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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I sit here thinking of this month's message, I look back to the High Holidays with fondness. Thanks to our leaders and Cantor Mark for memorable services. Our ritual chairman deserves a medal. Sisterhood once again out did itself with Break the Fast. Thanks to all who contributed to make this an outstanding success. The KJCC is truly a remarkable place. Do you know why?

The KJCC is remarkable because it embraces the diversity among us. We communicate with each other openly and respect our individual differences as well as our similarities. In the KJCC, every one of us is free to pursue our own beliefs in our own way. There is no right way. There is no wrong way. We celebrate our Jewishness and the meaning of Judaism in the way each of us feels is right for us. I can think of no other institution that respects individual freedom as much as we do here. And that is the heartbeat of the KJCC.

By chance, we learned that a Chabad House is opening in Key Largo and it is promoted by some of our members. I am disappointed that we were not directly told in light of the open communication we have tried to promote. Regardless, I, on behalf of the KJCC, wish you well and welcome another Jewish institution in the Keys. In the KJCC tradition, each person's beliefs and religious needs are respected. We respect yours.

The rumor mill has been at work. Is it good? Is it bad? Will we lose members? Is this signaling our demise? My own opinion is that it is good; the KJCC is healthy and alive; and prosperous. The KJCC will continue to provide what we have always provided to the members of our community: the practice of Judaism according to our individual preferences and the sense of family derived from this basic acknowledgment of individuality. It is that individuality which has created the supposed need for another synagogue. We have trouble getting a minion. We do not have Saturday services. We do not have a rabbi. If someone desires these things, we need to proudly admit, that the KJCC does not provide them. We are a synagogue of equals and need no spiritual leadership. We do not need to be told what we must do to be a good Jew. We draw on each others' strengths and are satisfied. We learn from each other, on equal footing. The KJCC has never engaged a rabbi to lead us or divide us. Each one of us is a

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## Important Announcements

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### BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2006 at 9:00 am. Yes - 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 9:00 am. Come to help with our plans for the 2007 season.

### ONEG SHABBAT

Letters will be sent soon so you can sign up for the Oneg dates you want for the coming year. Ask Nettie for help, if you need it.

### KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at <http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/> and read Chai-Lights every month, perhaps even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. We would like feedback on the format for the Web issue of Chai-Lights. Check October or November against an earlier issue, and let us know which is easier to read. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

### DEADLINE

Deadline for the December issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is November 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

### EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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### President's Message

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leader, creating a synergistic effect. That is the essence of the KJCC. So with that, I, for one, look forward to another Jewish institution in the Keys and hope it makes us proud. I look forward to an open exchange and dialogue. Because that is what we are about!

Shalom,  
Jeffrey

### November Leaders

8pm Nov 3. Alan Beth  
8pm Nov. 10 Alan Beth  
8pm Nov. 17 George Swartz  
6:30pm Nov. 24 Jim Boruszak  
Note: 6:30pm Services

Last Friday of the Month

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## November Memoriam

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**By Franklin & Judy Greenman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SUSAN BAN**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By James & Joan Boruszak**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HAROLD GOLDSTEIN**

*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Laurence & Renee Green**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ESTHER BERNSTEIN**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Marty & Bea Graham**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DONALD GRAHAM**

*Always In Our Memory*

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**By Pauline Roller**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HARRY BROWNSTEIN**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By the Sherman Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**NETTIE GROSSMAN**

*In Our Memory Always*

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**By Michael Krissel**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DEBORAH K CANNON**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Allan & Linda Holbrook**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HERB HOLBROOK**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Jules & Nettie Seder**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**FLORENCE COHEN**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Linda Rutkin**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SUSIE IDESTONE**

*We Remember Always*

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**By Sid Samuels**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JULIUS DEUTCHMAN**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DAVID JACOBS**

*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By the Blumberg Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JUDY GLASSMAN**

*Rest In Peace*

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**By Melvin Jacobson**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BERTHA JACOBSON**

*Sleep In Peace*

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**By Michal Kamely**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DAVID KAMELY**

*Remembered With Love*

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**By Herbert & Selma Levine**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**IRVING KORNHAUSER**

*Forever Remembered With Love*

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**By Sandy & Nancy Yankow**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**KATY KRAM**

*Always Remembered*

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**By Teresa Kwalick**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BARRY S KWALICK**

*Always Remebered With Love*

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**By Mario & Linda LaGrotte**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JOSEPH LA GROTTTE**

*Rest in Blessed Peace*

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**By Herbert & Selma Levine**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ROSE LEVINE**

*Never Forgotten, Always Loved*

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**By Ron & Beth Kaminstein Levy**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SOL LEVY**

*Always Loved and Missed*

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**By Sandy & Nancy Yankow**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MORRIS MAZUR**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Marc & Ellen Bloom**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**LORETTA MESSER**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Joel & Linda Pollack**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**TILLIE POLLACK**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Harvey & Judith Klein**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JACOB S RAUB**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Sid Samuels**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SANDY SAMUELS**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Sid Samuels**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DR SANDRA SAMUELS**

*Always In My Memory*

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**SEYMOUR SCHOCKET**

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*In Our Memory Always*

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**By Robert & Lee Schur**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SHIRLEY SINGER**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Richard & Sheila Steinberg**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ROSE STEINBERG**

*We Remember Always*

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**By George & Muriel Swartz**

*In Blessed Memory of*

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*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By Robert & Susan Temkin**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**KENNY TEMKIN**

*Sleep In Peace*

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**By Henry & Patricia Isenberg**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HELENE TULSKY**

*Remembered With Love*

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**By Joan Waldman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ESTHER WALDMAN**

*Forever Remembered With Love*

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**By Mark & Sofy Wasser**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SOLOMON WASSER**

*Always Remembered*

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**By Sheldon & Carole Weiss**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SAMUEL WEISS**

*Always Remebered With Love*

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**By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DIANA WOLFE**

*Rest in Blessed Peace*

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**By Rachael Woolin**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ANNIE WOOLIN**

*Never Forgotten, Always Loved*

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## KJCC Religious School News.

by Yardena Kamely

KJCC Religious School started the first week of September, and like each year our teaching and learning began with the Jewish New Year and the High Holidays.

For ROSH HASHANA our young students wrote SHANA TOVA greetings in Hebrew and in English to their families and to their KJCC family. All cards and drawings are displayed in our classroom. We invite the members of our mishpoche who are just back to come and enjoy the display. And with a little more practice, with the help of the Feders, father and son, we will soon be able to present you a Rosh Hashana song in Hebrew.

Talking about YOM KIPPUR we discussed the meaning of SLICHOT, forgiveness. Each one of our very young students had a personal story he wanted to tell, about some "stupid kid" who said some "stupid things" to him, and that well.... that he could forgive him, and "yeeeh..... it might be not so difficult." .... Why is it that as adults we don't feel such easiness when it comes to good relationships, tolerance and Shlom Bayit (peace of the house)?

The children had two important activities in which they could participate with their parents and other members of our KJCC mishpoche: they helped with the building of the SUKKAH and created the beautiful decorations. On SUKKOT Corey explained the Four Species and performed the mitzvah reciting the blessing of the lulav. Many of our service leaders joined us in the SUKKAH for this ritual and performed the mitzvah, too. Our congregation is very lucky to have such knowledgeable leaders.

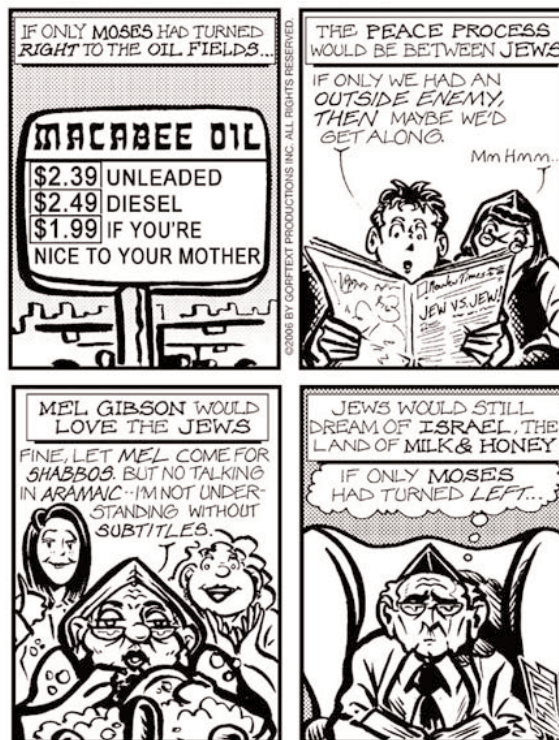
On SIMCHAT TORAH our post Bar Mitzvah students, Joseph, Molly and Corey, carried the Torah Scrolls making the seven hakafot in the sanctuary and the children marching with them,

carrying little flags and miniature Torah scrolls. Again the participation of the adults brought a lot of enthusiasm to our celebration, what a singing and dancing with the Torah! awesome!

Thank you all for your participation, this is the best way to contribute to the education of our children.

Shalom, Yardena

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## High Holy Days 5767

Our holiday season is over, having culminated with a beautiful Simchat Torah service led by our religious school teacher, Yardena Kameli, and featuring our Sunday School students and parents. Carrying our 3 torahs were Joseph Beth, Molly Bloom, and Cory Wasser as we marched around the synagogue 7 times, singing and dancing. The torah reading was explained by Yardena and a history of our Holocaust torah was recanted to the children.

The holidays began with a beautiful Erev Rosh Hashanah service and continued with services on both days of Rosh Hashanah. We participated in a Tashlich service with Cantor Mark during which we cast our sins/bread upon the waters. Our Yom Kippur service started with Kol Nidre and ended with a sumptuous Break the Fast prepared under Sisterhood auspices with Marc Bloom's excellent leadership. Don Zinner conducted his annual children's service along with an interactive session which was wonderfully enjoyed by all attending. Under Candy Stanlake's supervision, the sukkah was erected in record time and the Friday night Kiddush and chomotzi blessings were held there.

Special thanks to our religious chairman, Alan Beth, who worked relentlessly to assure that services were carried out in a most professional manner. Cantor Mark once again was wonderful as he led us during the holidays. Thanks to all our lay leaders for their excellent presentations: Alan Beth, Jim Boruszak, Bernie Ginsberg, Joel Pollack, Jeffrey Schocket, Steve Steinbock, and George Swartz.

At this time, let me wish a happy and healthy new year from my family to all our KJCC mishpocha.

L'shana tova tikatevu,  
Joel Pollack

## YARTZEIT PLAQUES

RONALD REPKA  
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
IRWIN "BABE" KWALICK  
11/26/05 - 7/26/88  
and  
ESTHER SILVERSTEIN KWALICK  
12/24/03 - 6/05/91  
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WARREN J. SHEINKER  
October 11, 1926 - April 11, 2006  
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SEYMOUR SCHOCKET  
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS  
JEFFREY & PATTI SCHOCKET  
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DELORES ENID FELDMAN  
ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS  
JEFFREY & PATTI SCHOCKET

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## BOOK PLATES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MURIEL JACOBSON  
BY HER  
HUSBAND, CHILDREN  
AND GRANDCHILDREN



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## Sisterhood



What a pleasure it is to be back in the Keys. Somehow for us, when it is time to leave New Jersey, we are ready. Having to wear long pants and a jacket every time we leave the house and having the heat on all the time, makes us both ready to leave. Although it is hard to leave friends and our little grandchildren, we are lucky that many of them will come to visit during the winter months. The payback is the feel of the sun on our skin when we walk in the morning and jump in the pool in the afternoon. We look forward to the pleasure of seeing our friends whom we have missed all summer. How lucky are we, to be able to enjoy these two wonderful places in our lives.

With the High Holidays over, I would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help with all the Onegs after services and the Break-The-Fast after Yom Kippur. It takes many hands to put it all together. I want especially to thank Marc for all the shopping and prep work he does and to thank everyone who helped make these occasions our best ever.

Now, as everyone starts to return, there are many activities to plan and enjoy. There will be a Chanukah dinner in December and a fashion show in January. Stuart and Lauren Sax (thank you both so much) will MC it for us again at Café Largo. We had a very large attendance last year and we hope you will all join us in 2007. Please get your tickets early. This is just the beginning of our events for the season. Keep reading Chai- Lights for more exciting information.

I know that everyone is busy, but I am hoping, if you were part of our Loving Hands project, that you made a hat or two each month during the summer.

Our next meeting is on November 5th at 9:00 am. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we will help to get you started. Come to enjoy a pleasant morning and to be involved in our plans.

For all, I wish a healthy and peaceful month.

Nettie

### Dates for Sisterhood

Nov 5 Sisterhood Meeting 9 am light breakfast 9:30 meeting

Dec 3 Sisterhood meeting 9:30

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

*Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yartzeit Memorial Plaques, Bookplates:* **Linda Pollack**

*Chai-Lights Mitzvah:* **Marty Graham**

Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked to our various ongoing funds; e.g. Holocaust Education Fund, Scholarship Funds, General Fund.

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## OFF THE BEATEN PATH:

### Fun for the Whole Family in Israel

There are some sites in Israel that are never omitted from an itinerary--what is a trip to Jerusalem without visiting the Western Wall? But there are many more lesser-known sites that make Israel unique and will pique the interest of children of all ages. National Herzl Society Chair Scott Gendell of Chicago recently visited Israel with his wife, Lisa, their four children, and other families from the Chicago area. Scott, a President's Council and Century Club member, serves as the Hefer Valley Water Reservoir Chairman of JNF's Chicago Regional Board.

"This past winter break, Lisa and I were fortunate enough to lead a Family Mission to Israel and 55 fellow Chicagoans," he said. "Many in the group were first-timers and, with the exception of Lisa and me, no adults had been there in at least 20 years. It was a privilege to view Israel through the eyes of so many people who were seeing either a new or different Israel for the first time."

With kids of all ages on the trip, there was something for everyone. Here are some of the highlights that Scott recommends for engaging the whole family:

#### The Palmach Museum

The newly opened Palmach Museum chronicles the lives of fighters in an interactive multimedia presentation. The Palmach, or Jewish Striking Force, existed from 1941 until it was absorbed into the Haganah in 1948. During its brief history, the Palmach heroically paved the way for Israel's independence through its daring deeds. "I challenge anyone to go through this museum with a dry eye and without feeling an incredible sense of pride in the accomplishments of these young Jews," said Scott. "The

presentation ends with an aerial view of Israel while the names of the fallen Palmach soldiers, which numbered over one-sixth of its members, are shown on the screen." Then they visited the JNF Garden on the museum grounds.

#### Ammunition Hill

Standing on this idyllic stretch of land among the pine trees, overlooking Jerusalem, it is hard to believe that Ammunition Hill was the site of one of the fiercest battles of the Six-Day War. "The guides at Ammunition Hill help re-create the battle for Jerusalem with their detailed story-



*Visitors to Ammunition Hill learn how the hill's trenches were used during the Six-Day War*

telling and explanations," recalled Scott. "We were hosted by Shimon 'Katcha' Cahaner, a well-known Israeli war hero and member of Sharon's Retribution Squad of the 1950's." Visitors can climb into the original trenches that were dug in the hill to better understand the strategies employed during this crucial battle. JNF is assisting in the development

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and renovation of the Ammunition Hill memorial site to include a renovated museum, interactive exhibits, and refurbished fences, posts, trenches and bunkers from the battle.

### **Mitzpeh Ramon**

About a 90-minute drive northwest of Eilat, sits Mitzpeh Ramon. This site is home to the Ramon Crater, which is sometimes called the "Grand Canyon of Israel." The group was very impressed with Yankele, their host at Mitzpeh Ramon. "Yankele is a great storyteller in the tradition of our people," said Scott. "His knowledge of archaeology and history coupled with his enthusiasm for the subjects captivated both young and old members of the group. He went out of his way to praise JNF during his presentation."

### **The Ayalon Institute**

Located about 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv, this is a great place to stop on your way to or from Ben Gurion Airport. On the surface, the facility appears to be a non-operational kibbutz. It is what is beneath the surface, though, that fascinates each and every visitor. Prior to Israel's fight for independence, the young men and women on this kibbutz built an underground factory to manufacture ammunition, literally under the noses of the British officers. After learning how the factory was built and equipment installed without attracting attention, visitors descend down a hidden staircase into the factory itself. The Ayalon Institute is maintained by The Council For Restoration and Preservation of Historic Sites in Israel, one of JNF's partners, and tells an important story about the brave men and women who defended Israel from the very beginning of the nation's existence.

## **Move On?**

- by Alan Beth

I was on a plane recently sitting next to a total stranger when she noticed that I was Jewish! I was reading a book on preparing for the High Holiday days - Yom Kippur. She asked - Are you Jewish. I said - yep - guilty as charged.

She didn't know my sense of humor - so she charged on and asked , 'what is with you Jews'? You are constantly reminding us of the tragedy of the holocaust, the destruction of the temple and all the persecution you suffered throughout the ages from the times of the ancient bible to Russian pogroms to the holocaust. She said and I quote - 'That is all ancient history, why don't you move on'?

The question got me thinking: Why don't we move on and forget all that stuff that is our history. Why do we burden ourselves with all this heavy baggage throughout the generations? Why don't we just simply assimilate, forget and move on?

Now, I am writing this letter in Germany and am about an hour's drive from Dachau. So, I have to ask the question, why are the Germans required to maintain Dachau and all the other concentration camps as a museum. Why don't they move on?

So, after a moment, I answered this stranger; It is a good question you ask, actually, we Jews are obligated to remember. We have holidays, celebrations, and mourning days (Yizkor) when we are supposed to remember, retell stories and recall significant events that occurred in our history. Move On? Our presence today is because of our rich history. Our presence in the future is because we remembered yesterday and we will remember today, this is our obligation. This is why we as Jews have survived.

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## SIMCHAT TORAH

Mighty Simchat Torah comes once a year. When you are little, start and finish is a concept that has to be learned. Start and finish are about as long as lunch. We read from cover to cover every year- this cycle that has a start and a finish is a "life of its own" and that EVERYTHING that falls in between is our life. For me it's a reminder that to be surrounded by the shield (Torah) and instruction manual (Torah) of Judaism is to feel protected. It is also the time to know at least when you're "older" that there is a beginning and an end that never really ends. One flows into the other, and years and lives flow and ebb, but always we know that before us and after us there is life! Life cycles are to be celebrated and we certainly know how to celebrate.

By starting again, the gradual realization over time (years) of what we read sinks in and the comfort of certain torah portions read during certain seasons every year become like a prayer shawl warm, cozy, known. To be wrapped in the Torah is to be held carefully and tenderly; what better way to raise up caring compassionate aware humans?



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## A BIG Thank You Note from the Religious Committee

It's one big warm family". So many have said that over the years that it must be true. Keys Jewish Community Center is a community like no other.

I started to write a thank you to include in Chai Lights and it turned into a speech like the Oscars! So, right off the bat - I want to apologize for all those that I have forgotten.

I want to thank all those that participated and helped the High Holiday services. As you know we do not have a Rabbi. We are led by our spirit, time and volunteers. All of us as a Jewish Community Center came together and made a very spiritual meaningful service. We should all be very proud - it truly was a High Holiday Community Service for us all.

Leaders: It is said: The hardest thing to do is to stand and give a presentation in front of a group of people: Our leaders did just that and did it very well: Joel, Bernie, Jim, Steve, George

Maftirs: Who read the half torah parsha so brilliantly. Susan, Beth, Stuart, Yardena

Yizkor Book and Organizing the Readers: Marty and Bea

Yizkor Readers: I want to thank all of the Readers that came up to the Bima and read the names of our dearly departed so beautifully during Yizkor: Sofi Wasser, Linda Pollack, Carol Steinbock, Stuart Sax, Joan Stark, Nancy Kluger, Mary Lee Singer, Roberta McNew, Gene Silverman, Teresa Kwalick, Patty Schocket.

Book Reading: Candy for the lovely reading of the book on Kol Nidre: Is there really a Human Race?

Children Service which led right into a discussion group: Don Zinner

No service is complete -if it wasn't for one thing. Food! Thanks to Sisterhood and to Mark and Ellen Bloom.

Here is a story the police would love to hear: One of our members took the Shofar home to practice. So, night after night for weeks he practiced blowing the Shofar keeping the dogs and cats awake till the wee hours of the morning. Finally, when the sun set after Yom Kippur we all heard (and are very grateful for that final blow). Thanks Bernie- you did good.

President for his excellent speeches and for presiding over this community. Jeff Shocket.

Our Cantor: Mark Halpern - in fine voice and elevated our service 1000 fold!

Sisterhood: When Jim was president he used to say at every board meeting: This KJCC would not be a KJCC if it wasn't for the hard work and efforts of sisterhood. I agree - and would like to extend a special thanks to the officers of Sisterhood and Sisterhood that worked behind the scenes ensuring that our KJCC is a joy to attend.

Alan Beth  
Religious Committee



**Baldwin Piano**

Donated in Loving Memory of Arthur Benjamin by  
Ken Benjamin and Sara K. White

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## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Did you ever want to just kiss off everything and everyone and hit the highway in search of adventure? This month's "Mench" fulfilled that dream and, to a great degree, is still fulfilling that dream.

Zoe Berk was born and raised in the Bayridge section of Brooklyn in a predominantly Italian/Jewish neighborhood. Notables from her neighborhood included Mayor Ed Koch, Bella Abzug, and alleged mob boss Carlo Gambino. Much of Zoe's childhood was spent in and out of the foster care system until age 15 when she, in her words, "became an emancipated minor." She moved to New Jersey and enrolled in an all girl's school paying her own way for tuition and expenses. During her studies she also became a certified Laubach Literacy Tutor which is teaching illiterate adults to read as well as teaching migrant farm workers and their children to speak English. She states with pride, "The motto is 'Reach One, Teach One' which was fashioned from a successful African program."

Zoe attended Radford College in Virginia for a while before hitting the road to "look for America". Mostly by hitchhiking. Mostly with big rig truckers that "watched her back" by hooking her up with other "safe" truckers at various stops along the road. She found truckers to be lonely people who enjoyed just having someone to talk to. "I would often spend several weeks in a location to earn enough money to continue my journeys." she recalls. "I didn't care for California because it was such a diverse population."



In the early 90's Zoe left the road to stay with her mother in Pennsylvania until she lost her battle with cancer. She then relocated to Vero Beach, Florida where daughter, Cameron, or "Cammy" as she is affectionately called, came into her life. They stayed in Vero Beach until 2003 when they decided to move to Key West for adventure and a change of scenery. When asked what the difference was between the diverse population in California and that in Key West, she answered in one word; "Sonny". Zoe was working at a local restaurant and Sonny was the G.M. and Port Captain for the Schooner America. He said in passing that he needed a bookkeeper and Zoe signed on. While their relationship grew they realized that Key West was not for children and Cammy went to Ft. Pierce to stay with her father.

The Schooner America was sold in November of 2005 and in February of this year, Sonny accepted an interest in a marina on "the Stretch" and they relocated here. "Sonny is the Dock Master and I still do the books," Zoe said and added with a smile, "He is still my boss, but now he is also my significant other." Cammy visits on weekends and soon hopes to relocate here permanently.

Following so many years of traveling, Zoe also felt disconnected from "schul" and sought out the KJCC as a way to re-connect to her Judaism. As she puts it, "I found myself saying that I'm starving, I'm thirsty, feed me." She has been able to satisfy her appetite here thanks, in part, to Linda Pollack and to Jim Boruszak who she says, "connected with Cammy imme-

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*This is the first article on, what the editors hope will be a popular series, featuring our members and their pets. A reporter (me!) will be happy to go to your home or office for a photo shoot, or members can email pictures to [mizleez3@bellsouth.net](mailto:mizleez3@bellsouth.net) (Mary Lee) and the interview can also be conducted by email.*

*The article will consist of owners names, type of animal, names of pets, ages and hopefully interesting antidotes of the pets.*

## PEOPLE AND PETS

Mary Lee Singer



Names of Owners: Kurt, Nancy and Andrea Kluger

Breed: Toy Poodle, Apricot

Name of Pet: Tori (named after Yankees Manager, Joe Torres--our variation of the spelling)

Age: 7

Reasons for choosing breed: Short-haired, do not shed, small size

Interesting characteristics and stories about pet:

Tori is a very strange dog. He has a nervous condition that causes him to lick the air just like a snake. A Google search said that we should seek the help of a pet behaviorist. Guess we would have to go to Miami for that, since it doesn't sound like a Keys thing. We are just living with it. He is not very sociable and would prefer if strangers would leave him alone. He doesn't always seek our attention, but when he does, he plays hard to get. When you reach for him, he runs away, but finally gives in and turns his back to you to be picked up. He is a very strange dog. Once he weighed 9-1/2 lbs.



and we had to put him on a diet. It was hard because he doesn't eat much anyway. We tried cutting down without measuring, but he still didn't lose weight. So we started counting kibbles each time. We got a lot of teasing from our friends on kibble counting. Actually, they are not kibbles, but very expensive food that our vet said he had to be on because he may have allergies.

The good news is that he has lost weight. He now weighs six pounds--he is pretty small. He has a lot of problems with plaque on his teeth. He has to have them cleaned every year. It is more expensive than for humans. The vet used to charge more but they decided there really was a big difference between Tori and 100 pound dogs, so they reduced the price. We have a friend that says dogs should have a \$400 rule regarding costs. If any one procedure costs more than \$400, then you know what happens! That's a silly rule. Sounds good up front, but our friend doesn't practice the rule either.

So no matter what, Tori is ours for the duration. He was supposed to be Andrea's dog, but then you know all about dogs and kids. He's expensive, but he's loyal and we're glad he's ours. But he is a very strange dog.



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November 2006

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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>The Chanuka Shabbat Dinner is Friday, Dec 15.</b>	

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## YEDA

by Yardena

### THE FAREWELL SONG OF MOSES

To read a Parasha and to learn from the teachings of the Torah is something I enjoy very much and wish I would have done much more as a young adult. But as my teachers said: it is never too late for studying, learning continues through our whole life.

For me one of the most extraordinary figures in Biblical history is Moses. This past month I had the privilege to lead a Shabat Service and talk about the Parasha "Haazinu" and "Vezot Habrachah" that deal with poems of Moses. By preparing a Parasha for our service I have the opportunity to study, research, read comments, and thus learn more about Judaism and our faith. And it is fascinating how much you can learn about human nature, about ourselves and humanity in the Torah.

The Parasha "Haazinu" (listen) consists of one chapter and is the farewell song of Moses. The great leader is about to die. Moses' faith in God is as strong as ever. He sings a final hymn of joy to God on the banks of the Jordan.

What a beautiful poem, what a rich language, describing God's faithfulness and dependability. And always containing a lesson for the Hebrew people. It tells the people of Israel that God had been concerned about Israel throughout its history. Moses praises God's loving-kindness and predicts the punishment of the people of Israel for their ingratitude.

But God will show mercy to Israel, Moses' faith in God is very strong. In the conclusion of his song, Moses calls upon all the nations to join with Israel in its great song of deliverance.

Moses' poem is about faith and gratitude. And I was thinking: today, in our modern life, how do we express this feeling? How are we adults going to teach those values to our younger generation? Will they listen to their teachers?

The Parasha "Vezot Habrachah" (and this is the blessing), brings to a close the Five Books of the Torah. It contains another poem, a final blessing poem. Moses spent his last hour blessing Israel's tribes. He began blessing them one by one, but time was running out and so he included them all in one benediction.

Let me cite some excerpts from Elie Wiesel's book "Messengers of God" ( Biblical Portraits and Legends ) where I found very well expressed the thoughts I had about Moses when studying this Parasha:

" Moses, the most solitary and most powerful hero in Biblical history. The immensity of his task and the scope of his experience commands our admiration, our reverence, our awe. Moses, the man who changed the course of history all by himself; his emergence became the decisive turning point. After him, nothing was the same again.

It is not surprising that he occupies a special place in Jewish tradition. His passion for social justice, his struggle for national liberation, his triumphs and disappointments, his poetic inspiration, his gift as a strategist and his organizational genius, his complex relationship with God and His People, his requirements and promises, his condemnations and blessings, his bursts of anger, his silences, his efforts to reconcile the law with compassion, authority with integrity - no individual, ever, anywhere, accomplished so much for so many people in so many different domains. His influence is boundless, it reverberates beyond time. The Law bears his name, the Talmud is but its commentary and Kabbala communicates only its silence."

Moshe Rabbenu, our Master Moses, incomparable, unequalled. The only man ever to have seen God face to face. Guide and supreme legislator. The Talmudic expression "Such is the law that Moses received at Sinai" is recited again and again in our rituals. "He is

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both source of every answer and root of every question. Every question that will ever be posed to a teacher by his pupil, Moses already heard at Sinai, says the Talmud.

Nevertheless, his portrait as sketched by tradition is carefully balanced; we are shown his shortcomings as well as his virtues. Unlike the founders of other religions or great leaders in other traditions, Moses is depicted as human, both great and fallible. While every other religion tends to transform its founder into a semi-god, Judaism does everything to humanize Moses.

..... Were it not for him, Israel would have remained a tribe of slaves. Living in the darkness of fear, dreading light."

To be continued with legends, parables and sayings about our Moshe Rabbenu.

Shalom, Yardena.

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diately." She goes on to say, "The Torah teaches Jews to think out of the box. Raising children in a Jewish environment adds to that thought process."

Zoe is a ray of light in this synagogue. She fits in like a well worn shoe. And Sonny and Cameron add a breath of fresh air to our congregation and Sunday school. When asked if her travels might lead to a book she said, "I've logged tens of thousands of miles in other people's vehicles and gathered stories all along the way. Maybe someday I will, but for now my life is in a good place."



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## CHICKEN AND RICE CASSEROLE

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 fryer cut in 8ths                | 2 large onions      |
| 1 small can mushrooms, save liquid | 1 cup uncooked rice |
| 2 cans beef broth                  | 1 T margarine       |
| garlic                             | paprika             |

Saute onions in margarine in shallow baking dish. Add mushrooms with liquid. Add raw rice. Pour 1 can broth over rice (moisten rice with liquid and press down so liquid covers). Place chicken over rice and pour second can of broth over chicken. Season to taste with garlic and paprika. Bake uncovered for 1 1/2 hours at 350°.

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## THREE BEAN SALAD

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| 1 can slant cut green beans, drained      | 1 can sliced wax beans, drained             |
| 1 can red kidney beans, drained           | 1/2 can chick peas, drained (optional)      |
| 1 small can mushrooms, drained (optional) | 1/4 small jar pimientos, drained (optional) |
| 1/2 cup sugar                             | 1/2 cup vinegar                             |
| 1/2 cup oil                               |   |
| 1/2 cup chopped green pepper              | 1/2 cup chopped onion                       |
| 1/4 t salt                                | dash of pepper                              |

Mix all ingredients and refrigerate overnight.

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## EASY CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 six oz. package pure chocolate bits | 2 eggs                                 |
| 3 T very hot strong coffee            | 1/2 T Grand Marnier or another liqueur |
| 3/4 cup scalded milk                  |  |

Place all ingredients in a blender and blend on high speed for 2 minutes. Pour into dessert dishes or pie shell and refrigerate for several hours.



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## Special Days in November

### November Birthdays

Gloria Avner	.22
Zoey Barrett	4
Jake H Blumenthal	4
Brian Boruszak	2
Nancy L. Cohn	.25
Cathy Dutton	.11
Jeri Goldberg	9
Christopher Gould	.22
Ruth Grace	.26
John Greenbaum	.26
Marilyn Greenbaum	.13
Herbert Grossman	4
Fred Hermann	.30
Robert Hermann	.25
Steven Horowitz	.30
Nicole Hudson	.28
Amy LaGrotte	.28
Michele Lindenbaum	7
Jason Orans	.17
Will Travis Pollack	.24
Marjorie Present	.13
Benjamin Rakov	.29
Eric Sanders	.24
Jeremy M Schur	2
Michael E. Schur	.19
Matt Temkin	2
Madalyn F Tobias	2
Samuel Vinicur	.26
Mark Wasser	.13
Sofy Wasser	.16
Hannah Werthamer	2
Milton Wohl	5
Larry Wolfe	.14
Rae Wruble	.14

### November Anniversaries

	Years
Eileen & Robert Hermann	.28 38
Eileen & Randy Kominsky	.30 26
Flo & Lester Neiman	.27 58
Patricia & Jeffrey Schocket	1 3
Nancy & Donald Zinner	.14 19

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Joel Cohen is available for visitors - usually welcomes them warmly. Give him a call and let him know when you can drive to visit with him for a while. Ask Joel & Linda for directions.

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### A Big KJCC Welcome to:

Dr Joseph and Mrs. Sachs  
 Who live at  
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 Islamorada, FL 33036  
 305-664-2241  
 email to: [drsacjo@bellsouth.net](mailto:drsacjo@bellsouth.net)  
 Be sure to say 'Hi' and make the corrections in your directory.

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## Looking Forward to December

### December Birthdays

Robert Jay Auston	9
Ashley Berk	3
Cammie Berk	3
Robert Berman	17
Joseph Beth	5
Ellen Bloom	30
Cody W Blumenthal	4
Haley Boruszak	6
James Boruszak	9
Sarah Boruszak	13
Leslie Dillon	8
Lee Epstein	9
Marshall A Field	2
Lilian Forbes	12
Bruce Forman	17
Bob Freundlich	1
Sara Rose Friedman	11
Adam Gersh	3
Kevin Gershowitz	6
Michael Goldberg	29
Susan Greenbaum	10
Joseph Burke Grossman	2
Gerald Hirsch	6
Jerome Horowitz	18
Paul Hudson	1
Neal A. Jacobson	6
Emelyn Anne Juenger	18
Steve Kasinof	27
Judith Klein	4
Michael Klimpl	28
Samuel Klimpl	16
Teresa Kwalick	20

Robin J Margulies Juenger	13
Rick McNew	3
Roberta McNew	21
Jackie Neubauer	3
Tracy B Nikolas	3
Harvey Robins	10
Franklin Rose	7
Stuart Sax	5
Jeffrey Schocket	17
Alan Schulberg	20
Elaine Schulberg	28
Emily Sherman	28
Geri Smith	5
Steven Smith	26
Stuart Smith	22
Joan Stark	29
Alan Stocking	8
Aaron Stuart	19
George Swartz	9
Elizabeth Turney	7
Sheldon Weiss	5
Susan Widrich	13

### December Anniversaries

	years
Franne & Barry Alter	14 37
Stephanie & Larry Gilderman	17 40
<b>Bea &amp; Marty Graham</b>	<b>21 60</b>
<b>Pearl &amp; Lawrence Jacobs</b>	<b>8 53</b>
Beth Kaminstein & Ron Levy	5 17
<b>Lee &amp; Robert Schur</b>	<b>17 57</b>
<b>Joan &amp; Ernest Wollin</b>	<b>28 54</b>