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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



This is a season unlike any other in our personal memories. Yet as Jews, we are a People of the Book, and as students of history we can bring a larger perspective to the difficult times we are facing. We, as a people, have survived plagues for millennia. We have stories of those who fled, those who made certain that families and communities were provided for and those who used their Jewish faith to give them strength. We at KJCC are all of the above, but in this generation, we have the power of the internet to keep us together. Now as we look towards a new, hopefully better year, let's take the time to gaze inwards at our strengths and weaknesses and outwards towards those who have helped us along the way and those whom we, in turn, can help.

We owe a debt of gratitude to those who worked so hard during the past few months to make our services and holiday events possible. We were able to continue old traditions in a new way: making challah and sharing a festive meal together and hearing the familiar voices of Rabbi Agler, Cantor Dzubin and our dear members during Holy Day prayers. It seemed like a very personal holiday as we saw so many of you contribute your

part of the service from your homes.

Simchat Torah is Sunday, October 11th. I am saddened that we cannot open the doors of KJCC, open the ark (aron kodesh), take out our Torahs and dance with them, as we finish the book of Deuteronomy and begin Genesis, renewing the never-ending cycle. So, this year we will commemorate Simchat Torah on Friday, October 9th during our Shabbat Service. I will lead that service. There will also be a Yizkor service led by Laurie Blum and a virtual oneg with or without chocolate afterwards. You may want to print out pages from the 5781 Yizkor book that was emailed. I encourage you to look online, either through My Jewish Learning or a shul you know, for Simchat Torah virtual events on that Saturday night or Sunday.

Stay well, and stay connected.

*Bookplate
In Memory of*

Evelyn Coltman

By Barnett Coltman

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

Nothing is “up” within KJCC walls, but if you download Zoom.us, we will be able observe Shabbat and holidays, attend meetings and see each other virtually. We can even celebrate ones if you bring your own cookies. Check Tuesday “President’s Notes” for further activities.

Friday, Oct. 2	Erev Sukkot 7:30 p.m.
October 3 – 10	Succot – Come visit the KJCC Succah and Garden
Monday, Oct. 5	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9	Yizkor/Simchat Torah Zoom service 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 13	ADL Florida webinar “Standing Up to Hate” 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16	Parasha Bereshit 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 18	KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 19	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23	Parasha Noach 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 26	Zoom Sisterhood Book club 12:30, drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 30	Parasha Lech–Lecha 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 6	Shabbos Project, Parasha Vayera – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 8	KJCC Board meeting 10 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 9	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 13	Parasha Chayei Sarah 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 20	Parasha Toldot 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23	Zoom drop-in chat 2 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 27	Parasha Vayetzei 7:30p.m.
Monday, Nov. 30	Zoom Sisterhood Book club 12:30, drop-in chat 2 p.m.

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Sisterhood Book Club Zooms Ahead

Distance is no objects to good stimulating discussion. Look at the poster on P. 28 for meeting details and to see the next three books we are reading. Be prepared for an interesting, interactive hour every month. The time has changed from noon to 12:30 p.m. Try it, even if you have not read or completed the book. The content is wonderful, and the company is beyond compare. All KJCC members and friends are Invited.

Shabbat Project Survives Covid

This year's Shabbat Project might feel a little different without live events and big Shabbat tables bursting with guests. But in truth - as cities shut down, grandparents stopped hugging grandkids and full-time parents became full-time teachers - one thing that remained constant was Shabbat—an anchor in all the crazy.

And the irony is that this year we may be closer to each other than ever before. Whether we are in Vienna or Chicago, Toronto, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina or Key Largo, we are all home.

Save November 6th. We have not made specific

plans yet, but watch Joyce's Tuesday messages and be prepared for something creative to happen here.

Tikkun Olam Transforms Fast

Remember how we used to bring food to the shul during High Holidays, changing deprivation to sharing with the Burton Memorial Food Bank? We've transformed our fast again, making it more meaningful by making the lives of four children in foster care in Key Largo less hungry. See the Tikkun Olam Tzedakah story on P. 17.

Don't Forget to Check-In

Monday is the day. Two o'clock is the time. Schmoozing and catching up is the only agenda. We love hearing from each other. Buddy, Erica's African Grey Parrot, often weighs in on matters of import. We exchange book and movie recommendations, let each other know who is sick and who is healing, who has a mazal Tov and if anyone could use some help. We tell jokes. We laugh. It helps us not miss each other's physical presence so much. Bring tea, cookies or whatever refreshments nourish you. Share with us any projects you are working on. We look forward to seeing you.

“Thank you, Jan Hartz, for your beautiful meditative photographs; that kept us good company during High Holy Day Amidah prayers.”

Joyce Peckman & Gloria Avner

People of accomplishment rarely sit back and let things happen to them. They go out and make things happen!

(with a nod to Leonardo da Vinci)
Love, The Graham-Mayk Family
Ever so grateful to both of you.



**Meditation
Garden Tree**

In Memory of

Beatrice Elson Graham March 6, 1926 - May 25, 2020 2 Sivan 5780

BEA-utiful inside and out! She was our whole world without a doubt. Graham, Mayk, Shuker & Hai Families



**Meditation
Garden Tree**

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish 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.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2020

Yahrzeit	In Honor/Memory of		
Elaine Schulberg	Bea Gulkis Joan Kaminsky Nathan Gulkis Paul Kaminsky Nate Schulberg Sondra Lundy	Joan Wohl Linda Pollack Linda Pollack & Skip Rose Oran Hesterman & Lucinda Kurtz Susan Ellner	Bea Graham Bea Graham Carl Roy Bea Graham Sylvia Agler Carl Roy
Skip Rose	Milton Lang Morris Rose Jean Shaw	Linda Pollack & Skip Rose Susan Ellner	Dr. Steve Smith
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Joe Gould & Marla Berenson	Barbara Gould Jack Gould	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Howard Shutan
Gloria Avner	David Gitin Barry Avner	Meditation Garden Stuart & Lauren Sax	Sylvia Agler
Susan White	Mark White	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Prayers for Jeffrey Schocket
Stan & Jenny Margulies	Miriam Margulies Isaac Pardo	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Bea Graham
Gary & Laurie Grossinger	Sharon Grossinger Irwin Grossinger	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Wishing Kathy Shahbathai a Speedy and complete recovery
Patricia Isenberg	Margaret Isenberg	George & Muriel Swartz	Brick-A Woman of Valor Bea Graham 1928-2020
Ronald & Deborah Kaplan	Sidney Kaplan Catherine Kaplan	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Howard Shutan
Hermine Taramona	Robert Robinson	Nissan Mayk	Bea Graham-2 trees
Adam & Judy Starr	Manya Starr	Harry & Rita Rzepka	Brick
Beth Horowitz	Sheldon Horowitz	Sisterhood	Annual Donation
Lillian Tallent	Ralph Tallent Ida Estrin	Joel Agler	Richard & Mindy Agler
Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis	Mollie Laurent Burton Margolis	Library Stuart & Lauren Sax	Ken Atlas
Joan Boruszak	Priscilla Leshin	Chai-Lights	
Susan White	Albert White	Joe & Kathy Shabathai	
Jeff & Cheryl Margulies	Josephine Margulies		
Rosalyn Kofler	David Kofler		
Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis	Sidney Blum		
SISTERHOOD			
Holocaust Education		Oneg Sponsorship	
Susan Horn & Dot Brooking	Suzanne Tabasky	Joyce Peckman	Birthday
		Barbara Knowles	21st anniversary
		Joel & Toby Bofshever	Joel's birthday
Unrestricted		Unrestricted	
Linda Pollack & Skip Rose	Sylvia Agler	Orlando Quesada	
Ariel Poholek	Pascal Weisberger	Anonymous	
Gloria Avner	Sylvia Agler Bea Graham		

Leaf

Elaine Schulberg

New Year's Greetings

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Jerry & Sheila Olsen

Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Joe & Kathy Shabathai

Joel & Toby Bofshever

Elaine Schulberg

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

High Holy Days

Susan White

Stephen Steinbock

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Medina Roy

Jerry & Sheila Olsen

Stuart & Geri Smith

Barney Coltman

Joe & Kathy Shabathai

Joe Gould & Marla Berenson

Steve & Barbara Smith

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

Nancy Kluger

Joe & Linda Levi

Joyce Peckman

Security

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Medina Roy

Barney Coltman

Joel & Toby Bofshever

James Brush

Barney Coltman

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

Meditation Garden

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Medina Roy

Yizkor

Susan White

Stephen Steinbock

Jim & Rita Williams

Wes & Rita Conklin

Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Beth Horowitz

George & Muriel Swartz

Beth Hayden

Jerrold & Roos-Mary Benowitz

Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Medina Roy

Linda Pincus

Jerry & Sheila Olsen

Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Harry & Rita Rzepka

Barbara Calev

David & Toby Goldfinger

Joseph & Susan Sachs

Richard & Sheila Steinberg

Barney Coltman

David & Patti Gross

Joe & Kathy Shabathai

Joel & Toby Bofshever

Joe Gould & Marla Berenson

Murray Blitzer & Bev Strumor-Blitzer

Dale Chasteen

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Barney Coltman

Elaine Schulberg

Art Itkin

Jon Tainow & Terry Willner-Tainow

Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver

Marilyn Greenbaum

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

Beth Kaminstein

Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea

Jane Friedman
Yardena Kamely

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Nelson & Bobbie Chester

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Medina Roy
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Joe & Kathy Shabathai
James Brush
Elaine Schulberg
Betty Small
Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver
Joyce Peckman
Bernie Ginsberg

Paul Kaminsky
Joel Willis

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 bemaah 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 grandfather, 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.

In Memoriam – October 2020

Perren Gerber

By Gloria Avner

Rebekah Levy

By Yardena Kamely

Carol Steinbock

By Stephen Steinbock

Gertrude Widlan

By Norbert Birnbaum

Neel Christensen

By Nancy Kluger

Doran David Zinner

By Donald Zinner

Steven V. Calev

By Barbara A. Calev

Fanny Grossman Bernard

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

Jose (Pepe) Cohen Charaf

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Ida Hitzig

By Wes & Rita Conklin

Audrey Bloom

By Marc Bloom

Rosalyn Rose

By Skip Rose

Stanley J. Goodman

By Jamie & Laura Goodman

William Chait

By Nelson & Roberta Chester

Maurice Singer

By Lee Schur

Michal Kamely

By Yardena Kamely

Muriel Catanase

By Jane Friedman

Solomon Felder

By Stuart & Geri Smith

Sol Levy

By Beth Kaminstein

Henry Walter Isenberg

By Patricia Isenberg

Beverly Tobin

By Andrew M. Tobin

Stephen Berman

By Sylvia Berman

Ron Levy

By Beth Kaminstein

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By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

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By Mary Lee Singer

Abraham Kanowsky

By Wes & Rita Conklin

David Frank

By Linda Pollack

Mr. Harry Stein

By Shirley Stein

Simon Skolnick

By Susan Gordon

Patty Silver Schocket

By Jeffrey Schocket

Zara White

By Susan White

Morton I. Singer

By Mary Lee Singer

In Memoriam – November 2020

Eugene Agler

By Richard & Mindy Agler

Benjamin Margulies

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Samuel Tallent

By Lillian Tallent

Harriet Feder

By David & Suzi-Sara Feder

Raymond K. Hess

By Jan Price

Esther Gold Willner

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

David Jacobs

By Lawrence Jacobs

Shirley Schulberg

By Elaine Schulberg

Katy Kram

By Sanford Yankow

Jacob S. Raub

By Harvey & Judith Klein

Harold Goldstein

By Joan Boruszak

Florence Cohen

By Jules & Nettie Seder

Ilse Doellefeld

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

Helene Tulsy

By Patricia Isenberg

Kenny Temkin

By Robert Temkin

Tillie Pollack

By Linda Pollack

Esther M. Klein

By Harvey & Judith Klein

Diana Wolfe

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

Seymour Schocket

By Jeffrey Schocket

Ethel Hankin

By Richard & Barbara Knowles

Nancy Kram Yankow

By Sanford Yankow

Loretta Messer

By Marc Bloom

Murray Pincus

By Linda Pincus

Marianne Cimkowski

By Stephen Steinbock

Lillian Skolnick

By Susan Gordon

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Dick Jacob

By David & Pat VanArtsdalen

David Kamely

By Yarden Kam

Albert Kaminsky

By Elaine Schulberg

Morris Mazur

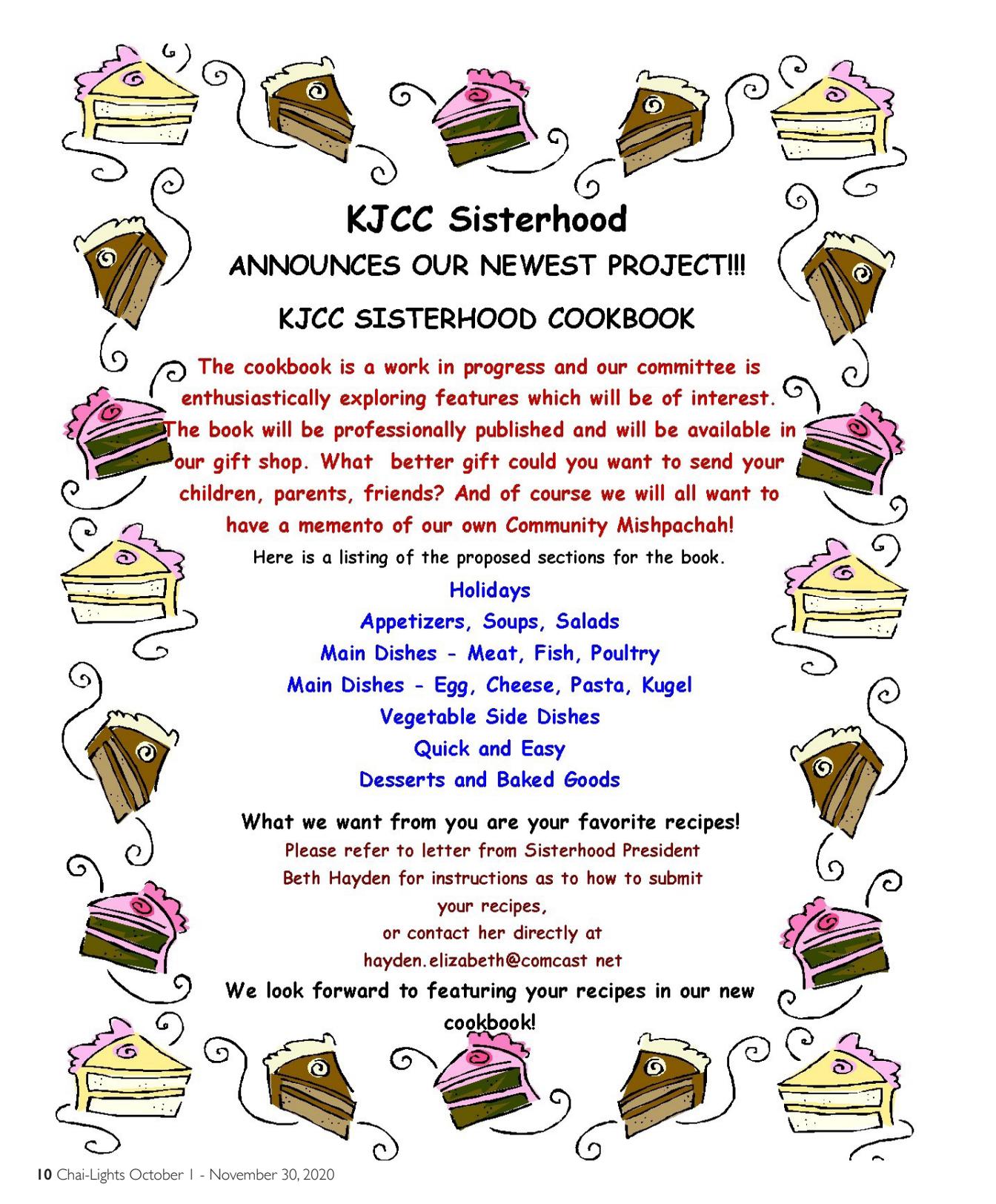
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By Nancy Kluger

Shirley Singer

By Lee Schur



**KJCC Sisterhood
ANNOUNCES OUR NEWEST PROJECT!!!
KJCC SISTERHOOD COOKBOOK**

The cookbook is a work in progress and our committee is enthusiastically exploring features which will be of interest. The book will be professionally published and will be available in our gift shop. What better gift could you want to send your children, parents, friends? And of course we will all want to have a memento of our own Community Mishpachah!

Here is a listing of the proposed sections for the book.

Holidays

Appetizers, Soups, Salads

Main Dishes - Meat, Fish, Poultry

Main Dishes - Egg, Cheese, Pasta, Kugel

Vegetable Side Dishes

Quick and Easy

Desserts and Baked Goods

What we want from you are your favorite recipes!

Please refer to letter from Sisterhood President
Beth Hayden for instructions as to how to submit

your recipes,

or contact her directly at

hayden.elizabeth@comcast net

**We look forward to featuring your recipes in our new
cookbook!**

October Anniversaries

		Years
2nd	Paul & Barbara Bernstein	26
15th	David & Toby Goldfinger	61
16th	Jerry & Barbara Herson	21
28th	Michael & Suzanne Gilson.....	19
31st	Harvey & Judith Klein.....	66

November Anniversaries

		Years
6th	Thomas & Renee Brodie.....	27
14th	Donald & Nancy Zinner.....	33
23rd	Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver..	6
27th	Robert Dandrea &.....	17
	Joni Sages Dandrea	
27th	Stanley & Jenny Margulies.....	
28th	Joseph & Leslie Reamer	27

October Birthdays

2nd.....	Michael Gilson	20th	Barbara Knowles
4th	Michael Kanarek	21st.....	Sammy Knowles
4th	Michael Krissel	21st.....	Susan White
5th	Mathew Tainow	22nd.....	Daniel Tainow
5th	Shayne Robinson	22nd.....	Joseph Shabathai
6th	Joel Bernard	22nd.....	Susan Roberts
7th	Jordan Feig	23rd	Joe Levi
11th	Olivia Landes	24th	Stacy Temkin
12th	Benay Krissel	25th	Landon Strasser
13th	Richard Kaufman	25th	Richard Wolfe
14th	Paul Friedman	26th	Addison Daddona
14th	Samantha Sherman	29th	Adriana Sherman
15th	Marcia Kreitman	29th	Shyella Mayk
15th	Michael Tallent	30th	Franklin Greenman
16th	Kiersten Persoff	30th	Katie J. Schur
17th	Jay Hershoff	30th	Mark Hitzig
17th	Stacey W. Seewald	31st.....	Brittany Schur
18th	Payton Borisoff		

November Birthdays

1st.....	Harry Rzepka	16th	Lorelei Alexander
2nd.....	Brian Boruszak	18th	Diana Loi-Kamely
2nd.....	Jeremy M. Schur	18th	Ross Alexander
2nd.....	Matt Temkin	19th	Michael E. Schur
3rd	Katherine Shabathai	20th	Betty Small
4th	Zoey Barrett	22nd.....	Gloria Avner
7th	Joel Stein	22nd.....	John Luis Greenbaum
7th	Michele Lindenbaum	24th	Arthur Lee Willner
8th	Nico Wilbur	24th	Will Travis Pollack
11th	Cathy Dutton	25th	Nancy L. Cohn
13th	Marilyn Greenbaum	26th	John Douglas Greenbaum
13th	Tami Antelman	28th	Nicole Hudson
14th	Larry Wolfe	29th	Benjamin Rakov
14th	Rae Wruble		

WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



A New Owner of the NY Mets?

Jewish billionaire Steve Cohen is set to become the next owner of the New York Mets baseball team. The deal is rumored to be somewhere around a record \$2.4 billion and, as of this writing, still needs approval by Major League Baseball. Cohen, a hedge fund manager, grew up in a Jewish family. His father worked in New York's garment district. The Wall Street Journal has referred to Cohen as one of the industry's most talented money managers. He is said to be worth some \$14 billion – his art collection alone is worth about \$1 billion. (Cohen's ex-wife once sued him in a case involving insider trading allegations. The case was dropped in 2011.) Mets fans have long complained that the current owners of the team – both also Jewish – have refused to spend enough money to attract star players in their prime. Cohen has said he will spend what it takes to create a winning team. (www.jta.org, 9-14-20)

“Airline Food for Sale. No Ticket Required.”

For those missing international travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, stop worrying. A leading airline food company headquartered at Israel's Tel Aviv International Airport is offering its in-flight meals to the general public as a low-cost delivery option during the crisis. Tamam Kitchen, which services Israel's El Al airlines and other international carriers that fly out of Tel Aviv, piloted the idea (get it?) at the end of July as a way to stay in business. Many of the company's 550 workers had been furloughed. After Israel flattened its first coronavirus curve in the spring, Tamam cooks were back in the kitchen, stocking up for what they thought would be a busy summer travel season. Instead, they got stuck with lots of tiny meal trays. Nimrod Demajo, vice president of operations, said “We have to rethink and reinvent ourselves.” The meals are priced at as little as three dollars a tray. The company has been selling about 100 orders a day. Customers include a

metal factory whose cafeteria supplier went out of business, an elder care facility that closed its dining room and a Google employee working from home who bought kids meals for her children. Many of the customers are senior citizens who have been isolated at home for months, looking for cheap, easy meals. (www.npr.org, 8-3-20)

Holocaust Denial is “Readily Accessible”

According to a report in mid-August by the London-based Institute for Strategic Dialogue, Holocaust denial content is “readily accessible” on social media. Not only that, but Facebook algorithms actively promote it. The Institute found that typing “holocaust” in Facebook's search function brought up recommendations for denial pages. These pages point users to publishers that sell revisionist and denial literature. “Using a ‘snowball’ discovery method, we found that when a user follows public pages containing Holocaust denial content, Facebook actively promotes further Holocaust denial content to that user,” the report noted. The report is titled “Hosting the ‘HoloHoax’: A Snapshot of Holocaust Denial Across Social Media” and is downloadable. It found that Facebook and Twitter “provide a home to an established and active community of Holocaust deniers.” The report noted that there are 36 Facebook groups, with a combined following of 366,068 followers, that are specifically dedicated to Holocaust denial or who host such content. (www.jpost.com, 8-18-20)

Ambulance License Finally Granted

After years of lobbying to operate their own ambulance, a medical group that serves Orthodox women in Brooklyn has been granted a permit. In

mid-August, Ezras Nashim (“women’s aid”) was granted an ambulance permit by New York State’s Regional Emergency Medical Services Council. The permit finally came despite a major setback last year when the all-male emergency service Hat-zolah, the main organization providing emergency services in Orthodox communities, opposed the move. Ezras Nashim had been founded in 2014 by Orthodox women in Brooklyn to provide a more comfortable environment for Orthodox women needing emergency medical care who might be uncomfortable being treated by men for reasons of modesty. One of the founders of Ezras Nashim was Judge Ruchie Frier, the first Chasidic woman to hold elected office in America. (Judge Frier and this story were the subjects of “93 Queen,” a film screened during KJCC’s Jewish Film Festival.) Ezras Nashim’s staff of some 40 volunteers had already been operating in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Borough Park and Flatbush, but the lack of an ambulance license limited their operations. (www.haaretz.com, 8-14-20)

More Revealed About Pius XII

At the end of August, The Atlantic published an article showing the results of Brown University historian David I. Kertzer’s investigation into some Vatican documents that were finally unsealed in March. Kertzer studied the high-profile case of Jewish twin boys Robert and Gérald Finaly, who were kidnapped and baptized by French Catholic priests. Angelo Dell’Acqua, a Vatican Secretariat of State official (he later became the Cardinal of Rome), played a key role in the smuggling of the Finlay boys from France to Spain. That took place after French judges ordered the twin boys, who had been hidden from the Nazis in a Catholic monastery, to be turned over to their aunt, which finally happened in 1953. (The twins now live in Israel.) Kertzer’s findings confirm what has long been thought about Pope Pius XII: that he turned a blind eye to the Holocaust, which happened during the early years of his tenure of nearly 20 years as pope. Kertzer found a memorandum advising Pius not to formally protest the rounding up of some 1,000 Italian Jews in 1943 for deportation to Auschwitz. Dell’Acqua advised Pius XII “to speak privately with a German ambassador, recommending to him that the already grave situation of the Jews not be aggravated further,” but he asked the pope not to protest the move publicly. (www.jpost.com, 8-30-20)

A Very Old Prayer Newly Online

If you go to the website of the National Library of Israel (nli.org.il), you can now see a recently discovered prayer by the Ramban, the 13th century Spanish rabbi and author of commentaries on the Bible and the Talmud. The Ramban – also known as Nachmanides – was a leading kabbalist. (The name Ramban is an acronym of the initials making up his name – Rabbi Moshe ben Nachman.) He was born in Catalonia – the region south of the Pyrenees along the Mediterranean coast – but was forced to flee at 70 after being ordered to publicly defend his faith against Pablo Christiani, a Jewish convert to Christianity. (You might remember a program at the KJCC a few years ago, facilitated by Rabbi Agler, based on the discussion of the film “The Disputation,” which we screened prior to the discussion. The film portrayed the Barcelona Disputation of 1263 that took place in the court of King James of Aragon. At great personal peril, Nachmanides used his wit and knowledge of sacred literature to defend the Jewish faith. In the end, King James rewarded him with a gift of three hundred gold pieces as a sign of his respect for Nachmanides’ courage and success.) Nachmanides eventually moved to Jerusalem, where he is credited with reestablishing Jewish life and settlement in the city. The recently discovered poetic prayer – it has also been translated into English – is part of the *bakashot*, or supplications, which was a common form among Iberian Jews of the Spanish Golden Age period. It was published in Hebrew for the first time last year in Idan Perez’s *Sidur Catalunya*, the first printed prayer book of the Catalonian liturgy and ritual used by the Ramban and the once-thriving Jewish communities of Catalonia, Valencia and Majorca. These communities were annihilated by the Spanish Inquisition and expulsion more than 500 years ago. Written just after the expulsion, the prayer was found in a manuscript likely used by Catalonian exiles living in Provence, France. The original document is now housed in Rome’s Casanatense Library. The National Library of Israel has led an initiative to open digital access to all of the world’s Hebrew manuscripts. (www.timesofisrael.com, 9-16-20)

Next on Netflix

“The Trial of the Chicago 7,” the latest film by Aaron Sorkin, the Jewish creator of the hit TV series “The West Wing,” is scheduled to premiere

on Netflix October 16th. The film tells the story of Jewish anti-Vietnam War activist Abbie Hoffman, who, along with six others, was tried for conspiracy and inciting to riot for their role in the protests at Chicago's Democratic National Convention in 1968. The role of Hoffman is played by Jewish actor Sacha Baron Cohen. The film is said to feel timely and familiar, even though the events took place more than 50 years ago. The movie is full of scenes of protests around the anti-war movement in 1968, scenes that led to a violent showdown between the protesters and law enforcement, including the police and the National Guard. (The only difference between then and now? The hairstyles and clothing plus the fact that no one is wearing a mask.) Sorkin is a prolific screenwriter, director, producer and playwright responsible for many successful productions, including "A Few Good Men," "The American President," and "Molly's Game." (Sacha Baron Cohen can be seen in another Jewish role, portraying famed Israeli spy Eli Cohen in Netflix's 2018 miniseries "The Spy.") (www.jta.org, 9-16-20)

In Memoriam

- Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the acclaimed Israeli scholar whose monumental translation of the Babylonian Talmud made the rabbinic debates and folkloric tales easier to understand for those without a higher-level Jewish education, died in early August. He was 83. He converted the Aramaic text into modern Hebrew and integrated his own commentary, filling in gaps in the text that had previously been next to impossible for non-scholars to understand. The project took him 45 years to complete. "The Talmud is the central pillar of Jewish knowledge, important for the overall understanding of what is Jewish," Steinsaltz said in 2010 when he completed the translation. "But it is a book that Jews cannot understand. This is a dangerous situation, like a collective amnesia..." ("Let my people know," was his favorite slogan.) Writing a comprehensive commentary on the Talmud alone elevated him alongside the likes of Rashi, the medieval French scholar whose commentary on the Bible and the Talmud, composed 1,000 years ago, is considered the most authoritative.

Steinsaltz was born in Jerusalem to secular parents, and although his father was an irreligious socialist, young Adin was sent to study Talmud with a tutor when he was 10. The boy's intellec-

tual gifts were evident right away. (He became the youngest school principal in Israel at 23.) His study led him to fully embrace Jewish practice.

Steinsaltz has been described as a "once-in-a-millennium scholar" known for his intellect and tireless work ethic. It is said that he put in seventeen-hour work days. But his work has also been controversial. His translation departed from longstanding conventions. He introduced punctuation and paragraph breaks, changed the pagination and placed his own commentary in the space around the main text where Rashi's commentary used to be. Some leading ultra-Orthodox rabbis in Israel called Steinsaltz a heretic, forbidding their followers from reading his works.

Rabbi Steinsaltz wrote some 60 other books on a variety of topics, among them Jewish ethics, theology, prayer and mysticism. He also helped establish educational institutions in Israel and the former Soviet Union. His accomplishments, along with the various awards that have been presented to him, are too numerous to be listed here. (www.jta.org, 8-7-20)

- Seymour Schwartz, an internationally renowned surgeon and medical teacher who co-wrote the "Principles of Surgery," the classic surgical textbook for medical students, died at the end of August at 92. The textbook, now in its 11th edition, was first published in 1969. It became the standard for medical students around the world, as medicine began to shift from relying on exploratory surgery in order to diagnose medical issues to turning to widespread X-rays instead. During his 70-year career he literally shaped the field of surgery and the practices of countless surgeons. The son of Jewish immigrants, Schwartz grew up in the Bronx. A history buff, rare map collector and accordion player, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was chair of surgery at New York's University of Rochester from 1987 to 1998 and director of surgical research for 20 years. He retired from the operating room when he was 72. Schwartz served as president of three national surgical societies, and was editor-in-chief of several surgical journals. (www.ap.org, 8-29-20) ◇

Keys Jewish Community Center



Shemini Atzeret - Yizkor Service Simchat Torah Service



Friday, October 9, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Please join us on Zoom for a combination
Shabbat - Simchat Torah - Yizkor service.

Services will be led by

Joyce Peckman and Laurie Blum

Join us for a Virtual Party at the Oneg

Zoom invitations will be sent out by Joyce.

TIKKUN OLAM GIVES MEANING TO OUR FAST

For years we have answered the call, read so beautifully from Yom Kippur's Haftorah portion by Nyan Feder, "is this the fast you want?" We are encouraged not just to stop eating for a day, but to feed the hungry and clothe the poor—to heal the world. Bringing non-perishable food to KJCC for the Burton Memorial Church Food Bank was not a practicable choice this year. With research from Linda Kaplan's Tikkun Olam Committee we were able to find a needy family and contribute directly. Thank you. Linda and Susan Gordon.

During last month's board meeting we had discussed finding a local organization that works with children and families within our community who are in need of help.

I have been communicating with Amy Harper, Assistant Director of a local non-profit organization called "Keys to be the Change." They have created several programs throughout the Keys that empower children, youth and adults to improve health, wellness and skills for success in school and in life.

They partner with the school Social Workers to identify families who are in most need of help. I was contacted by the Social Worker from Key Largo and Plantation Key School, Emily Halbert.

She identified a family in Key Largo who is in desperate and immediate need of assistance. The four young children attend KLS. Their Father recently passed away and their Mother is gone. The children are temporarily staying with a family friend and her own family in a small trailer.

Gladly, we were able to help, and from our Tzedakah fund, we purchased a \$200 food card from Publix as a donation to help these

children. The school Social Worker went shopping this past Friday and delivered the groceries to the children and their caregiver.

I'm hoping that the KJCC Tikkun Olam Committee will continue to partner with "Keys to be the Change", helping the most needy and vulnerable population right here in our own backyards.



Susan Gordon presents a check from KJCC for \$200 Publix shopping card to Key Largo School Social Worker Emily Halbert, who then went shopping for a family of four children living in foster care and are challenged by food deprivation. We are committed to being the change we want to see.

PHOTO GALLERY



Pomegranates, Apple and honey from Susan's house and kjcc's tree.



Gloria's new ChaiLights assistant (and great grand-daughter)



This is a sad sign of the times, but it was wonderful spending time with Rose Marie!



Despite the lack of in-person fundraising opportunities via monthly in person dinners, Sisterhood has seen fit to make a \$2000 donation to KJCC to use as it sees fit. In this era of Covid forced emergencies and needed repairs, this gift is much appreciated and will be used well. Thanks, Ladies. We miss your great cooking and comaraderie



Does anyone recognize this handsome neighbor and protector of KJCC property? Yes this is Roo, catcher of balls, chewer of coconuts and faithful companion of Count, who keeps everything KJCC neat and clean. Pastel portrait by Gloria Avner.



This spot was reserved for your photos. Please send them in for the next issue!



It was worth two days drive to Tennessee for Susan Gordon to be with grandsons Rhett and Hank



VIRTUAL EDITION

Refuat Ha-Nefesh

SPIRITUAL CARE ONLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM

Presented by Mishkan Miami: the Jewish Connection for Spiritual Support
of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation



*A unique volunteer
experience for Jews
from all walks of life,
ages 21 and older*

Online Volunteer Training
October 27, 2020 - April 20, 2021
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Combination of Tuesday evening training sessions online via
Zoom and virtual volunteer mitzvah projects*

- Receive professional instruction by rabbis, chaplains, doctors, bereavement specialists and social workers to learn the art of Jewish spiritual care
- Study the wealth of Jewish spiritual care texts from the convenience of your home
- Learn how to develop legacy, art, music and creative ritual projects
- Receive support in developing and maintaining congregational caring communities
- Reach out to those who are alone or isolated due to the pandemic
- Engage in supervised and supported volunteer activities, including *mitzvah* projects geared to helping older adults and others who are lonely, ill and in need of support



BECOME A SACRED JEWISH CONVERSATION FACILITATOR

Have you had The Sacred Jewish Conversation? Are you prepared to talk with loved ones and others about their end-of-life choices? Do you want to help others in our community live out their lives in accordance with their values?

The Sacred Jewish Conversation, a program of Mishkan Miami, is looking for community facilitators. Join us if:

- You are interested in learning how to facilitate this conversation with family, friends, congregations or other groups
- You are a medical professional, a long-term care facility professional or a legal professional with clients who could benefit from this conversation
- You are a social worker or case manager working with older adults
- You are clergy who wants more information and resources for your congregation



VIRTUAL SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

Sunday, November 8, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 6-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 6-8:30 p.m.

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New Year's Greetings

**Wishing Cheryl & Jeff
Margulies a wonderful
new year**
Beth Horowitz



**Wishing all our friends a
healthy new year**
Jeff & Cheryl Margulies



**A happy healthy safe
5781 to all at KJCC**
Sheila & Jerry Olsen



**Have a happy and
healthy 5780**
The Rzepkas, Rita & Harry



**Shana Tova to all our friends
and congregants**
Joseph & Kathy Shabathai



**We wish all a very healthy
and happy new year 5781**
Toby & Joel Bofshever



**Health and Happiness
in New Year 5781**
Jon & Terry Tainow

A better year for all
Elaine Schulberg



**Shana Tovah
To our KJCC family**
Rabbi Rich & Mindy Agler



**Shanah Tovah
To all KJCC & your loved ones**
Adam & Judy Starr



**A happy and healthy to
All at the KJCC. Miss you**
Joan Boruszak



**L'Shana Tova
To all my dear Friends**
Joan Wohl



Arthur and Johanna Willner
**Wish you a happy healthy
New Year filled with blessings**



**A happy and healthy
Year to everyone**
Stuart & Lauren Sax

**Praying for good health,
Love and happiness for
Us all during 5781**
Susan G.



**A happy and
Healthy Season to all**
Bob & Susie Temkin



**We miss you all
Good health to you**
Sylvia and Alfred Rimm



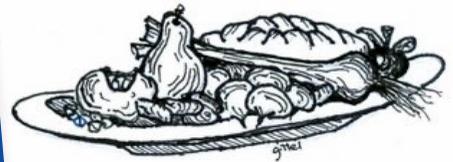
**L'Shana Tovah
Wishing all a happy
And healthy 5781**
Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

**Shana Tova and a healthy
New Year to all our KJCC
mishpachah**
Erica Lieberman-Garrett

**My dear KJCC mishpachah,
I wish you a year of good
health**
Love, Gloria

Susan & Dot
**wish our KJCC friends a safe
And health filled year!**
L'Shanah Tovah

A Look Back at High Holidays 5781



Sisterhood Sponsors a Different Kind of Dinner

We didn't really eat much and we didn't eat it together, but everyone present at our zoom Erev Rosh HaShanah Virtual Dinner agreed we were happy to be there. Susan Gordon lit the candles, Gloria Avner chanted the YomTov blessing over wine, Erica Lieberman-Garrett made HaMotzi and

was a terrific MC, Beth Hayden, Sisterhood President, led us in a hearty Shehechyanu and every one of us dipped an apple in some honey, blessed "Borei p'ri ha'Etz" the fruit of the tree, praying for a sweet and healthy year.

Joe Shabathai had just flown in from Zurich. The Hartzes were with us from North Carolina, Gloria was here from Maine and once more we were a community about nourishment. Just looking at the challahs handcrafted the previous day by Sisterhood members was enough to set juices flowing.



I wish I could have shown Jane, Steve and Harry Friedman's table in Homestead, a cornucopia of delicious treats. We may have been as dispersed as a diaspora, but we were as unified and whole as the round symbolic challah made and held by Erica, without beginning or end.





KJCC



SUKKOT CELEBRATION

Join us virtually for
Sukkot/Shabbat on Friday,
October 2, 2020 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Services will be led by
Dr. Bernard Ginsberg.

Also, when you are in the area, visit
the KJCC sukkah
decorated by Susan Gordon.
Bring an olive's worth of food or a
whole meal.

Chag Sameach

KJCC will send a

Zoom invitation for Services.

KJCC SUKKAH

By Joyce Peckman

Growing up on Long Island, I knew Sukkot as the holiday when my conservative synagogue sprouted a large open-air structure in the parking lot, decorated with chains of colored paper provided by the nursery school and gourds and apples hung on string from the bamboo roof. A few bee traps were hung in an attempt to catch the yellow-jacks that inevitably found the apples. Large colorful posters with prayers were on the walls. A long thin table was set up inside, running the entire length, with folding chairs around the perimeter. After Saturday morning services, the congregants would crowd into the sukkah, children running under feet, scrambling to feast on the gefilte fish and chunks of cut-up challah and pound cake.

People would pass around the lulav and etrog, and everyone who wanted would make the blessing, facing

east and shaking three times –front, right, back and left, before turning over the etrog so the pittom (stem) faced up and handing to the next person.

It wasn't until I was newly married and living in Brooklyn that I was invited to a personal sukkah. It was a revelation. The walls were decorated with their grand-children's artwork and repurposed holiday lights were strung around the edges of the roof. The table was beautifully set for company, and after the feast we lingered, singing. This was a holiday for family and friends! The next year we purchased a small prefab canvas and metal-poled sukkah



Joyce Peckman, Susan Gordon and Donna Bolton came together the day after Yom Kippur to decorate our Candy Stanlake/ Alan Beth KJCC Sukkah. They did it with zest and social distancing so each of us would have the chance to stop at our meditation garden and make the mitzvah of sharing a meal in temporary shelter open to the sky. There is a table and tablecloth as well as decor. All that is missing is you. Maybe we are meant to be the “ushpizin” this year, the sacred visitors, our biblical ancestors in disguise. Sukkot starts on Friday night, October 2nd. Dr. Bernard Ginsberg will lead services via zoom at 7:30 p.m.

that just fit on the porch of our attached row home. We were able to squeeze in one folding table and eight folding chairs. Five years later, when we moved to our home in Long Beach with its tiny backyard, the sukkah came with us. Every year we invited all the neighboring kids to help us decorate and rewarded them with juice and cookies inside. We bought our own lulav and etrog and ate any meal we could outside. My personal favorite was breakfast. The kids liked afternoon snack, complete with toys and no parents.

Now my sons have families and sukkahs of their own. Their sukkahs are far larger than mine and they love to decorate them and share meals with their friends. They like to spend at least one night camping out under the stars that shine through the

Joyce's grandchildren joyously shake the lulav and hold the etrog in their family Sukkah in pre-social-distancing days.

bamboo roof. The roof of a sukkah must be open to the sky, to remind us of the majesty of God's universe, and the impermanence of our existence. Living in a sukkah in September or October can indeed be hazardous. I remember snows in Denver collapsing the schach (bamboo or branch-



Joyce's grandson in Denver Sukkah four years ago.



KJCC Sunday School kids are helped to decorate by Foster Davidson of blessed memory. We have made many sukkahs.

es used as the roof) and hurricanes in New Jersey blowing the schach into the neighbors' yards. Here in Florida, we brave heat, humidity and mosquitoes. We vividly remember the bay almost flooding Rabbi and Mindy Agler's sukkah. Despite that, their succah party was always a highlight of our year.

This year, Sukkot begins on the night of October 2nd. At KJCC our sukkah is

the pergola built by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake, which each year is transformed, usually by our students, into a sukkah. This year we will not have a formal party, or even an etrog and lulav to share, but Susan Gordon will decorate it so that it is available for anyone who wants to fulfil the mitzvah of "dwelling in a booth" by eating food "at least the size of an olive" in it. ◇



Students and adult members of KJCC have worked together for years on the Sunday following Yom Kippur to prepare our outdoor starlit shelter for the 8 days of Sukkot. This year we thank Susan, Joyce and Donna for preparing solo. Stop by with your own refreshment. Experience joy and fragility at the same time.





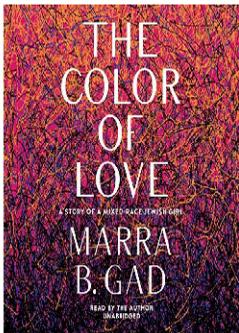
Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~
Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
until further notice ~

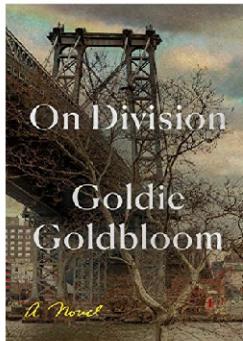
October 26, 2020 *The Color of Love* by Marra Gad

November 30, 2020 *On Division: A Novel* by Goldie Goldbloom

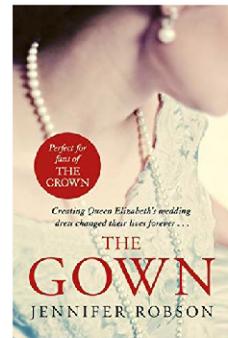
December 28, 2020 *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson



**Memoir about a
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the Queen's wedding dress**

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**Email Joyce to let her know you will be attending so she can send you an
invitation to Zoom.**

L'HITRA'OT MINDY & RABBI AGLER

Dear Rich and Mindy,

You might have thought you were retiring when you moved from Boca Raton to our sleepy Keys—possibly you envisioned interacting with a new Jewish community. Instead, like many of us, you've become so intricately woven into the fabric of our KJCC family that as happy as we are for you, heading off to your exciting new phase of life, we know we will feel a deep hole with your departure.

Who could have guessed you'd be our High Holiday Rabbi, Rich, for seven years, or that in-season you would volunteer to lead engaging monthly Torah learning services, that we'd get to celebrate Simchat Torah by unrolling our entire scroll and hearing you translate our 5000 year history in seven minutes. Who would have imagined you'd inspire our youngsters becoming B'nai Mitzvot, that we'd get to be part of your book launch, that you'd join with three of our artists to collaborate on a fascinating discussion series or that you'd lead a dozen of us on an eye opening, life-changing journey through Israel. I've barely scratched the surface of your contributions to us.

More than ceremonial and ritual participation, you and Mindy have shared your hearts, your family tragedy, and later the triumphs of TAGS. You filled our sanctuary to near-bursting when our entire Keys community needed a place to respond and be with us after the Pittsburgh massacre.

Mindy, you shared your soul and professional training with us, beyond the gift of sharing Talia. Thank you for your work in the garden, for opening your home on Sukkot, enabling the sunset potluck dinner we looked forward to every year and for the kind listening ear you gave a group of us after the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma.

You have shared your friends, family, rabbis, authors and teachers. You leave behind a breath-taking material gift as well—the Beiner Collection of Antiquities from Israel. For all this and more we say Todah Rabbah. Thank you so much.

We've had to say goodbye to lots of wonderful people over the years. Now, thanks to Zoom, we're getting to say hello again to some—Susan Horn and Dot Brooking, Stu and Lauren Sax, Yardena Kamely, Sheila and Richard Steinberg. We hope that we will see you two often also, for tea and empathy, Shabbat services, conversation and laughter, perhaps even a peek at a new siddur someday. Social distancing has created a strange new world. What is the difference between three miles and 3000 miles? Can a Scholar-in-Residence be in residence across a continent? Why not? We sincerely hope so. L'hitra'ot. Be well and happy. Our best to your family.

B'ahava,
Your KJCC mishpocha





If I were to choose one experience that impacted my life the most, out of all the projects I've worked on with Rabbi Agler, it would have to be the trip he led for us to and through Israel with his friend, our guide. Every day, filled with multiple adventures, historical geography and learning, was beyond ordinary travel. It was heart expanding, spirit expanding, life-changing.
- Gloria Avner

The list of contributions by Richard and Mindy Agler to our community would fill this entire edition of Chai-Lights. Rabbi Agler not only brought us Saturday Torah learning services, but train our lay leaders to lead more meaningful services. He truly was our resident scholar, and we are all wiser for it. When I became KJCC president, Rabbi Agler told me that he was always available for advice. I took him up on that offer many times. Knowing he was there gave me a sense of comfort and reassurance.

I was in the discussion group that Mindy created for the community after Hurricane Irma. She made the KJCC a place where we could share our experiences and anxieties. I still use some of the relaxation techniques she taught.

- Joyce Peckman





My fond memories of the Agler's Bayside Annual Sukkot pot luck celebration include a beautiful sunset, a meaningful service and a lovely gathering of our KJCC mishpocha.

Setting up the delicious assorted food delicacies with Mindy and help from Carla, always included Mindy's famous fruit cobbler with their friends' delicious homemade gelato.

Rabbi Agler helped my family from Toronto in his first KJCC bar mitzvah for my nephew Mark Lieberman with my assistance. It was my first KJCC Shabbat service inspired by the gentle guidance of Rabbi Agler. Rabbi Agler's always encouraging words have been life-changing for me.

- Erica Lieberman-Garrett



A Prophecy For Our Time

In Rabbi Agler's Zoom discussion about how many mitzvahs are necessary to observe in order to be a good Jew, we discussed texts that offered every number from 613 to 365 to 9 to 3 to 2 to one. Most dealt with behavior of one human being towards another, not with ceremony, rituals or dietary laws. Coming from the Talmud meant of course that there would be lots of disagreements among the rabbis, just as there are among us, but what never changed in the winnowing down from 613 to a handful to one, was the insistence on treating one another charitably, pursuing justice and performing deeds of loving kindness. How moving that Rabbi Agler should choose to end that session with a poem written by Judy Chicago, the groundbreaking feminist artist Marcia Kreitman brought to us in last year's discussion series, presenting a vision of a time that could come to pass. It's been centuries, even millennia, since prophets lived among us, but if her words could come true, this would be the prophecy to have. We can hold her vision.

The Merger Poem (From the dinner party)

*“And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.”*

- Judy Chicago

G'mar Chatimah Tovah

May you be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good and healthy year.

(Let us come together to celebrate next year in our own KJCC Sanctuary — with food)



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Taslich bread list

For ordinary sins, use - White Bread
For exotic sins - French Bread
For particularly dark sins - Pumpernickel
For twisted sins - Pretzels
For tasteless sins - Rice Cakes
For sins of indecision - Waffles
For sins committed in haste - Matzah
For sins committed in less than eighteen minutes:
Shmurah Matzah
For sins of chutzpah - Fresh Bread
For being sulky - Sourdough
For telling bad jokes - Corn Bread
For being holier-than-thou - Bagels
For unfairly up-braiding others - Challah
For the sin of laziness - Any Very Long Loaf
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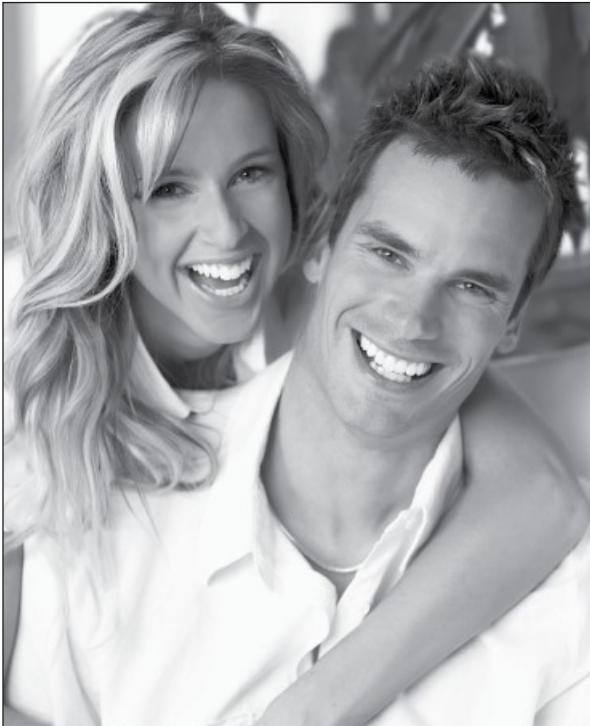


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