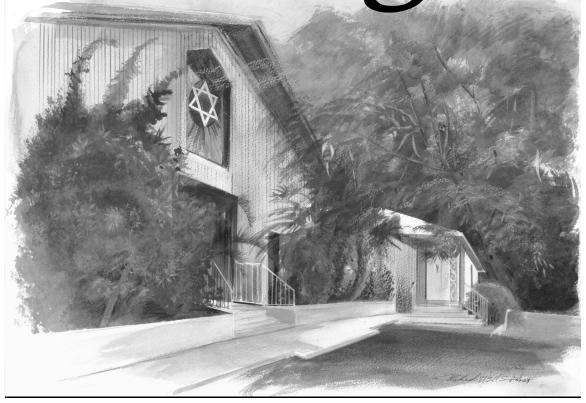
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President's Message Stuart Sax

I cannot begin to tell you how many times a member of our congregation pats me on the back and tells me what a great job I am doing. While I am flattered with the compliment. I am troubled with the reference to the job "I" am doina.

This is not a solo act but an ensemble cast of seasoned veteran players who bring decades of knowledge and expertise to our Board meetings. There is not one member on the KICC Board that does not contribute or carry their fair share. Everyone is opinionated at times and that is a good thing. We discuss. We sometimes border on arguing. But in the end, we resolve our issues and choose the solutions that are in the best interests of the congregation at large.

Some temple Boards often hide behind the excuse that synagogues in general operate with an annual deficit and that is acceptable because they, in fact, are non-profits. That thinking is both dangerous and counterproductive. Thankfully, your KJCC Board researches, compares, and prioritizes our needs to keep us fiscally responsible and, most of all, to keep our dues and fees at a most affordable level. Do vou realize that our dues are much the same as they were ten years ago? That does not happen by chance. It happens through intense



discussion and dedication.

As we move into this new year, I will again ask each and every one of you reading this column to look at your involvement in this congregation. Become more a part of who we are and what we have become. If it means the addition of attending just one Shabbat service each month. I assure you that it will be worth it. And if you have not indulged in a Saturday morning Torah service and discussion with Rabbi Agler, then you are missing something that we as a congregation have wanted, needed, and asked for for decades.

Later this month, your Sisterhood will be knocking themselves out again with a major fundraiser aimed at having a wonderful social evening of food, fun, games, and auction items all to benefit YOU! Additional information on this event is inside this month's Chai-Lights.

And that leads to another consideration. The events that Sisterhood undertakes and the various committees that make the KJCC operate so efficiently takes people. You don't have to be an officer or board member to make things happen. Consider serving on a committee of your choice. It helps all of us.

Nosh

In Memoriam - Kurt Kluger

The KJCC has recently lost not only a long time member but an avid fisherman, a dear friend, and an active member of the Board for many years. Kurt was the chairman and major force behind our Scholarship Committee awarding dozens of scholarships over the years and often presenting them at the local high school graduations. May fond memories serve as a comfort to his family.

Save The Dates

Thanks to Rabbi Agler's generosity, we have the opportunity to participate in Shabbat morning services and study Torah once each month. These learning sessions are warm, stimulating, informal, interactive, and fascinating as well as educational. You don't want to miss even one. Mark your calendars: January 26th, February 9th, and March 16th; all start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Oneg Sponsors for January 2013

stadt to honor their anniversary.

January 4th - Amelia and Steve Kasinof in honor of their anniversary, Arline and Jonathon Line to celebrate the birthday of Crue Lamarche. January 11th - Joan Boruszak - Happy New Year! January 18th - Patti and David Gross to honor Alvin's birthday. Carol and Steve Steinbock in Memory of Karen Hayhurst. January 25th - Carol and Steve Steinbock to cele-

Rock at the Foot of the Tree of Life

brate Carol's birthday. Jessica and Roget Hern-

In Honor of

Alvan Field

Beloved Husband Devoted Father Adored Grandfather November 2011

Leaf for the Tree of Life

In Honor of our very dear friend

Maryon Gould

November 2012 Linda Pollack Rene Rose Mary Lee Singer

Hurricane Sandy Relief

As many of our members have their Jewish roots in New York and New Jersey they have been especially moved to make a donation for Hurricane Sandy relief that will benefit Jewish Institutions as well as to all those suffering in this area. We have contacted the Miami UJA and they have a special fund for this purpose with 100% of the funds going to Sandy victims and nothing withheld locally. Sign on to the internet at www.jewishmiami.org, then press donation and enter the donation amount. In the "comment" box type "Hurricane Sandy Fund."

Kaskeset In Concert

A very special matinee performance of world renowned A Cappella group, Kaskeset, will be held on Sunday, January 13th at 12:30pm at the KJCC. This performance is sponsored by Stuart & Lauren Sax in association with the Adult Education Committee. The concert is free for all KJCC members, \$18 for non-members. A reception will follow the concert. See page 14 for more details.

January Birthdays

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29th	Jeffrey Boruszak
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The Unveiling for Talia Faith Agler, z"l

Talia's unveiling will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2013 at 11 a.m. Temple Beth El Memorial Gardens4900 Griffin Road, Davie, FL. You and your family are invited. Collation will follow immediately after the service at: Old Davie School Historical Museum 6650 Griffin Rd, Davie, FL.

So that we might plan appropriately, kindly reply to Tovah at tovagler@gmail.com before December 26th and let us know how many we can expect to attend.

We would also be honored if you brought a story about Tali to share--for smiles, laughter or tears.

If you cannot attend and wish to send a story along, we would be grateful to receive that too. With love.

Rich, Mindy, Jesse, Tovah and Sarah

Yartzeit Plaque

Alvan Field

Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather You Will Live Forever In Our Memory November 15, 2011

Serving Plates Needed

Your Sisterhood is in need of glass serving dishes and plates. If you have any you would be able to donate for use at the various food oriented get-togethers, please contact Sisterhood or Erica Lieberman-Garrett at hippiejap@hotmail.com.

Leaf on the Tree of Life

In Honor of **Brittany Leanne Schur** Bat Mitzvah 11/17/2012 by Lee Schur, Grandma Larry & Elizabeth Schur, Parents

KJCC Arza World, Tour of Israel, June 11-23, 2013

Led by the best tour guide possible - our own Rabbi Richard Agler.

Why visit Israel? Because it is like no other place on earth. Whether you have never been or whether it feels like a second home, Israel always has something new to teach and something new to experience.

But Israel is no ordinary destination. Israel gives Jewish visitors the gift of living Jewish heritage. For Christians, the Holy Land deepens faith and understanding. For all people, a visit to Israel helps us to understand the mysteries of the world we live in.

Come and see the vibrant culture, the historical treasures, the exotic sights, the extraordinary people. I promise you Israel will be a journey unlike any you have ever taken. Join me with the KJCC—This year in Jerusalem!

-Rabbi Richard Agler

We have ten deposits with ArzaWorld (contact_arzaworld.com, search word - keys / or call 888-811-2812), and ten to go to meet our planned minimum group of twenty participants.

Please contact Dave Mont if you are planning to go or have any questions at moogoodave@yahoo.com or call him at 305-393-9883.

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 KICC, call Rene Rose, 305-852-3959.

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 Stuart Sax, 305-586-8729.

MEDITATION GARDEN: Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305-852-6152, to reserve a bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

PICTURE POSTCARDS: We have beautiful picture postcards in the KICC 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 at 305-451-0665.

KJCC TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES, BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Carol Steinbock to arrange your donation, 305-852-6152.

JNF TREES IN ISRAEL: A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Georgia Landau, 305-393-9885.

CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH: Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Carol Steinbock, 305-852-6152, to make your donation.

ADVERTISEMENT IN CHAI-LIGHTS or DIRECTORY: Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for annual rates.

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

In Memoriam January 2013

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Bernard Kaminstein

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By Jackie LePree <><><><>

By Ron Levy & Beth Kaminstein <><><><>

In Memory Of

In Memory Of Ann Netzman

Mishebeyrach List

For those of you who

might not make it to services regularly, each week

we read aloud the names of those we know to be

ailing so that we may include their names in a

special supplication to

G-d to heal them. Our printed list is read, and

then the leader asks if

anyone in the congregation has names to add. If

you can't be at services.

and would like someone you care about to be in-

cluded in the mishebeyrach prayer, call or e-mail

and let us know. We'll

(or names) you tell us about. The main KICC

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By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

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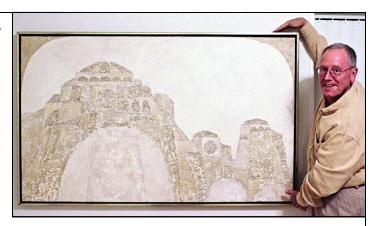
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Coming Upon The Stones of Time

An original work by Fred Terna being auctioned to benefit your KICC Sisterhood





FRED TERNA BIOGRAPHY

Fred Terna is a Holocaust Survivor who learned in 1945 after spending four years in the concentration camps, that he was the only survivor of his family.

Following the war he spent time in Paris before immigrating to the United States in 1952. His recollections of time spent during the Holocaust became the inspiration for many of his works of art.

At age 89, he is currently teaching at the New School of Art in New York City on "Art In Jewish Life".

Fred Terna on his work:

This imaginary version of the Temple in Jerusalem is one of several paraphrases on the subject. It also is about transformation of themes. Once, far back in my past, I found myself in a difficult state. I was painting one execution wall after another. Later, for reasons I'm not sure of, the word wall made me think about the West Wall in Jerusalem. I started sketching, and eventually made a painting. Then followed the auestion of what was the structure behind the wall. In later paintings I added gates to the wall. I had found a way of painting myself out of anauish into serenity.

There is, today, fairly good information about the Temple and the Temple Mount built by King Herod, and destroyed by the Romans. My Temple paintings are pure invention. I'm omitting traditional perspective, light source, the usual methods of representation, taking the subject matter out of space and time.

"Coming Upon The Stones Of Time" Value - \$9,000.00

The measurements for the painting are: 61 ½ inches wide x 38 inches high The above piece of incredible artwork is one example of the auction items to benefit the Sisterhood of the Keys Jewish Community Center. This will be in conjunction with our Authentic Deli Nite.

> DATE: January 19, 2013

6:00 P.M. TIME:

Cost: \$25.00 by 1/11/13 \$30.00 after 1/11/13

Georgia Landau 305-393-9885 R.S.V.P.

Sisterhood Lauren Sax



hope those of you who attended our Chanukah Dinner enjoyed yourselves and I am sure you got plenty to eat! As usual Erica labored in the kitchen and I applaud her as well as all those who helped from start to finish with the dinner. Also, a big thank you to Linda and Joel Pollack for sponsoring.

Don't forget our Aunthentic Deli Nite Dinner on January 19th. Our last Deli Nite was two years ago and this one will be even better than the last. Besides the mouthwatering foods, there's Bingo and a fabulous live auction that will be like no other we have had at the KJCC. Only 80 tickets are being sold so pony up and call Georgia to reserve your seat.

It is good to see our snowbirds back and I am happy that we are one big *mishpocha* again. I want to remind everyone that our calendar still has plenty of available dates to sponsor an oneg. Contact Joyce Peckman as it is a mitzvah to celebrate an anniversary, birthday or even a homecoming.

Remember gift shop when it comes to Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and all gift giving needs. Our gift shop is fully stocked with new merchandise so contact Susan Gordon, Roberta McNew or Medina Roy as they will be happy to assist you.

With extremely mixed emotions I find myself at the end of my last column as KJCC Sisterhood President. I was always so proud to stand up in front of my congregation be it at services, dinners or fundraisers and be the one who represented such a wonderfully dynamic group of women. Below are exerpts from my remarks at my last Sisterhood meeting as president.

"I would like to thank all of you for a most rewarding and gratifying two years as Sisterhood President. Thank you to my executive board, my committee chair people, past presidents and volunteers. You have all been there for me in one way or another. You ALL have helped to make me look extremely good and at the same time helped me to accomplish the various goals I had for Sisterhood."

In the two years during my tenure, our gift shop is now fully stocked and we are making a nice profit, our oneg sponsorships continue to grow, we have had seven Shabbat Dinners, we have kept up with our traditional Break The Fasts and added Erev Rosh Hashana Dinner, served Purim brunches, had two successful major fundraisers, conducted two Sisterhood Shabbat Services, socialized at two amazing Sisterhood Teas, orchestrated capacity filled women and family seders, purchased a new refrigerator for the religious school, remodeled the ladies bathroom and have purchased a new ice machine for our kitchen.

I am grateful for all your hard work, great efforts and guidance but most of all your friendship. To that end, Stuart and I will be hosting the February 1st oneg as a way of saying "Thank You" to you and the rest of the congregation. I hope you will join us and at the same time give yourselves a much deserved pat on your backs!"

I couldn't end my tenure without acknowledging my wonderful husband. Stuart, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your love, support and for always being there for me!

As my favorite singer, Kenny Loggins sings, "This is it." I wish the new Board and all of you a good, happy and a very fruitful 2013! It was an extreme pleasure. \Diamond

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.

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Sachs, Joseph & Susan	Todd Levine	Boruszak, Joan	Julius Kohlenbrener
,		Coltman, Barney	Robert Coltman
Rabbi and Cantor Fund		Coltman, Barney	Eva Levine
Silverman, Mort and Gene		Krissel, Michael	Deborah Cannon
		Krissel, Michael	Joseph Krissel
Sisterhood "Count Your Bless	sings"	Kwalick, Teresa	J. Carryl
Grossman, Elinor	G	Kwalick, Teresa	Barry Kwalick
Kaplan, Myra		Riley, Michelle	Abraham Travers
Steinbock, Carol			
		Yizkor Book	
Sisterhood Oneg Fund	In Honor of	Kamely, Michal	

How Certain Contributions to KJCC Can Instantly **Become Permanent, Living Memorials**

Anniversary

Pollack, Joel & Linda

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

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

Garden Bricks: \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. No one ever made tastier blintzes."



New Merchandise for a New Year!



Tallit, Kipot, Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks Mezuzzot, Jewelry and More!



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World Jewish Report Medina Roy



The Twelve Million Dollar Man

Jewish baseball player Kevin Youkilis has been offered a one year contract with the New York Yankees worth twelve million dollars. Youkilis will play third base, replacing Alex Rodriguez who won't play until next June because of hip surgery. Before a trade to the Chicago White Sox this past June, Youkilis played his entire Major League Baseball career for the Boston Red Sox where he was a three-time All-Star. He also earned a Gold Glove and a World Series championship in 2007. Youkilis was scheduled to play for Israel at the World Baseball Classic this past March but Israel ended up losing to Spain in the finals of the qualifying tournament. Youkilis, along with New York Rangers forward Jeff Halpern and New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire, are the Big Apple's pro athletes with Jewish heritage. (The Forward, 12-12-12)

A Genizah Burial

At the end of November, a funeral was held for Jewish holy books destroyed and/or damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The funeral was held in Far Rockaway, New York, an area that experienced some of the worst damage from the storm. The funeral consisted of a caravan of three trucks carrying prayer books, bibles, volumes of the Talmud and other holy books damaged in the storm in New York and Long Island. It was a mass genizah burial (genizah is the Hebrew word for "storage"). Holy books and ritual objects containing the name of G-d that can no longer be used are buried in a special area of a Jewish cemetery, given the honor of a funeral because of their holiness. According to halacha (Jewish law), objects containing the name of G-d cannot be destroyed. Thousands of books were collected for the event and

after the funeral, the books were taken to a Jewish cemetery in New Jersey for burial. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 11-28-12)

Vanessa Redgrave

Vanessa Redgrave, Oscar-winning actress and longtime critic of Israel, will portray a Holocaust survivor in a play that will run off-Broadway. The 75-year-old Redgrave who is remembered for attacking "Zionist hoodlums" during her Academy Award acceptance speech in 1978 (and still remains an outspoken advocate of Palestinian causes), will star in "The Revisionist," which will open in February 2013. In her most recent stage performance, Redgrave played another Jewish character. Daisy Werthan, the title character in the 2010 Broadway revival of "Driving Miss Daisy." Redgrave won her Oscar for playing an anti-Nazi activist in the 1977 film "Julia," the same year as "The Palestinian," a documentary about the PLO which she financed and narrated.

(www.timesofisrael.com, 9-21-12)

Two for Your Netflix List

Two Israeli films are on the Academy Awards' short list in the Best Documentary category: "5 Broken Cameras" and "The Gatekeepers." Co-directed by Palestinian Emad Burnat and Israeli Guy Davidi, "5 Broken Cameras" documents Burnat's chronicle of his non--violent resistance in the West Bank village of Bil'in to the actions of the Israeli army. During the course of five years, each of Burnat's five cameras was destroyed by the Israeli army, each camera telling a portion of the story. The film won the documentary director's award this year at the Sundance Film Festival. "The Gatekeepers," is a collection of interviews with six former directors of Shin

Bet, Israel's secret counterterrorism agency. Israeli film director Dror Moreh convinced all six men who ran the agency from 1980 through 2011 to speak publicly for the first time about their work. The two films are among the 15 finalists selected from 126 films in the category. The list of five finalists will be announced on January 10th. The Academy Awards ceremony is scheduled for February 24th. (www.latimes.com, 11-25-12 and www.jta.org, 12-5-12)

Improving Lives

The founders of Israel's Arava Power Company launched Energiya Global Capital, a new company to develop solar fields outside of Israel delivering green energy to 50 million people mostly in developing countries. Yosef Abramowitz, Arava's president and cofounder said, "We have a moral and strategic interest to end the burning of oil for electricity production worldwide by harnessing solar energy while also improving the lives of tens of millions of people." The company is scheduled to break ground in Rwanda, the Galapagos Islands and Romania by the second guarter of 2013. (www.jta.org, 11-28-12)

"Turning Art into Abomination"

A Swedish art gallery in the city of Lund has cancelled the exhibition of a painting made with the ashes of Holocaust victims. Protests by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and a variety of Jewish groups and organizations convinced the gallery owner to pull the exhibit of the painting by Carl Michael von Hausswolff, "Mr. von Hausswolff, you, like the Nazis' use of human skin for lampshades and fat to produce soap have similarly twice murdered the bodies that were once the ashes you have desecrated, turning art into abomination," said Shimon Samuels, director of international relations of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, "Hitler, as an aspirant painter, would have surely applauded." Von Hausswolff took the ashes during a 1989 visit to the crematorium at Majdanek, which, during its 34 months in operation from 1941 to 1944, claimed approximately 79,000 lives, the vast majority of them Polish Jews. Von Hausswolff

mixed the ashes with water to create the monochrome painting "Memory Works." The painting features vertical brushstrokes that he said represented the suffering of the victims. (www.upi.com, 12-11-12)

A Bar Mitzvah for Birthright

More than 300,000 young Jews from 59 countries (mostly from the United States and Canada) have gone on the 10-day free trip to Israel with the Taglit-Birthright Israel organization (taglit is the Hebrew word for "discovery"). Birthright is celebrating its barmitzvah, having been established 13 years ago by Jewish philanthropists Charles Bronfman and Michael Steinhardt in collaboration with the Israeli government and a variety of Jewish organizations. The founders were concerned that due to the rate of intermarriage for American Jews (more than 50%) and the aging generation of Jews who experienced the Holocaust, Jewish young adults appeared to show little interest in Judaism and the Jewish state. The Birthright experience has shown that the trip sparks a stronger sense of a lewish identity among participants. (www.onlinewsi.com, 11-1-12)

A Year of Nice Jewish Guys

It's not too late......you can still order your "2013 Nice Jewish Guys" Calendar. The calendar has no buff, shirtless firemen but it does consist of a collection of twelve averagelooking Jewish guys with good jobs possibly making a Jewish mother kvell. Created by Adam Cohen, the producer of the Food Network's TV show, "Cupcake Wars," Cohen got the idea in 2010 after joking with friends about how calendars only feature sexy firemen or pin-up beautiful women. He felt that nice Jewish guys deserve and should also get some attention. You can get the calendar online for \$7.99. (www.huffingtonpost.com, 12-4-12)

A Lifetime Achievement

French filmmaker and producer Claude Lanzmann, best known for his 1985 documentary "Shoah." will be honored in February with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the

2013 Berlin International Film Festival. Born in Paris to Jewish parents, Lanzmann, 87, fought in the French resistance. "Shoah," the nine-and-a-half hour documentary, took nearly twelve years to make. It includes interviews with Holocaust survivors and footage taken at various death camps. The film has come to be known for, among other things, conveying a feeling of hopelessness by the constant repetition throughout the film of the sound of the trains going to the camps. When the film was first screened, the Israeli Defense Forces brought large numbers of new recruits to the theater, using it as an educational tool.

(www.israelnationalnews.com, 11-30-12)

In Memoriam

-Leah Gottlieb, a Holocaust survivor born and raised in Hungary who, along with her husband Armin, founded Gottex, a successful international swimwear business, has died. She was 94. Gottlieb was born and raised in Hungary. She hid from the Nazis with her young daughters while her husband was sent to a forced labor camp. After the war, the couple lived for a short time in Czechoslovakia before moving in 1949 to the new Jewish State. In Hungary, Armin's family was in the raincoat business, but in sundrenched Israel, the business was not profitable and so they switched their focus to swimwear. Leah sold her wedding ring in order to buy a sewing machine and some fabric to start a new life in Israel. It was her colorful designs that caught the attention of fashion conscious consumers. Elizabeth Taylor and Queen Elizabeth II were both outfitted in Gottex for beachwear. The author of a book on Gottex said, "Leah came up with an idea no one before had thought of: to inject glamour into women's swimsuits and beachwear." (The Forward, 11-21-12)

-Vladka Meed, a Jewish Resistance fighter in World War II who smuggled weapons into the Warsaw Ghetto, has died at the age of 90. Vladka (she was born Feigel Peltel), managed to live outside the ghetto, passing as a gentile with her Aryan looks and fluent Polish. "To remain a human being in the ghetto one

had to live in constant defiance, to act illegally," she once said. "We had illegal synagogues, illegal classes, illegal meetings and illegal publications." She became a courier of weapons materials and also managed numerous times to smuggle Jewish children from the ghetto, taking them to live with non-Jewish families. She was a courier for the Jewish underground hiding documents in her shoe. Vladka married Benjamin Miedzyrzeck (the name was later changed to Meed), another resistance member and soon afterwards, they were on one of the first boats carrying Holocaust survivors to New York. The Meeds arrived in New York in 1946 with eight dollars between them. In 1948, she wrote "On Both Sides of the Wall," one of the first eyewitness accounts of the Warsaw Ghetto and the desperate uprising, Benjamin started an import-export business and eventually served on a board that helped establish the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington, D.C. In the 1980s Vladka began training teachers in Holocaust education and took them on three-week programs to Israel and Poland, including visiting death camps and Warsaw. In 1981. Meed and her husband helped found the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and assisted in compiling a national registry of Jewish Holocaust survivors that is now maintained by the USHMM (The Washington Post, 11-22-12)

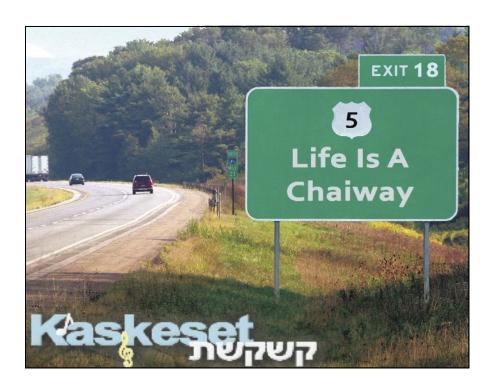
Did You Know...

-Issur Danielovitch, aka Kirk Douglas, turned 96 on December 9th. (The Forward, 12-11-12

-The cover of the December 10, 2012 issue of TIME Magazine features a portrait of Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi. The photo was taken by Israeli photographer Nadav Kander. (The Forward, 11-29-12)

-According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, average life expectancy in Israel has topped 80 years. In the 2005 - 2009 survey, Ra'anana, a wealthy lewish city in the center of the country, had the highest average life expectancy of any city in Israel: 85.5 years. (www.haaretz.com, 12-7-12) ◊

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A very special matinee performance of world renowned A Cappella group, Kaskeset, will be held on Sunday, January 13th at 12:30pm at the KJCC. This performance is sponsored by Stuart & Lauren Sax in association with the Adult Education Committee. The concert is free for all KJCC members, \$18 for non-members. A reception will follow the concert.

Kaskeset was founded in 1996 under the auspices of Hillel at Binghamton, becoming the first and only lewish A Cappella group at Binghamton University. Over the past 16 years, Kaskeset has accomplished much. Most notably, Kaskeset recently became the first Jewish A Cappella group to advance to the semi finals of the International Collegiate A Cappella Competition. The group was also granted a Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award for best world-song; "Mima'amakim" and has performed with Grammy nominee Cantor Bruce Benson.

All of their songs are performed A Cappella, meaning without instrumental accompaniment. The group sings four to fourteen part harmonies, creating a vocal band ambiance using only the human voice and body. Members of the group come from all over the country, with unique backgrounds and observances. Kaskeset offers an extensive repertoire of music addressing or pertaining to Judaism and its values, sung in Hebrew and English. The genres include choral works, rock, liturgy, pop, Israeli, humor, and everything in between. Ultimately, what unites and defines all of them is a love and dedication to Jewish music!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to president@keysjewishcenter.com by January 9.

BUDAPEST'S DOHANY STREET SYNOGOGUE

By Joyce Peckman

lacksquare his October Susan Ellner and I embarked on a delightful river cruise that began in Budapest, Hungary. Since I am not allotted 50 pages here. I want to share with you only a bit about our time in Budapest.

We arrived two days early, totally jet lagged, checked into our room overlooking the Danube and the former royal castle across the river, and decided that our first priority the next day would be to visit the historic Great Doheny St. Synagogue. In the 18th Century Jews were banned from Budapest so they established a lewish quarter just outside the old city boundary. Remains of the old Pest city walls run on the opposite side of the road. By the mid 1800's, during the time of the Enlightenment when science and commerce flourished, the late Austro-Hungarian empire somewhat relaxed its restrictions on Jews and encouraged cultural assimilation.



The Dohany Ark

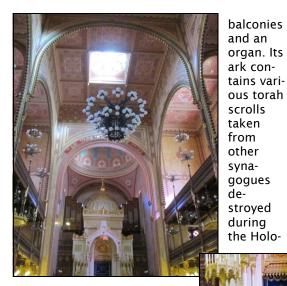
Most lews spoke Hungarian, and although thev lived in a mandated ghetto. they were free to travel and work throughout the citv. Neolog Judaism developed in Hungary. maintaining orthodox rituals



Joyce and Susan in the courtyard of the Dohany Street Synogogue.

with separation of men and women, but adding organ music to the service. (The musician of course was a hired Christian, since playing an organ would violate the Sabbath.)

The Great Synagogue opened in 1859. It is the largest in Europe, seating 3000, and is truly magnificent. Walking toward it from the main shopping streets, we saw a beautiful Moorish structure with two onion-shaped domes sitting on twin towers, symbolizing the two columns of Solomon's Temple. We paid our admission, passed through security and several small souvenir stands, and entered a huge and gorgeous temple. The style of the Dohány Street Synagogue is Moorish but its colorful interior design is like a Byzantine basilica, with three spacious aisles, richly decorated walls, ceiling and columns, two



Above and right: Interior of the synagogue

caust. We did not go upstairs to the women's balconies. which are seldom used. The guide, a member of the temple, said that on the high holidays the temple is nearly filled, men in the center and women on the sides. After the high holidays, Neolog services are held in the 250 seat Heroes' Temple next door, which can more easily be heated in the winter.

The Doheny St. Synagogue complex is a living testament to the history of Budapest Jewry in WWII. The synagogue was bombed in 1939, and then used as a stable and a base for German Radio. During the Russian Siege of Budapest, when all of the bridges over the Danube were destroyed, it suffered even more damage.

Doheny St. became the border of the walled ghetto into which all Jews from the city and its surroundings were imprisoned during the final year of World War II, starting in November of 1944, soon after the Nazi occupation of Budapest began. It soon became massively overcrowded, and the people imprisoned there were denied basic foods, fuels and medicine. As soon as the ghetto was established, selections were made and deportations began to the Nazi death camps, mainly to Auschwitz in Poland. Thousands died from starvation and disease, resulting in piles of bodies being stacked up in the streets and courtyards. The Arrow Cross Party, Hungary's homegrown Nazi ally, pulled hundreds of people from the ghetto, lined them up on the shores of the Danube, forced them to remove their valuable shoes, and shot them into the

During the winter of 1944-45, the ghetto community, fearing the disease that would come from the bodies that were piling up on

the cement streets, made the difficult decision to bury 2000 people in 20 mass graves in the garden on the synagogue property, putting the health of the community over the prohibition of burial on sacred ground. The headstones added after the war by surviving relatives are randomly placed because most of the bodies are unidentified.

During the years of Communist rule. the much-diminished lewish community used the damaged structure as a house of prayer. The enormous task of restoration did not begin until 1991. It was financed partly by the newly free state. partly by the local community and visitor fees, along with a substantial donation from the U.S. by Hungarian Jewish immigrant Estée Lauder.

The Synogogue property includes the cemetery, the smaller Heroes' Synagogue, a community center, a Jewish museum, and an aluminum and silver Willow Tree Memorial funded by Tony Curtis, whose family emigrated from Hungary. Each leaf represents a life. There is also a memorial to the Righteous Gentiles. About 20,000 Budapest Jews were given diplomatic protection by representatives from neutral countries who were based in Budapest. Among them were Raoul Wallenberg (Swedish), and Carl Lutz (Swiss), who issued protective passes and were able to house people outside of the ghetto.

Next to the temple there used to be a two-

story home where in 1860 Theodore Herzl was born and raised. He celebrated his bar mitzvah in the Grand Synagogue. On this location a museum was built. Our guide in the Museum was also very knowledgeable and passionate about Jewish history in Budapest. She used the collection of ceremonial objects and artifacts from the city and surrounding shtetls to paint a picture of Jewish life and holiday celebrations. I found especially interesting a display from a small town Chevra Kadisha (burial society), with

its bowl of lots that were picked to choose who would have the responsibility of cleaning and preparing the dead for burial. As we entered a room detailing some of the atrocities of the Nazis and hated Arrow Cross Party, her emotions were visible. She said that over 600,000 Hungarian Jews were murdered. She also showed how after the war, Hungarians turned over members of the hated Arrow Cross party to the Allies and watched as they were hung.

Budapest now has over 100,000 Jews and 17 active synagogues.



Doheny Cemetary



Willow Tree Memorial funded by Tony Curtis.

On Saturday I attended services at the much smaller Heroes' Synagogue, which they are still renovating. I can read Hebrew and am familiar with Orthodox Shabbat Services. so I thought I would be able to follow in the Hebrew-Hungarian prayer book. I took my place with the women on the left side. A boy of about 14 was busily wandering around handing out alivas for when the Torah would be read. Behind the bimah I could hear the organ and a hidden choir. I was eventually able to locate the page, but found the service difficult to follow. The Cantor had an old-

> style European pronunciation, and the rotunda created an echo. Virtually all of the singing and chanting came from the cantor or the hidden choir. Most of the attendees seemed to be just listening, and walked out as soon as the Torah reading concluded. before it was returned to the ark. I left a little later, just in time to meet my tour bus, with a greater appreciation of the spiritual connections found at the KICC service, and the fortunate lives we lead. ◊

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 - -The stunning Bahai Gardens & Shrine;
- -A visit to Yad Vashem.

Photo Gallery

Right - The Silverman family got together for Thanksgiving at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Pictured are Mort, Gene, Mark, Andrea, Matt and Kevin





Left -Chanukah in Denver Michal Peckman From my window I can see the glow of my menorah on the newly fallen snow - just like the song.

Above - Barbara **Smith and Pauline** Roller at Plymouth **Rock. Steve Smith** took the photo. Stuart says Pauline looks like an elf in that parka!

Right - (by Stuart Sax) "This photo is of Dorothy Schocket trying to figure out how to work a cell phone. Priceless."



Chanukah at the KJCC 5779

Text by Gloria Avner

t was a particularly joyful Chanukah this year. One of our oldest traditions took on a new twist. Ages ago, we would meet at our founder Ioel Cohen's house along with

board members, elders, and all our students and their parents. We all brought Chanukah Menorahs from home. We'd light candles, chant blessings, play dreidel, sing songs and eat latkes. With candles glowing from a dozen cha-

nukiah's on



KJCC First Night of Chanukah Menorahs at Pollack's home 12/8/12

well behaved. could be overwhelming. Enter the sensitive and generous Pollacks! With barely a week's planning time. out came the cooks and the Chanukiahs, the songs and the dreidels, and we enjoyed ceremony galore in a lovely home on a glorious evenina.

We were delighted with Rabbi Agler's sweet,

meaningful Havdalah service on Joel and Linda's screened porch, in which students Mikheala Bitton held aloft the wine cup, Natalie Werthamer passed around the spices, and Noah Bitton doused the multi-

wicked candle in the wine. Shabbat was over, and Chanukah began. A collection of beautiful Chanukias (taking the shape of evervthing from classical meno-

George Swartz and Yardena lead the ceremony

the darkened back porch, it was truly a festival of lights. When Joel passed, we started celebrating at Pauline Roller's. The tradition continued. But when a person is on their way to a 98th birthday, the prospect of making 200 latkes and hosting high spirited "kinderlach", no matter how

George Swartz lighting the Chanukah Menorrah at Pollack's Home on 12/8/12

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rahs to a tiny toy train set to a large bronze giraffe to ceramic children) were assembled and our children lit the first night candles. We Visitors from Texas join us at Pollack's for First Night of Channukah (next to them is Joyce Peckman)

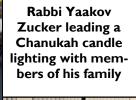
Visitors from Texas was filled with conversation and **ioin us at Pollack's** laughter.

Six nights later, instead of saying goodbye to *Shabbat*, we are lighting seven candles and saying hello. Rabbi Agler introduces the evening beautifully, tying in this week's *parshah*,

saying we are doing the most important thing the lews who went down to Eavpt did to maintain the Jewish culture in a strange land. We keep the traditions. More than 80 people light chanukiahs, bless wine and challah. and the eating begins. Erica and her crew do a magnificent job creating a joyous atmosphere and elegant delicious food.

Above Rabbi Richard Agler explains part of the
Havdallah service to the Bitton's son at the
Pollacks's home on 12/8/12.

sang the three blessings and moved on to the food. Dreidel was played for pennies and every level of the house, up to the star viewing rooftop,







Above -New meaning to the phrase "Her face lit up!" Terri Weisbert, joyously wearing her Chanukiah.

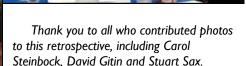
And then there was the play, a laughter filled adapted reprise of Arthur Yorinke's "The Fly-

ing Latke." Will anyone ever forget the food fight between Uncle Izzie (Bernie Ginsberg) and Shecky (Sam Vinicur) over the Buick vs. the Ford? Or Stuart as the Father telling a Colonel he was shooting down a potato pancake? Or Susan as semihysterical Aunt Etta and Gene Silverman as the latke making mother who wouldn't make appetizers? Moira did a beautiful iob narrating her family's story. Our new students. Cole and Westley Silverman, charmed everyone with their stage presence and British ac-

cents. Natalie Werthamer and Mickhaela Bitton were lovely dreidels. commentators, and gigglers, and Noah Bitton and Harry Friedman not only played their parts well, but contributed to many readings in the service.

Yes, the service was led by the students and

teachers of the KJCC Religious School Theater! We were full to the brim with "koach" (strength) and "ruach" (spirit), ingredients that celebrating children bring to a community that wants to survive for future generations. \Diamond





Above -Harry, Noah, Natalie, Michaela, Moira, Cole, and Wesley introduce their play.

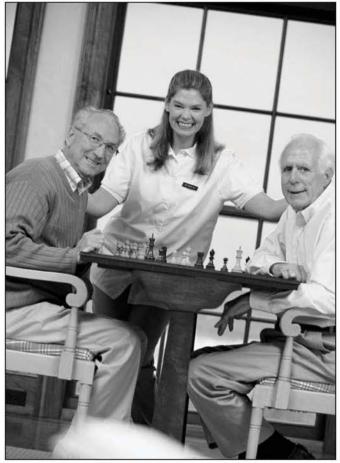
Right Uncle Shecky (Sam) prepares for his food fight scene, surrounded by KJCC Students.





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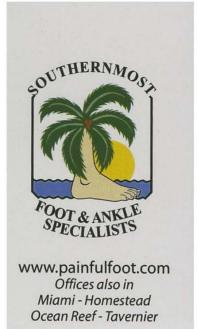
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