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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It seems only a short time ago that Carol & I came to our first Friday night service at the KJCC. That was in 1991. From day one, we felt welcome, at home, and, as the saying goes, we became "Mishbucha." While we came to the Keys only about 4 times a year, we knew in our hearts that this was the place we wanted to live.

It is my wish that all visitors and newcomers to the KJCC feel the same way.

In January, 1996, we moved to Tavernier full time, and, the rest is history.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President. The KJCC By laws state the purpose of our Jewish center is to : "Improve, Encourage and Enrich the Religious, Educational and Social Life of the Jewish People in our Community."

What does that mean to me and how can I help the KJCC to fulfill that goal?

We have a religious school for our children and adult education classes in Hebrew and Holocaust studies. I'd like to see us reach out to all the Jewish people in the Upper Keys; let them know what we have to offer and invite them to participate in our functions. Did you know that we have a small library? I'd like to see the books catalogued and a list made available on our web site and at the synagogue, so everyone will know what books can be borrowed.

I hope to see our membership increase. I'd like to work on ways we can reach out to our Jewish community; show them that the KJCC is there for them, and why it is to their advantage to become members.

I would like to continue to reach out to the Upper Keys Community, contributing positively to their knowledge and understanding of Jewish history and culture.

Our religious life is centered around our Shabbat and Holiday services. I encourage all to become involved. Come to more services. Lead a service. Ask our Religious Committee chairman, Alan Beth, to pair you up with another leader. Lead a service yourself alone or with a friend or family member. You'd be surprised how easy it is and how good it makes you feel. When I came to KJCC, I never dreamed I

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Important Announcements

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome. Join us and meet and greet your new Board.

SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 9:15 am. Come to have a bite with us and encourage our new board of officers.

EVENTS

Wow - we have a load of them in store for us. Check ALL the pages in this issue to read about all the fabulous events Sisterhood has scheduled.

ONEG SHABBAT

If you haven't mailed in your Oneg dates form, this would be a great time to do it.

FEEDBACK

HELP - the editor needs to know the desires of the readers. Check the Website paragraph (next one) and let us know which version of Chai-Lights you prefer to see on-line. So far - it is a tie vote between the two versions 0 - 0.

EDITOR AVAILABILITY

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at mcnewr@bellsouth.net To contact Mary Lee, who will happily do typing for you, call 664-9030, send a fax to the same number, or, best of all, send an email to mizleez3@bellsouth.net. **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 April issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is March 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. She is going to stay home quite a bit for a while. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'all. 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.

EMAIL

Please make sure that the email address you have for the editor is mbgraham@bellsouth.net. We have had a bit of misaddressed mail recently.

Holocaust Video

If you didn't see the 60 minute segment including the new material just released, you should. Go to http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=2274705n

It is amazing.

Thanks to Bob Auston for the link.

March Memoriam

By Marilyn Greenbaum

In Blessed Memory of

ARLENE R. BRENNER

Eternal Rest

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Blessed Memory of

RUBIN BRESSICK

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

By Maryann C. Azzato

In Blessed Memory of

E. PAUL CHARLAP

Eternal Peace

By Gene & Gail Saks

In Blessed Memory of

ALBERT COHEN

Forever In Our Hearts

By Larry & Judith Weber

In Blessed Memory of

DEBORAH EICHLER

In Our Heart And Memory

By Alvan & Carol Field

In Blessed Memory of

MAURICE FIELD

Always In My Memory

By Marty & Bea Graham

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SELMA GREENSPAN

Rest In Peace

By the Blumberg Family

In Blessed Memory of

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Rest In Eternal Peace

By Robert & Eileen Hermann

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LOUISE HERMANN

Always In Our Memory

By Gerald & Elaine Hirsch

In Blessed Memory of

DOROTHY HIRSCH

In Our Memory Always

By Ron & Dorothy Horn

In Blessed Memory of

ANNA HORN

Long Blessed Sleep

By Linda Rutkin

In Blessed Memory of

FRANK IDESTONE

We Remember Always

By Mollie Gross

In Blessed Memory of

HANNA GROS KLEIN

With Loving Remembrance

By Michael Klimpl

In Blessed Memory of

MARIAN ROSE KLIMPL

Sleep In Peace

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ROBERT KOHLENBRENER

Remembered With Love

By Herbert & Selma Levine

In Blessed Memory of

MINNIE KORNHAUSER

Forever Remembered With Love

By Laura L'Hereux

In Blessed Memory of

GEORGE L'HEUREUX

Always Remembered

By Skip & Rene Rose

In Blessed Memory of

CISSIE ROSE LANG

Always Remebered With Love

By Michal Kamely

In Blessed Memory of

RACHAMIM LEVY

Rest in Blessed Peace

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Never Forgotten, Always Loved

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In Blessed Memory of

OSCAR MARGULIES

Always Loved and Missed

By Morris & Evelyn Zalmanovich

In Blessed Memory of

FLORENCE PATTERSON

Eternal Rest

By Henry & Patricia Isenberg

In Blessed Memory of

HARRY PHILLIPS

Forever In Our Hearts And Memory

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In Blessed Memory of

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Eternal Peace

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Forever In Our Hearts

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In Our Heart And Memory

By Gene & Gail Saks

In Blessed Memory of

NESHAMA CHAYA SAKS

Always In My Memory

By Robert & Lee Schur

In Blessed Memory of

ESTHER SCHUR

Rest In Peace

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In Blessed Memory of

IDA SEDER

Rest In Eternal Peace

By Jules & Nettie Seder

In Blessed Memory of

ISADORE SEDER

Always In Our Memory

By Milton & Claire Geller

In Blessed Memory of

ANNA SHORE

In Our Memory Always

By Milton & Claire Geller

In Blessed Memory of

MORRIS SHORE

Long Blessed Sleep

By Alan & Candy Stanlake Beth

In Blessed Memory of

DOROTHY STANLAKE

We Remember Always

By Stephen & Carol Ann Steinbock

In Blessed Memory of

THERESA STEINBOCK

With Loving Remembrance

By Mel & Blanche Taks

In Blessed Memory of

IRVING TAKS

Sleep In Peace

By Robert & Susan Temkin

In Blessed Memory of

ANNE TEMKIN

Remembered With Love

By Larry & Judith Weber

In Blessed Memory of

ALICE WEBER

Forever Remembered With Love

By Eric & Ruth Schraeder- Grace

In Blessed Memory of

LOUIS WEINSTEIN

Always Remembered

By Jerry & Sheila Olsen

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4Th ANNUAL WOMENS SEDER

"TheJourney Continues..."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007

6PM @ KJCC

Homemade Seder Dinner w/Wine

Limited seating - \$15 p.p.

Call Meredith at 451 - 3664

or maccline2@aol.com

Join us in celebration as we continue our efforts at "Tikkun Olam" repair the world.

Tzedakah donations encouraged.

March Leaders

- 2 George Swartz
- 9 Jim Boruszak
- 16 Alan Beth
- 23 Steve Steinbock
- 30 Alan Beth - Note 6:30 pm Service

March Onegs

- 2 Elinor & Herb Grossman 50th Anniversary - Carol & Steve Steinbock - Steve's Birthday
- 9 Bea & Marty Graham Marty's & Bea's birthdays - Toby & David Goldfinger -Toby's birthday
- 16 Patricia & Henry Isenberg Anniversary
- 23 Gene & Mort Silverman Michelle Denker's birthday
- 30 Ulpan students 6:30 service

President's Message

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would ever lead a service. But one day, the Religious Committee Chairman at the time, Marvin Galanty, who is a dear friend, convinced me to try. I did a couple of services with him, and then did one on my own. Now, it's a piece of cake.

We have lots of committees that deal with different aspects of our lives and work. I encourage everyone to get on one of the committees. Whatever your interest or talent, you can make a difference.

We cannot fulfill our purpose of enriching the lives of the Jewish people without your input and involvement. Please share your opinions, desires and ideas with me and the board. You can do this by phone, e-mail or coming to board meetings. Call me personally on my cell phone or at home. My telephone numbers are: Cell 305-394-0143, Home 305-852-6152. Call Me! Let me know if something is bothering you, if you have suggestions, or, just as important, if you think we are doing something right.

Board meetings are held the second Sunday of every month except July & August. The meetings begin at 9 am. You will always be given an opportunity to speak during our "Good and Welfare" portion of the meeting. Learn how things are done at the KJCC. Help us to get things done!

Chai-Lights: Share you and your family's successes and celebrations. E-mail Marty Graham for inclusion in Chai-Lights. Deadline is the 18th of the month.

I hope to see you all at services, social events, board meetings.

TOGETHER, Let's continue the Good Work of our past Presidents, Officers, Directors and Members of the KJCC.

L'Chaim
Steve

Jews in Cuba

CLAUDIA BARLIYA, a 6-year-old Cuban-Jewish girl, stood on a cobblestone street in Trinidad, a small centuries-old city on the south coast of Cuba. A donkey carrying an old man passed behind her; a group of 30 Jewish-Americans, including this reporter, stood before her. The girl had asked if she could perform a song for the group, which was on a humanitarian mission with the Westchester Jewish Center of Mamaroneck, N.Y. She now had their full attention. When her song rang out - not in Spanish, but in the Hebrew words of "Yerushalayim Shel Zahav," or "Jerusalem of Gold" - the group couldn't help joining in.

Claudia is one of about 1,500 Jews who live in Cuba; 1,100 reside in Havana, and the remaining 400 are spread among the provinces. There is no rabbi living on the island, and there is only one kosher butcher. This small Jewish presence is in stark contrast to the bustling community that existed before Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. In those days, there were 15,000 Jews and five synagogues in Havana alone. Still, Jews in modern-day Cuba manage to keep their culture and traditions alive.

As Maritza Corrales, a Cuban historian who lives in Havana and the author of "The Chosen Island: Jews in Cuba," remarked, "To be Cuban and Jewish is to be twice survivors."

Visits by groups like the Westchester Jewish Center, one of many United States Jewish entities that organize occasional humanitarian or religious trips to Cuba, are one of the ways that Jews in Cuba nurture their communities. Although the focus of these trips allows American travelers to bypass United States restrictions on tourism to Cuba, they require a full schedule of religious and humanitarian activities that often include donations of medications, clothing and religious objects needed

for prayer.

On a weeklong trip in November, the group traveled around the island by bus, accompanied by two English-speaking guides who were well versed in Jewish-Cuban history and culture. When the visitors from Westchester entered Adath Israel, Cuba's only Orthodox synagogue - and one of three active synagogues in Havana - the feeling of connection between the Cubans and the Americans was palpable. The words, the songs, were all the same. In the sanctuary, a large wooden bimah, or podium, housed the Torahs behind a red velvet curtain, and a glass wall separated the men from the women.

After the service, a 17-year-old college student serenaded the Americans with his violin, playing traditional pieces like "Hava Nagila." The musician could have been a college student from anywhere in the United States, with his facial stubble, sneakers and low-slung



jeans. The difference is that this young man is not allowed to leave his country, not even to visit his parents, who are government engineers working abroad.

Elsewhere in Havana, there is the Sephardic Hebrew Center of Cuba, and the Conservative Beth Shalom synagogue, largest of the three synagogues, with more than 500 members. Beth Shalom houses a Jewish community center, known as El Patronato, a library and a pharmacy, which distributes medication - most of which comes as donations from Jewish groups visiting from the United States - throughout the island to Jews and non-Jews.

After Mr. Castro took power and nationalized private business and property, 90 percent of the Jewish population, many of them business owners, fled the island, and the remaining 10 percent were largely not observant. There were so few Jewish people coming to pray that the Cuban minyan was born, counting each Torah as a qualifying member to make prayer possible (a minyan normally requires 10 Jewish adults).

The Jewish presence continued to fade for years, and it was not until 1992, after the fall of the Soviet Union, that Cuba changed its constitution, allowing for religious freedom. The Jewish community began to rebuild. Rabbis from Chile, Argentina, Panama and Mexico came to teach the remaining Cuban Jews how to pray and lead services, and Jewish organizations in Canada began sending kosher food for Passover.

The synagogues welcomed the Jews who came to pick up the food, and encouraged them to come back for Shabbat and various holiday celebrations. Within 10 years, a growing number of activities were established, including the Sunday school at the Patronato, where children ages 6 through 14 learn Jewish culture and tradition. It started with 10

children and now has nearly 70. There is also a Jewish women's group with 150 participants, meeting once every six weeks to help with women's issues like domestic violence and how to keep a Jewish home. Jewish life is not as organized outside Havana, where the Jewish population is much smaller. For instance, only 27 practicing Jews live in Cienfuegos, a picturesque city on a bay. There is no synagogue to pray in. Instead, the Jewish community of Cienfuegos gathers each Friday night for Shabbat services in the front room of Rebecca Langus's second-floor apartment.

Ms. Langus, the 43-year-old leader of the community, who lives with her husband and two sons, has adorned the walls of her small home with Jewish art, the bookcases with Jewish prayer books and the shelves with an array of Jewish paraphernalia.

"When you are few, there is a responsibility to keep traditions," Ms. Langus said. "Educating the children is the only way to keep the community alive."

The 25-member Jewish community of Santa Clara, the capital city of the central Villa Clara province, has raised enough money to buy a house and convert it into a synagogue, but has yet to find the ideal property. For now, they take great pride in the somber Holocaust memorial, erected in 2003, in the local Jewish cemetery. It includes a stone from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, and in front is a path made of stones from the Warsaw Ghetto.

Next to the memorial stands a menorah with a Star of David and branches for six candles, symbolizing the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

Although preserving Jewish culture has been an uphill struggle, leaders remain optimistic about the future. Even though Israel is

the only country with which Cuba has cut off diplomatic relations, there is no evidence of anti-Semitism in Cuba. "I felt safer wearing my yarmulke in Cuba than I do wearing one in White Plains," said Jeffrey Segelman, the rabbi of the Westchester Jewish Center. And the island's Jewish presence remains solid.

"If you asked me 10 years ago when the community was dwindling, I may have said that the Jewish community wouldn't exist today," said Adela Dworin, president of the Jewish community in Cuba. "It won't be the same as 1959, but now at least we have people who are young, middle-aged and old."

MS. DWORIN had the opportunity to meet Mr. Castro in 1998, and asked him why he had never visited the Jewish community, to which he replied: "Because I was never invited." Ms. Dworin promptly invited him to the coming Hanukkah celebration at the Patronato. When Mr. Castro asked what Hanukkah was, Ms. Dworin explained that the holiday celebrates the "revolution" - a word Castro likes - of the Jewish people.

To her surprise, Mr. Castro showed up at the party of 200, sat next to her in the front row and addressed the congregation in a lengthy speech.

Joseph Levy, leader of the Sephardic temple, has a more somber outlook on Jewish life in Cuba. He emphasized how difficult it was to keep Jewish traditions alive, because without a rabbi, he said, "the Jewish community here is almost like living in a house without parents."

For the group from Westchester, one member's past was a snapshot of the Jewish expe-



rience in Cuba. Sandy Marantz, a psychotherapist at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan, was born in Cuba in 1959, and 12 days before the United States closed its borders to Cuban citizens in 1961, Ms. Marantz, then 19 months old, and her parents left for the United States.

After 45 years of wanting to visit her native country - her parents never wished to return - Ms. Marantz finally saw the hospital in which she was born, the apartment in Havana where she lived, the synagogue to which her parents belonged and the grave where her grandfather, whom she never met, is buried.

Going to Cuba, said Ms. Marantz, allowed her to "connect with my past" and "made me feel grateful to be a Jew."

In Cuba, Finding a Tiny Corner of Jewish Life - NY Times Travel Section

Information about Jewish missions to Cuba is available from B'nai Brith (877-222-9590; www.jewishcuba.org/bnaibrith), the Cuba-America Jewish Mission (www.thecajm.org) and the Jewish Cuba Connection (www.jewban.org).

YEDA Adult Education by Yardena.



On Jewish Wisdom and Ethics

It is important to be familiar with the great sages and thinkers of Judaism and to know something of the communities that created its classic texts. Jewish culture has shifted in time and space, taking on new forms from each civilization with which it has come into contact, yet it has remained true to itself and to the sources that nurtured it.

The Hebrew Bible has always been the lifeblood of the tradition. From it flowed the laws and moral precepts that defined Jewish attitudes. Even in biblical days, a body of oral teachings began to grow up around the written codes in the Torah, elaborating on their rulings, explaining difficult concepts, and adapting the law to changing social conditions. These interpretations and explanations are known collectively as the Oral Law.

Of the sages who interpreted the written law, Ezra is the first whose name we know. The anonymous scribes and sages who continued his work were called Soferim and were later referred to in the Talmud as "Men of the Great Assembly." The techniques they used for the interpretation are known as Midrash, meaning "inquiry" or "consultation."

The Oral Law became a major force in Jewish life. The first great document that grew out of the oral tradition was the Mishnah (written in clear Hebrew). The most famous tractate of the Mishnah is the only one that includes no legalistic material: Pirke Avot, the Ethics of the Fathers, a collection of maxims and statements that summarize what the rabbis consider to be the "good life," a life governed by ethical values.

Famous names of sages referred to in the Mishnah are: Hillel, Shammai, Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Judah the Prince (called Rabbi). The later scholars analyzed the Mishnah the way the earlier scholars had analyzed the Bible. Their writings make up the Gemara; and together, the Mishnah and the Gemara form the Talmud.

It is about the values, the wisdom, and the ethical teachings of Judaism that I am going to write in this article. The following selections from the Talmud were found in the book "Voices of Wisdom" by F. Klagsbrun.

About "Relating to Others"

It's not easy to be completely happy about another person's success or completely sympathetic with another's failure. Not that most of us wish one another harm; we simply prefer to have a little bit more and to do a little bit better than the next person.

With down-to-earth realism, many Jewish sages and scholars acknowledge human failings--jealousies and envies, the veneration of power and disdain for weakness--that often determine the way we treat one another. Calling attention to these failings, the sages recognize that their advice might not always change our feelings, but it could, perhaps, influence our actions.

The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) described the human condition as one of "war, of everyone against everyone." While the Jewish sages would never accept such a negative view of humanity, they have no illusions about the selfishness and narrowness that sometimes motivate our behavior. But with unshakable optimism they insist that we can move far beyond these limitations. From getting along with our friends to dealing with our enemies, they teach us how to love and honor one another as we love and honor ourselves.

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Sisterhood



Shalom! We are all busy little bees at this time of year with Sisterhood events and planning. The Fashion Show luncheon was a great success! Our own Stuart and Lauren Sax (Angelika and Sunny Exposures) hosted a fabulous show as usual. Each year we have a different selection of models from our membership which doubles the fun. Sunday, Feb. 4 was a busy day beginning with a sisterhood meeting, then many went off to the Actors Playhouse for a theater treat (in a drenching rain). Of course Superbowl finished off the evening (sorry to all our Chicago fans)!

We are very active now in our main event for the year which will be the Purim International Dinner on Sunday March 4, 2007. Come at 4pm for the megillah reading and join us afterward for dinner in the community room which will resemble an international market place with all its' delights! Stick around for a special treat by the "kids"! Please call Joyce Peckman to reserve.

The 4th annual Women's Seder will be Wednesday, March 21, 2007. We are planning a fabulous homemade seder feast as usual. This seder is dear to our hearts as we celebrate with our wonderful women and strive to achieve "Tikkun Olam". Call Meredith for reservations.

The Passover Seder will be on the second night, Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Seating is still avail-

able, but don't wait too long as we will open it to the public on March 15. Contact Joan Borusak or Leslie Dillon.

I'd like to thank everyone for all their support and help. The season is speeding by and it is our teamwork that makes it happen and makes it fun! Next meeting is Sunday, March 4, 2007.

See you there!

Joan

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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.

EMAIL

In order to send an article and some pictures to the present editor of the Chai-Lights, the best method is to send an email. The email address to use is mbgraham@bellsouth.net.

As soon as I open an email destined for the KJCC bulletin, I reply with an acknowledgement to the sender, stating that the email has been downloaded. After reading the article, I may also ask for some corrections or explanations - or just put it into format for printing.

The most important item in the last paragraph is that a reply is always mailed to the sender. So, if you send me an article and do NOT get a reply within 1 day, the message did not get to me.

How, you say, can I send a message and it wasn't delivered? Let me count the ways -

The most common failure of an email message is an incorrect email address. This is so easy to do that it is a wonder it isn't done more often. An incorrect email address can be a very subtle error - one missing or extra letter in the address makes it incorrect to the computer. And the email does not always come back to you as undeliverable! It can happen that the address you used actually belongs to someone else and was delivered to that person.

Sometimes you know the email did not get delivered because you get a notice from the MAILER-DAEMON. The Daemon (actually demon) is programmer talk for a program that only runs when some event triggers it. In the case of an undeliverable email, it is triggered by the error event of not being able to find the address specified by the sender, and you get a notice from your internet provider telling you that. Then you can try again to send the mail - after checking the address you are using very carefully. Sometimes a message is not delivered because the receiver's mail box is full. Or they have not allowed your mail through to them - or even if their email provider is down because of maintenance or trouble.

One thing you can be fairly sure of - if something can go wrong with technology, sooner or later it will.

The KJCC website is now being utilized to send email notices to that portion of the membership who have email. However, several emails do not get through - probably because they are being blocked by the recipient's spam blocker. Messages from the KJCC are from [\(someone\)@keysjewishcenter.com](mailto:(someone)@keysjewishcenter.com).

So, if you want to receive these messages, please unblock.

Bike Tour for MS

On April 21st & 22nd the Multiple Sclerosis Society of South Florida will conduct their annual 15-mile two day bike tour from Miami to Key Largo and back. A familiar face will be among this year's participants. Stuart Sax will compete in his fifth event for the benefit of MS and will be riding in honor of Marc Bloom. "Marc is an inspiration to me to train and complete this event in his place", Stuart said recently. "I may not have the physique or ability of Lance Armstrong but I definitely have the same determination to succeed."

The Breakaway Tour raises funds for MS research. If any KJCC members would like to sponsor Stuart's ride you can make a tax deductible donation payable to The National MS Society and mailed to Stuart Sax at PO Box 2002, Islamorada, FL 33036 or dropped off at Angelika or Sunny Exposures.

Deadline for all donations is the week before the ride.

KJCC Annual Second Passover Seder

Reservations will be taken for members only until March 15th at which time they will be opened for others. Send your check early to confirm your place. Call Leslie at 852-3654 for information and reservations.



Tuesday, April 3, 2007

6:30 pm

Islamorada Fishing Club



Adults \$40

Children 12 and under are our guests.

Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

It would seem that each time we feature a new "mench" in our column; they all seem to hail from the same area. One might contend that the root of "Menchdom" is New York City. This month's honorable "mench" keeps the streak intact.

Since Steve Steinbock is the newly elected President of our congregation, it seemed appropriate that the membership should know a bit more about him. Steve was born in Brooklyn in Beth Moses Hospital "at a very young age" as he recalls. He spent his early years in Brooklyn before the family moved to Queens. During his elementary and secondary education the family lived in various locations in Queens. As Steve puts it, "My mother made us move every time the house needed painting because it was cheaper to move than to repaint."



Steve attended Hofstra College for a year and then traveled back to Brooklyn to earn his degree at the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, the profession in which he has spent his entire career. Steve worked in a drug store while attending school so one might say that he has been dealing in drugs for quite a long time. He also joined the Reserves after college and served his basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He served as an assistant in the Dental Corps (we all know how important drugs are when you have dental issues) and the balance of his reserve commitment in Queens.

Not one to make quick decisions Steve met Carol in the late 60's and they dated for fifteen years before being married in 1983. Steve

said, "I wanted to be sure!" Carol, at that time, was a registered nurse before later returning to school to earn her law degree. Steve stayed in the pharmacy business.

Steve's mother was living in Florida and they would visit her several time a year, especially when the weather turned cold in Queens. "When we came down here we would attend services at the KJCC," Steve recalls. "Our reform synagogue in Queens was large and very nice but there is no comparison to the KJCC and, as the saying goes, after our first visit here we truly felt like mishpocha."

When his mother's health started to fade, she was moved into a nursing facility in Homestead. In early 1996, Steve became certified to practice pharmacy in Florida, sold the drug store in Queens and he and Carol purchased the home in Tavernier where his mother had been residing. By this time Carol had also passed the Florida bar exam. Steve went to work for Eckerd Drugs and later switched to the pharmacy at K-Mart.

Steve and Carol kept attending services. Irv Stein, Marvin Galanty, George Swartz and various other members of the KJCC were leading services in the late 90's. "It was Marvin who introduced me to leading services," Steve says, "I was skeptical in the beginning but Marvin said that 'She' would not strike me dead. He always referred to G-d as 'She' and he convinced me that I could do it." When asked recently to serve as President of the congregation, Steve was once again a bit skeptical but is, once again, convinced that he can handle the task. And he also has the support of another major force in his life; his wife Carol of nearly twenty five years. That's called teamwork.

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March 2007

11 Adar—12 Nisan 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>The Second Seder on April 3 will once again be at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Make your reservations NOW!</i></p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Sisterhood Purim Dinner				Jim Boruszak	Ki Tissa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Board			Seder reservations open to public	Alan Beth	Vayaigeu
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Chai-Lights		Women's Seder		Steve Steinbock	Vayikra
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Alan Beth 6:30 service	Shabbat Hagadol

Joshua Nelson

On Sunday, January 14, the KJCC sponsored a very special program. Joshua Nelson and his gospel singers had the audience clapping and moving to Jewish liturgical music. That may sound like an oxymoron-but it was so true! Your KJCC Board sponsored this wonderful event. In order to bring such a special program to our KJCC family, we needed to call, again, on our members. We want to thank our generous Patrons: Dr. and Mrs. Barry Alter, Mr. and Mrs. James Boruszak, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilson, Mr. and Mrs. David Goldfinger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hirsch, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Margulies, Mrs. Marjorie Present, and Ms. Linda Rutkin. We also had donors, who helped us make this a success. Thank you to Mr. Joel Cohen, Dr. Arthur Feinberg (in honor of Richard Goldfinger), Dr. and Mrs. Larry Gilderman, Dr. Bernard Ginsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kluger, Dr. Alan Netzman, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sax, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weber. We thank Linda Pollack for the tickets and fliers, and David Feder, who saved the day by taking care of all our sound needs. For a program with such a large audience, we called on ushers. For this we thank: Alan Beth, Joseph Beth, Cory Wasser, Mark Wasser, Mark Bloom and Stuart Sax. Finally, a very appreciative thank you goes to a committee that worked together to bring you this special event: Jim Boruszak, Leslie Dillon (ticket collector par excellence), Roberta McNew, Stuart and Lauren Sax, and Mark Wasser. As can be seen by the list of people who made the evening possible, this was a true KJCC group effort!

Joan Boruszak, Chairperson

Campus

'Go-To Guy' Will Be Daily's Next Editor In Chief

By Michelle Sweetwood

Medill junior Abe Rakov will be the next editor in chief of The Daily Northwestern; the Students Publishing Co. named him to the position Monday afternoon. Rakov, a former campus editor and currently the deputy sports editor, will take over in Spring Quarter.

If There's Room in Your Heart and Home..

Friends of Felines has three Shakespearean kittens-Hamlet, Othello, and Lady Macbeth-available for adoption. Hamlet is a true (and rare) silver tabby. Othello is black, of course, but has a silver undercoat! Lady Macbeth is a tuxedo. They're littermates, have been fostered and are ready. We also have a special-needs older fellow, about three, named Silas. He's solid white, and deaf, so he'd need special attention. He's fixed and had his shots. Please contact Sam Vinicur at 852-8741.

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KJCC Religious School News

- Gloria Avner

This is a very full winter for our KJCC students, filled with learning in many more areas than traditional subject matter. Yes, they learn Hebrew reading and writing, vocabulary, history, culture, prayer, and song. But they also have been growing in community building, heart sharing, and *menschlichkeit*, caring for others.

Tu Bishvat, as always, was a high point in our month. Many thanks to the Robert Werthammer family for contributing two beautiful trees, both of which will be planted professionally so they may survive and thrive. Thanks also to the parents who provided much of the fruit, nuts, and wine for our Tu Bishvat seder and participated with us. Our children have developed great reverence and understanding of the important role trees play in our lives and love celebrating this birthday of the trees each year. Our tutors Molly, Corey, and Joseph did a beautiful job of reading the prayers, and Max, Nyan, Hannah, Lily, Danielle and Joshua joined in the singing and dancing in the rain, to the appropriate song, "Mayim" (water).



The trees were not the only ones having birthdays lately. We celebrated with two of our students, Camy and Lily, made cards for our much loved helper Linda Rutkin, and with the help of all her students and the organizing initiative of Marc Bloom, a huge surprise party was held for our wonderful teacher, Yardena. Believe it or not, that party was one of our most successful learning events.

Yardena was moved nearly to tears. Her grin was huge, her heart full to bursting. There on the cake was the message: "Yom Huledet Sameach", blue icing written in Hebrew letters. Her students, both children and adults, honored her in the language she was teaching them.

Best of all, we sat together and sang all the songs we have been practicing this year. The adults joined in and we suddenly have the beginnings of a choir. Please join us at the last Friday night of each month, 6:30 pm, for a lively service in which our students participate. A delicious oneg will follow. These family friendly services are becoming very special events.

The very next week, our students participated in honoring our newly elected officers and board members, witnessing their installation and applauding for the second year in a row. Bit by bit, they are learning what it takes to be a functioning community and extended family.

Now we are preparing our Purimspiel, to be presented by our students and a few brave adults after the International Dinner and Haggadah reading. Our play will go along with the international theme of the evening and will add just a touch of Moroccan flavor to the Shushan experience. Come see us. Make noise. Enjoy our children.



BROCCOLI OR ASPARAGUS WITH MOCK HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 Tbs lemon juice
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 Tbs grated lemon rind
- dash of pepper

Combine mayonnaise, milk, salt, and pepper and mix thoroughly and cook over low heat stirring constantly for 3 minutes. Stir in lemon juice and rind and cook 1 more minute. Pour over vegetables before serving. Fresh or frozen vegetables can be used

BAKED FISH IN CREAM SAUCE

- 2 lbs fresh fish of your choice
- 1 large onion
- 1 Tbs butter or margarine
- 1 large can sliced mushrooms or 1 lb fresh
- 1 can creamed soup of your choice (undiluted)
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 ribs celery
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 lb can of whole tomatoes
- 1/2 cup white wine

Pour lemon juice over fish and marinate for 30 minutes. Saute onion, celery and green pepper in butter. Then add remaining ingredients and simmer for about 5 minutes. Rinse and pat fish dry. Pour all ingredients over fish and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes (uncovered). Optional - fresh garlic may be added to the mixture while simmering.

PINEAPPLE PARFAIT PIE

- 1 can crushed pineapple
- 1 box strawberry jello
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 12 inch pie shell or graham cracker crust

Drain pineapple and save juice. Put aside. Add enough water to juice to make 1 cup. Bring the liquid to a boil. Dissolve jello in hot liquid. Add ice cream while jello is hot. Put in refrigerator for about 15 minutes to thicken. Fold in crushed pineapple. Pour into baked pie shell or graham cracker crust. Freeze.

Special Days in March

March Birthdays

Gloria Auston	24
Sylvia Berman	25
Denise Blumenthal	15
Allan Bourszak	15
Michelle E. Denker	27
Lynn Dils	23
Sasha Dutton	1
Hannah Feig	7
Eva Faust	31
Stephanie Gilderman	3
Toby Goldfinger	7
Sari Eliz. Goldstein	31
Bill Gordon	6
Alvin J Gottlieb	11
Eric Grace	18
Bea Graham	6
Doug Graham	24
Marty Graham	12
Laurence Green	10
Anthony A Gutierrez	30
Eileen Hermann	13
Allen Holbrook	8
Kate Horowitz	10
Seth Horowitz	14
Melvin L. Jacobson	1
Barbara Kantor	2
Erwin Kantor	21
Adam Karron	26
Lois S. Kaufman	21
Benjamin K Kwalick	4
Jenna Lane	14

James Jr. Nobil	21
Steven Nobil	16
Joel Pollack	29
Carl Roy	13
Susan Sachs	20
Bryan Schur	11
Lee Schur	30
Benjamin Schwaid	17
Nicole Sherman	2
Stephen Steinbock	3
Roger Vorcheimer	28
Marcia Wolf	23

March Anniversaries

	years
Gloria & Robert Jay Auston	4 25
Sylvia & Robert Berman	24 51
Carol & Alvan Field	18 19
Susan W & Joseph Goldberg	25 14
Patricia & Henry Isenberg	14 37
Sheila & Jerry Olsen	1 48
Susan & Joseph Sachs	7 42

A Very Grateful Thank You

Dear Friends of KJCC:

I was overwhelmed with all the cards, letters, and visits from my KJCC family during my recent accident. It was just so uplifting knowing so many cared and it has really been a real boost to my recovery. Thank you says it all!

Love, ML

P.S. Hopefully, I will be dancing soon!

Looking Forward to April

April Birthdays

Lauren Abrams	3
Franne Alter	17
Rachel Barrett	30
David M. Cohn	6
Claire Cooper	3
Robin S Denker	22
David Feder	9
Ethel Foster	7
Jared Scott Gershowitz	25
Max Logan Gershowitz	11
Ella Gilderman	16
Larry Gilderman	20
David Goldfinger	29
Susan Gordon	24
Faychesca Graham	6
Randolph Green	24
Katie Greenman	17
Samantha Grossinger	13
Elinor Grossman	27
Fanny Kluger	15
Richard Knowles	12
Murray Kossman	7
Nicole Kossman	26
Linda LaGrotte	28
Lauren Lane	4
Tiffany McNew	24
Moira Mulcahy	13
Jordan Neidenberg	29
Jonathan Nobil	20
Lynn Nobil	24
Linda Pollack	29
Beverly Robins	27
Lauren Sax	18

Aaron Schmidt	27
Harvey Schwaid	7
Jason Sherman	30
Gene Silverman	9
Susan Temkin	21
Edward Turney	14
Ilese Vorcheimer	10
Larry Weber	4

April Anniversaries

	Years
Marlene & Paul Berger	11 3
Marcia & Michael Goldberg	3 13
Roberta & Rick McNew	18 26
Nettie & Jules Seder	3 41
Gene & Morton Silverman	30 52
Geri & Stuart Smith	10 42
Mary & Salomon Terner	7 14
Sherry & Edward Turney	6 31
Carole & Sheldon Weiss	15 56

KJCC Historian

Unfortunately, Meredith Cline recently resigned as Historian of the KJCC. I wish to thank Meredith for all her hard work over the years.

Anyone interested in assuming the position of Historian, either alone, or sharing it with someone else, please contact me.

Your President,
 Steve Steinbock.
 Cell:305-394-0143.



New Board

Here is your new Board of Officers and Directors, They need your help and cooperation in order to make our KJCC function as well as it does. So - attend a Board Meeting. Join a committee. Become involved - it can be quite enjoyable.

Ongoing Projects

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

CEMETERY INFORMATION If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you may reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bea 852-0214.

PICTURE POSTCARDS We have some wonderful picture postcards of the KJCC stained glass windows available. They can be packaged to fit your needs and even mailed to you or to your gift recipient. Prices are as low as \$36 per hundred but we sell lesser quantities. Call gift shop chairperson or Marty 852-0214.

ONEG SHABBAT Sponsor or Hostess, to schedule your special date call Bea Graham 852-0214.

TREES A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. They are easy to purchase, the recipient is notified immediately of your generosity and both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Bea at 852-0214 for ordering information.

Holiday	Hebrew	Services on	Time
Chanukkah - 1st candle	Kislev 24	Fri	12/15 8:00 PM
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Tu B'Shevat	Shevat 15	Fri	2/16 8:00 PM
Purim	Adar 14	Fri	3/2 7:30 PM
Passover 1st Seder	Nissan 14	Mon	4/2 Enjoy
Passover 2nd Seder	Nissan 15	IFC	4/3 6:30 PM
Passover - Yizkor	Nissan 22	Fri	4/13 8:00 PM
Yom Hashoa	Nissan 27	Fri	4/20 8:00 PM
Yom Ha'atzmaut	Iyar 5	Fri	4/27 8:00 PM
Lag B'Omer	Iyar 18	Fri	5/4 8:00 PM
Shavuot - Yizkor	Sivan 6	Fri	5/25 8:00 PM
Tisha B'Av	Av 9	Fri	7/27 8:00 PM