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June 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Italicized na		Friday services. g sponsors. KJCC riday evening.	1 Men's Club Meeting & Game Night, 7:30 at KJCC Yom Yerushalayim	2	3 George Swartz & Yardena Kamely <i>Carol & Steve</i> <i>Steinbock</i>	4
5	6	7 Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot at KJCC 8 p.m.	8 Shavuot 1st Day	9 Shavuot 2nd Day Megillat Ruth	10 Jim Boruszak Lynn & Jim Nobil Yizkor Service	11 Men's Club Movie Night at KJCC, 7:00
12 KJCC Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.	13	14 Alan Beth's Computer Class at KJCC, 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17 Stuart Sax Amelia & Steve Kasinof	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24 Steve Steinbock & Yardena Kamely (6:30 Service) Lauren & Stuart Sax and Rene & Skip Rose	25 KJCC "Chai- yaking"
26	27	28	29	30		

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President's Message Stuart Sax

Now that the majority of our "snowbirds" are back in their summer nests. the attendance at our summer services and special events falls on the shoulders of our "locals." We will continue to have meaningful Shabbat services with maybe a surprise quest or two. The Men's Club will continue to host poker nights, movie nights, Chai-yaking and maybe throw in a Sha-BBQ. The Silvermans will continue to lead fishing trips and sunset cruises on request, and any other ideas are always welcomed.

In every organization there are unsung heroes. These are people who don't necessarily wait to be asked to do something. They step up before the fact and offer to help. Sometimes they are out-front heroes like Gloria Avner, Erica Garrett, Kathy Shabathai, and many more who take charge of an event and, literally, make it happen. Sometimes they are behind-the-scenes people who are less visible but not less valuable. One of our unsung heroes is the financial pulse of this congregation. I consider Linda Pollack to be my "go-to girl" in many dimensions. When discussing any financial matters. I can read her eves to determine if the proposal is feasible. Linda has magnificent recall on how our funds are managed and she is as protective of those funds as a mother duck is of her ducklings. Thank you, Linda for all that you do,



and thank you, Joel, for the sacrifices you also make.

Even though it is early in the summer, we are starting to plan for this year's High Holy Days. For the second year in a row, we will be led during the Days of Awe by Rabbi Danny Young and Cantor Mark Halpern. This added depth to our holidays does carry with it an additional cost. When the dues packages go out next month, there will be a line item for an additional voluntary contribution to assist with our religious leadership expenses. Please consider how meaningful it was to have Rabbi Danny and Cantor Mark together last year and seriously consider a special donation for this year.

This will be the final edition of Chai-Lights before the staff takes a well-deserved respite for a couple of months. To Sam, Lisa, Gloria, Medina, Yardena, and everyone else who contributes articles, ads, photos and information to this outstanding publication, our gratitude is boundless. Because most KICC members keep each month's issue for reference all month. those with businesses and with business connections should seriously consider advertising in Chai-Lights. The added sales will more than cover the modest cost. >

Nosh

See You in September

Please make a mental note (or, in Alan's case, an iPad note) that this issue of Chai-Lights is our combined summer issue, encompassing June, July and August. Our next issue will be September, as we all prepare for High Holy Days. Please continue to send your photos, announcements and ideas to chailights@keysjewishcenter.com. September's issue will look forward to the coming season, yes, but will also look back at the collective activities of a KJCC summer.

A Thank-You to Jim Boruszak

(The following note was sent to Jim by Stuart Sax after another year of Jim's famous post-Pesach, pre-Board Meeting Matzo Brie.) Dear Jim,

On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank you for all of your efforts in cooking a delicious breakfast for everyone this morning. The fact that it was a holiday and we had nearly a full Board in attendance is a testament to your efforts and generosity. It was fantastic.

We took a vote after the meeting, and you have been selected to make breakfast for every Board meeting from now on!!

> Best Regards, Stuart

Oneg Sponsors for June 2011

June 3rd — Carol & Steve Steinbock in honor of their anniversary.

June 10th — Lynn & Jim Nobil in honor of Jim's birthday.

June 17th — Amelia & Steve Kasinof in honor of Amelia's birthday.

June 24th — Lauren & Stuart Sax and Rene & Skip Rose in honor of their anniversaries.

Chai-Lights June, July and August 2011

June Birthdays

Julie E	in chicays
	Abraham Rakov
	Elanor Forbes
	Lorene Solomon
	Alfred Weihl
	Scott Kay
5th	Dorothy Wolfe
	Joseph Sachs
	Donna Bolton
6th	Nancy Kluger
	Suzanne Gilson
7th	Carrie Smith
7th	Jim Nobil
	Joan Wohl
8th	Elaine Solas
9th	Zoe Berk
th	Deborah Weiss
th	Linda Feinberg
l 2th	Kevin M. Silverman
l 2th	Michal Kamely
l 3th	Israel Mayk
l 3th	Justin Greenbaum
l4th	Jennifer Nobil
l 5th	Haley Mayclin
l 5th	William Bolton
l 6th	Peter Kantor
l7th	Leo Haviv
18th	Amelia Kasinof
18th	Kim Haviv
20th	Harvey Klein
20th	Judy Schmidt
21st	Taryn Nobil
23rd	Joseph Goldberg
	Delaney Rohde
	Rita Bromwich
27th	Frank Emkey
27th	Maxwell Schrader-Grace

New Members

KJCC is delighted to welcome Roger and Jessica Hernstadt of Marathon as our most recent new members. Son Aidan is already enrolled in school, and will begin bar mitzvah studies with Gloria in the fall. Jessica had first come to KJCC with Judy Greenman to attend the Women's Seder.

June Anniversaries

Years

lst	Jim & Rita Williams	27
lst	Joel Bernard & Joan Stark	25
5th	Stephen & Carol Steinbock	28
7th	Richard & Sheila Steinberg	.52
8th	Stephan & Jane Friedman	15
10th	Mark & Sofy Wasser	16
llth	Carl & Medina Roy	39
l2th	William & Donna Bolton	
l 2th	Harvey & Beverly Robins	.54
l4th	Harvey & Joan Kay	41
l 4th	Jim & Joan Boruszak	.58
18th	Eric Grace & Ruth Schrader-Grace	17
20th	Milton & Joan Wohl	.60
21st	Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake	24
23rd	Skip & Rene Rose	.56
23rd	Stuart & Lauren Sax	37
24th	Robert & Heide Werthamer	16
25th	Herbert & Elinor Grossman	.54
28th	Wes & Rita Conklin	41

Summer Activities at KJCC

We don't publish monthly calendars for July or August, but that doesn't mean that activities at KJCC cease. There are, of course, services every Friday night. The Oneg afterwards is the perfect time to re-connect and catch up. It's said that summer was once quiet and sluggish around here, but that's certainly not true any longer. Game Night (nee Poker Night) will still take place the first Wednesday of the month. Movie night is still scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. And Dave Mont's "chai-yaking" excursions are still scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month.

Alan's computer tech classes will be going on all summer, on a roughly every-two-weeks schedule. We'll almost certainly celebrate our annual Shabba-be-cue on or around July 4th (which is a very important day here in that it's our amazing matriarch Pauline Roller's birthday).

Lauren has scheduled a Sisterhood meeting in August to begin preparing for High Holy Days.

And one never knows what else will emerge. Pay close attention to Stuart's weekly e-mails. Or log on to KJCC's web site keysjewishcenter.com — to follow Alan's online calendar. They contain all the details you'll ever need to know about, and any changes that get made to, your KJCC summer activities.

July Birthdays

J ,	
	Alex Hudson
	Chely Markowitz
l st	Jennifer Gilson
l st	Patti Gross
	Elissa A. Denker
	Pauline Roller
5th	Ron Levy
8th	Erica Morgan Shatz
	Joyce Peckman
10th	Lindsay Gould
l l th	Steven Hartz
l 2th	Rebecca M. Schur
	Richard Steinberg
	Dot Brooking
l4th	David Gross
	Paul Eric Bernstein
	Danna Levy
	Foster Davidson
	Robert Werthamer
l7th	Shira Listman
18th	Ellen Coltman
18th	Zachary G. Kwalick
20th	Čarol Laskin
21st	Arlington Garrett
21st	Brian Smith
	Joshua Samuel Bernstein
21st	Linda Perloff
	Carrie Temkin
25th	Alan Markowitz
26th	Carol Field
27th	Marc Bloom
27th	Rachael Bloom
28th	Lila E. Juenger
	Bruce Boruszak
	Candy Stanlake
	Drew Nobil
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Open House at Garrett Chiropractic

KJCC's Dr. Erica Lieberman-Garrett will be celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of Garrett Chiropractic and Wellness Center in Tavernier during the month of June. On Thursday, June 23rd, at 4 p.m., all are invited to a celebratory open house. She'll ply you with organic snacks, smoothies and mini-chair massages.

July Anniversaries

	Years
2nd	Douglas & Rozi Graham7
3rd	Michael & Lorene Solomon22
5th	Erwin & Barbara Kantor54
9th	Michel Bitton & Sylvie CoeurjolyI
l2th	Jason & Debbie Madnick16
24th	Dick & Rita Bromwich37
29th	Bernard & Elaine Solas55

July & August Service Leaders

July 1st — Bernie Ginsberg July 8th — Alan Beth July 15th —Stuart Sax July 22nd — Sam Vinicur & Beth Hayden July 29th — Ken Atlas

August 5th — Joel & Linda Pollack August 12th — Bernie Ginsberg August 19th — Alan Beth August 26th — Jim Boruszak

Summer Onegs

As noted above, services go on all summer, without fail. We still need oneg sponsors for July and August. Hey, snowbirds. Why not sponsor an oneg while you're away to show that neither time nor distance can dim your love for KJCC? Contact Joyce Peckman at 305-240-1000 or e-mail Sisterhood@keysjewishcenter.com.

Ron Levy's Tandoor Ovens

The New York Times did a long feature recently on KJCC's own Ron Levy and his unique niche in the tandoor oven market.. Go online to nytimes/2011/05/11/dining for the full article.

August Birthdays

2nd	Jessica Forman David Kaufman Nissan Mayk Nissan Mayk Barbara Smith Barbara Smith Barbara Smith Barbara Smith
27th	laimee Marshall
27th	2
28th	
30th	
30th	
30th	

August Anniversaries

7th	Larry & Dorothy Wolfe	54
7th	Aaron & Judith Schmidt	56
l 5th	Paul & Susan Roberts	43
l 5th	Richard & Barbara Knowles	12
l 6th	Ira & Shirley Stein	53
20th	Barnet & Ellen Coltman	
20th 22nd		51
	Barnet & Ellen Coltman	5 I 29

Tikkun Leil Shavuot Tuesday, June 7th, 8 p.m. at KJCC Study Torah, Hear The Commandments, Eat (homemade) Dairy Food

On Shavuot, seven weeks and one day from the second Passover Seder, when we have finished with the mitzvah of counting the omer, when we have refined ourselves from slave mentality by spiritual replenishment sufficient to make us worthy of receiving divine law, we celebrate our receiving of the Ten Commandments. We perform yet another mitzvah – by making up for our ancestors' failure to wake up on time for Revelation.

We stay awake; and we study. (Being Jewish, we also eat).

We repair ("tikkun") the wrong done by our historic heavy-liddedness; we give ourselves and our ancestors another chance at the foot of Mt. Zion. In recent years, more and more congregations make a point of celebrating Erev Shavuot with a *Tikkun Leil (night)* *Shavuot* study program. This will be the third year that we will have such a celebration in our own synagogue. We may not last all night, but a couple of hours, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., would be an excellent start.

We will gather in the Sanctuary and hear the Ten Commandments chanted from our Torah by Bernie Ginsberg. We will close our eyes and listen to the trumpeting of the Shofar as free people, a new people fresh from Equpt, ready to live new lives. We will read and discuss the book of Ruth. look at the list of 13 Commandments, have some Torah discussion, and last (but far from least), eat Muriel's wonderful blintz soufflé, cheesecake, and other dairy treats provided by Sisterhood. Erica Garrett will coordinate the food portion of the evening (please contact her to volunteer dishes - 853-1003 or hippiejap@hotmail.com); we know it will be good and plentiful. Be there for repair! It's a *mitzvah*. And a good time.

-Gloria

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 KJCC, 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 Bea Graham, 305-852-0214.

Picture Postcards – We have beautiful picture postcards bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC, which was commissioned by Sisterhood. Quantities to fit your needs and can be mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Joan Boruszak, 305-852-0833.

Oneg Shabbat Sponsor - To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665. **Meditation Garden** - Participate in our newest venture. A beautiful garden is in progress and you can be part of this exciting new project by making a donation for an engraved brick, an engraved bench, or for plants in honor or memory of a loved one or event. Call Steve Steinbock for information, 305-394-0143. **KJCC Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yahrzeit 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 Nancy Kluger, 305-852-4353. *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 and/ or annually in the Directory. Call Gene Silverman 305-664-3316 for rates.

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

In Memoriam June, July and August 2011

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Samuel Segal

By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

William Owen

By Nancy L. Cohn

Esther R. Cohn

In Memory Of

Betty Weiss

By Janice Gorson

In Memory Of

Rose Caspi

By Nancy L. Cohn

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Louis R. Coltman By Barnet & Ellen Coltman

By Nancy L. Cohn

In Memory Of

Samuel Schneider

By Maryon Gould

In Memory Of

Lois Owen

In Memory Of

Saul Elson

By Bea Graham

In Memory Of

Kathe Gross

By Margaret Gross

In Memory Of

Rose Kantor

By Erwin & Barbara Kantor

In Memory Of

Bill Kwalick

By Teresa Kwalick

In Memory Of

Carl C. Reiff

By Rick & Roberta McNew

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Kurt Scaller

By Herbert & Elinor Grossman

In Memory Of

Arthur Klimpl

By Michael Klimpl

In Memory Of

E. Enrique Astray-Caneda

By Teresa Kwalick

In Memory Of

Sarah Oshinsky

By Gerald Oshinsky ~~~~~~~~~~

By Mollie Gross

In Memory Of

Samuel Horn

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Memory Of

Esther Kwalick

By Teresa Kwalick

In Memory Of

Robert Lewit

By Wendy Sue Lewit

In Memory Of

Leslie Peckman

By Joyce Peckman ~~~~~~~~~~

In Memoriam June, July and August 2011

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Ben Horwitz

By Pauline Roller

In Memory Of

Leon Kirschenbaum

By Carl & Medina Roy

Morris Rose

By Skip & Rene Rose

Milton Lang

By Skip & Rene Rose

In Memory Of

Mae Rubin Rear

By Myron & Myrna Rubin

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Wally Steinberg

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

In Memory Of

Rose Fine

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Memory Of

Eva Raub

By Harvey & Judith Klein

In Memory Of

Gizella Reiff

By Rick & Roberta McNew

In Memory Of

Millie Prober

By Mel Prober

Leonard Tobin

By Andrew M. Tobin

In Memory Of

Erik S. Persoff

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

In Memory Of

Isaac Cohen Pardo

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

In Memory Of

Erik S. Persoff

By Jim & Lynn Nobil

In Memory Of

Joel Reed Baker

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

In Memory Of

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

In Memory Of

Irma Weihl

By Alfred & Sue Ann Weihl

In Memory Of

Joseph Wasser

By Mark & Sofy Wasser

In Memory Of

Dorothy Marmar

By David & Pamela Marmar

In Memory Of

Beryl M.O. Present

By Marjorie Present

In Memory Of

Howard Shutan

By Stuart & Lauren Sax

In Memoriam June, July and August 2011

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Sidney Stark

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

In Memory Of

Louis Boxer

By Shirley Boxer

Phyliss Bloom

By Marc & Ellen Bloom

In Memory Of

Sam Fabian

By Martin Fabian

Gussie Fierberg

By Shirley Boxer

In Memory Of

Rose Goldberg

By Joseph & Susan Goldberg

In Memory Of

Julius Haber

By Margaret Gross

In Memory Of

S. Marshall Gorson

By Janice Gorson

In Memory Of

Max Gould

By Maryon Gould

In Memory Of

Jason Grossman

By Kenneth & Jerri Grossman

In Memory Of

Feda Bushell

Emanuel Gross

In Memory Of

By Mollie Gross

Stanley Horn

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

Margaret Isenberg

By Henry & Patricia Isenberg

In Memory Of

Catherine Kaplan

By Ronald & Deborah Kaplan

In Memory Of

By Kurt & Nancy Kluger ~~~~~~~~~~ In Memory Of

Sylvia Hershoff

By Jay & Nancy Hershoff

In Memory Of

Jacob Ratchik

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Memory Of

Sidney Kaplan

By Ronald & Deborah Kaplan

In Memory Of

Irwin Kwalick

By Teresa Kwalick ~~~~~~~~~~

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Otto Kluger

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Memory Of

Sydney Emsig

By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs

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In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Fred Ross

By Joyce Peckman

In Memory Of

Morgan Rowen

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Gordon Present

By Marjorie Present

In Memory Of

Kitty Roemer

Frank Stanley Sachs

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

In Memory Of

Sylvia Sachs

By Harvey & Susan Schwaid By Morton & Gene Silverman

In Memory Of

Jack L. Sachs

By Morton & Gene Silverman

In Memory Of

Stanley H. Klipper

By Mary Lee Singer

Mollie Z. Cohen

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Ben Steinbock

By Stephen & Carol Steinbock

In Memory Of

Sally Taks

By Mel Taks

In Memory Of

Seymour Werthamer

By Robert & Heide Werthamer

In Memory Of

Selma Smith

By Steven & Barbara Smith

In Memory Of Mack Swartz

By George & Muriel Swartz

In Memory Of

Ida Estrin

By Ralph & Lillian Tallent

In Memory Of

Frieda Feinberg

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Memory Of

Samuel Wainer

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

In Memory Of Milton Swartz

By George & Muriel Swartz

In Memory Of

Alfred Eichler

By Lawrence & Judith Weber

In Memory Of

Henrietta Zinner

By Donald & Nancy Zinner

In Memory Of

Meyer G. Cohen

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

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In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Franne Alter

By Barry Alter

In Memory Of

Irene Sinner

By Shirley Boxer

Isaac Berman

By Sylvia Berman

In Memory Of

Gary W. Cohn

By Nancy L. Cohn

Priscilla Leshin

By Jim & Joan Boruszak

In Memory Of

Mark Sands

By Murray & Claire Cooper

In Memory Of

Harriet Feinberg

By Arthur Feinberg & Patrice Gerard

In Memory Of

Richard Gould

By Maryon Gould

In Memory Of

Margaux Rene Grossman

In Memory Of

In Memory Of

Dorothy Schafer

By Barry & Natalie Dorf

Robert Davidson

By Foster Davidson & Carol Laskin

In Memory Of

Jess Ginsberg

By Bernard Ginsberg

In Memory Of

Henry Kirschenbaum

By Marilyn Greenbaum

In Memory Of

Esther R. Horowitz

By Robert Hermann

By Herbert & Elinor Grossman

Irving M. Horowitz

By Robert Hermann

In Memory Of

Charles Kantor

By Erwin & Barbara Kantor

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In Memory Of

#### Chanoch Levy

By Michal Kamely 

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#### leanette Gould

In Memory Of

By Maryon Gould

By Stuart Grossman 

In Memory Of

#### Manuel Hershoff

By Jay & Nancy Hershoff 

In Memory Of

#### Arthur Kaplan

By Frank & Sandy Kaplan ~~~~~~~~~~

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#### In Memory Of

#### Florence Grossman

In Memory Of

### YEDA VE'TORASHA Yardena Kamely



## Yom Yerushalayim — Jerusalem Day

Y om Yerushalayim is the newest holiday on the Israeli calendar. Observed on 28 Iyar, it celebrates the reunification of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967, after the Six-Day-War.

Jerusalem, the holiest city in Jewish tradition, is mentioned over five hundred times in the *Tanach* (Bible); so many songs and poems have been written for and about *Yerushalayim*. The "City of Faith" is considered to be Judaism's birthplace, "the central shrine of faith," and its people have always revered it as the "Jewish Home." The phrase *b'shanah ha'baah b'Yerushalayim* (next year in Jerusalem) is always used to mark the end of *Pesach* (Passover), the festival of national redemption, and closes the *Yom Kippur* service, the festival of personal redemption.

The Talmud asserts that Jerusalem was

in Jerusalem, God is seen, and felt, as a tangible presence. In Jerusalem we reach beyond the frailty and vulnerability of our lives, and we sense and strive for transcendence. Elsewhere we grope for insight. In Jerusalem we anticipate clarity...Jerusalem is for visionaries."

The memory of Jerusalem is somehow linked to us as a people. The "Holy City" was always the center of our collective soul, our spirit, as the *merkaz ruchani*, (center of spirituality). In Hebrew the word for "man" is *zachar*, the word for "memory" is *zecher*. Man is memory. If he loses memory he loses his self.

Personally, I have very fond memories of Jerusalem: my grandfather's house, where we spend the most wonderful traditional Shabbat and festivities; the walks through the streets where every stone was telling a story of Jewish

named by God. The name has two parts: Yira, which means "to see." and shalem. which means "peace" or "whole, complete," The name itself is an expression of hope. Jerusalem was the place of Abraham's nearsacrifice of Isaac. and Abraham said of Jerusalem, "This is the place where God is seen." Rabbi N. Braverman said. "Elsewhere. God is a theory, but



history and my parents' history; the Hebrew University, the new center of learning where our everyday life was to be involved in the actual dynamic history of the reunited city.

Jews in exile have remained passionately attached to Yerushalayim for thousands of years. Wherever they found themselves, they faced toward Jerusalem when they prayed. Their synagogues were oriented toward the city, and when a Jew built himself a house, he always left a small portion of a wall unfinished to symbolize that it was only a temporary dwelling, until he could return to his real and permanent home – *Yerushalayim*. One place there is the site most sacred to the whole Jewish people – the *Kotel* (Western Wall).

In the 400 years of Ottoman rule in Jerusalem the *status quo* concerning the *Kotel* was

preserved. The area that had been created in front of the Wall was reserved for lewish praver, and the Wall was officially classified as the most sacred place in the Jewish religion. Because of the weeping and wailing of pilgrims and ordinary tourists visiting the place, it became popularly known as "The Wall of Tears" or "The Wailing Wall." During the British Mandate in Palestine (1917-1948), the Wall became a focus of the conflict between lews and Arabs. The British authorities maintained the religious status it had been granted by the Ottoman Turks. But the sounding of the shofar at the Kotel, particularly at the end of Yom Kippur services, and the question as to whether it was permissible to put benches at the Wall for

the elderly, became controversial issues over which Jews and Arabs argued.

When the Jewish Quarter and the rest of the Old City fell into Jordanian hands after Israel's War of Independence, the *Kotel* also passed into Jordanian control. For the next 19 years (1948-1967), modern and western Jerusalem was divided by eastern and ancient Jerusalem by concrete walls and barbed wire, and Jews were denied all access to the *Kotel*. Jordan joined in the Six-Day-War against Israel and, as a result, Israeli forces conquered the whole of Jerusalem. The liberation of the Old City and the *Kotel* was the emotional climax of the war. I remember the day the news arrived that Israeli paratroopers, who had been fighting inside the wall of the Old City, were reaching the *Kotel*. In every house, in every family, there was a sense of joy, of redemption; an emotion went through both old and young generations that is not possible to describe. Later, we heard the story how the Chief Rabbi of Israel's Armed Forces, Shlomo Goren, managed to reach the Wall even before the firing had ceased, and sounded the *shofar*.

Dayan, Eshkol, and Rabin were close behind him. The paratroopers, battle-hardened veterans, ran to touch the ancient Wall and to weep. One of them described that moment: "Though sniper fire continued, the paratroopers could not take their eyes off the *Kotel*. They gazed up at it, and wondered why history chose them."

Haim Hefer, Israeli songwriter, poet and writer, later wrote "The Paratrooper's Cry":

This Kotel has heard many prayers. This Kotel has seen many walls fall.

This Kotel has felt wailing women's hands and notes pressed between its stones... But this Kotel has never

before seen paratroopers cry... This Kotel has seen them

tired and exhausted.

This Kotel has seen them wounded and scratched up.

Running towards it with beating hearts, with cries and with silence...

And here they are standing in front of it... And the tears fall and they look awkwardly at each other.

How is it that paratroopers cry?

How is it that they touch the Wall with feeling?

How is it that from crying they move to singing?

Maybe it is because these 19-year-olds were born with the birth of Israel,

*Carrying on their backs two thousand years.*  $\diamond$ 



The Kotel in 1910. Access was

limited: there was no plaza.

## Sisterhood Lauren Sax



s they say, " another one bites the dust." We have schlepped, shopped, met countless times, e-mailed, phoned, made lists and made more lists, cooked, cleaned and organized the kitchen. At our closing luncheon at the Buzzard's Roost. I toasted to all the ladies there and thanked them for helping me ease into my secondfull-time job as Sisterhood President. Our year was jam-packed and I do believe we hit lots of heights. There were Shabbat dinners, holiday dinners and brunches, a Deli Nite, a luncheon and fashion show, a brand new Chai Tea, our wonderful Seders (notice it is plural), and we formed new Gift Shop and fundraising committees. None of this would have been possible without the help of all my fantastic Sisterhood executive board and members. They say it takes a village. In our case, it takes a congregation.

Now it's time for some respite. Well, for some of us. For others, like my executive board and me, summer means more meetings and getting ready for the upcoming year. Like a car, Sisterhood needs to tune itself up, and what better time to do it than the quiet time of the year. We also need to plan our calendar, although some preplanning has already begun. In fact, fundraising co-chairs Gene Silverman and Nancy Kluger and I are in the process of planning two special events for this coming year. We are not at liberty to say yet what they are, but both are sure to be very interesting and enlivening events. Maybe even THE social event of the season! Stav tuned. Our Gift Shop committee has their hands full, stocking the shelves with brand new Judaica and gift items. Susan and Roberta are taking to heart the old adage: "out with the old, in with the new." They have marked down much of the merchandise to 40% off in anticipation of changing over the entire cabinet for the holidays. For those of you who are in town, please take a look next time you are at the KJCC. Consider shopping early for birthdays,

anniversaries and even Hanukkah.

Over the summer you will be receiving our yearly Oneg Shabbat donation letter. For those of you who continuously support Sisterhood in honor of your *simchas*, we truly thank you for your generosity. For those who have never taken advantage of sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat, I ask that you consider helping Sisterhood and the KJCC by way of celebrating a birthday, anniversary, baby naming, housewarming or any other occasion. It is very heartwarming and at the same time helps Sisterhood attain their goal for the year.

We have much to do to get ready for the new year. They come quickly! But it all takes manpower. We cannot do it alone. If there is anything you can do, from making phone calls to stuffing envelopes to setting up for one of our dinners, we need to hear from you.

I trust you will all have a happy and restful summer. Hopefully, we will not have to shutter our homes and listen to the forecasters debate on which way some storm is headed. I am planning a couple of small trips, including one to Chicago to do some bonding with our daughter, whom we never see enough of, and visit my mother as well as take in a White Sox game. Plus, I can't forget our little Liam and our wonderful son and daughter-in-law here in Florida. I sorely need some Grandma bonding time and will gladly change a few diapers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>, as plans for the holidays need to be finalized. I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Hopefully Grandma won't be too exhausted from running around and babysitting two yapping dogs and an adorable grandson!  $\diamond$ 

## **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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To raise funds for KJCC, Gene and Mort Silverman have generously offered their custom-built 50-foot yacht for

Tobin, Andrew



for the sunset cruises. All amounts are donations to KJCC and therefore <u>tas</u> <u>deductible.</u> Mort will provide chum and

either unique, Mort-led fishing trips for small groups of five or romantic sunset cruises for up to five couples. The cost is only \$100 per person for fishing (compare that to commercial rates) or \$100 per couple

bait for the fishing trips (plus a mate, in this case not Gene) and they'll offer sommelier quality wine and cheese as part of the sunset cruises. Contact Stuart Sax to sign up, at president@keysjewishcenter.com

### World Jewish Report Medina Roy

#### **Mighty Mouse**

Israeli scientists have created a detector that can ferret out would-be bombers and drug couriers. The device is similar to the controversial full-body scanners that have recently been implemented at airports. This scanner, however, has three concealed cartridges, and each cartridge contains eight specially trained mice. According to New Scientist magazine, the mice work four-hour shifts and are more accurate than dogs or xray machines. Air is pumped into the cartridges every four hours so that the mice can breathe. When the mice sense traces of drugs they run to a side chamber where an alarm is triggered. This type of scanner may be more appealing at airports since invasion of customer privacy would no longer be an issue. (www.telegraph.co.uk, 2-3-11)

#### Spice-Less

Jay Bernstein, a Baltimore Jewish activist, has managed to get McCormick & Company (based in Baltimore) to agree to stop selling its spices to Iran. The New York Times had reported that, despite sanctions against Iran, the U.S. Treasury was still allocating licenses to American companies to conduct business with the Islamic Republic. One of those companies, Bernstein learned, was the McCormick spice company, founded in 1889 by a Jewish immigrant. Bernstein wrote to a McCormick board member who also happened to be president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (where a KJCC member, Rebecca Boehling, is a history professor), asking that pressure be put on McCormick to "do the right thing and end all business dealings with and in Iran." Shortly after, Bernstein received word that McCormick would stop selling to Iran as long as that country remains subject to sanctions imposed by the United States government. "Is it going to bring down a



regime? No," Bernstein said. "But McCormick showed a great example of corporate responsibility." McCormick sells its spices to more than 100 countries. (www.jewishtimes.com, 4-15-11)

#### An Esteemed Honor

Israel has been admitted to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, the largest scientific organization of its kind in the world. "Israel is joining an exclusive club, which provides unusual visibility, exposure, prestige and international status," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was guoted as saying. Only twenty other countries are members of the Geneva-based CERN. When it was founded in 1954. CERN stated as its mission that it "shall provide for collaboration among European States in nuclear research of a pure scientific and fundamental character...The Organization shall have no concern with work for military requirements and the results of its experimental and theoretical work shall be published or otherwise made generally available." (www.israelnationalnews.com, 4-21-11)

#### At the Movies

-Issur Danielovitch Demsky, better known to the world as actor Kirk Douglas, 94, will be honored at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival in July, where he will receive the Freedom of Expression award at a special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary showing of "Spartacus." Douglas, whose production company made the film, insisted on giving a screen credit to blacklisted screenwriter Dalton Trumbo for the story of a gladiator rebellion against the Roman Empire, an act credited with helping to end the notorious Hollywood blacklist during and after the McCarthy era. One of the film's final scenes, where captured gladiators refuse to name the real Spartacus, was widely understood as support for those who refused to name communists before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Douglas has made a wellpublicized return to Judaism. At the age of 83, he had a second bar mitzvah in Los Angeles. The San Francisco Festival, founded in 1980, is the nation's oldest and largest Jewish film festival. (www.jta.org, 4-27-11)

-Israeli director Alma Har'el took top honors at the Tribeca Film Festival in the documentary category with "Bombay Beach," her feature-length film. Har'el is a Tel Aviv native who now lives in the United States. The judges were unanimous in their decision, praising the film for its "beauty, lyricism, empathy and invention." Another Israeli, Dor Fadlon of Ramat Gan, also won special attention at the festival for "Eva – Working Title." The Tribeca Film Festival was founded in 2002. (www.jta.org, 5-1-11)

-"Footnote," a film by Israeli director Joseph Cedar, has won Best Screenplay honors at one of the film industry's most honored events, the Cannes Film Festival. The story is about rival Talmud scholars who just happen to be father and son. Cedar is one of the top young Israeli directors. His last film, "Beaufort," earned one of the top prizes at the Berlin Film Festival in 2007 and was the first Israeli film to be nominated for the Best Foreign Language Oscar in 24 years. (The Forward, 4-14-11)

#### "Not Only False, But Offensive..."

African-American student leaders from a variety of historically black colleges and universities recently took out full-page ads in a number of college newspapers blasting "Israel Apartheid Week" organizers. The ad, an "Open Letter to Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)," said that they were offended by SJP's use of the term "apartheid" at "Israel Apartheid Week" events held at campuses across the country. "The SJP's labeling of Israel...as an apartheid state is not only false, but offensive...It is highly objectionable to those who know the truth about the Israelis' record on human rights and how it so clearly contrasts with South Africa's," the letter reads, noting that under apartheid black South Africans had no rights in a country in which they were the majority of the population, and continues with "SJP has chosen to manipulate rather than inform with this illegitimate analogy." The ad was signed by sixteen members of the Vanguard Leadership Group, a leadership development academy and honor society for top students. "We request that you immediately stop referring to Israel as an apartheid society and to acknowledge that the Arab minority in Israel enjoys full citizenship with voting rights and representation in government." (Jerusalem Post, 4-9-11)

#### And the Winner is...

For the first time, an Israeli winerv has won the grand prize at Vinitaly, Italy's annual international wine competition, beating 3,720 wines from more than 1,000 producers in 30 countries. The Golan Heights Winery, founded in 1983 in Katzrin on the Golan, took home the Vinitaly Special Award, the so-called "Wine World Cup." It was the first time that the grand prize was given to an Israeli winemaker, although the Golan Heights Winery had already won Grand Gold Medals at Vinitaly in 2004 and 2006. The 105-member jury included international wine experts and journalists. The wines are marketed under the Yarden. Gamla. and Golan labels. (World Jewish Congress, 4-11-11)

#### "Oshpitzin"

That's the name of a new multimedia online project that's been launched to highlight the long Jewish history of Oswiecim, the former *shtetl* in southern Poland where the Nazis built the Auschwitz extermination camp. *"Oshpitzin"* is the Yiddish name for the town. Before World War II, Oswiecim had a majority Jewish population. The project includes an interactive map of synagogues, businesses and other prewar Jewish sites, plus films, photographs, articles, memoirs, interviews and other educational material on its Jewish history. The website is www.oshpitzin.pl (*www.jta.org*, 5-1-11)

#### 5,000 and Counting

The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) has become a center for Jewish learning, with thousands of soldiers who are not lewish according to halacha (Jewish law) taking part in the Nativ program, a series of courses in Judaism that can lead to conversion. Roughly 800 soldiers per year are choosing to undergo conversion. So far 17,000 non-Jewish soldiers have participated in the program and almost 5.000 of them have converted. Most Nativ participants have a Jewish parent or grandparent, but are not Jewish according to hala*cha*, which states that Jewish status is passed through the mother. Two-thirds of the soldiers who convert through *Nativ* are women, meaning their children will be considered lewish. One out of five IDF soldiers was not born in Israel. In 2010, 40,000 soldiers were immigrants. Sixty-five percent of immigrant soldiers were born in the former Soviet Union, with 12.5 percent born in Ethiopia. (www.israelnationalnews.com)

#### **Stamps Honor Anti-Apartheid Jews**

Early in March, three African countries – Liberia, Sierra Leone and Gambia – issued a set of commemorative postage stamp sheets remembering famous Jews who fought apartheid in South Africa. "This stamp issue acknowledges the extraordinary sacrifices made by Jews to the liberation of their African brethren, and these stamps recognize some of the most significant contributors to global humanity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century," reads the introduction to a website

(www.legendaryheroesofafrica.com) dedicated to the new stamps. The website provides brief biographical sketches of the honorees. (www.jta.org, 3-21-11)

#### In Memoriam

-Moshe Landau, former president of the Supreme Court of Israel and the judge who presided over the trial of Adolf Eichmann 50 years ago, died on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the eve of the country's Holocaust Remembrance Day. His death occurred just weeks after *Yad Vashem* launched an online video archive of the trial. Landau was 99. Born in 1912 in Danzig, Germany (now Gdansk, Poland), Landau studied law at the University of London before making *aliyah* to Israel in 1933. He became a judge at the age of 26 and in 1953 was appointed to the Supreme Court, where he served until his retirement in 1982. He had been on the high court for eight years when selected to head the three-judge panel for the Eichmann trial. Landau was later the recipient of the Israel Prize for his contributions in the field of law in 1991. (www.haaretz.com, 5-1-11)

-Sidney Lumet, one of the significant film directors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, died in April at the age of 86. He directed more than 40 films, including such classics as "12 Angry Men" (his directorial debut), "Dog Day Afternoon," "Serpico," "Network," Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge," Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night," and "The Verdict." Other Lumet films included "The Pawnbroker," starring Rod Steiger as a Holocaust survivor, and "Bye Bye Braverman," about a group of Jewish intellectuals getting lost while driving to a friend's funeral. Lumet's films earned more than 40 Academy Award nominations. He was nominated four times as Best Director but never won. His parents, Baruch Lumet and Eugenia Wermus, were Yiddish theater actors. (www.jta.org, 4-11-11)

-Baruch Blumberg, the Nobel Prize-winning biologist whose work led to vaccines against hepatitis and who also explored the biology of space, died at the age of 85. Along with Daniel Carleton Gajdsusel, Blumberg won the Nobel Prize in 1976 for discovery of the hepatitis B virus. The discovery was seen as "one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century." In the decades that have passed since the award, the vaccines have saved millions of lives worldwide. Later on. Blumberg became involved in NASA, where he was a distinguished scientist at its Astrobiology Institute and its Lunar Science Institute. Blumberg was born in 1925, the second of three children of Meyer and Ida Blumberg. He received his elementary education at the Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn and graduated from Far Rockaway High School (about 22 years before I did!) (www.jta.org, 4-7-11) >

## **Photo Gallery**



On May 1st, Sisterhood gathered for the last time this season, not for business but for lunch and hugs before many depart for the summer. Thanks to Mary Lee for the three photos, top.





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Granddaughter Liati, her husband Doron and son Mati, visiting savtah Bea, joined us for the May 13th service, below.



Each year, Yardena and her Holocaust Committee — Muriel, Medina and Rachel — create a lobby display for Yom HaAtz'ma'ut. This year's is at right.







On May Ist, Yom HaShoah itself, Steve Smith gave a presentation at KJCC about how organized medicine, of all entities, helped enable The Holocaust. Below right, Steve, Stuart, Yardena and her Holocaust Committee stand before this year's KJCC lobby display. At the Friday, May 6th service, below, Yardena had six candles ready to be lit, one for each million murdered, then offered her own annual tribute.



We had two honored guests at the May 6th service, at right: Yardena's cousin Ya-el from Israel, and longtime KJCC friend Chaim Schaffer. השואה



At left, mate Joe Beth is shown during the first KJCC fishing trip aboard Mort and Gene Silverman's custom yacht. Captain Mort himself, below, attends to final details before shoving off.



Stuart Sax and sister Kathy pause above before embarking on the MS Breakaway 150 (yes, that means 150 miles on a bike) on May 14th & 15th, to benefit Multiple Sclerosis.



That's Mary Lee In the trees of



Costa Rica, at the end of an activity they call "ziplining." At right, Roy Pollack (in hat) was also in Costa Rica, but to



In the photo above, Gloria Avner stands at the head of a long table filled with Buddhist monks, here on their annual "Keys to Peace" tour. Gloria and Lyn Dils are holding up signs to teach the monks to say "Shalom, chaverim." (The monks now know that's Hebrew for "hello, friends.")



go fishing.

In the photo at left, Rebecca Smith, daughter of Steve and Barbara, is shown at her March 3 I st wedding to Christian Robert Strasser. They live in Orlando. The photo



below was taken by founding KJCC member Ben Sherman In 1993, as religious students first led a service. That's Rebecca far right, next to Stephanie Line and Haley Mayclin, daughter of Jackie LePree.

## A Formal Dedication in Our Garden

By Gloria Avner

n April 29th, more than 60 members of the KJCC "mishpocha" gathered for multiple mitzvahs. We celebrated the beginning of Shabbat, we remembered our dear departed with a Yizkor service, and then we went outside. Standing round our new gazebo - designed, constructed. and donated to KJCC by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake in honor of their parents (with construction principles based on the mystical number Chai: 18) - we chanted a



How did we ever get along without the Beth/ Stanlake gazebo and its surrounding Meditation Garden? The garden's welcoming shade and comfortable seats have already hosted Bar Mitzvah tutoring sessions, short meetings, individual meditations and permanent memorials.

On Sunday and Monday evening, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, our gazebo found a new use. Thirteen people fit comfortably standing in a circle, making a *minyan* and celebrating a *Mincha* service so that people from somewhere other than here, vacationing in the Keys,



"V'higianu." Smiles abounding, we formally dedicated the gazebo, the newest addition to our Meditation Garden and Synagogue. Stuart installed the *mezuzah* he and Lauren donated. We read and admired the bronze dedication plaque, and then Candy's father, J.D., hugging his daughter and looking both pleased and moved, took up the scissors and cut the ribbon.

could say *Kaddish* for their parents on the occasion of the parents' *yahrzeits*. The breezes blew and two tuneful birds chanted along with us.

We are sure there will be many more uses to come. Thank you again, Alan and Candy.  $\diamond$ 



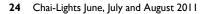
On the same evening as the dedication of our garden gazebo, Gene and Mort Silverman sponsored the Oneg in



Alan, at right, addresses his audience at the first of his computer classes for members of KJCC, on May 10th. It's a rare opportunity to learn from a world-class computer ge..., er, expert. Classes will continue through the summer. celebration of their 56th anniversary. Candy sits at the Oneg with her dad J.D. (the ribbon cutter) and Medina, at far left. Above right, with son Roy fishing in Costa Rica, Linda and Joel got a visit from Vippi, Mattie and Will. Teresa joined the girls for a photo.

#### Grace Hoppe

Grace Hopper is known worldwide for her work with the first large-scale digital computer, the Mark I. "It was 51 feet long, eight feet high, eight feet deep." she said. "And it had 72 words of storage and could perform three additions a second." "the machine that assisted the power of the brain rather than muscle."



## **Our Recent Visit to London**

#### by Joseph & Katherine Shabathai

K athy and I recently visited London on May  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ , not for the Royal Wedding, but on the double occasion of my great

nephew's Bar Mitzvah and for a memorial service commemorating the death of my mother Sally Shabathai fifteen years ago.

The Bar Mitzvah was held at the Western Marble Arch synagogue. The rabbi at this synagogue is Lionel Rosenfeld. His late father was the *chazan* (cantor) at my own Bar Mitzvah 51 years ago at Finchley Synagogue in North London

and he also presided over my sister's wedding – also in London – 48 years ago.

Being on a Monday, the Bar Mitzvah was not held in the main sanctuary but in an



The Western Marble Arch Synagogue's main sanctuary in London, above, where Joe had his bar mitzvah. Below, Joe's father, in tallit and tefillin, leading the service at the bar mitzvah of his great, great nephew. At bottom, London's Aden Jewish Congregation sanctuary.



annex. We were fortunate to have my 94-year-old father, Jack, wearing his *tefilin* lead the service and sing in Hebrew from the Torah. My three sisters and other members of my family were also present. The next day we attended the memorial service for my mother held at the Aden Jewish Congregation's synagogue in Stamford Hill in northeast London. As some of you may know, my family's roots are in Aden, which was a strategically located port on

> the trade route between India and Egypt and was held as a British colony between 1840 and 1967. Aden is now a part of Arabdominated Yemen. There are records of lews living in Aden and in Yemen *before* the time of Alexander the Great (356-323 B.C.E). As such, the Jews of Aden are not a part of the two main groups known as "Ashkenazim" or "Sephardim," but date from the time of King Solomon.

During the 1940s,

the Jews of Aden were forced to leave what was an idyllic life, abandoning property and wealth to rioting Arabs who outnumbered and surrounded them. Many left for the newly emerging State of Israel (some by way of Operation "Magic Carpet," which airlifted them to safety). Others migrated to India



and to England. My parents were among the early departures, leaving Aden in 1943 for India, at the time also a British colony, where I was born after the Second World War ended. A few years after India became an independent nation my family left to live in England.

The Aden Jewish Community Center in London is the locus of the Adani Jews living in London. ("Adani" is the way that the for mer Jews of Aden refer to themselves, reflect ing the Arabic pronunciation.) The services are carried out according to the tradition of the services from the old Aden Jewish world; it's very different from anything anyone in the Keys would be familiar with.

Kathy is now back in Miami nursing a cold but happy to be back in the warm weather. I expect to return to the States later this month after completing a visit to Switzerland.  $\diamond$ 



## And the Winner of KJCC's 2011 Joel Cohen Fellowship Award is...

*On April 19th, at the KJCC Family* Seder, previous winner Carol Steinbock presented this year's Joel Cohen Award, KJCC's highest honor, to

services and, in fact, was one of the eighty or so people who answered the newspaper ad calling Jewish people to meet in February 1980 at a home in Islamorada.

A very spiritual person with a myriad of talents, the honoree uses those talents in

Gloria Avner. Below is the text of Carol's remarks.

n 1989 the planners of the Second KICC seder decided that every Passover, a very special award would be aiven to an individual or individuals who showed "unstinting dedication to the KICC.



brotherhood and community."

The first honoree was Joel Cohen, and thereafter the award was named in his honor because he unquestionably displayed "devotion to his people and his love of all peoples of the earth."

Like Joel Cohen, this year's honoree was amongst those early attendees at KJCC

many important ways.

But more than that, this honoree is a strong, dedicated, spiritual person who never gives up, never stops giving, here at the

KJCC, in the Keys community and everywhere.

Her incredible blend of talents – in spirituality, art, music, song and prose – are showered on all, with patience and a joyful heart. The recipients of those talents are not just members of the KJCC, both young and not so young, but also the children and adults of the upper Keys.

It is difficult to continue without giving strong hints of this worthy

individual's identity.

She has been a Sunday School teacher here for years and a substitute teacher in our public schools. She continues to lead our Women's Seder.

Frequently taking part in Friday night services, she shares with us her voice and her heart in Hebrew psalms and prayers. She has even tried to teach us new melodies, although not always successfully.

As our Religious Chairperson, she is not just a teacher, but an organizer and supervisor of the High Holy Days services and other special days and events throughout the year.

AND she makes sure that we have someone to lead services every Friday night, whether she is here or not. And she does all these things well. For the last couple of years she has joined clerics from numerous churches in the upper Keys



<u>The words on Gloria's Plaque read:</u> With love and appreciation for your years Of dedication to the KJCC, enriching our Lives through your unique blend of artistic And spiritual gifts in your writing, In the classroom and from the bema in song.

in the New Year's Day Blessing of the Fleet.

She represents KJCC at the "Longest Night of the Year" Memorial Service for the Homeless who have died that year in the Keys.

She is our Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor. She leads our *Havdallah* services, and is involved in Purim, Succot and every other special day at the KJCC.

She has been taking cantorial courses in

order to enrich our services and improve her ability to guide or educate us in Jewish liturgy.

She has been an indispensable contributor to Chai-Lights for over four years, writing feature articles, as well as often providing explanatory text for the many photo spreads we enjoy each month.

Finally, she has been involved in bringing music to the entire upper Keys with the concert series we have enjoyed during recent winter seasons.

I could go on, but I believe it is clear that this award recipient undoubtedly meets and exceeds the mandate that she be

devoted to the KJCC and the Jewish people and love all peoples of the earth.

So, if you haven't already guessed, it is my honor on this *Pesach*, 15 Nissan 5771, to present the Joel S. Cohen Fellowship Award to Gloria Avner.  $\diamond$ 

# The 2011 KJCC Family Seder...

by Joan Boruszak

ur annual KJCC Family Seder was again held this year at the Islamorada Fishing Club, on the second night of Passover - Tuesday, April 19th. Jim Boruszak (hmmm...name

day and installed his own sound system for us, so that everyone in the room could clearly hear the service. Dave also brought two cordless mikes instead of one, which not only

is familiar) and Gloria Avner worked verv hard to bring us all a festive and meaningful seder service (but still a lot shorter than the ones we all remember our grampa leading). For the first time in many years, we introduced a new KJCC Haggadah. carefully selected by lim and Gloria after

a lot of research. Music.

part of the evening. And many thanks go to Dave





people to participate in the readings but also sped things along. Sharing with



strangers (not just Elijah) is an important part of a Passover seder. Joining our

KICC members this vear were several families who were visiting the Kevs at the time. We had several **Keys** families who aren't active and may not be members, but who still feel the call during Passover. As they often do.



Gene and Mort Silverman brought all of son Mark's family down from Ft. Lauderdale. Our guests' children joined our own children in searching the recesses of Jim and Joel Pollack's brains for the hiding place of the *afikoman*. A guest actually figured it

out, but all the children shared in the prize. Our

seders

typically

end with

the presentation of the beloved Joel Cohen Fellowship Award, our congregations highest honor, given to a member who deserves recognition for outstanding service to the KJCC. This year's award went to the most deserving Gloria Avner. Those of you who go to High





Holy Day services know the incredible amount of work that Gloria puts into

them. She puts an equal amount of work into our weekly Shabbat services, often on the *bemah* as our cantor. She also teaches our children in Sunday School. (*Please see the article on page 25 to see the remarks* 









by Carol Steinbock as she presented Gloria with the award – Ed.)

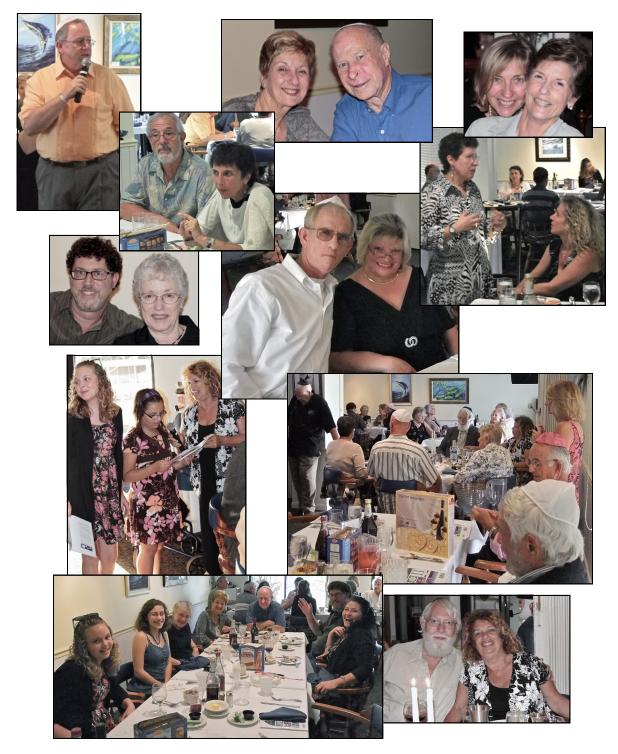
As usual, the fishing club went

all out to make us a delicious seder dinner. (They actually made the matzoh ball soup themselves.) We thank Vinnie and everyone at the Fishing Club. We also thank Leslie Dillon and Lauren Sax for all the work they put in to help make our seder such a success again this year. Our thoughts are always with Leslie as she recovers from her automobile accident.

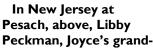
It isn't too early to mark your calendars for next year's seder, to be held once again at the Islamorada Fishing Club, on Saturday, April 7, 2012.  $\Diamond$ 

Our great thanks for the Second Seder photos go to Barbara Knowles (especially), but also to Moira Knowles and Mary Lee Singer.





## ...And Other Seders of the KJCC Family Some photos from first-night seders, here and elsewhere.



daughter, met Tani Mayk-Hai, Liati and Doron's son, Nissan and Israel's grandson, and Bea's great-grandson, at his first seder.

#### Marathon's Community Seder

Marathon held its second community Seder at St. Columba Episcopal Church on Sunday, April 17th. Nearly eighty people attended, about thirty of them Jewish and the rest from St. Columba's parish plus community leaders such as Father Gerri from San Pablo Catholic Church.

St. Columba's parish set up the tables and chairs after church and Jessica Hernstadt (wife of Marathon's City Manager), Joan Manges and I then set up and organized the traditional Jewish elements of the evening. We all

read the Haggadah, projected onto a large central screen, that Sharon Silva had prepared as a PowerPoint. I even met a few new Jewish couples, who reached out to participate in the seder.

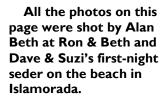
-Judy Greenman

(Great Chai-Lights thanks to Larry Benvenuti for the Marathon seder photos.)



This photo is of the traditional seder setting of Elinor and Herb Grossman in Toronto. In the center are their youngest granddaughters, Stevey and Rachel, asking the four questions.











# Take a Trip... Through the KJCC Library est, containing Jewish classics such as

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It's tucked away in the corner by the office, to the immediate left before you enter the sanctuary. I've gotten many compliments on how nice the library looks. Yes, the KJCC library might look nice, but it's missing something: users.

I became a member of the KJCC during Jim Boruszak's presidency. When he found out I was a librarian, he approached me and asked me to organize the KJCC library and make it "usable." I gladly took on the task. At the time. we had half the space and sadly, I must

admit, I did a rather lousy job - I suppose I could blame it on the fact that I was still working full-time. But in the last year or so, I've been reinvigorated and am happy to say that the library is ready to be used.

I have devised a classification system that I hope is user-friendly (sorry Mr. Dewey – I've deviated from your plan). But not to worry; there are the usual subject areas that you would find in any public library - fiction titles, biographies, juvenile books, reference and audio-visual material. We have a few books with more than one copy. Most of the time, they are shelved together in the same section but on a few occasions, I've placed them in more than one location. For instance, Elie Wiesel's haunting memoir of his days in a concentration camp, Night, is located in the Biography (BIO) section and a duplicate copy

has been placed in the Holocaust (HOL) section.

The fiction section is by far the larg-Leon Uris's Exodus and James Michener's The Source. But you'll also find Herman Wouk's exhaustive two-volume historical fiction series on the founding of the State of Israel, The Hope and The Glory.

The entire collection, save a few titles, is made up of books that have WALKING

been donated by our KICC members. Here's a

sampling of what you can find and the section where it is located:

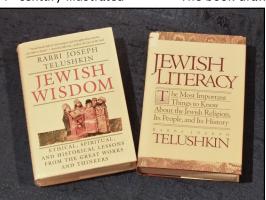
Turbulent Souls: A Catholic Son's Return to His Jewish Family, by Stephen Dubner. Dubner's memoir tells the story of his conversion from Catholicism to Judaism. So what's so unusual about this story? His uncommon religious history: before Dubner was born, his parents had done something guite unusual. at least in the modern day: they had converted from Judaism to Catholicism. Location: Biography (BIO).

One People, Two Worlds: A Reform Rabbi and an Orthodox Rabbi Explore the Issues That Divide Them, by Ammiel Hirsch and Yaakov Yosef Reinman. Hirsch is a Reform rabbi and Reinman, a Talmudic scholar, is Orthodox. Their book is written as an 18-monthlong e-mail dialogue where they discuss every issue in Judaism that you can imagine: closeness to God, homosexuality, matrilineal descent, the role of women in Jewish life, and interpretation of both the Talmud and the Torah. They also debate the issues of Zionism and the State of Israel, Sabbath observance, divorce, intermarriage, and synagogue practices. Although almost every aspect of their faith conflicts, the two rabbis have much in

common because "they are bound together by blood, history, and some shared religious beliefs." Location: Rituals, Traditions & Customs (RTC).

People of the Book: A Novel, by Geraldine Brooks. This is the story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, the famous 14<sup>th</sup> century illustrated

Passover manuscript. Historians believe it was taken out of Spain by Spanish Jews during the Inquisition in 1492. The Haggadah survived centuries of wars thanks to people of all faiths who risked their lives to safeguard it. Geraldine Brooks, a Pulitzer Prize-



other intelligence service that continues to be surrounded by myth and mystery, or commands respect and fear, quite like Israel's Mossad. Formed in 1951, the Mossad has been responsible for daring feats of espionage, counterterrorism, and assassination. The book draws from classified documents,

> confidential sources, and secret interviews with Mossad agents and informants to reveal the organization's secrets. Location: Israel (ISR).

> Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses, by Bruce Feiler, is the story of the author's 10,000-mile journey from Mount Ararat to Mount Nebo. Feiler, a fifthgeneration American Jew from the South, had felt no particular attachment to the

winning author, has turned the intriguing history of this precious manuscript into an amazing work of historical fiction that re-

traces its turbulent journey. Location: Fiction (FIC).

Six Days in June: How Israel won the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, by Eric Hammel. Hammel believes that the countdown for the Six-Day War actually began in July 1964. That's when Israel completed a system of canals and aqueducts that would carry fresh water from the Sea of Galilee. Israel's Arab neighbors became fearful that Israel was expecting an influx of settlers. Ham-

mel maintains that the 1967 war "marked the finest performance of the Israel Defense Force," because in less than a week Israel defeated the armies of Egypt, Jordan and Syria with a minimum of Israeli casualties. The author points out that the IDF, unlike other military forces around the world, places its besteducated soldiers into the combat branch of the military rather than into the technical branches. Location: Israel (ISR).

*Gideon's Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad,* by Gordon Thomas. There is no

Holy Land. Yet during his journey, he began to feel a pull towards his heritage. Feiler's book is about the lessons he learned about



Washington Post, set out on a two-fold mission: she wanted to find the man who tried to kill her father and she felt the need to learn about vengeance. In the book, Blumenfeld interviews a variety of people about the meaning of revenge. The heart of the book, though, is her personal journey to find the man who pulled the trigger. She locates his family and learns vivid details about his life. But in the end, Blumenfeld says her quest helped her find hope in a dangerous world. Location: Biography (BIO). I found a real gem tucked away in a corner: *Modern Jewish Life in Literature*, a twovolume set. Although not so modern any more (Book One was written in 1948, Book Two twenty years later, in 1968), it is an anthology and a treasure trove of primary source material. In Book One, there are writings of Theodor Herzl, Chaim Weizmann, Hen-

rietta Szold (the founder of Hadassah). Albert Einstein, and Louis Brandeis. among others. Notable in Book Two are entries written by Primo Levi and Victor Frankl (concentration camp survivors). Gideon Hausner (prosecuting attorney at the trial of Adolf

Eichmann), S.Y. Agnon (prolific Israeli novelist, short-story writer and 1966 Nobel Prize winner for Literature). Abba Eban (former Israeli Foreign Minister, brilliant orator and early Zionist), Elie Wiesel, Hayim Nachman Bialik (Israel's "national poet"), Tuvia Bielski (one of the brothers who led a band of Jewish partisans in rescuing lews and fighting the Nazis in German-occupied Poland, played by Daniel Craig in the movie "Defiance"), and Yevgeny Yevtushenko (Soviet author of the poem "Babi Yar"), just to name a few. We have two copies of each volume; one is located in the section labeled Jewish World (JW), the other set is housed in the Reference area (REF).

Some book titles, of course, are selfexplanatory:

So That Your Values Live On: Ethical Wills and How to Prepare Them, edited and anno-

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tated by Jack Riemer and Nathaniel Stampfer. Location: Rituals, Traditions and Customs (RTC).

The Jewish Lights Spirituality Handbook: A Guide to Understanding, Exploring & Living a Spiritual Life, edited by Stuart M. Matlins. Location: Spirituality (SPI).

God is a Verb: Kabbalah and the Practice of Mystical Judaism. by David A.

Cooper. Location: Kabbalah (KAB). Strikina Back: The 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre and Israel's Deadly Response. bv Aaron I. Klein. Location: History (HIS). The lewish

*Traveler: Hadassah Magazine's Guide to the World's Jewish Communities and Sights,* edited by Alan M. Tigay (1987 edition; somewhat old but still reliable). Location: Jewish World (JW).

Why Jews Don't Camp, Plus 24 Other Hilarious Stories About Everyday Life, by Arnie Z. Goldberg. Location: Humor (HUM).

Other categories include children's books (JUV), books for Young Adults (YA), audio-visual material (AV), Jewish law (LAW), Fine Arts (ART) and cookbooks (COO).

Take some time to come and browse, and feel free to borrow something. The library operates on the "honor" system. Procedures for borrowing library material are printed out and located in the area. All you need to do, basically, is tell us you're borrowing the book, and that you'll return it when you're done. Our goal is to help enhance the KJCC experience for every member, in the unique way only reading can. We are, after all, the people of the book. ◆

A Letter from Miriam

#### as imagined by Gloria Avner

Today will be my last entry in these brittle pages. My energy is drying up. I sense, too, that this rock Moses struck so long ago which has miraculously followed us through all these years in the desert – welling up with water for us every night – will not be with us much longer. Some call me a prophetess. Maybe that is a name that will be mine. I get confused. Sometimes I see the future more

clearly than the past.

My hand is not as steady as it was on that heady day when the women and I beat our timbrels in ecstasy after crossing through the Reed Sea. seconds before the hand of God closed it again. drowning the pursuing hordes of horse and rider. Ah. that song of utter joy. the lung-and-heart-filling praises of God. our women alternating with Moses and the men. What pride and gratitude in that call-andresponse. What relief after decades of degrading slavery, horrid nights of frogs and boils, locusts, blood, darkness, and the final dreadful killing of the first born.

Can anyone sanction the killing of innocents? Though I sense my end is

near, I am not yet dead. I have lived long enough to recognize cycles; I mourn both the Jewish and the Egyptian first-born. We are told not to rejoice at any death, not even an enemy's.

I was such a rebel in my youth. I still laugh at myself, idealistic, arrogant fresh midwife that I was, counseling my parents and their friends not to stop having sex, not to avoid having babies they would have to drown. I must have been protected by God and the courage of the ignorant. These nowtrembling, age-spotted hands so confidently carried the basket with my baby brother to the banks of the Nile. He smiled as I placed him on the water, as if he already knew the two of us were on a sacred journey. Today, with 127 years behind me (my age makes me laugh, but smiling hurts my desert-dry lips), I

> see how everything that happened to Moses and to me must have been foreordained, *bashert*.

Still, I wish there were some things I could have changed.

I wish the men had listened to us about the golden calf. We knew a bad idea when we heard one. Our refusal to hand over our iewelry had nothing to do with vanity or greed. Idol worship was not our path. What is it with men, so impatient, so fearful? Did Moses say how long he would be on the mountain? Did the men think he could make a contract with God for good and fruitful lives as a people in the blink of an eye? Were we so insecure in our relationship with the Creator who had liberated

us from Egypt that we needed secondary insurance? How could they have forgotten the manna and the quail? How fickle was our faith. Ah, my aching bones tell me, after 39 years in the desert, to stop turning these things over. We are what we were, imperfect human beings, still getting over slave mentality. We had forty-nine days wandering in the desert to uplift ourselves, to refine our thinking, to correct our behavior and deserve



In this idealized portrait, Miriam hands baby brother Moses to Pharaoh's daughter (whose name the Bible does not mention).

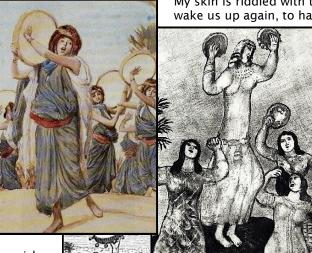
those tablets that my baby brother courageously climbed up the mountain to bring down for us. Twice.

So why couldn't we wake up early enough to be ready to receive God's word? Are we such a heavy-lidded people that we cannot keep the most important date of all time?

I am sorry, too, for my own sin of lashon hara. I wish I'd never spoken against Moses' Cushite wife. Who was I to be so rigid and judgmental. criticizing my brother and his choices? Was I iealous that God spoke only to him, not to me, his elder sister, the one who saved him? I paid for that

one. Seven days of being shunned was a punishment as horrid as my white, rotting skin. Oh, I recovered, but not without losing selfconfidence and gaining compassion.

I look back on everything now. The pictures come ever faster, both from past and future. It is dizzying. I see my own death and Moses'. Because only Joshua and my dear Caleb were brave enough to tell the truth about their spying mission in the promised land, not turning coward like the other ten who reported that the Canaanites were too mighty to be defeated by "grasshoppers" like us, my generation will die here. We will be grains of sand in this desert.





Depictions of Miriam's great leadership moment: "Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing." (Exodus 15:20). The painting top right is a Chagall.

Joshua will take up Moses' mantle and my Caleb will enter the land as a great leader. How I will miss him when these bones are lying in the Cave of Machpelah.

There! There is the cloud that covered Mt. Sinai! I see it again. I hear the lightning. The blowing of the shofar rings between my ears. My skin is riddled with truth bumps. I want to wake us up again, to have another chance to

> receive God's word with open eyes and heart.

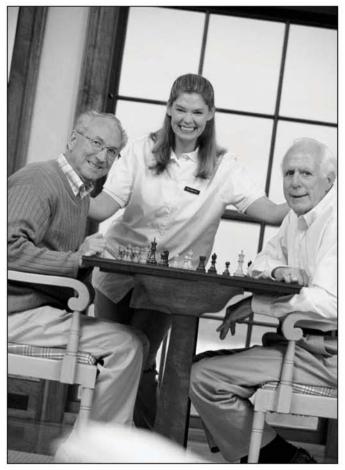
I see people counting Omer to remember each day of our trail towards becoming a people. They are making sacrifices, material and spiritual, looking within, attempting lives of holiness and compassion. This must be far

into the future. They are celebrating our forty-nine day journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai. They call the fiftieth day "Shavuot" and celebrate this "Chag" on which we nearly missed the Revelation by staying awake all night and studying, remembering our story, honoring the laws we were given. The image is fading, but I see food, cheese and milk and wonderful cakes. I hear a word and see a dish I do not understand. "Blintz soufflé," they call it. It does not matter. The people

> who are studying and eating are delighted. I may not enter the Promised Land, but I have seen the promised vision. It is good. \$

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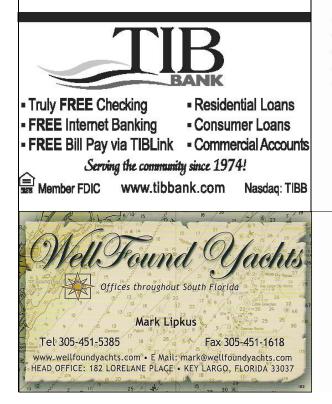
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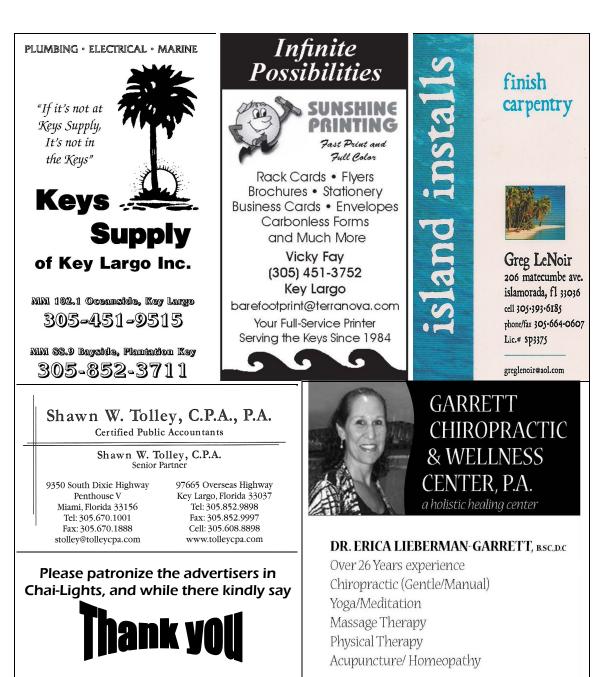
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