

# Chai~Lights



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# October 1 - November 30, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Names denote leaders of Friday Services. Italicized names are Oneg sponsors. Services every Friday at 7:30pm All services and meetings are on Zoom unless indicated					<b>1</b> OCT Laurie Blum <i>Michael Gilson</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Sisterhood 10 am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Judy Greenman Wellness Workshop 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	<b>8</b> Rabbi Ed Rosenthal <i>Patricia Eisenberg</i>	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Sisterhood Book Club 12:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Yardena Kamely <i>Kathy &amp; Joe  Shabathai</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> NOV	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev	<b>5</b> Rosh Chodesh Kislev Steve Hartz <i>Kathy &amp; Joe  Shabathai</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> End Daylight Savings Time Sisterhood 10 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day	<b>12</b> Service Leader TBA <i>Gloria Avner</i>	<b>13</b> Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler 12:30 pm
<b>14</b> KJCC Board Meeting 10 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Laurie Blum <i>Orlando Quesada</i>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving	<b>26</b> Gloria Avner <i>Orlando Quesada</i>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> First Night of Chanukah	<b>29</b> Sisterhood Book Club 12:30 pm 2nd Night of Chanukah	<b>30</b> 3rd Night of Chanukah				

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



This is the time in the Jewish calendar when we look back at our accomplishments and failures, considering how we can improve ourselves in the year unfolding before us. We at KJCC have much to be proud of. We have maintained our weekly lay-led Friday night prayers, even if mostly via Zoom. We provided beautiful and meaningful High Holy Day services. We maintained our community through weekly chat, educational offerings, Sisterhood workshops and book club, virtual onegs, Caring Kehila phone calls and more. We have maintained the building and grounds. We have provided support to each other through joy and sorrow. New members have joined us.

We see our activities continuing into the New Year, still relying on Zoom. Rabbi Agler will resume his monthly seminar on the life and times of King David, always finding relevance to our time. Our workshops will begin in October with Judy Greenman's three-part introduction to "The Body Brain Freedom Approach," guiding us through gentle movement. Steve Hartz will continue our Monday drop-in chats.

The financial state of the KJCC remains stable. You are probably aware that we have not raised our dues or fees in a great many years, despite mounting expenses. Most of you have

sent in dues and more. Without these additional contributions, we could not afford our upkeep and holiday expenses. We saved money on security because the building has been closed, but spent much of that savings on equipment that will allow us to live-stream once we re-open.

Our greatest strengths and weaknesses are in our human resources. We have no paid administrators or clergy to keep us functioning year-round. All our accomplishments are due to the efforts of a small group of very dedicated members. We desperately need people willing to lead or co-lead Friday night services. Our current leaders will happily work with you. It is far easier than it seems...no knowledge of Hebrew is needed, just a willingness to "put yourself out there" with a group of friends. We have many talented people among us who could lead a seminar or workshop. We have an excellent projector and screen for films and presentations, but we need a chairperson for our education committee. Sisterhood needs a recording secretary. We need people to reach out to the community, to bring them into this tiny gem of a Jewish presence, here in the Keys. Only with your help can we continue "from strength to strength" in the year ahead. ◇

# WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

All activities remain on Zoom unless noted otherwise.  
Look for more details in the Tuesday message to members.

Every Monday	2pm Drop-in Chat. Please contact us to be placed on mailing list.
Friday, October 1	7:30pm Shabbat Services and Yizkor led by Laurie Blum
Sunday, October 3	10am Sisterhood Meeting
Wednesday, October 6	7:30pm Judy Greenman Wellness Workshop
Friday, October 8	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Ed Rosenthal
Sunday, October 10	10am KJCC Board meeting
Wednesday, October 13	7:30pm Judy Greenman Wellness Workshop
Friday, October 15	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Erica Lieberman-Garrett
Wednesday, October 20	7:30pm Judy Greenman Wellness Workshop
Friday, October 22	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman
Monday, October 25	12:30pm Sisterhood Book Club
Friday, October 29	7:30pm Shabbat Services
Friday, November 5	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Steve Hartz
Sunday, November 7	10am Sisterhood Meeting
Friday, November 12	7:30pm Shabbat Services
Saturday, November 13	12:30pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler
Sunday, November 14	10am KJCC Board meeting
Friday, November 19	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Laurie Blum
Friday, November 26	7:30pm Shabbat Services led by Gloria Avner
Monday, November 29	12:30pm Sisterhood Book Club

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
Tainow Willner Family

*Leaf on the tree of life:*  
**Fond Times with Marc Bloom**  
**Our Kitchen Maven**  
by Steve Steinbock, Skip Rose  
& Linda Pollack



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Sisterhood Book Club Reads On

We continue to meet on Zoom the last Monday of the month at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the book of the month and lots more. Feel free to invite non-KJCC friends to join us. On October 25th we will discuss “Carnegie’s Maid” by Marie Benedict, and on November 22nd, “Outwitting History” by Aaron Lansky. Joyce sends out the links each month. Contact her at [joycepeckman@gmail.com](mailto:joycepeckman@gmail.com) if you want to be added to the list.

Getting mail?

Some of us have overly protective email guardians. If you don’t always get the president’s message or other mail from KJCC, it is probably landing in your junk or promotions box. Adding [president@keys-jewishcenter.com](mailto:president@keys-jewishcenter.com) to your contacts should solve the problem. We want to stay in touch.

Scubi Jews Return Oct. 8

After 18 months of emptiness we can contemplate and look forward to sounds of life, joy, laughter, study and worship echoing through our halls again. Scubi Jews and Rabbi Ed Rosenthal will be back. They will camp out in our schoolroom as in previous years, go diving in select spots, help clean our waters and learn the theory and practice of what Rabbi Ed calls Tikkun HaYam, repair of the seas. As always they will leave the place as clean as they found it. They will be here from October 8 – 11, and the grand bonus is that Rabbi Ed will lead Shabbat services on that Friday night. How appropriate that the Parshah of the week will be Noach. The service will be held in the Sanctuary by live stream and via Zoom. Lucky us. Read Joyce’s President’s announcements for details.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Agler

Once again we will delve into the fascinating saga of King David, with the generous guidance and warm informal teaching style of Rabbi Richard Agler, our Scholar Emeritus. Lunch and Learn will take place once a month starting in November and will always begin at 12:30 pm. See P. 30 for dates and details.

Bodywork With Judy Greenman

Some of you may remember the workshop Judy led for us 2 years ago. We enjoyed it, learned a lot and found it helpful for our aching body parts. This year, Judy is offering a 3 part series. We are grateful in mind, body and spirit. See P. 32 for dates and details.

Re-opening the Sanctuary

We are beginning a slow re-opening of KJCC, continuing most activities through Zoom. We will be having some Friday services live on site, dates to be determined. Any live services will also be available to view on Facebook Live. The first will be when Rabbi Ed Rosenthal leads on October 8th; he will be at KJCC with Scubi-Jews, cleaning the reef over the week-end, bunking in our classroom.

Covid protocols are still being finalized, but anyone entering the building must have proof of vaccination on file, maintain social distance and be wearing a mask properly. Children under the age of 12 must be with their parents and wearing a mask. Please keep tuned for further information, as we look forward to seeing you, safe and healthy. If you haven’t been receiving our weekly emails, make sure to add [President@Keysjewishcenter.com](mailto:President@Keysjewishcenter.com) to your list of contacts.

Get your Cookbook Now!

IT IS HERE. And it is lovely. Say thank you to KJCC Sisterhood and order yours now. Arrangements will be made for getting it to you. See P. 14 for details and contact info. Yum!! ♦

Shabbat Service Leaders

October 1 ..... Laurie Blum  
October 8 ..... Rabbi Ed Rosenthal  
October 15 ..... Erica Lieberman Garrett  
October 22 ..... Joyce Peckman  
October 29 ..... Yardena Kamely

November 5 ..... Steve Hartz  
November 12 ..... to be announced  
November 19 ..... Laurie Blum  
November 26 ..... Gloria Avner

*Rest In Peace*  
*Marc Bloom*  
*7/27/1956 - 9/27/2021*



With Ellen, the love of  
his life and mother of  
his children.

Above all else, Marc treasured his family,  
his girls, Rachel, Molly and Maddy.



*To show Marc with all his close friends would take this entire book.*

We Already Miss you, Marc. We Will Never Forget You.







Marc served on the KJCC Board of directors for many years, taking on responsibility for major events like our annual Shabbabeque and preparing coffee for every single event.



With Yardena, his Hebrew teacher and dear friend.



Marc's Purim persona was always a delight, probably taking responsibility here for ordering the pizza.



There has only once ever been a male honorary member of KJCC Sisterhood. Marc held this unique honor with love and distinction. We loved his deli food. For years we appreciated his coffee almost as much as we loved the man, kindhearted Marc, a man with severe MS challenges, whose steady smile, loyalty, and willingness to help where needed knew no bounds.



It was always good to celebrate with Marc, whatever the occasion.



## 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, 2021

#### Yahrzeit

Marshall & Myra Kaplan.....	Leonard Roberts
David & Pam Marmar .....	Dorothy Marmar
Joan Boruszak.....	Jim Boruszak
	Lillian Goldstein
Randy Kominsky .....	Natalie Kominsky

#### In Memory/Honor of

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#### Unrestricted

Michael & Lorena Kaufman .....	Celestina Bravo-Mendez
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#### Oneg Sponsorship

Jane Friedman.....	Steve's Birthday
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Joyce Peckman.....	Libby Peckman's Bat Mitzvah
Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis.....	Sidney Blum's Yahrzeit
Suzanne & Michael Gilson .....	Michael's Birthday
Patricia Isenberg .....	Jordan Feig's Birthday
	Olivia Landes' birthday
Barney Coltman .....	In memory of those passed
David & Toby Goldfinger.....	Anniversary
Michael Krissel.....	Benay Krissel's Birthday
Kathy & Joe Shabathai .....	Joe's Birthday
Kathy & Joe Shabathai .....	Kathy's Birthday
Orlando Quesada.....	In gratitude of Sisterhood
Linda Pollack.....	Skip Rose's 92nd Birthday
Steve & Jan Hartz .....	Jan's Birthday

#### Dinner Sponsorship

Linda Pollack.....	Chanukkah Dinner
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Jane Friedman.....	Steve's Birthday
Barbara & Richard Knowles .....	22nd Anniversary

#### Rock

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#### Seat

Marvin Blumenfeld
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#### High Holy Days

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Pau & Barbara Bernstein

### Yizkor

Donna Bolton  
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Lillian Tallent  
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Karyn Zoren  
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Miltra Sheinker  
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Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver  
Stephen Steinbock  
Jane Friedman  
Neal & Kathy Rakov  
Beth Kaminstein

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Susan Ellner  
Linda Pollack

### Other

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Mary Lee Singer ..... Robert W Singer & Jon Singer  
Linda Pollack..... Sunny Andraccio  
Wes & Rita Conklin..... Sisterhood  
Yardena Kamely  
Arthur Plutzer ..... 80th Birthday  
Linda Pollack  
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**BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto: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? Thank you, Steve Steinbock and Jane Friedman. 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 Erica Lieberman-Garrett, 305-393-1162, or email her at [hippiejap@hotmail.com](mailto:hippiejap@hotmail.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.

**CARING KEHILAH/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. The Caring Kehilah Committee is calling and checking in on our socially distant members. Call Laurie Blum, 414-698-5647 if you wish to request that someone be contacted.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com).

Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://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.

## October Birthdays

1st.....	Harry Rzepka	20th .....	Barbara Knowles
2nd.....	Michael Gilson	21st.....	Sammy Knowles
4th .....	Michael Kanarek	21st.....	Susan White
4th .....	Michael Krissel	22nd.....	Daniel Tainow
5th .....	Mathew Tainow	22nd.....	Joseph Shabathai
5th .....	Shayne Robinson	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		

## October Anniversaries

		Years			
2nd	Paul & Barbara Bernstein .....	27	16th	Jerry & Barbara Herson .....	22
			28th	Michael & Suzanne Gilson.....	20
15th	David & Toby Goldfinger .....	62	31st	Harvey & Judith Klein.....	67

## 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 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.

## November Birthdays

2nd..... Brian Boruszak  
 2nd..... Jeremy M. Schur  
 2nd..... Matt Temkin  
 3rd ..... Katherine Shabathai  
 4th ..... Zoey Barrett  
 7th ..... Joel Stein  
 7th ..... Michele Lindenbaum  
 8th ..... Melissa Katz-Fusco  
 8th ..... Nico Wilbur  
 11th ..... Cathy Dutton  
 13th ..... Kevin Cheatham  
 13th ..... Linda Kaplan  
 13th ..... Marilyn Greenbaum  
 13th ..... Tami Antelman  
 14th ..... Larry Wolfe  
 14th ..... Rae Wruble

15th ..... Nora Brennan  
 16th ..... Lorelei Alexander  
 18th ..... Diana Loi-Kamely  
 18th ..... Ross Alexander  
 19th ..... Michael E. Schur  
 20th ..... Betty Small  
 21st ..... David Greenstein  
 22nd ..... Gloria Avner  
 22nd ..... John Luis Greenbaum  
 24th ..... Arthur Lee Willner  
 24th ..... Will Travis Pollack  
 25th ..... Nancy L. Cohn  
 26th ..... John Douglas Greenbaum  
 28th ..... Nicole Hudson  
 29th ..... Benjamin Rakov

## ONEG SPONSORS

Oct. 1 Suzanne & Michael Gilson  
 Michael's Birthday  
 Oct. 8 Patricia Isenberg  
 Jordan Feig's Birthday &  
 Olivia Landes' Birthday  
 Barney Coltman  
 In memory of those passed  
 Oct. 15 David & Toby Goldfinger  
 Anniversary  
 Oct. 15 Michael Krissel  
 Benay Krissel's Birthday  
 Oct. 22 Kathy & Joe Shabathai  
 Joe's Birthday  
 Oct. 29 Kathy & Joe Shabathai  
 Sisterhood  
 Nov. 5 Joe & Kathy Shabathai  
 Kathy's Birthday  
 Nov. 12 Gloria Avner  
 Birthday & Memory of David Gitin  
 Nov. 19 Orlando Quesada  
 In gratitude of Sisterhood  
 Nov. 26 Orlando Quesada  
 Sisterhood

## November Anniversaries

	Years
6th Thomas & Renee Brodie.....	28
6th Susan Horn and Dot Brooking.....	
14th Donald & Nancy Zinner.....	34
23rd Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawver ...	7
27th Robert Dandrea & Joni Sages Dandrea.	18
27th Stanley & Jenny Margulies.....	
28th Joseph & Leslie Reamer .....	28

## Yahrzeit Plaque

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Jacob Menahem Shabathai**  
**February 15, 1917 – January 3, 2016**  
**and his wife Sally Shabathai**  
**May 22, 1922 – April 19, 1996**

Remembered by Joe & Kathy Shabathai

# *In Memoriam – October 2021*

**Perren Gerber**

By Gloria Avner

**Esther M. Klein**

By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Dick Jacob**

By David & Pat VanArtsdalen

**Gertrude Widlan**

By Norbert Birnbaum

**Fanny Grossman Bernard**

By Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

**Eliza Christensen**

By Nancy Kluger

**Loretta Messer**

By Marc Bloom

**Audrey Bloom**

By Marc Bloom

**Benjamin Margulies**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

**Harriet Feder**

By David & Suzi-Sara Feder

**Arnold Tomor**

By Barbara A. Calev

**Bradley Schocket**

By Jeffrey Schocket

**Henry Walter Isenberg**

By Patricia Isenberg

**Simon Skolnick**

By Susan Gordon

**Morton I. Singer**

By Mary Lee Singer

**Rebekah Levy**

By Yarden Kamely

**Michal Kamely Levy**

By Yarden Kamely

**Samuel Tallent**

By Lillian Tallent

**Sol Levy**

By Beth Kaminstein

**Ron Levy**

By Beth Kaminstein

**Zara White**

By Susan White

**Elaine Ruda**

By Sylvia Berman

**Jacob S. Raub**

By Harvey & Judith Klein

**Jose (Pepe) Cohen Charaf**

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

**Shirley Leventhal Strumor**

By Murray Blitzer &  
Bev Strumor-Blitzer

**Neel Christensen**

By Nancy Kluger

**David Frank**

By Linda Pollack

**Steven V. Calev**

By Barbara A. Calev

**Ilse Doellefeld**

By Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

**Maurice Singer**

By Lee Schur

**Muriel Catanase**

By Jane Friedman

**Rosalyn Rose**

By Skip Rose

**Mr. Harry Stein**

By Shirley Stein

**David Jacobs**

By Lawrence Jacobs

**Jon R. Singer**

By Mary Lee Singer

**Beverly Tobin**

By Andrew M. Tobin

**David Kamely**

By Yarden Kamely

**Carol Steinbock**

By Stephen Steinbock

**Esther Gold Willner**

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

*Sanctuary Seat Plate:*

**In Memory of Ivy Blumenfeld**

*Sanctuary Seat Plate:*

**Joseph & Katherine Shabathai**



# *In Memoriam – November 2021*

**Eugene Agler**

By Richard & Mindy Agler

**Harold Goldstein**

By Joan Boruszak

**Molly Sandroff**

By Hanna David

**David Carson**

By Scott & Sharon Greenstein

**Helene Tulskey**

By Patricia Isenberg

**Ethel Hankin**

By Richard & Barbara Knowles

**Mitch Harvey**

By Linda Perloff

**Rose Beth**

By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

**Robert Scott Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman

**Lillian Skolnick**

By Susan Gordon

**Jacqueline Greenstein**

By Scott & Sharon Greenstein

**Janet Kaplan**

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

**Deborah Krissel Cannon**

By Michael Krissel

**Murray Pincus**

By Linda Pincus

**Joseph M. Bloom**

By Marc Bloom

**Morris Hitzig**

By Wes & Rita Conklin

**Susan Ban**

By Franklin & Judy Greenman

**Fannie Zacks**

By Jerry & Barbara Herson

**Fanny Kluger**

By Nancy Kluger

**Adele Kaufman**

By Jeff & Lisa Miller

**Tillie Pollack**

By Linda Pollack

**Raymond K. Hess**

By Jan Price

**Seymour Schocket**

By Jeffrey Schocket

**Shirley Singer**

By Lee Schur

**Rose T. Steinberg**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

**Bernard Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Kenny Temkin**

By Robert Temkin

**Katy Kram**

By Sanford Yankow

**Harvey Sherman**

By Alfred & Sylvia Rimm

**Shirley Schulberg**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Florence Cohen**

By Jules & Nettie Seder

**Marianne Cimkowski**

By Stephen Steinbock

**Harold Tainow**

By Jon S. Tainow &  
Terry Willner-Tainow

**Diana Wolfe**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

**Nancy Kram Yankow**

By Sanford Yankow

**Selma Moore Sachs**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

**Albert Kaminsky**

By Elaine Schulberg

**Murray Blinder**

By Steven & Barbara Smith

**Bertha Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz

**Frances Willner**

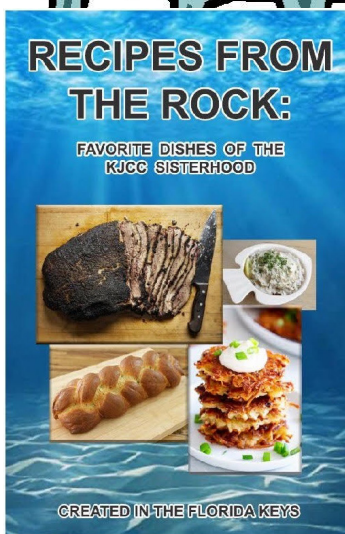
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Terry Willner-Tainow

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By Sanford Yankow

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# KJCC Sisterhood Cookbook

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## SISTERHOOD Beth Hayden



Shalom u'vracha,

**S**o happy to tell you the KJCC Sisterhood's cookbooks have arrived and they look wonderful! Lots of useful tips inside and, as you will discover, many of your favorite recipes and dishes from our great KJCC dinners. The cookbook is very colorful and will make a wonderful gift, so please get your orders in and we will accommodate you as quickly as we can. Thanks to all our wonderful cooks who took the time and trouble to contribute recipes, the editorial committee, designers of covers and thanks to David Gross for his picture of the KJCC. Special thanks, again, to Laurie Blum and Linda Pollack, without whom, this project would never have been completed. It has been a long and often arduous road, but the journey is now complete. The cookbook contains 225 recipes including: 70 recipes for Appetizers, Soups and Salads, 45 recipes for Main Dishes (Meat, Fish and Poultry), 25 Main Dishes (Eggs, Cheese, Pasta and Kugels), 27 recipes for Vegetables and Side Dishes, 38 Desserts and Baked Goods and 20 recipes under This N That. Elsewhere in this issue of Chai-Lights there is an order form for the cookbook; please complete and send with your check to Erica Lieberman-Garrett, Sisterhood Treasurer.

Meantime, Sisterhood provided a Challah Bake, led by Erica Lieberman-Garrett, in preparation for Rosh Hashanah. Sisterhood also hosted a virtual Rosh Hashanah dinner. Attendance was small but warmth and friendship were felt by all. Attendees showed their beautiful baked Challot as the bruchot were said.

Sisterhood will meet in October via Zoom to discuss a number of issues, including preparation for electing new officers and a number of projects for the future. If you have items you would like to see on the agenda, please let me know at [beth.hayden@comcast.net](mailto:beth.hayden@comcast.net). Ideas are always

welcome. Speaking of new officers, Sisterhood is still without a recording secretary and will need a volunteer to record the minutes of our October meeting. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please let me know. Sisterhood will discuss and adopt protocols for food handling at the October meeting and consider some suggestions for safely providing in-person attendees with a quasi-Oneg option as we cautiously return to live services. The KJCC Board will determine when and how KJCC can safely resume live services, but Sisterhood will need to be prepared and have a plan for safely dispensing food. Please attend the October meeting on Sunday, October 3rd, via Zoom at 10 AM. Your attendance and participation are important. A Zoom invitation will be sent on Motzei Shabbat (September 2).

In the event that you are not receiving Sisterhood emails and want to receive them, please send me an email so I can add you to our list-serve.

All best wishes for a year of happiness, health and fulfillment.

B'shalom, Beth ◇

*Rock on the  
Tree of Life:*

Michael & Suzanne  
Gilson and Family.  
Heather, Jennifer,  
Howard and Samantha





# Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming three months ~

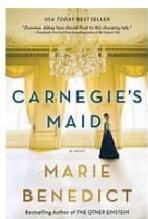
Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

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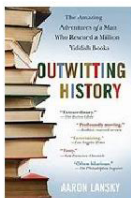
October 25, 2021 - Carnegie's Maid

November 22, 2021 - Outwitting History

December 27, 2021 - Jewish Nazi



A mesmerizing tale of historical fiction that asks what kind of woman could have inspired an American dynasty. Discover the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist to the world's first true philanthropist.



Lansky set out to save the world's abandoned Yiddish books before it was too late. Today, more than a million books later, he has accomplished what has been called "the greatest cultural rescue effort in Jewish history."



Born 1980--Died 1940?  
Benjamin Bauman, a contemporary Jewish Orthopedic Surgeon, is blinded by a flash of light while driving his car. Ben blacks out. When he awakens he finds himself in a Berlin hospital in Nazi Germany. It is Christmas Day, 1937.

Email Joyce (joycepeckman@gmail.com) before the meeting date to let her know you will be attending and she will send you an invitation to Zoom.



## WORLD JEWISH REPORT

### Medina Roy



#### Making the Desert Bloom (cont.)...

Many of us know the important role bees play in our ecosystem. But we also know about their dwindling numbers. Farmers in Israel's Arava Desert are doing something about this: they're working to grow bee colonies and they're already achieving some very "sweet" results. One wouldn't expect to find a bee colony in the middle of a desert. And yet the bees at Porat Farm in Ein Yahav, an area supported by the Jewish National Fund-USA (JNF-USA), are not just surviving, they're thriving. In spite of the arid environment, the Arava region in Israel's Negev Desert provides ideal conditions for growing bee colonies. The air is pure, there's very little pollution and both of these factors help prevent many of the diseases that are decimating bee colonies around the world. And here's another benefit: the conditions that help bees thrive in the arid environment are benefitting local farmers. In addition to the many varieties of honey, these farmers rely on bees to pollinate their crops. Some farmers in the area even rent beehives and place them in their fields, resulting in more profit for their businesses and better-quality fruits and vegetables for Israelis and consumers around the world.

There are two types of bees that help boost agriculture in this area: the honeybee and the bumblebee. Dr. Oded Kanan from JNF-USA's R&D Center in the Arava explained that honeybees are used in open greenhouses, whereas the bumblebee is used in greenhouses that are closed. The bumblebees do not produce honey but are essential for pollination. They move their wings hundreds of times per second, and the vibrations from it allows them to pollinate a flower before they move along to the next plant. This is called "buzz pollination." (Previously, farmers would go by themselves, flower to flower, with a special device to pollinate them. Because of this new "buzz pollination" technique, farmers have increased their yield by

60 percent.) Today, farms in the Arava produce more than half of all of Israel's produce. As JNF-USA continues to support research facilities in the Arava, scientists continue to make breakthroughs that support global agriculture. "Without bees there is no world," Dr. Kanan said. ([www.israelnationalnews.com](http://www.israelnationalnews.com), 9-4-21)

#### An Emotional Flight...for the Pilot

In mid-August, Delta Airlines pilot Alexander Kahn flew hundreds of Afghan refugees from Germany's Ramstein Air Base to Washington, D.C.'s Dulles Airport as part of the United States government's partnership with commercial airlines. This had a very special meaning for Kahn; his father was a Holocaust survivor who immigrated to the U.S. in a similar fashion. "I'm a son of an immigrant in the United States, my father was a Holocaust survivor, he was liberated from Buchenwald concentration camp by Patton's Third Army and came to the United States not much differently than the people that are coming to the United States now," Kahn said. "He was coming with the clothes on his back, no family, no English skills, and had to start life over again. Luckily he was starting life over in the land of opportunity." Kahn mentioned how his flight attendants prepared for the trip the night before, using their own money to buy things for the Afghan refugees; diapers, wipes, books, coloring books and other supplies. "We are a generous country because we're a generous people and the future is theirs," Kahn said. ([www.nypost.com](http://www.nypost.com), 8-28-21)

#### Afghanistan's Last Jew

An Israeli television channel has reported that the last remaining Jew in Afghanistan has finally left the country for the United States. Zebulun Simantov, 62, was the keeper of Kabul's lone remaining synagogue. When the Taliban took over



Afghanistan after the United States pulled out after twenty years, several Jewish groups reached out to Simantov offering to help him leave the country. Initially he declined the offers, insisting he wanted to stay in his homeland and take care of the synagogue where he lived. According to several reports, for many years Simantov has refused to grant his estranged wife, who lives in Israel with their two daughters, a divorce. (In Orthodox Judaism, a man must agree to give his wife a *gett*, a religious Jewish divorce document.) Israeli rabbinical courts cannot declare a marriage void, but they can, at times, legally punish men who refuse with fines or even imprisonment. The Jewish community in Afghanistan dates back over 1,000 years. At the beginning of the 20th century it still numbered some 4,000 people, mainly in the cities of Kabul, Herat and Balkh, according to the Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv. Most Afghan Jews left in the 1950s following the establishment of the State of Israel, although several families remained until the 1990s when severe violence and civil war caused all but Simantov to flee. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 9-8-21)

### **Biblical Earthquake**

Evidence of a biblical-era earthquake, in the 8th century BCE, has been found in the City of David National Park in Jerusalem. Similar evidence has been discovered in other sites in Israel, but this is the first time that evidence of the earthquake, referred to in both the Books of Amos and Zechariah, has been found in Jerusalem itself. There are several instances in the Torah referring to an earthquake which took place some 2,800 years ago. The prophet Amos began his prophecies in the reign of King Uzziah of Judah “two years before the earthquake.” According to Flavius Josephus, the first-century CE Jewish scholar and historian, the earthquake occurred as Uzziah was about to offer an illegal sacrifice in the Temple as described in Divrei Hayamim (Book of Chronicles) 2:26:16-20. Another reference to the earthquake appears 200 years later by the prophet Zachariah. But while evidence of the event was found in Chatzor and Gat (two of the main coastal Philistine cities – Gat being the home of Goliath), there was no indication that it had affected Jerusalem until broken vessels and other signs of destruction typical of earthquakes were discovered in the City of David, just south of the Temple Mount. The broken vessels date back to a period when there were no known conquests, so it’s consid-

ered likely that an earthquake shattered them. Dr. Joe Uziel and Ortal Chalaf, Israel Antiquities Authority’s (IAA) excavation directors, said, “When we excavated the structure and uncovered an 8th century BCE layer of destruction, we were very surprised, because we know that Jerusalem continued to exist in succession until the Babylonian destruction, which occurred about 200 years later. We asked ourselves what could have caused that dramatic layer of destruction we uncovered. Examining the excavation findings, we tried to check if there is a reference to it in the biblical text. Interestingly, the earthquake that appears in the Bible in the books of Amos and Zechariah occurred at the time when the building we excavated in the City of David collapsed.” Archaeologists found fragments of many types of vessels buried under houses. Apparently, residents of the area later built their homes on top of ruins left by the earthquake, structures that themselves were later destroyed during the Babylonian destruction of the first Temple in 586 BCE. ([www.vinnnews.com](http://www.vinnnews.com), 8-4-21)

### **In Memoriam**

- Ruth Pearl, mother of murdered journalist Daniel Pearl, who dedicated the latter part of her life to preserving the memory and legacy of her son, has died. She was 85. Daniel was a reporter for the Wall Street Journal when, in January, 2002, he was kidnapped and murdered (beheaded) nine days later on video. He was in Karachi, Pakistan to report on those who had brought about the Sept. 11th attacks several months earlier. His final words were, “My father is Jewish. My mother is Jewish. I am Jewish.” His parents, Ruth and Judea, launched the Daniel Pearl Foundation, which brings journalists from Muslim majority countries to the United States to work at news outlets and also sponsor concerts. (Daniel was a skilled violinist, passionate about music.). The Pearl Project at Georgetown University works to advance investigative journalism, its first project having been to investigate Daniel’s murder. Judea Pearl said that his wife was proud of the 2003 book she edited: “I am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl.” She solicited essays from many prominent Jews of the time, including Elie Wiesel, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Edgar Bronfman.

Ruth Pearl was born Eveline Rejwan in Baghdad. When she was five, she hid out with Muslim neighbors during the Farhud, the massacre of 179

Jews in the Iraqi capital. She helped smuggle Jews to Israel and then immigrated herself, serving in her new country's Navy. She changed her name to Ruth, met her husband at Israel's Technion and, after graduation, moved with him to the United States, where she worked as a software developer.

The persecution of Iraqi Jews helped to shape her views. "Dehumanizing people is the first step to inviting violence, like Nazism and fascism," she said when delivering testimony to Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation of the University of Southern California. ([www.latimes.com](http://www.latimes.com), 7-30-21)

- Ed Asner, Emmy award-winning Jewish actor who portrayed the gruff but lovable Lou Grant in the 1970s hit television show "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and co-starred in the animated movie "Up," died at the end of August. He was 91. "Lou Grant," a spinoff show in 1977, moved his character to Los Angeles to lead a print newsroom. Asner is the only actor to win Emmy awards for playing the same character in two separate series. The "Lou Grant" series is considered to be one of television's truest depiction of how news is gathered. (The newsroom was modeled on that of the Washington Post as depicted in the 1976 film, "All the President's Men.") Asner's character was modeled after Harry Rosenfeld, the paper's Jewish city editor who was known for both berating and nurturing young reporters. CBS canceled the series in 1982, claiming ratings as a factor. But it's more likely because conservative groups had threatened to boycott the network because of Asner's real-life activism. Asner was president of the Screen Actors Guild and spoke out against the Reagan's Administration's backing of right-wing insurgents in Central America.

In 2016, Asner toured the country playing a Holocaust survivor in "The Soap Myth," a run interrupted by the pandemic. He was extremely proud of being Jewish. In 2019, he narrated "The Tattooed Torah," an animated version of the children's Holocaust story book.

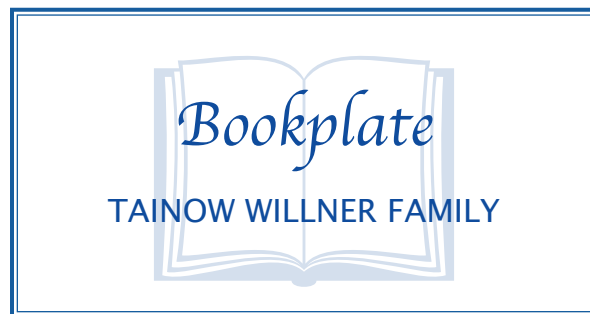
Born and raised in Kansas City to Jewish immigrant parents who observed many of Orthodox Judaism's laws (but drove to synagogue), Asner said his parents instilled in him a belief that Jewish practice was inseparable from activism. Asner acted (in both meanings) up until the end. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 8-29-21)

#### Did You Know...

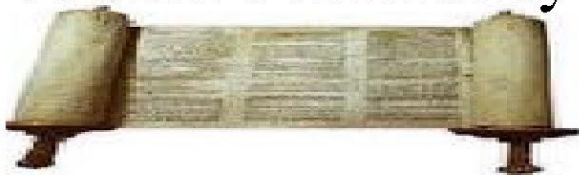
- Ryan Braun, the all-time Jewish home run hit-

ter, has announced that he is retiring from Major League Baseball, ending a fourteen-year career. Braun, 37, the Milwaukee Brewers outfielder, hit more home runs than any Jewish player in baseball history (yes, even more than Hank Greenberg, who lost several prime years to war service) and won a Most Valuable Player (MVP) award in 2011. The California native was drafted fifth overall by Milwaukee in the 2005 Major League Baseball draft and made his debut two years later. Braun went on to win National League Rookie of the Year in 2007. A six-time All-Star who played his entire career in Milwaukee, Braun finished as a .296 hitter with 352 home runs and 1,154 runs batted in. But following his 2011 MVP award, Braun tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs, then lied about it and served a 65-game suspension in 2013. This tainted his reputation, especially among his Jewish fans. Braun was known as the "Hebrew Hammer." He is the son of an Israeli father and states that he is proud of his Jewish heritage although he is not observant. "I do consider myself definitely Jewish," he said. "And I'm extremely proud to be a role model for young Jewish kids." The Brewers honored Braun with a pregame ceremony on September 26th before a game against the New York Mets. ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 9-15-21)

- If you've got a spare \$4 million, you can be the owner of a 700-year-old illustrated Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur machzor (prayerbook) which is going up for auction at Sotheby's on October 19th. According to Sotheby's, the Luzzatto High Holiday Machzor is the oldest Hebrew prayer book ever to be sold at auction. The machzor was written and illuminated in southern Germany by a Jewish scribe and artist. It then traveled to Jewish communities in France and Italy. During its travels, different owners wrote notes in the margins and changed the text based on their local customs. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 9-4-21) ◇



Keys Jewish Community Center



# Shemini Atzeret - Yizkor Service Simchat Torah Service



Friday, October 1, 2021

7:30 P.M.

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

*We remember our dear departed and  
celebrate our Torah - back to the  
beginning*

Services will be led by

Laurie Blum and Joyce Peckman

*Join us for a Virtual Party at the Oneg*

Zoom invitations will be sent out by Joyce.



# New Year's Greetings

**To family and friends  
Happy and healthy New Year**  
*Beth Horowitz*



**In memory of my wife Ivy**  
*Marvin Blumenfeld*



**Happy & healthy New Year**  
*Barnet O. Coltman*



**Hope for a healthy and  
blessed 5782**  
*Erica Lieberman Garrett*



**L'Shana Tovah  
Wishing all a happy and  
healthy 5782**  
*Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum*



**Wishing everyone a healthy  
and peaceful new year**  
*Nadine Thompson &  
Mickey Frankel*

**Wish all our friends a  
Healthy New Year**  
*Jeff & Cheryl Margulies*



**Wishing all a very  
Happy New Year**  
*Karyn Zoren*



**To my dear KJCC family  
a good year**  
*Joan Boruszak*



**Wishes KJCC friends  
good health in 5782**  
**L'Shana Tova**  
*Joan Wohlf*

**New Year's greetings**  
*Rita, Harry & Dylan Rzepka*



**We wish all our KJCC friends  
a happy & healthy 5782**  
*The Bofshevers*



**Happy Healthy New Year**  
*Elaine Schulberg*

**Shana Tova**  
**Wishing health and peace to  
my KJCC friends**  
*Yardena*



**Healthy 5782 to all  
my KJCC family**  
**L'Shanah Tova**  
*Susan Gordon*



**Shanah Tovah to our  
KJCC family**  
*Mindy & Rich Agler*



**Shanah Tovah to all  
KJCC and loved ones**  
*The Starrs*



**L'Shana Tova**  
*Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner*



**A happy and healthy New  
Year, dear KJCC mishpocha..**  
*Love, Gloria*

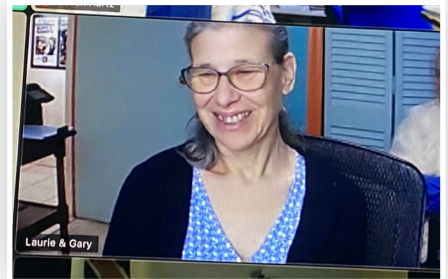


## A LOOK BACK AT HIGH HOLIDAYS 5782

We were inspired and delighted that Rabbi Agler shared so many profound messages, formal and informal, with all of us over the “Ten Days of Awe.” His teachings were timely, deeply meaningful, and coupled with the mellifluous voice of Cantor Dzubin, truly uplifted us. Even in this time of Covid-induced isolation, many miles from each other, we felt the comfort of community. In the next few pages, we offer bits and pieces as reminders of what you heard, or samples in case you weren’t able to hear any at all. Rosh HaShanah talks were themed on “The World Around Us.” Kol Nidre talks focused on “The World Within Us.” You can read Rabbi’s words in entirety at rFull messages can be found at [www.tragedytest.com](http://www.tragedytest.com) under the Thoughts & Messages tab, or listen to them on Facebook at KJCC/Shul. Enjoy.



**Cantor Dzubin prepared to put away our Holocaust Torah after aliot on Yom Kippur.**



**Laurie Blum has a right to smile after leading Beautiful Shabbat Shuvah and Yizkor services.**

**Lovely Havdalah night with Donna Bolton, Skip and Linda, Randi and Oahi and Stan Margulies.**



**Erica Lieberman-Garrett chants her Aliyah**





So good to see so many members and four-legged friends participating in services the Shabbat right after Yom Kippur. Thank you Randy and Panda.

Dave Feder, our resident world class musician and Sound Engineer and Susan Gordon, KJCC House Committee co-chair, worked countless hours preparing for a smooth hybrid High Holiday experience, combining Zoom and Facebook Live.

Susan Gordon takes a break from helping master sound engineer Dave Feder monitor the live feed, and reads a beautiful blessing for the community on Yom Kippur morning.



Thank you Joyce, for keeping us informed, organized and in touch.



Joy on the faces of the Klein Family after Jonah sounds the last Tekiah G'dolah.



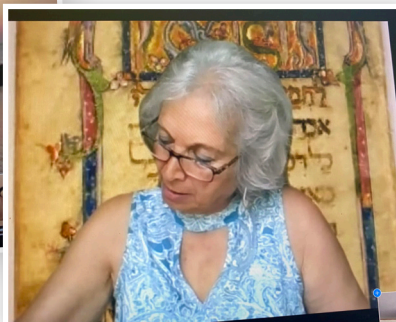


Barney recites his Aliyah.

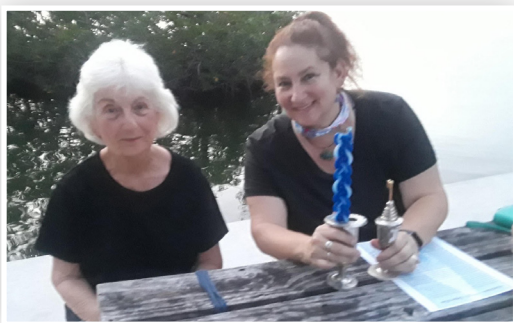


Jonah you are a marvel!

Thank you, Rabbi Agler, for coming to us from California to lead your east coast mishpocha in uplifting and meaningful High Holy Day services. We are grateful beyond words (and if you want to hear some of Rabbi Agler's words and messages, turn to PP 25).



Yardena Kameli recites the Blessing for Israel in mellifluous Hebrew.



Linda's Pollack and Randy Klein Gross get ready for one of our sweet, in person, outdoor events, a Shabbat Shuva Havdalah Service.



Ken Atlas chants the Torah blessings for his Aliyah on Yom Kippur.

# HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782

Rabbi Richard Agler, DD

These are the speaking notes from the more formal messages shared with the congregation on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. I hope you find them worthwhile.  
Full messages can be found at [www.tragedytest.com](http://www.tragedytest.com) under the Thoughts & Messages tab.

## THE WORLD AROUND US

### Erev Rosh Hashanah

Society—It's brutal, there's no getting around it. We've always known this. History is many things but full of surprises it is not. Or at least it should not be. Since Biblical times, and no doubt beyond, human beings have demonstrated a well-developed proclivity for acting selfishly, treacherously, and short-sightedly. Over the centuries, while circumstances may have changed, such behaviors have remained remarkably consistent. In spite of it all, we survivors cling to the faith that we can somehow do, and be, better. If this is the triumph of hope over experience, fine. We refuse to give up. We do not give up personally. Whatever has been thrown at us, and in many cases, it has been a lot, we resolve to persevere. We do not give up on our families. They are not always easy. But we fight for them with all we have. We do not give up on our communities, the groups we belong to, like this one. They, too, are rarely easy. But they add meaning, texture, friendship, and blessing to our lives. We let go of them at our peril. We do not give up on our country. For all its problems, its ideals still unite us. We do not give up on our world. The planet may be stressed, and for good measure now, diseased; but every one of us wants to do all that we can to save it.

That's a lot of things to not give up on. And in spite of all the difficulties we believe that our better nature, our *Yetzer Ha-Tov* as the Rabbis called it, can prevail.

As we know, the world has taken its lumps this year. And even in the paradise that is the Keys, there's no escaping it. Pandemic, political turmoil, changing climate, the changing workplace, the brave new world, for many of us, of fluid gender

identity. None of us know exactly what the future is going to be but like it or not, it is coming.

We can pretend to be ostriches with our heads in the sand—which, truth be told, can sound inviting. Or we can pick up our heads, look around, and do what we can to make the world, in whatever small ways we can, a better place.

Someone once asked the anthropologist Margaret Meade what she considered to be the first evidence of civilization. Was it a cooking utensil? A clay pot? Some primitive writing? No, none of these. She said that the first evidence of civilization was a human thigh bone with a healed fracture from an archaeological site 15,000 years old. Why this?

She pointed out that for a person to survive a broken femur, the individual had to have been cared for long enough for that bone to heal. Other people must have provided shelter, protection, food, and drink over an extended period of time.

So the first indication of human civilization, and maybe still the best indication, is caring, over time, for those who are broken, and in need.

Because it is caring and kindness that make civilization, any civilization, possible and sustainable. Clay pots, stone tools, alphabets; turbines, lasers, smartphones—they are all very nice. But if we are going to survive in a civilized manner, and that is by no means certain, kindness and caring are what we are going to need. ◇



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# SISTERHOOD BAKES



Another magnificent Jane Friedman creation.



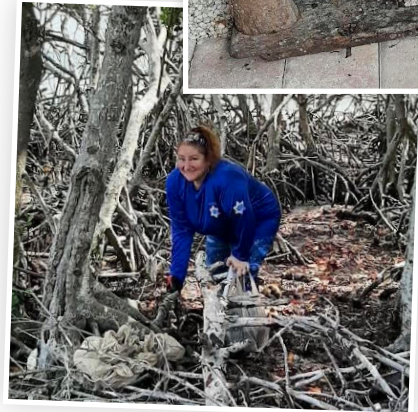
Joyce Peckman and daughter in law Rebecca work together on the mysteries of braiding in the round.



## REVERSE TASCHLICH

On The first afternoon of Rosh HaShanah we are supposed to go to a live body of water, have a short, sincere, tuneful service and toss away our “sins,” all the ways in which we did not come up to the standard we wish for in being our best selves. We resolve to be and do better and we use the metaphor of bread as the bad behaviors we’d like to rid ourselves of. And then comes Reversh Tashlich, when we take out the sins of ocean polluters, destroyers of God’s territory. Thanks to Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, who will be bringing from Tampa his troop of Scubi Jews, it is time to remove those sins and practice Tikkun HaYam, Repair of the Seas. Be at KJCC or live stream on Facebook KJCC/Shul on Friday night, October 8, to hear the words of Rabbi Ed as he ties it all together with a d’rash on the parashah Noach. Meanwhile look at all the trash our wonderful workers from KJCC drew out of the Sea at Donna Bolton’s House for Reverse Taschich.

We were one of hundreds of teams. Rabbi Ed says thank you, the sea says thank you, and we say thank you to Super Jane Friedman, Randy Gross-Klein, her family, Susan Gordon, Donna Bolton, Erica Lieberman-Garrett and our Newest Members, David and Loni Padden.





# KJCC CELEBRATES SUKKOT

*What a joy to get together for Sukkah decoration—not unlike a long overdue family reunion. It had been so long since we had seen Geri and Stuart Smith, and a very long time since we had interacted with the enthusiastically helpful and exuberant Sean Kaufman. Yet here we were, together again with common purpose (at the same time as we observed social distancing). Thank you dear Sukkah, created so generously by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake in honor of their parents. For eight days, the length of our harvest holiday, SUKKOT, we could eat, drink, schmooze, even sleep there if we chose to, in our temporary shelter with a roof of palm fronds through which we could see the stars. Back to our roots as agricultural people, back to the way we lived for forty years wandering through the desert after liberation from Egypt, we happily decorated with hanging fruits and student made signs. Wall-less and roof-less, it was a fragile home, yet it was our home, and we were/are happy to be with each other inside it.*



**Jane Friedman's  
Sukkah In progress**



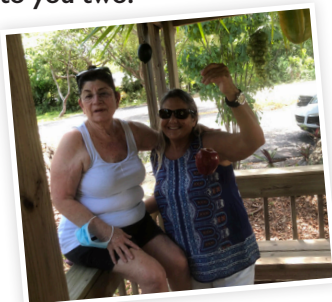
**Sean and Dad, Michael  
Kaufman, hanging the fruit  
for our harvest celebration.**



**The Peckman Sukkah in New  
Jersey, where Joyce did her last  
big family celebration before  
heading South, back to the rest  
of her extended Mishpocha.**



**Susan Gordon and  
Donna Bolton, thanks  
to you two.**



**So good to  
see Geri  
and Stuart  
Smith again,  
and what a  
lovely table.**



**Big thank you to Rabbi Zucker and his driver David for bringing a beautiful Lulav and Etrog to our KJCC SUKKAH (thanks again, Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake) and for giving one to our newest family and there three girls. Chag Sameach to Shlomit.**

## PHOTO GALLERY

Joyce, our President, manages to stay in touch, running zoom meetings from her granddaughter's bedroom when her own room gets waterlogged from that wicked summer storm passing through New Jersey.



Friday night services held us together this summer. Visiting well behaved four-leggeds were always welcome.



Ariel, Gail and Alma Tromer Present Donna Bolton with gifts of homemade mini-challahs for Sukkot celebration. They were gifted a Lulav and Etrog by David, friend of Rabbi Zucker.



Skip Rose was lucky enough to have family visitors this summer. We are always happy to see them.



# Keys Jewish Community Center

## Adult Ed Program

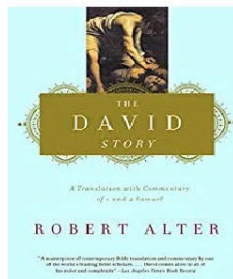


# THE DAVID SAGA

## GOOD NEWS! LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI AGLER RETURNS

Discussion of the David saga will continue on November 13th and December 11, 2021, and January 29th, 2022. We will resume with Chapter 13 of Second Samuel.

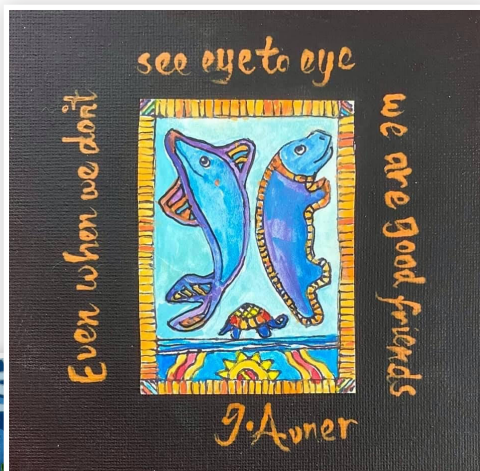
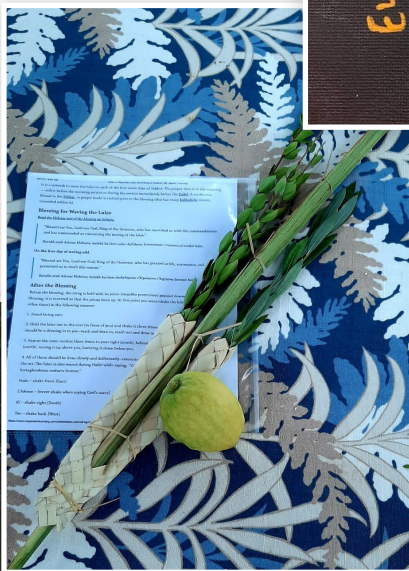
Even if you have not partaken in our previous sessions or done any preparatory reading, come and enjoy the discussion. No preparation is necessary.



Zoom invitations will be sent out prior to the session.



Our Lulav and Etrog with a blessing page



Gloria spent most of her summer painting fanciful meditations on friendship or creating portraits of peoples' beloved pets.



Susan Gordon, standing on her new dock with just delivered Lulav and Etrog.



Rabbi Zucker's friend David delivers Lulav and Etrog

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Workshop with Judy Greenman

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- A sense of deeper, whole body presence, well-being and vitality

Note: We will be using slow, gentle movements that are appropriate for all ages and conditions. If you have pain or limited movement, we will make modifications such as doing the lesson seated, on a bed or in your imagination.

Contact Judy at 305-393-1315 if you have questions.

Pre-register by emailing Beth Hayden at  
[hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:hayden.elizabeth@comcast.net) in order to receive materials  
that will maximize your experience with this series of classes.



## MOVING INTO CHESHVAN AND KISLEV

Lucinda Kurtz, M.A.



**A**fter the vibrational recalibration of the High Holidays, we take a dive down into the depths in this new month of Cheshvan. It is often called “Mar Cheshvan” or Bitter Cheshvan, because there is a stark contrast between the holidays and relationship building in the previous month of Tishrei and this time of reckoning. This year we are particularly challenged to keep our faith in the midst of the pandemic, the fires and floods raging across the country, and our uncertain future.

Now, we come face to face with the personal ingrained patterns we identified during the Days of Awe but also with the institutional structures that no longer fit the evolving needs of our society. At this time, we feel a deep loss, a loss of equilibrium, a loss of clarity and stability, of safety and protection. We are overcome with floods of emotion as we witness the tragedies large and small, personal and global, that trigger feelings of profound sadness within us. We trust that this falling down is part of going forward, that this descent into division is a precursor to a greater unity, that this chaos is a harbinger of a new paradigm that creates justice and shalom.

Yet, Cheshvan is the month of transformation and regeneration, under the water sign of Scorpio. We begin the Torah cycle again by reading the stories of Creation, Noah and the Great Flood, and the call from God to Abraham to leave home and undertake a profound spiritual journey into unexplored inner and outer terrain. Each year and in each generation, we reinterpret these messages according to tradition, our own levels of consciousness, our own personal struggles, and the social and political worlds that we inhabit.

This is the time to root ourselves in our core values as we simultaneously connect and align ourselves to the One, creating a sturdy and secure ark for ourselves to negotiate the turbulent waves around us, grounding and sustaining us in hope and trust. We can transmute our fears and insecurities into fuel for our upward movement and support the

next generation as it gains tools and wisdom, so together we can right the ship of state and steer a steady course into healing waters.

We flow from Cheshvan into the new month of Kislev, the month that helps us to rekindle our hopes and dreams symbolized by the 36 candles lit during the eight days of Chanukah. With deep relief, we step into the new energies of faith and belief in the miraculous that are the hallmarks of this month, symbolized by the one vial of pure oil that lasted for eight days that helped our people rededicate themselves to the One.

The energy of this month can move us forward to reclaim the essence of our democracy, just as the Jewish people reclaimed our Holy Temple in ancient times celebrated in this month of Kislev. Just as the rededication of the Temple held the hope of greater unity among peoples, so we hold hope that a world movement to combat climate change can unify people of all countries behind the sacred task of healing.

In this month of Kislev, we enter the darkest time of the year. The Kabbalists teach us it is healing energy of sleep and the dreams that flow to us from the deep channels of connection to the One that guide us. Breathe deeply and let your breath take you to the place where your dreams flow. Relax into these deep channels of inner knowing. Tap into your intuition and wisdom. Hear, sense, see, feel the guidance, the messages from Above and within. What dreams within dreams wash over you, comfort you, fortify you, shine a light on your deepest knowing, give you the courage to share your truth?

With trust in the positive unfolding of the arc of justice, we can enter this month with a renewed belief in miraculous synchronicities and faith in the Divine Light that illuminates our path forward. Let us all step forward, in whatever way we are uniquely called, to contribute to the co-creation of a revitalized and re-envisioned community and country at this momentous time of transition and possibility. ◇



## New Advertiser!

Terry Sutton and his wife moved to the Keys last year with a mission—to create a special Healing Center. He'd been told he had stage 4 cancer, had only 6 months to live, and yet he beat it back with a myriad of alternative healing modalities. He decided to give back: "I wanted to create a place where discoveries of alternatives awaited . . . And what better place to create this dream, a Practical Wellness Sanctuary, called Ocean Dreams, than in the beauty of the Florida Keys. See his ad and contact information on p. 36.

# Caring Kehilah

In addition to the routine Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary greetings, the Caring Kehilah reached out in some form to just about all of our members to wish them a L'Shanah Tovah.

Thank you to Gloria Avner who volunteered to help make some of the contacts. Calls and emails were well received. Everyone is anxiously awaiting KJCC's reopening.



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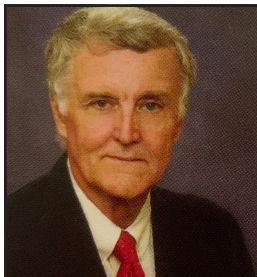
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