside of Rome's old city walls,

was built between the second and fourth centuries. It's made up of a network of underground tunnels. Inscriptions on the tombs are in Hebrew, Greek and Latin and describe the lives of those who are buried there. The catacombs, the remains of an ancient port city synagogue and the *Arch of Titus* – which portrays the Roman destruction (and looting) of Jerusalem in 70 CE – along with other Jewish-themed locations, are part of a series of sites that Italy's cultural ministry is promoting to honor Pope Francis' *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. (www.forward.com, 4-26-16)

A “Golden” Winner

“Zahav: A World of Israeli Cooking,” written by Israeli-born chef Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook, recently won both *Book of the Year* and *Best Book* (in the international category), the culinary world's top honor at the prestigious *James Beard Foundation's 2016 Book, Broadcast & Journalism Awards*. The two authors run the popular award-winning Israeli restaurant *Zahav* (the Hebrew word for gold) in Philadelphia, which opened in 2008. Solomonov also operates several other Philadelphia restaurants including *Dizengoff*, a hummus spot which is named for a major Tel Aviv thoroughfare. *Dizengoff* is scheduled to open a New York branch in Manhattan's Chelsea Market. Solomonov also won the 2011 *James Beard Award for Best Chef, Mid-Atlantic*. Another Israeli, London-based Yotam Ottolenghi, along with co-author Ramael Scully, took the *Cooking from a Professional Point of View* prize for their work “NOPI: The Cookbook,” which contains recipes using exotic ingredients. (www.jpost.com, 4-28-16 and www.tabletmag.com, 4-29-16)

Military Advisor to the President

At the end of April the Pentagon announced that President Barack Obama had nominated Gen. David Goldfein to serve as the United States Air Force's 21st Chief of Staff. The position is the branch's highest ranking officer. Goldfein, 57, currently serves as Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The Jewish fighter pilot flew during the Gulf War in Afghanistan and in NATO's missions in Yugoslavia. His F-16 fighter jet was downed over Serbia in 1999 after a surface-to-air missile exploded near it in an operation near the city of Belgrade. It forced Goldfein to eject and parachute into an open field. He was rescued shortly after. The Senate must confirm his appointment and if it does, Goldfein will be the second Jewish person to serve in this position. (Norton Schwartz was the first. He served from 2008-2012). The Air Force Chief of Staff is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the top military advisors to the president and secretary of defense. (www.forward.com, 4-26-16)

No Jewish History to the Temple Mount?

In recent months, we have been reporting on places declared cultural heritage sites in Israel by the *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Association* (UNESCO). Well, it seems that UNESCO, which is charged with preserving history, now claims there is no Jewish connection to Jerusalem's Temple Mount (the holiest place for Jews) or to Hebron, a city that has a 3,500-year history of Jewish life and is the location of the *Tomb of the Patriarchs* and *Rachel's Tomb*. UNESCO recently passed a resolution entitled "Occupied Palestine," which was sponsored by several Arab countries and adopted by the organization's 58-nation executive board. The resolution named Israel as "the occupying power" and refers to the Western Wall (the *Kotel*) as *Al-Buraq Plaza* and to the Temple Mount (*Har HaBayit*) as the *Al-Aksa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif*, their Islamic names. The Israeli government was outraged by the resolution. "UNESCO ignores the unique historic connection of Judaism to the Temple Mount, where the two Temples stood for a thousand

years and to which every Jew in the world has prayed for thousands of years," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "The UN is rewriting a basic part of human history..." Carmel Shama Hacohen, Israel's representative to UNESCO, issued a press release stating "even if UNESCO passes dozens of resolutions, and decides to continue passing thousands more, Jerusalem will always remain as part of the capital of Israel and the Jewish people." The resolution condemned Israel for "the continued conversion of many Islamic and Byzantine remains into the so-called Jewish ritual baths or into Jewish prayer places." It also declares Hebron and Bethlehem as "an integral part of Palestine." (www.jpost.com and www.jta.org, 4-17-16)

Oldest Still in Use

A Torah scroll from the synagogue in the northern Italian town of Biella has been recognized as most likely the oldest in the world still owned and used by a Jewish community. Carbon-14 dating carried out by the *Geochronology Laboratory* of the University of Illinois dates the scroll to around 1250. An Italian *sofer* (scribe) began restoring the scroll in 2012 and it was recently returned to the Biella Synagogue. This particular scroll is not the oldest Torah scroll to have been found in Italy. It is however, the oldest that is still kosher and in use by a Jewish community. In 2013, a Torah housed in the University of Bologna library was carbon-dated to sometime between 1155 and 1225. It was recognized as the oldest complete Torah scroll known to exist. (www.forward.com, 3-3-16)

"Madness" in Jerusalem

There's a well-documented phenomenon where Israeli tourists come to believe that they are figures from the Bible or messengers proclaiming the End of Days. Take the case of an Irish schoolteacher who went to a Jerusalem hospital believing that she was about to give birth to the baby Jesus when in fact she wasn't even pregnant. Known as the *Jerusalem Syndrome*, Israel's Health Ministry records about 50 cases a year where a tourist's delusions are so strong that police or mental

health professionals are forced to intervene. Not surprisingly, the peak time for visitors who are “intoxicated” by the Holy City is during major holiday observances – Christmas, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Easter and Passover. Evidence of *Jerusalem Syndrome* actually dates back to medieval times. It was first clinically identified in 2000 by Dr. Yair Bar El, the former director of the *Kfar Shaul Psychiatric Hospital*, the hospital where most sufferers are treated. Bar El studied 470 tourists who were referred for treatment between 1979 and 1993. Interestingly, a 1999 study found that the condition has been recorded among Jews and Christians but not Muslims. Most of the individuals needing hospitalization suffered from mental health problems in their own countries and came to Jerusalem on what they considered to be a mission from G-d. Similar phenomena have been found in other cities. *Stendhal Syndrome*, for example, describes the breakdowns that art lovers sometimes suffer in Florence when they see Renaissance frescoes. (www.telegraph.co.uk, 3-26-16)

In Memoriam

-Frederick Mayer, a German Jew who, at sixteen, fled Nazi Germany with his family for Brooklyn only to parachute back into Nazi-controlled Austria seven years later as an American spy, died toward the end of April. He was 94. Mayer was the leader of an elite operation (code-named *Greenup*). He was dropped behind enemy lines in 1945 and posed as a German soldier for more than two months in western Austria. There he gathered critical intelligence on Nazi troop movements and sent the information back to the United States and its wartime *Office of Strategic Services* (O.S.S.), which after the war was re-named the *Central Intelligence Agency*. Mayer also secretly organized hundreds of anti-Nazi resistance fighters in the region. In one of his biggest coups, Mayer learned of a convoy of German military trains headed for Italy with troops and munitions. The information was radioed ahead to American commanders, allowing Allied warplanes to bomb the trains. Shortly before the end of the war, the Gesta-

po discovered his identity. He was imprisoned and tortured but never revealed the location of other American spies and soldiers. He was freed just as American troops took control of the region. Trained as a mechanic, Mayer enlisted in the U.S. Army the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Bored with his military assignments, he volunteered to become a spy for the O.S.S. because he felt a sense of duty to the country that had adopted him and his family. After the war, Mayer worked as a power plant supervisor at *Voice of America* outposts around the world. He retired to West Virginia in 1977 and volunteered there for *Meals on Wheels* for more than 30 years, delivering meals to the elderly and shut-ins until just weeks before his death. (www.nytimes.com, 4-20-16)

Did You Know....

-In mid-May, in a ceremony marking *Yom HaZikaron* (Israel's Memorial Day), 23,477 fallen soldiers along with civilian victims of terror were honored and remembered. The number has increased by 157 since last year's observance. The figure is calculated from 1860, when Jews first began to settle outside of Jerusalem. More than 1.5 million Israelis visited the country's military and other cemeteries for the observances. (www.jta.org, 5-10-16)

-The *POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews*, located in Warsaw, is the winner of the *European Museum of the Year Award* for 2016. It opened to the public in 2013. The museum's core exhibit presents the thousand-year history of Polish Jews. (Its name is from Hebrew, both the Hebrew word for Poland and also a word that means “rest here.”) (www.jta.org, 4-10-16)

-The *American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, one of America's oldest learned societies and a center for independent policy research, has announced the election of 213 new members. Included are six Israeli academics – four from the *Hebrew University of Jerusalem* and two from the *Weizmann Institute of Science*. The new class will be inducted in Cambridge, Massachusetts in October. (www.jpost.com, 4-25-15) ♦

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Photo Gallery

For the second year in a row, Pesach's first night fell on Erev Shabbat. We held services to fulfill our commitment to have a Shabbat minyan every week. Michael Kaufman and two-year-old Sean joined Steve Steinbock on the bema, the first time either Kaufman had led services at KJCC. No one had to run out quickly or miss a seder, because we had one right down the hall. The food was pot luck, coordinated by Beth Hayden. Sam Vinicur led almost forty of us as we read the Haggadah and told the story of our redemption from Egypt.



Above, Rev. Tom Graf, of St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church in Islamorada, and his wife Isabel, were our guests and here await dinner with Tomar Gross.

Benjamin, at left, and his new buddy Sean were too young to ask the Four Questions, but had a good time finding (and eating) the Afikomen.



Community/Family Seder

Seventy KJCC members and guests came together at the Islamorada Fishing Club for our traditional but much-enhanced musical Second Seder. At left is Cantor Barry Skolnick, in town to celebrate sister Susan Gordon's birthday, joined by Gloria and Barry's wife Laurie.



When Barry led us in "Go Down Moses," we felt the presence of Paul Robeson. Susan and Gloria shared seder leadership duties while at every table people took turns telling our story.



Below, Gene Silverman and Beth Hayden enjoyed greeting and seating our guests.



Sean and Rachel had the honor of opening the door for Elijah, who would have felt at home with her peace sign. Welcome, Elijah!



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It is no mistake that the Boy Scouts chose a majestic, high-flying, far-seeing creature as the symbol of its highest achievement. Harry Friedman, competent, confident, standing erect and

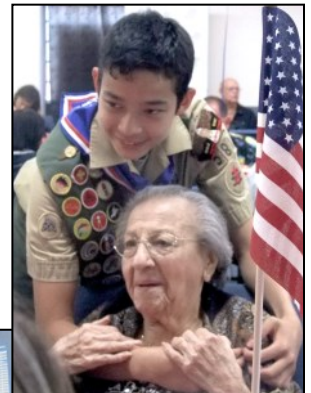


At left, Harry giving his address, with Scout Master Allen Neuzil behind.



The greatest collective *kvelling* came when Harry, early in his speech, gave a sincere, loving thank you to his KJCC

“mishpocha” (yes, he said those words) for the support we had given him over the years. He later called up Linda Kaplan to accept a plaque of appreciation for KJCC.



smiling, had achieved many goals.

His Eagle Scout project was the garden that will provide fresh produce to the community food bank for many years. Friends, family and fans watched as he and co-honoree Joseph Matulin were led onto the stage by an honor guard. Scout Master Allen Neuzil presided as Steve gave son Harry the blue Eagle Scout scarf and slide. It was touching to see Harry fasten the special Eagle Scout pins on his parents, and hug them. He acknowledged and gave plaques to the local businesses that supplied the materials and advice that made his work possible.



At right, Yardena introduces the film, "The Children Of Chabbanes," shown on Yom HaShoah, May 5th, Holocaust Memorial Day. Over coffee and cake, Linda Pollack and granddaughter Maddie talk about the movie with Medina Roy. Below are Bobbie and Nelson Chester, and George Swartz; below them are Yardena Kamely and Art Itkin.



At right, Friday, May 6th Shabbat Services were led by the Holocaust Committee of Muriel Swartz, Yardena Kamely and Medina Roy. It included a moving candle-lighting ceremony — six candles for the six million murdered. On the *bimah* are yellow tulips, honoring Holland, which gave haven to many fleeing refugees.



We are waiting for a full report about “March of the Living,” but we did get these photos from Rabbi Richard Agler and Bernie Ginsberg. At left, they are with the students at Auschwitz. Below, the students celebrate Independence Day in Jerusalem by bopping each other with giant plastic mallets.



Gloria’s mom, looking much like the Queen of England, enjoys a tea party, happy to wear her hat, in celebration of Mother’s Day.



Those of us who toured Israel in 2013 with Rabbi Agler will remember our friendly and fabulous tour guide, Mike Rogoff. They met up in Jerusalem after the March.



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If it's making you sad
('cause you just don't like plaid)

If it's bad to the bone
(GIVE IT A NEW HOME!!)



RSVP to Erica Lieberman Garrett:

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On April 17th, Rabbi Richard Agler was asked to speak about Passover to Tavernier's Spirit and Truth Church by his friend, Pastor Marlin Simon. The Jewish view of the Book of Exodus, plus the Rabbi's familiar story-telling prowess, held the room in rapt attention. The Rabbi and Mindy are shown below with Pastor Simon and wife Marian.



Prior to leading services on May 20th, Joyce Peckman lights to Shabbat candles and rinses her hands before chanting HaMotzi. Joyce is shown at left with co-leader Susan Gordon, along with Art Itkin, who delivered the evening's d'var Torah.

Fresh Start Healthy Dinner

If the colorful display of dishes weren't proof enough, the satisfied grins and numbers of flying compliments would have clinched it. From

Susan Gordon's South-west Salad to Sue Sigel's tasty tagine, Linda K's date balls, Jane's home-grown sautéed egg-plant and Terry Willner-Tainow's Chinese Veggie Rice (mind you, that's

just a sampling), the evening's Sisterhood cooks on May 20th — at dinner prior to services — proved that healthy food can be delicious. Linda Kaplan's idea was so successful, we are about to change the wording to

"First Annual Fresh Start Healthy Dinner." Yes, that means you get another chance. Even if the word "healthy"

puts you off a bit, make sure to come next year. You'll be surprised and happy you did.



On May 21, KJCC participated in an interfaith event at Islamorada's St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church, co-sponsored by St. James and Keys to Peace. Shown at left, Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed and long-time friend Father Tom Graf of St. James. Representing KJCC on the dais were KJCC President Sam Vinicur and Vice President/Ritual Director Gloria Avner. Note the shofar among the table's religious objects.



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From Monaco to Dubai

The Final Installment of Gene and Mort's Cruise from Europe to the Arabian Peninsula

by Gene Silverman

Kalimera (or good morning) to the city of Agios Nikolaos in Crete. This is our first stop after a stop in Piraeus (a port near Athens), Greece to pick up new passengers after letting off some who had boarded with us at the beginning in Monaco.

We awoken to quite a beautiful sight. This town is different than others in Crete, as it has three hills and instead of being known for its antiquity, is known for its artsy, leisurely, sleepy but active pace. Its name is pronounced *eye-yoss*, but locals call it *Ag Nik*. It's very charming, a busy port with all the requisite tourist items. We just walked around and did buy some Greek spices to bring back for gifts. Tomorrow we're at sea and then into Haifa and a visit with Israeli friends. Yay!!!! The last time we had seen them was on our cruise to the Amazon (on another ship) and we have corresponded since then and remained friends. He is an aeronautical engineer for Boeing and she is a judge. Extremely lovely people, who have lived in the United States but wanted to return to Israel to raise their two children.

Mira and Simon were waiting for us when we arrived in Haifa at 10 a.m. And of course, Simon the professional and perfectionist

had the entire day planned.

But first we had to attend, on board, a "face to face" inspection that is mandatory for all guests to attend. We had to pick up our passports first and proceed to Israeli immigration officials and then we were given our landing card and our passports back. Even guests not planning on going ashore had to go through this procedure and then return their passports to the ship. It didn't bother us and actually made us feel a little bit protected.

That accomplished, off we went with Mira and Simon to see *Beit She'arim* National Park. Neither Mort nor I had ever been there and Simon obviously had thought of that. It is located in the Lower Galilee within the town of *Kiryat Tivon*. It was re-discovered in 1871, but in the 2nd century C.E., the Sanhedrin had conducted deliberations nearby in Sepphoris, where many Judeans had gone after the failed Bar Kokhba rebellion (the third and final Jewish

rebellion against Rome) ended in 135 C.E. Though the Sanhedrin moved to Tiberius by 150 C.E., several centers of Jewish learning had been established in Sepphoris. Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi, the compiler of the *Mishnah*, was buried



In this photo showing the vastness of the Bitter Sea in its center, ships wait to enter the Suez Canal.



The train that brought Lawrence of Arabia to Jordan is on display at Wadi Rum. Mort loved the movie.

there and the desire to be laid to rest near him turned 3rd - 4th century *Bet She'arim* into an important cemetery for Jews from both Galilee and Israel and also abroad.

So now we were going to enter the "Caves" of the Rabbis. It was quite intimidating, especially if you dislike small, dark places, but we hadn't come this far not to join in anything our friends wanted to do. And especially since Simon is taller than Mort, as is Mira to me, we would have never thought not to follow them! A total of 30 caves were excavated from 1936 -1940 and then from 1953-1957; what they revealed was an ancient city with remains of a synagogue, public building (basilica), religious school, houses, city walls, a gate and an olive oil plant, all dating from the second to the fourth centuries, C.E. The entrances to each cave are carved from the bedrock of the hill and constitute a huge City of the Dead. The entrances are an impressive façade designed in classical architecture style, with each façade having one or more doors in various sizes. The caves themselves contain burial shelves and large stone coffins (sarcophagi).

On the walls and the coffins are many decorations and inscriptions in Hebrew, Aramaic, Palmyrene (a dialect of Aramaic spoken in the prosperous Syrian merchant town of Palmyra) and Greek, telling of the origins, professions and family ties of the interred.

We returned to the ship before 10 and were on our way to Ashdod, which is the Port for Jerusalem. We didn't have any particular plans, as we had been there many times.

We arrived in Ashdod at 7 a.m. and after breakfast I thought I would take a bus supplied by the ship to the nearest shopping center. After a brief ride I had arrived at the newest Jerusalem shopping center. BUT there were no armed guards, nor any metal detectors. After briefly looking around I decided that this was not the place to be, so I quickly exited and waited for the next private bus to return and rode back to the ship. By the way, when you are in any Israeli port you are in a guarded and safe area. We began looking forward to the next day, when we would enter the Suez Canal.

The Suez is a man-made, sea-level waterway, which means there are no locks. It just connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea. It was opened in November 1869. We had been through the Panama Canal many, many times, but never the Suez, so we were



Gene is at Captain's Desert Camp, a rest stop between Wadi Rum and Petra.

very curious about it. It is about 119 miles long with really nothing to see except for the bridge to NOWHERE. It is beautiful, the bridge, but it does absolutely nothing and connects to nothing. In the middle of the Suez is a lake called the Great Bitter Lake. There we saw literally hundreds of ships waiting to go the way we had just come. Because the Suez is so narrow, it only allows one-way traffic. Hence every kind of ship, whether private or commercial, has to wait at Great Bitter Lake until it is their turn. We were going toward the Red Sea so got started very, very early in the morning. The ships that were going in the opposite direction set off in the afternoon. What is strange about the Canal is that north of Bitter Lake the current flows north in the winter and then south in the summer. South of the Lake the flow is tidal, following the ebb and flow of the Red Sea.

Did you know that the Red Sea is the habitat of over 1,000 invertebrate species and 200 soft and hard corals? The name of this Sea gets its name from the seasonal blooms of the red-colored "*Trichodesmium er-*



Jordanian camels, part of a caravan. It's easy to imagine this photo as having been taken hundreds of years ago.

thraeum" which is near the water's surface.

Hello Aqabah, Petra, Jordan! We have plans to go out into the desert on a 4x4 Jeep to see Wadi Rum and then onto Petra.

Our first impression of Jordan is of its filth. Out in the desert on the way to Wadi Rum there was trash of every kind littering the road and desert. Lots of it! Wadi Rum, which is also known as The Valley of the Moon, is cut into the sandstone and granite rock in Southern Jordan. It is in a protected area and was created in 1998. There are several Bedouin tribes that live there and make their living from tourism.

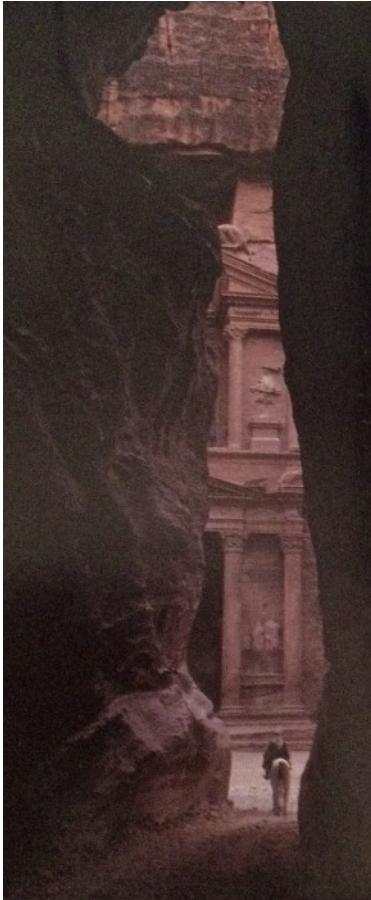
We were supposed to be going out there in a 4x4 Jeep, which turned out to be an old flat-bed pickup truck with boards for seats in the back. You had to be boosted over the tailgate because it no longer came down. And if you couldn't do it and someone had already sat in the front with the driver you were out of luck! We couldn't wait to get to Wadi Rum. But first we had to stop at the railroad station to see the actual train that had brought Lawrence of Arabia to Jordan.

And on the way to Wadi Rum we had to stop and see camels racing. Notice anything different about them? They are dromedary, which only has a single hump! We had no way of knowing that the camels racing in the desert would be the nicest part of Wadi Rum.

We saw the Valley of the Moon and many



Gene and Mort in the vast Jordanian desert on the road to Petra. So near to the sea, but so far.



Gateway of the Gorge provides a dramatic first view of the ancient city.

been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985 and is one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. It is reached through a narrow entrance. Two horses would have a very difficult time to pass each other. This pass, which is also known as "Gateway of the Gorge" has an impregnable entrance. After you pass through the narrow *Bab as Siq*, which is almost a mile in length and very, very narrow, you come out and in front of you is the *Treasury*. After viewing this we followed the path to the *Theatre*. It has 45 rows of seats to accommodate several thousand spectators, and was begun in 9 B.C.E. Then to the *Royal*

other Bedouin sites like the Thamudic (a northern dialect related to Arabic), Kufic (the first Arabic calligraphy) and Nabataean rock art, which looked like our Native American carvings.

But first we had to stop at a Mosque, which thank G-d was a very small one in the middle of almost nowhere, to see the Prophet Job's tomb.

Onward to Petra, The Rose City! (And we couldn't wait to leave Wadi Rum.)

Petra has

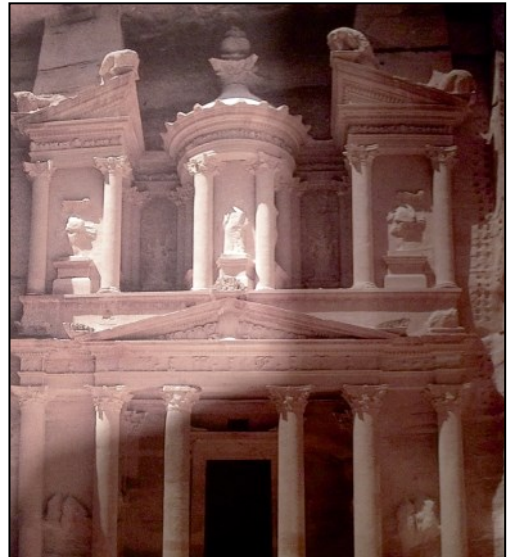
Tombs, the *Urn Tomb* and the smaller *Silk Tomb*, and then to the *Palace Tomb*.

That was it and we were exhausted. We couldn't wait to board our transfer back to the ship, as we had been gone the entire day. Oh yes, we did have shawarma with falafel for lunch.

Thank G-d we had the next five days at sea before we would reach Salalah, Oman.

As we were saying goodbye to Jordan, we picked up four armed escorts who would accompany the ship to Dubai. They looked very Israeli to us. Yes, as we are in dangerous waters where ships have been held for ransom. Everyone had received a formal letter that talked about safety and security for the guests but never mentioned the security detail. It just talked about "enhanced security measures that will be in place to include deployment of additional security equipment and personnel." It was being done out of "abundance of caution and not because of any specific threat."

Now to bed (feeling pretty safe)! We were going to be on the Gulf of Aden on Wednesday, but certainly would not be stopping anywhere. And then up the east coast of the Arabian Peninsula to Dubai, journey's end. ♦



Magnificent Petra

On Independence

As we observe Yom Ha'Atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day, what exactly does independence mean to Jews? Is it something political, or religious, or social, or some unique combination of that plus a lot more?

By Sam Vinicur

Yardena asked me to offer a few thoughts from the bemah during the Erev Shabbat service celebrating *Yom Ha'Atzma'ut*, Israel's Independence Day, to explore what it means to Jews, both emotionally and historically. (I was then asked to submit my text for Chai-Lights, so here it is.)

It's such a nice word, "independence," especially for Americans. From the time we're little, we associate the word with a fun summer day, with cookouts and family gatherings and, for those of us lucky enough to have grown up in Washington, D.C. (me, for example), incredible fireworks on the lawn of the Washington Monument. (The big concerts, by the way, came years later.) The word has burrowed itself deeply into the American self-image. Think about what it evokes: self-reliance, freedom, a life un-yoked from the demands or whims of kings or lords of any kind, the intoxicating notion that YOU, and you alone, are the Master of your Fate and the Captain of your Soul. (I quote here, of course, from the poem "Invictus," by W.E. Henley. A doff of the cap, sir, for one of the most stirring anthems to indomitability ever written.)

For the Jewish people, of course, Yom Ha'Atzma'ut is more accurately a SECOND Independence Day. (Some might even argue that it is, in fact, our third.) Modern history records it as coming some 1,878 years af

ter Jewish independence had been extinguished by the Romans in 70 C.E., when they destroyed the Second Temple and created the second great strewing of Jews outward from what had been their home and spiritual beacon for about 1,200 years. (Another historical note, since Jewish history is nothing if not complex: this span of years admittedly includes the short 50-year *Templum Interruptus* courtesy of Nebuchadnezzar and his army in 586 B.C.E., who destroyed the first Temple and exiled the Jewish elite, though not everyone else, to Babylon, until the ascendant Persians under Cyrus the Great conquered Babylon a few short years later and allowed the Jews to go home. For a little self-referential perspective, that early period of sovereignty, which in some Jewish lore is presented as so fleeting, is still roughly five times the current duration of the United States.) One could also argue, with some justification, that Jewish

independence had begun to end some 400 years before the Romans made it official, when Alexander the Great and Hellenism conquered Persia in 332 B.C.E. and therefore won sovereignty over all the Middle East.

Yes, there was also that brief period, about 150 years, when Jewish sovereignty was wrested back from the Greeks by the Maccabees. Certainly that dramatic seizure of independence (short-lived, due to a combination of small-nation-in-the-

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world's-crossroads fate plus painfully incompetent leadership by the latter Hasmonean kings) has been loudly celebrated in the Jewish mind and mythology ever since, through the growing significance of Chanukah. I would argue that the battle against Hellenism had nevertheless already been lost, and that Chanukah would never have achieved its current importance had it not become the Jewish Christmas, but that's a discussion for another time.

The most important aspect of this, I think, is that the big idea of independence – and its stirring grip on the hearts of people – is not a focus on Judaism the monotheistic religion and richly layered system of interaction with God, but is actually about *Am Yisrael*, the larger social group called the Jewish People. Is there not some religious component to all of this? Yes, of course there is. Religious Jews have lived in Jerusalem and Tiberius and Jaffa and Tz'fat continuously since the

destruction of Judea in 70 C.E. But the mix of passions and sinew and blood that joined to begin carving the modern State of Israel out of Palestine when it was still ruled by the Ottoman Turks did not spring from the loins of the pious. Zionism may well have had its embryonic beginnings in the timeless longings of Jews to return to Jerusalem. But the overwhelming majority of those longings were for an ancestral *homeland*, not a re-built Temple. They had synagogues in which to worship God. (It's hard to imagine urbane 18th and 19th century Jews hauling freshly slaughtered sheep or rams or 2,000-pound bullocks onto a raised surface and then lighting them on fire in order to please their God.) Zionism actually sprang into full flower as an outgrowth of the other passionate nationalistic movements that emerged in the fading royal agglomerations of 19th century Europe. As we



all know, the super-religious Jews, excepting individuals, of course, were – and often to this day remain – lukewarm to Israel's re-emergence as an actual nation.

Therefore it's Zionism, not Judaism, the idea of a unified and again-sovereign Jewish *people*, that has so captured the imagination and commitment of Jews around the world. No one likes to be an *other*, a status all Jews know in their bones, even in this haven of a country. Most Jews don't get weak in the knees or have their childlike emotions soar when they see a Torah; that's for another and more reflective (and deeper) part of their beings. They get weak in the knees and find tears running down their cheeks when they

see the Israeli flag waving, or behold strong and proud and unafraid Sabra soldiers and pilots swaggering in determined defense of their homes and families, *Jewish* homes and families. Yes, there were tender and memorable moments at the *Kotel*, the Western Wall, when Israeli

troops recaptured it in 1967. But I contend that this was more about access than sovereignty. In this case religion was the smaller of the two needs. Religion, we had proven for a millennium-and-a-half, could be practiced by Jews anywhere.

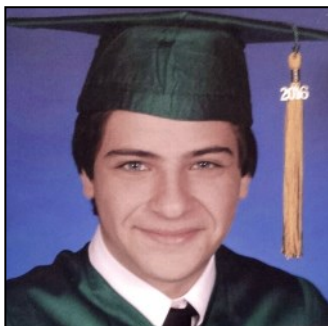
No, this sense of pride, in independence and the stubborn success of the re-imagined nation of Israel, is about our *peoplehood*, not our souls. It is true that there is a unique duality in Judaism, in being both Jewish – meaning a personal struggle to find one's way to higher states of being – and a member of *Am Yisrael*, an independent and, we hope, enduring full participant among the world's community of nations. Still, Israel is so revered not because of its abstract meaning but because it is there.

Shabbat Shalom and *Yom Ha'AtzmaUt sameach*. ◇

Scholarship News

Sometimes good things come in threes. Judaism is all about encouraging the values of education and good citizenship. Since KJCC's creation, we have been committed to fostering these values among our congregation's children. Spurred by Joel Pollack's initiative many years ago, we established a scholarship fund and committee to offer scholarships to our religious school students when they graduate High School and go on to higher learning. Our youngster roster is small. We've had three years without award giving. This year we are happy to give out three: to Joshua Bernstein on his graduation from high school, to Molly Bloom on graduation from Florida Atlantic University, and to Nyan Feder, entering his senior year at FSU in Tallahassee. They've all been with us since they were knee-high to grasshoppers. We hope they will stay in touch and come home often.

Joshua Bernstein



On June 7th, KJCC will honor Joshua Bernstein with a scholarship

award at the Coral Shores High School Performing Arts Center. We are proud of him for being ranked at the top of his class, but equally proud because he embodies so much of what we hold dear -- commitment to family, friends, his faith, education, and making a difference in the world. We love that we have known him and watched him grow from the day of his baby naming.

Joshua will be majoring in Electrical Engineering this fall at the University of Florida. In his words, "I plan to continue my education to get Masters and Doctorate degrees. I hope to work at NASA, designing and working on electronics that are used in satellites, space probes and shuttles. Even as a child I liked to take things apart to see how they worked." Joshua, also a fine musician, gives credit to Dave Feder for mentoring him when a guitar amplifier failed. Dave helped him see what

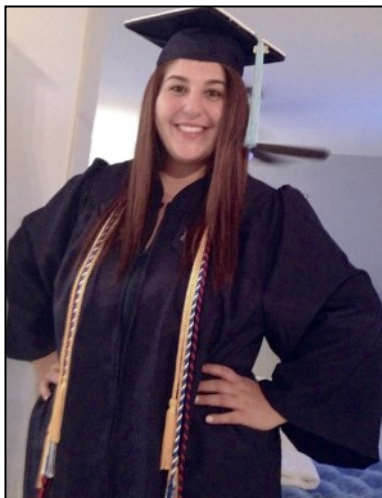
went wrong and how to fix it.

It takes a village. And this village has faith that Joshua will achieve his goals. Did we mention that our bright multi-talented boy is also popular? Yes, the photo at right is of Joshua the Prom King. Kudos to Joshua and proud parents Paul and Barbara Bernstein.



Molly Bloom

Let's give a resounding *Mazel Tov* to Molly Bloom, daughter of Marc and Ellen, granddaughter of founding members Marvin and Barbara Galanty, sister of Rachael and Auntie of Maddie. Four Bloom generations have walked the aisles of our Sanctuary. The girl we've been nurturing and mentoring since she was seven years old and an active



student in our KJCC Religious School, has grown into a woman committed to educating others. It takes a big heart to teach children with learning problems, and we are proud of Molly for

her dedication. We honored Molly Bloom a month ago with a graduation gift and continuing education award.

In the words of Marc, her Dad: "Please send a huge 'Thank You' to KJCC and the Scholarship Committee for Mollie's graduation gift and the start for her Masters! Molly ended up with a 3.75 grade point average and is now qualified as an ESE teacher!"



It's been an amazing trip that we've all been privy to enjoy!" Molly, your KJCC *Mishpocha* is as proud of you, and happy for you, as are your Mom and Dad.

Nyan Feder

Nyan Feder is not just on the cusp of a great career. He has begun to live it. Yes, he will start his senior year at FSU Tallassee in the fall, preparing for a career in all aspects of professional musicianship (he is a composer as well as performer), but to us, and apparently to many others, he is already a star. Those of us who saw him at Ootray or at any of the big Music Festival events at Founder's Park can testify.

In Suzi and Dave's words: *It's been a banner year for Nyan -- he won his first 1/2 marathon, got all A's, hiked some of the Appalachian Trail, and is set to play saxophone on George Clinton's next album,*



which will be a real 'feather in his cap.'" This happy, healthy young man has just turned 21 and already he can put on his resume that he has worked with Jimmy Buffet, Steven Tyler, and George Clinton (who, for those of us not in the know, is an amazing performer, founder of Parliament Funkadelic, or P-Funk, huge in the 70s and 80s). And Nyan also excels in schoolwork. We love when he returns home on occasion to jam with Dad. Lucky us. We get to hear them both.

*Thank you, parents, for all the photos.
And for sharing the kids with us.*

Yom Ha'Atzma'ut:

Remembrance and Celebration

by Gloria Avner

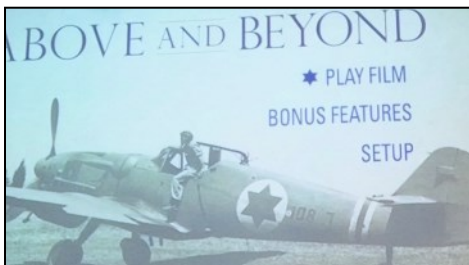
We began our celebration of Israel's independence just as they do in Israel, by honoring those who fought and died to create a nation. The soldiers came from everywhere – the *ganssa* diaspora – willing to give everything to win a homeland for displaced Jews. Many came directly from European D.P. camps, having barely survived the crematoria of Europe.

I close my eyes and see their names: so many teenagers, so many different countries of origin. Their graves in that special cemetery

near Jerusalem's Herzl museum (the man who first dreamed the impossible dream) do not look like graves. They look like well-made

beds with coverlets of green, moss, herbs and low-growing ivy. The paths are lined with lavender and other sweet scented herbs. All this came back in living color to those of us who traveled to Israel with Rabbi Agler when our service leaders at KJCC read the poem that told how this land was not handed to us on a silver platter but

on the precious bodies of these boys. We paused to light a



candle for them that Friday night, and remembered Rich's voice breaking as he told us the story while

standing amidst their graves.

The service was moving and the following celebration so lively that we came together the next evening to do it again, to watch a wonderfully told film in the voices of the actual American pi-

lots who risked their lives and citizenship in 1947 and 1948 to smuggle planes, equipment and people into Israel to change the handi-



cap. "Above and Beyond" – what a perfect title. These men were young, hot, and handsome in the 1940s. As their 80-something faces told their stories, it was wonderful to see their photographs, hear their irreverent, wise-cracking reminiscences and feel their pride in the role they played as Jewish boys helping to create a Jewish nation in the face of the longest-possible odds. We heard their grief for the lost



At top, the Jewish way of celebrating, with food. Donna holds a cake brought for Medina, who shares her birthday with Israel, right. At left, Bert brought his guitar.

all prepared by *morah* Yardena's KJCC Ulpan classes. Guitar music by Humberto and Israeli songs spiced up the evening. We rounded out the evening by singing *HaTikvah* and Happy Birthday once more (in both English and Hebrew) to Medina Roy (who willingly shares her birth

date with the State of Israel). It was Bernie's birthday as well, and they usually cele-



brate together, but Bernie was still en route from Israel, where he and Rabbi

Agler had gone as attending physician and spiritual advisor to a contingent of Miami youth on this year's "March of the Living," which begins in Poland at the death camps and concludes in Israel for the joy of Independence Day. ♦

ones, too. These were not religious men. They were Jews who knew they had to do this – because they could. We dedicated our short, sweet *Havdalah* service after the movie to these courageous men.

As if that were not enough (especially for those of us just coming in from Harry Friedman's Eagle Scout ceremony and mom Jane's fine feast), the movie was followed by an Israeli-themed repast – halvah, tabouleh, baklavah, hummus,



Yardena teaches an Israeli song to Dave Mont, above. At right, James the engineer figured out how to make the speakers work.





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New Take on Old Sorrow: *21st Century Tisha B'Av*

by Gloria Avner

Tisha B'Av (the 9th day of the month of Av) is a hard sell. It marks the end of the three-week period of ever-intensifying mourning that began on the 17th day of Tammuz, when we remembered all that led to the conquest of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E. and the destruction of the first Temple. Rabbinic tradition says that on this summer day in Av, over the course of two millennia, more destruction of Jewish people, landmarks, institutions and culture occurred than on any other single day, affecting so much and so many that I will enumerate here only the most devastating, the destruction of the first and then the second Temple in Jerusalem, millennia ago, and the expulsion in 1492 of all the Jews in Spain (refer to the chart for a complete and horrifying list). Each separate, tragic event led to what has seemed like an eternal Diaspora.

Far from our fallen Temple, we have traditionally observed this day with a fast (second in seriousness only to Yom Kippur), allowing no bathing, no sex, in fact no pleasure of any kind – just weeping in a darkened room and reading aloud from Jeremiah's "*Eichah*," the Book of Lamentations. Here, in five chapters, Jeremiah describes and mourns the Temple's destruction in vivid detail. (Here's one example

from chapter two: the prophet pictures the glory of Israel thrown from Heaven to the ground. Jerusalem is on fire. Children die of hunger, beg their mothers for food, and then expire on their mothers' bosom. "There is no comparison in history to bring you comfort," proclaims the prophet.)

The fast day inevitably arrives in the season of blossoming gardens, baseball games, warmth and languorous vacations. Jews don't get a whole summer when "the livin' is

easy." (Never mind that those words – with a tinge of irony – were written by the Jewish Ira Gershwin.) We know it is important to remember tragedies, to learn from history. Remembrance is an antidote to re-occurrence, but when can we stop crying? According to Reconstructionist rabbis and

many Reform synagogues, it's time to let in some light. We mourn our losses, but we honor our heroes and then move on. Simply mourning is not enough. We need to create ways to celebrate the achievement of those who lived through the losses so that we could be here now, living examples of the culture that refuses to die.

Rabbi Lewis Eron, of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, wants us to acknowledge that the world has changed and we need to change as well. The fact that we have a country of our own is proof that we have overcome the innumerable setbacks and obsta-



The looting of Jerusalem's Temple as depicted on a famous frieze of Rome's prominent Arch of Titus.

cles that have hounded Jews for centuries:

...Today we are no longer in exile. Our people have returned to our ancient homeland and rebuilt its towns and cities. We are no longer powerless...Our existence today is a triumph of our people's spirit. Any commemoration of Tisha B'Av that does not acknowledge this reality is inadequate.

There is something miraculous about the

Jewish people, our culture, and our faith. (We) need to discover new paths to cherish all that we have gained... Our chief worry is not being crushed in our weakness but becoming arrogant and careless with our success and power...We must not take for granted and foolishly lose all that for generations we could only obtain in our dreams.



At left, today's remnants of the Temple stones hurled from atop the walls by the conquering Romans. Above, a rendering of the grandeur of what is now called Robinson's Arch when it was part of Judea's Second Temple.

Though a small but long-standing contingent of ultra-orthodox Jews insist that a rebuilt Temple is necessary to hasten the coming of the messiah, more and more mainstream Jews see that focus as a threat to the fragile peace in Jerusalem. They prefer to view the destroyed Temple as a call for introspection rather than rebuilding, just as the Yavneh rabbis, after the destruction by Rome of the *second* Temple, ensured the survival of Judaism by making prayer the avenue to communication with God instead of the old practice of sacrificing animals on the altars of the Temple.

I was struck by one synagogue's project that might resonate with us. They gave a formal burial to sacred books too damaged to use – an intentional contrast to the book-burnings and Torah destruction perpetrated for centuries by Jew-hating (or Jew-scapegoating) regimes across the globe.

We've been talking about all the old *Siddurs* we no longer use, the Maxwell House *Haggadot* we have long since replaced, the

Yizkor books now out of date and even the printed handouts we use for special learning services. They contain the names of God on every page. They have been held and viewed and prayed with by us and by those who came before us. They cannot be thrown away, but must be dealt with respectfully. Let's do it. Let's prepare our own "*genizah*," (a special storage place), collect our holy books and papers we no longer use, and commit to digging a grave for them here on our property. Then we can plan a ceremony and honor them next *Tisha B'Av*.

The call today to make this a day of remembrance and honor makes sense to me. We want to find more and newer ways to give deep thanks to those ancestors of ours who lived through the tragedies and hardships the rabbis tell us occurred on *Tisha B'Av*. We want our observance to show our gratitude for their steadfastness and refusal to lose faith in the heritage they worked so hard against painful odds to keep intact for us. Then we can bathe and return to summer joy renewed. Maybe the fish will still be "jumpin'." ♦

Forty-Nine Days:

From Egypt to Sinai, the Forging of a People

Two of the three major holidays mandated in the Torah take place within seven weeks. The journey towards the Jewish nation begins with the Passover escape from slavery and ends in nationhood at Mt. Sinai with the giving of the Torah on Shavuot.

Shavuot:

Omer Counting and Polishing Our “Rocks” to be Worthy of Torah

by Gloria Avner

An old friend of mine, and the synagogue’s, gifted me with a small book eight years ago, a spiritual guide that forever transformed my view of *Shavuot*. It is called “Counting the Omer: Forty-nine Steps to Personal Refinement According to the Jewish Tradition,” written by Rabbi Simon Jacobsen. Say thank you to Chaim Shaffer, creator of “Shabbos Shirts,” the next time he visits. Ritual Committee bought several books and they are available in the office for your perusal. The counting of *omer* is about more than barrels of barley.

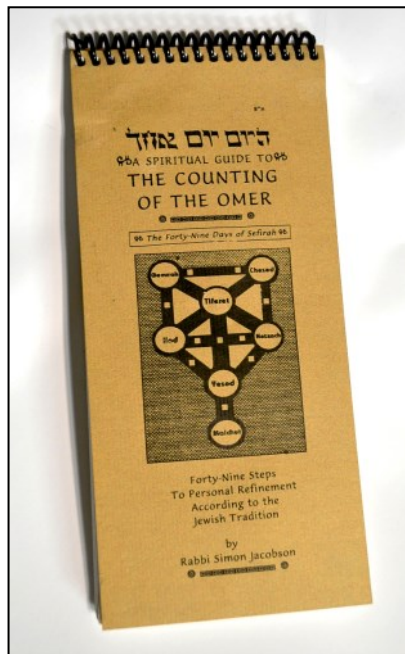
There is a teaching that our centuries of slavery in Egypt degraded us to such a degree that had we sunk only one more level, we could never have recovered. We could never have become worthy of receiving the Torah, the precepts upon which our life as a people is built. The process of receiv-

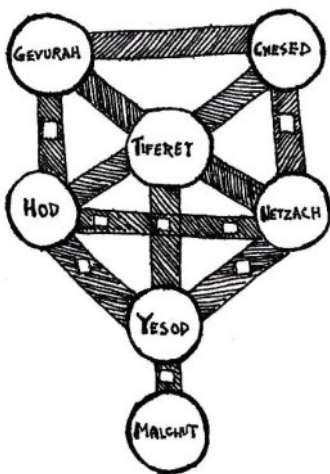
ing the Torah — “instruction” — actually begins 49 days prior to the moment at Sinai, the period traditionally called “Sefirat Ha’Omer,” the Counting of the Omer.

Ancient Israel’s economy was based primarily on agriculture. On a purely physical level, the “waves” of grain were offered up every day from Passover to Shavuot as sacri-

fices in the Temple. But is that the whole story? Of course it isn’t. We are talking about Judaism. We take the physical and through it reveal the metaphysical, unearthing ever-deeper layers of meaning.

A copy of the booklet in KJCC’s library, donated by Ritual Committee, explaining in detail the richer and more complex story the rabbis tell about counting the Omer.





Though *omer* is the proper name of a dry measure, similar to a barrel or basket by which grain was measured, the specific word in Hebrew for meas-

ure is *midah* (plural: *midot*), the same word that is used to describe personal character traits or emotional attributes. Isn't our language wonderful?

The word *s'firah* (plural: *s'firot*) also has two meanings. We are familiar with the "counting" definition, but listen to what the famous 16th century Kabbalist RaMak said: "*Sefirah* means both 'mispar,' or number, and 'sipur,' as in story telling. A third root is 'safir,' or sapphire, a brightly shining translucent crystal. By this root/route, we come to the meaning of "emanation – light from a source of illumination."

According to our little booklet, "counting *sefirot* illuminates the different aspects of our emotional lives. The days of *sefirah* tell us a story — the story of our souls. The spectrum of human experience divides into seven emotions and qualities, known in plural as *sefirot*. Each of these in turn divides into seven again, making a total of forty-nine."

Here is a very basic description of the seven emotional attributes:

Chesed: Lovingkindness, benevolence;
Gevurah: Justice, discipline, restraint, awe;
Tiferet: Beauty and harmony, compassion;
Netzach: Endurance, fortitude, ambition;
Hod: Humility, splendor;
Yesod: Bonding, foundation;
Malchut: Mobility, sovereignty, leadership (feminine aspect).

Each person when created is given a certain measure of each attribute, which determines that person's particular personality. It is his or her spiritual work to refine these *midot/sefirot*.

Each week is represented by a specific attribute, and each day of that week is represented by a particular aspect of that attribute. Imagine a grid, with each of the attributes standing for one week along the left hand side. Then imagine seven columns that represent days, again with each of the *sefirot* listed at the top. We begin to make a repair by focusing on the interaction of two attributes every day. There are forty-nine squares. On the first day, for example, we

would focus on *chesed b'chesed* — lovingkindness in lovingkindness. On Day Two of Week One, we focus on *g'vura she'b'chesed* — the aspect of restraint in lovingkindness. On Day three of Week One, the focus is *tiferet she'b'chesed* — harmony in lovingkindness. On we go for seven weeks.

In consciously counting the *Omer*, we take the opportunity to focus on one aspect of personality and character on every one of our 49 days' walk toward Mt. Sinai and the Torah. We repair ourselves one trait at a time. We polish our facets as if we were the gem, the brilliant sapphire.

Spiritually and emotionally uplifted, we can then receive the Torah properly, as much more than a legal and historic document. Torah becomes a resource guide, not just to behavior in daily life but also to attaining higher and deeper spiritual connection to our source. Bring your brightly polished self to KJCC on the evening of June 10 at 6:00 p.m. Share our dairy repast. Celebrate all the aspects of Shavuot with your *mishpocha*. ♦

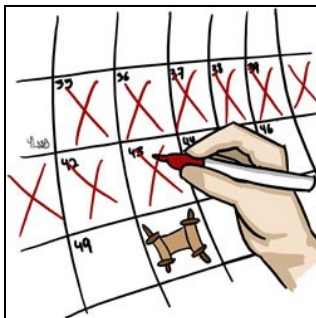
*The spectrum
of human
experience
divides into
seven emotions
and qualities,
known in plural
as sefirot.*

Counting The Omer Q & A

by Arthur Itkin

What is an *Omer*?

To define “omer” requires going back to ancient, biblical units of measurement, based on a numerical system that disappeared many years ago. The word “omer” is sometimes translated as “sheaf”, defined as the



amount of grain large enough to require bundling. It was used as a unit of volume for grains at the time of the Temple in Jerusalem. Working through a complicated system of ancient units of volumes

and weights, it can be shown that the “omer” is approximately equal to 3.64 liters, where the liter is a unit of weight. Although the word appears elsewhere in the Torah, its main significance is with regard to the traditional offering of a daily omer of barley during the period between Pesach and Shavuot.

When do we count the Omer?

In the days of the Temple, Jews brought barley offerings on the second day of Passover. It marked the beginning of the barley harvest when Jews would bring the first sheaves to

the Temple to thank G-d for the produce. The offering was called the “omer” and would permit consumption of recently harvested grains. It is considered a mitzvah to “count the Omer” every day starting on this second day of Passover and continuing for 50 days, leading up to the arrival of Shavuot. It is on Shavuot that the Jewish people stood at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, and this required a seven-week preparation period. Since we were freed from Egypt in order to receive the Torah, we were obligated to perform a daily count from the second day of Pesach until the day that the Torah was given.

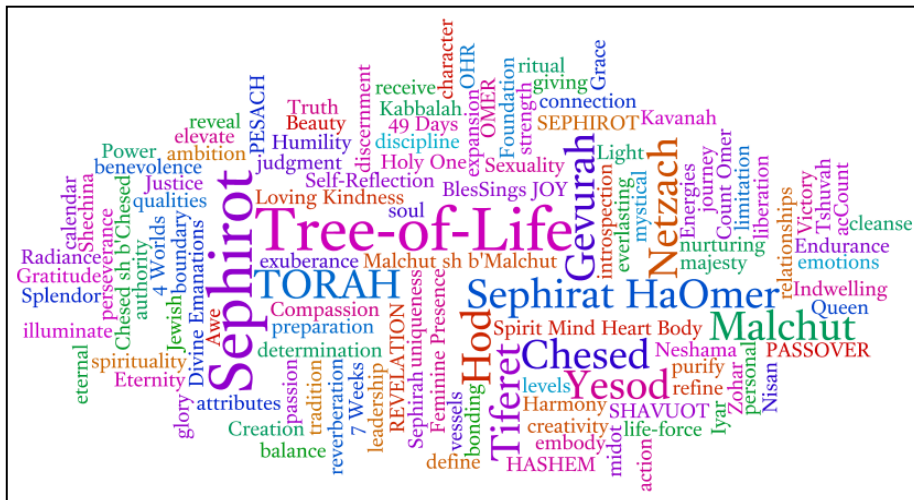
What is “Sefira?”

That is the Hebrew word that means “counting” often used to refer to counting the Omer. Today, of course, the counting, while no less important, is only symbolic.

Can we refer to the “sefira” as a countdown from Passover to Shavuot?

Not really. A countdown refers to the number of days that are remaining until the occurrence of some event. You’re simply counting how much time is left. But the Omer

The diagram below is what is known as a “word cloud.” It’s an artistic compilation of the most frequent words used to describe something, in this case “sefirot.”



is not a countdown. Notice that as we progress through the counting period, the number of days and weeks that we say increases. We are counting up towards something truly significant, the giving of our Torah. The Rabbis argued that G-d had rescued the Jewish nation from the slavery of Egypt and had offered us an eternal bond with the Torah. But since we had become so downtrodden in Egypt we were in no condition to receive the Torah just then. The 49 days until Shavuot were given as a time to cleanse ourselves and prepare for the big event. We counted up because each day we grew a level higher; each day we took one step closer to becoming G-d's chosen nation.

How do we count the Omer?

Commencing with the second night of Pesach, those who "count the Omer" recite a blessing each night after the start of the Jewish "day", which occurs about 30 minutes after sunset. In the synagogue the count occurs

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near the end of the *Maariv* service. It is accompanied by appropriate blessings.

To properly count the Omer, both the number of days

and number of weeks must be said. On the first six days of the counting period, only the number of days is said. For example, "Today is 3 days of the Omer". On days which form complete weeks, we say, for example, "Today is 28 days, which is 4 weeks of the Omer." On all other days, we say, for example: "Today is 33 days, which is 4 weeks and 5 days of the Omer." In all cases, the blessing is recited before the count. The inclusion of both the



number of days and the number of weeks comes from a rabbinic argument about whether the Torah requires counting days or weeks. According to biblical text, there is an instruction that "you shall count 50 days", but there is also "count ... seven complete weeks." The compromise is to include both counts.

Also, because the blessing should precede the counting, many Jews will not say what day it is until after the count. Thus, their reminder about which day to count is often phrased something like "yesterday was the fifth day of the Omer."

It is expected that the count will be performed on each day of the seven-week period. If the count should be missed for an entire day, it may be continued on subsequent days, but without a blessing. The reason for this is that, according to the Torah, "Seven weeks, they shall be complete". Thus some authorities say that if even one day is missed, the counting period can no longer be considered complete.

Many people use the "sefira" as a time to take a personal accounting, and focus each day on a different spiritual strength or concept. There are books and pamphlets available to help shape these efforts. In modern hectic life style that we all subscribe to, it may be difficult to count the Omer on a daily basis. If we forget for one or more days, there is no reason to discontinue. As long as we try, we have not failed. Partial counting is better than none.

Hag Sameach! ♦

Shavuot: the Under- Appreciated Holiday

by Joyce Peckman

Poor Shavuot. Every other holiday is commanded and heralded with a date. For Rosh Hashannah: "In the seventh month, the first day shall be a solemn rest." For Yom Kippur: "The tenth day of this seventh month is the day of Atonement." "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at dusk, is the Lord's Passover." Queen Esther mandated that the 14th of Adar be a celebration of victory. But for Shavuot we have only, "Count ...seven weeks. After the seventh week is complete, on the fiftieth day you will present a new meal offering." "*Shavuot* " simply means "weeks."

Shavuot has no shofar, no *succah* with a *lulav* and *etrog*, no seder, no *grogger* to make noise during a dramatic reading, not even a special menorah. No wonder that growing up, many of us ignored this holiday which fell out during final exam time!



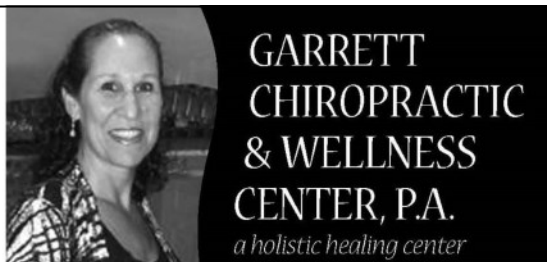
But those seven weeks led up the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, the formative event in Jewish (some would say world) history. So how is it celebrated? On Shavuot the shul is often decorated with branches and flowers in honor of the harvest of first fruits of the season, and because legend says that Mount Sinai blossomed with flowers on the day the Torah was given.

We do "*Tikkun Leil Shavuot*" (translation: fixing ourselves on the night of Shavuot) by

staying up all night studying Torah. (Here at KJCC, we do *Tikkun light*, optimistically aiming for midnight.) We read the book of Ruth, about the determined convert who became the ancestor of King David, the heroic poet-monarch who was born and died on Shavuot. Since Shavuot is defined by the Torah as the culmination of a seven-week count beginning with the first barley harvest, and the story of Ruth unfolds against the background of the barley harvest in ancient Judea, the reading is doubly appropriate. Tradition has the prophet Samuel as the book's author, but many historians think it was written during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, as a reaction to their policy of disdaining foreign-born wives. If so, it was effective, because now tradition says that the souls of future converts were also present at Sinai.

It is also an ancient and universal custom to eat dairy on Shavuot. A number of reasons have been suggested: The Biblical book Song of Songs (4:11) refers to the sweet nourishing value of Torah by saying: "It drips from your lips, like honey and **milk** under your tongue." The verse in Exodus 23:19 juxtaposes the holiday of Shavuot with the prohibition of mixing milk and meat. On Shavuot, we therefore eat a separate meal of milk. Also, when they received the Torah, the Jews immediately became obligated in the laws of *sh'chita* – slaughter of animals. Since they did not have time to prepare kosher meat, they ate dairy. And of course we always have numerology: the numerical value of milk – *chalav* – is 40. This hints to the forty days that Moses spent atop Mount Sinai. (Aish.com)

The Yizkor memorial prayer for the departed is recited on Shavuot. KJCC will be celebrating Shavuot one day early, on Friday June 10th, with a dairy dinner beginning at 6 p.m., followed by Shabbat services, Yizkor, and Tikkun Leil Shavuot. ♦



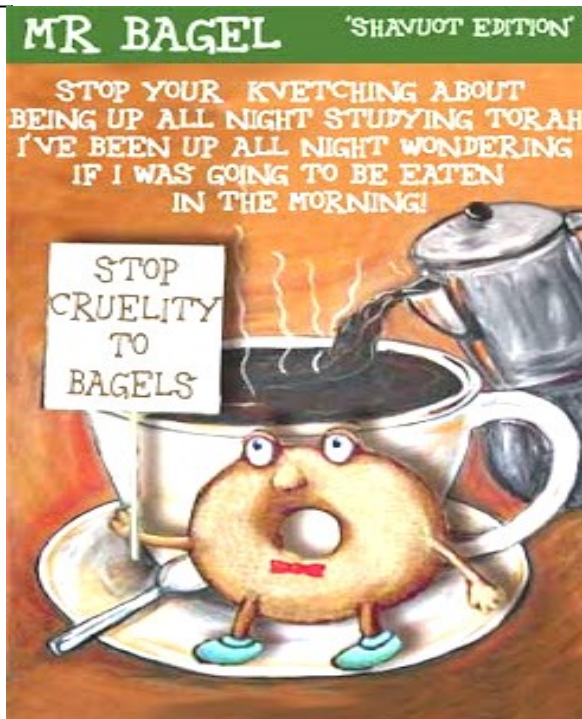
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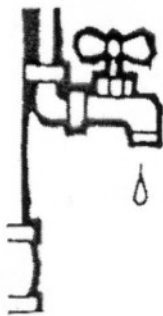
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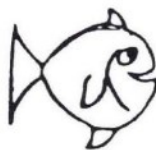
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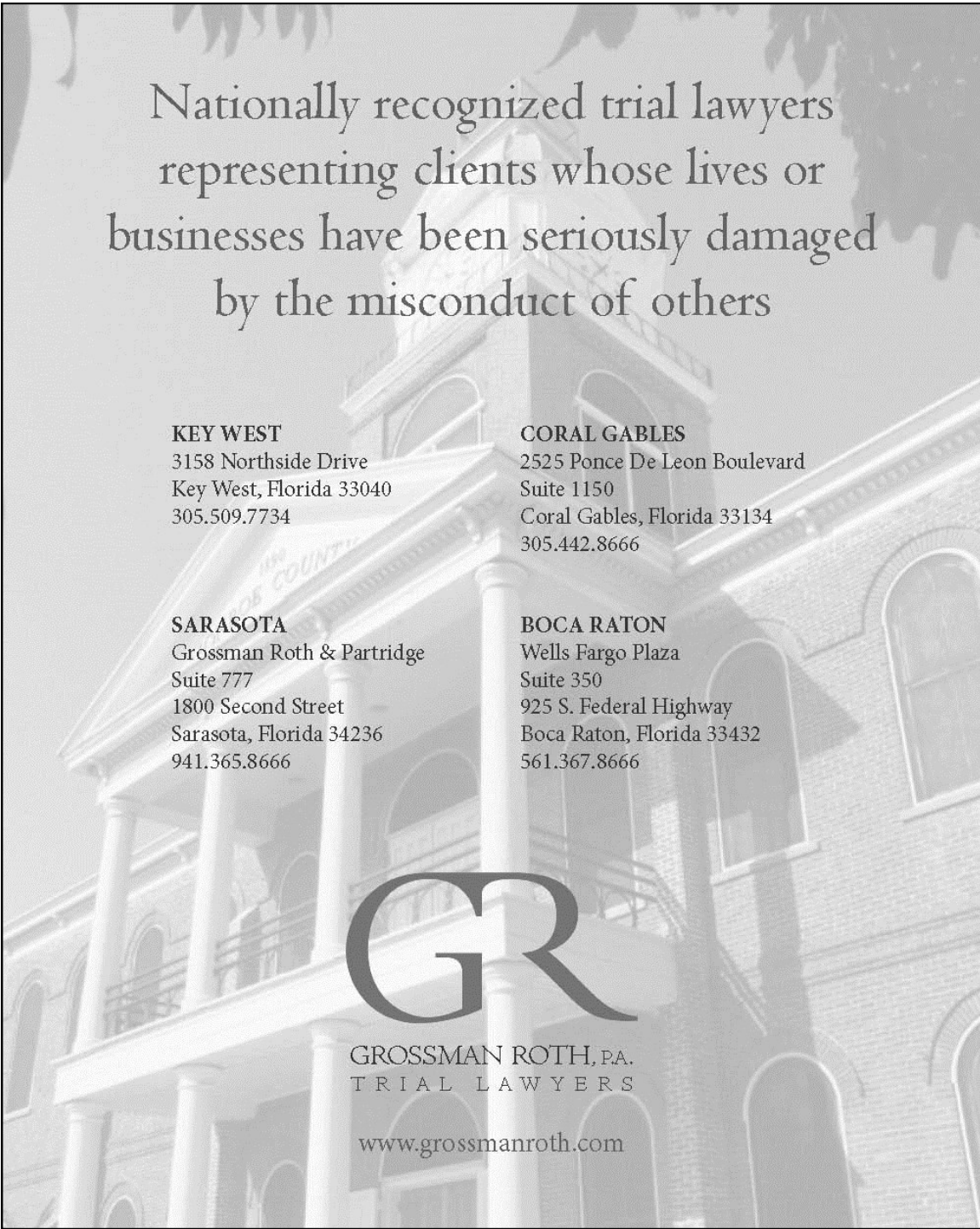


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