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Services every Friday at 7:30pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 DEC Sisterhood Meeting 10:00am	2	3	4	5	6 Laurie Blum <i>Steve & Jan Hartz</i> <i>Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis</i>	7
8 Board Meeting 10am Followed by Safety Drill	9	10	11 “How and Why” with Rabbi Richard Agler 7pm	12	13 Gary Margolis <i>Frank Rose</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Joyce Peckman <i>Terry Tainow</i>	21 Rabbi Agler Torah learning Service, 10am Homeless Memorial, 12:30pm
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22 First night of Hanukkah	23 Sisterhood Book Club, 10am Hanukkah Party with Rabbi Zucker, 7pm	24	25	26	27 Hanukkah Dinner 5:30pm Klein-Gross Family <i>Steve & Amelia Kasinoﬀ</i> <i>Linda Pollack</i>	28
29 Rosh Chodesh Tevet	30	31 New Year’s Eve	1 JAN New Years Day Blessing of the Fleet	2	3 Medina Roy <i>Steve & Amelia Kasinoﬀ</i> <i>Stan & Jenny Margulies</i>	4
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



Yom Kippur has just passed, and the secular new year is around the corner. This is the time of the year when we do some introspection and open our minds and hearts in self-examination. Who are we, what have we accomplished, where have we disappointed, where are we headed and where do we want to go? I would like to give you my KJCC self-assessment.

Who are we? Rabbi Agler once commented that we are a chavurah with a building. The word chavurah is linked to the Hebrew word chaver (friend) and translates as "fellowship." It is a small group of Jews who meet, often informally, without any clergy, in order to celebrate Shabbat, holidays and lifecycle events, and maybe do some Jewish learning. We started out that way 40 years ago and have kept that spirit of friendship, serving as a substitute family when parents, children and siblings are far away.

What have we accomplished? We have held lay-led Friday services every week for almost 40 years. We have provided a place where Jews of different religious or non-religious backgrounds can feel comfortable together. We have provided a Sunday School for our children, leading to bar and bat mitzvah, and have begun a Tot Shabbat program for ages 4-7. We have reached out to the Keys community and had that support returned when, after the massacre

at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, this room was filled to capacity with people expressing solidarity with us. We have an amazingly talented group of people who have shared their knowledge by giving fascinating classes that recently ranged from art projects to art history, bread-making, Jewish meditation, Kabbalah, raising exceptional grandchildren, swimming with whales and Yiddish 101. We have had marvelous guest lecturers, including Rabbi Steven Sager and NPR's Miles Hoffman. We have a film series curated by our resident librarian. And I can't even begin to describe the festive meals that have been enjoyed here!

Where have we disappointed? We have been unable to reach many of our Jewish neighbors, who don't feel the need to affiliate with the only Jewish institution between the mainland and Key West. I know that there are Jewish children in the public schools who have not come to us looking to be bar or bat mitzvah.

Where are we headed and where do we want to go? We want to be a place of life-long learning. We want to continue to be the place where members can exhibit their art (as you can see in our entrance and social halls), where they can share their passions, (see the Steinway given a

home here by Beth Hayden, and examine the antiquities collected and donated by Rabbi Richard and Mindy Agler) and, as you will see when you come for any meal: not just challah, herring and store-bought chicken, but dishes loving crafted by our members.

We want to be the place where you come to stretch your mind and soul. We will be having a

seminar on December 11th, presented by Rabbi Agler, on how to understand and lead a religious service and how to write a “dvar,” or Torah speech. I hope that you will all attend, and that some of you will be brave enough to step forth and join an experienced leader on a Friday night. We love your ideas, and this is a welcoming place to bring them. ◇

December Birthdays

1st.....	Paul Hudson	17th	Ariel Fishman
2nd.....	Joseph Burke Grossman	17th	Jeffrey Schocket
3rd	Ashley Berk	17th	Lilian Forbes
3rd	Cammie Berk	18th	Emelyn Anne Juenger
4th	Jan Hartz	18th	Jerry Small
4th	Jodi Yeager	19th	Jonah Gross
4th	Judith Klein	19th	Lorena Kaufman
5th	Geri Smith	19th	Terry Willner-Tainow
5th	Joseph Beth	21st.....	Micah Silverman
5th	Stuart Sax	22nd.....	Lisa Miller
6th	Haley Borisoff	22nd.....	Stuart Smith
6th	Leslie Boruszak	23rd	David Morris
7th	Franklin Rose	26th	Steven Smith
7th	Gary Grossinger	27th	Claire Tallent
7th	Rhett William Casey	27th	Steve Kasinof
7th	Vada Charity (Bella) Greenbaum	28th	Elaine Schulberg
9th	George Swartz	28th	Emily Sherman
9th	Jacob Grossinger	28th	Kayla Silverman
10th	Susan Greenbaum	28th	Len Levi
12th	Laurie Blum	28th	Michael Klimpl
13th	Robin Margulies Juenger	28th	Tyler Jacob Morris
13th	Sarah Boruszak	29th	Joan Stark
16th	Diana Lal	31st.....	Michele Riley
16th	Samuel Klimpl		

January Birthdays

1st.....	Justin Wade Gilson	9th	Cathy Rakov
1st.....	Laura Goodman	9th	Sarah Kamely
2nd.....	Sherrie Willner	11th	Michelle Zinner
4th	Howard Gilson	12th	Alex Dutton
4th	Randi W. Freundlich	13th	Amy Nobil
6th	Stanley Margulies	14th	Tovah Fishman
8th	Jan Price (Karen) Shiloh	15th	Charlie Horowitz
8th	Matthew Barrett	15th	Heather Gilson

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Service Leader Seminar

Whether you have ever led a service or not, helped with one or had nothing to do with one, we know you will find this organic exchange with Rabbi Agler and our own roster of leaders an engaging experience. We will find out what must be included, and what can be left out. We will get to question “why”. There will be tips for those of us who deliver Torah talks. We’ll brainstorm how to get and give the most out of our services; maybe, you’ll even make a commitment to try partnering with one of our experienced service leaders. It can actually be fun. Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 to 9:00 in the KJCC Social Hall. See poster on P. 22.

Rabbi Agler’s Torah Study Services

We have two new dates and one new topic to announce for this 5080 season: December 21st will be the next Shabbat morning service with Rabbi Agler, and the following month the service will be on January 26th. Those who have been attending know the services get richer every season as we delve deeper and deeper into the stories behind the stories. But this year we add another dimension. Beginning in December and extending through the whole season, a part of our study time will be devoted to the fascinating story of David. We will still be looking at and discussing the Parashah of the week and we will still be having a Torah service, but every month we will add a portion of the David story to our reading. Rabbi Agler recommends the David Alter translation (which you can read free on your Kindle app if you have Amazon Prime). Please bring a Tanach with you if you have your own or wish to donate one to our reference library. KJCC is in need and will be purchasing several. We look forward to seeing you at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Don’t miss this engaging experience. For more information, see P. 36.

Book Club:

KJCC Sisterhood Book Club is keeping up a lively schedule of conversation and deepening friendships with its monthly, animated discussions of good books. See the poster on P.10 for the next four book selections. Please note the new venue and time. Future meetings will be held at the homes of members and will start in the morning at 9:30 a.m., with coffee and cake for refreshments. RSVP to Bobbie Chester at (630) 430-7100 or bobbiebunkin@aol.com.

Tot Shabbat:

KJCC has begun offering a new program for 4 to 7 year olds on the first and third Erev Shabbat of every month. With teacher Rachael Bloom, the children will learn Shabbat blessings, begin Hebrew study, learn Bible Stories following the parashah of the week, discuss Jewish Holidays and join the congregation for Aleinu and our Oneg. It was a delight to have them up on the bimah on the night of their first program. If you know of any families with Jewish children of this age group, please share their names with Susan Gordon, at 305-766-3585 or susangordon424@yahoo.com

Chanukah Dinner and Latke Party

It will be Lotsa Latke time at KJCC on December 27, starting at 5:30 p.m. Many thanks to the members of Sisterhood, who will be cooking side dishes for this traditional Dairy dinner and to Linda Pollack, who is sponsoring the annual dinner and group lighting of our personal and family chanukiah. There will be no charge, though donations are always welcome. Make sure you R.S.V.P. to Erica Lieberman-Garrett at (305) 393-1162 or hippie-jap@hotmail.com Eat latkes, light candles, chant blessings and sing Chanukah songs with the kids. For more information, see poster on p. 18.”

Happy Anniversary to Us

We are entering Middle Age, maturing (but not old), ready and eager to celebrate. KJCC has been in existence for 40 years and we’re going to have a party. Michael and Lorena Kaufman have graciously offered to host us for this event at their beautiful waterfront home in the month of March. Stay tuned to the President’s Tuesday Announcements for date, time, details and ways you can help.

Say Hello to Our New Members:

We offer a hearty welcome to new members of our mishpocha: Gary and Laurie Grossinger, David & Wendy Morris, Brad & Susan Mattison, Jeff and Chris Cohen, Maria Cartagena & Binyamin Rivera (who have been coming for years, bringing delicious soups and the energy of a four-year old), and our newest members, a delightful mother and daughter team, Nadine Thompson and Miriam Frankel. We can add mother to our artist roster. In an era when so many shuls are shrinking, we are blessed to be balancing losses with gains.

Movie Series Begins Again

Medina Roy, our Library Chair and Head of the Adult Education Committee, is back. Soon we will publish a schedule of stimulating offerings for the winter season. They will be uplifting, mysterious, historically relevant, and hysterically entertaining. The company and after-nosh is always as good as the movies. Follow the President's announcements for a full listing of dates, times and titles, personally selected by Medina and your Adult Education Committee. Many thanks to Michael and Lorena Kaufman for the generous offer to sponsor 5780's Winter Movie Season. The Series will be dedicated to the memory of Michael's and Lorena's mothers.

Active Shooter Training

Sunday, December 8, after our Board Meeting, as part of our ongoing efforts to increase KJCC's security, we will hold our first ever live drill. Watch for

details in the Tuesday night President's message.

Memorial for Keys Homeless

Rev. Pam Feeser is asking KJCC members to join with other congregations and clergy to honor the homeless people who died in the Florida Keys this year. It is always a beautiful service and we are counted on to say Kaddish. We will gather at 12:30 p.m in Settlers Park, Oceanside in Tavernier, on the Winter Solstice, December 21, the darkest day of the year. They have kindly changed the event time to accommodate our Shabbat Service.

Blessing of the Fleet

Jewish boats will not go without a Jewish blessing this year. Walk to the center of Whale Harbor Bridge with Joyce Peckman on January 1st at 10:00 a.m. for this annual event and gathering of clergy, always a day of brilliant blue sky, fresh start optimism and a gorgeous line up of boats.

December Anniversaries

	Years
7th Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum.....	9
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11th Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner	54
11th Jamie & Laura Goodman	14
18th Larry & Deborah Weiss	36
27th Joe & Linda Levi	
27th Dave Mont & Georgia Landau	8

January Anniversaries

	Years
4th Steve & Amelia Kasinof.....	38
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27th Michele & Ed Riley	46

Book Plate

In Loving Memory of my parents
Bianka & Leon Kirschenbaum z”l
 by Medina Roy

Yahrzeit Plaque

In Memory of
Mercedes Ruth Pietromartire
 4/7/1943 - 6/19/2019

Service Leaders

December 6	Laurie Blum	January 10 ..	Susan Gordon and Donna Bolton
December 13	Gary Margolis	January 17	Gloria Avner
December 20	Joyce Peckman	January 24	Steve Steinbock
December 21	Rabbi Agler 10am	January 25	Rabbi Agler 10am
December 27	Klein-Gross Family	January 31	Steve Hartz
January 3	Medina Roy		

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

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

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

CHAI-LIGHTS or DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT: Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for annual rates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

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

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2019

Plaque

Beth Kaminstein

Siddur

Gloria Avner

New Year's Greetings

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

Rabbi & Cantor

James Brush

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

David & Toby Goldfinger

Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver

Gloria Avner

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Richard & Barbara Knowles

Steve & Barbara Smith

Robert Temkin

Alan & Chely Markowitz

Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Security

James Brush

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

Stephen Steinbock

Steve & Barbara Smith

Michael & Lorena Kaufman

Bernie Ginsberg

Barry Neuman & Ellen Ecker

Garden

Stephen Steinbock

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Yizkor

Joel Bernard & Joan Stark

Nelson & Bobbie Chester

Jerry & Barbara Herson

Jamie & Laura Goodman

Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver

Gloria Avner

Stephen Steinbock

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Richard & Barbara Knowles

Robert Temkin

Steve & Barbara Smith

Jane Friedman

Bernie Ginsberg

Yardena Kamely

Beth Kaminstein

Tzeddakah

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Scholarship

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Beth Kaminstein

Chai-Lights

Arthur & Johanna Willner

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Tikkun Olam

Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Other

Mary Lee Singer

Gloria Avner

In Memory Of

Robert W & Jon R Singer

Barry Avner

Unrestricted

James Brush
Joel Bernard & Joan Stark
Nelson & Bobbie Chester
Michael & Suzanne Gilson
Jerry & Barbara Herson
Robert & Adriana Sherman
Marcia Kreitman & John Hawver
Joe & Linda Levi
David & Wendy Morris
David & Patty Gross
Marshall & Myra Kaplan
Marvin Blumenfeld
Paul & Susan Roberts

Yahrzeit

Robert Temkin
Lillian Tallent
Laurie Blum

In Memory of

Charlie Temkin
Samuel Tallent
Sidney Blum
Rosie Kleinfeldt
Blum Krilov

Skip Rose
Joan Boruszak
Patricia Isenberg

Rosalyn Rose
Harold Goldstein
Helene Tulskey
Henry W Isenberg
Jose Cohen Charaf

Unrestricted

Carol Field
Mah Jongg
Elaine Schulberg
Linda Pollack
Michael & Lorena Kaufman
Slater Family
Joe & Kathy Shabathai
Alfred & Sylvia Rimm

Jack Steinberg
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Slichot
Rosh HaShanah

Tot Shabbat program

Book Plate

Barney Coltman
Bernie Ginsberg

Evelyn Coltman
Dr. Victor Herman

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Bloom Family
James Brush
Jane Friedman
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Beth Horowitz
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Occasion

Birthdays
Memory of Great Grandfather
Paul Friedman's Birthday
Turbo & Ollie's Birthdays
Birthday
Will Pollack's Birthday
Ethel Hankin
Kohengi's Birthday
90th birthday
Birthday
Steve's birthday
Wedding Anniversary
Stan's birthday
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Birthday
Birthday
Sylvia & Alfred's Birthdays
Madelyn Pollack's Birthday
Wedding Anniversary
Their Birthdays
Amelia's Birthday

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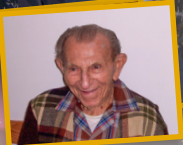
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Hanukkah Dinner

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Orlando Quesada
Rita Conklin
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Barbara & Richard Knowles
Steve Steinbock

High Holidays
High Holidays
Yom Kippur
Yom Kippur



It's Almost Time For Another New Year And KJCC's 40th Anniversary!

Fifteen years ago we had a party in the KJCC Sanctuary; it was a dance, with an orchestra (Maybe the photos and faces on these pages will wake up some memories). Now we are preparing to celebrate again. It's been 40 years since our little shul without a building came into being. That's a long time. It is a special mitzvah to create a Jewish house of worship where there had never been one. We were settlers, our own brand of pioneers. Some of our founding members are still with us. Let's honor them. Some of our early b'nei mitzvot have children now and are planning their own rites of passage for a new generation. The new students in our Tot Shabbat program, with work and good fortune, will lead to our next group of B'nei Mitzvot.

*Your Board of Directors has
declared it time for a new party.*

Stay tuned for more information on this event coming in March. If you want to help with the work of planning or fundraising, contact our President, Joyce Peckman, or Chairman Bernie Ginsberg, and let the fun begin. More information to follow.



Say "Thank you" to the lovely Lorena and Michael Kaufman, who have offered to host our "Gala Anniversary" at their waterfront home.



Rabbi Agler's Yom Kippur Teaching



Rabbi Agler's talks during the High Holy Days can be found on his website: rabbiagler.org. Here is his summation on Yom Kippur, with a final story:

Everything leads to what Rabbi Akiva called the Torah's greatest principle: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." When we do, it responds to all of Yom Kippur's questions, because more than any other quality, love speaks from, and to, the deepest part of our humanity. The more healthy love there is in our lives, the more meaningful our existence will be.

I was in New York last spring and had occasion to travel on the subway. I lived in the city for many years and a subway ride is nothing new for me. But I hadn't taken one in a while. It's hard to be on the subway without thinking about the people who are on the train with you. I mean, who can help but wonder, "Who are they? Where are they going? Where are they from? What are they doing? Who's in the home they came from—or are going to? Are they happy? Are they struggling? Will they make it?"

Given our cultural norms, there's really no way to ask these questions, much less get answers to

them, so I started pondering different ones. What do all of these people, all of us, have in common, all of the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-racial people -- people of different ages, different religions, different orientations? What do we all share, beyond our biological classification as homo sapiens?

As it happens, we share a lot. We all harbor hopes and dreams. We all want a better life—however we define it. We all want meaning and fulfillment—however we define that. We all want health. We all want love. We all have to work for it.

Even in these divisive and contentious times, especially in these divisive and contentious times, just contemplating exactly what we all share, can be powerful, and meaningful. So let's review Yom Kippur's questions once more, this time with responses.

What should I be doing here? Honoring every fellow human being as a child of the Most High.

How do I make my life worthwhile? By loving our fellow creatures as we love ourselves.

What really matters? The ability to recognize and respect our irreducibly individual complexity.

I pray that these teachings will help guide all of us to lives of purpose, meaning, and worth in the year ahead, and in the years beyond. ♦ – R. Agler

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

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

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

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

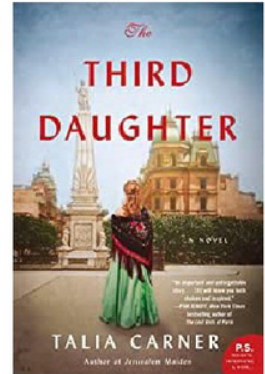
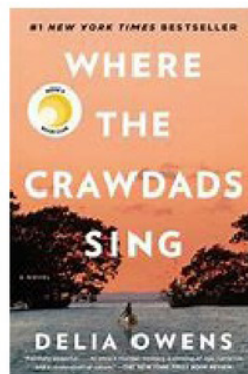
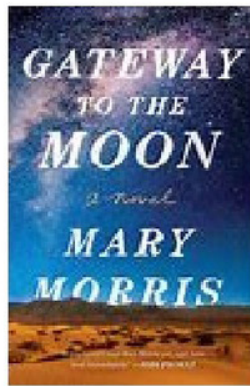
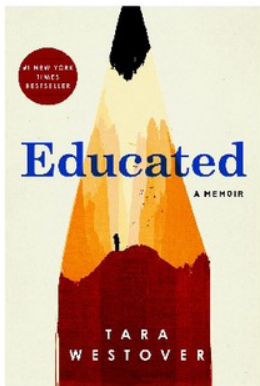
Garden Bricks: \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate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



Sisterhood Book Club

Books and dates for the coming four months -
Meetings will be rotated amongst book club members' homes.
November meeting will be at the home of Linda Pollack.
10 a.m. - Coffee and cake

November 25, 2019 Educated by Tara Westover
December 23, 2019 Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris
January 27, 2020 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
February 24, 2020 The Third Daughter by Talia Carner



RSVP and more information - Bobbie Chester
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SISTERHOOD

Susan Gordon



My very first message as Sisterhood President was published in the September 2017 issue of Chai-lights. Although I wrote that I knew it was my time and felt very positive and highly motivated to take on the role of Sisterhood President, I don't mind telling you now that I was also feeling quite apprehensive about taking the job and questioned my abilities for the position. I ended that message by saying that I looked forward to a wonderful, nourishing year with my mishpocha at the KJCC and thanked you for showing your confidence in me as Sisterhood President. I have enjoyed 2 ½ wonderful and nourishing years serving as Sisterhood President with my KJCC mishpocha. Your confidence in me has given me the self-confidence that I needed to embrace the position. Thank you to all of the women who encouraged me to work to the best of my abilities. Together, we accomplished a lot, and we created the type of social environment which I had envisioned.

In that first message in 2017, I wrote that I feel blessed to be working with a focused and organized group of women who share the common goal of making the KJCC the most fulfilling environment possible in which to enjoy one another's camaraderie, while celebrating our common bond of Judaism. I am happy to say that we have accomplished that goal quite successfully, and for that, I still feel blessed!

Our new slate of officers will be presented at the December 1st Sisterhood meeting. The incoming officers will take on their new positions during the first meeting of 2020, on January 5th. I encourage all female members of the KJCC to join us for a meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 10:00am. All are welcome. Participation is fun, important, and it deepens friendships!

Chanukah arrives rather late this year -- on

the first day of winter. We will light the first candle in our homes on Sunday, December 22nd. Please be sure to note on your calendar, the evening of Friday, December 27th. KJCC Sisterhood is planning our annual "Latke Dinner and Chanukah Celebration." It will be the 6th night of the Festival of Light, so please bring your menorah (chanukiah) to participate in the community lighting. See the flyer in this issue of Chai - Lights, on P. 18, for more details about the party. We promise a full buffet, complete with lots of delicious latkes and other specialty dishes, all prepared with love by our wonderful KJCC members! The Chanukah dinner has been generously sponsored, therefore there is no charge to attend although donations are always welcome. Erica Lieberman-Garrett is the Chairperson for the celebration. Please contact Erica by email at hippiejap@hotmail.com or call her at 305-393-1162 to RSVP.

We have so much to look forward to during the upcoming new year. I have learned so much during my time as Sisterhood president, and I am very happy that I had this experience. I wish everyone a wonderful 2020, a year of peace, friendship, love, good health and happiness! ♦

Yahrzeit Plaque

In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad

Barbara S. Gould

1/30/1931 - 5/29/2012

Jack L. Gould

5/25/1929 - 7/21/2019

Forever in our Hearts

In Memoriam – December 2019

Alex Avner

By Gloria Avner

Andrew Grant

By Randi Grant

Steve Cimkowski

By Stephen Steinbock

Daniel Birnbaum

By Norbert Birnbaum

Fannie Zacks

By Jerry & Barbara Herson

Eve W. Zinner

By Donald Zinner

Julius Kohlenbrener

By Joan Boruszak

J.D. Stanlake

By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake By Marcia Kreitman & John David Hawwer

Gary Kreitman**Robert Scott Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman

Burton V. Boruszak

By Joan Boruszak

Mitch Harvey

By Linda Perloff

Edward Deutsch Davis

By Sydney Faye-Davis

Leatrice Tomor

By Barbara A. Calev

Harvey Sherman

By Alfred & Sylvia Rimm

Harry Wolfe

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Molly Sandroff

By Channa David

Sylvia L. Singer

By Mary Lee Singer

Stephan Ban

By Franklin & Judy Greenman

Harry Friedman

By Jane Friedman

Bertha Swartz

By George & Muriel Swartz

Rose Beth

By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

Susan Ban

By Franklin & Judy Greenman

Deborah Krissel Cannon

By Michael Krissel

Joseph M. Bloom

By Marc Bloom

Sylvia Joan Ichel

By David & Janice Ichel

Claire Lempel

By Linda Pincus

George Paul Tomor

By Barbara A. Calev

Kurt Kluger

By Nancy Kluger

Raymond Martell

By Skip Rose

Morris Hitzig

By Wes & Rita Conklin

Adele Kaufman

By Jeff & Lisa Miller

Murray Blinder

By Steven & Barbara Smith

Sidney P. Finklestein

By Max Finklestein

M. Arlene Hess

By Jan Price-Shiloh

Bernard Swartz

By George & Muriel Swartz

Rhonie Lee Klipper

By Mary Lee Singer

Yahrzeit Plaque

In Beloved Memory of
Shirley R. Krissel

9/18/1920 - 4/2/2019

Yahrzeit Plaque

In Memory of
Nancy Kram Yankow

Beloved Wife of Sandy Yankow

In Memoriam – January 2020

Talia Agler

By Richard & Mindy Agler

Bernice Bernstein

By Paul & Barbara Bernstein

Dinah Levy

By Yardena Kamely

Laurie Beth

By Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake

Ellen Bloom

By Marc Bloom

Walter Hankin

By Richard & Barbara Knowles

Teddy Sharenow

By Marc Bloom

Betty Abramson

By Joel & Toby Bofshever

Charles Margolis

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

David Pearlman

By William & Donna Bolton

Irving J. Kulick

By Thomas & Renée Brodie

Clayton Allan Rakov

By Neal & Cathy Rakov

Betty Weinstein

By Rita Bromwich

Eva Levine

By Barnet O. Coltman

Bea Gulkis

By Elaine Schulberg

Yetta Hitzig

By Wes & Rita Conklin

Marvin Greenbaum

By Marilyn Greenbaum

Joseph Cohen

By Jules & Nettie Seder

Alvin S. Gross

By David & Patti Gross

Ernest Isenberg

By Patricia Isenberg

Karen Hayhurst

By Stephen Steinbock

Bea Avner

By Gloria Avner

Sylvia Emsig

By Lawrence Jacobs

Evelyn Stockser

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Annette Bitton

By Michel Bitton

David M. Kaplan

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Goldie Schweitzer

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Harris Warren

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

John Evans

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Emma Kohlenbrener

By Joan Boruszak

Daniel Harvey

By Linda Perloff

Ruth Greenwald

By Paul & Susan Roberts

David Cohn

By Nancy L. Cohn

Nat Gulkis

By Elaine Schulberg

Paul Kaminsky

By Elaine Schulberg

Larry Daddona

By Channa David

Joan Kaminsky

By Elaine Schulberg

Jacob Menahem Shabathai

By Joseph & Katherine Shabathai

Sylvia Sarah Grossman

By Stuart Grossman

Steven Garfinkel

By Betty Small

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

MOVIES, MEETINGS, MEDITATION AND MORE

Sunday, December 1	Sisterhood Meeting • 10am
Sunday, December 8	Board Meeting • 10am Followed by Safety Drill with Miami Jewish Federation Supervision
Wednesday, December 11	"How and Why" with Rabbi Richard Agler • 7pm (Upgrading Our Friday Night Services)
Monday, December 16 – Friday, December 20	KJCC Cruises the Island Princess
Saturday, December 21	Rabbi Agler Torah Learning Service • 10am Homeless Memorial • 12:30pm
Sunday, December 22	First night of Hanukkah
Monday, December 23	Sisterhood Book Club • 10am
Monday, December 23	Hanukkah Party with Rabbi Zucker • 7pm
Friday, December 27	Hanukkah Dinner • 5:30pm
Sunday, December 29	Rosh Chodesh Tevet
Tuesday, December 31	New Year's Eve
Monday, January 1	New Years Day • Blessing of the Fleet
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Day
Saturday, January 25	Rabbi Agler Torah Learning Service, 10am
Monday, January 27	Sisterhood Book Club • 10am • Joyce's house Rosh Chodesh Shevat
Wednesday, January 29	"Make a Joyful Noise" Monks' Visit & Concert • 7:30pm

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December 6	Steve & Jan Hartz In Honor of Jan's birthday	Linda Pollack Sponsor Hannukah Dinner
	Laurie Blum & Gary Margolis In Honor of their Anniversary	January 3
December 13	Frank Rose In Honor of his 90th Birthday	Steve & Amelia Kasinoff In Honor of their Anniversary
December 20	Terry Tainow In Honor of her Birthday	Stan & Jenny Margulies In Honor of Stan's Birthday
December 27	Steve & Amelia Kasinoff In Honor of Steve's Birthday & Hannukah	January 10
		Barbara & Richard Knowles In Honor of Father's Yahrzeit
		January 17
		Sisterhood
		January 24
		Steve Steinbock
		January 31
		Beth Horowitz In Honor of her Birthday

WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



“A New Vision” for Tree of Life Synagogue

Pittsburgh’s Tree of Life synagogue building, the site of the horrific attack a little over a year ago that left eleven Jewish worshippers dead – the worst attack on Jews in U.S. history – will reopen with a new vision, as a “center for Jewish life in the United States.” (A date for the opening has not yet been set.) The desecrated synagogue is home to three different congregations; their building has not reopened since the attack in October, 2018 because, according to a statement issued in their name, the shooting left the building “unsuitable for worship.” Tree of Life’s vision for the future of the property calls for the space to be a “cooperative and collaborative space that brings together stakeholders in a shared environment that includes places for Jewish worship; memorial, education and social engagement; exhibit space for archival historical artistic expression, as well as classrooms and training spaces.” (www.jta.org, 10-20-19)

Outrageous!

A British elementary school teacher was fired after telling Jewish students that she would “ship them off to the gas chambers” if they didn’t finish their schoolwork. The teacher allegedly told the students that she was joking and asked them not to tell anyone. However, word spread on the messaging app “WhatsApp” and she was fired. There were eleven Jewish students in the class of twenty eight. (www.dailymail.co.uk, 10-15-19)

“Who by Fire...”

Just a few days before Yom Kippur, some 38,000 pounds of frozen bagels met an unfortunate demise when they were burned in a truck fire. An Indiana state trooper saw that an 18-wheeler about 90 miles southeast of Chicago was smoking heavily from the rear axle. When the trooper pulled the truck over, the fire was spreading to the trailer and the rear tires exploded. The driver was unharmed. It’s very likely that after the last blast of the shofar, several synagogues had

no bagels to serve at their break-the-fast. (www.nypost.com, 10-8-19)

Another Win for RBG

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 86, was recently awarded the 2019 Berggruen Prize for Philosophy and Culture as a “thinker whose ideas have profoundly shaped human understanding and advancement.” The \$1 million prize, first awarded in 2016, is given annually by the Berggruen Institute, a Los Angeles-based research organization dedicated to “improving governance and cross-cultural understanding.” Recipients of the award direct the prize money to a non-profit organization of their choice. The prize committee called Ginsburg a “lifelong trail-blazer for human rights and gender equality” and “a constant voice in favor of equality, the rights of workers and the separation of church and state.” Previous winners have all been noted philosophers. Five hundred people were nominated for this year’s prize. Justice Ginsburg accepted her award during a private ceremony at the New York Public Library in December. (www.nytimes.com, 10-23-19)

New Female “Firsts” in Israel

For the first time in Israel’s history, a woman has been nominated to serve as the chief intelligence officer for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Central Command, which operates in the West Bank. For security reasons, she can only be identified by her rank and first initial (in Hebrew) of her name – Col. “Nun.” (Will her autobiography be titled “A Nun in the IDF?”) She was drafted into the IDF in 2000, serving in several positions within Military Intelligence before her appointment to this new high-ranking and highly sensitive role. Col. “Nun’s” appointment comes a few weeks after another IDF first – a woman being appointed to command an air force aviation squadron that

operates surveillance aircraft. (www.timesofisrael.com, 10-29-19)

A World Series Record

Alex Bregman, of the Houston Astros, set an all-time record in October for the most playoff home runs (he hit five) by a third baseman. He also became the youngest American League player – he's 25 – to hit three in a World Series since Mickey Mantle in 1956. One of his home runs was a grand slam and, though he hit only .207 in his team's Series loss to the upstart Washington Nationals, he led the Astros with eight runs batted in through the seven games.

Probably today's most prolific Jewish player, Bregman had a fabulous year, hitting .296 with 41 home runs and 112 RBI; by the time you read this, we'll know if he was voted American League MVP. But his mom, Jackie, will tell you that her son is more than a baseball player. His foundation, AB for AUDS, provides computer tablets to children with autism and Down Syndrome. In elementary school, the young Bregman defended classmates being bullied. He was also on the receiving end: a boy made fun of Alex's pending Bar Mitzvah and a Chinese-American teammate on Alex's basketball squad stood up for him. The experiences, Jackie said, "taught him what it was like to be marginalized." Bregman dedicated Game 7 to his maternal grandfather Stan, who died just hours before the game. Stan had worked as a lawyer for the old Washington Senators many years before. He gave his grandson a card collection of Jewish baseball players. Bregman's mom, referring to the card set of Jewish players, said, "I hope that one day he's in that collection." (www.timesofisrael.com, 10-30-19 and www.jta.org, 3-27-18)

Bee-Free Honey?

A team of Israel's Technion researchers was recently awarded a gold medal at the International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition (iGEM) in Boston for producing bee-free honey. The team developed a sustainable "BeeFree" honey using engineered bacteria, "which processes a nectar-like solution using secreted enzymes that mimic the honey stomach environment." The significance of this development is important because of the unexplained decline of bee populations in many parts of the world. This is the sixth medal the Technion has won since joining the competition in 2012. The iGEM Foundation was

created in 2004 by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Teams from some 300 universities around the world participated in this year's competition. (www.worldisraelnews.com, 11-10-19)

Israel Takes a Walk in Outer Space

Jessica Meir, Israeli-Swedish NASA astronaut, participated in the first all-female space walk in mid-October. Along with Christina Koch, the two women floated out of the International Space Station's Quest airlock in order to replace a failed power control unit. Meir brought an Israeli flag to the space station as one of her permitted personal items. She posted photos of Israel that she took from space. Meir's late father was born in Iraq but immigrated with his family to pre-state Israel as a young child, later fighting in Israel's War of Independence in 1948. He became a doctor and took a job in Sweden where he met Meir's mother. They then moved to Maine when he was offered a job there. The mid-October spacewalk was the latest in a long series; fourteen women and 213 men have looked back at Earth while both astronaut and planet floated in space. (www.haaretz.com, 11-3-19)

Sunlight to Power all of Israel?

The Arava region of southern Israel, which includes the city of Eilat, will reach its goal of being 100 percent reliant on solar energy during the daytime by 2020. The team responsible for this achievement, along with other experts, is lobbying for legislation that would make the entire country 100 percent solar-energy-reliant during daytime hours by 2030. Currently, fossil fuels provide 95 percent of Israel's electricity. Inspired by climate protests in Tel Aviv and Greta Thunberg, the riveting sixteen-year-old environmentalist from Sweden who spoke at the UN Climate Action Summit in September, there is public pressure to get something done. At \$0.06 per kilowatt, the cost of solar energy is about one-third the price of natural gas, but that fact is conveniently hidden by politicians and the natural gas company. (www.jpost.com, 10-20-19)

UNESCO Votes

A vote was scheduled for December on the removal of the credentials of the Aalst Carnival from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Intangible Cultural Heritage list. It is the first time that a

place or event has been selected for removal. This year, the carnival, an annual parade in Belgium, featured a float depicting anti-Semitic caricatures of ultra-Orthodox Jews. The float had two ultra-Orthodox men, one with a rat on his shoulder and both surrounded by money bags at their feet. The parade provoked outrage and (justified) accusations of anti-Semitism. There had been previous evidence at the same parade – in 2009 a float featured men dressed like Orthodox Jews wearing fake hooked noses and Palestinian symbols, and the 2013 parade had revelers dressed like Nazis holding canisters labeled “Zyklon B” walking alongside caged individuals dressed like concentration camp prisoners. (Zyklon B was the poison developed by the Nazis to kill Jews in the gas chambers.) Aalst’s mayor and carnival organizers have dismissed all criticism, claiming freedom of expression and parody. (Note: at the time of this writing, the UNESCO vote had not yet taken place.) (www.jpost.com, 11-9-19)

In Memoriam

- Danny Cohen, a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, whose pioneering research on computers helped shape how we use the internet, died in August at the age of 81. It is because of Cohen that we can make internet voice and video calls on platforms such as Skype, that we can watch YouTube videos or store data in the cloud. His obituary hailed him for helping set the stage for the digital era. Cohen was born in Haifa. His father immigrated to pre-state Israel from Russia and his mother came from Hungary. He was a member of Hashomer Hatza’ir Zionist youth movement. In the 1950s, he studied mathematics at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology and was fascinated by the first computers he saw. He read an article describing the computer as an electronic brain and he was hooked. He served as a parachutist in the IDF and saw combat in the 1956 Arab-Israeli War. After his army service, he was one of the founders of Kibbutz Horshim in the Sharon region. Cohen did his graduate work at MIT and Harvard and his doctoral work at Harvard under the guidance of Ivan Sutherland, considered the father of computer graphics. Together the two developed an algorithm that bears their names. In the 1960s, Cohen worked on a number of areas in the field of information processing and computer communications that led the way for the computers and internet we use today. In many

ways he was also responsible for the development of streaming technology. He was heavily involved in developing cloud computing technology, enabling a number of computers to be linked together to process and manage data. Cohen was a member of the Virginia-based Internet Society’s hall of fame. (www.haaretz.com, 8-23-19)

- Gert Boyle, who was pushed into managing her family’s struggling outerwear business and helped build it into the multibillion-dollar Columbia Sportswear Company, died at the age of 95. Boyle was 46 and a stay-at-home mom when her husband, Neal, died of a heart attack. The company was loaded with debt and she knew very little about the business. Boyle, a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, had arrived in the United States when she was thirteen, speaking not a word of English. The family settled in Portland, OR, where her father opened a hat company that grew into Columbia Sportswear, naming it after the Columbia River, in part to hide its Jewish ownership. With the help of her mother and son, she kept the company afloat. She fired employees who suggested that a man might do a better job leading the company and received support from Ronald E. Nelson, executive of Nike, who became her mentor. An advertising campaign presenting “Ma Boyle” with a “Born to Nag” tattoo led to the company’s expansion. One ad had her son Timothy stand in an automatic carwash showing that Columbia Sportswear could take harsh treatment. In another ad, she strapped him to the top of her car and drove through rain and mud. Sales grew from \$13 million at the campaign’s launch in 1984 to \$260 million in 1994. In her 90s, Boyle remained active in business and philanthropy. She donated \$100 million to the Knight Cancer Institute, part of Oregon Health and Science University. (www.washingtonpost.com, 11-7-19)

Did You Know...

- Marilyn Monroe’s menorah went up for auction at Kestenbaum & Co. in New York on November 7th. It sold for \$112,522. Monroe was given the menorah by her in-laws, playwright Arthur Miller’s parents, when she converted to Judaism and married him. At its base, the menorah has a wind-up mechanism that plays Hatikvah, Israel’s national anthem. The couple divorced in 1961. Last year, her personal siddur was auctioned off for \$26,250. (www.jpost.com, 11-9-19) ◇

KJCC Chanukah 5780

Sisterhood Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

**Friday
December 27, 2019
5:30 PM**

Dairy Dinner

Services at 7:30 pm

Contact Erica Lieberman-Garrett
hippiejap@hotmail.com; 305-393-1162,
to reserve your spot and coordinate your dish.

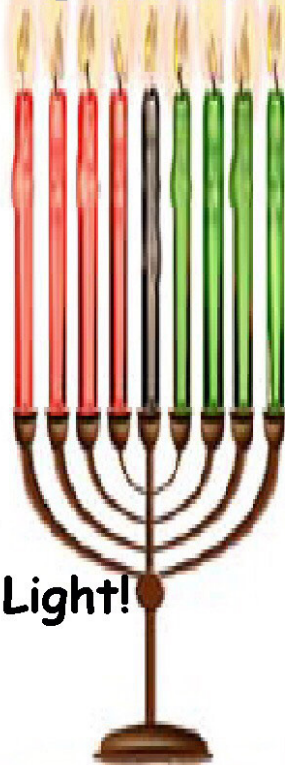
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From Darkness to Light

OUR CHANUKAH LEGACY

By Gloria Avner

It's rare that Chanukah begins at exactly the darkest time of the year, the Winter Solstice, and ends just as we approach New Year's Eve. It happened four years ago. It happened twenty years ago when my father was dying (he went into a coma on the first day of Chanukah and left us on the eighth) and this year it is happening again. On the shortest day and longest night of the year, we will light our first candle and do our part to brighten the darkness. The world definitely seems tilted to the dark side as we approach Chanukah this year with all parts of our country and the world suffering from incivility and divisiveness among people of different races, religions, value systems and political beliefs.

What exactly did Isaiah envision when he channeled that assignment from G-d to our forebears and eventually to all of us: "be a light unto the nations." Was it the light of civility, of kindness and inclusion, of a moral code embracing freedom and justice for all, a society that would take care of its weakest and leave the corners of its fields to be gleaned by the hungry? Ancient rabbis had their view and modern rabbis have their own take. Several years ago, I quoted from a publication by the CCAR, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, but now their article seems even more prescient and important. It was titled "CCAR Seeks Chanukah's Light at a Dark Time."

The article was a position paper published five years ago with heart-felt intent, kavanah, well before the developments they were focused on were thrown into even greater relief. The rabbis were concerned about racial injustice, unchecked gun

violence and the disastrous consequences to our planet if the commitments made in Paris were not kept. The rabbis saw that violent religious extremism was threatening world peace, and that the threat to women's reproductive liberty had never been greater. There were 2000 of these American rabbis and they got very specific, calling for an 'opening of hearts and borders to rigorously vetted Syrian refugees.'" Their concerns sound political, and we often make a point of not bringing politics into shul, but let's look at the Maccabees. Who were they? At this point in history surely we can acknowledge that the real miracle is less about oil and more about this tiny band of students, not warriors but yeshiva bochurs, who defeated the greatest civilization of its time.



The boys took back the Temple and however you look at it, as fact or metaphor and myth, the truth is that re-dedication happened. The everlasting light, the ner tamid, was re-lit, and we are supposed to keep the light of Jewish values burning, especially in a dark time.

As the largest organization of Jewish clergy in the world looked back at the days when a festival was called for to bring light into darkness, they offered this prayer, **“As we praise our Creator, Who worked wondrous miracles for our people at this season in ancient days, we pray that the Divine source of blessing may grant light to every dark corner or our troubled world, to our people and to all people, at this and every season.”**

Soon we will be lighting the candles of our family chanukiahs. We will do it twice in our KJCC community with our extended mishpocha, once on Monday night, the 23rd of December at a party in the social

hall with Rabbi Zucker, and again on the 6th night, the 27th, at a sponsored dinner and latke party before Shabbat services. The light will grow brighter and brighter as we approach the eighth day. How significant that the final Chanukah candle will be lit this year just two days before the new year begins. Let’s do as our ancient rabbis commanded us. Let our light shine. Invite friends and neighbors in for latkes. Let the brilliance of our chanukiahs glow in the windows of our houses and, as our contemporary rabbis ask, in our actions.

We will sing and feast on December 27th. The light will be dazzling. Isaiah’s words will echo in our ears along with the traditional songs: “One for each night, they shed a sweet light and remind us of days long ago.” May they also remind us that we, as God’s partners, are meant to bring that light forward into action not just for eight days, but for the whole year and beyond. Chag Sameach and a happy healthy New Year to all. ◇



Eye on the Arts & Education

Alligator Alley

Friday, December 6 • Key Largo Library

This Bluegrass group will perform their lively, free concert at 6 p.m., finishing in time for you to head to KJCC services afterwards.

True Pirate Tales of the Florida Keys with historian Brad Bertelli

Wednesday, December 11

The Keys History and Discovery Center, located at 82100 O/S Hwy offers lectures, always on Wednesdays, that start with social time at 5:30 p.m. and presentation beginning at 6, lasting about 45 minutes with time for questions. Free to members of Keys History & Discovery Center, \$10 for non-members. Reservations strongly encouraged. info@keysdiscovery.com

Pops in the Park – Suite Dreams

Saturday, December 14

At ICE Amphitheatre, Islamorada Founders Park. 4 p.m. Bring your blanket, dogs and kids for a free presentation by the Keys Community Concert Band

Morada Way Arts Walk

Thursday December 19 • 6–9pm

Thursday, January 23 • 6–9pm

You never know what or who you will find at this monthly indoor/outdoor event that takes place the third Thursday of each month at MM 81.5 in Islamorada. Expect lovely crafts, art, food and music.

Conch Music video festival

Friday, January 3 – Sunday, January 5

Marathon Community Park – Conch Music video festival highlights and records over 100 live local musicians, from Country to Rock. This three-day event benefits the Marathon Wild Bird Center and other local non-profits. For information go to conchrecords.com.

The Mona Lisa Tribe

Friday, January 10 • Key Largo Library • 6pm

This folk band specializes in three-part harmonies and original, fun folk music.

Pops in the Park – “What a Wonderful World”

Saturday, January 18

ICE Amphitheatre, Islamorada Founders Park. 4 p.m.– The Keys Community Concert Band presents International music as you relax on the lawn.

Art Under the Oaks

Saturday, January 18

San Pedro Church, MM 89.5 bayside – food, arts & crafts

FLKCA presents the Glenn Miller Orchestra

Monday, Jan. 20 & Tuesday, Jan. 21

At 7:30 p.m. This is the first of their six-concert series, with Monday at Marathon HS and Tuesday in Islamorada’s Coral Shores Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the entire series cost \$110, or you can purchase just this concert for \$45. For information go to www.Floridakeysconcerts.com or contact Joyce at 305-451-0665.

“The Delicate Balance of Nature”

Wednesday, January 22

Once again John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park presents “The Delicate Balance of Nature” lecture series. This always interesting and popular free eight-week series is held Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in the visitor center.

Rising Star Youlan Ji

Monday, January 27 & Tuesday, January 28

FLKCA presents Rising Star Youlan Ji, young winner of the 2018 New York International Piano Competition. Monday at 7:30pm at Marathon High School. Tuesday at Island Community Church, MM 83, Islamorada. Single ticket is \$30. www.Floridakeysconcerts.com

Keys Jewish Community Center

HOW and WHY PROGRAM

with Rabbi Richard Agler

- Friday Night Services -
- How and why to make them better-
- Why do we do what we do?
- How can we get more out of services?
- How can we prepare a meaningful parsha?
- More Meaningful, More Joyful, More Enjoyable -
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Wednesday December 11, 2019 -7:00 PM

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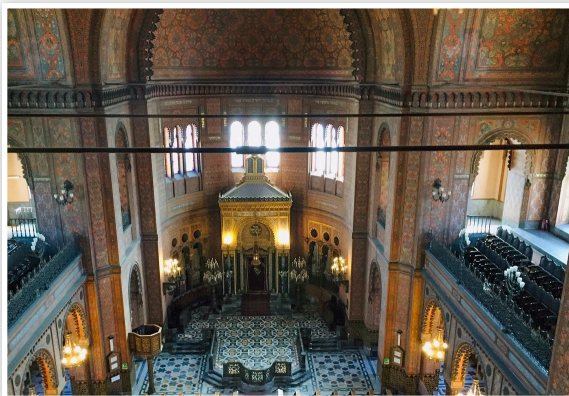
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Simchat Torah in Florence, Italy: At the Great Synagogue

by Joyce Peckman

As my stepmother Edna approached her 94th birthday, she let it be known that she wanted to visit Florence, Italy with her children, and we should make it happen. So shortly after Yom Kippur, six months after her birthday, we arrived in Italy. I am not going to write about walking miles of narrow cobblestone streets with an energetic cane-wielding old lady, nor about the beautiful churches and museums with their incredible art-work, nor about the delicious food we consumed. Instead I will describe the history of Jews in Florence and what it is like to celebrate Simchat Torah in its Great Synagogue.

There have probably been Jews in Florence working in textiles and banking since the late 9th century, when Florence was one of the largest cities in Europe. In 1437, Cosimo de' Medici summoned a group of Jews to set up banks in Florence to substitute for Christian moneylenders, whose activity was prohibited by the Church. The celebrated "Golden Era" of Lorenzo the magnificent, Medici patron of Botticelli, Leonardo Da'Vinci and the young Michelangelo was a golden era also for Jewish culture, producing intellectual exchange between Jewish scholars from all over Italy with famous philosophers and poets of Lorenzo's court. Beautiful illuminated manuscripts give witness to the wealth. But after Lorenzo's death in 1492 the situation became precarious. The glorious time of Machiavelli and Michelangelo's David was not glorious for the Jews. In 1570 the ghetto was instituted in Florence and neighboring Siena. From then until the end of the Medici dynasty in 1737, life and work of the Jewish community was very restricted. They could not own property, even in the crowded Ghetto, were banned from many occupations and pressured to convert. When the Lorraine Family took power after the Medicis, they repealed many restrictions. Jews were able to build synagogues, thanks to assistance from wealthier Jews. When Napoleon's troops reached Florence



and introduced "liberty, equality and fraternity", the Ghetto gates were finally torn down.

By 1861 the Jews were active in all aspects of Florentine life and had moved out of the Ghetto entirely. They wanted a synagogue which reflected their new status and prosperity, and which would be used by both the old Italian and newer, wealthier Sephardic communities. Since Florence was about to become the capital of united Italy, the entire city was being transformed. Many medieval districts, including the dilapidated old ghetto, were demolished. A new, large, central location was found. Cavalier David Levi, who had no heirs, bequeathed his entire estate for construction of the new synagogue. The Moorish style was chosen to reflect both the Sephardic and Middle East roots of the Jewish people, and to be clearly distinctive from the churches. Its magnificent green copper dome is clearly visible from any vantage point. The interior is covered with glorious mosaics and Moorish pattern painting. The enclosed garden has a large lawn and pomegranate trees among its plantings.

When my family went to see the Synagogue and museum during the intermediated days of Sukkot, I asked about attending Simchat Torah services there, when they are closed to tourists. The docent told me that I should come to the side entrance at



3:00 p.m. on the holiday. I arrived at 2:45 and was asked to wait. Casually dressed Italian-speaking people were ushered in with a smile, some apparently coming from a group luncheon. At 3:00 p.m. sharp, I was allowed in. I checked my phone with the security guard as requested, and I walked to the women's section, found a seat and sat down. A lady asked me politely in Italian to please move over. She thanked me, pulled a key from her pocket and proceeded to open the little locked cabinet in front of her seat. Inside was a tiny storage place for her books. Apparently, the seats belong to individuals, who make a home for themselves.

The section filled up with women and children talking happily in Italian as the prayer leader and 100 or so men began the short service. I had difficulty finding my place, even with a book. The cavernous hall resonated with an echo, and the tune sounded like it was written by Verdi. It quieted down when the choir began, again with unfamiliar melodies. Then they began to take out the dozen Torahs, all adorned in silver and what looked like dresses. Four young girls with large bouquets of multi-colored flowers, and four pre-adolescent boys holding torches took their places at the front and back of the procession, where they were joined by several dozen other children. After the first go-around, wondering what songs they were singing, I was approached

by a woman who suggested in broken English that I go upstairs, where I would have a better view. As you can see from the photo, it was quite a way up, but I was able to see the entire vista as the Hakafot proceeded. There were other women there, also enjoying the view. At some point, the shul emptied out, so I ran downstairs to see what was happening. The Torahs had been taken out to the garden and women were singing and carrying them. Then the men took them back inside and returned them to the ark. The shul emptied again, with people nodding and smiling at me, and families returning home. I was approached by a woman who spoke English. She welcomed me, and spoke to me a while, inviting me to spend Friday dinner with her family. (She was from the Chabad house around the corner.) She told of how, just before the Nazi occupation, Church fathers offered to keep the Synagogues' Torahs, silver and precious ancient manuscripts safe. Indeed, the Nazis did come to loot and were disappointed to find nothing, but allowed the churches to keep what they were holding. After the war, everything was returned to those who survived. The artifacts, however, did not survive the disastrous flood of 1966, when fears of bursting dams on the River Arno caused a massive discharge of water upstream. The water flooded Florence. Priceless artwork, books and manuscripts of all faiths were destroyed. She told of people's livelihoods washed away, and how 92 Torahs and hundreds of medieval manuscripts had to be buried.

We wished each other a "Chag Sameach", and I rejoined my family for a wonderful Italian dinner. ◇



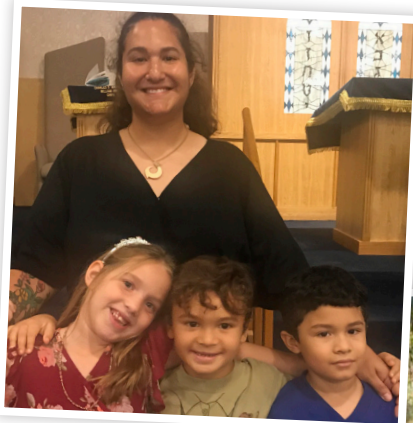
PHOTO GALLERY



We were joined for Rabbi Agler's first Shabbat Torah learning service by Pastor Tim Crutcher from Church of the Nazarene in Key Largo and friend John. The discussion was fascinating. You won't want to miss the next one, Dec. 21.



Zaydeh Bernie Ginsberg passes on the rite of Hamotzi to our next generation.



What a delight to inaugurate our new twice monthly Tot Shabbat class with Maddie, Sean, and Binyamin shepherded by teacher Rachel Bloom.



Erica slices raisin challah at Oneg after leading Shabbat service.

The cool weather is starting as Jane begins the clean up work in son Harry's KJCC Community Garden. It takes huge time, effort and love. Your Mishpocha and the folks who depend on the Food Pantry at Burton Memorial next door are very grateful to the Friedmans.



Barbara and Richard Knowles sponsor an Oneg in memory of Barb's mom.



We love celebrating Torah and follow it with our now traditional Chocolate Extravaganza.



Michael Kaufman and son Sean parade with Israeli flags in Simchat Torah celebration.



Brava to Jane Friedman and the other strong women carrying Torahs down the Sanctuary aisle for the seven HaKafot.



Edna Ross, Joyce's 94 year old step-mom is taking Italy by storm.



Joe and Kathy Shabathai are surrounded by family after Joe leads the B'reishit service, starting at the beginning of another cycle.



Nettie and Jules Seder couldn't be more proud of their grandson Joe at his Bar Mitzvah.



It is always a special time decorating our Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake Sukkah for the eight Day Harvest Festival.



The Klein-Gross family draft Scubi-Jew friend Josh Keller to help lead services.



Rabbi Agler speaks on our Harvest Holiday, Sukkot, under the stars.



Bernie sniffs the "besamim" spices passed in the Agler's Sukkah

KJCC gathers for a ritual "meal" in our newly decorated Sukkah.



KJCC Worldwide Shabbos Project: Happy Challah Days

As part of the worldwide Shabbos Project, we joined in celebration of Shabbat with Jews in: Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Curaçao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, England, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, French Guiana, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Pitcairn Islands, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Barthélemy, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Wales, Zambia, and Zimbabwe



And as we were baking our challah on Thursday, a Guinness world record was being broken in Sydney, Australia, where a 32-foot long challah was baked. It required over 150 pounds of dough and took ten hours to bake.



Shayna, Stuart and Lauren Sax's doggie (and sister to Steve S's) likes to celebrate Shabbat too, while visiting with Kathy Shabathai and Beth Hayden, who sponsored the oneg in honor of two of her doggies. A theme emerges :-)



Past presidents of Sisterhood and KJCC, Lauren and Stuart Sax, admire all the new improvements made since they left us to head to Texas. We're happy to have you visit! And we're happy you're happy.



Once more, KJCC women and friends (alas, no men responded to the invitation) came together for our annual Challah Bake. Sisterhood provided the ingredients, the wine and some nourishment. In honor of the worldwide celebration of this Shabbos Project, the happy bakers went home with their braided challahs (and a few very creative ones like the ones stuffed with peanut butter, chocolate and raisins, or the one shaped like a turtle), ready to bake and bring them back to KJCC the next night for a special Shabbat dinner!





A New Take on an Old Rosh HaShanah Practice

On October 6th, Jewish communities across Florida and the country reversed the process of Tashlich and removed human 'sins' from the water in waterfront clean-ups in the Tikkun HaYam's 2nd Annual Reverse Tashlich. Many of us and some young neighbors and scouts took part in this nationwide effort, meeting at KJCC, led by Hillel alumnus Josh Keller. We proceeded to the refuse-ridden man-grove beach near the home of Donna &

Bill Bolton, wearing appropriate shoes and boots. Over three hours, we gathered over 300 pounds of plastic litter, old rope, metal, a loggerhead turtle shell, dozens of flip flops, a headless angel and a truckload of indescribables. Jane and Randy and Josh were fearless leaders, wading in to their waists for waste. Thank you for the snacks, Donna and Bill. We hear the crew did such a great job, you're inviting us back again next year.



ROSH HASHANAH REPRIS:
Looking Back at Our New Beginning 5780



They work hard for us and never stop smiling. We begin our erev Rosh HaShanah Dinner with Jane Friedman's chicken soup and matzoh balls.



We love when Jeff and Cheryl join us from Homestead (armed with trays of roasted vegetables).



As Jews all over the world have done for millennia, we gather on the afternoon of Rosh HaShanah Day One at a body of water to pray, sing and discard our unworthy actions (in the form of stale bagels), intent on becoming our better selves. The fish and seagulls at Ocean Pointe, and our souls, are grateful.



What a delight to see Mark Bloom back in the kitchen making a welcome pot of coffee for Day 2 earlybirds.

The entire congregation is much moved by and grateful for the stellar Shofar blowing by Jonah Gross while proud mother Randy called out the notes. We all have a new understanding of "Tekiah G'dolah."



Rabbi Agler and Gabbai Bernard Ginsberg confer.



Beth Hayden and Stanley Margulies take a break before musaf service with a John Hawver painting in the background.



Cantor Michael Dzubin makes HaMotzi before lunch on Day 2.



Members gather to celebrate and journey together into the new year 5780.





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Something New is Coming:

Another Opportunity to Learn Shabbat Morning Torah Services get Richer

There is a midrash that says once we die we will be asked important questions before the final judgment:

"Were you honest in your dealings with other people?" and "Did you make a serious effort to study Torah?"

Rabbi Agler has been our High Holiday leader for seven years. We are profoundly grateful. When he volunteered to lead monthly Shabbat morning Torah learning services, we felt even more fortunate. Now Rabbi Agler, our Scholar-in-Residence, will add new spice to the mix! Without adding time to the service or neglecting the Parashah, each service will include a small portion of the David Story. We are "people of the book," and we love learning. Read Rabbi Agler's description below, and make a special effort to attend. When you are asked the final question, you will be able to say "Yes!"

THE DAVID SAGA

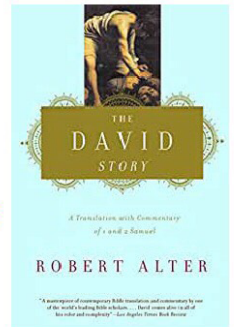
Power, violence, betrayal. Love, faith, history. All this and more are waiting for us in the David saga, the story of Israel's most famous King.

We will be adding the story of David to our Torah learning program on selected Shabbat mornings beginning December 21 at 10 a.m.

For a head start, or just for your own enjoyment, I invite you to begin reading the Book of First Samuel, either in hardcopy or online, where plenty of easily readable translations are available. We'll look to cover the first five chapters on December 21.

Join us for the learning—and the drama—of this incredibly fascinating biblical history!

Rabbi R. Agler



This translation by Robert Alter is a particularly good one and can be purchased used and inexpensively at Amazon.

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by Maddy Pollack

When I was in third grade, my teacher asked me to tell my class about the Jewish New Year. I was not only the only Jewish kid in my class, I was also the only Jewish kid (aside from my brother) in the whole school. My innocent eight-year-old self stood proudly in front of all my classmates and explained the meaning of Rosh Hashanah. I explained to them how, on Rosh Hashanah, our fate for the upcoming year is written and, on Yom Kippur, it is sealed. Just as I finished, one of my classmates shouted, “I’m glad I’m not Jewish!” and it was followed by a chorus of amused agreement from the other kids. In an instant, all of the pride that I felt to be sharing my Judaism melted away.

It wasn’t the first or last time that I received a comment like this. We lived in a small town in Texas with a population that was less than 2,000 people, and barely ten of those residents weren’t white and Christian. I can’t tell you how many times someone asked us, “When are you joining a church?” The town wasn’t a very accepting place, and not just for me. One day, my brother came home and told us that there was a new Muslim kid at school, and that his peers had already deemed him “a terrorist.” I knew that it was wrong, even though the people around me seemed to not give it a second thought.

Growing up in that environment, I developed a hard shell to deflect feelings of being different in any way. I wouldn’t dare wear my Star of David necklace to school, much less tell anyone outside



of my closest circle of friends that I was Jewish. I would save “being Jewish” for Shabbat services and Sunday school, when my family would drive over an hour to the nearest synagogue. Yes, an hour!

Flash forward a few years to seventh grade: I was now in the bustling city of Austin, Texas. I transferred to a new middle school that was far more diverse, where well over half of the students were people of color. I had never seen so many non-white people in my life. The first few days of school were mind-blowing. I couldn’t imagine what my friends back home would think.

Among all of the changes I was experiencing, there were glimpses of hope for me. I remember the first time that someone told me it was okay to be Jewish. I was walking in the hallway with one of my new middle school friends and she asked me what I was doing for Christmas.

“Oh, I don’t celebrate Christmas. I’m Jewish,” I said. Then I immediately panicked. “But I’m not even that religious or anything, so don’t worry.”

I couldn’t believe I had accidentally given myself away. Her response?

“Oh. I don’t care.”

Just like that, hope manifested into reality, and my protective shell began to crack. It felt genuinely wild to me to think that there were people who didn’t care what my religion was. I still hate the way that I tried to justify my identity by at-



tempting to water it down, but no one had ever told me they didn't care before. In my hometown, when people found out that I was Jewish, they would say things like "I'm just so worried about your salvation" or "But Jews don't believe in God." Yes, they seriously thought that Jewish people don't believe in God.

Over time, the acceptance I found in my new home healed me. A year later, in eighth grade, my Austin friends were thrilled to come to my Bat Mitzvah. I started wearing my Star of David necklace to school. Yes! For actual other humans to see! In high school, I joined Jewish youth groups. Considering how shocked I was by one friend not caring about what my religion was, you can imagine how I felt to be surrounded by a community that celebrated and embraced my Judaism. It was incredible to be around people my age that were so open and proud of their faith. I wanted to be just like them.

While I might have preferred to be surrounded by more Jewish people when I was younger,

the special moments my family shared together as the sole Jews in our community are moments that I cherish. We didn't have Jewish friends to celebrate Hanukkah with so, instead, my dad taught us the blessings and we prayed together as a family of four, lighted by the candles of the hanukkah. My brother and I would skip school on the High Holy days and we would drive to the city for services with our parents, sitting in quiet excitement the whole way.

Sometimes I think that the shell I wore for so long may never fully go away. I'll still occasionally feel the pangs of fear and insecurity that I experienced growing up, tucking my necklace into my shirt or silently freaking out when a stranger finds out I'm Jewish. Every day, I feel like I have to relearn that I'm allowed to exist as a Jew. I have lost touch with almost everyone from my hometown, but I'm grateful to now be surrounded by wonderfully supportive friends. When I remember the embarrassment I felt looking down from the bimah and seeing the looks on the faces of some of my old friends at my Bat Mitzvah (who were extremely uncomfortable to be attending a Jewish service) I'm glad to have gotten the heck out of that town. Some of my high school friends have told me, "I wish we would've gotten to come to your Bat Mitzvah!" Now that's the kind of glow-up worth waiting for.

I cherish my Judaism because it is mine, because it has stayed close to my heart despite the fact that it's sometimes easier to say "Don't worry, I'm not that religious." In this new year, the third grader inside me is prouder than ever to be a Jew. To finally experience that feeling, and to truly believe it, is sweeter than charoset.

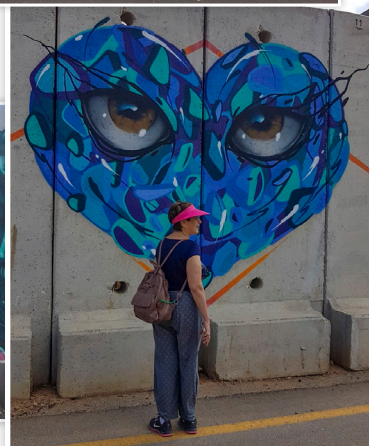
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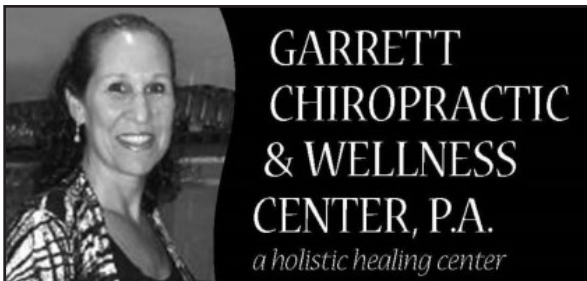
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Beth Hayden Sends Visions of Hope from Israel: Peace and Good Relations Through Art

Shetulah is a relatively new settlement in Israel (less than 10 years old). It is situated on the Israeli/Lebanon border. When the settlement was established, a wall was built on the Israeli side of the border to protect the settlement from Hizballah attacks. Artists 4 Israel (Artists 4 Israel prevents the spread of anti-israel bigotry through art and helps communities and people affected by terrorism and hate) have decorated and painted the protective wall with visions of peace and good relations. Here are the pictures from Shetulah.





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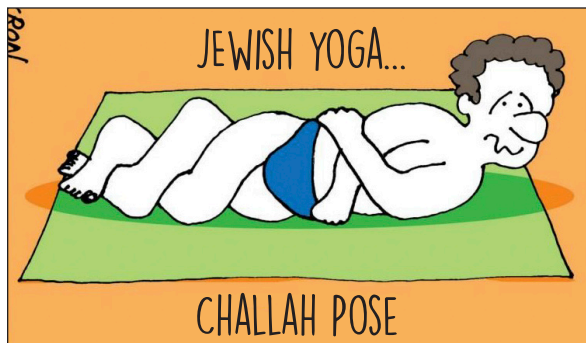
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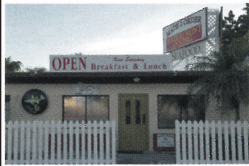
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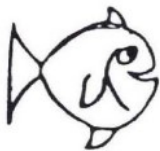
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