

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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I can't believe it. This is my last President's message. It seems it was just yesterday when I agreed to assume this role. At that time, we were virtually strangers. Not any more! I think the KJCC family has only strengthened during my tenure. And my life has been enriched as well. When I began, I invited you to join me on a journey, a journey of friendship, enlightenment and love. While the journey is not over, thanks to all who have accompanied me. Although my term is at an end, our journey is not and I invite you to continue. There is no greater reward than discovering and preserving the true meaning of friendship, love, loyalty and enlightenment.

It has truly been both a pleasure and privilege to serve as your president over the past two years. There have been many accomplishments, disappointments, triumphs and tragedies. If judged by the number of new members, our increased community involvement, member participation and member activity, the last two years have been very positive for the KJCC.

I personally want to thank all my fellow officers and the Board of Directors for their support and guidance, as well as their dedication to serving the KJCC family. I extend my apologies to any of our members I may have inadvertently offended. I can assure you there was no malice in any of my actions. My sole motivation was the implementation of what I believed to be in the best interests of the KJCC.

To our incoming officers and directors, I offer you my best wishes. There are no formulae for success. It can only come from your own heart and soul. Maintain your independence and rely on your own innate wisdom. The synergy thereby created will be a propelling force toward your accomplishment of all your goals.

G-d speed to all.

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### ANNUAL MEETING

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### BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2007 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for January 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 scheduled. 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.

### 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 March issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is February 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.

### EDITOR AVAILABILITY

You may reach the editor by mail - PO Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. The E-mail address is [mbgraham@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbgraham@bellsouth.net). By phone - 852-0214. Fax number is 852-0215. Send recipes to Roberta at [mcnewr@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:mizleez3@bellsouth.net).

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The Board of Directors of the KJCC recently revised and approved several changes to the congregation bylaws. Many of the changes involved definitions and terminology.

One of the major changes was to move the position of Membership from a Vice Presidential position to a standing committee. In addition, the members of the Board no longer need to be from specific areas in the Keys.

The revised bylaws will be presented to the general membership for approval at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 11. Members can email Stuart Sax, Executive Vice President, at Angelika81917@aol.com for an advanced copy or you can pick up a copy in the KJCC lobby at your convenience.

**February Leaders**

- 2 - Joyce Peckman
- 9 - Jim Boruszak
- 16 - Bernie Ginsburg
- 23 - Note: 6:30 Early Service -  
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- 2 Linda Rutkin - Birthday
- 9 Michal Kamely
- 16 Toby & David Goldfinger  
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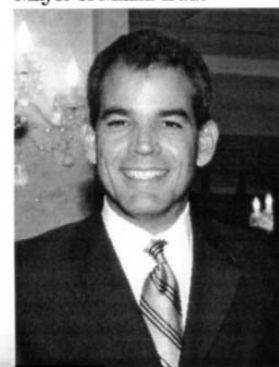


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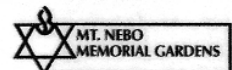
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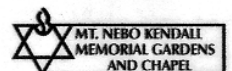
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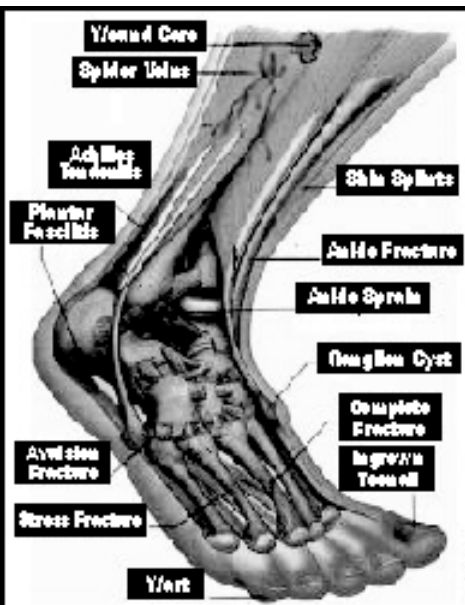
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## Sisterhood



Shalom! The Cathy Kaplan Sisterhood welcomes in a new slate of officers and I look forward, as president, to working with everyone, those of you who have always seemed to be involved and those of you who may just be beginning to join in on the fun! Many thanks to Nettie Seder for her many efforts and contributions. She was presented with a Hebrew "Ahava" pendant in following sisterhood tradition. Did you know that if you are a woman and a member of the KJCC that you are automatically a member of the sisterhood? Many temples have a fee to join the sisterhood but not us! Do you know what we do at our monthly meetings and what our goals and ambitions are? Remember these meetings are for all of us, not just board members. Come join us at a meeting and decide if you'd like to get involved at any level that works for you. Inasmuch as the KJCC allows us to "embrace our diversity", the sisterhood is a representative of all our collective ideas. This is our busy time of year with lots of events and activities in the planning stages.

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 is our annual Fashion Show, hosted by Lauren and Stuart Sax of Angelika and Sunny Exposures fame. This event is always a sell-out and a fun time.

Sunday, February 4, 2007 brings us our theater outing. This year it's "I Love You Because..." at the Actors Playhouse.

Get ready for Sunday, March 4, 2007. It's Purim and we will have a gala International

Dinner! First the megillah reading, then dinner, then the kids will have a special presentation for us! KJCC will host our Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Reserve early!

Next sisterhood meetings are on Feb.4 and March 4, 2007. Hope to see you there! We look forward to a wonderful year!

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## Sisterhood Calendar

Feb. 4	9:30am Sisterhood Meeting
Feb. 4 "	"I Love You Because..." at Actors Playhouse
March 4	9:30am Sisterhood Meeting
March 4	Purim International Dinner and Play
April 3	Second Seder

## YARTZEIT PLAQUES

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# Carter's book approaches anti-Semitism

Stu Bykofsky |

Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book."- Ronald Reagan

SO JIMMY CARTER wrote a book and it's called "Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid."

In it, the globe-trotting, sanctimonious moralizer - whom I had admired only as an ex-president - erases the line between honest criticism and dishonest advocacy. It's so Arabcentric, Carter ought to be wearing Yasser Arafat's kafiya.

Carter heaps blame on tiny, terror-tortured Israel for the unrest with its massive Arab neighbors, while blaming the U.S. for being "submissive" to Israel. When he insinuates that Jews - 2 percent of the U.S. population - control the government, the media, Wall Street, etc., it's the hoary anti-Semitism you expect to find on a KKK Web site, not in a book by an American president.

In interviews, Carter said his purpose was to ignite public discussion about America's Mideast policy. Instead, he touched off a raging debate about the truth and honor of his book.

American Jews, and other friends of Israel, have attacked Carter's book as being so one-sided and so awash in half-truths and quarter-truths as to approach actual anti-Semitism. He might have expected that.

He might not have expected some of his friends would rip the book. A devastating rebuke came from Dr. Kenneth Stein, of the democracy-promoting Carter Center, founded by the former president. Resigning in disgust as a Middle East Fellow in December, Stein wrote that Carter's book "is replete with factual errors, copied materials not cited, superficialities, glaring omissions, and simply invented segments."

Stein sat in on some Carter meetings with Mideast leaders "and my notes of those meet-

ings show little similarity to points claimed in the book." Summing up, Stein said, "Being a former president does not give one a unique privilege to invent information."

Last week, 14 members of a Carter Center advisory board resigned to protest the lopsided book. Some had served in the Carter administration. Another former admirer, Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz, criticized Carter's command of the facts, his tilted analysis and even his tone.

Having ignited the discussion, Carter declined Brandeis University's invitation to debate the book with Dershowitz. "There is no need for me to debate somebody who, in my opinion, knows nothing about the situation in Palestine," Carter told the Boston Globe. In that dismissive quote, Carter dropped the mask of humility to reveal the cold face of arrogance.

If Dershowitz's schooling doesn't impress Carter, will he listen to someone with impeccable credentials? Dennis Ross, President Clinton's envoy to the Middle East, wrote in the New York Times last week about what appeared to be Carter lifting two maps from Ross' book, "The Missing Peace." Ross doesn't care about the use of the maps, but wrote that, "Mr. Carter's presentation badly misrepresents the Middle East proposals advanced by President Bill Clinton in 2000, and in so doing undermines... efforts to bring peace to the region."

In reading the book, several "tells" signaled Carter's bias to me. • When blame falls on Arab shoulders, Carter's tone is often passive, such as reporting in 2000, "Peace negotiations at Camp David break down," without saying Arafat had rejected a deal that gave him more than 90 percent of what he wanted. But when a second intifada breaks out, Carter casts spe-

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## PASSOVER IS COMING!

It is hard to believe, but the time to think about Passover is here. Our KJCC Seder is very special, and we already have several reservations with a waiting list of people who will be in the Keys then and want to join us. Our Seder will be on Tuesday, April 3 at the Islamorada Fishing Club at 6:30PM. Due to seating restrictions we can only accommodate 100 people. Please make your reservation as soon as possible. We are accepting reservations now and will wait until March 15th before we open them to nonmembers. The cost remains the same-\$40 for adults and free for all children 12 years and younger. For reservations please call Leslie Dillon at 305 852 3654. You can send your check to the Keys Jewish Community Center Sisterhood, Post Office Box 116, Tavernier, FL. 33070.

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# Looking Forward to March

## March Birthdays

Gloria Auston	24
Sylvia Berman	25
Denise Blumenthal	15
Allan Boruszak	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
Heath Greenbaum	12
Anthony A Gutierrez	30
Eileen Hermann	13
Allen Holbrook	8
Kate Horowitz	10
Seth Horowitz	14
Pearl Jacobs	9
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
Janet Palacino	20
Joseph Palacino	21
Michelle Palacino	19
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
<b>Sylvia &amp; Robert Berman</b>	<b>24 51</b>
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

## Volunteer

Congratulations to Marc Bloom,  
the Monroe County and Plantation Key  
School Volunteer of the Year!  
More on this event next month

cific blame on Jews, by writing it began "After Ariel Sharon visits the Temple Mount." In one historical passage Carter writes, "Although Christian and Muslim Arabs had continued to live in this same land since Roman Times... " Astonishingly, Carter omits that Jews lived on that land before there was either Christianity or Islam and always had a presence there. Does this small slip reveal Carter's Juden frei [Jew-free] state of mind? •

Carter doesn't explain that when the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Hamas and Hezbollah "are seen to be struggling against Israeli occupation of Palestine," the terrorists define "Palestine" as Israel, not just the West Bank and Gaza. Carter's dishonesty extends to using the word "apartheid" in the title. That is an insult not just to Jews, but to the millions of South African blacks who lived under its terror. Carter eventually explains he doesn't mean that kind of apartheid; he means economic apartheid, and the terrorist-thwarting wall between Israel and the occupied territory. He well knows that Arabs living among Jews in Israel are citizens and have greater freedom than Arabs in any Arab state. But he doesn't say that.

Carter catalogs every Jewish abuse, but soft-pedals suicide-bombing Muslims. Using a classic double standard, he blames Israel for not living up to the highest standards of democracy while not demanding the Palestinians live up to even the lowest.

That's why some feel Carter's book approaches anti-Semitism. That's why I agree with them.

## YEDA Adult Education by Yardena.



## On Jewish Wisdom and Ethics

For centuries, a child reared in a Jewish home grew up in a world defined by tradition. In that world, heroes and heroines of the Bible and the Talmud were as much a part of the child's life as were the men and women who lived in the neighborhood. In that world, an ancient maxim came as easily to a parent's lips as did a lesson in cleanliness or good behavior. In that world, scholars and sages, looking to find answers to issues for which they could find no legal precedent, would often advise one another to "go out and see how the people are accustomed to act." For in that world, the customs of the people and the teaching of the sages were linked one to the other.

The world in which I lived as a child was not very different from that world of tradition. In my home city of Haifa, I had the privilege to grow up among both Sephardic and Ashkenazi traditions, with generations of teachers and educators in the family. The Bible, the Talmud, and books of Hebrew literature stood on bookshelves side by side with modern Hebrew textbooks, Russian, German and English novels, and contemporary history. In school, Judaic studies were not just part of the curriculum, they were a way of life. We learned the concept of loving one's neighbor from the Bible, from a story on Rabbi Akiva, from a legend we read about the sage Hillel, and from the simple act of carrying coins to school on Fridays to place in the charity box (tzedakah) that stood in every classroom as a reminder that giving charity is the finest expression of loving your neighbor.

As an adult, I continued my Judaic and Hebrew studies in teacher's seminaries. I stayed close to the tradition. Apart from ceremonies and rituals, from holidays and festivals, what endured most meaningfully for me were the texts and teachings, and the power of their ethical principles and practical insights. That core of values that is the essence of Judaism was always there for me.

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.

**On loving your neighbor**

"Love your neighbor as yourself," the book of Leviticus states, and this Golden Rule about relating to others has been emphasized by teachers and educators through the ages.

A heathen once came before the sage Shammai. He said to him: "I will convert to Judaism if you will teach me all the Torah while I stand on one foot." Shammai pushed the

**Special Days in February**

**\*February Birthdays**

Lori Barsh	16
Dick Bromwich	3
Shirley Burnett	10
Martin Field	6
Emily Caryn Gershowitz	24
Marshall Gorson	21
Renee Green	26
Susie Greenman	24
Beth Hayden	18
Linda Holbrook	7
Larry Jacobs	7
Robin Kantor	5
Deborah Kaplan	9
Johnny Knowles	12
Tarah Kordansky	13
Arlene Line	28
David J. Marmar	21
Roy Pollack	1
Paul Roberts	12
Linda Rutkin	2
Steven B Sanders	14
John D. Schur	26
Robert C. Schur	17
Sean Sherman	25
Rebecca Smith	5
Justin Solomon	11
Shari Storeygard	18
Carleigh Stuart	3
Muriel Swartz	24
Judith Weber	15
Audrey Wolf	21

**February Anniversaries**

	Years
Claire & Murray Cooper	21 59
Susan & Bill Gordon	20 20
Liliam & Uri Kamely	9 15
Linda & Joel Pollack	11 45

**Nominating Committee Report**

Bea Graham- Chair,  
Jim Boruszak, Leslie Dillon, Bernie Ginsburg,  
Steve Steinbock, Mark Wasser

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## COUNTRY JAPANESE NOODLE SOUP

1 can stewed tomatoes, 14 1/2 oz	1 can low-salt chicken broth, 14 oz
3 oz uncooked linguine	2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
1 to 1 1/2 tsp minced ginger root	
1/4 lb boneless chicken breast, cut into very thin strips	
5 green onions, cut into thin 1 inch slivers	
4 oz firm tofu, cut into small cubes	Ground black pepper (optional)

In a large saucepan, put the thinly sliced chicken breast (note that partially frozen boneless chicken breast will slice clean and cut easily into strips). Add tomatoes with juice, broth, linguine, soy sauce and ginger with 1 3/4 cups water. Bring to a boil. Cook, uncovered, over medium heat 5 minutes. Add green onions and tofu, cook 4 minutes or until pasta is tender. Season to taste with pepper and additional soy sauce, if desired.

## APPLE BROWN BETTY

4 cups apples, peeled and sliced	1/2 cup water
1 TBS cinnamon	1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar	3/4 cup flour
Pam	

Preheat oven to 375°. Spray 13x9 inch baking dish with Pam or rub with butter. Place apple slices in baking dish. Combine water and cinnamon and pour over apples. In a small bowl, combine butter, sugar and flour. Using a fork, work together well until crumbly, Sprinkle over top of apples and bake for 35 to 45 minutes until top is golden brown. Serve warm with milk or ice cream.

man away with the builder's measure he held in his hand.

The man came before Hillel and repeated his request.

Hillel said to him: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah.

The rest is commentary - go and learn it."  
-Babylonian Talmud, tractate Shabbat, p.31a

### On accepting differences

A favorite saying of the rabbis of Jabneh was:

I am a creature of God and my neighbor is also a creature of God.

I work in the city and he works in the country.

I rise early for my work and he rises early for his work.

Just as he cannot excel in my work, I cannot excel in his work.

Will you say that I do great things and he does small things?

We have learned that it does not matter whether a person does much or little,

as long as he directs his heart to heaven.

Babylonian Talmud, tractate Berachot, p.172

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## Injury

Sorry to report that MLS - Mary Lee Singer - had an unfortunate accident that resulted in a broken leg, now somewhat repaired, but with lots of rehab in the future. She can always use a cheer-up phone call or note.



## TREE OF LIFE

**JEFFREY SCHOCKET**  
**60TH BIRTHDAY**

**December 17, 2006**

**From: JIM & JOAN BORUSZAK**

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**IN HONOUR OF OUR**  
**50TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**ELINOR AND HERB GROSSMAN**

PEOPLE AND PETS

by Mary Lee Singer



Name of Owner: Joyce Peckman  
Breed: Doberman Pinscher  
Name of Pet: Mattie  
(Matilda when I get stern with her)  
Age: approx 2 1/2  
Reasons for choosing breed:

Smart, friendly, beautiful, naturally protective, short haired, and can be good with children. We have had 2 other Dobies in the past.

Interesting characteristics and stories about pet:

This 55 pound Doberman Pinscher loves to run around the house with her squeaky ball and squeaky teddy bears. She'll drop one in your lap, inviting you to throw it. When she gets excited, she'll grab one and run from the porch into the house, through the kitchen, around the dining room table and back again 5 or 10 times, unless someone unexpectedly closes the glass door to the porch, in which case she'll skid into a screeching halt in front of the door. She learned pretty quickly about the solidity of glass.

We got Mattie from Doberman Rescue in Broward County 2 years ago. She had been found running in the streets, surviving on garbage. If you've ever tried to get a pet through a rescue group, the interview process is pretty comprehensive. The key for us was that we loved her soft, uncut floppy ears. Ironically, although we got her to keep Leslie company when I went visiting alone, Mattie has become my devoted companion now that Leslie is gone. She sleeps in the living room, on the Oriental rug, or on her dog-

gie blanket which she spends five minutes every night bunching up until it is just the exact right shape. But during the day, if you are looking for me, just see where she is lying, and that's where I am.

She is wonderful with kids, letting my 2 year old niece and grandchildren feed her kibble one piece at a time, or take a toy from her mouth without complaint. When she's running, she'll swerve around them, but if she accidentally knocks them down, she'll come back over and lick them.

She loves to go in the car, and is a great traveling companion on the I-95 trek between Florida and New York. She doesn't make a peep, doesn't criticize my driving, and makes sure I go for a walk every few hours.

She's good with other dogs, and loves to run, but not in the water. She loves company, and will be thrilled if you come to visit, although she might put her nose in impolite places.



sive and I was working 80 hours a week", Marc states, "It was very easy to re-connect to my Judaism down here because of the people." And all those years in catering provided an outlet for Marc to continue working in and around the kitchen. Most Friday nights and special events, Marc can be found helping and organizing the food for the onegs and parties. "I have served over a million customers and catered over four hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. My goal now is to serve a million more in other ways."

Since there are no bagel stores here in the Keys, Marc recommends Ray's Bagels in the freezer case. "The trick is to put the frozen bagel into a 400-degree oven or toaster/oven for about five minutes and you get a bagel that is warm and crisp on the outside and soft on the inside."

Put down the Chai Lights and go do it right now. You can thank Marc later.

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ingly asked the following question. "What has happened to conversation?" I really didn't expect an answer because technology and all that it has spawned is an integral part of the life of our children and grandchildren, and will continue to do so at an accelerated pace. I guess my observations were heightened by the concentration of computers and their attachments in one small house.

We were, however, very moved and felt very blessed to have our children and grandchildren make observing Chanukah and our anniversary together as a family, a top priority despite the inconveniences of traveling by air, changing schedules, and schlepping those very heavy laptops. Maybe we did pass on some of our values to the next generations despite the rush of technology. Maybe we did something right.



The KJCC congratulates Jim Boruszak, Recipient of the Baptist Health South Florida Foundation Volunteer of the Year Award for Mariners Hospital



BOOK PLATES

IN MEMORY OF  
DR. HERBERT URAM  
By JOEL AND Linda Pollack

IN HONOR OF  
BEA & MARTY GRAHAM  
December 21, 2006  
60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
by MURIEL AND GEORGE SWARTZ



## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

Most guys from Jersey over six feet tall are comfortable with a basketball or hockey stick in their hands. Marc Bloom is more comfortable with a spatula in his. Born in Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, Marc spent his childhood and early adult years in and around Linden in North Jersey. "My brother was 6'7" and played basketball. Even though I was also tall, bowling was my sport," he says.

After graduation from Linden High School, Marc worked in a variety of jobs like managing bowling alleys, managing a film processing store and, as Marc says with a smile, "I used to make those little green mosquito coils used in the drive-in movie theatres." Marc had had lots of family in the area and he states, "Everything I learned about business was learned from family members."

Marc's grandfather passed away before he was born and his mother, who was afflicted with multiple sclerosis (MS), passed when he was fourteen. While his world was turned upside down, he relied a lot on his father, brother and his grandmother who was as he puts it, "A very sweet lady who could really cook and bake." Marc also states that from that time forward he did not have much of a connection with his Judaism.

In the mid 80's Marc worked in his father's catering business. About that same time, he and a couple of friends took a vacation to Club Med in the Dominican Republic. That's where Marc spotted a young lady who was also vacationing there with "a guy that looked like Gene Wilder." Being the mellow guy that he is

(snicker, snicker), Marc found out that she lived and worked in New York, got her phone number and called her up when he got back. He and Ellen dated for a few years and married in 1987. Two years later, daughter Rachel joined the family. Molly followed five years later.

If having a wife and family weren't enough responsibility, Marc and Ellen bought an existing bagel shop in Randolph, New Jersey. They called the shop Bagel Express and, as Marc tells it, the shop's previous owners were absent most of the time and when he took over business nearly tripled. Bagel Express had sit down service, counter service and catering for local hospitals, schools, and private parties. "Our specialty was the 'Party Bagel' which was like a big round sub for parties."



That was the good news. The bad news was that about the same time he started Bagel Express, Marc was diagnosed with MS. While Marc's ongoing battle with MS is often challenging, he never seems to let it get in his way. He has an uncanny ability to think things through and do them within his capabilities. "I refuse to let it hold me back," he states, "I never had time to be negative about my disease because I was just too busy working and taking care of my family."

In 2000, they sold Bagel Express and decided to move to Florida where Ellen had family. By that time, Marc was on disability as a result of his MS. He started working at Holiday Isle, volunteered at the local school, and began working with the MS Society here. He also started attending services at the KJCC. "I was not very active in the synagogue back in Jersey because it was expen-

## CHANUKAH AND TECHNOLOGY 2006

Lee Schur

For 8 days a miracle occurred at our house in Key Largo, which was, of course, not Maccabean, but nonetheless very unusual. Two of our sons, Larry from San Antonio, Texas, and Paul, from Deerfield, Illinois, and their families came to spend Chanukah with us and to celebrate our 57th Anniversary at the same time. So, we were very delighted and feeling very blessed to have them spend some wonderful, quality, compatible time with us and with each other.

In our generation, extended families and grandparents were not only in the same city, but in close proximity to each other. Today that is rare, and often siblings and cousins may see each other infrequently, due to their fast paced schedules and long distances from each other.

We quelled when we saw 7 year-old Brittany bonding and intently working on a Disney puzzle with her 18 year-old cousin, college freshman, Becky. Four year-old Jeremy screamed with delight as he reeled in a mutton snapper off our dock, and all the family applauded and shared in his excitement running for cameras to record a special family moment. Grandpa Bob, happily, was kept very busy baiting, cleaning, and filleting fish as Brittany and Becky continued to catch fish. All of which was enjoyed later at a wonderful lunch of the freshly caught sautéed snapper.

These were some of the moments to remember for all of us. Very memorable was everyone surrounding the Shabbat dinner table as our grandchildren lit and said the prayer over the Menorah, and the ladies ushering in Shabbat with the prayer over the Shabbat candles.

Our wonderful special day ended at the KJCC with a lovely service and oneg, where our anniversary was celebrated, along with the Graham family as they celebrated their 60th Anniversary with the "hamish" members of the congregation. We truly felt blessed to be surrounded by our family and our extended KJCC family.

Now you are probably saying what has Chanukah got to do with technology. Probably not a lot, but during the 8 days that our family was with us, you became very aware of how the world has changed because of high tech Ipods, the speedy desktops, the cutting edge cell phones, the pocket-size digital cameras that have become absolutely essential to our children and

grandchildren and the fast paced world that they live in.

Visualize for a moment my small 2 bedroom house. On the small dining room table are 4 desktop computers, some connected to electric outlets as they are being charged, and some being used simultaneously as my sons carry on their business activities. My grandson is finishing an on-line college test, and my granddaughter is studying physics so that she will be better prepared

for next semester. Also, situated in the middle of the table, surrounded by computers is the menorah which will be lit later. I was struck by the symbolism: the old and the new, the past and the present. The many cell phones and Ipods that have multiple capabilities are in evidence around the house. They, too, may be connected to electric outlets with many cords. At one point most of my electric outlets were being used. They almost seem to be appendages to their owners. Many times they would have to go from their high tech computers to my slow dial-up computer in order to get a printout.

At one point, I indicated my complete understanding, necessity, and the essential nature of their use of the computer before I gingerly, halt-

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# Purim

## International Dinner

Gala International Buffet

Costumes encouraged but optional

4:00 Megilla reading in English

5:00 Dinner - followed by Purim presentation by our students -

Sisterhood Members are asked to bring a dish with an international flair -

Joyce Peckman will coordinate and gladly give suggestions. 451-0665

Donation \$10; Raffles

Children 12 and under are our guests.

Come and enjoy!

**Sunday, March 4**

**2007**

**at the KJCC**

February 2007

13 Shevat—10 Adar 5767

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div> Start thinking about Passover—April 3 at the Islamorada Fishing Club.  Make your reservations early </div> </div>						
4 Sisterhood Theater	5	6	7	8	2 Joyce Peckman	3 Beshalach
11 Board	12	13	14	15	9 Jim Boruszak	10 Yitro
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25	26	27	28	Washington's BD	23 Alan Beth 6:30	24 Terumah
<div> <div> The Purim International Dinner will be on Sunday, March 4, 2007. Read all about it and plan to be there! </div> </div>						