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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Labor Day</b>	2	3	4	5 Sy Gelbard & Gloria Avner	6
7 <b>Sisterhood</b> 9:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Joel Bofshever & Susan Gordon	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Gloria Avner & Sam Vinicur  <i>Toby &amp; Joel</i> <i>Bofshever</i>	20  <b>Slichot</b> 5:00p.m.
21	22	23	24 <b>Erev Rosh</b> <b>Hashanah</b> Dinner 6:00p.m. Service 8:00 p.m.	25  <b>Rosh</b> <b>Hashanah</b>	26 Joyce Peckman	27  <b>Shabbat</b> <b>Tshuvah</b> 10:00 a.m.
28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Names denote leaders of Friday services.  <i>Italicized</i> names are Oneg sponsors. Ser-            vices every Friday at 8:00 p.m. except            where noted.</p> </div>			

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## President's Message Bernard Ginsberg



As I am writing this message the Gaza Palestinians are making and breaking their "Cease Fires." It is uncertain whether Israeli Defense Forces on the ground need to be recommitted. It is also T'sha B'Av the Jewish fast commemorating the destruction of the First Temple (Solomon's) and the Second Temple (Herod's) on the Ninth day of the month of Av. We have both a sad historical date and a sad present day condition together.

According to some Sephardic traditions T'sha B'Av is the "Black Fast" and Yom Kippur is the "White Fast." T'sha B'Av is the Black because our loss of the ancient Temples is a completed historical fact. We cannot undo this loss. We can only mourn for it.

Yom Kippur is the "White Fast," because although we afflict ourselves with fasting, it is to purify our souls so that G-d can forgive us our sins and the fast turns out to have constructive purpose. It even has a sort of "happy ending" in this regard.

We can, through Yom Kippur, recreate ourselves.

It is to this purpose that the Officers, the Board of directors of the KJCC and the Sisterhood are driving themselves hard with work to give you the congregants the most rewarding High Holiday spiritual experience possible. Working out the details of the services and dinners and onegs are daunting and range from the mundane to the

sublime; from making sure the air condition works to working with the Rabbi and Cantor on the schedule of prayer. Rabbi Agler and our new Cantor Paul Goldstein are working to give us fantastic, moving services. Barbara Knowles, Erika Lieberman-Garrett and all the officers of Sisterhood are making all the dinners and Onegs possible.

We do this so that your commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people will be reinforced, and so that Judaism will continue through our commitment and that of our children and grandchildren. We do this hoping that we the Jewish people will have the strength of commitment to Israel so that it in turn will have the strength to turn the political "Black Fast" of Palestinian terrorism into a "White Fast" of further Israeli security, peace and progress.

On behalf of the officers and board of directors of the Keys Jewish Community Center, I want to wish ever member a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I want to personally invite each and every one of you to services this year so that we can pray together for Israel and the entire Jewish people and renew and strengthen our friendships and commitments to each other. With love,

Bernie Ginsberg

# Nosh

## David Feder and Beth Kaminstein Honored

KJCC salutes its members David Feder and Beth Kaminstein, who were recently honored by the Morada Way Arts & Cultural District at a gala reception at the Keys History & Discovery Center in Islamorada. The reception took place on June 21<sup>st</sup> against the backdrop of an exhibition of the watercolors of the late renowned Keys artist Millard Wells that included his beautiful watercolor of the KJCC.

Dave was honored as Morada Way's Citizen of the Year. This award is given "... to an individual who goes above and beyond in building community, embracing talent and who focuses on the positive future of Islamorada and the Florida Keys."

Beth was one of only two artists to receive the coveted Red Kerchief award, given in honor of Mr. Wells, to artists: "who embrace service, creativity and community involvement. Their artistic ability and representation in the community capture the hearts of those who call the Florida Keys home."

Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, president of the KJCC, commented: "We are extremely proud of Dave and Beth. These outstanding artists carry on a long tradition of community service by KJCC members."

*-Steve Hartz*

### Meditation Garden Brick

BH'

YASHER KOACH  
TO THE KEYS JCC  
STEVEN ZEICHNER M.D.

### Onegs For September

Toby and Joel Bofshever are sponsoring the Oneg on September 19th in honor of Joel's birthday.

## Acknowledging the often-overlooked

So much has to happen to make KJCC function properly. (It's a big and complex place.) Few think about it when every room is sparkling clean, or the meals are ample and delicious, or all the lights work and the hand-towel dispensers are full. But these things don't happen by themselves. Your fellow members lovingly volunteer their time and resources — often a lot of both — to keep things running smoothly, so that when you're here you can just reflect and relax and enjoy. Lots of additional work (lots) goes into preparing KJCC for the special High Holiday season. (For years, Joel Pollack and the late Jim Boruszak used to come in and hand-polish all the silver finials and crowns that adorn our three Torahs.) When you're here, try to remember to say thanks to Bernie, and Gloria, and Barbara, or any Board or committee member you see, for months of hard work and dedication to a long checklist. Here's an example of the often unsung yet important contributions that somehow get made: Joel and Toby Bofshever took it upon themselves to take the special High Holiday Torah covers to one of the few specialized cleaners who knows how and is willing to handle such intricately woven fabrics. (The answer is: very carefully.) Our thanks to Joel and Toby, and to everyone else who has helped make the High Holidays an important and memorable part of this and every year.

### Yartzeit Plaque

#### Clayton Allan Rakov

The Best

Husband, Father, Grandfather  
19 Tishrei 5686 - 25 Tevet 5774

### BOOK PLATE

In Memory of

**Arthur Gonshak**

By

*Arthur & Johanna Willner*



## September Birthdays

1st	Mildred Finkelstein
2nd	Marcie Orenstein
2nd	Lloyd Wruble
4th	Debby C. Block
4th	Chase Barrett
6th	Steven Greenbaum
7th	Stellar Levy
7th	Morton Silverman
7th	Mindy Agler
8th	Susan Horn
9th	Jacob Klimpl
10th	Gerri Emkey
13th	Lisha Lane
13th	Andy Tobin
14th	Lili Werthamer
16th	Larry S. Schur
18th	Shirley Krissel
18th	Avery Haviv
19th	Brenna Nobil
19th	Steven Schur
19th	Barbara Bernstein
19th	Joel Bofshever
22nd	Fred Hudson
23rd	Maryon Gould
23rd	Lauren Schur
24th	Noah Bitton
25th	Marla Berenson
25th	Michel Bitton
26th	Joan Kay
26th	Cory Wasser
28th	Jonathan Line

## September Anniversaries

	Years
9th	Neal & Cathy Rakov.....30
9th	Steven & Barbara Smith.....36
30th	Ira & Anita Krieger .....36
30th	Marsha & Tom Garrettson .....24

## Truly People of the Book

The burgeoning KJCC Library – filling up with great reads, novels and histories and biographies and also serious books of Jewish scholarship on Jewish life and Jewish thought – thanks our prez, Bernard Ginsberg, M.D., for his donation of the Modern Commentary nine-book series that includes discussions of Esther, Jonah, *Shir HaShirim*, *Pirkei Avot* and four others. We would also like to express our gratitude to David and Toby Goldfinger for their generous donation of twelve copies of "The Living Torah," the purple books we use on Shabbat morning. In memory of Major Mike Markowitz M.D. and Thelma Goldfinger.

## Yartzeit Plaque

**Irving J Kulick**  
 January 13, 1978  
 5 Shevat 5738  
 "Adored Father"

## TEKIAH: Back to School Special

Sunday, September 14th, will be the first day of class for this year's KJCC Religious School. It will be a special day, with Guest Teacher Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, aka our honorary Zaydeh, giving a workshop on the fine art and meaning of blowing Shofar. Classes will begin, as always, promptly at 10:00 am and continue until noon. It will be a full and exciting year. If you have friends with school age Jewish children, please invite them to join us on our opening day. A copy of the complete school year calendar can be found on our website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://keysjewishcenter.com)

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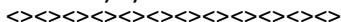
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 LOVE EPHEMERAL ZEPHYR  
 WATERFALLING TEARS

# *In Memoriam September 2014*

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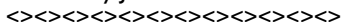
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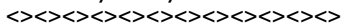
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In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

**Paul Gould**

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In Memory Of

**Leonard Roberts**

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In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

**Lillian Goldstein**

By Joan Boruszak



In Memory Of

**Evelyn O. Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman



In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

**Sadie Klimpl**

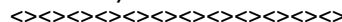
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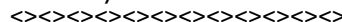
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In Memory Of

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**Ida Hitzig**

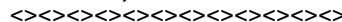
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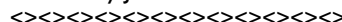
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**Nettie Gorson**

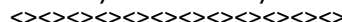
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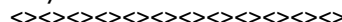
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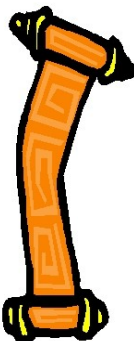
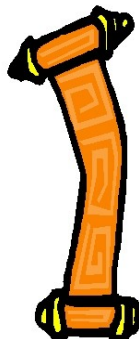
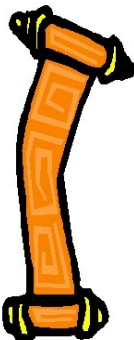
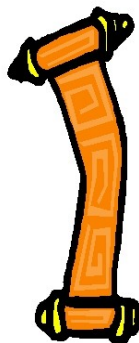
**David J. Levine**

By Steve & Luzviminda Levine





**KJCC High Holiday Service Schedule**  
**5774--5775 (2014)**  
**Rabbi Richard Agler and Hazzan Paul Goldstein**



<b>Saturday, September 20:</b>	
Pizza/Movie--"Exodus"/Slichot Service	5:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, September 24:</b>	
Dinner, contact Barbara, RSVP required	6:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	8:00 pm
<b>Thursday, September 25:</b>	
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 Shacharit (Morning Service)	9:30 am
Break after Shofar Sounding	12:00 noon
Musaf Service	12:15 - 1:30
Taschlich at Ocean Pointe	4:00 pm
<b>Friday, September 26:</b>	
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Shacharit (Morning Service)	9:30 am
Break after Shofar Sounding	12:00 noon
Musaf Service	12:15 - 1:30
Shabbat Service	8:00 pm
<b>Saturday, September 27:</b>	
Shabbat Tshuvah (led by Hazzan Paul Goldstein)	10:00 am
Havdalah at Ocean Pointe	7:45 pm
<b>Friday, October 3:</b>	
Kol Nidre	8:00 pm
<b>Saturday, October 4:</b>	
Yom Kippur Service	9:30 am
Yizkor	11:30 am
Children's Service	11:30 am
Break after morning service	12:15 pm
Musaf	12:30 pm
Afternoon activity times are approximate:	
Informal "Fast Talk" with Rabbi Agler	2:30 pm
Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Agler	4:00 pm
Neillah (Reading Story of Jonah)	5:45 pm
Maariv	
Havdalah	
Break-the-Fast	
<b>Sunday, October 5:</b>	
Sukkah Decoration	10:00 am

# 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

Plutzer, Arthur

Pauline Roller's 99th birthday

Willner, Arthur Lee & Johanna

## In Honor of

## In Memory of

David Gonshak

## Holocaust Ed Center

Isenberg, Patricia

Roy, Medina

## Meditation Garden

Roy, Medina

Shabathai, Joe & Kathy brick - Joe & Kathy Shabathai

Zeichner, Steven brick - Yasher Koach Florida Keys

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## Meditation Garden

Kamely, Jardena

brick - memory Michal Kamely

Sax, Stuart & Lauren

Howard Shutan,

Carmel Catanese

Steinberg, Richard & Sheila

Rose Wainer,

Sam Wainer, Wally Steinberg

Steinberg, Richard & Sheila

Mollie Z. Cohen

## Chai-Lights

Bofshever, Joel & Toby

Garretson, Marsha

Pollack, Joel & Linda

Roy, Medina

Shabathai, Joe & Kathy

Sheinker, Miltra

Solas, Elaine

Steinbock, Steve & Carol

Willner, Arthur Lee & Johanna

## General Fund

Begam, Delores

Cole, Ronald

Davidson, Foster & Carol Laskin

## In Honor of

Pray for Us

Love offering

Pauline Roller's

99th birthday

Dorf, Barry & Natalie

Gilson, Michael & Suzanne

Ginsberg, Bernard

Gitin, David & Gloria Avner

Bloom Family birthdays

Gitin, David & Gloria Avner

Pauline Roller's

99th birthday

Gitin, David & Gloria Avner

Linda Perloff's birthday

Gitin, David & Gloria Avner

Michaela Bitton's

birthday

Hartz, Steve & Jan

Kaplan, Marshall & Myra

Kaufman, Michael & Lorena & Family

Sean's 1st

Birthday

Peine, Rachel

Silverman, Mort & Gene

Solas, Elaine

Willner, Sherrie

Wruble, Lloyd & Rae

## General Fund

Margulies, Stanley & Jenny

## In Memory of

Beloved Isaac Cohen

Pardo

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Bofshever, Joel & Toby

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Gould, Joe & Marla Berenson

Gould, Maryon

Hartz, Steve & Jan

Isenberg, Patricia

Kasinof, Steve & Amelia

Knowles, Richard & Barbara

Nobil, Lynn

Perloff, Linda

Pollack, Joel & Linda

Roy, Medina

Sachs, Joe & Susan

Sax, Stuart & Lauren

Shabathai, Joe & Kathy

Silverman, Morton & Gene

Steinbock, Steve & Carol

Temkin, Robert

## Rabbi & Cantor Fund

Davidson, Foster & Carol

## In Memory of

Robert Davidson

**Ritual**

Ginsberg, Bernard  
 Goldfinger, David & Toby  
 Margulies, Stanley & Jenny

**Scholarship Fund**

Gordon, Susan  
 Grossman, Herb & Elinor Pauline Roller's 99th birthday  
 Roy, Medina  
 Stein, Ira & Shirley  
 Tallent, Lillian

**In Honor of**

Kwalick, Teresa  
 Singer, Mary Lee

Robert W. Singer, Jon Singer

**In Memory of**

Bill Kwalick

**Sisterhood**

Boruszak, Joan  
 Richard & Mindy Agler Pauline Roller's 99th birthday  
 Lieberman-Garrett, Erica

Shirley Lieberman

**In Honor of****In Memory of****Sisterhood Oneg Fund**

Bofshever, Joel & Toby  
 Gross, David & Patti  
 Kasinof, Steve & Amelia  
 Pollack, Joel & Linda

**Sunshine Fund**

Sax, Stuart & Lauren wishing Carol Steinbock a speedy recovery

**Tree of Life**

Feinberg, Arthur Barry Feinberg

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 Dorf, Barry & Natalie Dorothy Schafer  
 Emkey, Gerri Gertrude Weisberg  
 Geller, Milton Jennie Geller, Louis Geller  
 Grossman, Stuart Morris Grossman,  
 Margaux Grossman  
 Kaplan, Marshall & Myra Les Reitman  
 Kaplan, Ronald & Debra Catherine Kaplan,  
 Sidney Kaplan  
 Kwalick, Teresa Steven Kwalick, Esther Kwalick,  
 Irwin Kwalick  
 Riley, Michele Paula Travers  
 Roy, Medina Leon Kirschenbaum  
 Tallent, Lillian Ralph Tallent, Ida Estrin  
 Taramona, Hermine Robert Robinson  
 Wehl, Alfred & Sue Ann Irma Wehl  
 Wolfe, Larry & Dorothy Rose Fine, Frieda Feinberg

**Yahrzeit Plaques**

Brodie, Thomas & Renee  
 Rakov, Neal & Cathy

Irving J. Kulick  
 Clayton Allan Rakov

**Yizkor Book**

Begam, Delores  
 Blumenfeld, Marvin & Ivy  
 Boruszak, Joan  
 Boxer, Shirley  
 Calev, Barbara  
 Cline, Meredith  
 Coltman, Barney  
 Cooper, Alan & Susan  
 Davidson, Foster & Carol Laskin  
 Emkey, Gerri  
 Feinberg, Arthur  
 Garrettsen, Marsha  
 Gelbard, Sy  
 Ginsberg, Bernard  
 Gitin, David & Gloria Avner  
 Goldfinger, David & Toby  
 Gordon, Susan  
 Gould, Maryon  
 Grant, Andrew & Randi  
 Greenbaum, Marilyn  
 Harris, Steve & Marsha  
 Hartz, Steve & Jan  
 Harvey, Mitchell  
 Isenberg, Patricia  
 Itkin, Arthur  
 Kamely, Yardena  
 Kaplan, Frank  
 Knowles, Richard & Barbara  
 Krissel, Michael  
 Marmar, David & Pamela  
 Nobil, Lynn  
 Pollack, Joel & Linda  
 Rakov, Neal & Cathy  
 Riley, Michele  
 Roy, Medina  
 Sachs, Joe & Susan  
 Sax, Stuart & Lauren  
 Schur, Lee  
 Sheinker, Miltra  
 Silverman, Morton & Gene  
 Singer, Mary Lee  
 Solas, Elaine Willner, Arthur Lee & Johanna  
 Steinbock, Steve & Carol Weber, Judith  
 Swartz, George & Muriel  
 Tallent, Lillian Willner, Arthur Lee & Johanna  
 Temkin, Robert Zwerdling, Sherry

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# **YEDA VE'TORASHA**

Yardena Kamely



## **THE GAZA WAR**

Looking at the current situation in the Middle East and seeing things as they really are, it's not a pretty picture. I wish it were different. And here is the problem: the Middle East, which has never been a place of peace, is becoming more dangerous and unpredictable. And that Middle East is Israel's immediate neighborhood. Scary picture. I am so tired of seeing it every day on the TV screen or reading about it in the news media. Sometimes I wish I did not see the reality and that I could be more optimistic, have hope for changes. But instead, there is the frustration I feel as a Jew and as an Israeli: there seems to be no solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Matters are getting even more complicated.

Look at Syria. A horrible war, a terrible tragedy, and they are killing their own people. Thousands of Europeans have gone there to fight in the Jihadist war, and Europe fears that when those fighters return they'll continue the religious or Jihadist ideological war in Europe. In Brussels in May, four people were killed at the Jewish Museum. The suspect arrested by French authorities had fought in Syria. That Syria is Israel's northern neighbor. And in Syria, Hezbollah forces, a terrorist organization with headquarters in Lebanon, are on the battlefield. That's the same Hezbollah that calls for Israel's destruction and has accumulated an arsenal of tens of thousands of deadly rockets. Lebanon is also Israel's neighbor.

As if these neighbors were not dangerous enough, Israel has gotten new neighbors, the Caliphate-aspiring ISIS, another terrorist group with advances in Syria and Iraq, terrorizing the population with shocking brutality.

Israel is separated from ISIS forces in Iraq only by its fragile neighbor Jordan, a country that wouldn't be able to defend itself against an onslaught except, perhaps, with the help of outside forces.

Then there is Iran. Though separated from Israel's eastern border by 800 miles, Iran's missiles can reach that far, and so can those of its proxies, Hezbollah and Hamas. And speaking of Hamas, there is, of course, the Palestinian issue. Whenever I talk with my relatives and friends in Israel about the Gaza War, they are saying that this war is not against the Palestinians, that they feel sorry for them. They are not indifferent or insensitive to their suffering. My best childhood friend, Tzipi, asked me if I remember the bomb-shelter in our building and the days and nights we had to stay there. Of course I remember; we were small kids, growing up together in Haifa. It was the Sinai War (1956); our fathers were fighting, my father as a veteran at the front, and her father, a Holocaust survivor, in the support units. And she feels sorry for the Palestinian children and for the children in Israel who have to go to shelters.

Talking to my friend Eli from the Kibbutz, a war veteran, he explained that this Gaza War is not about territory, it is against Hamas, a terrorist organization whose charter calls for Israel's destruction. He believes that the situation in the Middle East and the conflict with the Arabs will not change, and that Israel has to live with it. But he also thinks that in this Gaza War something did change and for the better for Israel; our neighbors Jordan and Egypt are with Israel against Hamas. Eli hopes that after this war Israel will

have a longer period of quiet.

I also spoke to my longtime friends in Chile, (I have lived in Chile for 25 years), and am very disappointed and annoyed to hear about the reaction to the Gaza War by Chilean Palestinians, who are protesting against Israel and the Jews. (The largest population of immigrants of Palestinian origin in South America is living in Chile, 350,000 or more.) It doesn't make sense.

A message, written by Victor Toledo Selman, an Arab Palestinian Chilean (or Chilean Palestinian Arab), to the Palestinian community in Chile, explains it. He asks: "Are these our relatives?" He has seen many Palestinians in Chile argue about the conflict in Gaza with a patriotism almost fanatical, as if these were their closest relatives who are in danger of death. They comment with varying degrees of knowledge about the situation in the Middle East, and with a constant dose of anti-Judaism - or "anti-Zionism" - if you prefer. Toledo thinks that the causes that led to the Israeli operation against Hamas are well justified, and that the situation is getting out of hand, because hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed.

Toledo continues: "And since the Gaza War is a war of propaganda as much as missiles, I am obliged to remind you of some important points regarding that so enthusiastic Palestinian patriotism: The vast majority of Palestinians in Chile, we are and were Christians from the West Bank (mainly Bethlehem and Beit-Jala). Therefore, little or nothing have we in common with the Muslims in Gaza. A Christian community in Bethlehem has existed since time immemorial, probably from the time of Jesus himself. This community spoke Aramaic, Greek, and history finally determined that they speak the Arabic language."

Toledo argues that the Palestinian diaspora

in the world (and Chile) was not motivated by the Israeli immigration. Palestine in the year 1910, he says, was a land poor and decadent. 400 years of Turkish rule didn't just burst its population with taxes. For the Turks, Palestine was nothing more than "Southern Syria", a land of little significance except for the spiritual value of Jerusalem itself. Almost all the Palestinians in Chile came to the diaspora looking for better opportunities than offered by the Turkish Empire. And, Toledo argues, there have always been Jews in Palestine. After Christ, there have always been Christians in Palestine. There has never been an Arab-Muslim State based in Palestine, never been an Arab-Christian state in Palestine. What reason is there for Chilean Palestinians to have anti-Jewish feelings? It is Hamas' objective, the Islamic state in the Middle East, they should reject.

The sad thing about the war in Gaza is that it makes us realize that despite the passing of hundreds of years, little has changed. The names are different but the narrative remains the same. Jews are terrorized, they look to the world, for somebody to inter-

vene, (the UN, the EU, international help, Western leaders, etc.), they look everywhere and discover in the end that no one is going to fight the wars of the Jews. So they fight alone. And then the world is talking about it: what an outrage, the Jews dare defend themselves! The question that comes to mind: why didn't the world leaders act five years ago to prevent Hamas from having thousands of rockets? Why didn't they put pressure on those who are funding Hamas? Why didn't the UN Security Council prevent the construction of tunnels in Gaza or close them? Israel deserves a real solution from the world leaders. And the people of Gaza, too; no more tunnels, no more rockets, and no more Hamas. ◇





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- ◆ **and more.**
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# World Jewish Report

## Medina Roy



### Israel's New President

In a small ceremony at the *Knesset* (the legislative branch of the Israeli government) in Jerusalem, while fighting continued between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, Reuven Rivlin was sworn in as Israel's 10<sup>th</sup> president. *Knesset* members of Arab parties boycotted the event – not because they opposed Rivlin personally – but because of the fighting in Gaza and the deaths of Palestinian civilians there. Rivlin decided to cancel the cocktail party and limit the festivities that normally follow such a swearing-in ceremony. But he was not interested in postponing the ceremony altogether because of the hostilities between Israel and Hamas. (Governments don't need cocktail events, but they do need to function.) Outgoing president Shimon Peres plans to now lead a large company that is looking to invest in projects connected to peace in the Middle East. Rivlin began his term on July 28<sup>th</sup>. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 7-24-14)

### Need a *Minyan*? There's an App for That

Are you looking for a *minyan*, a Jewish requirement for public prayer? (Traditional synagogues still insist on ten men over the age of 13; egalitarian congregations, such as KJCC, include women.) There's a new smartphone app that searches for available Jews nearby to join in prayer. The app, *Minyan Now*, is free and is available for both iPhones and Androids. It's a product of *RustyBrick, Inc.* of West Nyack, New York. The app notifies other users when someone in the area is looking for a *minyan*. "This works great at airports, train stations, sports events...where there are likely ten or more Jewish men, but no official...synagogue in the area," a company press release said. When the app is activated, notifications are sent to anyone approximately ten minutes away. *RustyBrick, Inc.* also has a prayer book app. (*The Forward*, 7-10-14)

### The "Jewish" Schindler

Yank Barry, a Canadian-Jewish philanthropist, has provided refuge in Bulgaria for 782 Christians at risk in the Middle East. Some of the refugees come from Iran and Iraq, but most of them are from Syria. His goal is to save the lives of 1,200 refugees, the same number of Jews that were rescued by Oskar Schindler during the Holocaust. Barry has spent \$3 million providing the refugees with hotel rooms, social services, medical care and educational opportunities. To show their appreciation, the Syrian refugees delivered 200,000 liters of water to Bulgarians who were affected by flooding and a severe heat wave. Bulgaria is a point of European entry for many Middle East refugees escaping wars and persecution. Barry runs *Global Village Champions*, an international humanitarian organization. (Barry gained fame with the band The Kingsmen, those who gave us the renowned "Louie, Louie" song). ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 7-28-14)

### It Could Save Lives

One out of three Americans over the age of 65 will lose their balance and fall. For those over 80, the risks increase dramatically and often lead to hospitalization, painful surgeries and decreased life expectancy. Israeli biomedical engineer Yonatan Manor has launched the *B-Shoe*, a new technology device to help prevent the loss of balance among the elderly. Manor, along with his partners Abraham Stamper and Aharon Shapiro, studies how stability decreases with age as muscles deteriorate and reflexes slow down. They installed a sensor-driven motorized mechanism in the heel of a sneaker that helps maintain the desirable pressure in the heel area. The device works by gently gliding the shoe back-

wards to correct imbalance. The sensors, operating through a rechargeable battery, detect when the center of pressure is shifting; if the wearer does not adjust his or her step within a few milliseconds, the shoe begins to move backwards a few centimeters to help regain stability and balance. The *B-Shoe* has been tested in leading Israeli hospital labs. It has been granted patents in both the United States and Israel, and could be on the market within the next two years. (*World Jewry Digest*, July 2014)

### **She Was Jewish!**

In the 1930s, the Nazis held a contest to determine the most beautiful Aryan baby, their plan being to use it as a “poster child” for propaganda. Out of a large stack of baby photos submitted, Joseph Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, selected the photo of a child named Hessa Taft. What he did not know was that Hessa Taft was Jewish. The photo was taken by a professional photographer and anti-Nazi German (who was well aware that Taft was Jewish) in 1935 when Taft was six months old. He entered the photo into the contest to humiliate the Nazis. The photo eventually appeared on the cover of a Nazi magazine, on postcards and other widely distributed Nazi propaganda. Taft’s family worried that the Nazis would somehow discover who the child was and that she was Jewish. They left Berlin and eventually arrived in the United States in 1949. Taft, now 80, is currently a part-time chemistry professor at St. John’s University in the Jamaica, Queens section of New York City. She recently sent the photographs to Israel’s *Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum*. ([www.tabletmag.com](http://www.tabletmag.com), 7-2-14)

### **A New UN Holiday?**

At the end of June (and before the most recent military conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip), the ambassadors to 32 countries signed a letter to a United Nations General Assembly committee requesting the UN to recognize Yom Kippur, Judaism’s holiest day of the year, as an official holiday. The UN currently recognizes major festivals

of many of the world’s major religions, but Judaism is not one of them. The letter stated “We believe that the United Nations calendar should reflect the organization’s founding principles of coexistence, justice and mutual respect. We urge the United Nations to correct this inequity and recognize the holiest day of the Jewish faith.” The request will go before the General Assembly’s 193-member states for final approval. There are currently ten official UN holidays. They include the Christian holidays Christmas and Good Friday and the Muslim holidays Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. The other six are major U.S. holidays – New Year’s Day, President’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day and Thanksgiving, which end up being vacation days for UN staff since UN headquarters is located in New York City. ([www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org), 7-31-14)

### **2014 Israel Prize for Medicine**

Marta Weinstock-Rosin, a World War II survivor, is the 2014 recipient of the Israel Prize for Medicine. In the 1990s, Weinstock-Rosin developed a drug that is now routinely used for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. She was the lead developer for *Rivastigime* (today known as the Novartis Exelon Patch), the only skin patch approved by the FDA for the treatment of Alzheimer’s. Weinstock-Rosin was born in Vienna in 1935. Her family fled the Nazis and moved to England, where she studied pharmacology. She moved to Israel in 1969 and joined Tel Aviv University’s medical faculty. Later, she served as head of the Hebrew University’s School of Pharmacy. Weinstock-Rosin is currently doing research to improve brain function and memory in patients with degenerative diseases of the central nervous system. The Israel Prize for Medicine is considered one of the nation’s highest honors. (*World Jewry Digest*, June 2014)

### **The “Soundtrack of a Generation”**

The handwritten manuscript of Bob Dylan’s “Like a Rolling Stone” recently sold for just over \$2 million at Sotheby’s rock and roll auction, making it the most expensive sale of rock music ever sold at auction. The song is considered to be one of the most influential

pieces in postwar music. The sale broke the previous record for rock music lyrics, which occurred in 2010 when John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for "A Day in the Life," the final track from the 1967 album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," sold for \$1.2 million. The recent auction also included memorabilia from the Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Elvis Presley. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com), 6-24-14)

### It's Too Hot to Handle!

A recently published study guide of the Hebrew Bible is being used in a girls' school in New Square, a Hasidic village in New York's Rockland County. The study guide omits some of the more risqué passages and even entire sections of the Book of Genesis. Edited out is the story where Lot's two daughters get their father drunk and sleep with him in order to become pregnant, the entire first two Torah portions of Genesis (eliminating the story of the world's creation), Adam and Eve and Noah and the Tower of Babel. The book begins with the story of Abraham. Also eliminated is the story of Onan, who "spilled his seed" rather than impregnate Tamar, Judah's sexual encounter with his daughter-in-law who had disguised herself as a prostitute, and Potiphar's wife's attempt to seduce Joseph. Each verse in the book intentionally leaves one word blank. In many Hasidic circles, it is forbidden for women to study verses from the Torah in whole, which may be the reason why a word is left blank in every verse. (*The Forward*, 7-2-14)

### Update

In the May 2014 issue of *Chai-Lights*, we reported on an attempt to break the record for the "World's Largest Shabbat Dinner" that was scheduled to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014. It turns out that 2,226 people showed up, with 3,000 others on a waiting list. *White City Shabbat*, a non-profit organization run by young immigrants and dedicated to building Jewish life in Tel Aviv, expected 1,000 people. The dinner was held at the Tel Aviv port. The dinner used 800 bottles of wine, 80 bottles of vodka, 50 bottles of whiskey, 2,000 challah rolls, 1,800 pieces of chicken, 1,000

pieces of beef and 250 vegetarian portions. ([www.tabletmag.com](http://www.tabletmag.com), 6-16-14)

### In Memoriam

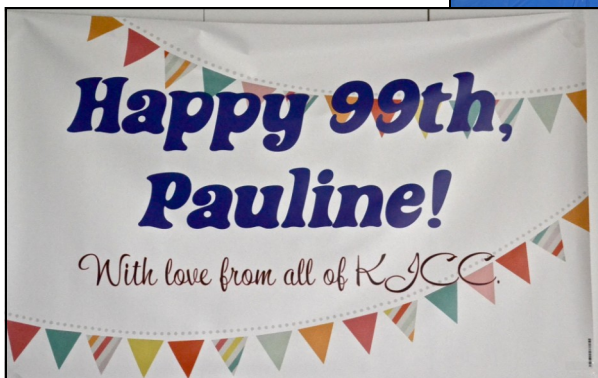
Those lost in *Operation Protective Edge*. The youngest were 18, the oldest, 45. They are: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Hadar Goldin, 23; Major Benaya Sarel, 26; St.-Sgt. Liel Gidoni, 20; Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class (res.) Daniel Marash, 22; Capt. (res.) Liran Adir (Edry), 31; St.-Sgt. Noam Rosenthal, 20; Capt. Omri Tal, 22; St.-Sgt. Shay Kushnir, 20; St.-Sgt. Guy Algranati, 20; St.-Sgt. Omer Hay, 21; St.-Sgt. Matan Gotlib, 21; Sgt. Daniel Kedmi, 18; Sgt. Barkai Yishai Shor, 21; Sgt. Sagi Erez, 19; Sgt. Dor Deri, 18; Sgt. Nadav Raimond, 19; Cpl. Niran Cohen, 20; Cpl. Meidan Maymon Biton, 20; St.-Sgt. Eliav Eliyahu Kahlon, 22; Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Adi Briga, 23; St.-Sgt. Moshe Davino, 20; NCO Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Barak Refael Degorker, 27; Capt. Liad Lavi (no date provided); Chief Warrant Officer Rami Kahlon, 39; Lt. Roy Peles, 21; St.-Sgt. Avraham Grintzvaig, 21; St.-Sgt. Gal Bason, 21; St.-Sgt. Guy Boyland, 21; St.-Sgt. Amit Yaori, 20; St.-Sgt. Guy Levy, 21; NCO Master Sgt. (res.) Yair Ashkenazy, 36; Lt. Paz Eliyahu, 22; St.-Sgt. Li Mat, 19; St.-Sgt. Shahar Dauber, 20; Capt. Natan Cohen, 23; Capt. Dmitri Levitas, 26; St.-Sgt. Evyatar Turgeman, 20; NCO Ohad Shemesh, 27; St.-Sgt. Oded Ben Shira, 22; St.-Sgt. Jordan Bensemhoun, 22; St.-Sgt. Yuval Dagan, 22; St.-Sgt. Tal Yifrah, 21; Chief Warrant Officer Kasahun Baynesian, 39; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Yuval Haiman, 21; Sgt. Nadav Goldmacher, 23; Lt.-Col. Dolev Keidar, 38; St. Sgt. Shachar Tase, 20; St.-Sgt. Daniel Pomerantz, 20; Sgt. Shon Mondshine, 19; Sgt. Ben Oanounou, 19; St.-Sgt. Oren Simcha Noah, 22; St. Sgt. Oron Shaul, 21; St. Sgt. Moshe Malko, 20; Sgt. Max Steinberg, 24, a "Lone Soldier" from California; St.-Sgt. Gilad Rozenthal Yacoby, 21; Capt. Tsvi Kaplan, 28; Maj. Tzafir Bar-Or, 32; Sgt. Nissim Sean Carmeli, 21, a "Lone Soldier" from Texas; St.-Sgt. Oz Mendelovich, 21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bar Rahav, 21; St.-Sgt. Bnaya Rubel, 20; Maj. (res.) Amotz Greenberg, 45; Sgt. Adar Barsano, 20; St.-Sgt. Eitan Barak, 20. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 8-3-14) ◇



# July 4th at KJCC

Everyone had a "blast" at the annual KJCC ShabbaBQ and celebration of Pauline Roller's birthday.

The fireworks for this past July 4th ShabbaBQ celebration were all in the applause, backslapping (gentle of course), kissing, hugging and sparkling eyes of our matriarch. Pauline Roller had just turned 99 years young. Look at these photos. They tell a story of love, respect, and appreciation. We were full to the rafters at the dinner and most even stayed for the services. How significant that among



Friedman for her excellent home cooking, and to Barbara Knowles, who worked so hard with her team to set up and create the joyously decorated room. Thanks also to Erica Lieberman-Garrett for a thoughtful, well-led service, and to Mitch Harvey for his enlightening "dvar." Someone asked whether Pauline might suffer from post-partum depression after the party. "Are you kidding?" came the

the evening's guests, in addition to Pauline's relatives, her KJCC community, and friends, like ex-Mayor Sylvia Murphy, were at least three generations of new fans. KJCC members like Yardena Kamely, Steve Smith, Marc Bloom, and others brought siblings, children and grandchildren to the event. Our synagogue already feels like home to these little ones. Thanks to KJCC's Men's Club and their fabulous hard-working honorary member Jane



**Pauline, Bernie and Gloria cutting the HaMotzi**

reply. "She'll be too busy planning the next one." We all look forward to saying "Happy Hundredth!" A good and healthy year to you, Pauline. And thank you for all you've meant to KJCC.

*-Gloria Avner*

**Pauline and Monroe County Councilwoman Sylvia Murphy cut one of the cakes. (right)**



**Attendees feasting on the summer fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw and potato salad**



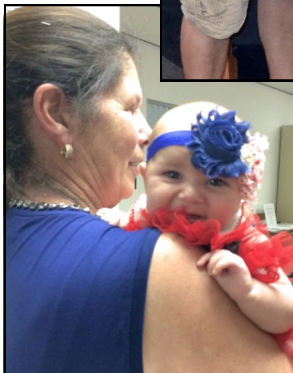


**(Left) Pauline and her immediate nieces who came to celebrate with us.**

**(Below) All of Pauline's extended family who came for the birthday party, some who had to fly in from out-of-state.**



**Luz Levine with daughter Rachel.**

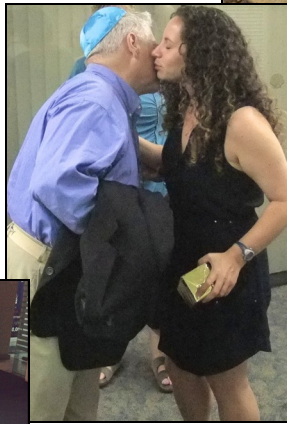
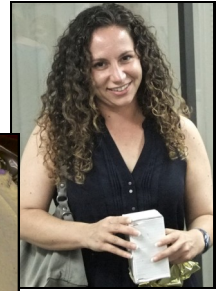


**Rachael Bloom with daughter Madison Rose.**

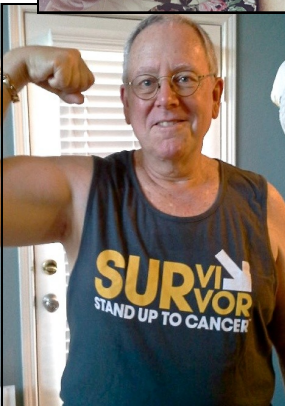


# Photo Gallery

On May 30th KJCC said goodbye to Marcie Orenstein who is leaving the Keys to teach in Baltimore. Our loss is certainly Baltimore's gain. There was, of course, cake and Carol Steinbock presented Marcie with a going away mezuzah to remind her daily of her KJCC Mishpocha.



This is Zoe Berk-Moshe showing off her newly acquired Israeli passport in Tel Aviv. Born in New York, she now has dual citizenship.



*My Dear Family and Friends,*

*The worst news was six months ago when I was told I had cancer. This morning the coin flipped over and the good news is that I was told that I am now a SURVIVOR!!*

*I want to thank everyone for their support and prayers through all of this and especially to Lauren, who has been my rock each and every step on this journey. You can now remove my name from your misheberach and prayer lists. Life is precious and life is good. Embrace it.*

*Love, Stuart*





**On June 21st the gang gathered for a last dinner before goodbyes for summer to Gloria and Medina,. Gloria was heading to Maine and Medina to North Carolina.**



**As you were probably aware from the KJCC e-mails, a Miami-wide rally was held in North Miami Beach to display public support of Israel. Various members of KJCC attended, including our resident native Israeli, Yardena, plus Toby and Joel Bofshever in the photo above.**

**Also in attendance was Steve Friedman, Harry Friedman and Yardena's son Andy shown in the photo at right.**



**Pauline Roller's July Fourth Birthday party also turned into somewhat of a family reunion for our Yardena. In the photo at right are Yardena with sons Eitan (on the left) and Andy, Andy's wife Sharon (on the right), plus Yardena's sister Daphne (on the left) with their friend Monika from their teenage years in Germany who now lives in Canada. visit; Monika now lives in Canada.**



**Monika had been the matron of honor at Yardena's wedding in Germany over forty years ago (where Yardena's mother and father were living at the time) and they hadn't seen her since until this**

**In the above photo are Andy's wife Sharon with their son and daughter plus the twin daughters of Yardena's younger son Eitan (with balloons).**

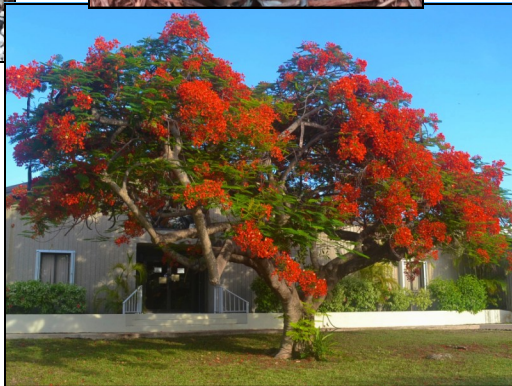


**Yardena with oldest son Andy Loi. What a proud mom face.**

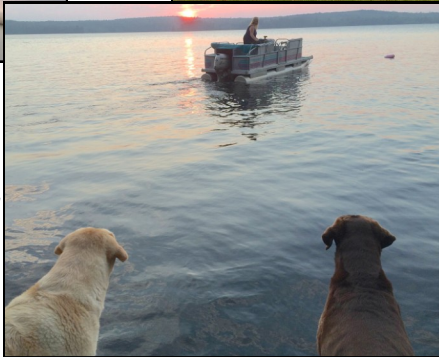




Summer rains, new additions from members and hard work by Steve Steinbock have given the KJCC Memorial Garden new life. Shown are a Buccaneer Palm sponsored by David Gitin to honor Gloria, and a Geiger tree sponsored by Joe Shabathai in honor of his mother Sally.



**Postcards From Gloria** *Maine has been glorious. (No pun intended.) Sunny 70s and delicious breezes. Laid-back visiting, writing, a little sketching and lots of swims. Sunset boat rides on Lake Damariscotta and I even get to drive, accompanied by my two favorite labs and friend Lizzie.*



**(Above)** For those of you who are not here during the summer months, you don't get to see the KJCC Poinciana tree in full bloom. Here's a look at what you missed.

# High Holy Days 5775

*The High Holy Days are once again upon us. Here to help get your mind and heart ready for The Days of Awe are thoughts from Rabbi Agler, Head of Ritual Gloria Avner, and our new Cantor Paul Goldstien.*

## The Month of Elul

### A Headstart On The Path to Forgiveness:

Last year the High Holy Day period was in our faces 48 hours after Labor Day ended . Many of us were still in summer mode. Without an August Chai-Lights to help us prepare, the auspicious month of Elul was nearly over by the time we had the opportunity to read our Rabbi and Cantor's messages. We can breathe easier this year, and take advantage of Elul, the month before Tishrei, a month without any holidays, when God is compared to a King walking though his fields, accessible to each of us if we try to "return," to make t'shuvah towards God and conscious ethical living.

There are lots of ways to use the energy of this special month in our search for forgiveness and a good sealing in the Book of Life.

Our *machzor*, High Holiday prayerbook, lays it out: "*Teshuvah, Tzedakah, and Tefilah*" (return to Godly behavior, Charity, and Prayer) but Elul is a month of great classic stories. They give us good hints and take us back to the roots of Judaism. Let's look at some. These stories are called *midrashim* and are the rabbis' way, ancient and modern, of explaining why and how our ancestors did what they did. They give us a window on the ideas and values behind their actions. Most of us know the story of the binding of Isaac--even though Abraham is willing to sacrifice his son, he is given a reprieve by

High Holiday Schedule		
<b>Saturday</b>	September 20	6:00 p.
<b>Wednesday</b>	September 24	6:00 p.
<b>Wednesday</b>	September 24	8:00 p.
<b>Thursday</b>	September 25	9:30 a.
<b>Thursday</b>	September 25	Noon
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<b>Thursday</b>	September 25	4:00 p.
<b>Friday</b>	September 26	9:30 a.
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<b>Friday</b>	September 26	8:00 p.
<b>Saturday</b>	September 27	10:00 a
<b>Saturday</b>	September 27	7:45 p.
<b>Friday</b>	October 3	8:00 p.
<b>Saturday</b>	October 4	9:30 a.
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<b>Saturday</b>	October 4	2:30 p.
<b>Saturday</b>	October 4	4:00 p.
<b>Saturday</b>	October 4	5:45 p.
<b>Sunday</b>	October 5	10:00 a

## Schedule 2014 (5775)

m.	Pizza/Movie/Slichot Service
m.	Dinner
m.	Erev Rosh HaShanah
m.	Rosh HaShanah Day One
	Break after Shofar Sounding
1:30 p.m.	Musaf Service
m.	Taschlich at Ocean Pointe
m.	Rosh HaShanah, Day Two
	Break after Shofar Sounding
1:30 p.m.	Musaf Service
m.	Shabbat Service
m.	Shabbat Tshuvah
m.	Havdalah at Ocean Pointe
m.	Kol Nidre
m.	Yom Kippur Service
m.	Yizkor Service
m.	Children's Service
p.m.	Break After Morning Service
p.m.	Musaf
m.	Informal "Fast Talk" with Rabbi Agler.
m.	Jewish Meditation With Rabbi Agler
m.	Neillah (Reading Story of Jonah) Maariv, Havdalah, Break The Fast
m.	Sukkah Decoration

God, who sends a substitute, a "scapegoat" in Isaac's stead. Some are disturbed that God would ask such a thing of Abraham, but there is a *midrash* that says God always creates a solution for every crisis before the problem comes into being. While other cultures of the time engaged in human sacrifice, we did not. Abraham and his actions mark the beginning of a huge shift in the belief systems of the nations to whom we are supposed to be a "light." The *midrash* says that God created the sacrificial ram, and the dove who would carry the symbolic olive branch telling Noah the flood was over, long before either event happened. A strong trust in God message.

A lesser known *midrash*, the "great" one known as *Midrash Rabbah* 38, is my favorite. Here we find the explanation of how Abraham (then called Avram) came up with his "big idea," monotheism. When I tell this story to our schoolchildren, their eyes go wide in wonder--and understanding. We're at the beginning of a new year. What could be better than reviewing the beginnings of our religion--the concept of one God, with standards of behavior that call for deeds of loving kindness.

Terah, Avram's father, is a dealer in carved wooden idols (yes, that in itself holds great irony). Terah sells the idols to people who believe that these statues, whom they call "gods," each with its own name and attributes, have the power to solve their problems. Avram has no patience with these beliefs or with his father's participation. Another midrash tells that Avram has been imprisoned as a boy. In solitary confinement he ponders the nature of the universe. What brought it into being? Is it the Sun that is all powerful? The Rain? The plethora of small gods claiming powers of creation that neighboring tribes pay homage to? The realization comes to him that there is a greater power beyond anything that we can understand, a supreme creator who is responsible for all of nature and that man must pay attention and act in harmony with that Creator. When he is released, he is appalled at his father's occupation. One day Terah is called away and leaves his

shop in the hands of his son. A woman comes in with a fine grain offering for one of the "gods." Avram asks her why she would give an offering to an object no different from the wood she uses to make fire and cook. A man comes in to buy an idol and Avram is incensed. He starts to destroy the statues. The woman is frightened. Don't worry, says Avram, I will leave the largest one intact. If he is as powerful as you believe him to be, surely he can reconstruct the others. You can guess the rest of the story. Terah returns, is furious at the destruction, but cannot deny the truth of his son's insights. Avram leaves his home, vowing never to return, and goes off to plant the seeds of a religion that will lead to the core belief system for hundreds of millions of the world's people, all based on Abraham's resolve to be true to the One God. Moses brings it down to us from Mount Sinai, carved in stone by white fire on black fire. "I am The Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me."

Now, here we are in the days leading up to the *Yamim Nora'im*, the ten "Days of Awe." Will we have the courage of Avram to be true to our beliefs, to look deep within, analyze our behaviors, admit where we have not been our best selves? Will we apologize to those we've wronged, and resolve to make changes? Those are the opportunities of the month of Elul, and on this month's last Shabbat before Rosh HaShanah, we will come together as a community for *Selichot*. We will say prayers for forgiveness together. The experience will be powerful, but even more so if we have done serious introspective work in the merciful days of Elul. The rabbis teach that the letters of the name Elul stand for the verse in the Song of Songs: "Ani L'Dodi ve-Dodi Li." I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is Mine."

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good year: *Ketivah Vechatimah Tovah*.

*L'Shanah Tovah,  
Gloria Avner*



## A New Year Message from Rabbi Agler

Time is the one gift all of us are given. Most of us manage to pass it pretty well. We work, play, rest, and before we know it another day, week, month and year are gone. The High Holydays interrupt the routine. "Fine, you've passed the time," they say. "But for all of your activity, what have you accomplished?" "Have you added to the quality of human civilization? "What have you done to refine your community, your family, your soul?"

These questions are meant to be both challenging and essential. If we aren't asking them, at the very least once a year, we are in danger of squandering the gift of life that God has given us. There is little that is less excusable than that.

In this light, Jews and our families unite as a community to affirm our relationship with the Highest we can know. We engage our spiritual core and look at who we are, where we have been and where we are going. We attempt to stand in the presence of the ultimate and the intimate and account for our life choices. If parts of the process make us uncomfortable, so much the better. From there we make our course corrections and move forward.

Contemplation in the presence of fellow contemplators, affirmation of sublime teachings, and sacred words and rhythms combine to give us the opportunity to renew our lives in the year ahead.

May we be blessed, as individuals, families and community, as we experience this endeavor together.

Mindy, Jesse, Tovah, Talia z"l, and Sarah join me in wishing a year of blessing and goodness to all of the members of our KJCC family.

*Rabbi Richard Agler, DD  
Tishri 5775*

## My Warmest Greetings to all of KJCC

by Cantor Paul D. Goldstein

“There is music wherever he goes”—  
Cynthia Goldstein.

How many of us wouldn't love to have this said about them by their wife?

Allow me to introduce myself. I am *Hazzan* Paul D. Goldstein, your new High Holyday cantor. I am looking forward to sharing the Holydays this year with you and my family, my wife Cynthia and my son Jason. Gloria asked me to write a little about myself, so that when we met we'd all feel like old friends. First, how did I come to be a *Hazzan*? Becoming a *Hazzan* is not generally an occupation to which little boys aspire. There is no *Hazzan's* calendar like there is for firefighters.

My first exposure to the High Holydays (outside of Junior Congregation) was when I was 13. My synagogue had hired a new *Hazzan*, and he had just started working that summer. About a week or two later my Bar Mitzvah teacher called and said that the new cantor was looking for a soloist for the High Holydays. I remember standing there and looking at my mother and her telling me: “go ahead.” There is nothing better than a Jewish mother's encouragement.

The next day I went to the synagogue to meet the Cantor (Jacob Ben-Zion Mendelson... better known today as Jackie Mendelson). My Bar Mitzvah teacher joined us and Cantor Mendelson made a cassette tape of the session (with both of them singing different parts) so I could study and learn three solos for the *Yamim Nora'im*.

I quickly learned the three solos and went to my first rehearsal with the professional adult choir. Our synagogue already had a well-known youth choir, but I was the boy with “the voice.” I had *davened* all of the *Shacharit* service for my Bar Mitzvah and had already come back a couple of more times since then to *daven* for the congregation.

I was not really familiar with the High Holy-

day liturgy, but found the three solos were from powerful sections in the texts. The first was *K'vakorat Ro'ei Edro, Ma'avir Tzono Tachat Shifto* – like a shepherd counting sheep, making each of them pass under their staff (from the beautiful imagery of the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer...the powerful *Musaf tefillah*: The Day of Judgment as envisioned by our ancestors). The second solo was *Havein Yakir Li Ephraim Im Yeled Sha'ashu'im* – is not Ephraim my precious, my beloved child? Even when I rebuke him I, I remember him with tenderness. This comes from the *Zichronot* section of the *Musaf* service, a direct quote from the *Haftarah* for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of *Rosh Hashanah*, where Rachel weeps for her offspring, the tribe of Ephraim, that time and again shows no respect for God, but that God continues to show love for. (A personal aside: from the day my son Jason was born, I would sing this to him every night at bedtime...he was shocked when he turned four and found out that I sang it to the congregation every year.) The final solo comes from the evening of *Kol Nidrei*: *Salachti* – forgive me, the response in the Medieval *Piyut, Omnan Kein*.

When I was 14 I was chosen to *daven Musaf* on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of *Rosh Hashanah* for the high school service (800 kids in a movie theater down the street from my synagogue... to be led by my youth director). I knew nothing about the *Nusach* (the musical modes) for the High Holydays, so I went to see Cantor Mendelson, whom I had developed a rapport with. He made me a cassette (the pinnacle of technology then) and described the various *Tefillot* (prayers) that I had to learn as well as the associated choreography (where and when to bow). So I learned *Hineni* (the *Hazzan's* prayer), *Chatzi Kaddish, Avot, Unetaneh Tokef* (and *B'rosh Hashanah Yikateivu*), *Kedusha*, as well as the Great *Aleinu* (where you bow down on the floor).

So there I was, all of 14...my voice having not changed yet (it would be two more years for that), in front of 800 high-schoolers in a movie theater. I tried channeling the previous year's memory of singing with the adult choir in the Main Sanctuary. It wasn't anywhere



near the same, but I did my best. I must have been okay, because I was quickly asked if I could come back the next day (2<sup>nd</sup> day of *Rosh Hashanah*) and repeat it. I also agreed to come back the next week for *Yom Kippur* (even though I really didn't know the breadth of the *Yom Kippur Musaf*).

But in that week, the world changed for Jews. It was 1973, and the Yom Kippur War had just erupted, Israel's neighboring Arab states joining in a concerted surprise attack against her from north, west and east. (Several years ago I was at a Jewish Federation dinner and bumped into my old youth director, who had led services that morning. I asked him if he remembered that day; he said that it had been the scariest day of his life. The entire service took on a distinct life of its own, as our thoughts were somewhere else that day.)

Every High Holyday season is a unique experience for me. I see it through the eyes of my wife, my son, and those I am honored to call my congregation. I know that this year with KJCC will be another unique and inspiring experience, one we will share and together and then remember, as all Jews do - *L'Dor vaDor* (from generation to generation). Gloria and Bernie have prepared me well, and I look forward to meeting all of you and working with Rabbi Richard Agler as together we all share this special Jewish experience.

*B'Shalom,  
Hazzan Paul*



## High Holy Days In Verse Poems on a Theme by Gloria Avner

### Tashlich

*five year old Simon and 99 year old Pauline  
throw bits of bread into the ocean  
like thousands grouped on European creeks  
American and Asian rivers  
leaning over bridges  
watching gulls and needlefish gobble our  
sins.*



### Jewish Woman

*briskets in the slow cooker  
for the New Year feast I like  
that I am part of a world-wide  
confederation  
of women humming to ourselves  
hands smelling of garlic*





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# Tikkun Leil Shavuot

*KJCC Members take up the challenge to study all night.*

*Gloria Avner - On June 6th we had a terrific haimische dinner to celebrate Shavuot. It was delicious and the service that followed was a meaningful one, combining Shabbat, Yizkor, reading the 10 commandments out of the Holocaust Torah, and commemorating D-Day. The discussion of the ro-*



*...mantic Book of Ruth afterwards, led by our enthusiastic President Bernie, capped the night with learning. We didn't stay all night but it was an excellent Tikkun Leil Shavuot.*

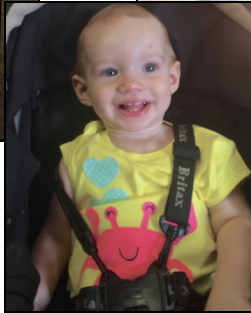






**Mitch and Linda**

**(Below) A tempting array of dairy desserts.**



**Madison Rose, now 16 months, accompanied grandparents Marc and Ellen Bloom.**



**These photos during the service show Bernie reading the Ten Commandments (the version from Exodus, per Rabbi Agler, and a traditional part of a Shavuot service, since the holiday celebrates, in part, the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai) in Hebrew and Gloria reading them in English. Helping both with the Torah was KJCC member Joel Bofshever.**



**Bernie, Rabbi Agler and Eve Knowles during Kiddush/Hamotzi.**



**After the service there was a modified version of Tikkun Leil Shavuot in the KJCC David Kamely classroom. Bernie discussed/ explained the sensuous and laws-and-social-practices-of-the-day-revealing Book of Ruth. The mystics say to stay up all night studying Torah and Talmud. KJCC made it til about 10:15 p.m.**



*Thank you to Gloria Avner, Sam Vinicur and Erica Lieberman-Garrett for the photos, and to Sam and Gloria for the text.*

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Jane Friedman





# The L'Shanah Torah page

*KJCC members and friends from here and across the country send their wishes for the best possible new year. Here's to a happy, healthy and prosperous 5775*

<p><b>A Healthy Joyous 5775 To Mishpocha &amp; Friends David &amp; Gloria</b></p>	<p><b>L'Shana Tovah From Texas We Miss Y'all Stu &amp; Lauren</b></p>	<p><b>A Healthy, Happy and Peaceful Year to All With Our Love Carol &amp; Steve</b></p>
<p><b>L'Shana Tovah To My KJCC Mishpocha Lee Schur</b></p>	<p><b>To My KJCC Family L'shana Tovah Joan Boruszak</b></p>	<p><b>Happy &amp; Healthy New Year to My KJCC "Family" With Love Susan Gordon</b></p>
<p><b>Wishing All Of Our KJCC Friends A Happy and Healthy Year Joe &amp; Linda Pollack</b></p>	<p><b>Joe and Kathy Shabathai Extend Our Sincerest Wishes For a Healthy, Prosperous, And Happy New Year</b></p>	<p><b>We wish all our Mishpocha at KJCC L'Shana Tova Toby and Joel</b></p>
<p><b>To Our Dear KJCC Friends Shana Tovah 5775 The Kamely Family</b></p>	<p><b>A Very Happy Healthy New Year to Our Friends &amp; Family At KJCC The Knowles</b></p>	<p><b>To the KJCC Happy and a Healthy New Year Linda Pincus</b></p>

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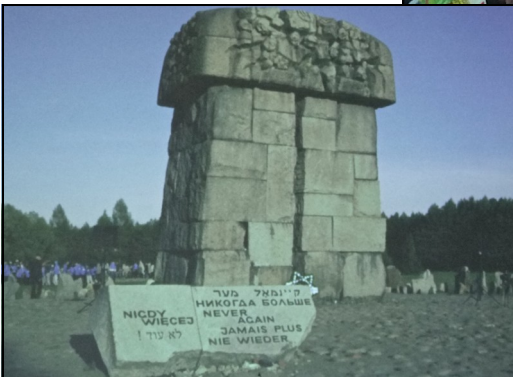
# MARCH OF THE LIVING

**O**n May 25th at the KJCC Rabbi Richard Agler and Dr. Steve Smith showed photos and spoke about their April trip to Poland and Israel with this year's March of the Living program. Some 10,000 gathered from around the world – North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Far East – to march and to learn. Most participants are high school students. Rabbi Agler accompanied the South Florida delegation as one of the rabbis, Dr. Smith as the group's resident medical doctor. This event takes place each year, timed to be in Poland and the important death camps – Treblinka, Majdanek, and especially Auschwitz-Birkenau – at the time of Yom HaShoah. The group then travels to Israel to be there for Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, and the next day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. ♦

**Dr. Steve Smith discussing one of his many photographs of the trip.**



**Rabbi Agler talks about the impressive non-Jewish Polish scholars who act as guides at Auschwitz, while holding a book describing the complex legacy of 1,000 years of a Jewish presence in Poland.**



**The large memorial at the site of Treblinka (in the countryside some 50 miles northeast of Warsaw), all physical evidence of which was removed by the Nazis.**



# MAJDANEK



The large memorial at the death camp of Majdanek, just on the outskirts of and almost abutting the major Polish city of Lublin. Some buildings and evidence of the camp remain.

The president of Hungary addressing the assembled group at Auschwitz. He publicly apologized for the shame of Hungary not properly protecting its citizens.



Rabbi Agler addressing the group.

Bob and Joni Dandrea listening to Rabbi Agler discuss finding the elegant Krakow home of a 90-year-old Holocaust survivor and rabbinical teacher of his in Deerfield Beach, FL. (Auschwitz is just a few miles west of Krakow.)



# S'litchot

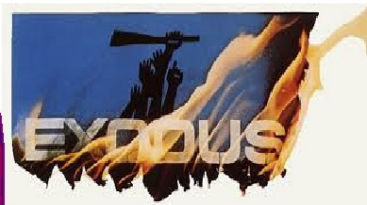
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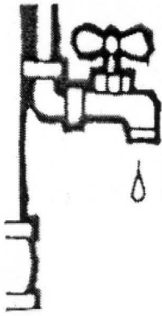
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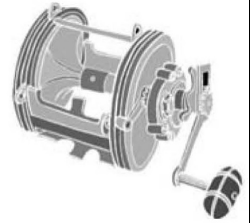
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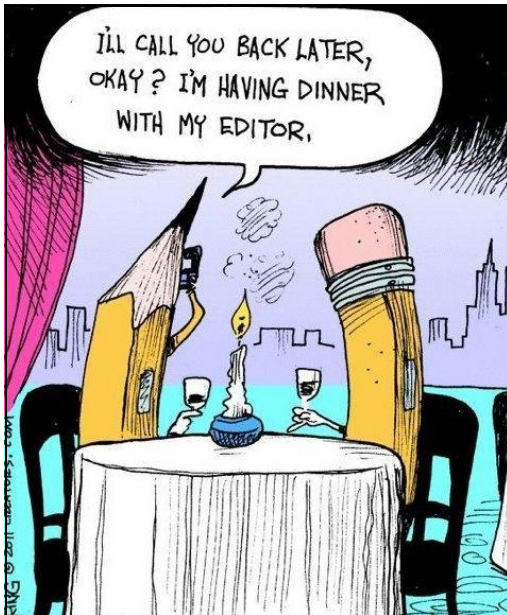
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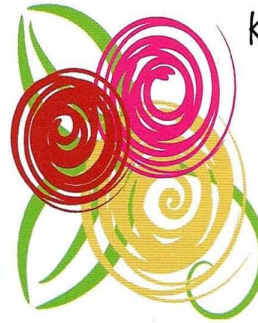


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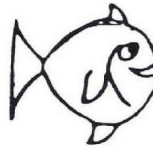
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