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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jovce Peckman

shul should be a place of refuge in times of trouble. But there has never in our lifetimes been a time quite like this one. How do we provide a place of refuge when we must close our doors, when people are sheltering in place? How do we provide spiritual help when we are all under stress, unable to meet? We hope that we have succeeded in some small way.

My weekly Tuesday emailed messages are opened by about sixty percent of our members, which I was told is a high number. I wish it were more. In these emails I pass along information about many topics: films. TV shows and on-line classes that members recommend, food distribution, safety information and more.

As the weeks drag on, we have developed a schedule of Zoom meetings where many of us can meet: emailed invitations go out that morning. On Mondays at 2 p.m. we have "Teatime Chat"- just an open forum to meet and exchange news. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm. Jan Price has been leading us in twenty minutes of easy stretching and breathing exercises, with time to exchange greetings before and after. We have continued our Friday Shabbat services with "Virtual Onegs." Rabbi Agler has continued teaching about the

David Saga. Sisterhood Book Club continues.

It is you, our members, who make this possible. Our wonderful lav leaders have adapted well to this new, less forgiving way of leading. Thank you to Gloria, Medina, Beth, Erica, Steve, Laurie, Donna and Ken... and all the way from Texas- Stu and Lauren. Thank you, Rabbi Agler, Gloria and Jan for your classes. Our strength comes from what we give. If you have an interest in something and want to share it online, just give me a call and we will schedule it. We have had poetry writing, discussions about films, and hope to have an art class.

The big question is: When and how will we re-open? The board will have help deciding. We are in weekly contact with the Miami-Dade Jewish Federation Security Group, which is providing a place for discussion among synagogues and JCCs, as well as information and guidelines. I am also on a group bulletin board with other shuls from around the country. The consensus is that we will not open guickly, and when we do, it will be carefully, with remote access for those who cannot safely attend. Until then, meet us on Zoom, take the time to call someone, and stay safe. \diamond

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is "up" within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us and contact Joyce, we will be able to observe Shabbat, attend meetings and see each other, virtually. We can even celebrate Onegs if you bring your own cookies.

Monday, June 1	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m
Tuesday, June 2	Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 4	Stretching with Jan 4 p.m., Paper sculpture with Gloria 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Parashat Naso 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 6	Torah Study 10:30 a.m the David Saga, Rabbi Agler
Monday, June 8	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9	Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 11	Stretching with Jan 4 p.m., Paper sculpture with Gloria 4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 12	Parashat Behalotecha, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 14	KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.
Monday, June 15	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16	Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 18	Stretching with Jan 4 p.m
Friday, June 19	Parshat Mevarchim,7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 22	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23	Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.
Thursday, June 25	Zoom stretching with Jan 4 p.m.
Friday, June 26	Parashat Korach, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 29	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m., Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 12 p.m.
Friday, July 3	Chukat-Balak, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, July 6	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Friday, July 10	Parashat Pinchas, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 13	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Friday, July 17	Parashat Matot-Masei
Monday, July 20	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m.
Friday, July 24	Parashat Chazon, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 27	Zoom tea and discussion 2 p.m., Zoom Sisterhood Book Club 12 p.m.
Thursday, July 30	Tisha B'Av
Friday, July 31	Parashat Vaetchanan, Shabbat Nachamu
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David Saga and Rabbi Agler

We're almost done with Samuel I; it's time to begin reading Samuel II. The story continues, more exciting than a novel, and Rabbi Agler, our Scholar-in-Residence, makes it relevant to our lives today as well as going deep into historical context. Be part of the warm, informal, engaging conversation. Saturday June 6, 10:30 a.m. Watch for Joyce's Zoom invitation.

Book Club Goes On

KJCC Sisterhood Book Club continues to meet enthusiastically, rain or shine, summer or winter, pandemic or not. Discussions are enjoyable and the company gets better and better since we are no longer limited, thanks to zoom rooms, to those living on our island chain. The summer choice for June is Sue Monk Kidd's Book of Longings. In July, we will be reading The Street Sweeper. Zoom Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at noon. See poster for more information, on pp 16.

Our Organic Garden Grows

Jane Friedman, Harry Friedman and Mindy Agler continue their farming and bring big armloads of fresh produce to the Burton Memorial Food Pantry next door. See photos on Pp. 28.

Rabbi Zucker Returns

Rabbi Zucker, joined by brother Chony, is bringing us a six-week class on Wednesday evenings from 6 -7 p.m. Called "From Quarantine to Sinai," it will feature Rabbi Zucker's special blend of humor, spirituality and music. We will be participating with members of the Chabad Keys Congregation. Watch for the Zoom invitation Wednesday mornings.

Improvements to KJCC

While we have been absent from our building, hard work and upgrading has been going on, inside and out. Thanks to our House Committee--Skip Rose, Susan Gordon, Donna Bolton and Ken Atlas. -- external walls have been painted, closets have been cleaned and unwelcome creatures have been denied access. When we do come back, you'll be surprised. Thank Count too.

Security Planning

Joyce Peckman, Laurie Bloom, Steve Hartz and Donna Bolton have been attending Miami Jewish Federation Zoom meetings to stay abreast of the latest information and trainings for the protection and reopening of congregations in their synagogues. Be sure to read the the personal defense plan explained step by step on PP 29.

New Directory--It's in the Mail

Sometime in early summer you will receive your dues packet and new Directory. There are many opportunities to show generosity and support for the physical security improvements completed recently, all geared to maintaining our longevity as a Jewish community, doing deeds of lovingkindness and providing educational, spiritual and social opportunities for our members. Think about extra support too for our High Holy Days Rabbi and Cantor. We are looking towards live-streaming this year. \diamond

Service Leaders

June 5	Steve Hartz
June 12	Gloria Avner & Art Itkin
June 19	Joyce Peckman
June 26	Medina Roy
July 3	. Susan Gordon and Laurie Blum
July 10	Steve Hartz
July 17	Joyce Peckman
July 31	Laurie Blum & Beth Hayden
Aug. 7	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
	& Donna Bolton.
Aug. 21	Medina Roy

In Loving Memory of

LEROY WEISBERG 08/15/1943 - 03/27/2019

A Smart, Wonderful, Loving, Caring and Giving Son, Brother, Husband, Uncle, Cousin and Friend We miss and love you very much

Love, Gerri Emkey & Terri Weisberg

WHEN TO OPEN OR NOT TO OPEN: THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS

For weeks, these have been the most asked questions in worldwide Jewish communities, as well as our own. A month ago I asked Rabbi Agler his opinion on returning to the Sanctuary for services. He sent a link on Jewish values and his own personal statement. We are fortunate to have our Scholar-in-Residence on hand to share wise guidance.

We are equally grateful to our own Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, KJCC Board Member and experienced Public Health physician, who has given us similar opinions whenever the subject comes up, particularly around the issue of a possible second wave in the fall. We will continue to be guided by experts in their fields.

https://www.ccarnet.org/ccar-urj-guidelines-onvalues-based-decision-making-returning-to-inperson-gatherings-covid-19/ Thoughts from Rabbi Agler:

"I have yet to see anything suggesting that it is safe for significant numbers of people to be together in confined spaces. Much of what I read and hear, and I try to confine myself to medical and public health experts, is that it will not be safe for many months to come. While people are anxious to "get out" and the rate of increase MAY have slowed (we don't have sufficient testing data to know for sure) new cases of infection abound and the virus remains as contagious and dangerous as ever. In the absence of a vaccine or an effective treatment-cure, it remains extremely risky to ignore social distancing and other public health guidelines.

For businesses upon which people's livelihood and survival depend, the calculation is a fraught one. The KJCC is not such a business. It seems to me that the decision to continue our religious life virtually should be a fairly easy one to affirm." \diamond

June Birthdays

2nd 2nd 3rd 3rd 5th 5th	Myra Kaplan Abraham Rakov Elanor Forbes Dorothy Wolfe Joseph Sachs
6th	
6th	Nancy Kluger
6th	Suzanne Gilson
7th	Carrie Smith
7th	Joan P. Wohl
8th	Elaine Solas
9th	Renee Brodie
9th	Zoe Moshe-Berk
13th	Israel Mayk
13th	
13th	
14th	

15th	William Bolton
	Marvin Blumenfeld
18th	Amelia Kasinof
20th	Harvey Klein
	Aaron Quesada
	Nancy Hershoff
	Roberta Chester
21st	Taryn Nobil
22nd	James Patrick Brennan
	Dale Chasteen
24th	Delaney Rohde
24th	Rita Bromwich
	Jake Benjamin Markowitz
27th	Frank Emkey
	Kristy Moss
	Alan Cooper
	Milo Tainow

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

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

MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2020 -

Yahrzeit

In Memory/Honor of

Lillian Tallent	Morris Estrin
Adam & Judy Starr	Alexandra Louise Starr
Gerri & Frank Emkey	Leroy Weisberg
Marshall & Myra Kaplan	Monty Kaplan
Marshall& Myra Kaplan	Luba Tuchman
Marilyn Rapp	Russ Rolnick
Laurie Blum	Janet Blum
Laurie Blum	Annie Kleinfeldt Bernstein
Stephen & Marsha Harri	s Lee Harris
Robert Temkin	Anne Temkin
Joan Wohl	Milton A Wohl
Miltra Sheinker	Warren J. Sheinker
Linda Pollack	Ruth Rubin
Joan Boruszak	Baruch Epstein
Marshall & Myra Kaplan	Gertrude F Kaplan
Gary Margolis & Laurie B	Blum Arlene Sugarman
	Margolis

Richard & Mindy Agler Gerri & Frank Emkey Gerri & Frank Emkev Skip Rose Skip Rose Robert Temkin Elaine Schulberg

Gloria Avner

Unrestricted

Bernie Ginsberg Mah Jongg Stanley & Lori Gold Sharon Berry Ariel Poholek Steve & Jan Hartz

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Dorothy Schocket

Friday Night Services Geri Smith Pascal Weisberger Stephen Steinbock's 80th birthday

Linda Pollack Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax Alfred & Svlvia Rimm loe Gould Linda Pollack & Skip Rose Gloria Avner

In Memory/Honor of

Donovan Henry Laskin Sam Sax Lilvan Sax

Barbara & lack Gould Sylvia Agler Sylvia Agler

Memorial Garden

Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax Stuart & Lauren Sax

Dorothy Schocket Prayers for Jeffrey Schocket Svlvia Agler

Book Plate

Barnev Coltman Barney Coltman **Eve Greenstein** Ellen Coltman

Shelby Strean

Ken Atlas

Lerov Weisberg

Plaque Marilyn Rapp Gerry & Frank Emkey

Library Stuart & Lauren Sax

Sisterhood **Oneg Sponsorship** Barbara Knowles Celebrating His 7th Year Conversion Birthday Barney Coltman Medina Roy Birthdav Bernie Ginsberg Birthdav Roy Pollack Madelyn Pollack's Birthday Hanna David New Apartment Erica Lieberman-Garrett Anniversary Donna Bolton Birthdays & Anniversary Steve & Ian Hartz Anniversarv Steve & Amelia Kasinof Amelia's Birthday Nelson & Bobbie Chester Birthdays & Anniversary Steve & Jan Hartz Steve's Birthday Joel & Toby Bofshever loel's Birthday Chai-Lights June - July 2020 5

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

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

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

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

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

July	Birthdays
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1st	Alex Hudson
1st	Chely Markowitz
1st	Eitan Loi-Kamely
1st	Jennifer Gilson
1st	Nelson Chester
1st	Patti Gross
2nd	Dan Levi
2nd	Rabbi Ed Rosenthal
	Joseph Moss
3rd	Max Finkelstein
	Michael Kaufman
4th	Mindy Rosenthal
7th	Lucy Moss
	Gary Sherman
9th	Joyce Peckman
11th	Steven Hartz
	Dana Grace
12th	Rebecca M. Schur
	Dot Brooking
14th	David Gross
	Paul Eric Bernstein
17th	John Hawver
17th	Shira Goldman

20th	Lyn Sherman
20th	Roos-Mary Benowitz
21st	Arlington Garrett
21st	Brian Smith
21st	Joshua Samuel Bernstein
21st	Linda Perloff
	Millie Tainow
23rd	Barat Barefoot
23rd	Carrie Temkin
25th	Alan Markowitz
26th	Lance Royce Kaufman
27th	Marc Bloom
	Rachael Bloom
28th	Lila E. Juenger
29th	Andy Loi-Kamely
29th	Barry Neumann
29th	Bruce Boruszak
29th	Candy Stanlake
29th	Mary Lee Singer
30th	Molly Bloom
31st	Drew Nobil
31st	Linda Levi

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305–587–7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to <u>lindap4000@ymail.com</u>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GREAT IDEA: LET'S MAKE A KJCC SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK!!



Shalom, dear Sisterhood,

I want to update you on KJCC Board actions. Our annual Shabbabaque is cancelled. We are preparing for High Holyday services, but, at this point, I doubt there will be a Rosh HaShanah dinner. We are considering streaming services over YOUTUBE and FACEBOOK. Much depends on what happens when the road blocks are lifted on June 1st. In the meantime, since Sisterhood has no other business, shall we consider making a KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook? We are all great cooks - our recipes are tested and acclaimed by our diners. Please let me know your thoughts about this. I think it is a great idea - it could be an ebook or printed book (depending on cost) - we want to make it available and it should serve as a fundraiser. Your thoughts? Let me know. (hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net).

Best regards, stay home and be healthy.

- Beth

A MESSAGE FROM JOE & KATHY SHABATHAI

We would like to thank all our dearest friends at KJCC who expressed their concern and support for Kathy during her recent cardiac surgery. She is recovering at home in Miami and every day is better.

Thank you all. It is wonderful to know our extended family has been so present for us.

WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



Insufficiently Heard or Supported...

In a recent speech, King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands acknowledged his great-grandmother Queen Wilhelmina's "perceived indifference to the fate of Dutch Jews during the Holocaust." This unprecedented public statement came during the annual speech at the national memorial ceremony in Amsterdam for Dutch victims of armed conflicts during and after World War II. Queen Wilhelmina, whose reign ended in 1948, mentioned the persecution of Jews only three times in a total of 48 radio speeches during her exile in the United Kingdom. Each time, she spoke of the Jewish persecution only in general terms and after mentioning other cruelties inflicted on the general population. Along with the Nazis, local collaborators murdered 75 percent of the Netherlands' prewar Jewish population of 140,000 - the highest death rate in Nazi-occupied Western Europe. The community never replenished its numbers. "Fellow human beings felt abandoned, insufficiently heard, insufficiently supported, even with words," the King said at the ceremony. "Also from London by my great-grandmother, despite her steadfast resistance [to the Nazis.] It's something that won't let go of me." Last January, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte apologized for how his nation's wartime government failed its Jews. His apology was the first by a sitting prime minister of the Netherlands. Yet The Netherlands fought fiercely against the Nazi occupation, and countless individuals did heroic things to help their Jewish neighbors. Some 5,778 Righteous Among the Nations (non-Jews who saved Jews during the Holocaust) have been recognized by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum. It is the second highest number of rescuers following the 6,992 rescuers honored from Poland, where 3.3 million Jews lived. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 5-4-20)

"A Short-Lived Term?"

A letter written in 1900 by James Murray, first

editor of the prestigious Oxford English Dictionary (OED), was recently discovered containing an explanation as to why he omitted the term "anti-Semite." The letter was found in the archives of the National Library of Israel in Jerusalem. Murray's letter appears to be part of a discussion between himself and anti-Zionist scholar Claude Montefiore, great-nephew of British financier Moses Montefiore, ironically (a concept so resonant in Jewish history) one of the most important early supporters of the modern Zionist movement. Murray explained that he thought the term "anti-Semite" would be short-lived and that "the material for anti-words was so enormous that much violence had to be employed" to triage them.

Murray believed the man on the street most likely would have used the words "anti-Jewish." The letter can now be found online. (One wonders whether his opinion would have changed had he lived to see the Holocaust. And by the way, the OED list of new entries for January includes dozens of words and phrases with Jewish content or origin, such as "bialy," "Jewfro," and "yeshiva bochur.") (www.clevelandjewishnews.com 5-4-20)

In the "Mensch" Department

Ralph Lauren (born Ralph Lifshitz to Jewish immigrant parents from Belarus), stepped down as CEO from his company in 2015 but is still its chief creative officer. In March, he announced that his foundation is dedicating \$10 million to the manufacture of 25,000 gowns and 250,000 masks for medical workers. The company will also continue to pay its workers through the pandemic, will help cancer patients vulnerable to the virus and also contribute to the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund. (www.jta.org, 3-26-20)

And the Winners Are...

Hillel Furstenberg, 84, and Gregory Margulis, 74, retired Jewish professors, have won the "Abel Prize" - the equivalent of the Nobel Prize – for mathemat– ics. (There is no Nobel Prize for mathematics.) The Abel Prize has been given annually by the Norwe– gian Academy of Science and Letters since 2003 to honor important advances in mathematics. The two men were recognized for their pioneering work in probability and dynamics.

Furstenberg was born in Berlin and left Germany with his family just prior to World War II. He attended Yeshiva University as an undergraduate and then earned a doctorate at Princeton. Later he moved to Israel and in 1965 joined the faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he worked until he retired in 2003.

Margulis, a Moscow native, received his doctorate from Moscow State University in 1970 and won the prestigious Fields Medal for achievement in math– ematics when he was 32. He was not permitted to leave the country because he is Jewish, but was allowed to travel to other universities beginning in the 1980s. In 1991, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, he took a position at Yale. The award is named after Niels Henrik Abel, a renowned early 19th century Norwegian mathematician. (www. nytimes.com, 3–18–20)

A New Discovery

A rare bronze coin from the period of the Bar Kochba revolt has recently been unveiled by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA). The coin was discovered in the IAA's archaeological excavations in the William Davidson Archaeological Park, located in the Old City of Ierusalem between the Temple Mount and the City of David. On the front of the coin there is a cluster of grapes and the inscription "Year Two of the Freedom of Israel." The reverse depicts a palm tree with the inscription "Jerusalem." It is the only Bar Kochba coin found in the area with the word "Jerusalem" on it. In over 22,000 coins discovered in archaeological excavations in the Old City area, this coin is only one of four dated to the revolt. (A large number of Bar Kochba coins have been found, but not in Jerusalem.) The Bar Kochba revolt against the Roman Empire (the third and final by tiny Judea against mighty Rome) began in 132 C.E., lasted about five years and was led by Simon bar Kochba. It happened after the Emperor Hadrian declared the establishment of a Roman colony built on the ruins of Jewish Jerusalem. Hadrian constructed a temple dedicated to the god Jupiter

on the Temple Mount. Despite having been declared the messiah by Rabbi Akiva, Bar Kochba and his rebels failed to breach the boundaries of the ancient city of Jerusalem and were routed. The site excavators from the IAA believe that the four coins found in the city very likely were brought as souvenirs by Roman legionnaires involved in suppressing the revolt. (www.jpost.com, 5-11-20)

Update on Pius XII

In the April/May issue of "Chai-Lights," World Jewish Report had an entry regarding the Vatican unsealing its secret archive relating to the controversial Holocaust era pope, Pius XII – often bitterly dubbed "Hitler's Pope" - amid the ongoing accusations that Pius had turned a blind eye to years of Jewish persecution and mass murder. On March 2nd, the Vatican opened its archives to scholars. A week later, the archives were closed due to the spread of the coronavirus. But in that short period of time, researchers had already found documents showing that Pius did know about the Nazi death camps and that the Vatican hid that information to protect his image. In addition, in a recent video conference of German bishops, Bishop Georg Baetzing, president of the conference, presented the findings of a 23-page report entitled "German Bishops in the World War." The document says that "inasmuch as the bishops did not oppose the war with a clear 'no,' and most of them bolstered the [German nation's] will to endure, they made themselves complicit in the war." The report also said that while the bishops did not share Hitler's racial ideology, they still helped support not only the soldiers but also the regime. Hundreds of bishops provided spiritual guidance on the German front lines and thousands of church properties had been used as military hospitals staffed by Catholic nuns. (www.haaretz.com, 5-3-20)

Another Update

When Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet dissident (and now a prominent leader in Israel), first learned back in December that he would become the eighth Genesis Prize honoree, he said he would use the \$1 million prize money to promote human rights and Zionism, issues to which he has devoted his life. But that was before the coronavirus crisis. He has decided instead to give his winnings to organizations fighting the pandemic and supporting individuals most affected by it in Israel, the United States and seven other countries. The Genesis Prize Foundation announced a new competition to reward Israeli innovations working to stop the pandemic. Sharansky, 72, spent nine years in a Soviet prison, half of them in solitary confinement. He claims that playing chess in his mind helped him keep his sanity. He has been helping Jews around the world during the pandemic by speaking to groups about living in isolation. "Freedom is inside of yourself," he says. The Genesis Prize, known as the "Jewish Nobel," was started in 2013. The annual award honors "extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity and commitment to Jewish values." (www.timesofisrael.com, 5-3-20)

In Memoriam

Since the release of the April/May 2020 issue of Chai–Lights, the Jewish community has lost many individuals to COVID–19 who have contributed greatly to the Jewish world. Here are just a few:

• Frida Wattenberg, 95, who at the age of 19 smuggled Jewish orphans out of Nazi-occupied France, driving them to Switzerland, died in early April just days before her 96th birthday. Born in Paris to Jewish parents who had immigrated from the Polish city of Lodz, Wattenberg was an activist in the Jewish youth movement HaShomer HaTzair when she was recruited at age 16 after the Germans had invaded. When the war was over, she continued to work for refugee children. She was an ardent Zionist and helped organize clandestine immigration by Jews to pre-state Israel. (www.thejc. com, 4-6-20)

• Sidney Fleischer, 102, was born just prior to the 1918 flu pandemic that killed some 50 million people worldwide. His death came in the middle of another viral pandemic. Fleischer was a student at Boston University when World War II broke out. When he learned of the plight of European Jews, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a gunner on a B-17 bomber. Fleischer was highly decorated, serving in campaigns across North Africa and Italy. In the end, he received eight battle stars, indicating his participation in eight military campaigns. In 2018, he was declared "Veteran of the Day" on the Veteran Affairs website. (www.forward.com, 4-28-20)

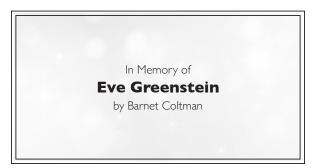
• Burton "Bud" Rose, affectionately known as "the Steve Jobs of medicine," died in April. He was 77. In 1992, Rose, a highly regarded kidney specialist and professor at Harvard Medical School, turned a rejection by the publisher of his medical textbook into something that ultimately changed the way medical practitioners work. The publisher declined to make his seminal book, "Clinical Physiology of Acid–Base and Electrolyte Disorders" available via computer. And so, Rose launched "UptoDate" and after some time, the project broadened into a massive repository of clinical information for med– ical professionals. The site now boasts some two million users around the world. An article written by three of Rose's colleagues call UptoDate "Google for medicine" and it was one of them who dubbed Rose "the Steve Jobs of medicine." (www.jta.org, 4–29–20)

Did You Know...

• Thinking that the world is coming to an end due to COVID-19 (and that he might soon be facing a heavenly judge?), an Israeli man decided to return an archaeological artifact he stole some fifteen years ago. He brought back (anonymously) a 2,000-year-old ballista stone – a piece of ancient ammunition – to the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA). He had stolen it from the Jerusalem Walls National Park in the City of David. (www.israel21c. org, 3-16-20)

• Israeli author and historian Yuval Noah Harari has pledged \$1 million to the World Health Organization (WHO) to help allay the suspension of funding from the United States. The Trump Administration had terminated funding to WHO for at least 60 days, saying the organization "failed in its basic duty and it must be held accountable." (www.timesofisrael.com, 4-17-20)

• Intel Corporation has acquired Moovit, the Tel Aviv-based company that is a route planner, for a \$1 billion package that includes keeping its current employees. Moovit is best known for its urban mobility application that allows travelers to plan a trip by combining public transportation, bicycle and scooter services, ride-hailing and car sharing. Moovit boasts some 800 million users and services in 3,100 cities across 102 countries. The company was founded in 2012. (www.jta.org, 5-4-20) \diamond



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My friends are far from me now waiting, I'm waiting for the day I can hug them

The days go by pretty quickly zooming, Netflixing But can't find time for a book

The hibiscus is blooming yellow, orange, red A goldfinch joins and dances

- Medína Roy

"Covid learning experience" this is a bad test treat our world with more respect pray we'll learn from this

"Appreciation" Keys life is still great sunshine, kayak, fishing, swim live every moment

"Squeezies Squeezebox"

my concertina makes me feel happy I love making music

- Susan Gordon

Upside down this world Bereft of weeks and weekends Ahh the sun still sinks

Will I lose old skills Now that I'm banned from practice I could hug trees

Fingers long in lust To touch something warm again Some day your face

- Gloría Avner

My clock on the wall Weight-driven time Will this plague never end?

Once around the block. Must we stop and sniff? Social distance with a dog.

Two-dimensional friends Tiles of smiles and tears There are no hugs in Zoom.

- Joyce Peckman

These poems, based on a Japanese form, were created via Zoom, led by Gloria Avner.

August Birthdays

1st		16th
5th	Nissan Mayk	16th
8th	Hank Ryan Casey	20th
9th	Delia Grace Smith	21st
9th	Eric Freundlich	22nd
10th	Barbara Smith	23rd
10th	Emma Feig	24th
12th	Sooner Brooks-Heath	26th
13th		27th
	Stephan Friedman	30th
	Patricia Isenberg	31st
16th	Alan Lindenbaum	

16th	Alison Thompson
16th	Tom Brennan
20th	Amanda Nobil
21st	Jay Stein
22nd	Murray Blitzer
23rd	
24th	Carl McNew
26th	Mikhaela Bitton
27th	Judy Greenman
30th	Robert Temkin
31st	Brynn Borisoff

SUSAN GORDON WOMAN'S SEDER HONOREE 2020

If this were not a year in which the world turned upside down, forcing us to cancel all KJCC events, we would have presented this award at the 17th Annual Woman's Seder. Next time we come together in our building, look for and admire the beautiful banner honoring Susan Gordon as our Woman of the Year, created by inspirational artist Marcia Kreitman.

We hear Susan Gordon's name and we think we know her. But Susan has worn many hats over her lifetime. Wife, Mother, musician, and now Grandmother would probably make her personal top ten list, but there is much more to Susan's history, and it is colorful. She's been independent and living on her own from a very young age. She wanted to experience life hands-on, by looking outside of her traditional suburban upbringing.

As a child, Susan felt land-locked in the middle of Massachusetts and was drawn to

the sea. Following her education in Boston, she made her way to Newport, Rhode Island, where she worked as a family counselor and teacher, owned a commercial lobster boat as well as a successful basket-weaving company in the Berkshires and Newport. After obtaining her U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License, she spent several seasons working as dock master, launch boat operator and social director to the Ida Lewis Yacht Club. It was in Newport during the late 1970's that Susan was first introduced to playing Irish traditional folk music, picking up concertina and tin whistle and playing in area bands.

After becoming scuba certified in the cold waters of New England, Susan decided to head south to the warm waters of the Florida



Every year, for the last 17, KJCC women, under the artistic guidance of Marcia Kreitman, have created a banner meant to capture the essence of the person being honored at the Annual Women's Seder. This year, Marcia outdid herself, giving artistic voice to almost all of Susan Gordon's passions.







Keys. Her plan was to open up a Scuba diving business. Apparently, fate was travelling with Susan on that early November day in 1985. Within 15 minutes of pulling into Key Largo, as she strolled along the boat docks at Mile Marker 100, Susan found Captain Bill Gordon. He had just purchased a 65' dive boat with the intention of opening up a Scuba diving business of his own. Susan and Bill were married two years later, purchased their waterfront family home the following year, and Rose Marie was born in 1991. Together, they built Admiral Dive Center, which they successfully operated for 25 years, until Bill's death.

Susan will tell you that the most important

job she's had in her life is that of mother to Rose Marie. She was dedicated to providing a wonderful childhood and loving upbringing for her daughter. When Rose Marie was just beginning school, Susan became a Girl Scout leader to a troop of 10 energetic girls. Close friendships were nurtured under Susan's guidance for nine wonderful years. Susan happily reminisces about the many years she spent as Girl Scout Leader, Figure Skating Mom, and Cheerleading Mom.

Along with helping Bill run the family dive business, Susan felt the need to bring quality musical performances to the residents of the Upper Keys. For over ten years, she worked with dear friend Brownie Ballard, Director of the South Florida Center for the Arts. Brownie was the founder of the Upper Keys Concert Series. Susan started a program to bring



concerts, plays, and workshops into the public schools, to enhance the cultural and artistic education of the children living in the Upper Keys.

It was very important to Susan that Rose Marie grew up feeling part of the Jewish community. She and Bill brought their daughter to Shabbat services every week, participated as a family in all holidays, and Susan became director of the KJCC Religious School once Rose Marie was six years old. Susan reflects with great joy on the day of Rose Marie's Bat Mitzvah, celebrated at the KJCC.

We love hearing Susan sing. Susan's many musical skills were part of her growing up, gifts from her dad Simon, who had his own jazz band in the 1940's, playing saxophone, clarinet and oboe and her mom Lillian's career as a professional model and stage actress (Lillian played Laura in the original Broadway production of the same name). Susan's voice and performing talents are part of what makes Susan such a valuable part of our community. But it is her eagerness to be of service, her thoroughness and ability to solve problems that make Susan such a





great

friend and contributor.

Susan is a "Mitzvah Maiden," delighting in being able to solve a friend or shul's problem, with competence, enthusiasm and loyalty. You could not find a better friend to sit with you in a hospital, guide you and your kayak through a maze of mangroves, or lead off a country spiritual with her dozen member Mangrove Swamp Band, heading up the melody with her Irish pennywhistle or her Squeezebox.

If you don't see Susan in the Keys, she's up spending time with daughter Rose Marie and the "two little loves of her life," grandsons Rhett & Hank. Susan's greatest joy at this time of her life is being with the boys and being called "Grandma!"

In her years with KJCC, Susan has served as head of the Education Committee, Principal of our Sunday School, member of the Scholarship Committee, Vice-President and Executive Vice President of the Synagogue and President and Vice President of Sisterhood. She is one of our favorite service leaders and singers. Back in 2006, Susan received KJCC's highest honors, the Joel Cohen Fellowship Award for contribution to our community. She now receives the second highest honor, and nobody could be more deserving. Thank you, Susan, for all that you do, for being a model of excellent leadership and an even better friend. ◇



Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming two months ~ Meetings will be at 12 p.m. via Zoom until further notice ~

June 29, 2020 <u>The Book of Longings</u> by Sue Monk Kidd July 27, 2020 <u>The Street Sweeper</u> by Elliot Perlman



RSVP and more information - Joyce Peckman joycepeckman@gmail.com Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an invitation to Zoom.



isterhood did not meet in the month of May as the KJCC remains closed and we continue to practice social distancing. Yesterday at the virtual KICC Board Meeting the decision was made to cancel the annual July Shabbabague. Sisterhood has traditionally gone for lunch in a restaurant as it closes activities for the summer. There will be no lunch meeting this coming June. Various methods are under review for attending High Holyday services. Whether this will be a virtual experience is not yet known. I will keep Sisterhood updated throughout the summer in regard to decisions about the High Holydays. Much will depend on what happens when the Keys are opened to outsiders on June 1, 2020. Florida has surpassed 45,000 confirmed cases of Corona virus with more than half of those cases con-

centrated in the statistical metropolitan area of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Given the situation in Miami, which has more than 15,000 confirmed cases, the decision to re-open the Keys is worrisome in my eyes. Many thanks to our own Ken Atlas and his colleagues who have manned the checkpoints and been a major factor in keeping the Keys' infection rate relatively low. We owe them our gratitude (plus which, traffic has been great - an unintended but fortunate side effect). Please continue to be prudent, stay home and take care of yourselves. Just imagine how delicious the next Sisterhood dinner will be and how grateful our attendees will be! We have survived many perils in our long history; we will survive this, too. ♦

SISTERHOOD

Beth Hayden

June Anniversaries

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1st	Jim & Rita Williams
1st	Joel Bernard & Joan Stark
5th	Erica Lieberman–Garrett & Ron Garrett 26
8th	Stephan & Jane Friedman
11th	Medina & Carl Roy 48
12th	William & Donna Bolton 27
12th	Steven & Jan Hartz 44
19th	Richard & Mindy Agler 44
21st	Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake 33
21st	Nelson & Roberta Chester 50
23rd	Stuart & Lauren Sax 46
28th	Lloyd & Rae Wruble51
28th	Wes & Rita Conklin 50
29th	Jerry & Betty Small 51

July Anniversaries

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August Anniversaries

Years

3rd	Augie & Kristy Moss	7
7th	Larry & Dorothy Wolfe	63
14th	Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitze	er 48
15th	Richard & Barbara Knowles	21
15th	Paul & Susan Roberts	52
16th	Ira & Shirley Stein	62
16th	Jeff & Lynn Dils	35
21st	Jeff & Lisa Miller	43
22nd	Franklin & Judy Greenman	38
27th	Israel & Nissan Mayk	48

In Memoriam – June 2020

David Gitin By Gloria Avner

Laura Bofshever By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Lois Owen** By Nancy L. Cohn

Leo Finklestein By Max Finklestein

Irwin Grossinger By Gary & Laurie Grossinger

> **Pearl Jacobs** By Lawrence Jacobs

Lucy Kaufman By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Samuel Segal By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

> William Owen By Nancy L. Cohn

Louis R. Coltman By Barnet O. Coltman

Bea Ginsberg By Bernard Ginsberg

Andrew Hutchison By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking **Max Tuchman** By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Celestina Bravo-Mendez By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Leo Blitzer By Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

> **Esther R. Cohn** By Nancy L. Cohn

Michael Brooks By Lynn Dils

Sharon Grossinger By Gary & Laurie Grossinger

Samuel Horn By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

Les Reitman By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Ruth Rosen By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Emilia Mendez By Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Fred Doellefeld By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> Dale Gerber By Dave Mont

Jean Shaw By Skip Rose **Candi Steinbock** By Stephen Steinbock

Rose Fine By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

> Arthur Klimpl By Michael Klimpl

Rick Mcnew By Roberta McNew

Leslie Peckman By Joyce Peckman

> **Milton Lang** By Skip Rose

Leonard Tobin By Andrew M.Tobin

Michael Klimpl By Michael Klimpl

Carl C. Reiff By Roberta McNew

> Morris Rose By Skip Rose

Jan Finer By Stuart & Lauren Sax

> Mark White By Susan White

In Memoriam – July 2020

Nettie Goodman By Gloria Avner

Ralph Bofshever By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Ethel Feinberg** By Hanna David

Sylvia Hershoff By Jay & Nancy Hershoff

Ronald Horn By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

> **Sydney Emsig** By Lawrence Jacobs

Miriam Margulies By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

> **Phyliss Bloom** By Marc Bloom

Zelda Edelman By Dale Chasteen

Jack L. Gould By Joe Gould & Marla Berenson

> **Manuel Hershoff** By Jay & Nancy Hershoff

Jacob Ratchik By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking **Chanoch Levy** By Yardena Kamely

Isaac Cohen Pardo By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Abraham L. Blumenfeld By Marvin A. Blumenfeld

> **Sandra Kanarek** By Wes & Rita Conklin

Saul Elson By Mrs. Marty (Bea) Graham

Nathan Herson By Jerry & Barbara Herson

Margaret Isenberg By Patricia Isenberg

> **Otto Kluger** By Nancy Kluger

Fred Ross By Joyce Peckman

Harold Rosenthal By Ed & Mindy Rosenthal

Morgan Rowen By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Alan Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg Manya Starr By Adam & Judy Starr

Milton Swartz By George & Muriel Swartz

Leon Kirschenbaum By Medina Roy

Thelma San Filippo By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

> Harvey Kelman By Elaine Schulberg

Ben Steinbock By Stephen Steinbock

Alfred Eichler By Judith Weber

Frank Stanley Sachs By Joseph & Susan Sachs

> Beth Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

Stanley H. Klipper By Mary Lee Singer

Mack Swartz By George & Muriel Swartz

Frieda Feinberg By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

In Memoriam – August 2020

Sidney Stark By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

> **Dick Bromwich** By Rita Bromwich

Henry Kirschenbaum By Marilyn Greenbaum

Albert L. Ichel By David & Janice Ichel

Shirley Lieberman By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Mollie Lawent By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Anne Hendin Margulies By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Morris Abramson By Joel & Toby Bofshever

> **Gary W. Cohn** By Nancy L. Cohn

Margaux Rene Grossman By Stuart Grossman

> Arthur Kaplan By Sandy Kaplan

Billie Kornbloom By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Burton Margolis By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

> **Gizella Reiff** By Roberta McNew

Priscilla Leshin By Joan Boruszak

Jesse Ginsberg By Bernard Ginsberg

Sheldon David Horowitz By Beth Horowitz

> **Eva Raub** By Harvey & Judith Klein

Max Lieberman By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Josephine Margulies By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

> Chanoch Shiloh By Jan Price

Joel Reed Baker By Joseph & Susan Sachs Martha Schulberg By Elaine Schulberg

Bernard Solas By Elaine Solas

Ralph Tallent By Lillian Tallent

Clara Zirofsky By Michael (Sandy) San Filippo

> **Tom Klipper** By Mary Lee Singer

Olga Schuman By Adam & Judy Starr

> Albert White By Susan White

Howard Shutan By Stuart & Lauren Sax

Selma Smith By Steven & Barbara Smith

> Ida R. Estrin By Lillian Tallent

Seymour H. Levin By Sanford Yankow

The entire KJCC Congregation offers our heartfelt thanks to

KEN ATLAS

for his important work manning the checkpoints coming into the Keys and helping to keep us safe.



If it weren't for COVID-19, many high school seniors would be walking across a stage to receive a diploma this month. They'd also be attending prom and other events to celebrate the end of high school.

Instead, many seniors are having to reflect on their high school experiences alone and make different memories for some of the biggest milestones.

> Maddy Pollack Liberal Arts & Science Academy Daughter of Roy Pollack, Granddaughter of Linda Pollack



Credit Michael Minasi / Kut

Maddy said she's been focused on academics during the last four years at LASA, so she was looking forward to a more chill semester.

"At LASA we do this thing called Senior Salute, which is this ceremony for all the seniors," she said. "All the people do funny skits and there are department awards and stuff. So, I was looking forward to that because it's unique to our school."

She's still reflecting on her high school experience and what made it special – even though she won't have a traditional send-off.

"LASA is also about half the size of a bigger high school, so we know everybody, which I think is really cool," she said. "I feel like I'll probably never have that again where I'll know everybody around me, especially going to a big college, so I think that's been special."





Remembered by Alan Beth

Don't get into an arm wrestling match with Bea.... you'll lose!!! Those that knew her to be small in height but strong in stature. Bea was a force of nature and strong willed. Even though she was much shorter than me, I was always looking up to her. From my experience, if she was with you, then you were well protected (think of Yoda from Star Wars). If not - watch out, While I was president, I had the pleasure of having two forces of nature covering my back; Jim Boruszak and Bea Graham. Bea was both president of the synagogue and president of sisterhood and has guided the direction of where we are today. When her husband Marty passed away in 2008, his voice was the outgoing message on their answering machine. Bea asked me to preserve it. Bea then asked me to create a new gmail account for her martyandbea@gmail.com. Then Bea asked me to change the mailing address label to be addressed to her as Mrs. Marty Graham. That is the way it was left. Their love for each was very strong as well as it was to the KJCC. Her legacy to the KJCC will live on.

Remembered by Joan Stark

In the days when I was first getting involved with the KJCC, Bea and Marty were vibrant, active and fun to be around. I remember when Bea phoned me and asked me to be V.P. of the Sisterhood. I was a bit flabbergasted but said it would be an honor. She said "Really? I don't usually hear that"! Beas' presence at the Sisterhood and Board meetings was always strong and warm and I've felt her absence over all these years.

We Remember Bea Graham

Remembered by Gloria Avner

Bea Graham was a feisty 4'10" force of nature, a rare combination of warrior woman and lovingkindness personified. In the following remembrances, we can see the impact she had on so many of our lives and the life of this Jewish community. We are devastated by the loss, forever proud to have been part of her extended family. I phoned Bea once from Maine when I heard she had fallen and broken her arm. I too had just fallen and broken my wrist. We made each other promise not to fall any more. We laughed and chatted and then I told her that I had been contacted by an old boyfriend who said he's always loved me and wanted to help drive me to Florida for the High Holy Days. She said let him come. No one should ever be without love. She would be the one to know.

Bea was a dear friend to Yardena's mother.

Granddaughter Liati with baby Tani, now 9, and Nissan





(left to right) with Liati, with Marc Bloom, with her dear husband Marty







Remembered by Joan Boruszak

I am so sad for OUR loss of Bea Graham. She and Marty WERE the KJCC. As President of the KJCC, Bea made it the family place it became for all of us. I remember the announcement at the end of each service when Bea would tell visitors that they were guests just once and ever after they were mishpocha. When Jim and I were leaving the Keys after purchasing our first home there, we wondered if we had done the right thing. Passing the KJCC, we looked at each other and knew we had! We became mishpocha-and I know we still are.

Bea was the President and Marty was the do everything else. He kept it in perfect shape for all of us. Living in the Keys kept him busy repairing this and that! Because of them, when I think of Bea, Marty always comes to my mind. They were truly a pair. Bea was so happy when her children would come to visit. They also were part of our KJCC family.

I remember many happy afternoons in the living room of their home by the ocean. There were lots of stairs, but it was worth the climb! We would have something to drink and reflect on the joy of our amazing ocean and synagogue.

Bea was special and made the KJCC a very important part of Jewish life. We thank you and miss you.

Remembered by Joyce Leckman

A few months after we moved here in 2003 and began attending services, my orthodox son came to visit. I mentioned at the prior week's oneg Shabbat that we would welcome visitors to our home on Shabbat to meet him, his wife and the baby (now the 16 year old girl found on page 27). We were new members who hadn't really established friendships, yet Bea Graham came and spent two delightful hours in our home.

It was Bea who arranged for theatre trips, and Bea who made the phone calls convincing me to join the Sisterhood board, beginning the journey that landed me in the position I hold today.

We both had children living in New Jersey, about half an hour from each other. Since I was there for Sukkot, Bea insisted that I bring the kids and visit their sukkah. Her grandchildren and my children bonded instantly and became good friends, resulting in an invitation for the kids and me to Shayella's wedding in Israel. It was my return there after 40 years. We had an amazing tour- I can never forget Bea being led by her grand-daughters through the water-filled tunnels under Jerusalem!

Remembered by Lee Schur

Spent many hours with her and Marty and Bob on our boat. Glad she passed peacefully. Also spent many hours with her for sisterhood. Always accepted gracefully suggestions from my own experiences.



Remembered by Stuart Sax

Bea was "The Little General" to me. She was passionate in her opinions and liked to do things her way. When we would often take her home after services, I would offer to help her up the stairs to her door. She would have none of it. So we waited in the car and watched her climb ever so slowly but cautiously to the door and then insert her key into the lock. Once inside all we would see is a hand waving us goodnight. She did it her way.

Remembered by Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Bea Graham was the first person I met at a KJCC function in 2008. I was very sad at the loss of my dear young friend from Toronto and felt the need to be around other Jewish people. Gloria Avner invited me to the lovely home of Linda Pollack for a summertime Havdalah service. I was watching the beautiful sunset thinking about my friend David, when a very small, yet very strong woman welcomed me to the house and expressed her condolences. This was Bea Graham.

Remembered by Yardena Kamely

So sorry to hear about Bea's passing, but glad she left in peace, surrounded by her family. She was a beloved friend of the kamely family. Bea and my mother, michal, were very close and special friends. I am sure they will meet again in the other world. Bea was a very special, wonderful woman. I will miss her like i miss my mother.

Yes, Bea and Michal were both of a generation of excellent teachers and natural, strong community leaders. They had a solid, deep, strong Jewish identity. Bea admired the Jewish education and spirituality of my mother and Michal admired Bea's Jewishness. They had so much to share about Jewish history they were fortunate to live and participate in. Bea taught Michal the history of the American Jews, especially of New York. Michal shared with Bea the history of Zionism and the establishment of the State of Israel. Bea was part of this history, proud to support Israel as an American Jew. Michal was living these events in Israel, grateful for the help of the American Jewish Community. With this background of their lives, they forged a very strong friendship.

Because of the connection she felt to Israel, it's no surprisie that Bea was the president of KKL (Keren Kayemet L'Israel) for many years. She made sure our community supported Israel. There are so many stories to tell about Bea. It would be difficult for me to choose from all the anecdotes and experiences we shared. Bea was an excellent President of the KJCC. She was leading with integrity and strength, contributing to the important task of the KJCC: the continuation of the Jewish community and of Judaism.

I miss Bea very much. May her memory be a blessing.

Granddaughter Shayella



Remembered by Linda Pollack

Bea was my introduction to Keys life as part of a mispacha. She was my mother, my aunt, my sister, my teacher. Bea taught me about all matters concerning the KJCC. She was President of the Congregation and was an active president at that. A few years later we asked her to be President of Sisterhood, and she accepted graciously and excelled in that position also.

If we skipped a beat, Bea was on the telephone checking to see that all was okay. She was ever cheerful, loved her family unfailingly and unceasingly, loved all of us, and we have missed her presence these past few years Bea will always bring a smile to our lips and to our hearts.

Remembered by LaurenSax

When we lived in Silver Shores, I remember walking over to Bea's house and she would reminisce about the "old days" with Marty and fun times at the KJCC in their beginning stages. Once she started, you couldn't stop her. She was tough, strong and sensitive all at the same time and I admired her always. To get an idea of Bea's physical accomplishments during her three year term as KJCC's first woman president (in addition to all the energetic, spiritual and cohesiveness ones), here are her own words:

My term as President, from March 1993 to March 1996, saw the dreams we all hold dear for the completion and decoration of the Ruth Richardson Social Hall, kitchen, and Educational Center become a reality. The addition of our screened porch doubled our usable space and simply delights everyone who has had the pleasure of both admiring and utilizing this new addition. Our Sukkah pad, so long in the planning, stands ready for our KJCC Sukkah after the High Holy Days. And the kitchen, well it exceeds even our planners expectations, and we use its spacious, modern facilities to utmost advantage for both pleasure and profit, taking all our large and small activities into our own environs.

These words were written 22 years ago and published in our Chai Journal. Bea was a Chai Member and we all know how important the improvements under her leadership have been to us over the last 22 years.

With Alan Beth and Eve Knowles

With Erica and Rosie



May her memory be for a blasting.

Much gratitude to Sam Vinicur for spending hours looking for, finding and sending these wonderful photos of Bea.

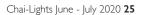


PHOTO GALLERY



Our synagogue closed, we were confined to our homes, missing our close knit community. But Jews are a resourceful people. Soon we became architects of virtuality, creating our own social halls, living rooms and sanctuaries via technological devices on top of desks and in our hands. Zoom-rooms, despite their shortcomings, saved us. It was just that good to see each other, not only local Mishpocha but old friends from afar—Stu and Lauren Sax, Susan Horn and Dot, Leslie Janowitz. We were led in movement exercises by Jan Price, discussed books, wrote poetry and created art with Gloria, and kept up our spiritual practice by attending our own services. Torah Study continued too, led by our Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Agler.

Beth Hayden's Turbo, unstressed by the pandemic

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Look what floated up on Donna Bolton's shore during Coronavirus stay home period. It's a floating rainbow Unicorn with Pegasus style wings! There must be good fortune coming ahead. Donna looks surprised and happy.



Always considerate of others in these covid-19 days, but passionate about playing music with her Mangrove Swamp Band, Susan wears her mask but cuts a hole in it so her Irish pennywhistle can send out a roaring good tune.



We wanted to know what people did for the enforced Coronavirus holidays. This just in from Steve Friedman on Jane's Mothers Day outing. "Jane and Harry, at the Palmetto driving range, are not professional yet. One squirrel was knocked out of a tree, a gopher will never get to star in Caddy Shack, the ball retriever golf cart now needs a new windshield, and a low flying bird, well ... never mind." When pandemic rules say no barber shops, teenagers get busy and creative. Joyce's grandchildren take on the challenge.





Jane Friedman with medicinal vegetables for Burton Memorial Church Food Pantry. Bitter Mellon has a lot of good benefits for diabetes and helps lower high blood pressure.



Harry harvesting in the garden



Lynn and Jeff Dils spending Pandemic time in Michigan with son and his family. We wish them well and a safe return in July.





Paper sculpture with Gloria on Zoom.

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We are happy to present a \$2000 Scholarship to Jonah Gross, a fine student and valued member of our congregation. Bar Mitzvahed here, Jonah has planted trees with us, decorated Sukkahs, led services, taken trash out of the ocean for reverse Taschlich and at High Holydays. played the finest, longest Tekiyah G'dolah on the Shofar that any of us have ever heard, all while maintaining a high GPA and doing hours of community service. Your Mishpocha is proud of you, Jonah. We look forward to hearing good things from you. Mazel Tov to you and your family.

ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

Miami-Dade Jewish Federation presented an active threat training seminar with Brad Orsini from the FBI as the guest speaker. He stressed that this information is applicable in any situation and showed us films and diagrams from actual cases, including shops, entertainment venues and synagogues.

The National Protocol Model is now

RUN---HIDE---FIGHT

1. RUN

- Run as far as you can until you feel safe.
- Movement is important-DO NOT PLAY DEAD.
- Hide and hope is not a good plan.
- Know where the exits are located. Always keep exits clear.
- Leave ASAP. Do not worry about your possessions.
- If you can't run, hide.

2. HIDE

- If caught inside, lock the door
- Turn out the lights
- Get out of sight
- Put up a barrier so that the intruder cannot enter
- If you can't run or hide, fight.

3. FIGHT

- Fight with whatever you have on-hand: Fire extinguishers, furniture, throwable items.
- Be prepared to fight for at least 120 seconds or more until help arrives.

The commitment to action is very important. Know where the panic button is located and how to use it. Make sure someone calls 911.

Practice drills are very important so that if anything ever happens, a person has a plan. The body goes into fight-flight- freeze response. What was easy becomes difficult. Be flexible. Decisive action is important.

> Calm yourself Breathe Remember your plan

Some Summer Listening: Recommendations By Beth Hayden



Emil Gilels – one of my favorite pianists. He is one of the Russian pianists who was sent from Russia when the "Cold War" warmed. He is never wrong and is of Jewish roots. I had the opportunity to play for him on more than one occasion. He actually gave me a copy of the Bach–Siloti piece before it was available in the US. Would that I had had the brains to ask him to auto-graph it. Here he plays the Bach–Siloti arrangement of a small prelude in b minor from the Notebook of Wilhelm Friederich Bach. Siloti was a cousin of Rachmaninoff. This may sound simple to you. It is an extraordinary ex–ample of someone who has total control of the keyboard. He is a pianist's pianist. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yu06WnXIPCY</u>

7 Scarlatti Sonatas – Scarlatti was born in 1685 and was the court composer for Maria Barbara in the Court of Spain. 1685 was a good year for music. Bach, Handel and Scarlatti were all born in this year. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjRJti9HP60&t=158s</u>

If you need a lot of notes - here is Brahms Part I of the Paganini Variations - you can hurt yourself in this piece. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiTwSK8PvIM</u>

Here he plays an arrangement of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5liC1kAdzM



Dang Thai Son. I recently discovered him. He is now teaching (well, not now given Coronvirus) at Oberlin where I received my Bachelor's degree. He is a brilliant pianist and a superb musician. He is from North Vietnam – and has a very interesting life story. He won the Chopin International Piano Competition in 1980, but instead of launching a concert career he had the brains and integrity to send himself back to study. He thought he needed to learn more. Here is the result – brilliant technique and brilliant musicianship. Here is one of my favorite Chopin Mazurkas – I have taught this piece probably 100 times = never heard it played better. He wrings every nuance out of it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HWVCi1763s Chopin Opus 17, 4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnsoDQAyF_k&list=RDEMCoZE466v5AarMSQtNa5BDw&start_ radio=1 Chopin, Barcarolle Opus 60

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iYeOxsenEE Chopin, Concerto in e minor, Opus 11. How intimately is Chopin tied to the piano. Unlike other major composers, the bulk of his most inspired works are for piano.





Dame Kiri Te Kanawa singing the Rachmaninoff Vocalise as Rachmaninoff wrote it. A gorgeous, intelligent performance. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW630zFA93Y</u>

Some surprises. Not all classical musicians are snobs. Here are some of my favorites.



Eva Cassidy who died young from cancer. We are lucky to have these tapes left of her singing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rd8VktT8xY Her trademark - Over the Rainbow. Very original.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXBNIApwh0c Falling Leaves



And how can we leave without **Nina Simone**? Denied entrance to graduate school because she was Black and Blacks could not be concert pianists. Then years later, presented with an honorary doctorate from Curtis. How cruel for such a superb musician. Nina Simone singing Wild is the Wind. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1_D5gef72A



And my secret favorite – **Ketty Lester**. She was never picked up by a major recording company but she was nothing short of fantastic. Here she sings I'm a Fool to Want You <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyxmQcekqLg</u> She is my secret favorite and my secret vice – but I am sharing her with you.

If that did not convince you, here she is singing Once Upon A Time https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Euxhj2jdHs



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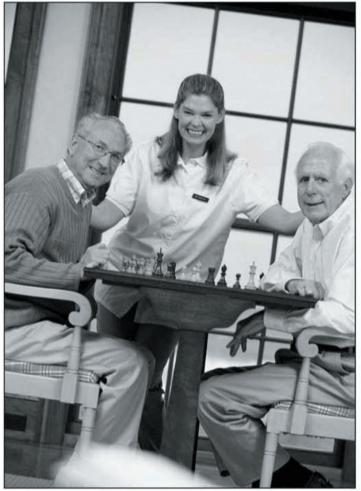
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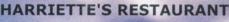
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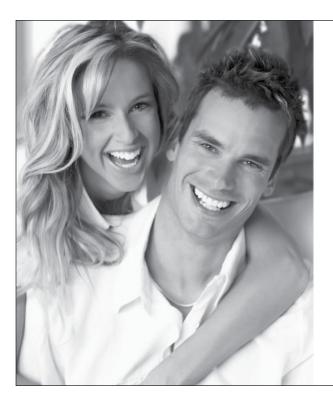




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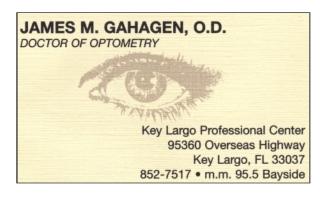
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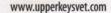
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