

# CHAI-LIGHTS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Holiday season is upon us. Chanukah - a Sisterhood dinner and play by our students. I know the entire membership of the KJCC looks forward to these festivities and is moved by the talents of our students. Patty and I hope to see you share the fun.

The Chabad issue is finally behind us. We should all feel proud of the reaction, commitment and dedication of our members. The KJCC policy on Chabad is that they are welcome to the Keys and our hands have been extended in cooperation and friendship. Many of you attended a special meeting where the Reporter news person was present. For those who were not, emphasis was placed on the errors in the Article, the strengths of the KJCC and our members' individual and collective extensive community involvement. The reporter was so impressed she has decided to do an article on our collective community involvement.

Rabbi Zucker of the Chabad House in Key West had also called me, as President of the KJCC, to apologize for the newspaper article and accept responsibility for the "attack". At my request he and Rabbi Davidson attended the last board meeting to apologize to the membership at large. The lines of communication are now open. But the opening of dialog does not mean that we have to agree with all of Chabad's beliefs and ways. Those decisions are purely individual and certainly we need not take an "institutional" position. Rather, we welcome Chabad to the neighborhood.

Now let's move on to the KJCC mission. Last year I was unsuccessful in setting up a KJCC trip to Israel. I am pleased to report that my Israel committee reconstituted themselves and decided to take matters in their own hands. (OK - so Patty decided she was taking me to Israel for my "significant" birthday.) I expect to have a full itinerary by the time you read this. In general, we plan to be in Israel for and celebrate Independence Day, which is after Passover. We will leave shortly before Independence Day. Air can be individually arranged through the agency that is setting up the tour. My committee wanted to afford the most flexibility so that if you want to use miles or go anywhere else, it will be easy. The basic trip will be 8 nights in first class accommodations in Israel with an optional 3 night extension in Eilat. Cost is dependent on the number in our group. As it stands now, the

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## Important Announcements

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### BOARD MEETING

The last Board meeting of the year is scheduled for December 10, 2006 at 9:00 am. All Members are welcome.

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### SISTERHOOD

The next Sisterhood meeting is scheduled for December 3 at 9:00 am. Come to have a bite with us and discuss our plans for the 2007 season.

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### ONEG SHABBAT

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

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### 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.

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### DEADLINE

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

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### SHABBAT DINNER

The Chanukah Shabbat Dinner is the first night of Chanukah - Friday, December 15th. See the flyer on page xx for details. Come, eat, watch the Chanukah play, enjoy a great service and then have dessert.

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### EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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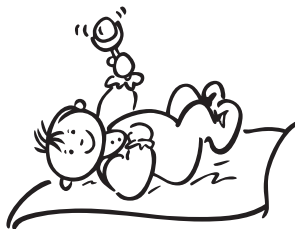
## December Leaders

1 Gloria Avner / Yardena Kamely  
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29 Jim Boruszak / Gloria Avner  
(Note: 6:30pm)

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### NEW GRANDSON

Congratulations to the Schockets on the birth of Grandson, Jack Tyler Schocket.



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## December Memoriam

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**By the Sherman Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**GUSSIE ADELMAN**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Myron & Myrna Rubin**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MILTON APPLEBAUM**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Gloria Avner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ALEX AVNER**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By Alan & Candy Stanlake Beth**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ROSE BETH**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Norbert Birnbaum**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DANIEL BIRNBAUM**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Steven & Barbara Smith**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MURRAY BLINDER**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By James & Joan Boruszak**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**BURTON V BORUSZAK**

*Rest In Peace*

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**By Stephen & Carol Ann Steinbock**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**STEVE CIMKOWSKI**

*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Meredith A. Cline**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HARRIETTE T. CLINE**

*Always In Our Memory*

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**By Steven & Debra Faber**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**MILTON FABER**

*In Our Memory Always*

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**By Howard & Shaloma Lessner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ANETTE FOOSANER**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Mario & Linda LaGrotte**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**ABRAHAM GOLDSTEIN**

*We Remember Always*

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**By Robert & Eileen Hermann**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HERBERT GONTAR**

*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By Paul & Susan Roberts**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**RUTH GREENWALD**

*Sleep In Peace*

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## December Memoriam

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**By Stuart Grossman**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SYLVIA SARAH GROSSMAN**

*Remembered With Love*

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**By Steven & Debra Faber**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**LARRY HIRSCH**

*Forever Remembered With Love*

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**By Mary Lee Singer**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**RHONIE LEE KLIPPER**

*Always Remembered*

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**By James & Joan Boruszak**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**JULIUS KOHLENBRENER**

*Always Remembered With Love*

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**By Howard & Shaloma Lessner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SAMUEL LESSNER**

*Rest in Blessed Peace*

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**By Howard & Shaloma Lessner**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**SYLVIA LESSNER**

*Never Forgotten, Always Loved*

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**By Michal Kamely**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DINAH LEVY**

*Always Loved and Missed*

**By Skip & Rene Rose**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**RAYMOND MARTELL**

*Eternal Rest*

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**By Alvan & Carol Field**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DAVID M. ORANS**

*Forever In Our Hearts And Memory*

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**By Marjorie Present**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HANNAH OSER**

*Eternal Peace*

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**By the Blumberg Family**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**CAROL PARKER**

*Forever In Our Hearts*

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**By Joel Cohen**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HARRIS POSNER**

*In Our Heart And Memory*

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**By Sid Samuels**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HYMAN SAMUELS**

*Always In My Memory*

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**By Murray & Claire Cooper**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**EDWARD SANDBERG**

*Rest In Peace*

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**By Maryon Gould**

*In Blessed Memory of*

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*Rest In Eternal Peace*

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**By Howard & Shaloma Lessner**

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**JOSEPH L. SHAWMUT**

*Always In Our Memory*

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*In Blessed Memory of*

**BARBARA K. SILVERBERG**

*In Our Memory Always*

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*In Blessed Memory of*

**SYLVIA L. SINGER**

*Long Blessed Sleep*

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**By Richard & Sheila Steinberg**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**PETER F. STEINBERG**

*We Remember Always*

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**By Sheldon & Carole Weiss**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**DONALD WEISS**

*With Loving Remembrance*

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**By Robert & Heide Werthamer**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**IRIS WERTHAMER**

*Sleep In Peace*

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**By Michael & Suzanne Gilson**

*In Blessed Memory of*

**HARRY WOLFE**

*Remembered With Love\_*



## TREE OF LIFE

**TO JIM AND JOAN BORUSZAK**

**WITH THANKS**

**MARJORIE PRESENT AND FAMILTO JIM  
AND JOAN BORUSZAK**

**WITH THANKS**

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## YARTZEIT PLAQUES

**SEYMOUR SCHOCKET**

**ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS**

**JEFFREY & PATTY SCHOCKET**

**DOLORES ENID FELDMAN**

**ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS**

**JEFFREY & PATTY SCHOCKET**

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## President's Message

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basic land portion is \$1495 per person based on double occupancy; the extension is \$675 per person based on double occupancy. Unfortunately, there is a single supplement charge. Daily breakfasts and five dinners are also included, as well as transfers, transportation within Israel, tour guide, and entrance fees. These prices are predicated upon a group of 15 - 19 people. If we have more, the price will decrease. Sounds good to me! Let me know if you are interested. "My" (Patty's) committee will also schedule a special meeting for those who are interested with the specifics. Come join us. I know it will be a great time.

Shalom, Jeffrey



## YEDA

by Yardena

# Jewish Community and the Future of the Jewish People

Some good things happened this month in our KJCC mishpoche. In our Religious School class, parents and their young kids expressed their interest in learning this year more Jewish History and more Hebrew language. In our Adult Hebrew class, we have new students eager to remember their basic Hebrew School studies, and more advanced students interested in starting modern spoken Ulpan Hebrew.

Coming to Hebrew classes is not only about learning a language; in each class we find ourselves conversing about the Jewish World, Israel, Jewish heritage, culture, values, and the meaning of Jewishness. From those conversations we get ideas for our Adult Education lectures and seminars, where we can discuss many aspects of Judaism and Jewish Community.

Patty Silver (Schocket) has been looking into a program for the KJCC, an organized trip to Israel, and has suggested a tour that, in my opinion, will enrich and strengthen our ties to Israel and our Jewish Inheritance.

It was also this month that leaders of the Jewish Communities of America gathered in Los Angeles, to discuss the relationship of the Diaspora and Israel, and the future of the Jewish People. It seems to me that guest speaker Tzipi Livni, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed our concern for Jewish Identity and Jewish Continuity, in a very moving speech, and that we, in our small community, with our "small" KJCC activities are already playing a role in this Jewish "Drama". The following excerpts from that speech gives us an important message:

### **FM Livni addresses General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities**

Livni: "We face a regime that denies and mocks the Holocaust while seeking the weapons to perpetrate one. Iran's words and actions are not only a direct threat to Israel, but they are no less a threat to the values that the international community as a whole claims to hold dear."

*(The following is a transcription of the text of Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni's speech to the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities in Los Angeles on November 12, 2006.)*

H.E. Tzipi Livni

Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

State of Israel

"Dear Friends,

I am here today as a Jew and as an Israeli, in that order.

Many miles separate Los Angeles from Jerusalem, but the ties that bind us cannot, and should not, be broken by distance, because we are one people.

We are one people, but we cannot take the bond between us for granted. I believe that Jewish identity is a choice and a responsibility as much as it is an inheritance. Our Jewishness is more than a fact, it is a profound feeling that must be created, nurtured, and sustained.

I know that all of us are here because our Jewish identity is precious to us - it shapes who we are and who we want to be.



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Too often our relationship is defined only in terms of common dangers. We do indeed face common dangers, but our bond goes far beyond that.

Our bond is built on shared history and shared fate - on a rich tapestry of tradition, values, and culture, and on a mutual responsibility not just to protect our Jewish identity, but to make it flourish in our generation and in generations to come.

As an Israeli, I have to ask myself whether we are not in danger of creating a new Israeli identity that feels removed from its Jewish heritage, and a result, from the Jewish Diaspora. I am sure, too, that you ask yourselves whether there is a risk that Jewish identity in the Diaspora is evolving in such a way that the deep connection to Israel may, in time, no longer be one of its central pillars.

I believe strongly that we share a responsibility to prevent a rift developing between Israeli identity and Jewish identity. Together, we need to ensure that Jewish children throughout the Diaspora see Israel as their home, just as the Jewish children of Israel must see you as their family.

At the same time, the collective mission of the Jewish people cannot be limited to focusing on our own predicament.

Our unique history and talents as a people oblige us to work also for the betterment of the world as a whole, to stand against the suffering of others, of the kind we see in Darfur, and to continue to make exceptional contributions to the societies in which we live.

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Dear Friends,

The principles that shape the identity of the Jewish people have also shaped the collective identity and national story of the State of Israel - a story of courage and rebirth greater than any Hollywood scriptwriter could have imagined.

From its establishment, two core values have formed and driven our national character. The first - that Israel, with Jerusalem at its heart, is the national homeland of the Jewish people - it is both the spiritual and cultural heartbeat of our ancient people, and their refuge from persecution.

The second - that Israel is a democracy; that the values of justice, peace and humanity - first expressed by the prophets of Israel - are an integral part of our nation's sense of mission.

The decisions we take as a state, those that I make as foreign minister and member of the Israeli government, are guided by these core principles and values on which our society is based. They must take account not only of the interests of Israel, but also the interests of the Jewish people as a whole.

Together, in upholding these values, we face challenges on three different fronts: as a people defending our basic right to a national homeland; as Jews against the dark hatred of anti-Semitism; and as members of the free world against the forces of global terrorism.

In each case, what is at stake is not just our physical security or existence, but our very right to a Jewish national identity and a place our people can call home.

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During the war in Lebanon we learned again of the courage of our soldiers, the resilience of our civilians, and the strength of our economy.

We also saw you, once again, our Jewish brothers and sisters, in action - organizing rallies, coming on solidarity missions, contributing with extraordinary generosity and thoughtfulness - with unconditional kindness - in so many ways: university scholarships for students called up for army duty, air conditioners for bomb shelters, camps for the children of the North and so much more.

I cannot tell you how much these efforts



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meant to us. I cannot express in words how important it is for us to know that we are not alone.

We live in a world in which perception can matter more than reality. ....This is a serious challenge that requires us to close the gap between the image of Israel and the reality of Israel.

In this spirit, I have launched an initiative at the Foreign Ministry on branding Israel. Working with a broad cross-section of Israeli society, as well as leaders in fields of public relations, education, tourism, and others, we want Israel to be seen not only in the shadow of conflict and terrorism, but also in the bright light of its vibrant culture and rich identity.

We want every Israeli to identify with the resilience, spirituality, creativity, and vitality that is Israel. We are proud of the values and qualities that make us who we are and we want to be associated with them.

We want the world to see what Warren Buffet saw when he purchased Iscar last spring: "Some Americans have come to the Middle East looking for oil," he said. "We came to the Middle East looking for brains, and we stopped at Israel."

And today, I ask you to join me in helping the world see more of Israel than the image they see on their television screens.

Let your hometown come to know Israel's Nobel Prize winners and performing artists. Get your federation to host an Israeli film festival or hi-tech fair. Help us widen the lens and let the world see who we really are.

In this, as in so many other things, you are our partners. We have a shared connection to the past, and a common objective for the future. We will stand with you in good times and in bad, just as you have stood with us.

We in Israel greatly appreciate your efforts, your friendship, and your support. However unaccustomed you are to hearing this from an Israeli, let me say the obvious, and let me say

it out loud, in my name and in the name of the people of Israel:

Thank you

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## **YEDA II by Yardena**

Israel: Image and Reality, Revealing Israel's Diverse Nature, Its Creativity and Achievements

FM Tzipi Livni spoke of the need to improve Israel's image in the world. The following report on a UN conference in Israel this last month gives a good example of how it can be done. Israel does it by contributing to the International Community creativity and high level Of education.

### **Report: UN conference at Ben-Gurion University highlights**

#### **Israel's leadership in desert research**

"With the support of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, an international conference on desertification was being held in November in Israel. Over 200 people from 30 countries have come to Israel to learn about "Deserts and Desertification: Challenges and Opportunities." The conference, which highlights Israel's role as a leader in the field of desertification, was organized by the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, together with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification - Annex IV nations (UNCCD) and, as mentioned, in collaboration with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking at the opening plenary session, Ambassador Gregoire de Kalbermatten, Deputy General Secretary of the United Nations Conference on Combatting Desertification (UNCCD), lauded Israel's success in developing solutions for desert living. He presented a statement prepared by the United Nations Development Programme

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that acknowledged Israel's role as a leader in dryland agriculture:

"The United Nations Development Programme is pleased to have collaborated with Israel in a number of ways. Israel's technical prowess and technological innovation are well-known around the globe, and provide us with lessons about how to achieve the potential of the world's drylands. They have not only set standards in production, they have become experts in meeting the standards required by global markets."

### **Statement by the UNDP**

This is the first time that a UN General Assembly resolution has welcomed an Israeli initiative on an issue that is high on the global agenda and it comes as an acknowledgement of the State of Israel's leadership role in the worldwide battle against desertification.

Organizer Prof. Alon Tal explains, "We have brought together social activists and scientists, technicians and politicians, so that they can confront the urgency of combatting desertification."

University President, Prof. Rivka Carmi, welcomed the UN initiative and the guests from around the world. "Near this hall lies the gravesite of David Ben-Gurion, visionary founder and first prime minister of the State of Israel. He is buried on the edge of the cliff overlooking the Zinn Canyon because he believed that the desert holds all the potential and hope for the future," she said. "Combating desertification and making the Negev desert bloom were Ben-Gurion's passionate missions and this conference is also serving as a living memorial to this great man's ideals."

"We are very proud that the Israeli event marking the year of Desert and Desertification has been organized by the BIDR. This is just part of the ongoing commitment to realize the mission of BGU and to contribute to the development of the Negev and other drylands of the world," said Director of the BIDR, Prof. Avigad

Vonshak. "Our researchers represent Israel on a number of multi-lateral and international committees. By hosting the conference here in Sede Boqer we are able to highlight the Institutes' role in the worldwide effort to stem desertification."

### **Yeda III by Yardena**

#### **Jewish Studies:**

#### **Parasha: Vayera**

Learning about these humanistic aspects of Israel's nature, its participation and leadership in worldwide effort to improve not only our standard of living, but that of others, too, reminds me of our Torah readings this past month. They deal with the life of Abraham, the father of Judaism. In the Parasha Vayera he is shown as a kind, compassionate and humanistic person.

Kindness, compassion and respect for life. These humanistic values are pillars of our Jewish heritage. Being merciful and compassionate. The Talmud says that the hallmarks of a Jew are that we are "compassionate, modest, and do deeds of lovingkindness." We are called "compassionate people who are children of compassionate people." It says that just as God is merciful, so do we have to be merciful and giving. Giving charity, hospitality and providing for communal needs. God gave us our good fortunes, talents, and life situations, so that we could use them to make the world a better place, a place where He can dwell among us.

I am sure that many readers have stories of kindness and compassion you can tell, from your own life, from somebody in your family, from people you have met, or just from stories you have heard. Please, participate in our Jewish Education, send those stories in, bring them to the KJCC, and we teachers will tell them to our Hebrew School kids; this is one way to bring Yiddishkeit into our class, make our students feel at home, make them feel part of the KJCC mishpocha.

Toda, thanks, and Shalom, Yardena.

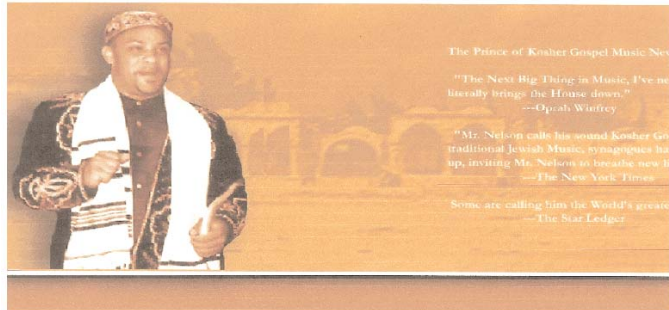
she will eat Dr. Luis Sala's lunch. This keeps Dr. Sala, my associate, fit and trim which by itself is worth everything spent on Daisy's upkeep up until now. She and I have a special understanding that she is not to eat mine, however.

When our family goes on vacation, Daisy also likes to hang out at the doggy spa at the Marathon Veterinary Clinic which allows her to keep fit and trim. She has her own special cage and apparently serves the same purpose in the Vet's office as she does in ours.

As you can see this has been a win-win relationship for Daisy H. Smith and Dr. Sala. Our family also has tremendously benefited with the love Daisy has shown us and I personally get to arise at the crack of dawn every morning to allow her to "down load". That certainly permits me to get to work nearly on time every day.

### Pets Article

*The first article for the People and Pets column was a huge success and if you want to see yourself and your wonderful pets featured, this is how it can be done. A reporter (me!) will be happy to go to your home or office for a photo shoot, or members can email pictures and the interview sheet (which can be emailed to you): to [mizleez3@bellsouth.net](mailto:mizleez3@bellsouth.net) (Mary Lee). The article will consist of owners names, type of*



### AN EVENING WITH THE PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL MUSIC

This grammy nominated Cantor has sung for presidents and prime ministers, in synagogues and churches, with Wynton Marsalis and Aretha Franklin and even on "Oprah." At his best, he sounds like he is channeling with the legendary Mahalia Jackson. He is bringing his combination of African-American spiritual styles and Jewish liturgical music to the Keys Jewish Community Center in Tavernier, Florida.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007, AT 7:30 PM.

TICKETS ARE \$36 EACH FOR GENERAL SEATING, OR \$72 WHICH INCLUDES PREFERRED SEATING AND A CD AUTOGRAPHED BY JOSHUA NELSON.

For tickets, call Leslie Dillon at (305) 852-3654 or Joan Boruszak at (305) 852-0833.

Check our website at [www.keysjewishcenter.com](http://www.keysjewishcenter.com).

### Directory Change

Linda Rutkin can be reached at 453-4187 while she is in Key Largo for the season.

Change the email address for Gloria Avner to [geetavner@gmail.com](mailto:geetavner@gmail.com)

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## PEOPLE AND PETS

Mary Lee Singer



**Names of Owners:** Barbara, Steven, Brian, and Rebecca Smith

**Breed:** Basset Hound although we are not sure there was not a Beagle in the woodshed which might make her a "Baseagle"

**Name of Pet:** Daisy H. Smith

**Age:** 10

**Reason for choosing this breed:** We previously had a male Basset Hound, Irving H. Smith, "H." standing for Hound. Irv, being a Jewish Basset Hound, was brought to a far-sighted Veterinarian Mohel for circumcision and much to his chagrin was castrated instead. Poor Irv passed away at age 14 never realizing the mistake or its religious ramifications.

**Interesting characteristics and stories about pet:**

A few years later, after swearing that we would never replace Irv, Daisy showed up on our doorstep as a "gift" from "friends" who immediately moved from the area and left no forwarding address. They found Daisy as a puppy in Hialeah "wandering the streets". After several days of unsuccessfully trying to find her rightful owner, they decided to give her to us to replace Irv. Rebecca, who had just celebrated her twelfth birthday, thought a replacement Basset Hound was just what she needed. Of course she only thought that until our generous

friends disappeared. Brian, being older and more experienced in these matters, decided that he would go to boarding school in Massachusetts instead. Barbara felt that adopting Daisy would allow Rebecca to develop a sense of responsibility. I got suckered into accepting Daisy into the house because when I picked her up she enthusiastically licked my face. Unfortunately, at the time, I didn't realize there was chocolate on my face. To make matters worse, our "free" Basset Hound came to us with a severe eye infection due to inverted eye lashes that required a doggy bilateral bleperoplasty, in addition to a planned spaying, that cost us over \$2000 in Veterinarian bills. To add insult to injury, I realized that I would have to repair four hernias and remove three gall bladders to pay the vet bill.

In the ensuing ten years Daisy has paid us off by providing unlimited love, loyalty, not to mention urine on our floor if she gets annoyed at us. We quickly discovered that you obviously don't have to be a "dog whisperer" to figure out when she thinks we

have done her wrong. At least she made us happy that we put tile in the house rather than carpet.

We have encouraged her to get a job like the Basset Hounds that we see working on TV commercials but she has declined. As a compromise she comes to the office with us and guards our back storage area and allows my office staff to take breaks by walking her. She also taste tests all food brought to the office, and on occasion,



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purchases, call Joan Boruszak at  
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## KJCC Religious School News

by Gloria Avner



What a warm welcome this teacher received returning from the northlands to her first class this season on October 29th. Most remarkably, a good deal of it was in Hebrew. Our children showed not only that they retained much of last year's learnings but that they have been expanding and adding to the knowledge, reading skills, enthusiasm, and mini-"menschlichkeit" they already have.

An exciting new dimension has been added to our school this year: a wonderful increase in the ranks of tutors. It is almost unheard of in traditional synagogues for post Bar and Bat Mitzvah graduates to return to their religious schools in any fashion. But to return with

enthusiasm is extremely rare. We are both blessed and proud to have three such returnees: Joseph Beth, Cory Wasser, and Molly Bloom. They are learning as they are teaching. Our students love and appreciate them, as do we.

Many new programs are being planned for this year. One of the first is the return of another Bat Mitzvah graduate on Sunday, November 19th, Suzie Greenman will tell us about her experiences in Europe this past year. Then, on Friday night, December 1st, our students, tutors, and teachers will have a first Religious School Shabbat Dinner, hosted at the home of Ruth and Eric Shrader-Grace, where we will put all our Shabbat study and learnings into practice.

Finally, on December 15th, we will present a Chanukah play with students past and present, right after the Chanukah Shabbat Dinner. We look forward to sharing the Celebration of Light with you there.

Shalom.

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## Jackie Mason's Opposition to Spanish Being Spoken as a National Language

There may be those among you who support including Spanish in our national language. I for one am 110% against this! We must preserve the exclusivity and, above all, the purity of the English language.

To all the shlemiels, shlemazels, nebbishes, nudniks, klutzes, putzes, shlubs, shmoes, shmucks, nogoodniks, and momzers that are out there pushing Spanish, I just want to say that I, for one, believe that English and only English deserves linguistic prominence in our American culture.

To tell the truth, it makes me so farklempt, I'm fit to plotz. This whole Spanish schmeer

gets me broyges, specially when I hear these erstwhile mavens and luftmenschen kvetching about needing to learn Spanish.

What chutzpah! These shmegeges can tout their shlock about the cultural and linguistic diversity of our country, but I, for one, am not buying their shtick. It's all so much dreck, as far as I'm concerned. I exhort you all to be men-shen about this and stand up to their fardrayte arguments and meshugganah, farshunkene assertions. It wouldn't be kosher to do anything else. Remember, when all is said and done, we have English and they've got bubkes!

The whole myseh is a pain in my tuchas!

Jackie Mason

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## Honorable "MENCH"ion

by Stuart Sax

This month's "Mench" should not be construed as self-serving or completely autobiographical. A very hectic schedule coupled with several requests about this writer's background has led me to write this month's column about - ME. Not about my entire life, mind you. That would be both boring and much too lengthy. I'll zoom in on some of the good stuff.

I was born while my parents were stationed at Camp Kilmer, NJ which is now a ghost on the campus of Rutgers University. I was raised in northwest Indiana which is also referred to as "Da Region" and also as "the armpit of the nation" due to the many steel mills in the area. Following high school, I attended Indiana University where I majored in Radio & Television Production with a minor in Journalism. That's where I got the writing bug.

Faced with serving in the military during the Vietnam era, I became a commissioned Army officer through the ROTC program in college. Since Uncle Sam "wanted" me I chose to go as an officer rather than as a grunt. Following short assignments in Maryland, Alabama, and Texas I won an all-expenses paid trip to sunny South Vietnam. I served as an Ordnance Officer (that's bullets and bombs to lay folks) but also became morale officer for my battalion. I set up a pirate radio station (putting my degree to work) and also developed a monthly newspaper, "3rd Battalion Banter" for the troop's enjoyment. Do you see where this is going?

After military service I was fortunate to land a job with the Disney organization in Orlando.

I was there for a year and a half before Disney World opened working in the advertising and promotions department. I also did some part time broadcasting with WFOR-FM, the CBS radio station in Orlando. A year after the park opened I chose to return to the Chicago area rather than relocate with Disney to Anaheim, California.

Good choice on my part because that's when I met Lauren and the rest, as they say, is history. We both worked in our family's fashion footwear business for twenty years before

re-locating to Miami to manage a cousin's business interests. There we lived in a gated community and were active in our homeowner's association. I developed the "Sundance Gazette" to inform the community of events and such. Still had the writing bug.

I also joined the Coral Gables Post of the Jewish War Veterans and since they did not have a monthly newsletter to keep the membership up to date, what do you think happened? Bingo!! The monthly "Bugle Call" was born.

Three years ago Lauren and I bought our first business in the Keys and moved here a few months later. I started writing human interest articles for the "Upper Keys Times". They folded. I then started writing articles for "The Independent" newspaper. They folded. Funny, none of the other newspapers wanted me to write for them.

So here I am writing an article about myself in the "Chai Lights" at the KJCC. Safe bet. We ain't folding.





# Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Friday Night, December 15, 2006

Ruth Richardson Social Hall

Covered dish dinner - Dairy

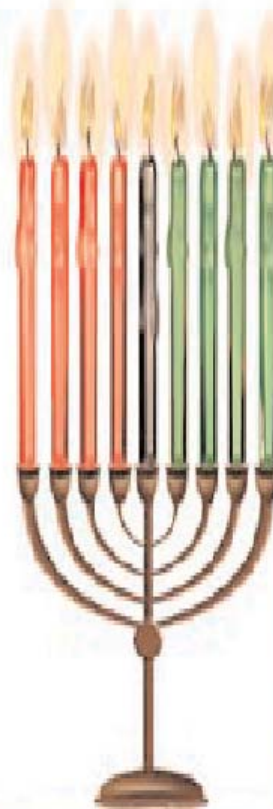
No charge

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Followed by Chanukah program by  
children

Services at 8 pm

Contact Nettie Seder, 852-7283,  
[nseder@bellsouth.net](mailto:nseder@bellsouth.net), to reserve your spot  
and coordinate your covered dish.



December 2006

10 Kislev – 10 Tevet 5767

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>Make sure you are present for the great Chanukah Shabbat Dinner and the Chanukah play to follow. You will NOT want to miss this fantastic event!</b>					<b>1</b>  Gloria & Yardena	<b>2</b>  Vayetze
<b>3</b>  Sisterhood	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Joyce & Linda	<b>9</b>  Vayishloch
<b>10</b>  Board	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Steve & Yardena Shabbat Dinner Chanukah Play	<b>16</b>  Vayeshev
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <i>Chai-Lights</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Dr. Bernie	<b>23</b>  Miketz
<b>24</b>  <div> <div></div> <div><b>31</b></div> </div> Fast of the 10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Jim & Gloria 6:30	<b>30</b>  Vayigash

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Keys Jewish Community Center

# Fashion Show Luncheon



Date: Wednesday  
January 31, 2007

Place:  
Cafe Largo  
MM 100 Bayside

Time: 11:30  
Donation: \$25

Fashions by  
ANGELIKA &  
SUNNU EXPOSURES

For reservations call Joyce Peckman 451-0665

## Sisterhood



As we ramp up for a busy season here at the KJCC, there are many activities, old and new to look forward to this season. Some are set to go, some are in the planning stages. All will be enjoyable for sure.

To begin with we will have our annual Chanukah Dinner on Dec 15th at 6:30 in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall. (Check flyer on page 16.) It is the night of the first candle and we will be treated to an outstanding performance by our Sunday school students at 7:30. It is a nice kick off for celebrating Chanukah

January bring us a fresh slate, look for many new and fun activities sponsored by the Sisterhood. But we start with our annual Fashion show on the 31st of January at Café Largo. It will be Fashions from Angelika and Sunny Exposures. (Check flyer on page 18.). Please get you tickets early, so we can fill the place to capacity. See you there.

Our nominating committee will report on the new Sisterhood slate at this meeting. Come to support our new officers and give many accolades to all who served before.

Don't forget our Loving Hands project. Homestead hospital is thrilled to accept any hand made hats; both knitted and crochet for their new born babies. Those of you who knit or crochet always have little odds and ends left. This is the perfect way to use them up

and help out at the same time. If you can make just 1 or 2 a month they will be thrilled. I have patterns for many versions. Just call me. We will meet later on in the season. This is something I have been involved in up north for many years, and it is nice to continue it down here.

Join us at our next Sisterhood meeting on December 3rd (breakfast at 9am) meeting at 9:30, to help us plan our new and exciting events for the rest of the year.

See you then.

Nettie

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEMPLE FUNDS

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

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

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



## **CABBAGE SOUP**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 small head of cabbage             | 1 tbs Kosher salt |
| 1 can tomato soup                   | 2 soup cans water |
| 1 large can peeled Italian tomatoes | 1 small onion     |
| 1/2 cup sugar                       | 1 1/2 lbs flanken |

Shred cabbage and soak in water and salt for 1/2 hour. Grate or shred the onion. Drain cabbage but do not wash off the salt. Combine all ingredients in a heavy kettle. Simmer on low heat until meat is tender.

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## **MAGIC MACAROONS**

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| 16 oz shredded coconut | 1 15 oz can sweetened condensed milk |
| 2 tsp vanilla extract  | 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips         |

Preheat oven to 350°. Blend ALL ingredients together thoroughly. Grease cookie sheet or shallow pan well. Drop batter by teaspoonful, spacing macaroons about 2" apart. Shape with fingers. Bake 10-12 minutes. Cool 1 minute and remove to wire cooling rack.

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## **CHEESE BALL - GREAT FOR COMPANY**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 lb medium or mild cheddar cheese | 8 oz cream cheese |
| 1 garlic clove, peeled             |                   |

### **OPTIONAL**

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| 1/2 cup chopped walnuts | chili powder |
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Let both cheeses come to room temperature. Mash cheeses with a fork in a medium size bowl. Press garlic, add to cheese mixture and mix well. You may add the nuts at this time, if you wish. Form cheese with your hands into 2 small balls or logs. For "hot" flavor, sprinkle chili powder on waxed paper and roll the cheese ball until evenly coated. Wrap finished balls in plastic wrap and store in refrigerator.

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## Special Days in December

### December Birthdays

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

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

### December Anniversaries

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

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## Looking Forward to January

### January Birthdays

Barry Alter	18
Matthew Barrett	8
Jeffrey Boruszak	29
Breanna Clements	18
Meredith A Cline	12
Murray Cooper	14
Alex Dutton	12
Ryan Faber	1
Suzi-Sarot Feder	17
Mark Feinberg	30
Benjamin Freidman	19
Randi W Freundlich	4
Heather Gilson	15
Howard Gilson	4
Jamie Goodman	15
Laura Goodman	1
Janice Gorson	6
Stuart Grossman	24
Charlie Horowitz	15
Beth Hudson	27
Henry Isenberg	18
Sarah Kamely	9
Yardena Kamely	28
Beth Kaminstein	29
Andrea Kluger	17
Randy Kominsky	24
Brieze Levy	16
Stanley Margulies	6
Amy Nobil	13
Lawrence Novak	21
Jerry Olsen	1
Sheila Olsen	22
Cathy Rakov	9
Neal Rakov	17

Sonia Reitman	10
Stanley Rosenberg	2
Sidney Samuels	22
Kristen M. Schur	30
Sandy Seder	19
Carol Ann Steinbock	26
Matthew Storeygard	24
Jill Taksey	15
Mary Turner	20
Donald Zinner	16
Michelle Zinner	11

### January Anniversaries

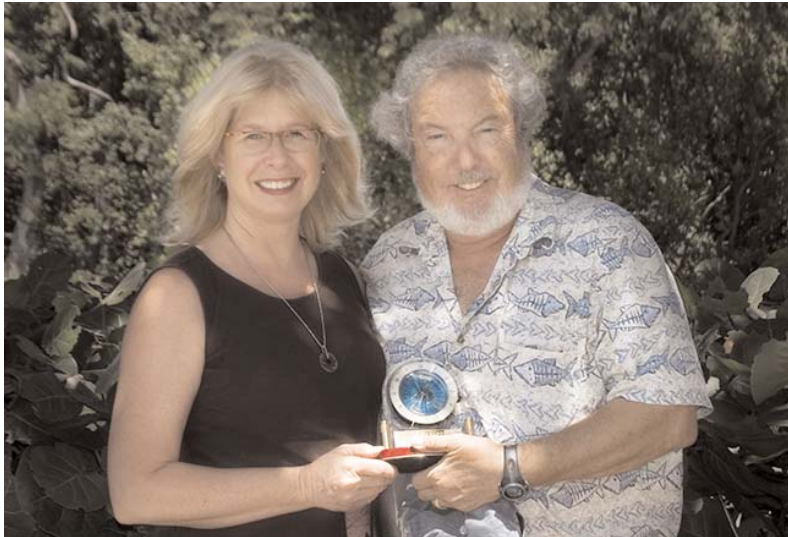
	years
Leslie & Thomas Dillon	1 11
Amelia & Steve Kasinof	4 26
Pamela & David Marmar	26 22
<b>Millie &amp; Melvin Prober</b>	<b>14 57</b>
Elaine & Alan Schulberg	17 14
Muriel & George Swartz	12 27

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### December Onegs

Date	Sponsors	Event
1	Carole & Sheldon Weiss	Sheldon's Birthday
	Zoe Berk	Cammie's Birthday
8	OPEN	
15	Linda & Joel Pollack	Channukah Dinner
	Fran & Barry	Alter Anniversary
	Susan & Paul Roberts	Anniversary
	Patty & Jeff Schocket	Jeff's Birthday
22	Bea & Marty Graham	Anniversary





David Cohn was recognized for his contributions to the arts community by the board of the Florida Keys Council of the Arts. The Executive Director and President, Monica Haskell presented the award. David served as Vice Chair for the Florida Keys Council of the Arts and will continue to serve on the council's Advisory Board. He also served for several years on the Cultural Umbrella committee.

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## Ongoing Projects

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

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

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

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

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

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