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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Gloria Avner & Susan Gordon Steve Steinbock	6
7 Sisterhood Planning Meeting 9:30	8	9	10	11	12 Gloria Avner & Sam Vinicur	13
KJCC Board Mtg. 9:00 a.m. Gloria art class Noon	15	16	17	18	Joyce Peckman Steve & Amelia Kasinof	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Steve Hartz 6:30 Service Elinor & Herb Grossman	27
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President's Message Sam Vinicur

My guess is that a whole bunch of you think that KICC becomes a quiet, torpid locus of lollygagging idlers during the summer. Or something like that. That we lie around virtually inert. practically gagging on the heat, every now and then summoning just enough heroic energy to swat at some relentless fly or mosquito, much like the semi-catatonic. dusty locals so prevalent in old Sergio Leone westerns. This calumny seems most prevalent, it must be said, among our beloved snowbirds.

When I first moved to the Keys, those who had been here a while seemed to delight in stories about how summer meant true freedom. I heard over and over how it used to be possible to lie down in the middle of the highway without ever being approached by a car. No one. of course, would have been daft enough to actually do such a thing, but stories like that are almost always part of the mysterious process that leads to the creation of enduring myths and legends. Things don't have to be actually true. They just need to feel about right, so that we're comfortable with the characters we create (and inhabit) and then happily contrast to others unlucky enough to not be us.

Okay, so the pace does



slow a little here in summer. which upsets a grand total of nobody. But KJCC is still vitally active. It isn't going 24-7, I'll admit - though it sure seemed so recently when I was called three times in the wee small hours by our security company and had to dash over to make sure all was fine - but we still have a lot going on and a lot to do. We still have services every week, and an oneg. Gloria is planning for High Holidays and next season's religious calendar. Susan is mapping out next year's school activities. Bernie is diligently mining joke archives so he'll have new material for the new year. Sisterhood is planning their dinners and social events. Steve Steinbock and Foster Davidson have finished our Garden's beautiful new orchid pergola and Steve is beginning to curate a collection of his beloved orchids.

And on Friday, July 3rd, at this year's Shabbabaque, we, her KJCC extended family, will be collectively honoring our matriarch Pauline Roller on her 100th birthday. Peeps are coming in from all over. Join us if you can. It'll be guite the bash.

Do have a healthy and safe summer. I know all my fellow lollygagging Keys idlers would wish you the same, were they able to summon the energy. \diamond

Nosh

Mazel Tov to Grad Cory Wasser

Cory graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in both Criminolo-

gy and Psychology. His proud mom Sofy writes that his transition from home life and high school to living on his own and college was seamless. Cory will be moving on to his master's degree and ultimately, with a bit of good fortune, Quantico and a career in the Federal Bu-



reau of Investigation. "Mark and I are confident that he will be able to accomplish anything he sets his mind to. We are certain that his KJCC family was instrumental in his development and self-confidence."

Oneg Sponsors for June 2015

June 5th - Steve Steinbock in honor of his anniversary.

June 19th – Steve & Amelia Kasinof to celebrate Amelia's birthday.

June 26th – Elinor & Herb Grossman in honor of their anniversary.

Still Time to Schedule Summer Onegs

Just a reminder that Friday services and onegs continue all summer long at KJCC. It isn't too late to commemorate that special person or occasion by sponsoring an oneg during the summer months. There may not be quite as many of us in attendance, but the object of your love will feel it just as powerfully.

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Meditation Garden Orchid

To Honor

Gene & Mort's 60th Anniversary

by Elaine & Alan Schulberg

(Two Orchids.)

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of **Joel Pollack**

A Statesman and Leader of the Keys Jewish Community Center. Presented by Arthur and Ann Plutzer New York City

See You in September

Chai-Lights is published ten times a year. What you have before you is the combined June/ July/August issue, with as many summer listings as we could gather. The next issue you see will be the September issue, which will quickly lead to High Holidays. (Erev Rosh Hashanah is Sunday, September 13th.) Please continue to send your photos and events to us at the Chai-Lights e-mail. We'll publish them in September.

Meditation Garden Tree In Honor of David Gitin

by Gloria Avner

June Birthdays

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2nd	Myra Kaplan
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16th	1arvin Blumenfeld
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23rd	Dale Chasteen
23rd	Steve Levine
24th	Rita Bromwich
24th	
27th	Frank Emkey
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29th	
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June Anniversaries

Y	ears
1st Jim & Rita Williams	31
Ist Joel Bernard & Joan Stark	29
5th Erica Lieberman-Garrett & Ron Garrett.	
7th Richard & Sheila Steinberg	
8th Stephan & Jane Friedman	
11th Medina & Carl Roy	
12th Steven & Jan Hartz	
12th William & Donna Bolton	
14th Harvey & Joan Kay	
19th Richard & Mindy Agler	
21st Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake	
23rd Stuart & Lauren Sax	
25th Herbert & Elinor Grossman	
28th Wes & Rita Conklin	
28th Lloyd & Rae Wruble	
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BOOK PLATE

In Memory of

Joel Pollack

by Pauline Roller

Meditation Garden Tree

In Honor of Bianka Kirschenbaum's 100th Birthday

from Medina and Carl Roy

July Anniversaries

		Years
2nd	Randy & Tomar Gross	15
9th	Michel Bitton & Sylvie Coeurjoly	5
I2th	Jason & Debbie Madnick	20
24th	Dick & Rita Bromwich	41
30th	Andrew & Randi Grant	26

BOOK PLATE

In Loving Memory of Our Friend Joel Pollack

by Joel and Toby Bofshever

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of My Dad

Max Lieberman

Love. Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Meditation Garden Double Brick

In Memory of Dr. Joel Pollack

Beloved Brother and Uncle Martin, Judith, David Schneyer

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of

James Nobil

by Lynn Nobil

July Birthdays

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lst	Jennifer Gilson
	Nelson Chester
	Patti Gross
	Alex Hudson
	Chely Markowitz
2nd	Elissa A. Denker
2nd	Rabbi Ed Rosenthal
3rd	Max Finkelstein
3rd	Michael Kaufman
4th	Mindy Rosenthal
4th	Pauline Roller
9th	Joyce Peckman
10th	Lindsay Gould
th	Steven Hartz
	Dana Grace
12th	Richard Steinberg
12th	Rebecca M. Schur
	Dot Brooking
	Leslie Reamer
I4th	David Gross
	Paul Eric Bernstein
	Danna Levy
	Shira Listman
	Foster Davidson
	Luzviminda Levine
	Roos-Mary Benowitz
	Carol Laskin
	Arlington Garrett
	Brian Smith
	Joshua Samuel Bernstein
	Linda Perloff
	Carrie Temkin
	Alan Markowitz
	Carol Field
26th	Lance Royce Kaufman
	Rachael Bloom
	Stephanie LaMarche
	Marc Bloom
	Lila E. Juenger
	Bruce Boruszak
	Mary Lee Singer
	Candy Stanlake
	Barry Neumann
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	Mark Steinberg
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August Birthdays

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2nd	Marc S. Field
4th	Jessica Forman
5th	Nissan Mayk
8th	
9th	Delia Grace Smith
9th	Eric Freundlich
10th	Barbara Smith
10th	Emma Feig
13th	Gina Moritz
13th	Stephan Friedman
15th	
15th	Patricia Isenberg
15th	Danielle Zinner
16th	Alan Lindenbaum
16th	Tom Brennan
16th	Alison Thompson
19th	Pamela Friedman
20th	Amanda Nobil
21st	Rachel Zinner
23rd	Dave Mont
24th	Carl McNew
26th	Mikhaela Bitton
27th	Jaimee Marshall
27th	Judy Greenman
28th	Evan Stuart
30th	Robert Temkin
30th	Sue Ann Weihl
31st	Brynn Borisoff
31st	

August Anniversaries

		Years
7th	Larry & Dorothy Wolfe	58
I5th	Paul & Susan Roberts	47
15th	Richard & Barbara Knowles	16
l 6th	Ira & Shirley Stein	57
17th	Stephen & Marsha Harris	14
21st	Jeff & Lisa Miller	38
22nd	Franklin & Judy Greenman	
27th	Israel & Nissan Mayk	43

Meditation Garden Brick

In Loving Memory of **Joel Pollack** 1934 - 2015 by Jane and Stan Seltzer

Meditation Garden Brick

For Pauline at 100

Chazak, Chazak V'nitchazek

July 4th, 2015

Meditation Garden Tree

In Memory of Joel Pollack

by Skip Rose

The KJCC offers its deepest condolences to Joan Wohl and her family on the death of Milton Wohl.

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Loving Memory of

Joel Pollack

by Stuart & Lauren Sax

Yahrzeit Plaque SHIRLEY BOXER

1-28-1919



4-16-2015

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of

Sara Cohen

by Lynn Nobil

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of

Joel Cohen

by Lynn Nobil

Gloria and Jane's Art Class on June 14th

If you've been counting the years since Gloria Avner last taught art classes at KJCC, your long wait is over. On June 14th, from noon till 2:00, Gloria will be teaching a class she calls "Painting and Pizza." As she did before, she'll be helping you work magic with string, India ink and watercolors. And this time she'll have Jane Friedman along to also teach a one-brush-stroke painting technique. Please see the ad on page 26.

Thank You from Bea Graham and Family

Wow! is all we can say. A beautiful plant whose top leaves are yellow and form a leafy flower-type thing at the top was delivered to

Mom from KICC. I read her the card and she had tears in her eyes. I will do it again tomorrow to make sure it sinks in. Thanks for the kind gesture and sincere prayers. Bea is



now home, walking and talking and making daily strides in her recovery from head trauma and surgery.

- Nissan Mayk, May 5

July and August Service Leaders

July 3: Joyce Peckman & Gloria Avner

July 10: Erica Lieberman-Garrett & Mitch Harvey

July 17: Barney Coltman

July 24: Bernie Ginsberg

Aug. 7: Erica Lieberman-Garrett & Mitch Harvey

Aug. 14: Ken Atlas

Aug. 21: Yardena Kamely Aug. 28: Steve Steinbock

> The KJCC offers its deepest condolences to Zoe Berk-Moshe and her family on the death of

> > Joshua Moshe.

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of

Erik Persoff

by Lynn Nobil

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Ellen Coltman

> by Barnet Coltman

BOOK PLATE

In Memory of Joel Pollack

from

John and Arlene Line

Don't Forget the KICC Web Site

Been to the KICC web site lately? It has several months of calendar listings, and handy prayers, and membership forms, years of old issues of Chai-Lights, and more. Plus Alan makes it easy to navigate. Go to keysjewishcenter.com.

Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Gene Silverman, 305-664-3316.

CEMETERY INFORMATION: If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Bernie Ginsberg, 305-852-9300.

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

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

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSOR: To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305 -451-0665.

KICC TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Call Dave Mont, 305-393-9883, to arrange your donation.

KICC BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575 for information.

INF TREES IN ISRAEL: 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. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Linda Kaplan, 305 -396-7000.

CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH: Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, to make your donation.

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LIVE GREEN - RECYCLE: We are recycling ink cartridges, laser toners, cell phones, laptops, idevices, tablets and more. Call Steve Steinbock, 305-394-0143, or just bring your items to the KICC.

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





Tallit, Kipot, Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks Mezuzzot, Jewelry and More!

> For further information contact: Susan Gordon (305) 766-3585

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In Memoriam Summer 2015

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Sydney Emsig	Beulah Grossman	Les Reitman
By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs	By Sam & Leslie Janowitz <><><>>>>	By Marshall & Myra Kaplan <><><>>>>>
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Otto Kluger	Fred Ross	Bob Freundlich
By Nancy Kluger <><><><>	By Joyce Peckman <><><>><>	By Linda Perloff <><><>><>><>
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Paula Travers	Frank Stanley Sachs	Morgan Rowen
By Michele Riley <><><><>	By Joseph & Susan Sachs	By Joseph & Susan Sachs <><><><>
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Aaron Schmidt	Harvey Kelman	Beth Schulberg
By Judith Schmidt <><><>>>>	By Alan & Elaine Schulberg	By Alan & Elaine Schulberg
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Sylvia Sachs	Jack L. Sachs	Stanley H. Klipper
By Morton & Gene Silverman <><><>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	By Morton & Gene Silverman <><><>>>>	By Mary Lee Singer <><><><>>
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Bernard Solas	Mollie Z. Cohen	Ben Steinbock
By Elaine Solas	By Richard & Sheila Steinberg	By Stephen Steinbock <><><><>

In Memoriam Summer 2015

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Mack Swartz	Milton Swartz	lda Estrin
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Alfred Eichler	Frieda Feinberg	Henrietta Zinner
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By Foster Davidson & Carol Laskin	By Barry & Natalie Dorf	By Arthur Feinberg
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Sisterhood Erica Lieberman-Garrett



Sisterhood has wrapped up a busy season with our annual luncheon, held this year at Skipper's Dockside restaurant in Key Largo. It was fun to sit. relax, and just enjoy each other's company as friends and sisters. We presented Mindy Agler with a check for \$440 made out to the Talia Agler Girls' Shelter. part of the tikkun olam funds raised at the 12th annual Women's Seder. Mindy was very moved. It was heartwarming to know that what we do in our Sisterhood and in our little shul reaches so far beyond the Keys, and really makes a difference to so many, in so many different ways.

Our May Shavuot dinner and celebration was scrumptious and enlightening, combining what we all love to do: eat, pray, and learn. Thank you as always to all of the women of Sisterhood who prepared the delicious dairy meal, and to Gloria Avner and Joyce Peckman for a wonderful evening. I would also like to thank our sponsors of the dinner, Lorena and Michael Kaufman and wish them mazel tov on the graduation of their son Lance Royce from law school in San Diego.

Mark your calendars for noon, Sunday lune 14th, when Gloria and Jane will lead us in two new creative arts activities. All are invited. There will be pizza and salad to nourish our creative juices. A ten-dollar donation will cover all costs. Contact Gloria at geetavner@gmail.com so that she can plan the art supplies.

We are looking forward to our Shabbarbeque and a big celebration of Pauline Roller's 100th birthday, on Friday July 3, at 6:00 p.m. Our matriarch, our "Bubby," will be honored by many friends, relatives, and of course her own KICC mishpocha. It is an honor knowing and spending time with such a loving and kind woman, who comes from the same area in Romania as my grandparents, and who speaks a familiar Yiddish. I hope that we will see all of you there to celebrate this momentous occasion. Please rsvp to me at Hippiejap@hotmail.com and help me coordinate the side dishes.

Our upcoming year needs to be planned well in advance. We will meet on Sunday June 7th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss High Holiday preparations and ultimately decide which dinners we should plan, which events we enioved and would like to continue with, and any other new programs we would like to see evolve. We welcome everyone's input.

Our annual Erev Rosh Hoshanna dinner will take place on Sunday, September 13th. This will be a delicious traditional meat meal (with vegetarian options) complete with chicken matza ball soup, brisket, potato kugel, tsimmis, and more. Donation will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and quests, with no charge for young children. Consider this option as you plan your holidays over the summer, and please remember to let me know if you are planning on joining us for this dinner.

Please keep in mind that over the summer our numbers dwindle, but there are often visiting guests at services, as well as the regulars who have to tough out the heat in the Keys, and enjoy Friday night services in our beautiful shul. Please consider sponsoring an oneg for a special occasion, or just to celebrate the friendship that really helps get us through the slow season. Contact lovce at Joycepeckman@amail.com for further information.

I hope that over the next few months you will all have time to relax and enjoy yourselves, stay healthy, and I look forward to seeing vou all in September as we begin our New Year 5776. I know it will be our best year yet. Enjoy your summer. >

Contributions to KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please signify the fund it is to go to and the recognition of the name or names to be listed.

Book Plates	In Memory of
Bofshever, Joel & Toby	Joel Pollack
Coltman, Barnet	Ellen Coltman
Line, John & Arlene	Joel Pollack
Plutzer, Arthur	Joel Pollack
Roller, Pauline	Joel Pollack
General Fund	In Honor of
Pearlman, Richard & Maddy	Mort & Gene

Silverman's anniversary with love
In Memory of
Hartz, Steve & Jan
Joel Pollack
Pollack, Linda
Milton Wohl

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Meditation Garden	In Honor of
Levy, Roger & Danna	dedication of Orchid Pergola
Plutzer, Arthur	Pauline Roller on her
	100th birthday - brick
Roy, Medina & Carl	Bianka Kirschenbaum on
	her 100th birthday - tree
Schulberg, Alan & Elaine	Mort & Gene Silverman's
_	anniversary - 2 orchids
	In Memory of
Rose, Skip	Joel Pollack - tree
Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Joel Pollack - orchid
Schneyer, Martin & Judith	Joel Pollack - double brick
Seltzer, Stanley & Jane	Joel Pollack - brick

Steinberg, Richard & Sheila Sam Wainer, Rose Wainer

Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund

Scholarship Fund Hirsch, Suzanne	In Honor of
Sisterhood	Women's Seder
	In Memory of
Boruszak, Joan	Joel Pollack
Busker, Esta Jo	Joel Pollack
Coltman, Barney	Joel Pollack
Ehrenreich, David & Roberta	Joel Pollack
Gould, Maryon	Joel Pollack

In Memory of - loel Pollack

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Jackson, Carol Winn	Joel Pollack
Kwalick, Teresa	Joel Pollack
Nitz, Stan & Duckie	Joel Pollack
Pincus, Linda	Joel Pollack
Pollack, Linda	Joel Pollack
Roberts, Paul & Susan	Joel Pollack
Roche, John & Bettye	Joel Pollack
Shuham, Martin & Caryl	Joel Pollack
Siegel, Robert & Marian	Joel Pollack
Singer, Mary Lee	Joel Pollack
Swartz, George & Muriel	Joel Pollack
Wohl, Joan	Joel Pollack

Sisterhood In Memory of Linda Pollack Joel Pollack

In Honor of
Pauline Roller on her
100th birthday
Milton Wohl

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Boruszak, Joan	Baruch Epstein
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Emkey, Gerri	Gertrude Weisberg
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Lieberman-Garrett, Erica	Morris Kornbloom
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Yom Yerushalayim

erusalem, the Holy City, the Kotel - Every Jew, religious or secular, who visits Israel wants to see it, to experience standing in front of those ancient stones. These stones are the remainder of the outer wall surrounding the Beit Ha'mikdash (The Holy Temple). Yerushalayim - Jews have always revered it as home. "B'shanah haba'a b'Yerushalayim ha'bnuya, - Next year in Jerusalem!" We recite this prayer at the end of the Yom Kippur service. It is an expression of hope to return to the Holv City, to return home.

Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's long time mayor, said: "The spiritual attachment of Jews to Jerusalem has remained unbroken - it is a unique attachment. If you doubt that statement, try to find another relationship in history where a people, whether in possession of their capital city, or in temporary exile from it, have remained passionately attached to it, for 3,000 years." The Aron Ha'kodesh (the Ark) in almost every synagogue around the world is oriented toward Yerushalayim, so that when we pray, we are facing Jerusalem.

Israel has paid a high price in lives for its defense of Jerusalem. The Haganah lost almost 2.000 men in the War of Independence (1948) defending the city against Arab attacks. Still, Israel lost the Old City of Yerushalayim and the Kotel to the Jordanian army. The armistice between Israel and Jordan established the division of Jerusalem. For nineteen years, Jerusalem was divided by concrete walls and barbed wire. And then came the Six-Dav War.

Before the Six-Day War started, when tensions were rising because of the imminent war with Egypt, Israel was hoping that Jordan would not enter the war. The Prime Minister of Israel, Levi Eshkol, sent a message to King Hussein of Iordan on the morning of June 5th through the offices of General Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations observers, assuring him that Israel would not attack Jordan if his country kept out of the fighting. King Hussein hesitated, but his commitments under a new alliance with Egypt and the atmosphere of hysteria in the Arab World (in their mind the destruction of Israel was already reality), determined his decision to go to war. Had he not joined the other Arab forces, he would have been labeled as a traitor to the Arab cause. To defend the Old City, Jordan assembled a very heavy concentration of Jordanian forces, and gave responsibility to the 27th Infantry Brigade of the Arab Legion, renowned for its fierce fighting, under the command of Brigadier Ata Ali.

In Israel, Colonel "Motta" Gur's 55th Parachute Brigade had been assigned to fight in the battle for Yerushalayim. Its mission was to break through the area north of the Old City at Sheikh Jarrach, The Police School and Ammunition Hill. This was the area that controlled the road leading up to Har Ha'tzofim, the Mount Scopus enclave, where a small force of 120 Jewish policemen had been isolated since the 1948 Independence War. They were guarding the old Hebrew University campus and Hadassah Hospital and were only supplied under the supervision of the U.N. An hour before midnight on June 5, 1967, the historic battle for Jerusalem began. The Israelis fired at the Jordanian's positions, using searchlights from the western part of Jerusalem and the Mount Scopus enclave, focusing

them on their targets. After two hours of heavy fire, Gur's paratroopers advanced across no-man's land in the area between the Mandelbaum Gate and the Police School. The soldiers attacked the heavily fortified complex of the Police School and Ammunition Hill. The Jordanian forces fought fiercely. After Gur's forces successfully passed through the fields of mines that the Jordanians had laid near their positions, they had to fight a series of close-combat battles, moving from room to room in the compound, clearing bun-

ker after bunker, fighting on the roofs and in the cellars. For four hours this desperate "seesaw battle" was fought, with the troops of both sides fighting incredibly bravely. The battle on Ammunition Hill has become part of the military saga of Israel.

Once Colonel Gur's forces were positioned between Mount

Scopus and the Old City, they were prepared for the final attack on the Old City. But first, it was necessary to ensure control of the hills overlooking Jerusalem from the East, Mount Scopus, the Augusta Victoria Hill and the Mount of Olives (*Har Ha'zeitim*). It was from this hill that the Roman Legions under Titus had surveyed the city walls of Jerusalem some 1,900 years earlier, in the year 70 C.E., before attacking the city and destroying the *Beit Ha'mikdash* (The Temple).

The Jordanian Governor of Jerusalem in 1967, Anwar el Khatib, was becoming desperate. Reinforcements promised by King Hussein never arrived, because the Israeli Air Force had attacked them along the Jericho road. Khatib was concerned about the area of the Dome of the Rock, where the Mosque of

Omar and the Al Aqsa Mosque are located. There was a big ammunition depot there and he feared that the fighting would set off these munitions, which could destroy the entire area holy to the three great religions. When the reinforcements did not arrive from Jericho, General Ata Ali realized that the military situation was hopeless. He decided to withdraw his forces and thus save them. Governor Khatib refused to accompany them; two days later he presented himself in Jerusalem to Chaim Herzog, who was appointed the first

Israeli Governor of the West Bank, and recounted the tense and dramatic tale of the battle for Jerusalem as seen from the Jordanian side.

Entering the Old City, the Israeli paratroopers encountered little resistance from the Jordanians. When the Israeli forces reached the holiest of Jewish shrines, the *Kotel*, a brief and very moving ceremony took



The battle for Jerusalem, June 1967. This photo was taken on Ammunition Hill, above the Temple Mount. In the center, helmetless, is Colonel Motta Gur.

place. The Chief Rabbi of Israel's Armed Forces, Shlomo Goren, managed to reach the Kotel even before the fighting had ceased, and he sounded the Shofar. The ancient sound of victory in the battles fought in Biblical times was again heard. Hardened veterans hurried to touch the ancient wall and to weep with gratitude. In the book "Siach Ha'lochamim" (Conversations Among the Combatants): a soldier recounted, "Though sniper fire continued, the paratroopers could not take their eyes off the Kotel. They gazed up at it and wondered why history chose them." On June 7, 1967, the last day of the three days of fighting in and around Jerusalem, costing the lives of 299 Israel soldiers. the Old City was captured, and East and West lerusalem were reunited. ♦

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Happy 50th Anniversary!

The Israel Museum in Jerusalem, ranked among the world's leading art and archeology museums, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an exhibit called "A Brief History of Humankind." The exhibit runs through January 2nd, 2016. There are a multitude of its unique displays worthy of a visit. Here are two in particular:

The "Nano Bible"

The museum's Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, is displaying the world's smallest Bible, which was created by two Israeli scientists of the Russell Berrie Nanotechnology Institute at the Technion -Israel's Institute of Technology. It is technically an engraving and is on a chip the size of a granule of sugar, meaning it is barely visible to the naked eve. The scientists created a program that guided an ion beam to inscribe the letters. The process took about an hour and a half - as opposed to about a year and a half for a scribe to complete a hand-lettered Torah. The text engraved on the chip needs to be magnified 10,000 times in order to be legible. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI received one as a gift when he visited Israel. (www.theiewniverse.com, 5-5-15) The Oldest Copy of the 10 Commandments

The 2,000 year-old (or so) Dead Sea Scroll that contains the complete copy of the Ten Commandments is very brittle and will only be on display for public viewing for two weeks. It will then be returned to its pitchblack, climate-controlled facility. It was written before the birth of lesus and is just 18 inches long and three inches wide. (The only other Biblical-era copy of the Ten Commandments is the Nash Papyrus, which was discovered a century ago in Egypt and dates to about 150 B.C.E. More fragile than the Dead

Sea Scroll copy, the Nash Papyrus is housed at Cambridge University Library in England.) (www.diaitaliournal.com, 5-5-15)

An App That Looks Under Your Hood

Engie, a new Israeli app, can track your car's maintenance and notify you when there are problems. It also permits nearby repair shops to send price quotes and bid for your business. Engie, launched in 2014, is connected to a separate onboard diagnostic device in your car. (All modern cars have one.) Drivers enter the car model and year, which is then matched to model specifications. Codes from the computer let the driver know about the car's condition including engine problems, maintenance updates and gas mileage. When a problem is detected the driver can scroll through a list of prices for various parts and services. Currently. Engle can detect 60 to 70 percent of auto problems. The app and device are free but, as of this writing, it is only available for the Israeli market. The company is now working on an English language application for global markets. (www.worldiewishcongress.org, 5-8-15)

They Are Fruitful and Do Multiply

Borough Park, the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood in Brooklyn, claims to have the highest birth rate in New York City, with 27.9 births per 1,000 residents, making it easily the city's "baby capital." According to data from 2013, some 5,458 babies were born in the Brooklyn enclave. Still, the city's overall birth rate is at its lowest level since 1936 and has steadily declined in the past 10 years. (www.nypost.com, 4-27-15)

It's Official!

At the end of March, the Guinness Book of World Records certified a world record for the largest tallis (prayer shawl) to the Boca Raton Synagogue, a Modern Orthodox shul. It measured 1,471.74 square feet, almost the same size as the original "Star Spangled Banner," the huge flag flying over Baltimore's Fort McHenry during a naval attack by the British in the War of 1812 that moved Francis Scott Key (from Washington, D.C.) to write what became our national anthem. Efrem Goldberg, the synagogue's rabbi, claims that the large tallis can be used for kol hanearim, a Simchat Torah ritual where children gather together under a banner of prayer shawls as they are symbolically called up to the Torah. According to the Talmud, "G-d wrapped Himself in a tallis" to teach the lews how to pray. (*The Forward*, 3-25-15)

Honored by the Pope

At the end of April, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, the senior rabbi of Manhattan's 125-year-old Park East Synagogue, formally became a knight of the Papal Order of Saint Sylvester, an honor given to him by Pope Francis for his efforts to "promote peace and mutual understanding." The 84-year-old Holocaust survivor helped build close ties between Jews and Catholics after World War II. In 1965, Schneier founded the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an organization that has worked on behalf of religious freedom and human rights throughout the world. Other members of the Order of Saint Sylvester include Bob Hope and Oskar Schindler. Schneier is the first Holocaust survivor to receive Papal knighthood. (www.worldjewishcongress.org, 4-30-15)

Israel Now Has Eight

Israel's Beit Guvrin caves. located in the Judean Jowlands south of Beit Shemesh and east of Kirvat Gat, have become the country's eighth location to earn certification as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Among the other already certified sites in Israel are Masada, the Old City of Acre, the "White City" of Tel Aviv, the biblical tells of Megiddo, Hatzor and Beersheva, the incense route of desert cities

in the Negev, Baha'i holy places in Haifa and the Western Galilee and the Nahal Me'arot caves in the Carmel. For Tel Aviv. the name "White City" refers to a collection of over 4,000 buildings spread throughout the city that were built in the 1930s by German Jewish architects who immigrated to British Mandate Palestine after the rise of the Nazis. The buildings are in the unique form of the Bauhaus or International Style. Tel Aviv has the largest number of buildings in the Bauhaus style of any city in the world. These eight Israeli World Heritage sites are a part of a group of 1,006 other places of outstanding natural and cultural importance around the globe. (www.jpost.com, 4-14-15)

Hike the Trail Without Leaving Home

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI), in partnership with Google Israel, is in the process of photographing the Israel National Trail using Google Street View technology for Google Maps. This will be the longest hiking trail ever photographed to Google Maps and the first that stretches the length of an entire country. Volunteers are hiking the 620-mile trail carrying Google Street View Trekker cameras to map the trail. The Israel National Trail was inaugurated by SPNI in 1995, creating a hiking path across the entire country. The trail begins in northern Israel in Kibbutz Dan and ends at SPNI's Eilat Field School at the Red Sea. Google's Street View project was launched in 2007. It is currently available in 66 countries and allows users to explore neighborhoods and historical and cultural sites. (www.mfa.gov.il (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs), 5-6-15)

Strangers Answer the Call

This past April on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Nate Remer's family, concerned that they might not have the ten people necessary to recite the kaddish (mourner's prayer) at his funeral in Jerusalem. posted a request on Facebook. About 150 people, most of whom had never met Remer, 82, or the few remaining members of his family, responded. They came from all over: a busload of Yeshiva boys, a paramedic firefighter visiting Israel from Tampa and an 18year-old who had never been to a funeral, to name just a few. Remer survived the Holocaust by hiding in a Ukrainian forest. More than 500 strangers responded to a similar request on Facebook for the funeral of Benjamin Schlesinger, another 82-year-0ld Holocaust survivor in the southern Israeli city of Ashdod. These requests via social media are not an isolated phenomenon in Israel: some 30.000 people attended the funeral of Max Steinberg, the 24-year-old American "lone soldier" who had volunteered for the Israeli Army and was killed in the war with Gaza in the summer of 2014. (www.nytimes.com, 4-17-15)

In Memoriam

• Jean Nidetch, co-founder of Weight Watchers (which was just recently ranked as the number one diet with the best long-term weight loss rate for its users), recently died. She was 91. Born Evelyn Slutsky, her compulsive eating habits began when she was a child; she realized many years later that she was raised in a family that ate as a consolation for disappointment. She had tried pills, hypnosis and fad diets with no success. In 1961, she was a 214-pound housewife with an addiction to cookies. When a neighbor asked when she was due (to give birth) she was prompted to do something about it. She invited six friends - all overweight women to her home in what turned out to be a group confessional that was to be the informal beginning of Weight Watchers. The women dieted together and pledged mutual support, and within two months 40 women were attending. It was a huge success. The group met weekly and Weight Watchers was incorporated in 1963. The company went public in 1968. In 1978, it was sold to H.J. Heinz for \$71.2 million, turning Nidetch and the co-founders into multimillionaires. The organization generated thousands of franchises and by 1968, five million people world-wide were enrolled in the program. (Nidetch reached her goal weight of 142 pounds in 1962 and was still the same weight in 2011.) (www.nytimes.com, 4-29-15)

Did You Know...

- According to a recent WIN/Gallup poll, Israel is one of the world's least religious nations. Sixty-five percent of Israelis described themselves as either not religious or atheists. In contrast, 75 percent of West Bank and Gaza Palestinians consider themselves religious. The poll indicated that China was the world's least religious country, with 61 percent claiming no religion. Thailand, on the other hand, was the most religious, with 94 percent claiming a faith. (www.jta.org, 4-21-15)
- According to Martin Abramowitz, president of *lewish Major Leaguers*. Inc., nearly 150 Jews have played Major League Baseball. These big leaguers have combined for 22,000 hits, compiled a batting average of .265, hit more than 2,000 home runs, and driven in over 10,000 runs. Abramowitz states that Jewish ball players have performed at or slightly better than the statistical average for all big leaguers. Three Jews - Sandy Koufax, Hank Greenberg and Lou Boudreau - are in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

(www.reformjudaism.org, 4-30-15)

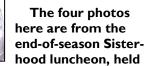
- A team of officials from the Israel Antiauities Authority was on a routine patrol at the Horbat Siv archaeological site when they discovered a pile of dirt near the opening of a porcupine den. In the dirt, they found a 1,400 year-old ceramic lamp that had been unearthed by an Indian crested porcupine, common in Israel and known to dig burrows up to 15 meters deep. Horbat Siv is a large archaeological site from the Roman and Byzantine period. (www.timesofisrael.com, 3-24-15)
- · Alon Shaya, an Israeli-American, was named best chef in the American South by the James Beard Foundation. Shaya, 37, has been a finalist in the category for the past three vears. He was recognized for his work as the executive chef at the Domenica restaurant in New Orleans, which he opened in 2009. He recently opened a new restaurant called Shava in the same city, which offers an Israeliinspired menu using local ingredients. When Shaya was four years old, his family moved from Israel to Philadelphia. He attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York. (The Forward, 5-5-15) ♦



Photo Gallery

KJCC's Dave Feder, its host and impresario, at this year's Bay Jam at Islamorada's Founders Park (Dave is standing in the outdoor amphitheater he and Ron Levy built), auctioning off a cello custompainted by KJCC member and local artist Cathy Rakov. As Dave's tee-shirt proclaims, this was the 21st year for Bay Jam.







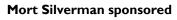
this year on May 3rd. At top, Linda Perloff with Randi Grant. At right, Roos-Mary Benowitz with Susan Gordon. At left, Erica Lieber-



All the photos on this page were taken at the April 24th service, led by Randy, Jonah

and Oceana Gross. The day before had been Israel's Independence Day, so Yardena and Gloria sang some Israeli songs. The service concluded with Jonah playing Hatikvah on his trumpet. Gene and

We couldn't resist showing you the photo at right, of Gene and Mort at their high school prom, ages 17 and 18.





the evening's oneg in honor of their 60th anniversary. Gene and Mort are joined at bottom by daughter Robin and her partner Jerry.



All the photos on this page are from Rabbi Richard Agler's Saturday morning Torah Learning Service on May 9th, the last such service until after High Holidays in the fall. This was a special service for Rabbi Agler. It had been exactly fifty years since his Bar Mitzvah (his kippah proved it), and we discussed the same parshah he had chanted then.



As a special added treat, after the service Rabbi Agler led a discussion about the play those around the table had all attended together: New Jerusalem, a re-creation of the excommunication trial in Amsterdam in 1656 of philosopher Baruch Spinoza.





Creativity Unbound

Join art teacher extraordinaire Gloria Avner for Painting and Pizza — Sunday, June 14th, noon till 2:00 p.m. at KJCC

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liberate our
creative
imaginations.
We'll use
string, India
ink and
watercolors to
create at least
one small gem



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of a frameable abstract painting for everyone. It does not matter if you can't draw a straight line or have never painted before. You will have a good time and love your painting.

All materials along with pizza and salad will be provided. RSVP to Gloria Avner 305-619-0216. (A suggested donation of \$10 will cover all costs.)



The top three photos are from Steve Steinbock's recent trip to Dallas, Texas, where he visited Stuart and Lauren Sax and Ioan Boruszak. They took him to a rodeo, top right, and also ordered him a Texas-sized pizza. No, he did-

n't eat it all by himself. (But he could have.) Just below, Linda Pollack and

granddaughter Maddy, also in Texas, this time in Austin, as they jointly celebrated their birthdays.

At right, those who attended a performance of Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" at Phil's Berry Farm in the

In the photo above, Erica Lieberman-Garrett and Steve Steinbock present a check to VNA/Hospice **Clinical Director Debbie** Premeza in Tavernier, another of the recipients of Tikkun Olam from this year's Women's Seder.

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May 16th.

The Miami Beach Jewish Museum

A large contingent of the KJCC went to the Jewish Museum on June 17th. First to arrive was Morah Yardena, who had arranged for Chaim Lieberperson, the Museum's Educational Director, to work with our students. He spoke about

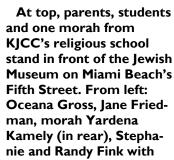
the history of Jews in Miami Beach. about the two synagogues that constituted the museum, and about lewish holidays, since we were visiting on Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day.) Then he organized a scavenger hunt, sending us in pairs around the room looking through

The second group came for the Museum's bimonthly lewish Food Walking Tour. After a brief introduction to the museum, they headed off for the coffee shop AROMA, the Miami Beach link of an international chain that we had enjoyed in



the exhibits for answers to questions on the sheets he handed out. We retired to the smaller room to go over our answers and look at the fascinating temporary "Shabbat" exhibit.

YALE



sons J.B and Max, Cole and Westley Silverman, and Mikhaela Bitton. That's Chaim from the museum next to Yardena.

Israel. Next was an Israeli-owned falafel shop, fish tacos at "My Seviche," and key lime pie at loe's Stone Crab (started by Joe Weiss as a lunch



counter in 1913). Those on the Walking Tour returned to the museum for coffee as the kids and parents were finishing boxed lunch.

As the kids and parents left, the "foodies" enjoyed a multi-media presentation and talk about the lews who created and influenced the fashion world. Included in the group was Sylvia Whyte, who dressed many presidents' children, including Chelsea Clinton. Ms. Whyte was there in



person, celebrating her 95th birthday! Linda Perloff was thrilled to meet her. Linda disclosed that she still wears a raincoat by Sylvia Whyte that she's had for decades, and always bought and wore the designer's dresses while growing up in New York.

—loyce Peckman

At top, Westley and Cole Silverman inside the Jewish Museum at one of the exhibits. The center photo, left to right, features Linda Pollack, Bernie Ginsberg and Erica Lieberman-Garrett. At bottom is Mitch Harvey, Bernie and Linda Perloff. This group, which also included Gloria Avner and Joyce Peckman,

also began their day at the Jewish Museum, but for a different reason. They were off on a food and walking tour of Jewish South Beach, a bi-monthly offering of the Jewish Museum.

From Kristallnacht to the Keys

Saved by the Kindertransport

by Joyce Peckman

e first met Howard Tishauer several vears ago at an ecumenical Passover Seder in Marathon coordinated by Judy Greenman and Jessica Hernstadt. After Sam, Gloria and I made a failed attempt last autumn to interview him in Marathon, we were able to have him brought to the KICC. where he eagerly told his story.

Horst Simon Tishauer, now known as Howard, was born in Koslow, Germany on March 29, 1929, the youngest of three siblings. His brother Heinz was nine years older, his sister Erika three years older. Their father had fought as a rifleman on the front lines in WWI, receiving an iron cross, then settled in Koslow and opened a confectionery shop. They lived near the Oder River (which forms a border between Germany and Poland) and he remembered going swimming there. They were a comfortable middle class family, living in an apartment house next to the synagogue, and employed a nanny who worked with the children. He remembered going to shul with his father and watching his mother lighting Shabbat candles.

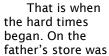


Howard displays a photo of himself as a child in the village of Kosle in Silesia.

Horst was four years old when the Nazis came to power. He remembered how people changed their greeting from "Guten tag" to "Heil Hitler" but until Kristallnacht was unaware of the brewing storm. He was nine years old when "the night of broken glass"

struck. Eighteen-year-old Heinz had already left home to work in another town. He vividly recalled his family huddled in the apartment. terrified. Because they had shutters on their windows, their glass was not broken, but next-door the synagogue was burned. His father was taken to Buchenwald. The nanny,

Elsa, worried that the rioters might harm the bov. smugaled him under her large skirt past the burning shul to her home. where he stayed for two days. Six weeks later, citing his service on the front lines in WWI. the Germans released his father. He was so gaunt that his son didn't recognize him.





Howard's original Kindertransport I.D. tag, no. 4615.

placed a sign "Juden - no Aryans allowed." The salesgirl who had worked for them was pressured into lying about the hours she had worked, resulting in a huge amount of back taxes owed, forcing his father to close the store. No other work could be found. Desperate, he resorted to picking up garbage from the streets. He was so ashamed that when Horst's mother sent him out to bring lunch to her husband, he hid from his son.

His brother's arm was badly injured in an industrial accident. It seemed clear that they would have to amputate. In an ironical twist. two doctors argued that because he was only Jewish, it was an opportunity to do experimental surgery on him, and so Heinz's arm

was saved.

Meanwhile, their cousin Ruth had been sent to finishing school in England, in preparation for becoming a debutante. She made the acquaintance of someone involved in sponsoring German Jewish children aged 10-13 to live in England for six months, as part of what would be known as the Kindertransport (This effort, that saved 9,743 children, was portrayed in the Warner Brothers' film "Into the Arms of Strangers".) Horst was

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TICHAUER Horst Simon

almost ten. and Ruth convinced the woman to sponsor her two young cousins.

And so forms were completed and visas arranged. His parents took him and his sister to Breslov, where he remembers taking an escalator (one of many new experiences) to the train that would bring them to Berlin, where a four inch square brown paper tag with his name, a seal and the

number 4615, was put on a string around Horst's neck. They were hustled onto a train with several hundred other children, and the doors shut behind them. No time was allowed to say good-bye to the parents that they would never see again.

The ride from Berlin to Holland took all night. At the border of Holland, SS officers boarded and searched their packages. They had already been warned that if the SS found any child over the age of fifteen, the entire train would be turned back. On the other side of the border, the children were greeted with juice and cookies and sent to the port. Although anxious to view the sea for the first time, the exhausted boy slept through the entire ride and voyage from Holland to England.

When they arrived, the children saw cars and families waiting at the dock, and slowly the other kinder were spirited away to their

new homes, but Horst and Erika still waited. Finally, a chauffeur took them to the home of Mrs. Wright, who had agreed to take in a number of children for a subsidy of fifteen shillings a week. The young wards were not treated well, and the siblings eventually followed the lead of another child and ran away.

The siblings ended up spending two years with a family in Surrey, eighteen miles from London, where Horst (now Howard) and Erika went to school. During those years, many

> German and Yiddish speaking lews were being sent to Australia due to English fear of a fifth column. Howard's English was halting, but the children were not allowed to speak German to each other. Howard vividly remembers hearing King George's famous radio speech, and feeling strangely comforted by the stammer.



Howard's identity documents issued in England just after the war.

Four more children joined them, so the family enlarged the attic and built a dormitory. During the blitzkrieg, the children had to run to the basement shelter during nighttime bombings. Sometimes no one was able to arouse Howard (remember the little boy sleeping through the voyage across the North Sea) and he remained alone upstairs. One night, after everyone else had descended to the shelter. the bright light of the London docks ablaze in the distance awakened him. In his bed were the yard cats, shaking in fear.

IB Priestley, the novelist and playwright. had founded a home that trained nurses to work with orphans. His sister went there, and Howard followed, staying in a subsidized hostel. It was there that his love for fishing began. Harry was interested in animals, and obtained a job at the Botanical Garden, where for fifteen shillings a week, he helped with the wartime vegetable garden and looked

after animals. At one point a sailor dropped off his little pet monkey, asking that it be cared for at the Gardens while he was at sea. The animal was assigned to Howard's care and stayed with him at the Gardens until the little monkey grew into a baboon that bit women. They were forced to cage it, and it soon died. Howard left the Botanical Gardens shortly thereafter to take a job as a dog groomer.

The war ended, but American soldiers remained in England, Over Passover, Erika assisted hosting some of them, and became acquainted with one who was assigned to go to Germany. She asked him to search for her missing older brother. The soldier complied, putting up signs wherever he went, "seeking Heinz Tishauer". One day a man who had seen the signs approached him. It was Heinz. He had survived Auschwitz and the death march to Bergin-Belsen. Their parents had not been so fortunate. Although a grandmother and several aunts and uncles made it to Shanghai, their father had been afraid that his wife was too frail to endure the long train ride. Grandmother perished in a typhoon, not a death camp, and the others emigrated to Canada and New York when the war ended. A cousin sent papers, and Heinz was able to go to America.

In England, Howard and Erika had joined Hashomer HaTzair, the left wing Zionist group, and were in training to join a kibbutz in Palestine. Heinz, now Harry, adamantly refused to join them in anything resembling a camp. The siblings explained their dilemma to the officials at HaShomer Hatzair, were released from their contract, and in March 1947, after eight years in England, set sail on a Polish ship bound for New York. The seas were so rough that almost no one else could eat, so there was food aplenty for them. Finally they disembarked in New York, where a small, thin man approached them. Erika ran to him, but Howard remained still. He did not at all recognize the big, strong brother that he remembered from his childhood.

Erika found employment as a nurse, while the brothers worked for a few years as runners on Wall Street, then as waiters in the

Catskills and NYC, and after a five day drive south on US1 in a 1936 Chevy, with a family in Miami Beach. All was well until their employers returned north. With no tourists due until Christmas, and no work to be found, the future was beginning to look bleak. Remembering the skill he had learned at the English hostel, Howard went fishing for dinner on the MacArthur Causeway. He caught and sold enough fish to support them until they could get a real job at "The Famous" restaurant.

Over the years, Howard married, served in the National Guard in Germany, opened a business in Connecticut, had children and grandchildren, was widowed and then remarried. When his children vacationed in the Keys, Howard joined them, and his love of fishing drew him here again. He has visited the KICC several times over the years on Yom Kippur or to say Kaddish.

Erika became active in the Kindertransport organization in New York. She was interviewed during the research for the film "Schindler's List," and her records are now in the archives in Washington D.C. Howard is the only one of the siblings still living. We are grateful that he took the time to share his story with us. >



Howard with son-in-law Harry Rich, far right, and grandson Brian Donegan, who brought him to KJCC for the interview.

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The Trial and Excommunication of Baruch de Spinoza

by Joyce Peckman

aruch de Spinoza came to life at GableStage at the end of April in a drama written by David Ives. The well-acted play illuminated Spinoza's revolutionary ideas about God and religion through the framework of his rabbinical trial. On Tuesday, July 27. 1656 Baruch de Spinoza was summoned to Talmud Torah, the Congregation of Amsterdam's Portuguese Nation. He was guestioned (more like interrogated) and afterward

received one of the harshest writs of excommunication (herem) ever delivered. While the details of the trial are unknown - there is no transcript - in New Jerusalem playwright Ives used what little is known as a framework to showcase Spinoza's groundbreaking, or even world-changing, ideas and their unset-

tling impact on the world of Medieval Jewry. At the age of twenty-three, Baruch de Spinoza was the first to argue that the Bible was not the literal word of God. and that Divine Providence both followed and revealed itself through the laws of nature. He argued that true religion should consist of simple moral rules, not sectarian dogma, and was one of the first to argue for the right to philosophize without fear of governmental authority. He believed that God was everywhere and everything, and concepts of an anthropomorphic deity served by angels were illogical as well as theologically unsound.

The play portrays an energetic young man, recently orphaned, self-confident in his ideas, living at a time when the Spanish Inquisition was still active in other parts of

Europe. It shows the precarious situation of the Jews who had escaped Portugal to find a home in Amsterdam, and the role of religion in politics and in the daily lives of lews and Christians. (lews had been told in 1497 that they had to either convert to Christianity or leave Portugal.)

After the play there was a short discussion led by Producing Director Joseph Adler. We learned that, after his excommunication,

Spinoza changed his first name to Benedict (which, like Baruch, means blessed) and moved near The Hague. He gave his share of the family business to his halfsister Rebeccah, and turned down an offer of a chair at the University of Heidelberg, so that he could remain an independent thinker. He earned a modest living as a

It was a day of ideas, and reflection, and drama.

lens grinder, was visited by other eminent philosophers, and worked on Ethics, which was published after his untimely death from lung disease at age 44. It has been said that this

fearless. strong and brilliant young Sephardic lew laid the aroundwork for eighteenth century enlightenment, and ultimately for modern conceptions of the self and the universe.





Joe

Any list of KJCC's most important members would inevitably include loel Pollack. He was grounded, and steady, and strong. He took on all the jobs. As a past president he provided counsel and an example for all who followed. He and Linda became KJCC's First Couple. We honor his memory here, through photographs (some from Chai-Lights archives, some from family) and your thoughts.

This is the most difficult of letters to write. about someone to whom for so many years I looked up

to and counted on.

I can honestly say that when I was head of Ritual Committee and then later as president of the KJCC, I could not have done either job without the help and guidance of certain people.

Joel was on my speed dial. I would call his home at all times of the day (and night). His patience was unending, to the point that when the calls got too much - I was invited to his home for breakfast!

Joel was my friend and my mentor and will be missed.

—Alan Beth

At top, Joe and Linda's wedding photo from February II, 1962. At right, a photo taken while aboard a cruise to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2012.

"It's funny," Linda said, " all my life I called him Joe. That's his name. But somehow, when we arrived here people started calling him loel, and that's what stuck." Another mark of the gentleman—this dignified, generous, sensitive man was too polite and concerned for others' feelings to tell us we'd gotten his name wrong.

—Gloria Avner



When I arrived here a dozen years ago. Friday services were often led bv the team of loel and Linda Pollack. I looked forward to those weeks. Thev worked so pleasantly together, making

the sanctuary a comfortable place to pray, and Joel always had something worthwhile and interesting to say about the Parasha. One Sunday I found that he had left his prayer book behind, full of sticky notes marking

the pages of special prayers. not all from the Friday service. I called to let him know that I had it and would leave it on the bimah. Joel was relieved to hear from me, explaining that he read from it every day at home. I dropped it off after the meeting.

Linda soon ascertained that I would be capable of leading services, and offered to co-lead one with me. She invited me to

their home and gave me a copy of the sheets that she and Joel used when they were on the bimah. with the introductions, pages and names of prayers, and one of their names listed next to each line. After we reviewed it, she edited the pages, replacing Joel's name with mine, and so began

my career as service leader. I think that Joel modeled the way for many of us. His quiet intelligence and dry humor gave a tone and direction to our actions, and his influence will live on.

— *Joyce Peckman*

Some photographs provided by Linda: at top, Joe as an 18-year-old batting champion of all New York City. That status earned him a tryout with the Yankees. (He decided to go to college and dental school

instead.) In the center, while in the Air Force in 1960. At bottom, as chief resident at lackson Memorial Hospital: this is the Dr. Pollack to whom Linda was first introduced. (She was quickly smitten.)

Jan and I first met our neighbors Joel and Linda Pollack almost 29 years ago. And I think that we have been the best of neigh-

> bors ever since. We have enioved great times on and off the water and comforted each other in the challenging times of our lives. Joe was an extraordinarily gifted and compassionate man whose skills as an athlete, oral surgeon. coach, community leader and friend were truly unique. He bore his long illnesses with grace. In all of it he drew great spiritual comfort from the enormous natural beauty of the Keys. He loved his numerous family members and friends. And we all loved him back. He needs no eulogy; all who loved him are his eulogy. His spirit will always be with us and will find enduring expression in our lives and in the life of the KICC.

> > -Steve Hartz

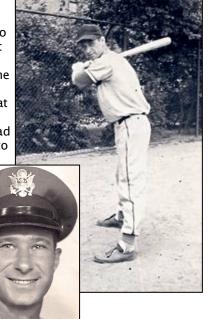
Jim and Joel were a real team. For many years, a week or so before the High Holidays, they would assemble their special cleaning supplies and prepare to make the silver Torah breastplates and finials shine. Each of those years the entire congregation would gasp the first time the newly polished Torahs were revealed. It was truly a labor of love and friendship.

—Joan Boruszak

Joel was president of the KICC when we joined. He quickly set the

standard of leadership of the congregation. His style was simple and laid back, but when he was passionate about something he knew how to let the sparks fly.

Joel also had a passion for baseball as we



do. He embraced it from the field level as we did from the stands. Nothing defines his love of the game more than the occasion when the KICC played the Sons of Italy in softball several years ago. loel was covering third base when the batter hit a line drive in his direction. At



his age and state of health he could have let the ball continue into the outfield, but loel instinctively dove for and stopped the ball, preventing the runner from advancing.

In life, he was a fighter to the end, taking his game into extra innings. For that, we will always remember Joel Pollack as a KJCC Hall of Famer and its Most Valuable Plaver.

-Stuart & Lauren Sax

In the summer of 2008. I was alone in the Keys when I received the sad



news that a dear friend of mine in Toronto. David Finkler, had passed. We were very close and would spend time together going to synagogue. I felt very distraught and was not connected to the KICC except for knowing Gloria. She informed me that on that evening they were having a havdalah service, which I attended. It was at Ioel and Linda

Pollack's beautiful bayside home, and I was greeted by Linda and Joel and made to feel so welcome. It greatly comforted me to be around such loving Jewish people, and it was after that evening, that I began to attend services and join the shul.

In 2010, I enjoyed our Yiddishkeit night, and the time I spent with Joel and Linda as we prepared for our roles in my play, "My Yiddishe Bubbe." Joel and Linda were such good sports and played the pharmacist and his wife in Woolworth's, back in the day. It was a fun night.

Joel was a wonderful man, and will be missed.

—Erica Lieberman-Garrett

loel once took me aside and told me that the very first thing he did when an issue of Chai-Liahts arrived at his home was to turn to my World Jewish Report column. He told me he loved reading it and that it was one of his favorite



sections. It was at that moment that I elected him president of my fan club.

Some more family photos. At top left, Joe and Linda poolside in Miami in 1967. At left, Joe with sons Jeff and Roy at Busch Gardens in 1976. (That's Roy holding the reins of the fake horse. Real Clydesdales, if you've ever been next to one, are even bigger and more impressive.) Just above, a familiar activity for the Pollack family during the 70s: baseball.

On one particular occasion, loel engaged me in a discussion of baseball. I told him I'm not that well versed in the sport, especially since I've been boycotting baseball since 1957, the year the Brooklyn Dodgers left

New York and moved to Los Angeles. He told me he was happy to learn that I only carry a grudge for a short period of time.

During practice for our infamous stick-ball tournament a few years ago against the Sons & Daughters of Italy - a team made up of men and women considerably younger than most of us at the KICC - Joel took a nasty fall but after just a few moments, he was back in action.

I will miss this very special man. -Medina Roy

When thoughts of Joel come to mind, we are reminded of a good guy always willing to help. While offering valuable input to keep things running smoothly, Joel received personal satisfaction for his volunteer work at Mariners Hospital, in the community, and at the KICC. He certainly deserves our appreciation and gratitude for all he has done. We were indeed fortunate to have known loel as a friend. —Nettie & Jules Seder

A person who aims to do just and good and kind deeds in life earns success, honor, and respect. This paraphrase of Proverbs 21:21 seems to us an apt description of Joel Pollack, a person who was always a privilege and a pleasure to know.

—Muriel and George Swartz

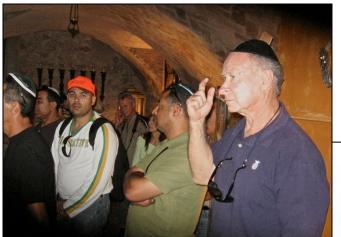
Thursday afternoons have always been mah jongg days. So, you say, what does this have to do with Joel? Well, while Linda and I

> were playing mah jongg, Joel would go down to "help" Bobby in his workshop. This appears to be innocuous enough, but the truth is. loel knew absolutely nothing about woodworking, and his greatest fear was that he would be taking Bobby to the ER because of using all the heavy equipment. I really appreciated the time loel spent with Bobby and it was truly a great testimony to Joel's friendship.

> > —Mary Lee Singer

Once Joe became a Keys fisherman, he pursued it with vigor, at top, and became very good at it. At right, with sons Roy (left) and Jeff in the late '80s at the dock next to their Keys home. Linda's caption info for the photo above had just two words: "Joe Cool."





The photo above shows loe davening with Israelis at a synagogue in Barcelona during a trip he and Linda took in 2007. At right, helping Cammie Berk (she prefers Cameron now) understand the story in the Passover Haggadah in 2008.

Joe was a very quiet individual. I asked him, while on board a trip to Tahiti the four of us took, just why he was so quiet. He responded with "You do know that I spent most of my life looking down into people's mouths. And I decided that was the only time I really liked those people so I took the path of least re-

sistance, and kept my mouth shut." That was Joe's sense of humor, and he did have one. He only became agitated, as did Linda, when Mort and I didn't reappear on board when we should have after an off-ship outing. They were sure that we had had a mishap and were either lost or hurt. When we did appear, with the rest of the people who had taken a side trip to Machu Picchu, they both chastised us, which we found extremely amusing. But loe wasn't laughing. To be lectured by him was a new experience, one I am sure only shared by Linda and their sons. He nev-

er raised his voice, but you knew he had been very worried and cared a great deal.

It was on this same trip that I saw him get excited, when they started the parade to serve the flaming Baked Alaska on our last night onboard. Joe loved desserts and felt really bad that Mort couldn't, or wouldn't, have any

> (Mort's diabetic). but Joe took up the slack by ordering at least two each night.

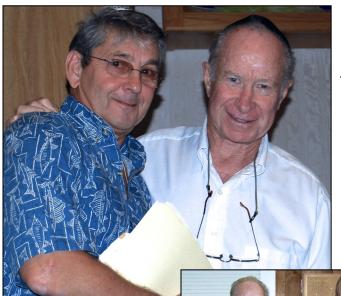
> > —Gene Silverman



son, talking about it always made us laugh.

Joe said he had not grown up with a lot of religion and was surprised to find himself the KJCC's Ritual Chair along with a host of other positions over the years, including Scholarship Committee Chairman and President. Like Bernie, he was passionate about education of Jewish youth. He filled all the shoes he wore well.

I think of Joe as a kind of Renaissance man, the quiet kind, with high standards and deeply held principles. When he and Linda led services (which they did a lot), I was



but how many knew he was an appreciator of literature? Joe Pollack not only liked to read poetry, he loved Shakespeare! We will always miss and love loe.

-Gloria Avner

Joe, even in the midst of his own illness, always had encouraging words for me. First he steered me to a doctor of his who continues to be one of my major practitioners. Then we had this sardonic running joke whenever we'd see each other at shul. The words "how are you doing" were understood but unspoken. What he said was: "I'll tell you what the doctors tell me: Well, you

> LOOK good." Then we'd laugh. It felt good, finding humor in our situations. It was our own kind of "fiahtina back." I know it always made me feel better to share conversation, light or serious, with loe.

—David Gitin

Above, with Steve Steinbock at KJCC's Joel Cohen memorial celebration in November of 2007. At right, with Linda and Mort and Gene Silverman at KICC's annual fundraiser in spring of 2009. (The entertainment that night was professional musician Jules Seder.

grateful because they always included new, well-chosen prayers and made the even-

ing extra meaningful. Joe's leadership, with Jim Boruszak, of our Community Seders was a highlight of KJCC for many years. When there was opposition to having a youth group spend a sleep-away weekend at the temple because of a concern about facilities. he protested and said he had housed several dozen of his son's friends at his own house and we could and should do it, too, when asked by lewish youth. He prevailed.

We know Joe was an excellent leader, an enthusiastic participant, and a fine athlete,

Joel is actually my first memory of KJCC. I remember walking in the door the first time and being immediately met by his smiling face. He welcomed me before the service. and again during. He made me feel so welcome, and I knew it was a great place to worship. Without a doubt, he is the reason I came back, and along with Linda, why I'm happily still a part of KJCC. It's not hard to say that KICC was always just a tad brighter with Joel in the building.

I also got used to seeing Joel at the infor-

information desk at the Tassel Building at Mariners. And there too, it always brightened my day a bit.

To me Joel was (and is) KJCC. I know he

will be missed greatly, as I already missed his presence at services the past year!

—Ken Atlas

At right, with Gerry **Oshinsky, Steve Steinbock** and Yardena Kamely at a 2009 party in Michal's Venetian Shores home. At bottom, Joe with Pauline Roller during a very chilly Birchat in April, 2009.

Joel was the family golden boy. He was a good student. athlete. son and older brother. He walked me to elementary school and then took his place as a crossing guard. He enjoyed having fun by playing baseball and going to Yankee games with my father, but he was never

too busy or too proud to help with household chores. We attended the same schools all through college and he was always there for me whenever I needed help. Until now, I was never on this earth without him being more than a phone call away. I miss him now and always will.

— Judy Schneyer (sister)

It's nearly impossible to reduce thoughts about my Dad to just a few words, but here goes:

In my eyes, he was a cross between Su-

perman and the ultimate Renaissance man. "JP," "Doc." or "Joe" was an oldschool tough guy with numerous subtle talents that were quietly

displayed through various feats and words of wisdom. It was pretty cool to have a Dad that was not only bigger than life in his own kids' eyes, but also in the eves of the other kids that he influenced throughout my childhood. And there were a lot of other kids! I feel so blessed and just plain lucky to have had a special, intimate relationship with such a good man.

Some fun snippets

about my Dad:

-He was a Bronx, New York city boy - a latch-key kid that rode the subway from a young age. He didn't start diving, fishing, and boating until his 40s. But what passion once he started!

-As a teenage baseball player, he carried a poetry book in his back pocket, which he read on bus rides to the ballpark. And what





Joe co-leading the KJCC Family Seder, above, in April of 2009, a task he performed nobly for many years, often together with Jim Boruszak. At right, Joe shaking the lulav during Sukkot in the KJCC sukkah in October, 2010. The baseball grip and stance came naturally.

a ballplayer! He won the Babe Ruth Award and batting title in New York City at 17 years of age, which led to an invitation to try out for the Yankees.

-I have memories as a young child of my Dad being active in very competitive softball leagues,

though he stopped playing as my brother and I started playing ball and he coached both of us. I found out later in life that he stopped playing because he didn't want to show us up.

-I have fond memories of accompanying my Dad on any given weekend and/or week-

night, after receiving phone calls from different coaches or acquaintances throughout the city of Miami, asking him to provide dental services to underprivileged kids. He never expected any compensation, or recognition for that matter. In speaking recently with one of his long-time nurses, she said it was routine for them to tell him somebody was injured, in the waiting room, without insurance or money. His inevitable response: "bring 'em in, let's have a look."

-My Dad wasn't a real touchy, "huggie-type" guy and really didn't even say "I love you" too much until

> later in life (and then more in response after being told those words by someone first). Yet his actions taught love in such a wonderful wav. His love for my Mom was that of which fairytales are written and he displayed his love on a daily basis in numerous ways. She really was his princess and one true love. His love for my brother and me was unconditional and uncompromising. He loved his

sister, all his in-laws (which really morphed into blood relatives), and his nieces/nephews. He cherished his grandchildren. His last audible words to me (over the phone) after being transported by ambulance from Key Largo to Miami, exhausted and dying, were: "how are the kids?"

At right, with Linda during the ceremony at Fisherman's Hospital honoring KJCC's Steve Smith as Country Doctor of the Year in February, 2010. Below, Joe posed with all the KJCC presidents, past and current, who attended the KICC 30th Gala in March, 2010. From left: Steve Steinbock, George Swartz, Ron Horn, Jim Boruszak, Susan Horn, Jeff Schocket, Bea Graham, Joe, and Alan Beth.

Well, I've written more than just a few words, so lastly here's one of my favorite tough-quy Dad stories. We were playing foot-

ball at the Moss' home (my Mom's sister) with my cousins. Dad cut open his chest on a sprinkler, creating a deep wound that needed stitches. L was probably 10-12 years old. I drove with him to his office to patch it up. He proceed-

ed to stitch himself, Rambo-style, without Novocain and without any expression. He looked up at me about halfway through the process and told me to sit down. Apparently, I was turning pale with queasiness and pain (that should have been his) and was on the verge of fainting. But that was my Dad - looking out for others even through what should have been his own crisis.

-Rov Pollack

To us, Joel Pollack was a kind man; a quiet soft-spoken man; a man of great integrity and a man who observed, heard and kept his own counsel except when necessary and right.

Joel Pollack was a family man, a very car-



ing father and an exceptional and beloved husband.

loel Pollack was a dear friend, someone who put himself out with nothing to gain. He was unselfish.

We will miss him so.

-Flinor and Herb Grossman

A guiet man of great integrity. He motivated many of us at the KICC to excellence. As a friend, he shared many meals and movies with Carol and me. He never said a bad word about anvone.

It was an honor to have known him and he will be remembered as long as I live.

-Steve Steinbock

A tribute to one of the most wonderful people - Dr. Ioel Pollack:

In the 70s I interviewed for a position as a dental assistant. That was the beginning of a relationship that I consider one of the most wonderful blessings I have ever had in my life. I was employed by Dr. Joel Pollack. I could write a book about this quiet. humble, kind, patient and professional man. His wife Linda and two sons leff and Roy were his life, but he always made time for people in need. He was a baseball coach for the Little League: he loved kids and they loved and respected him. He came to work with avocadoes to

share with the emplovees. We had patients come to our office that were in a lot of pain and had no money to pay for any services. That was "no problem" and they were taken care of at no charge. It was not about money for this man we called "J.P." He was a true doctor who cared about people. He was one in a million. No one was ever turned away. How often is that seen?

We went to Baptist Hospital to do surgeries and everyone loved him. They said how fortunate I was to work for such a great doctor. The nurses used to tickle him and tell him about his muscular and hairy forearms and he used to get so embar-

rassed because he was so shy. He was respected by so many

and loved by all. He was always embarrassed when someone complimented him.

Linda came into the office and did our books. I guess I could say that it was a pleasure to work for such a wonderful, kind and caring human being. It

> was a fun job. with teamwork all the way. I felt I should have paid him to work there. He was a mentor to all.

He frequently spoke about growing up in the Bronx. how hard things were, his schooling and his family,

which was the most important thing to him. He and Linda worked out together. There were always there for each other. The lady that is his wife was there for him at home or in the office. She was there for him until the

At top, three KJCC past-presidents reading from the KICC Holocaust Torah at a Shabbat service with Rabbi Agler in July, 2010. In the center photo, with sons Roy and Jeff during Joe's 70th birthday party at Snapper's in 2004. At right, helping serve from the KJCC kitchen during a dinner in October of 2007.

day he passed. A beautiful ladv inside and out, she wouldn't have had it anv other way.

We have lost one of the most wonderful, kind, caring and giving people that

God made. He started a scholarship fund for others who are less fortunate. As I said, always others first. I was blessed to know him. There will never be another I.P.

Joel Hollack

PRESIDENT 2003 -2005 300 sident whose remarkable skills edd only by his personal ence and dedication to

family, community and the YS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENT

God bless you, Linda, Jeff and Roy, and thank you for your friendship throughout the years. You will never walk alone.

-Carol Winn Jackson

I remember all of the rides that loel and Linda gave me in their car. When loel came to pick me up. he so enjoved talking about his early life aoina to dental school in

Baltimore and raising their young boys there. He also talked about how he liked to ride his bike. and he rode much farther than I could walk.

I remember all of the Family Seders I went to at the Islamorada Fishing Club. Joel sat at the head table and led the service. You needed somebody who could take charge, and that was the skill he had. He sometimes told little stories, and knew how to include the whole group to keep everyone involved. He was one of the nicest

people.

—Linda Rutkin

I worked for this great man for 20 years. Best boss ever. Much love to his wonderful wife and children. He will never be forgotten.

-Laura Jackson

We were saddened to learn of Joel's passing. When I first met

him. I'm reminded of his wanting to be a professional baseball player. I don't know if it was loel himself or Tillie and Bill that turned that thought around. His professional career relieved suffering for many, including me. I remem-

At top, the plaque given to Joe by KJCC in thanks for his two years as president,

2003-2005. In the center, leading S'lichot services in September, 2009, a gift that he and Linda gave to KJCC for many years. At bottom, helping Steve Steinbock break ground for the then-new KJCC Meditation Garden in April, 2010.



ber his taking me to a friend's dental office when he and Linda were visiting New York and I had a terrible toothache on the week-

end. This was followed up by an invitation to visit with the two of them and Jeff

(in D.C.). while loel removed the impacted tooth. loel will be missed but he leaves many good memories.

-Olin Schnever

I have many fond memories of Joel throughout our Khoury

League days. He was a great competitor and friend and he most certainly will be missed.

-Bob Heggy

From the moment we met, we were struck by Joel's intelligence, kindness and sense of humor. Aaron loved talking baseball and football with him.

-Susan Horn and Dot Brooking

Joel set a fantastic example for those who will follow. We hope that his family is comforted by their fond memories and the support from the community that he worked so hard to develop.

-Randi and Andrew Grant

At top left, Joe and Linda at a formal event; the date is not exactly clear, but it appears to be in the early 2000s. (Why include it? Because how many photos have you seen with Joe wearing a tie?) In the center, straw-hat shopping with Linda during a trans-Panama Canal cruise they took with Gene and Mort Silverman. At bottom, Joe with a larger-than-life (but welcoming) island woman statue. (Note: same shades, same tee shirt, different hat.)

He was such a "Gentle Man."

-Maryon Gould

Birthday Greetings sent from arandchildren Will and Maddy (Roy's son and daughter), nine days before loe passed on.

From Will (age 14): Hey Poppy Joe,

Thanks for all the great times on the boat and on land. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for every

> moment. lesson or memory I have from you. I'll always remember sitting on the dock with vou fishing. Whether we caught anything or not. I alwavs brought something back from that. whether it was a big

snapper or more advice on life, women, and how to be a better person. Either way, the



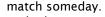
most important thing I'll ever be able to get from going to Key Largo is not fish, diving, or vacation, but the time I spend with you. I would give any show, guitar, or amount of cash to have more time with you. I love you so much, Poppy Joe. I'm sorry for all the things I never got to do with you, but I'm still going to take you up on that fishing trip.

I love you, Poppy Joe - Will

From Maddy (age 12): Dear Poppy Joel,

I love you so, so much. I hope you are doing well and I hope you are having a great birthday. School is

really fun and the weather is finally warming up in Texas (on an unrelated note). You are such a role model to me. You are such a strong and positive man to the very end. They don't make 'em like that anymore! Bubbe is very lucky to have you and my dad alwavs savs v'all are a match made in heaven. I hope I find my



I miss you every day I wake up and I always say my prayers twice for you. You are an amazing grandfather and person. I adore everything about you. Thanks for always having chocolate around, offering a piece of

advice. and being here for all of us. I love you with all of my heart and I hope you know that. You have done so much for me and forever vou will be in my life. I hope to



All the photos on this page were taken during Joe and Linda's 50th anniversary celebration at KJCC in February, 2012. The photo at bottom is everyone who came, and they came from all around the country, gathered on the KJCC bemah steps.

publish a novel in a couple of years just like Aunt Judy and want you to know it will be written for you. I can't say it enough, I love vou.

I'll see you soon, whether in Florida or heaven, they are basically the same thing

anyway ©Congrats on being a year older. ha ha. Cheers to everything you've done and a long, happy life! You're everything I could ask for in a person and grandfather. I love you, I love you, I love you, and have an awesome day!

Love, Maddy

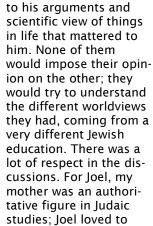
P.S. Miss you so much and love you, Bubbe.

Ioel Pollack was someone I would describe as a mensch, an integrated person,

an American Jew. full of interest and questions about Iudaism and reliaion in general,

a thinker. He was a scientist, a doctor, and as such was struggling with the answers the Jewish view gave him about life. He liked to engage in intelligent discussions and conversations about Jewish beliefs and spirituality with people knowledgeable persons about those matters. One of those people was my mother, Michal Kamely, a long-time teacher

of ludaism and lewish history. I remember deep discussions between the two. loel would ask her difficult, profound questions about religion. He was challenging with those guestions. She never shied away from listening



study and she adored a challenging student like him. He enjoyed the conversations that made him think, and in various ways expressed to us (I also

> had the privilege to be his teacher) that he was content to discover how many Jewish ways of life he actually shared with us.

When Joel became president of the KJCC, my family had the opportunity to see how deeply he felt about his lewish responsibility. He was a man of action, he

The top three photos are also from Joe and Linda's 50th at KJCC. The photo at bottom of Joe and Roy was taken at grandson Will's KJCC Bar Mitzvah in October, 2013.



got things done, did many mitzvot (lewish commandments). The story of how he took upon himself to help me become a

U.S. citizen, I have already told. Joel went personally to Miami to see to matters at Immigration offices on my behalf. He made it his mission to reunite me with the rest of my family, finding a new home in America. Fortunately, after years of waiting, I could per-

sonally tell him: "Joel, mission accomplished, thank you, I love you.... before he passed away a couple of months later. I am so grateful to have known Joel and that he had let us know him.....

what a mensch!!!

-Yardena Kamely

Ioel Pollack will be forever with us. He mentored our children in

Hebrew studies, taught our Sam the four questions in Hebrew for the Passover Seder. Showed us how to live our lives in the most honorable of lewish traditions.

Joel was our rock star in life's foundational mannerisms and lifestyle: how to take your wife to the ballet, then compromise with a Major League baseball

> game. Taught us that the marriage -and-life pairing is a compromise.

loel was quiet, yet a heavy hitter like Babe Ruth or Joe Di-Maggio. (Note: two Yankees. loe's lifelona

team.) He pointed us to the outfield bleachers to knock one out of the park for a grand slam home run.

Joel, "Thanks For the Memories."

-Richard & Barbara Knowles



The photo at top of Joe with George Swartz was taken during a Purim reading of the Megillat Esther in March, 2011. The next photo is of Joe with sister Judy at the 50th anniversary party. The two photos at bottom were taken at KJCC's beautiful Beth/Stanlake Garden gazebo in June, 2013, as Steve and Carol Steinbock renewed their wedding vows. They had asked Joe to perform the ceremony. Carol thanks him, left.

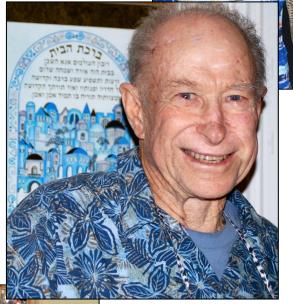
A Love Story Better than a Fairy-tale

Linda told this story at her house the night we all gathered to honor and remember Joe. She asked her family for permission to tell and they gave it. But a lot of people were outside on the terrace and couldn't hear. So we repeat the story again, as remembered by Gloria Avner.

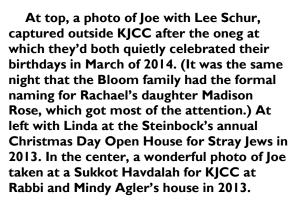
Linda was very young when they met. working at Jackson Hospital. Joe was a surgery resident there. Joe's supervisor introduced them: there was immediate attraction

and they began to date. One night, home after an evening with Joe and alone in her house, Linda was moved to start dancing. She danced and whirled and twirled faster and stronger until she felt so ecstatic, so filled with spirit, she suddenly felt she could communicate with God. "Say what you want," said God. "Please have Joe love me," replied Linda.

The next day, Joe came to Linda's house and asked her to marry him. &

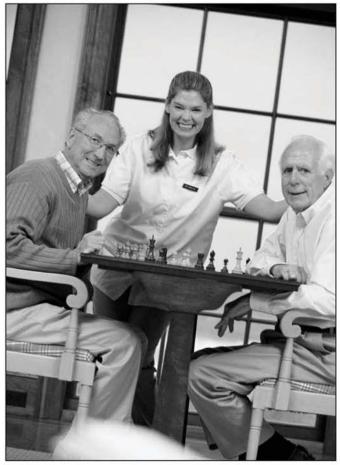


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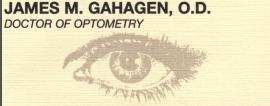


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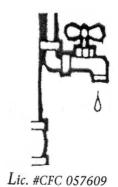


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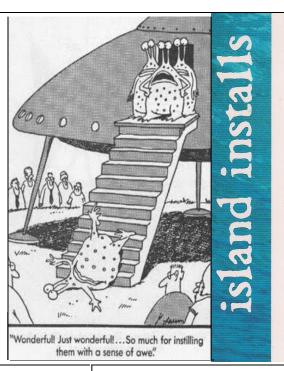


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