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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sisterhood Meeting Installation of Officers 9:30 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Medina Roy & Gloria Avner <i>Natalie & Barry Dorf</i>	10
11 KJCC Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16 Bernie Ginsberg <i>Lynn Nobil</i> 6:30 Advertisers' Dinner	17
18	19 MLK Federal Holiday	20	21 Rosh Chodesh Shevat	22	23 Steve Steinbock & Steve Hartz <i>Steve Steinbock</i>	24 Rabbi Agler Service 10 a.m.
25 Ken Nedimyer of CRF to speak at KJCC 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30 Gloria Avner & Sy Gelbard <i>Sy Gelbard</i> 6:30 service	31

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President's Message Bernard Ginsberg



I have recently been upset by the stabbing of a young Chassidic Jew at the Williamsburg, Brooklyn headquarters of Chabad. This was the act of an isolated madman, but others are not. In France and other parts of Europe, deadly anti-Semitic attacks are becoming more common. In Great Britain, France and even in the U.S., economic divestiture from Israel (a cover for anti-Semitism) is discussed and acted upon by various organizations.

Tablet magazine stated: "And Jews are leaving. A survey in 2013 by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights showed that almost a third of Europe's Jews have considered emigrating because of anti-Semitism, with numbers as high as 46 percent in France and 48 percent in Hungary. Quietly, many Jews are asking whether they have a future in Europe."

About 5,000 Jews have left France in the last year due to anti-Semitism. This is one percent of the French Jewish population. How would you feel seeing one in one hundred of our Jewish friends or fellow congregants leaving our country for an unknown future in Israel?

We must work to maintain our strength as a people and to maintain our Jewish identities. The front line in the fight for Jewish survival is the KJCC's religious school. Jewish organizations are the second line. We

must support Israel as a haven for those like the French Jews who need a refuge. Don't throw the Chanukah solicitation letters from JNF (Jewish National Fund), ZOA (Zionist Organization of America) or AIPAC in the trash. Put some *gelt* into the reply envelope! If you are angry with someone in the Jewish community for some perceived slight or hurt, "suck it up." We need to save our energy to fight battles against our true anti-Semitic enemies.

On a more positive and upbeat note, we have a great religious school, and by the time you read this they will have led us through a beautiful Chanukah service and mass menorah lighting. Congratulations to Erica Lieberman-Garrett, newly elected Sisterhood president, who orchestrated the Chanukah dinner, and thanks to Barbara Knowles for her service as president. Thanks to Rabbi Agler for continuing his Shabbat morning Torah services.

Happy New Year to all of you and may we continue to find happiness, security and prosperity together with all our fellow citizens in this country, and may Israel and all of the Middle East also receive this blessing from G-d.

With love, Bernie

Nosh

Rabbi Agler's Winter Service Schedule

The great gift by Rabbi Richard Agler to KJCC of his Saturday morning Torah learning sessions continues. We have his schedule for the next three months: January will be on the 24th, February on the 28th, March on the 21st. All services take place in the KJCC sanctuary and begin at 10 a.m. The meditation is mind-clearing; the readings from the siddur and Torah are enlightening. And the discussion of that week's parshah will, we promise, be the most interesting on the subject you've likely ever been part of.

Jewish Summer Camp Support

If your children have been or are now part of our Religious School, there may be KJCC funds to help you with the cost of Jewish summer camp. Our family synagogues supported some of us this way as children. The fun and learning gained in the Jewish camp experience has stayed with us, deepening our commitment to Judaism as adults. Call Susan Gordon (305-766-3585) or David Gitin (305-393-4979) for information or an application.

—Gloria

Oneg Sponsors for January 2015

- 2nd - Steve & Amelia Kasinof in honor of their anniversary.
- 9th - Natalie & Barry Dorf in honor of KJCC.
- 16th - Lynn Nobil is sponsoring the Advertisers' dinner in honor of her parents, Joel & Sarah Cohen.
- 23rd - Steve Steinbock in memory of Carol's Birthday.
- 30th - Sy Gelbard in honor of all the KJCC Menschen.

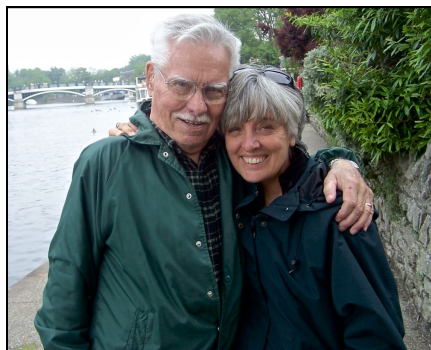
Stuart Grossman Wins Prestigious Award

The Keys Jewish Community Center is pleased to congratulate long-time KJCC member Stuart Z. Grossman, who has received the Florida Justice Association's highest award, the 2014 Perry Nichols award, in honor of his lifetime contributions and in recognition of his distinguished service to the cause of justice in Florida and in the nation.

Farewell to a Naval Hero Dad

Early on the morning of December 17th, 2014, a very courageous and loving man left to soar with the angels. Candace Stanlake lost her dad, a

WWII naval fighter pilot with the USS Essex. With him went many wonderful stories that all of us will treasure.



Candy and dad J.D. Stanlake while on vacation in Scotland.

He was truly of The Greatest Generation of very brave people who kept our country safe and free. In honor of his life and service there will be a 21-gun salute at the National Cemetery in Fort Custer, Michigan on January 8, 2015.

Rest in peace, sweet Dur (J.D.) Stanlake.

—Your loving son-in-law, Alan Beth

BOOK PLATE

In memory of
Carol Steinbock
by John and Arlene Line

January Birthdays

1st	Jerry Olsen
1st	Laura Goodman
1st	Justin Wade Gilson
2nd	Stanley Rosenberg
2nd	Sherrie Willner
3rd	Crue LaMarche
4th	Randi W. Freundlich
4th	Howard Gilson
6th	Janice Gorson
6th	Stanley Margulies
8th	Matthew Barrett
8th	Roger Levy
9th	Deborah Beinfest
9th	Cathy Rakov
9th	Sarah Kamely
10th	Nancy Yankow
11th	Michelle Zinner
12th	Alex Dutton
12th	Meredith A. Cline
13th	Amy Nobil
15th	Charlie Horowitz
15th	Jamie Goodman
15th	Heather Gilson
16th	Brieze Levy
16th	Donald Zinner
17th	Neal Rakov
17th	Andrea Kluger
17th	Suzi-Sarot Feder
18th	Barry Alter
19th	Mark Kanarek
19th	Benjamin Friedman
19th	Sandy Seder
20th	Mary Turner
20th	Sy Gelbard
22nd	Sheila Olsen
24th	Randy Klein-Gross
24th	Stuart Grossman
26th	Marshall Kaplan
27th	Pat VanArtsdalen
27th	Beth Hudson
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29th	Jeffrey Boruszak
29th	Beth Kaminstein
30th	Kristen M. Schur

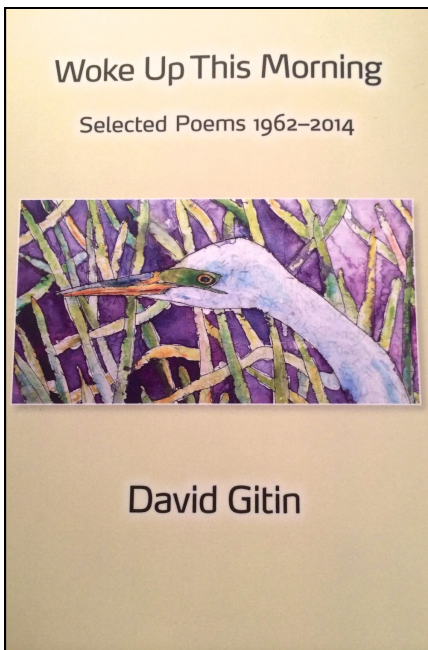
January Anniversaries

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26th	David & Pamela Marmar.....30
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David Gitin Donates Volume to KJCC

David Gitin has donated a copy of his newest and largest poetry collection to the growing KJCC library. The volume is titled "Woke Up This Morning, Selected Poems 1962-2014." Borrow it.

You can read David's poems and see Gloria Avner's evocative paintings on the front and back covers. This is David's eleventh book. The KJCC library, located



in the lobby just off the sanctuary, is now home to a great variety of books on Jewish religion, history, culture and humor, plus biographies and a number of tapes and DVDs. The library is curated by professional librarian Medina Roy.

Looking Forward and Back

A reminder from the Scholarship Committee: if your child is heading to college next fall and is interested in applying for a KJCC scholarship award, go to our website (keysjewishcenter.com) and look at the drop-down menu under "School." You will be able to download criteria and application forms which will be accepted between January 1st and April 1st.

Meanwhile, here's an old photo of KJCC students under a long-ago sukkah. Two of these children are now in university and one is



doing post-grad work. The others are excelling in high school. How many names can you put with these faces? We are very proud of our students, past and present. (The older guy on the right, in case you don't recognize him, is Prez Bernie when he was still clean-shaven.)

—Gloria

Yahrzeit Plaque

Charlie Temkin
10/21/41 — 9/21/14
Loving Husband, Grandfather,
Father, Brother.
Remembered by
The Temkin Family.

A Special KJCC Book Discussion

We're telling you now about a book discussion to take place at KJCC on April 12th, which you are cordially invited to join. Why bring this up so early, you ask? Because this discussion will be led by Rabbi Richard Agler, and he wants everyone who attends to have actually read the book prior to the discussion.

The book was written by famed Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal and is titled "The Sunflower: on the possibilities and limits of forgiveness." It takes place during his days in World War II as a concentration camp inmate. A dying Nazi officer asks for a Jew, any Jew, to be brought to him. That Jew turned out to be Simon Wiesenthal. And what was the point of the request? The officer wanted absolution; he wanted a Jew to forgive him for what he'd done. So this is the question considered in the

book in a series of essays: can evil, especially unspeakable evil, be forgiven?

KJCC has ordered six copies of the book, which should be delivered around the time you receive this issue of Chai-Lights. There is of course no charge to those borrowing these or any KJCC books. But librarian Medina Roy will have a sign-out sheet operating on the honor system. This should be a moving and highly evocative discussion. So please take your turns reading the book and then join us.

We're All on the Membership Committee

As most of you know (or should), KJCC is sponsoring its annual Advertiser Appreciation Dinner on January 16th at 6:30. We want the people who support us to know how much their support matters to us. But this dinner is also intended as an introduction to KJCC for potential new members. Let us know about neighbors or friends or family who qualify, and they'll be our guests for a scrumptious dairy buffet dinner.

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Carol Steinbock
by Dr. Robert Temkin

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Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Gene Silverman, 305-664-3316.

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 Bernie Ginsberg, 305-852-9300.

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

PICTURE POSTCARDS: We have beautiful picture postcards in the 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.

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSOR: To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665.

KJCC TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Call Dave Mont, 305-393-9883, to arrange your donation.

KJCC BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575 for information.

JNF TREES IN ISRAEL: A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Linda Kaplan, 305-396-7000.

CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH: Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, to make your donation.

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LIVE GREEN – RECYCLE: We are recycling ink cartridges, laser toners, cell phones, lap top computers, I devices, tablets and more. Call Dave Mont, 305-393-9883, or just bring your items to the KJCC.

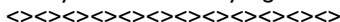
Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked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

In Memoriam January 2015

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Talia Agler

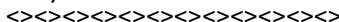
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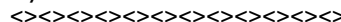
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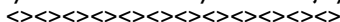
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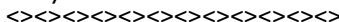
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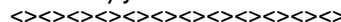
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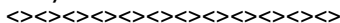
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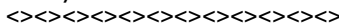
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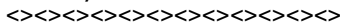
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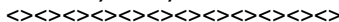
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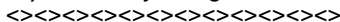
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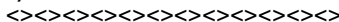
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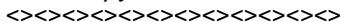
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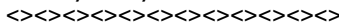
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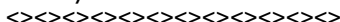
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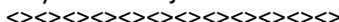
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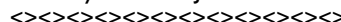
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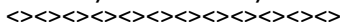


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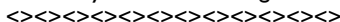
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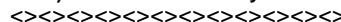
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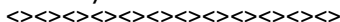
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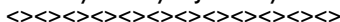
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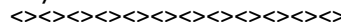
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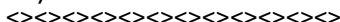
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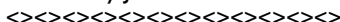
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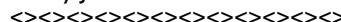
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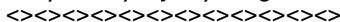
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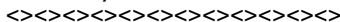
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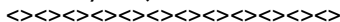
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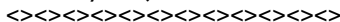
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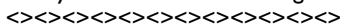
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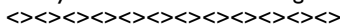
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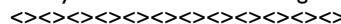
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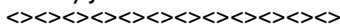
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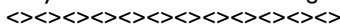
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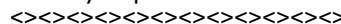
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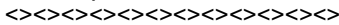


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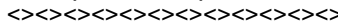
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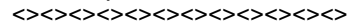
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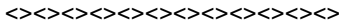
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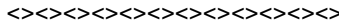
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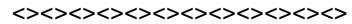
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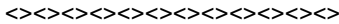
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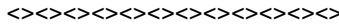
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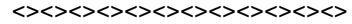
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In Memory Of

Karen Hayhurst

By Stephen Steinbock



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

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

Tree of Life Leaves: We have 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; an outdoor plaque is included in the price.

Sisterhood Barbara Knowles



It's January, which means it must be high season. I'd like to welcome all of our snow-birds back and let you know how much we missed your presence. We have a full season of activities and dinners and special events planned for you.

Friday, December 19th was our annual Chanukah potluck dinner, with a lovely presentation by our Hebrew School students, lots of latkes and outrageously delicious food. It was beautiful to see all of the different Chanukah menorahs shining brightly. Together with their teachers, the students also led that evening's services. As Bernie often says, it's so important to get the next generation involved. One nice part of our Chanukah dinners is that there is no charge for members. Joel and Linda Pollack have always generously sponsored this dinner, and I would like to personally thank them. The Oneg after services was sponsored by Art Itkin.

As I mentioned last month, this will be my final column as Sisterhood president, since we have voted in our Sisterhood officers for the year 2014-2015. The new officers will be as follows:

President	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
Vice President	Susan Gordon
Treasurer	Linda Kaplan
Recording Secretary	Marsha Harris

I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the wonderful ladies who made up our nominating committee. They were: chairperson Linda Pollack, along with Susan Gordon, Erica Lieberman-Garrett, and Linda Kaplan. The slate was brought to our December meeting, where it passed unanimously. Installation of the new Sisterhood board will be on Sunday, January 4th, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. This is a fabulous slate and "Stellar Stars" to boot. I know that everyone will appreciate what our new officers have to offer

and that everyone will support them in the coming months.

Sisterhood has been busy planning many events and we've put a lot of effort into seeing that there's something for everyone. For example, another Shabbat dinner is taking place on Friday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. This will honor our Chai-Lights advertisers as well as new and potential KJCC members. It is a good chance to meet and to welcome them. This dinner was graciously sponsored by Jim and Lynn Nobil in memory of Joel and Sarah Cohen, so there will be no charge. Medina Roy and Erica Garrett are still accepting RSVPs and coordinating the potluck dairy dishes. Please contact them soon, as this fills up quickly.

The main focus this year will be a new event that is headed up by our soon-to-be president, Erica Lieberman-Garrett. We will be holding a Jewish Food Festival. I know there's going to be lots of great food, Jewish music and fun for everyone. This will be Sisterhood's major fund-raiser for this season, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 15th.

I would like to thank Bernie Ginsberg, Lauren and Stuart Sax, Linda Pollack, Jane Friedman and everyone else who was involved in helping me get through two fabulous years. We have had auctions, dinners, musicals at Actors Playhouse, holiday gift sales and parties. Thank you to everyone who made these and all of our Sisterhood events such a great success. Please don't be afraid to volunteer for any of our upcoming events. Come to our first-Sunday-of-the-month meetings. Buy something from the gift shop. Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat. We can use everyone's help and it doesn't matter how much or how little time you can donate.

My last and final closing words as Sisterhood president are: Let's Make January A Great Month! ◇

Contributions to KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please signify the fund it is to go to and the recognition of the name or names to be listed.

Book Plates

Gitin, David & Gloria Avner
Carol Steinbock

General Fund

Anonymous
Begam, Delores
Beinfest, Bennett & Deborah
Bromberg, Howard
Margulies, Stanley & Jenny
Stein, Richard

Holidays

Steamer, Donald & Ellen Eiss
Thank you for the opportunity to share some time with the congregation.

Yahrzeits

Avner, Gloria
Boruszak, Joan
Kluger, Nancy
Alex Avner
Burton Boruszak, Julius Kohlenbrenner
Kurt Kluger

In Memory of

Carol Steinbock

In Honor of

Pray for us, please

Thank you - I really enjoyed the services and will be back.

Thank you for

Meditation Garden

Agler, Rabbi Rich & Mindy
Boruszak, Joan
Cline, Meredith
Coltman, Barney
Gitin, David & Gloria Avner
Goodman, Jamie & Laura
Horn, Susan
Kamely, Yardena
Margulies, Stanley & Jenny
Pincus, Linda
Roy, Medina & Carl
Schur, Lee
Solas, Elaine
Vinicur, Sam
Roy, Medina & Carl

Sisterhood Oneg Fund

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Tree of Life

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YEDA VE'TORASHA Yardena Kamely



I've Finally Become a U.S. Citizen

Something wonderful happened to me on November 14, 2014. I became a citizen of the United States. The oath ceremony was a solemn and emotional event; I was so happy and enjoyed it so much, especially because my friends from the KJCC came to the ceremony to share and celebrate this important event in my life. Thank you for making this occasion so special.

Two days before the ceremony I had the last interview and test at the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). For a month I have been studying the U.S.

civics lessons, learning about American history, the Constitution, government, laws, civil rights, geography, symbols and culture. So many friends from the KJCC supported me and shared with me this exciting last stage in the process of becoming a citizen. Linda Kaplan gave me a booklet with a hundred questions-and-answers to study from. Dave and Georgia got a Citizenship Kit from the Library and we sat one Sunday afternoon with the hundred questions on flashcards from the kit, rehearsing the actual test, which would consist of ten questions out of those hundred we had on the cards. My friends were so motivating and assured me that the test would be "a piece of cake" for me. (It made me wonder whether the test would include American idioms.) I was very excited and they were, too.

To no one's surprise but mine, the interview and test went very well and interestingly, during the interview, I was suddenly aware of how American and how integrated into American life I had already become in the past years.

I have waited so long for the citizenship, thirteen years. It all began when I decided to leave Chile and come to Florida to live with my family, my parents and brother's family, here in Miami and the Keys. The day I arrived in Miami was September 11, 2001. It was in the morning between the time when the first

tower in New York and the Pentagon just outside Washington were hit. We were the last flight to land at Miami's airport, which was being evacuated in a big rush. Coming from Chile, a long flight to Miami and with little fuel left, our plane could not change course and be sent to another airport. The situation was dramatic, bizarre, surreal. The first months after my arrival, I stayed with my parents in the Keys. We were in shock, trying to apprehend how America had changed. Then reality slowly started to sink in and I had to start taking care of immigration issues.

After September 11th, the process to obtain U.S. citizenship became more difficult than in the past. First I needed to find a job with sponsorship in order to obtain a working

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visa. My friend Medina was so helpful, giving me advice about where to start looking. She put me in contact with a friend in Miami who informed me about the possibilities to work as psychologist. (I am a family therapist; my psychology training was in Santiago and I had a practice there.) Then the Jewish Federation of Miami contacted me about Jewish institutions and communities where there might be an opening for a Judaic Studies teaching position. I had been teaching Judaic Studies in Chile for many years; I loved it and wished to continue with teaching.

The search was tedious; most Jewish Day Schools and Religious Schools didn't need new teachers or told me that I was over-

qualified. But my parents and their KJCC *mishpoche* were determined to find a solution. No way are we letting you go back to Chile, they said. You came here to stay; America is now your place, to be with your family, your *mishpoche*. The support gave me such a good feeling, the kind only a true community can give. Linda Pollack jokingly said: "We'll have to find a nice American husband for you." Jim Boruszak (z'l) brought me a book about "how to date in today's modern society." I told them that I was not interested in that, and besides, I'd been married about thirty years and was totally out of practice. I preferred to find a good job in Jewish education and stay near my parents in the Keys.

The KJCC made everything possible. It was under Joel Pollack's presidency that the KJCC sponsored me as the religious teacher and

Director of Adult Education of the community. Joel himself followed through with all the formal documentation and paper work we needed. A wonderful experience as community teacher and leader had started, a mutual giving and receiving of Jewish learning, an enrichment in Jewish tradition and values. My job and involvement at the KJCC continues today, thirteen years later. The KJCC presidents that followed continued to help me in

the now-difficult process of getting American Citizenship. I am grateful for their steady support. I especially would like to acknowledge the efforts of Steve Steinbock and Alan Beth. Thank you.

After finishing the interview and test, know-

ing that I was becoming an American Citizen in two days, I immediately made calls to family and friends, giving them the exciting news. Talking to Linda Pollack, the emotion was strong; I wanted her to tell Joel the good news, to tell him that together we had *done* it...mission accomplished! She assured me that she would give him the news we all worked for and awaited for such a long time. And then, some minutes after talking with Linda, I received a wonderful surprise, a phone call. It was Linda. She said: Joel wants to talk to you. Tears came to my eyes when I heard his voice. He congratulated me. He was so happy for me...the tears are back while I am writing these lines. All I can say is: THANK YOU, JOEL, I love you. I will be a good American Citizen. You and all my American friends are the best models I could have. ◇



Seven friends from KJCC made the trip to Miami to witness and be part of Yardená's first day as an American citizen.

World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



“Yes, Ma’am!”

The Israeli Navy has selected its very first woman commander of a ship. Captain Or Cohen, a graduate of the Israeli Naval Academy, currently serves as navigation officer on a missile boat on patrol along the Gaza and Lebanon coasts (which two thousand years ago were called Philistia and Phoenicia, respectively). She is awaiting confirmation of her promotion and will then be transferred to a warship as a deputy commander and eventually will be commanding her own ship, one bearing missiles and other weapons. Cohen fought in *Operation Protective Edge* (the war with Hamas in Gaza this past summer) and participated in a mission that intercepted a cargo ship that was smuggling advanced weaponry from Iran to Gaza. (www.israelnationalnews.com, 11-27-14)

Israel’s Latest Rescue Mission

Like most of the rest of the world, Croatia has a problem with the Mediterranean fruit fly. (By the way, the insect’s name is a misnomer: they’ve been seen in South America.) An emergency shipment of 380 million Mediterranean male fruit flies (who counted them and how do they distinguish a male from a female?) were recently sent from Israel to Croatia in order to help that country fight fruit fly infestations in their citrus orchards. The flies were grown at *Biobee*, an insect-breeding company located in Kibbutz *Sde Eliyahu*. Under the supervision of the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission, the company uses a radioactive process on the fly larvae that renders them sterile. The larvae were flown to Croatia and spread in orchards along the Bosnian border. Fruit flies have very short lives, a week at most. The sterilized fruit flies mate with females, who then produce barren

eggs. The farmer’s problem is thereby solved, because what actually damages orchards are the larvae, not adult flies. *Biobee* also sells a variety of other insects, which often enable farmers to use nature’s insects to get rid of “bad bugs” instead of dangerous pesticides. (www.haaretz.com, 12-4-14)

He Only had One Regret

According to Dr. Efraim Zuroff, leading Nazi hunter of *The Simon Wiesenthal Center*, Alois Brunner, an SS captain who was responsible for the deaths of over 128,000 Jews, most likely died in Syria four years ago. Because of the Syrian civil war, there has been no official forensic confirmation of his death. Brunner was one of the world’s most-wanted criminals and a chief lieutenant of Holocaust architect Adolf Eichmann. He sent thousands of Jews to concentration camps before fleeing Europe at the end of World War II. Sentenced to death in absentia in 1954, Brunner reportedly fled to Syria in the 1950s and survived two assassination attempts by the *Mossad*, Israel’s intelligence agency. Zuroff noted that Brunner, who at the time of his death was a ripe-old 98, had been advising the Assad regime on torture techniques. In the only known interview with him, in a German news-magazine in 1985, he was asked if he had any regrets. He said, “My only regret is that I didn’t murder more Jews.” (www.time.com, 12-2-14)

A Scholarship in his Name

The family of Steven Sotloff, the journalist beheaded by ISIS in early September, has established the *2Lives Steven Joel Sotloff Memorial Foundation* to provide scholarships for

journalism students so they might "...tell the stories of people in conflict-torn regions around the world." The foundation will be managed by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. The name of the foundation comes from a statement in one of the two letters Sotloff, 31, smuggled out to his parents: "Everyone has two lives. The second one begins when you realize that you only have one." Sotloff grew up in Miami. He was abducted in August 2013 after crossing the Syrian border from Turkey. He had published articles in a variety of publications and freelanced for *The Jerusalem Post* and the *Jerusalem Report* magazine. After his death, it was revealed that Sotloff held Israeli citizenship. The grandson of Holocaust survivors, Sotloff had made *aliyah* in 2005 and studied foreign relations at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya. (www.jta.org, 11-12-14)

The Verdict...Abraham NOT GUILTY!

A mock trial of biblical patriarch Abraham took place in mid-November at Manhattan's Fifth Avenue Temple Emanu-El, one of the country's most eminent Reform synagogues. The "jurors" - there were over 1,500, most of whom claimed to be descended from the accused - found the defendant "not guilty" of attempted murder and endangering the welfare of a child. The facts of the case were undeniable: The defendant, Abraham (no known surname) attempted to stab his son Isaac to death on Mount Moriah only to be stopped by divine intervention. Abraham even forced Isaac to haul the wood upon which he would be sacrificed. The two litigators fought hard to make their cases: Eliot Spitzer, former governor and attorney general of New York, for the prosecution and Alan Dershowitz, former Harvard Law School professor and prolific author (and one of Spitzer's law school professors), for the defense. Spitzer proposed that hearing the voice of G-d "simply doesn't hold up these days." Dershowitz claimed that "Abraham and G-d were simply playing a game of chicken. [Abraham] would never have plunged that knife." The audience/jury apparently agreed. (www.tabletmag.com, 12-2-14 and www.nytimes.com, 11-16-14)

The Little Jewish Bear and Injustice

Over fifty life-size statues of Paddington Bear, the beloved children's book character, have been placed at a variety of locations around London to coincide with the feature film debut of the loveable bear. Michael Bond, 88, creator of Paddington Bear, has revealed that his inspiration for the accident-prone bear came from his experience seeing Jewish evacuee children in the train stations of London during the *Kindertransport* of the late 1930s. "They all had a label around their neck with their name and address on," Bond said, "and a little case or package containing all their treasured possessions. So Paddington, in a sense, was a refugee, and I do think that there's no sadder sight than refugees." The Paddington books also suggest that Mr. Gruber, the Portobello Road antique dealer, also fled Nazi-occupied Europe. He and Paddington Bear often thwart Paddington's next-door neighbor, the mean-spirited, intolerant, xenophobic Mr. Curry. According to Bond, that portrayal of Curry was not by accident. The Britain of the late 1950s and early 60s, when the first Paddington Books were published, was experiencing an influx of non-white immigrants from the West Indies. These new immigrants were treated with hostility and often violence as they struggled to adapt to their new, unfamiliar surroundings. (With xenophobia on the rise once again in Europe, it seems not enough has changed since the publication of the Paddington books two generations ago.) (www.tabletmag.com, 12-3-14)

Restoring the Venice Ghetto

Jewish fashion designer and philanthropist Diane von Furstenberg is leading a \$12 million project to restore and preserve the Jewish ghetto in Venice, Italy. Von Furstenberg was born in Belgium in 1946 as Diane Simone Michelle Halfin, to a Romanian Jewish father, Leon Halfin, and Greek Jewish mother, Lily Nahmias. Her mother survived thirteen months in both the Auschwitz and Ravensbrück concentration camps. The Venice ghetto is believed to be the first European Jewish ghetto ever built. It was constructed in 1516. That was the year the Republic of Ven-

ice issued a decree declaring that the city's Jewish population had to live in an enclosed area. It remained that way until the republic fell to Napoleon in 1797. (It was not the only medieval ghetto whose walls Napoleon tore down.) Today the former ghetto, about the size of a city block, remains the heart of Venice's small Jewish community. Clearly marked on tourist maps – both in Italian and Hebrew – it's a stop on the city's popular water taxi route. Von Furstenberg's project will restore the city's five synagogues along with its Jewish museum. It is expected to be completed by 2016, the 500th anniversary of the ghetto's creation. Once the restoration project is completed, the former ghetto will be designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

(www.tabletmag.com, 11-20-14 and nytimes.com, 11-11-14)

Bullets Instead of Q-tips?

Dr. Eran Eilat, an Israeli doctor, found himself treating several soldiers with outer ear infections. It seems that the soldiers, during the boredom of guard duty, would remove a bullet from the rifle magazine and use the pointy end to clean their ears. Often the metal would scratch the skin, leading to infections. Since soldiers are not always in a position to lie stationary for several minutes while ear drop liquid seeps in, Eilat would jam wads of cotton into their ears, an imperfect solution sometimes causing pain but keeping the cotton in place. This led Eilat to create *FoamOtic*, a way to administer ciprofloxacin, a safe antibiotic, in foam form. The foam expands to fill the ear canal cavity and stays put. Within an hour, the foam collapses but in the meantime the active ingredient adheres to ear canal walls. The clingy foam allows lower doses of medication to be used or the medicine can be administered less frequently. A phase three clinical trial is scheduled for 2015 at *Otic Pharma*, the Israeli company founded in 2008 that develops foam-based treatments for a variety of ear disorders. Under consideration is the development of the foam for dogs and cats. Future plans are to develop foam for the middle ear.

(www.jewniverse.com, 12-4-14)

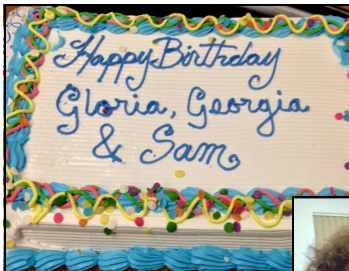
In Memoriam

• Mike Nichols, renowned comedy innovator and prolific director who easily moved from Broadway to Hollywood and back, died in November. He was 83. A nine-time Tony Award winner on Broadway, Nichols directed Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," "along with "The Graduate," "Carnal Knowledge," and "Silkwood" to name a few of his many films. He was among the very few people to win Oscar, Tony, Emmy and Grammy awards. His career, which spanned over sixty years, blossomed with a comedic partnership in the 1950s with Elaine May. Together, they won a Grammy Award in 1961 for best comedy album. Nichols was born Michael Igor Peschkowsky in Berlin, where his parents settled after leaving Russia. Fleeing the Nazis, his family came to the United States in 1939 when he was seven. In the mid-1960s, Nichols collaborated with Neil Simon and directed Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," "The Odd Couple," "Plaza Suite" and "The Prisoner of Second Avenue." He was one of the honorees at the Kennedy Center honors in 2003. At the time of his death, Nichols was married to former ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer. (www.reuters.com, 11-20-14)

• Gil Marks, acclaimed Jewish food writer and historian, has died in Jerusalem. He was 62. Marks wrote five books dealing with Jewish food. In 1986, he was the founding editor of *Kosher Gourmet* (who knew there was such a thing?) Magazine. In 2005, his cookbook "*Olive Trees and Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities Around the World*," was a winner in the James Beard Foundation Awards, an annual show often referred to as the "Oscars of Food." In 2010, Marks published "The Encyclopedia of Jewish Food," a comprehensive reference guide for Jewish food. The critically acclaimed volume was nominated for another James Beard Award and earned Marks a spot on the *Forward 50*, a list of the 50 most influential American Jews of that year. Mr. Marks was also an ordained Orthodox rabbi. He lived most of his life in New York, but made *aliyah* to Israel in 2012. (www.jta.org, 12-5-14) ◇

Photo Gallery

At right, Gerri Emkey proudly displays the trophy she was given in recognition of her providing the best physical education for elementary schools in Miami-Dade County. She was deeply honored and very grateful. Congrats from all at KJCC, Gerri.



On 11/21 KJCC celebrated the birthdays of Gloria Avner and Georgia Landau with cake and camaraderie.

At left Gloria poses with fellow award-winning artist Natalie Dorf. The photo at right is from the next day (Gloria's actual birthday) at a luncheon set up by friends.



KJCC Thanksgiving Festivities



(Left) A group of KJCC members gathered for Thanksgiving dinner. As a surgeon, Bernie was logically asked to do the honors and carve the turkey.



(Above) Gloria spent Thanksgiving with her mother in West Palm, alongside her sister and brother-in-law plus mom Bea's (at 94) boyfriend Sheldon and some of his family.

At right, Mary Lee Singer with son Jim and daughter Debbie on Thanksgiving in the Berkshires.

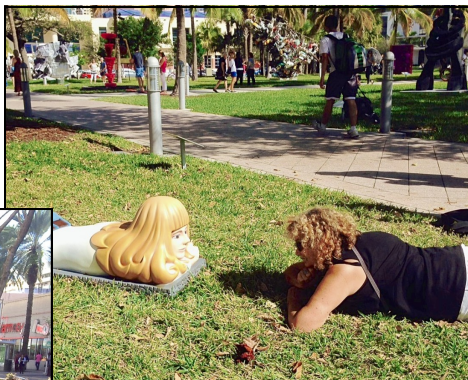
(Below) Mary Lee with Jim and pooch Lexie.



(Below) Thanksgiving dinner with Luz and Steve and Rachel Levine, at right.



Right and Below, On December 6th Gloria and Joyce attended Art Basel in Miami. The people in the photo below were actually practicing what their signs offered. Joyce joined in the fun for, as you can see, a group.... smile.



In case you're wondering, the painted statue won the staring contest with Gloria, above. But it didn't have as much fun.



At left, Commander Joshua Nelson, U.S.N. (ret.), a member of Temple Hatikvah in Homestead, before a December 6th showing of the film "In Harm's Way" to honor Pearl Harbor Day. The 1965 film was shot aboard a Navy cruiser for which Commander Nelson was the Executive Officer. He began a life-long friendship with actor Kirk Douglas during the making of the film, bunking together during shooting. On at least one Friday night they led services together, which somehow managed to unearth the other Jewish members of the crew.



On December 11th Erica Lieberman-Garrett celebrated a Holiday Open House at her chiropractic office. At left, Erica with Medina Roy. At right, Susan Gordon with Pauline Roller and Sylvie Coeurjoly.



On Saturday, December 13th, Rabbi Agler offered another of his Torah learning services. His discussions are always fascinating, and he always strips the intimidating Biblical wrapping away to reveal both very real people and very real human circumstances like a gifted literary critic, which in a way he is.



That same evening saw a Havdalah service at Steve Steinbock's house, led by Gloria and Bernie. After Havdalah, in memory of Carol, we all stayed to help decorate her beloved Christmas tree, something a number of us had never done before.



At right, our host Steve Steinbock, photographed by David Gitin.



Post-Havdalah Christmas tree decorating photos continue on the next page...





Top left, Steve and Jan Hartz. Top right, Gloria delightedly adds adornments to the tree. At left, seated at Carol's tour-de-force glass mosaic Keys wall sculpture, Joel Bofshever absorbs wisdom and KJCC lore from our matriarch, Pauline Roller. At left, Steve and Marsha Harris laugh with host Steve Steinbock. Below left, Medina Roy is caught looking suspiciously like the little kid who just figured out what Dad and Mom (in another life, obviously) have in store for her under the tree.



At left, the end of the meal after the first meeting, on Sunday, December 14th, of KJCC's new Tikkun Olam Committee, chaired by Linda Kaplan. Please see the article in this issue beginning next page.

Repairing the Seas

(*Tikkun HaYam*) KJCC-Style

by Linda Kaplan

There's a wise old adage that says "As go the oceans, so goes the planet." The unpleasant reality is that our oceans are dying. But all is not lost. With concerted action, change is possible. In that spirit, KJCC is beginning a new program to join in the important work of helping to repair and revitalize our seas.

Jewish activism has long been a force for positive change. For several thousand years we have had the words of Deuteronomy ringing in our ears: "Justice, justice shalt thou pursue." Once the rabbis assumed Jewish leadership a thousand years after that, they began to challenge us with the idea that as Jews we were responsible for *Tikkun Olam*, literally the repair of the world.

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, the Hillel director of five Tampa-area colleges (and a KJCC member), several years ago combined his love of the sea (God's special domain, he says the Torah teaches us) with the marine science interests of many of his Eckerd College students and the ongoing rabbinic mandate of *Tikkun Olam* to create a program he dubbed *Tikkun HaYam*, meaning repair of the seas. Amazingly, what Rabbi Ed whimsically calls his Scubi-Jews program, where he and his students regularly drive to the Keys to help in the re-planting of decimated Keys coral, is the only official program by a Jewish organization in all of the United States dedicated to repair and sustenance of the oceans. (The only other official Jewish program *in the world* dedicated to the oceans is in Israel.) For the last few years, Rabbi Ed and his students usually camp out for several days in the KJCC classroom when they come

to the Keys, spending their days under water at various reefs planting and tending to recently planted coral and their evenings in our kitchen.

As you've probably read in various of Bernie's e-mails, KJCC has recently created a formal *Tikkun Olam* Committee, largely inspired by the dedication and years of *Tikkun Olam* activism by the leaders of the KJCC



Harvesting coral from the CRF underwater nursery for planting on the reef.

Women's Seder, now run by Sisterhood. The first major project of our *Tikkun Olam* Committee will be our own efforts at *Tikkun HaYam*, repair of the sea. Why this? Because though others come to study and research and do restoration work on our reefs, the only living coral reefs in North America, we live here. The ocean is our neighbor. We at the KJCC are uniquely suited to be the first Jewish congregation to take action to help repair the seas. By doing so we will join the long history of Jewish efforts to create positive change. Please join us. Perhaps we can set an example for other Jewish organizations, and then they, too will join us.



All the coral seedlings are carefully marked and tracked in each CRF nursery.

Coral Restoration is not just an issue for environmentalists or those seeking to honor religious mandates or impassioned and quirky lovers of the sea. It is an economic issue as well as a cost-effective defense against storms and sea level rise. The Nature Conservancy has recently published a report about nature-based coastal defenses in Southeast Florida. This report tells us that “more than 33,000 jobs in Monroe County are supported by ocean recreation and tourism, accounting for more than half of the local economy,” and that intact reefs are also our guardians (we live at sea level, after all), providing a barrier for ocean waves and causing them to break offshore rather than hard on the coast. A global study by The Nature Conservancy shows that “coral reefs that crest at the surface reduce up to 97 percent of wave energy and are a cost-effective option” for coastal defense compared to other options like breakwaters and seawalls. Their study clearly states that “active restoration of coral populations is now a feasible and cost-effective way to reestablish live coral reefs.”

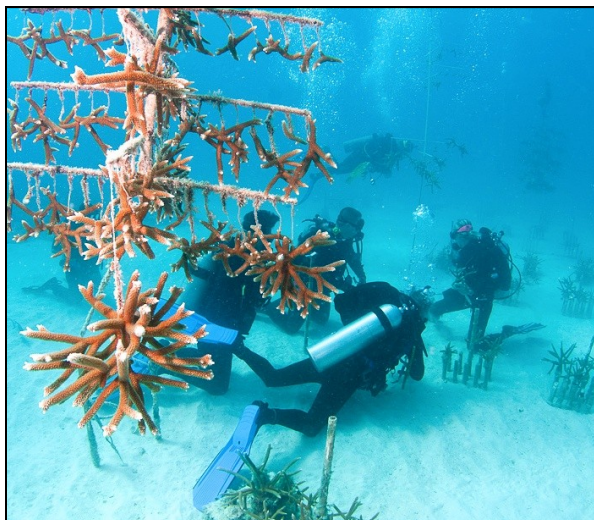
As Jews we can easily combine our concern about the economy and the protection of our homes with our higher religious obligation to repair the world. Among many of our teachings, the *haftorah* for Yom Kippur tells us to restore foundations laid long ago, to restore what has fallen. With our new program, the KJCC is taking this religious man-

Volunteers in the process of delivering and planting new coral on Keys reefs.

date to heart and is asking you to join us in learning about and being part of the continuing success story of restoring the reefs of the Keys.

The locally based Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) has developed simple, effective coral nursery and restoration techniques that *are working* and making a difference. The KJCC is honored to be hosting Ken Nedimyer, CRF’s founder, for a presentation about Repairing the Seas on January 25th at 7 p.m. in the KJCC sanctuary. Ken and the CRF have received many awards and much-deserved recognition, both here in this country and internationally. In 2014 alone, Ken has received the Hero of the Seas award from Scuba Diving Magazine as well as the Disney Conservation Hero Award. In 2014 the CRF hosted the first annual Art Contest for our local schools. One of the goals for 2015 is to develop traveling “marine boxes” to help enrich marine curriculums in schools around the country.

The coral restoration and re-planting techniques developed by Ken and the CRF have been so successful locally that they are going global. In 2010 the CRF was invited to assist with reef surveys in Colombia, South America. In 2012 CRF was invited to take a lead role in the coral restoration initiatives around the Caribbean island (and dive mecca) of Bonaire. This year the CRF will be expanding the coral





Above, a Coral Restoration Foundation volunteer cements new coral growth into a reef where the coral was once plentiful. At right, a close-up of the new coral (literally) cemented onto its new place on the once-thriving reef.



colony inventory in all five of its Keys coral nurseries and out planting 20,000 coral colonies in the Florida Keys, from Key West to Carysfort Reef as well as working in five Caribbean countries to assist them in establishing their own coral nurseries.

Obviously Ken is a busy man with many demands on his time – locally and internationally. We are honored that he has found time to meet with us on January 25th. KJCC’s own Patti Gross is an active Di-

Ken Nedimyer, CRF’s founder, does the work of coral reef restoration, one coral plant at a time.



rector of the CRF board and has been instrumental in both helping to bring Ken to the KJCC and in providing ideas for our burgeoning KJCC *Tikkun HaYam* initiative.

This is a wonderful opportunity for KJCC members to educate ourselves, our children and our friends about locally developed techniques that are making a difference, delivered in person by the man who developed those techniques.

Please join us on January 25th at 7:00 – and yes, do bring your non-member friends – so that we can show our commitment to our Jewish tradition of repairing the world – Keys style. There are many ways for everyone – not just scuba divers – to assist in our *Tikkun HaYam* program. Come and listen, and ask.

For questions or additional information please contact me at Linda@lindakaplan.com or 305-396-7000. ◇

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This Month in Jewish History — January

49 B.C.E. – Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon, signaling the start of civil war against fellow triumvirate member Pompey, who had defiled the Holy of Holies, mocked the Jewish religion and shipped thousands of Jewish slaves to Rome. Once Caesar wins the war, he allows the walls of Jerusalem to be rebuilt, institutes a taxation system that takes the sabbatical year into consideration and makes it possible for Jews living in the Italian peninsula to form into communities. Romans of the time note the unusual grief displayed by Jews when Caesar is assassinated by Brutus and his cohorts.

548 C.E. – The last year the Eastern Church in Jerusalem observes the birth of Jesus in January. The Western Church had adopted December 25th as Jesus' birthdate in the late 300s C.E., more than two centuries before.

1180 – Philip Augustus, the new king of France, arrests large numbers of Jews while his father, Louis VII, a sometime protector of the Jews, is still alive. All Jews found in synagogue on the Sabbath are arrested. Philip agrees to free them, however, for 15,000 silver marks.

1232 – In London, The *Domus Conversorum*, known in English as the House of the Converts, is founded by order of Henry III – a weak and extravagant grandson of the Lion Himself, Henry II, and son to King John of Robin Hood fame – to provide a home and free maintenance for Jews converting to Christianity.

1301 – Andrew III of Hungary dies, ending the Arpad dynasty in Hungary. While king, Andrew reverses the anti-Jewish practices of his predecessor, insisting that Jews in Posonium (Bratislava) should enjoy all the liberties of citizens. Things go downhill for the Jews of Hungary after Andrew's death. They are expelled from the kingdom in 1349

under the belief (not restricted to Hungary) that Jews were responsible for the Black Death that wiped out a third of Europe.

1600 – The 400 Jews of Verona complete their synagogue after their move into the ghetto. The occasion is actually celebrated as a "Purim" until the 1789 French Revolution, since many feel that the ghetto provides some protection, and since in an unusual move the keys of the ghetto are given to the Jewish leaders.

1606 – The Governor of Puerto Rico reports that one-fifth of the white population of the island is Portuguese. Many of these "white" Portuguese are most likely *conversos*.

1625 – John Milton, author of "Paradise Lost," is admitted to Christ's College, Cambridge, at the age of 16. During Milton's lifetime, Jews are still officially not allowed to settle in the British Isles. But like many Puritans living in the England of Oliver Cromwell, Milton sees a connection between his brand of Christianity and the Israelites. Until his eyes weaken, he reads the Hebrew Bible on a daily basis and expresses a positive view of Mosaic Law. Milton also serves as a secretary to Oliver Cromwell and, according to one of his biographers, is part of the group who negotiates for the return of the Jews to England.

1706 – Benjamin Franklin – printer, publisher, scientist, author, statesmen and vital American – is born in Boston. Franklin sees the American Revolution as a replaying of the story of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt, and suggests that the Great Seal of America depict Moses standing on the shore of the Red Sea, while Pharaoh drowns in his chariot in its midst. When the Jewish community in Philadelphia builds their synagogue, "Mikveh Israel," Franklin contributes to the building fund. On July 4, 1788, too sick and weak to get out of bed, Franklin instructs that the Philadelphia Independence Day parade in Philadelphia include the clergy of different

Christian denominations, “with the rabbi of the Jews,” walking arm in arm.

1788 – Georgia becomes the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution. A year later it becomes the third state to ban religious discrimination. The first Jewish families had arrived in Georgia in July of 1733. Two years before the ratification vote, the Jewish community of Savannah feels stable enough to reorganize Congregation Mikve Israel, elect officers and rent a house to be used as a synagogue.

1815 – General Andrew Jackson defeats the British at the Battle of New Orleans. At his side fight two Jews famous for very different reasons: Pirate Jean Lafitte, whose mother’s Separdic family had fled the Inquisition, and Judah Touro, scion of the famed New England Touro family (the Touro Synagogue).

1836 – Mendele Mocher Sforim, “Mendele the bookseller,” the pseudonym of Sholem Yakov Abramovich, Jewish author and one of the founders of modern Yiddish and Modern Hebrew literature, is born to a poor family in Kopyl, near Minsk, Belorussia. His first article, “Letter on Education”, appears in a Hebrew newspaper, *Hamagid*, in 1857. Initially writing in Hebrew, coining many words in that language, he ultimately switches to Yiddish in order to expand his audience. Like Sholom Aleichem, he uses a pseudonym because of the perception that, as a ghetto vernacular, Yiddish is not suited to serious literary work. It is an idea he will do much to dispel.

1852 – Mt. Sinai Hospital is incorporated in New York City by Sampson Simson and eight associates. It is the first Jewish hospital in the United States.

1858 – Eliëzer Ben-Yehuda, the father of modern Hebrew, is born in Lithuania as Eliezer Yitzhak Perelman. His plan to restore Hebrew as a spoken language of Jews in Palestine is three-pronged: “Hebrew in the Home,” “Hebrew in the School,” and “Words, Words, Words.” By the time of his death in

1922, Ben-Yehuda has almost singled-handedly transformed Hebrew into a revitalized and thriving modern language.

1876 – Konrad Adenauer, the first post-war Chancellor of West Germany, is born. Imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II, Adenauer as Chancellor seeks to return Germany to the world community. To make amends to the Jewish community, he offers war reparations to the government of Israel. Under Adenauer, Germany recognizes Israel and provides arms for her defense despite threats from Arab governments.

1887 – The Jewish Theological Seminary Association opens under the leadership of Rabbi Sabato Morais in New York. The idea is to train Rabbis who will help preserve Jewish traditions being eroded by the “reformers” and their Pittsburgh platform. In 1902 Solomon Schechter reorganizes the Seminary and changes its name to JTS, or the Jewish Theological Seminary. It becomes the central foundation for the Conservative Movement, a role it still plays today.

1895 – Theodor Herzl writes of personally witnessing Capt. Alfred Dreyfus being “drummed out of the army in the courtyard of the [French] *École Militaire* as huge crowds outside shout ‘Death to the Jews!’”

1908 – Abraham Goldfaden dies at the age of 67. Born in 1840 in what was then part of the Russian Empire, Goldfaden is a driving force in the Yiddish theatre during its golden period of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as author, composer (yes, there were musicals), director and producer. One of his early comedies is called *Shmendrik*, whose title hero is the proverbial gullible, good-natured schlemiel. The play is so popular that the word *Shmendrik* becomes part of the Yiddish language and survives today in American slang. Goldfaden is so famous at the time of his death that he rates an obituary in the *New York Times* referring to him as “the Yiddish Shakespeare.” Some 75,000 people attend his funeral procession from the People’s Theater in the Bowery to Washington Cemetery in Brooklyn. ◇

Shabbat Shirah – A Joyful Noise

by Gloria Avner

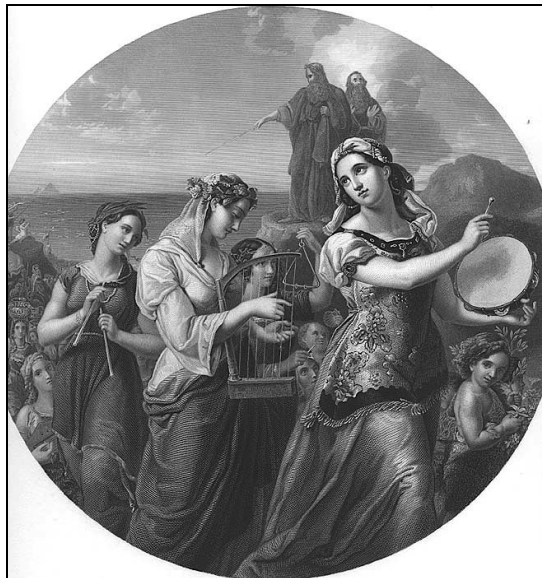
Get out your timbrels, ladies, your tambourines and your hand drums. Let's prepare to make a joyful noise. This month's Torah portions tell our best story ever, the hair-raising struggle between Moses and Pharaoh to orchestrate our escape from Egypt. The month concludes with a special Shabbat, *Shabbat Shirah*, literally the Sabbath of Song.

The last *parshah* of the month, *Beshalach*, marks the God-given victory of the Jewish slaves; Pharaoh has allowed all of them to leave Egypt. In a cliffhanger of a dramatic finale, Pharaoh then reverses his decision to let our people go and orders his horsemen to bring the slaves back. Moses listens to God's coaching, touches the waters with his staff as the horsemen approach, and the waters – which part to allow the Jews to escape – close over the heads of Pharaoh's army. They drown.

Judaism, a compassionate religion, valuing all life, says “no gloating.” We are not allowed to rejoice at the death of any living being, not even our sworn enemies. We can praise our great God with poetry and exuberance. And we can dance the night away.

Picture the scene. Feel it, as our Passover *haggadahs* tell us to do. We ourselves are the ones escaping, fleeing from the only life we've known, heading towards a freedom undefined. We make our way to the opposite shore and look behind us. Oh no!

Miriam as envisioned by 19th century German artist Anselm Feuerbach.



On this page and the next are various artists' depictions of Miriam's moment of joy and leadership after the fleeing Israelites are saved from Pharaoh's pursuing army by the Reed Sea becoming suddenly unparted.

The stylized print above is from an antique 1856 Christian Bible.

Those are our enslavers and *enemies* thundering toward us. We are hot with adrenaline and terror. And then . . . *Wait* a minute. Who can believe this? Our enemies are being drowned by the same waters that parted before us?

We are so grateful to be alive! We need to sing praise! “*Mi Chamocha . . .*”

The prophetess Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, while all the women went out after her with tambourines, dancing; and she led them in the refrain: Sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.”(Exodus 15:20-21)

Some say that the song was sung in a call-and-response pattern, Moses leading the men and Miriam the women. However it was sung, this song is key to our history, so important that generations of rabbis made its ecstatic praise of God, “*Mi kamocha ba-aylim Adonai*” part of every Shabbat service.

Visually, this song/poem is laid out differently from all the rest of the *Torah* (except for the song of Deborah). The pattern is known as “brick on brick,” or “half brick over whole brick.” It creates large, rhythmic spaces in the text, making the whole song instantly recognizable. Any modern poet would see it as a boundary breaker. If you saw it during *Hagbah* (the lifting of the *Torah* after the reading), it would be obvious that this differently spaced passage was important.



A sample from the distinct look of the Song of the Sea — Miriam's Song — as it appears in the Torah.

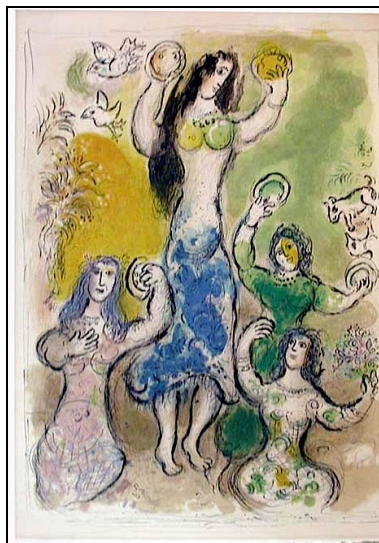
We have so many reasons to honor Miriam. She encouraged her parents to continue having sex, to reject fear and maintain faith in life, after Pharaoh threatened to murder all newborn Jewish boys. She brought her baby brother to the river in his basket of bulrushes and watched as Pharaoh's daughter

rescued him, then boldly spoke up to make sure that their mother Jochebed would be hired to be his nursemaid. The well of vital water that followed Miriam during our forty years of wandering, appearing each night at her camping place in the



Miriam with the multitudes as depicted by modern artist Slavujac.

desert, was key to our survival. Without it, the Jewish ex-slaves could not have lived long enough to become a people.



A version by Marc Chagall.

So warm up your vocal cords. Put on your dancing shoes. In honor of *Shabbat Shirah*, we will add more joyous singing to the early Friday night service on *Shabbat Shirah*, January 30th, at 6:30 p.m. Add

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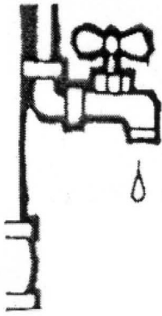
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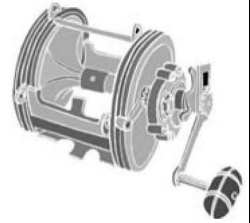
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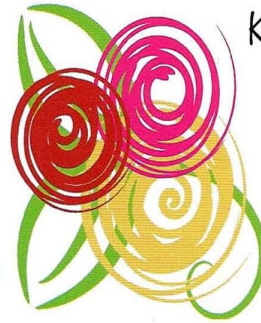
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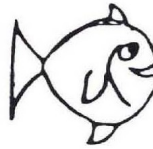
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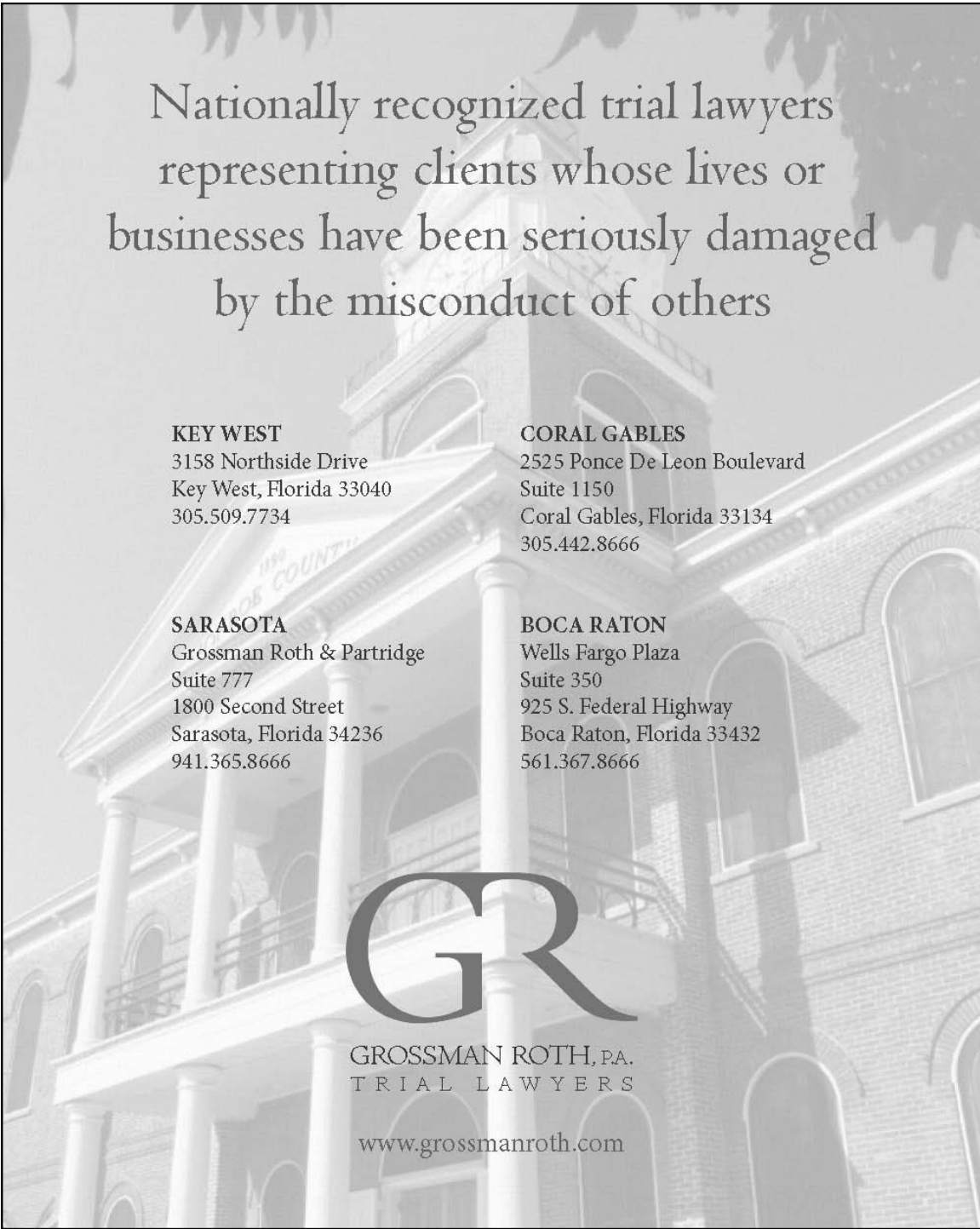
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