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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | Gloria Avner & Sam Vinicur Gene Silverman | 5 S'lichot pizza & movie 6:00 p.m. |
| Sisterhood Meeting 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting 11:00 a.m. | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Barney Coltman Joyce Peckman | 12 |
| Rosh Hashanah Dinner 6 p.m., Services at 7:30 | Rosh Hashanah Day 1; Service Begins 9:30 a.m. | Rosh Hashanah Day 2; Service Begins 9:30 a.m. | 16 | 17 | 18 Joyce Peckman | Shabbat Shuvah Bernie Ginsberg 10:00 a.m. |
| 20 | 21 | Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 7:30 p.m. | Yom Kippur Yizkor Service | 24 | 25 Yardena Kamely & George Swartz | 26 |
| Decoration of KJCC Sukkah 11:00 a.m. | 28 Sukkot Day 1 | 29 | 30 | | | |

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President's Message Sam Vinicur

Hello, September. (That's a straight calendar reference, by the way, not a melancholy musing about my life.) The annual lull of August is over, and Elul has taken its place. (A name, as are those of all Jewish months, gleaned from the days of the Babylonian exile. The word is said to be Akkadian in origin. There are similar words, no surprise, in both Turkish and Arabic. Elul is the twelfth month of the civil calendar, but only the sixth of the religious, even though at its end we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the "head of the year." Ours is a tradition and wealth of thought not always so simple to grasp.)

It is also six months into my term as KJCC president. (Yes, it seems longer.) In a couple of weeks I'll begin my first High Holidays, surely the crucible that officially propels every prez from rookie to veteran status. Most of the planning is done. I'm grateful to have had Steve and Gloria and Bernie and Rabbi Agler by my side, and thank them warmly (plus many others) for their time and toils. I'm also grateful that, after eight years, I've fully transferred to Joyce all the joys and challenges of Chai-Lights.

So, you ask (some have) how have my initial months flowed and felt? Every presidential term begins at the height of high season, so it's instant immersion. Still, it



seems we

together navigated a whirlwind that, though fairly short, ran the emotional gamut from truly painful to genuinely exhilarating. We had wrenching losses of irreplaceable friends. But we also celebrated a Bar Mitzvah, and hosted brilliant lectures by two internationally known scholars of lewish history. Our library has exploded with new donations. We replaced the old folding chairs in our social hall with comfy new padded ones. Gloria's art classes resumed. We added elegant new brick walkways to our Garden, one of which ends at a beautiful new orchid pergola built by Steve Steinbock and Foster Davidson. Oh, and our annual July 4th Shabbabague this year celebrated the 100th birthday of our matriarch. Pauline Roller. It only turned out to be the largest and most successful social event ever held at KJCC. Kvelling and bonhomie ensued.

Part of my job here is to sustain and expand the warm atmosphere that has always defined KICC, and to make every member feel appreciated and special. I do hope you'll all join us for High Holidays and partake of the KICC magic. And I wish L'Shanah Tovah to you and all of those vou love.

Nosh

A Sukkot and Havdalah Invitation

Save this date: .Saturday, October 3rd, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We have been graciously invited to the home of Rabbi Richard and Mindy Agler for a pot-luck Sukkot celebration and that short sweetest of services, a Havdalah ceremony. There will be olives in the Sukkah, tables laden with food in the house, a sunset over the Gulf of Mexico, a braided candle, wine, spices and surely some wonderful tidbits of learning as the lulav is shaken and the heady aroma of etrog is inhaled. Their address is 168 Sunset Gardens Drive, Tavernier. Please RSVP and coordinate your dish with Erica Lieberman Garrett hippiejap@hotmail.com.

Tikkun Olam News

Thanks to the suggestion of Mindy Agler, the KICC will be assisting Burton Memorial with one of their ongoing projects. They are collecting empty medicine bottles and sending them to Haiti, where hospitals and clinics lack the bottles to provide prescriptions to their patients. Please bring empty bottles after you have removed all personal information. They can use prescription bottles as well as bottles from vitamins and nonprescription medicines. We have a dedicated collection box in the lobby. Also thanks to Mindy's suggestion, we are exploring growing organic vegetables for the food bank at Burton Memorial. Steve Steinbock said he would be glad to help organize this. Although plans for this garden are still in their infancy, please share your thoughts on this with Steve or me, so we can consider them going forward with this project.

-- Linda Kaplan

Meditation Garden Orchid IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA NOVICK

By Roos-Mary and Jerry Benowitz

Fasting to end hunger

For the third year in a row, KJCC members and guests will have the opportunity to participate in "Tikkun Olam" (Repair of the World) as well as prayer on Yom Kippur. As we search our souls, ask forgiveness for misdeeds, and await our sealing in the Book of Life, we will fast with extra intensity in our intent. While we are hungry ourselves, let's help end hunger for others.

Shopping bags will be available in our hallway starting on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We ask you to take one and fill it. Use non-perishable goods please, foods that are canned or boxed. Fill to the brim and bring your bag back to the synagogue on Erev Yom Kippur. Our fast will be more meaningful and local hungry families will be beneficiaries. At the end of the High Holidays, KJCC volunteers will bring the food to Reverend Kerry Foote at the Burton Memorial Food Bank. Our community will be well-nourished in body and soul. We will heed the words of Isaiah, 58:6-11. "Is not this the fast I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free . . .? Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry . . .? Then shall your light break forth as the morning . . . and you shall be like a watered garden . . ."

Oneg Sponsors for September 2015

September 4th - Gene Silverman in honor of Mort's Birthday.

September 11th - Joyce Peckman to celebrate a safe return home.

Meditation Garden Brick

Sam & Leslie Janowitz

Honor the Memory of Leo & Beulah Grossman Michael & Lillian Janowitz **Eleanor Sonn**

September Birthdays

| lst | Mildred Finkelstein |
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| | Lloyd Wruble |
| 4th | Chase Barrett |
| 4th | Debby C. Block |
| 6th | Steven Greenbaum |
| 7th | Morton Silverman |
| | Stellar Levy |
| 7th | Mindy Agler |
| 8th | Susan Horn |
| 9th | Maria Botwin |
| 9th | Jacob Klimpl |
| I0th | Gerri Emkey |
| I3th | Lisha Lane |
| | Andy Tobin |
| 16th | Larry S. Schur |
| | Ellen Ecker |
| 18th | Shirley Krissel |
| 18th | Avery Haviv |
| 19th | Barbara Bernstein |
| 19th | Steven Schur |
| 19th | Joel Bofshever |
| 19th | Brenna Nobil |
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| 23rd | lLauren Schur |
| 23rd | IMaryon Gould |
| 24th | Noah Bitton |
| 25th | Michel Bitton |
| 25th | Marla Berenson |
| 26th | Joan Kay |
| 28th | Jonathan Line |
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Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of Joel Pollack

by Stephen & Marsha Harris

Meditation Garden Brick With Loving Thanks

to Rabbi & Mindy Agler

May G-d Bless Them The Beiners and the Asofskys

September Anniversaries

| | | Years |
|------|-------------------------|-------|
| 9th | Neal & Cathy Rakov | 31 |
| 9th | Steven & Barbara Smith | 37 |
| 30th | Ira & Anita Krieger | 37 |
| 30th | Marsha & Tom Garrettson | 25 |

A Personal Note From Medina

To my KJCC family,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your prayers, your loving support and encouragement during my recent illness. I firmly believe that the love I felt coming my way helped and continues still, in my recovery. Until I can find a better word, "thanks" will have to do.

With gratitude,

Medina

Medina also sponsored the August 21st oneg to thank the KICC for their prayers and support during her illness.

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN MEMORY OF MIKE RUBIN

By Dotty, Larry and Rick Wolfe

Meditation Garden Brick IN HONOR OF

60th Anniversary of

Gene & Mort Silverman

by Dr Alan Cooper

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN MEMORY OF JOEL POLLACK By Rita Conklin

Meditation Garden Brick

In Fond Memory of

Joel Pollack The Knowles Family

Leaf on the Tree of Life Barry Feinberg

Beloved Brother, Father, Grandfather and Husband by Arthur Feinberg

Yartzeit Plaque

Joel Pollack

Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather 3/29/1934 - 4/9/2015

Always in Our Memories

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of Max Lieberman

by Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Meditation Garden Brick

Congratulations

Pauline Roller 100th

Dorf & Temkin Families

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN MEMORY OF IIM BORUSZAK

By Joan Boruszak

Meditation Garden Brick

In Loving Memory of

Ima Michal Kamely

Daphne, Yardena & Uri

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN MEMORY OF CAROL STEINBOCK

By Toby & Joel Bofshever

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN HONOR OF PAULINE ROLLER'S
100th BIRTHDAY

By Toby & Joel Bofshever

Meditation Garden Brick

In Memory of **loel Pollack**

Bob and Susie Temkin

Meditation Garden Orchid

In Memory of Carol Steinbock

by Janice Cote

Meditation Garden Orchid

To Honor Joel Pollack

One of the kindest, gentlest, Most caring Person that anyone could know. Joe will always be a special part of our lives.

By Dick & Helaine Grossman

Meditation Garden Brick

In Memory of

Charlie Temkin

Bob and Susie Temkin

Meditation Garden Orchid

IN HONOR OF **GENE & MORT SILVERMAN** 60th ANNIVERSARY Gene Silverman

Meditation Garden Brick In memory of our Dear Friend

Joel Pollack

The Kamely Family

Yartzeit Plaque

In Loving Memory

MILTON A. WOHL, M.D.

Beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather Dedicated Physician

November 5, 1924 - April 20, 2015 Cheshvan 5685 - 1 Iyar 5775

Meditation Garden Brick

In Loving Memory of Poppy Joe 2015 Will, Maddy, Roy

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 KICC 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 plague 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 Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, to arrange your donation.

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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.

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Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tayernier, 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.

In Memoriam September 2015

| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
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| Sam Roazen | Goldie Berman | Molly Feldblum |
| By Sylvia Berman | By Sylvia Berman | By Marc & Ellen Bloom |
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| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| Moris Abramson | Jim Boruszak | Lillian Goldstein |
| By Joel & Toby Bofshever <><>>>>>>>>>> | By Joan Boruszak <><><>>>> | By Joan Boruszak <><><>>>> |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| Sydney Edelman | Ronald Repka | Evelyn O. Coltman |
| By Dale Chasteen | By Nancy L. Cohn <><><>>>> | By Barnet O. Coltman <>>>>>>>>>>>> |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| lda Hitzig | Leo Rosenberg | Albert Improta |
| By Wes & Rita Conklin | By Robert & Joni Sages Dandrea | By Carol Field <><><><> |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| Hannah Improta | H. Melvin Berkon | Nettie Gorson |
| By Carol Field <><><><> | By Jamie & Laura Goodman | By Janice Gorson |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| Paul Gould | H. Robert Walters | Beverly Harvey |
| By Maryon Gould <><><><> | By Maryon Gould <><><> | By Mitchell Harvey |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of |
| Leonard Roberts | Sadie Klimpl | David J. Levine |
| By Marshall & Myra Kaplan <>>>>>>>>>> | By Michael Klimpl <><><><>> | By Steve & Luzviminda Levine |

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| Anne Hendin Margulies | Toby Mitchell | Lorraine Martell | |
| By Stanley & Jenny Margulies | By Linda Pollack <><><>><>><> | By Skip Rose <><><><> | |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of | |
| David Gulkis | David Schur | Max Rosenfeld | |
| By Alan & Elaine Schulberg | By Lee Schur <><><>>>> | By Morton & Gene Silverman | |
| In Memory Of | In Memory Of | In Memory Of | |
| Mollie Silverman | Charlie Temkin | Jim Boruszak | |
| By Morton & Gene Silverman | By Robert Temkin | By Joan Boruszak | |

How Certain Contributions to KJCC Can Instantly **Become Permanent, Living Memorials**

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Book Plates: We are, after all, the People of the Book. For \$36 an inscription of your choice will be placed in one of our Siddurim or Tanakhs. An example: "In Loving Memory of my grandfather, who first taught me about the treasures that lie between these covers."

Tree of Life Leaves: We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KICC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May they always be in the presence of the Eternal Light."

Garden Bricks: \$125 buys a single brick and \$200 a double brick in our magnificent Meditation Garden walkway, engraved with your personal message. An example: "You were the best, Aunt Goldie. Well, you and those amazing cheese blintzes." For \$300 we'll plant the native tree of your choice as the ultimate living tribute; an outdoor plague is included in the price.

Sisterhood Erica Lieberman-Garrett



hope that you have all been enjoying your summer. One highlight was certainly the excitement of our matriarch Pauline Roller's 100th birthday celebration. It was a grand event, with a record crowd, full of love and gratitude. We all were so blessed to witness such a momentous occasion, such a simcha in our little community. It was even more special because the celebration was for Pauline. Her weekly attendance and participation in everything we do at the shul keep us humble and proud to know her. She will continue to be an inspiration to us all as we move forward into her 101th year.

Sisterhood is in full swing for the upcoming holiday season. Susan Gordon has stocked up the gift shop with beautiful new items, perfect for gifts, special occasions, or just because you love shopping.

Summer oneg sponsorships have been ongoing, as our core group of full time schvitzers gets together each week at services. Thank you to Barney Coltman, Barbara Knowles, Medina Roy, Linda Pollack and Gene Silverman for sponsoring their special occasion summer onegs. It is a blessing to have such generosity in our congregation. The oneg letter from Sisterhood has gone out, so please consider recognizing your simchas and other special events by sponsoring onegs for the upcoming year.

After the 'grime committee' met in August to reorganize and clean up the kitchen, our cupboards are orderly and we are ready to go!

We will begin the New Year with our traditional Rosh Hashanah dinner on Sunday, September 13 at 6 pm. We will sit down to a delicious flevshik dinner of matza ball soup, brisket, chopped liver, knishes, cucumber salad. vegetable dishes, kasha, bobka and more. Please rsvp to me, to let me know if you will be joining us. It is a lovely way to begin the year together. The donation for members will be \$20, with children under 13 free. The do

-nation for guests will be \$25 for adults, and \$10 for children. After morning services on both days of Rosh Hashanah, we will be having a delicious lunch of bagels/lox/cream cheese/salads/herring/rugalah, and of course honey cake. Please stay and join us.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, on Saturday ,Sept 19th , Sisterhood will sponsor a nice kiddush that morning at the shul after our Shabbat service. Then that evening we look forward to a wonderful Havdalah service and oneg at Linda Pollack's home.

Yom Kippur may be easier if you can look forward to breaking the fast with your KICC family. On Wed., Sept 23rd, this will be a potluck dairy extravaganza of scrumptious food, which tastes especially good after the big fast. Everyone's help will be needed and appreciated, since we always have a big turnout. Please get in touch with me to rsvp and let me know what dairy or vegetable dish you will bring to this dinner.

Hopefully you have relaxed and are feeling healthy as we begin our New Year together with a number of wonderful dinners and lunches, but most importantly with each other, at services, in our shul, connecting, and making memories. So much is always going on behind the scenes, with all the volunteers who work so hard to make everything happen, and do it with such love. Thank you for all the hard work that you do. I call it G-d Karma points. So if you would like to add more points, please come to our Sisterhood meeting on Sunday Sept 6th at 9:30 am, to help finalize all of these events. As we enter this new year, 5776, I wish you Shana Tovah, a happy and healthy holiday season to you and your family. >

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.

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| Car | ol Laskin & Foster Davidson |
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In Memory Of

| Avner, Gloria | David Gitin, | A Man of the Book |
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| Horn, Susan & Dot Br | ooking | Joel Pollack |
| Isenberg, Patricia | - | Henry Isenberg |
| Solas, Elaine | | Bernard Solas |
| Steinbock, Steve | | Susan Schwaid |
| Swartz, George & Mu | riel | David Gitin |
| Swartz, George & Mu | riel | Myron Rubin |

Chai-Lights

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Holocaust Education Center

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| Anonymous | Pauline Roller - 100th birthday |
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| Gould, Maryon | Pauline Roller - 100th birthday |
| Hartz, Steve & Jan | Pauline Roller - 100th birthday |
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| Sachs, Joseph & Susan | |
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| Schur, Lee | - Engagement |
| Singer, Mary Lee | Pauline Roller - 100th birthday |
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| Pollack, Linda | | Steven Goldmann |
| Singer, Mary Lee | David Gitin, | Robert W. Singer, |
| | | Jon R. Singer |
| Smith, Steve & Barbara | Joel Pollack | |
| Smith, Steve & Barbara | David Gitin | |
| Wohl, Joan | David Gitin | |
| Wolfe, Larry & Doroth | Joel Pollack | |
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Meditation Garden

Roy, Medina Steinbock, Steve

Meditation Garden In Honor Of

Beiner & Asofsky double brick - Rabbi & Mindy Agler

orchid - Pauline Roller Bofshever, Joel & Toby - 100th birthday brick - Mort & Gene Silverman Cooper, Alan - 60th anniversary **Dorfs & Temkins** brick - Pauline Roller - 100th birthday Harris, Stephen & Marsha orchid - Pauline Roller - 100th birthday Silverman, Mort & Gene orchid - Mort & Gene Silverman -60th anniversary Steinbock, Steve Pauline Roller - 100th birthday Steinbock, Steve Happy birthday to Sean Kaufman

Meditation Garden In Memory Of Benowitz, Jerrold & Roos-Mary orchid - Roberta Novick

Berger, Carol tree - Joel Pollack Bofshever, Joel & Toby orchid - Carol Steinbock Chester, Nelson & Bobbie tree - Joel Pollack Conklin, Wes & Rita tree - Joel Pollack Conklin, Wes & Rita orchid - Joel Pollack Ellner, Susan Joel Pollack, Carol Steinbock Gould, Maryon tree - Ioel Pollack Grant, Andrew & Randi tree - Joel Pollack Grossman, Richard & Helaine orchid - Ioel Pollack Harris, Stephen & Marsha orchid - Joel Pollack Harris, Stephen & Marsha orchid - David Gitin lanowitz, Sam & Leslie Beulah Grossman Kamely, Yardena brick - Joel Pollack Kamely, Yardena, Daphne & Uri brick - Ima Michal Kamely

brick - Joel Pollack

Lieberman-Garrett, Erica orchid - Max Lieberman Pearlman, Richard & Maddy tree - Joel Pollack Pollack, Jeff tree - Joel Pollack Pollack, Roy tree - loel Pollack brick - Joel Pollack Pollack, Roy & Will & Maddy (Poppy loe) Riley, Michele tree - Joel Pollack Sax, Stuart & Lauren Jan Shutan Finer, Howard Shutan Sax. Stuart & Lauren Joshua Moshe Schulberg, Alan & Elaine tree - Joel Pollack Silverman, Mort & Gene tree - Ioel Pollack Singer, Mary Lee tree - Joel Pollack Slovich, Sue tree - loel Pollack Vaselich, Felice tree - Joel Pollack orchid - Mike Rubin Wolfe, Rick, Larry & Dorothy Temkin, Bob & Susie 2 bricks - Joel Pollack, Charlie Temkin

Rabbi & Cantor

Avner, Gloria Bernstein, Paul & Barbara Bofshever, Ioel & Toby Bolton, William & Donna Brush, lames Chester, Nelson & Bobbie Coltman, Barney Cooper, Alan Dorf, Barry & Natalie Gross, David & Patti Hartz, Steve & Jan Kasinof, Steve & Amelia Kluger, Nancy Lieberman-Garrett, Erica Line, Jon & Arlene Peckman, loyce Pollack, Linda Roberts, Paul & Susan Roy, Medina Silk. Robert Silverman, Mort & Gene Steinbock, Steve Temkin, Robert

Scholarship Fund In Honor of Schur, Lee Pauline Roller - 100th birthday Bernstein, Paul & Barbara Roy, Medina Steinbock, Steve Tallent, Lillian

Knowles, Richard & Barbara

Scholarship Fund

In Memory Of Horn, Susan & Dot Brooking **Joel Pollack** Joel Pollack, Kurt Kluger Kaminstein, Beth Kwalick, Teresa Bill Kwalick Schur, Lee **Joel Pollack**

Sanctuary Seat Plate

Margulies, Stanley & Jenny

Tree of Life In Memory Of Feinberg, Arthur Barry Feinberg

Yahrzeit Plaques

Grant, Andrew & Randi Pollack, Linda **Joel Pollack** Wohl, Joan P. Milton A. Wohl

In Memory Of

Yahrzeits

Boruszak, Joan Priscilla Leshin Coltman, Barney Louis R. Coltman Dorf, Barry & Natalie Dorothy Schafer Gross, Mollie Emanuel Gross Grossman, Stuart Margaux Grossman Kaplan, Marshall & Myra Les Reitman Kaplan, Ronald & Debra Sidney Kaplan, Catherine Kaplan Kluger, Nancy Otto Kluger

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Yizkor Book

Agler, Richard & Mindy Alter, Barry Avner, Gloria Benowitz, Jerrold & Roos-Mary Berman, Sylvia Bernard, Joel & Joan Stark Bernstein, Paul & Barbara Bofshever, Joel & Toby Bolton, William & Donna Boruszak, Joanj Brodie, Thomas & Renee Cline, Meredith Coltman, Barney

Yizkor Book Cont.

Conklin, Wes & Rita Cooper, Alan Dorf, Barry & Natalie Ellner, Susan Emkey, Gerri Feinberg, Arthur Garrettson, Marsha Gilson, Michael & Suzanne Ginsberg, Bernard Goldfinger, David & Toby Gordon, Susan Gould, Maryon Greenbaum, Marilyn Gross, David & Patti Harris, Stephen & Marsha Hartz, Steve & Jan Harvey, Mitchell Hayden, Elizabeth Horn, Susan Isenberg, Patricia Itkin, Arthur Kaminstein, Beth Kaplan, Marshall & Myra Kaplan, Ronald & Debra Kay, Joan & Harvey Kluger, Nancy Kreitman, Marcia Krissel, Michael Lieberman-Garrett, Erica Line, Jon & Arlene Margulies, Stanley & Jenny Marmar, David & Pamela McNew, Rick & Roberta Olsen, Gerald & Sheila Peckman, Joyce Pincus, Linda Pollack, Linda Rakov, Neal & Cathy Riley, Michele Roy, Medina Sax. Stuart & Lauren Schur, Lee Shapiro, Libby Sheinker, Miltra Silverman, Mort & Gene Temkin, Robert Willner, Sherrie Steinbock, Steve Wohl, Ioan Tallent, Lillian Singer, Mary Lee Solas, Elaine

Swartz, George & Muriel

YEDA VETORASHA Yardena Kamely



ROSH HA'SHANAH 5776 Reflection on Children's Questions

new Jewish year begins, Rosh Ha'Shanah 5776. On Sept. 27th we will begin a new vear with our Sunday school students, ages six to eleven. For one of them it will be the first year in religious school. The best students are those who ask many questions. Children ask about our religion and about the religion of their non-lewish friends and neighbors. They ask about God. They want to understand the world and their own place in it. As teachers in religious school, we try to give them a humanistic understanding of what God can mean to us within the framework of the lewish tradition. Bible stories are an excellent tool for teaching; they are one of the most precious, profound and fundamental aspects of our heritage.

The task of teaching children about God has two parts or steps. First, we must come to an understanding of what we ourselves are ready to believe about God. And then, we have to translate this concept into a child's language, using words that they can understand at their age. There are aspects of belief young children need, which they will later outgrow. Under a certain age, children have difficulties in understanding abstractions. They need the real, the concrete and tangible. Child psychologists tell us that the mind of the young child has a functional orientation; they want a neatly ordered universe in which everything has its place. They cannot comprehend the term 'evil', but they know all about 'bad guys'. When a child asks what a thing is, he is really asking what it does, what it is for.

He is not interested in a philosophical definition. When he asks about God, he wants to know what difference God makes in his own life.

"How do I know there really is a God?" When a child asks this question, he is really concerned about a stable, secure, purposeful world. He wants to know if he can trust the world. When an older child, a teenager, asks the question, he is probably concerned about right and wrong, justice and unfairness, in the world.

"Why can't I see God? Is he invisible?" The concept of invisible is psychologically frightening and it doesn't give us confidence and trust. What, then, do we say? Rabbi Kushner suggests: "God is intangible: we can't see Him because there is nothing there to be seen. He is one of those forces, which are real though they have no shape and don't take up space. Like love, joy, healing, hot and cold, we can 'see' God only through the difference He makes in the people and things of the world. We can't see or touch love or joy: we can see and touch people whose lives are changed by love and joy."

"Who made God?" My six year old grandson surprised me the other day with this question. He is very interested in space, planets, and stars, and was explaining to me how the world, according to science, was created. When I mentioned that in Judaism we believe that God created the world, his question came up because he assumes that everything in the world was made by someone for some

purpose. So who made God? I think we should not child's feelings of security and self-esteem. be afraid to say to our children that this is a very difficult question, which people have been trying to answer for very many years.

"Why does God make bad people?" We can explain that when God creates people, they are born with abilities and options, and then they

choose what sort of person they want to be. Some use the choice and the power they have for good and some use it for evil. We still have not answered the child's question. He doesn't really want to know about God: he wants to know why there are

bad people - that is, why some people choose to do bad things. We must admit that we don't really about how decisions we make for this New know what makes people behave one way or another. There may be different reasons why a person does bad things. We can discuss them with the child and reassure him that there are ways to change bad behavior. This is important for the

Our first class of KJCC Religious School starts right after Rosh Ha'Shanah and Yom Kippur. The conversation will be about good and bad deeds, about repentance, forgiveness and changes we can make. We will be discussing the questions: 'Does it make a

Prayer book), about self-examination, and

Year may determine what our lives will be

like. And all of these conversations will be in

the language of my six to eleven year old stu-

Shanah Tovah U'metukah to all

Yardena.

difference if I am a good person?' 'Why does our Torah speak so much about the mitzvot?' I'll teach our young students about the prayers in our Machzor (High Holidays

From "Children's Letters to God"

Dear Honored God.

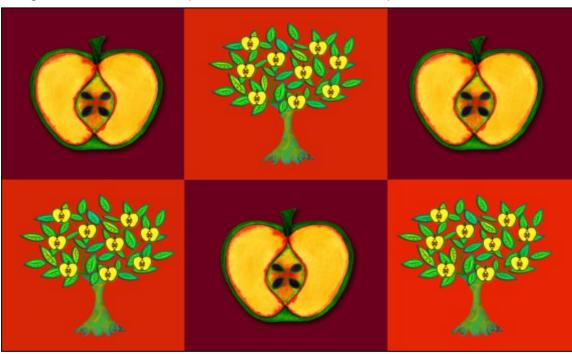
What are your feelings towards those who don't believe in you?

There is a boy (another one, not me) who wants to know.

dents.

the KJCC family,

- A friend - Ya'ir



World Jewish Report Medina Roy



To Seek Justice and Repair the World

On August 1st, over 150 rabbis, along with other Jews and a Torah scroll, joined the NAACP's "Journey for Justice," an 860-mile pilgrimage beginning in Selma, Alabama and scheduled to end 45 days later on September 15th in Washington, D.C. Each rabbi will take turns carrying the Torah. "Nobody is walking the whole route," said Chicago Rabbi Seth Limmer. "The Torah is the only marcher going the distance. The Torah carries us spiritually. We are carrying it physically." The march began at the site of the historic civil rights march led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1965: beatings of those marchers by Alabama police, shown on national television, led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Traveling through six southern states, the 2015 recreation is a call to action not just to honor the nation's civil rights pioneers of fifty years ago, but also to bring attention to present-day issues: economic inequality, fair wages, education and criminal justice reform plus modern attempts to suppress voting rights in each of the states they visit on the march. Regardless of the weather, the Torah will be carried almost daily for each 20-mile stretch. The sacred scroll will miss only one day - September 14th - when it stops at a Washington-area synagogue for Rosh HaShanah. "The obligation to fight oppression is made clear in the Torah," Rabbi Limmer, 42, said. "We were freed from Egypt...to fight for those who are oppressed the way we were. That's the lewish take-away from having been slaves and then freed." (Unfortunately the recent film "Selma" never depicted prominent Rabbis Abraham Joshua Heschel and Maurice Eisendrath holding a Torah while walking with Dr. King or the outpouring of support demonstrated then by the Jewish community.) (www.chicagotribune, 8-1-15)

The Dead Sea is Shrinking

Israel's Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth - almost 1,400 feet below sea level. Its waters are vanishing at a rate of about three feet per year. Hundreds of sinkholes - some the size of a basketball court, some two stories deep - are swallowing up land where the shoreline once stood, wreaking havoc along the coast. The two-lane desert road - the main north-south artery - was shut down six months ago when a gaping hole opened up beneath the asphalt. Hundreds of new sinkholes are appearing every year, taking down power lines. Beneath the newly exposed land is a 98-foot layer of salt formed over thousands of years. Without the Dead Sea waters to protect it, fresh water from rain or desert flash floods seep underground and dissolve the salt layer, creating a cavity that eventually collapses.

According to an Israeli research group, the main reason the sea is shrinking is because its natural water sources, which flow south through the Jordan River valley from Syria and Lebanon, have been diverted for farming and drinking water along the way. Mining operations, where minerals are extracted for export around the world, account for the remaining 30 percent of the deterioration. The sinkholes will only stop when the waters of the Dead Sea are restored. This would require an international initiative, since the Dead Sea also borders Jordan and the West Bank. Even if everyone agrees, it would take decades to reverse the ecological damage. Israeli officials worry that tourism might be seriously affected, since visitors enjoy floating effortlessly in the salt-rich waters and treating their skin with the sea's mineral-rich mud. Two popular beaches have already been forced to close. (The Forward, 7-29-15)

It's a "Triumph of Good over Evil"

Seventy years after Hitler attempted to prohibit Jews from competing in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, more than 2,500 Jewish competitors from more than 36 countries participated in the 14th European Maccabi Games at the very same Olympic stadium built by Hitler. The games, held this year July 27th through August 5th, are Europe's largest Jewish sports event. Officials are quoted as saying that Germany is full of pride that the country responsible for the Holocaust was selected to host the 10-day "Jewish Olympics." The games are held every four years in different cities, two years after the Maccabiah Games held in Israel. The European Maccabi games were established in Prague in 1929, when lews were looking for an alternative competition free of discrimination and anti-Semitism. Shortly after that, Jewish sports associations were banned. They were reinstated 30 years later in 1959 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The last games were in 2011 in Vienna, highly symbolic since it was the first time since World War II that lewish athletes from all over Europe competed on the territory of the former German Reich. (www.worldjewishcongress.org, 7-28-15)

Tenth in the World

The Weizmann Institute of Science, located in the Israeli city of Rechovot, has been ranked 10th in the world for quality of its research. It is the only institution outside the United States to make the top ten. The ranking was conducted by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (known by the Dutch acronym CWTS) at Leiden University in the Netherlands. The study analyzed 750 research institutions around the world between 2010 and 2013. The ranking is based on the number of scientific articles published by the institution's scientists and the number of citations these publications generate. According to CWTS data, the Weizmann researchers published 2,414 scientific articles over the period studied, and these articles were cited some 27.859 times. In addition, 460 of these articles (19 percent of the total the institute published during this period) were among the top 10 percent of all articles published worldwide in terms of their impact, as measured by how often they were cited. The Weizmann Institute received high scores in the fields of sciences and medicine. Fifty-seven Weizmann articles made it into the top one percent, indicating that they were among the most influential articles published worldwide between 2010 and 2013.

(www.haaretz.com, 7-19-15)

"I Have a Debt to Repay"

Lord George Weidenfeld, a lewish member of the U.K.'s House of Lords who was rescued from Nazi-occupied Austria by Quakers and Plymouth Brethren Christians and transported to Britain in 1938, is funding a rescue mission of Syrian and Iraqi Christian refugees who are suffering at the hands of ISIS. Weidenfeld, 95, is spearheading Weidenfeld Safe Havens Fund, an organization aiming to rescue 2,000 Christian refugee families from Syria, the war-torn country that has produced some four million refugees as a result of persecution and the ongoing civil war. Once the refugees are resettled, Weidenfeld's program will offer twelve to eighteen months of financial support as they adjust to their new lives. Weidenfeld was inspired by Sir Nicholas Winton, who organized the rescue of 669 mostly Jewish children out of Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia via the *Kindertransport* to the United Kingdom between 1938 and 1940. (Winton. known as the British Schindler and reported on in the December, 2014 issue of Chai-Lights, died in early July. He was 106.) Weidenfeld's program has been criticized for not including Muslims since they, too, are threatened by ISIS. But Weidenfeld defended his program saying, "The primary objective is to bring the Christians to safe haven. I can't save the world..." In early July, 150 Syrian Christians arrived in Poland on a privately chartered plane, making them the first beneficiaries of his resettlement project. Weidenfeld made his fortune ten years after arriving in Britain with only a few shillings in his pocket, establishing the Weidenfeld and

Nicholson publishing business. (www.worldjewishcongress.org, 7-17-15)

In Memoriam

-Lou Lenart, an American fighter pilot who led a daring Israeli air attack that stopped the Egyptian assault on Tel Aviv during Israel's War of Independence in 1948, died in July at the age of 94. Born Layos Lenovitz, he was the son of Jewish farmers and grew up in a small Hungarian village near the Czech border. Anti-Semitism drove the family to the United States when the young Lenart was 10 years old. The family settled in Wilkes-Barre. Pennsylvania. At seventeen, Lenart enlisted in the U.S. Marines and after eighteen months of infantry training, he talked his way into a flight school and then survived a mid-air collision during training. Discharged at the end of the war, he learned that fourteen of his relatives in Hungary had died at Auschwitz. That motivated him to join the secret effort to smuggle war surplus planes into the budding State of Israel in early 1948. Just a few days after Israel declared independence, Egyptian forces advanced to within 16 miles of Tel Aviv. Israel decided to gamble its entire air force - four poorly designed Czech versions of the German Messerschmitt - and attack the Egyptians. Lenart was the most experienced pilot and he led the attack. He was backed by Ezer Weizman, (who would later become president of Israel) and two other pilots, one of whom, Eddie Cohen, was killed. Assured that Israel had no aircraft, the Egyptian troops were stunned and retreated. Lenart, known as "The Man Who Saved Tel Aviv," was quoted as saying, "It was the most important event in my life. I survived World War II so I could lead this mission." After the war, Lenart participated in the airlift of Iragi lews to Israel, became a pilot for El Al Israel Airlines and produced six movies, including "Iron Eagle" and "Iron Eagle II."

(www.ita.ora, 7-21-15)

-Theodore Bikel, best remembered for his longtime portrayal of Tevye in the stage production of "Fiddler on the Roof" - beginning in 1967, he played the role more than 2,000 times - died at the end of July. He was 91. Born in Vienna. Bikel's family moved to pre-State Israel when he was thirteen, after the 1938 Nazi Anschluss annexed Austria. Living on a kibbutz, he discovered his love for drama. In 1943, he began acting in Tel Aviv's Habimah Theatre. In 1946, he moved to London to study at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He moved to the United States in 1954 and became a U.S. citizen in 1961. Bikel was known for the diversity of the roles he played; he appeared on stage, in films and television, in musical dramas and comedies. He was a prolific recording artist - 27 albums - and could sing in 21 languages, recording some albums of only Yiddish songs. In an early role, in 1951, Bikel played the German World War I naval captain who captured Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn in "The African Queen." He received an Oscar nomination in 1958 for his portrayal of a southern sheriff in "The Defiant Ones." He played the Russian submarine captain in the Oscar-nominated 1966 Cold War comedy "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming." In 1959, Bikel co-founded the Newport Folk Festival with Pete Seeger and George Wein, an event that draws hundreds of thousands to Rhode Island every July and launched the careers of many notable musicians, including Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. Bikel was a staunch supporter of Jewish causes as well as human rights groups. In 1986, he was arrested outside the Soviet embassy in Washington, protesting the Soviet government's refusal to let Jews leave the country. In 2013, at an event marking the 27th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Austrian government honored Bikel with its highest honor in the arts. For his finale, Bikel asked the audience to rise as he sang the "Song of the Partisans" in Yiddish.

(www.israelnationalnews.com and www.reuters.com, 7-22-15)

-Burt Shavitz, beekeeper and co-founder of Burt's Bees, maker of natural personal care products, died in July. He was 80. Born Ingram Shavitz, his bearded image became the face of the brand. Shavitz grew the company with business partner Roxanne Quimby, who bought out Shavitz's share in the company in the mid 1990s. Burt's Bees was sold to Clorox in 2007 for \$925 million. Shavitz was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had worked as a photographer for Time-Life. (www.jta.org, 7-6-15)

Photo Gallery

May 22nd saw the dedication of the new Orchid Pergola.





Roger and Dana Levy dedicated the pergola in memory of their beloved parents.





Steve, Sam and Foster are justifiably proud of the fruit of their labor.

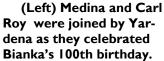
On May 22nd Rabbi Agler brightened our Shavuot learning with poetry and rabbinic imagery.



Our May 22nd Shavuot pot luck dinner began with a rousing Kiddush led by Gloria. As we eagerly served ourselves, Erica looked approvingly at a table overflowing with dairy and vegetarian dishes.



(Right) Mary Lee celebrating her birthday with family in New York.







On June 14th
Gloria Avner and
Jane Friedman led a
well attended and
enjoyable art workshop. They even
got past and present Presidents to
play in the paint.

Summer Fun

(Right and Below) Road warriors Susan and Joyce met up with Joan, Lauren and Stu in Dallas, then Mary Lee and Bobbi Henry (a former KJCC Mah-Girl) in Santa Fe.





(Left) Mary Lee at granddaughter Morgan's graduation.

(Right) Lee Schur taking in the sights.





(Left and Above) The Pollacks conquer Yosemite.





During the August 9th Board Meeting this uninvited visitor attempted to check some books out of the KJCC library.



David Gitin

Poet, Educator, Friend



math. As Gloria put it so lovingly: he has finally graduated from Earth school.

It is never easy to get to know the

complex and extremely gifted. Those who reached out received warmth back they might never have imagined. Those wise or fortunate enough to have probed his vast cabinet of

knowledge emerged richer and deeper and often agog at his intimacy with the intertwined arms of all the creative arts.

No one loved or pursued the depths of



finding and unlocking the well-spring of every student is reflected in the many notes Gloria has received, from around the world, offering love and gratitude

for what David taught them and the vibrant legacy he left them

Rest at last in peace, David. Say hello to Shakespeare and Yeats and Eisenstein and John Coltrane and Miles Davis and, of course, to Frank.

Your friend and admirer,

Sam Vinicur

film and music more passionately than David. He was internationally renowned as one of the last of the post-beat-generation poets. Though he ended up teaching much of his adult life, his journey to poetry began with a restless and unlimited imagination, plus an innate allergy to conventional pedagogic inanities, which put him on the road at a very young age. Something led him to Greenwich Village in the late 50s when it was the epicenter of American ideas and, led by the arts, fairly erupting with the seeds of a coming American sensibility. He sat in cafes and bars with others of geothermal creativity and rejection of grayness - poets and novelists and musicians and composers and filmmakers and painters - and

found his place among them. His work ended up in the same pantheon as, and considered fully peer to, that of the indelible, iconic figures of



modern American poetry. As a teacher, his long memory and insistence on

High Holidays 5776

Get into the mindset (and heartset) of the Days of Awe with encouragement and enlightenment from Rabbi Agler, Head of Ritual Gloria Avner, our own Joyce Peckman and new cantor Michael A. Dzubin



hat season is upon us once again. You know the one. That season when the "real" new year begins. That season when summer beains its turn toward fall. That season when we look at ourselves and pose the ever present questions: Who are we-really? What have we accomplished since the last of these seasons-really? What are we going to do

with the time between now and next year-really?

The questions may make us uncomfortable; but of course, that is their point. We understand enough about the human condition to recognize that our actual remains far below our potential. There is more we can do, and better, than we have yet done. This is the time to spur ourselves to reach for more than we have grasped.

We know the battleships that are our souls turn slowly, but we have the power to steer them. It is not really an option. Without direction, we will wander aimlessly. Life is too short, and important, to go through that way.

In the presence of one another and in the presence of what we call God, we will come together as a community and dedicate our-

selves to the best that is within us. We will sing, pray, listen, learn, fast and hopefully, grow.

There will be many opportunities to do so. Each will build upon the previous and set the stage for the next. From *Slichot* through *Neilah*, from the first *shofar* sound to the last, the purpose of it all is draw us closer to that which is *kodesh* and make the holy more a part of our lives than it has been.

It is my privilege to be with you once again during these Days of Awe. May all that we do bring us blessing, both in this holy season and in new year to come.

Mindy joins me in wishing all the members of our KICC family a

Shana tovah, Rabbi Richard Agler, DD

Meet Cantor Dzubin



halom! there won't be much of an opportunity to meet all of vou prior to the High Holidays, we thought that you might want to know a little bit about the person who has been chosen to be vour Chazzan and lead the congregation in prayer during

the upcoming *Yomim Nora-im* (Days of Awe) Services.

I am a South Florida native - yes, really! I was born in Miami Beach, grew up at Beth

Moshe Congregation in North Miami, and later moved to North Miami Beach. While preparing me for my bar mitzvah, Cantor Moshe Friedler began training me to lead services, and placed me in our adult choir. I continued to learn from him and occasionally served as shaliah tsibbur (emissary of the congregation, or prayer leader) in his absence.

I've always loved singing, and in fact, I convinced my Boy Scouts years ago that I know EVERY song on the radio! I mention "my Scouts"; I am an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. I started as a Cub Scout, and have been involved pretty much ever since (31 years now)! I am a member of the South Florida lewish Committee on Scouting, and in 2009 helped start a Jewish Boy Scout Troop (Troop 18 of Hollywood, FL), of which I am currently the scoutmaster. I then helped form a second Jewish Scout Troop (Troop 613 of North Miami Beach, FL), so for two years, I was scoutmaster of two troops at the same time (because I am a bit of a masochist, and have a hard time saying 'no')!

I had decided in seventh grade that I was going to be a meteorologist (my parents always said I had my head in the clouds). As I pursued a degree in meteorology at Florida State University, I was quickly recruited by the rabbi of the FSU chapter of Hillel to serve as the cantor for High Holiday services. I continued to serve for the weekly Shabbat services.

After returning to Miami, Rabbi Jory Lang gave me an opportunity to begin an intensive three-year, on-the-job apprenticeship under Cantor Aaron Shifman, a seventh-generation orthodox cantor, to take over his role as the cantor of Beth Moshe, as he moved to another synagogue. I had only 4 ½ weeks to learn the full High Holidays services, and then five days later, had to know the tunes and prayers for *Sukkot*! This rather unique opportunity gave me valuable experience that would be

hard to match, as each week and each holiday offered another opportunity to put into practice what I had learned. Rabbi Lang also placed me in charge of the B'nei Mitzvah Program, and had me teaching third through seventh grade of the Hebrew School. I was then hired to be a part of the "Renaissance" of Temple Emanu-El of Greater Miami, as hazzan sheni under the internationally renowned Cantor Yehuda Shifman (Cantor Aaron Shifman's uncle). For a while I was in the interesting situation of serving as the cantor of two synagogues simultaneously, and training all of the b'nei mitzvah students for both!

"A major component of the responsibilities of a cantor is to not only pray on behalf of the congregation, but to encourage the congregation to join in prayer together."

I moved to Albuquerque. New Mexico to become the cantor of Congregation B'nai Israel, and three years later to Henderson, Nevada, to take on the challenge of becoming Midbar Kodesh Temple's first cantor in their young history. In each of these synagogues. I taught t'fillah (pravers) to the students, as well as confirmation and numerous adult education classes.

Now I will have the opportunity to work with you at KICC. A major component of the responsibilities of a cantor is to not only pray on behalf of the congregation, but to encourage the congregation to join in prayer together, especially since most of the praying will be for the

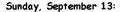
welfare of the congregation and its constituents. However, if you feel that your Hebrew isn't quite up to speed (as is unfortunately the case with many lews in the world today). I'll let you in on a little secret. Hundreds of years ago, they didn't have prayer books to hand out to the congregation, as they had not yet invented the printing press, and handwritten scrolls of all the prayers of the service were prohibitively expensive. The accepted practice was established that as long as you are paying attention to the service, and re-

KJCC High Holiday Service Schedule 5775--5776 (2015)

Rabbi Richard Agler and Cantor Michael Dzubin

| Saturday, | September 5: |
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| Pizza/Movie/Slichot Service | 6:00 pm |
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| Ereve Rosh Hashanah Dinner, RSVP requ | iired 6:00 pm |
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| Erev Rosh Hashanah Service | 7:30 pm |

Monday, September 14:

| Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 Shacharit (Morning Service) | 9:30 am |
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| Break after Shofar Sounding | 12:00 noon |
| Musaf Service | 12:15 - 1:30 |
| Kiddush Lunch | 1:30 pm |
| Taschlich at Ocean Pointe | 4:00 pm |

Tuesday, September 15:

| Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Shacharit (Morning Service) | 9:30 am |
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| Break after Shofar Sounding | 12:00 noon |
| Musaf Service | 12:15 - 1:30 |
| Kiddush Lunch | 1:30 pm |

Friday, September 18:

| Erev Shabbat | Shuvah Service | 7:30 pm |
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Saturday, September 19:

| Shabbat Shuvah Service | 10:00 am |
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| Havdalah at Linda Pollack's house | 7:45 pm |

Tuesday, September 22:

| Erev Yom Kippur, I | (ol Nidre Service | 7:30 pm |
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Wednesday, September 23:

| Yom Kippur Service | 9:30 am |
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| Yizkor (Memorial Service) | 11:30 am |
| Children's Service | 11:30 am |
| Break after Morning Service | 12:15 pm |

12:30 pm

Afternoon activity times are approximate:

| Informal "Fast Talk" with Rabbi Agler | 2:30 pm |
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| Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Agler | 4:00 pm |
| Neillah (Reading Story of Jonah) | 5:45 pm |

Ma'ariv Service

Musaf Service

Havdalah 7:15 pm

Break-the-Fast



Keys Jewish Community Center
Post High Holiday
Ceremonial Cycle Events
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Sunday, September 27: Sukkot decoration

Monday, September 28: Sukkot Day 1

Friday, October 2:

Sukkot celebration after services in KJCC Sukkah

Saturday, October 3:

Sukkot Havdalah Service & Potluck at Rabbi Richard and Mindy Aglers' home and Sukkah 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 4:

End of Sukkot

Monday, October 5:

Shemini Atzeret and celebration of Simchat Torah: 7:00 pm -includes Yizkor Service, HaKafot, Torah blessing and dancing with Torahs (7 times around Sanctuary) and Rabbi Agler's seven minute reading of the entire Torah (not to be miissed).

At the KJCC.

spond to the blessings appropriately, then you get credit for having said the entire blessing yourself! "How does one respond to the blessings appropriately", you ask? Like this: After the prayer leader begins the blessing (when he says "Barukh Atah Ad-nai"), one should respond with "Barukh Hoo, Oovarukh Sh'mo" (which means "Blessed is He, and Blessed is His Name"). Then, when the blessing is finished, the response is (I bet you know this one!) "Amen", which basically means "Yes, I agree with what he said, and may it be so". Now that you know the secret to being an active participant in services. I fervently hope that you will join me in singing (or at least giving a hearty response in the appropriate places) as we pray together during these High Holyday Services!

"L'shanah tovah tikateivu": May you (and your family) be inscribed for a good year! Cantor Michael A. Dzubin

"Sukkah, Sukkot, Count Your Mizvot."

The High Holy Days, so loaded with concentrated prayer, contemplation and emotion are barely over, when the construction begins. This year, Sukkot falls four short days after Yom Kippur. Wednesday night we will hear the Shofar blown, and Sunday morning will build and decorate our sukkah for the holiday that will begin that evening. We will move from our sturdy homes and sanctuary to a small, fragile structure that is open to the sky. On Rosh Hashanah the Almighty sits in judgment. On Yom Kippur the verdict is signed. After Yom Kippur, before we know the verdict, we build our sukkahs. We celebrate our trust in G-d and our hope that we received a positive verdict. On the last day of Sukkot, Hoshanna Rabba, the final seal is placed on the Book of Life.

In the flimsy dwelling, open to nature, we recognize that we are not sole master of our fates. We acknowledge that G-d protects us today, just as for forty years G-d protected the wandering Children of Israel in their frail

structures. On this harvest festival, we remember the farmers who lived in huts, and we look through the roof to see the stars of heaven. We also remember those who were forced to leave their secure homes and wander, seeking countries of safety.

We wave four species: etrog, lulav (palm) hadas (myrtle) and arava (willow). The species are tied together to symbolize the unity of the Jewish people, as well as the need to unify our feelings, outlook, speech, and actions. On the Aish website I learned that the etrog represents the heart, the two willow the leaves our lips (speech), the palm - our spine, source of action, and the three myrtles branches have leaves shaped like eyes- our outlook. We wave them in all directions to symbolize that the power if the Almighty is everywhere. They are used each day during the Hallel prayer and in the sukkah, except for Shabbat.

During Hoshanos, the ark is opened and one of the congregants (mourners are given preference) removes a Torah scroll and holds it at the bima. The introductory four verses are recited, and anyone who has a set of species holds them while standing still. While reciting the following paragraph the congregation circles the bima counter-clockwise once, holding the species in two hands. On Hoshanna Rabba, the seventh day, all of the Torah scrolls are removed from the ark, and

we circle the room seven times, holding the etrog and lulav. The procession ends with removing the willow branches and beating them on the ground. This dates from Temple days, when the priests

Yosef Peckman praying, holding his etrog and lulav in the family's sukkah in Denver



when the priests would blow the shofar and cry, "Hosha Na" ("Bring salvation please!"), and the people would wave willows around the altar.

After Sukkot the four species should be treated with respect and not disposed of in the regular garbage. Many have the custom of using the branches as fuel in the fire when baking matzah or when burning the chometz on erev Pesach, and making jelly from the etroa.

Shemini Atzeret (the eighth day of assembly) is actually not a part of Sukkot, and no festivities take place in the sukkah. "Atzar" means to collect or store; rabbis suggest it is the time to reflect on and store the insights gained from the previous month of holy days. On this day we sing the prayer for rain.

One of my favorite aspects of Sukkot is the concept of ushpizin, or guests. But we not only invite earthly quests to join our outdoor festivities. It is said that the spiritual energy of Sukkot invites the essence of seven great leaders to join us. Abraham brings love and kindness. Isaac brings personal strength. Iacob brings beauty and truth, Joseph bring holiness, while Moses brings the eternal wisdom of Torah. Aaron brings empathy and Divine splendor, and finally King David brings the hope of heaven on Earth. I wish you and all of your quests a joyous holiday.

Joyce Peckman

Rosh Hashanah Musings -What's in a Word?

A bit of Hebrew learning came to me several years ago as I listened to a talk by Rabbi Darrah Lerner in a temple member's home on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. Her topic was "Fifty Words Every Jew Should Know." The more I study Hebrew and become familiar with the roots of words, the more I see how each of our words contains not one but many layers of meaning. One three-letter root (*shoresh*) with tiny changes, endings, and prefixes can fill a whole page in a dictionary. We are nothing if not subtle and complex. Within our roots is our story.

The Rabbi started with the word "Torah. "Yes. it means lewish law. But new to me was the fact that it also means to aim, as in archery, to direct, to throw, to seek direction. Torah, our foundational document, literally points us in the right direction and sets us on the correct path.

Her second word," Halacha", we understand to mean lewish law. Seventy percent of the Talmud is spent interpreting Halacha. Within the word for law however is the same root, "holech," as for the word "to go" or "walk." "Lech Lecha" says God to Abraham: "Go away from here." So begins God's covenant with the Jewish people. Monotheism and the laws relating to proper human conduct are not just the law. The laws are also "the way," the way to walk a fruitful life.

We talked about "avar," "avayra," and "ivri" (Hebrew), all coming from the same three-letter root meaning 'to cross over." As a people we are called the "Ivrim" or Hebrews because we are the ones who crossed over from worshipping myriad idols to practicing monotheism; we are also the people who crossed the Nile, with G-d's help, journeying from slavery to freedom.

Words four through eight are words that will be on our minds and in our mouths frequently in the coming "Days of Awe." Most of them refer to different ways in which we "stray" from the "path." "chet," sometimes translated as "sin." really means we "missed the target," another archery metaphor; we failed to achieve our highest potential. Usually such an error is unintentional. When we stray off the path even unintentionally, we miss our goal. "pasah" is deliberate transgression, trespass, or rebellion. "avone" is the heaviest leaving of the path, an act of deliberate iniquity. "kippur" refers to the divine covering over or cleaning up the mess.

There are consequences for getting off the path—punishments inflicted by self, others,



and nature. But what a generous religion we have! There is always a way to get back. The very word for redemption, "tshuvah," comes from the root meaning "return." We return through prayer, acts of kindness, and asking forgiveness of those we have wronged. We come together for "Selichot" the week before Rosh Hashanah (Saturday, September 5th, at 6 pm). "Selicha" means "I'm sorry." On this night we ask together for divine pardon. With sincere prayer and acts of generosity we can return to the path, the way of Torah.

I will end with "sefer," the word for "book." We are the people of the book, but in this same root, with tiny permutations are found the words "story," "relate," "telling," "counting," and "census." We are always and forever telling our children and ourselves our story. It is how the people of the book survive. We have such an audacious theology. What we put in the Divine Mouth is what we want G-d to say. Our telling. Our story. Does G-d pray? What would we want G-d to pray for? I was moved by Rabbi Darrah's suggestion: we would pray, "that God's mercy is greater than God's justice."

L'Shanah Tovah. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a Good Year.

Gloria Avner

Making our own Mazel Ritual Foods for the High Holidays

Sometimes I think that being Jewish is like being part of a giant, richly colored, handwoven carpet, or a great painting, or a masterful poem. Every little thread, each daub of paint, each word is not just a little part but a reinforcement of the whole. Wherever you look, there it is, all of it—even when you are talking about fish heads and round challahs. For us, food is symbol as well as nourishment.

On Rosh Hashanah, we put away elongated challahs in favor of round ones to symbolize unity, oneness with creation. Our first taste of the New Year is apples dipped in honey. We eat it together to augur a year of

sweetness. We are encouraged in the fine print of some *siddurim* to eat fish heads for a good start to the head of the year and pomegranates to increase merit as we eat of the 613 seeds, one for each of the sum total of positive and negative mitzvahs.

We are, as we are eating, creating our own omens, says Rashi. In Talmud Tractate Kareisot, the famous teacher Rabbi Abaye writes that a person at the beginning of the year should eat gourds, fenugreek, leeks, beets and dates. Some of these foods grow very speedily. Some are extraordinarily sweet. According to Rashi, we are foreshadowing, preparing the ground for a blessed year and for our own "mazel" to blossom. We think of "mazel" as meaning good fortune or luck, and it does, but the literal meaning is "stars." Through our food choices we are creating a fortunate alignment in the heavens under which to thrive for the coming year.

Even the letters spelling out the names of these fruits and vegetables carry meaning. The Hebrew word for fenugreek, "roobya," stands for the first letters of the phrase. "Let our merits be abundant." The letters of the word for leek, "cartay," echo "let are adversaries be cut off." Beets or "silkah" allude to a phrase "let our enemies be removed." The letters in dates, "tamrey," hold the message "let our adversaries be extinguished."

Very little of this eating is about hunger. All of it is about "kavanah" or intent. Our refraining from eating on Yom Kippur, helps deepen our sincere prayer and repentance. Our final communal breaking of the fast heightens our joy.

When we name and bless the foods we are eating this Rosh Hashanah, we reinforce our hopes and wishes for ourselves, our families, and our world. Come to our synagogue for vour pre-Rosh HaShanah meal, "Es Gesundt" and "L'Shanah

Tovah." Eat healthy and have a good year. Gloria .



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The L'Shanah Tovah Page

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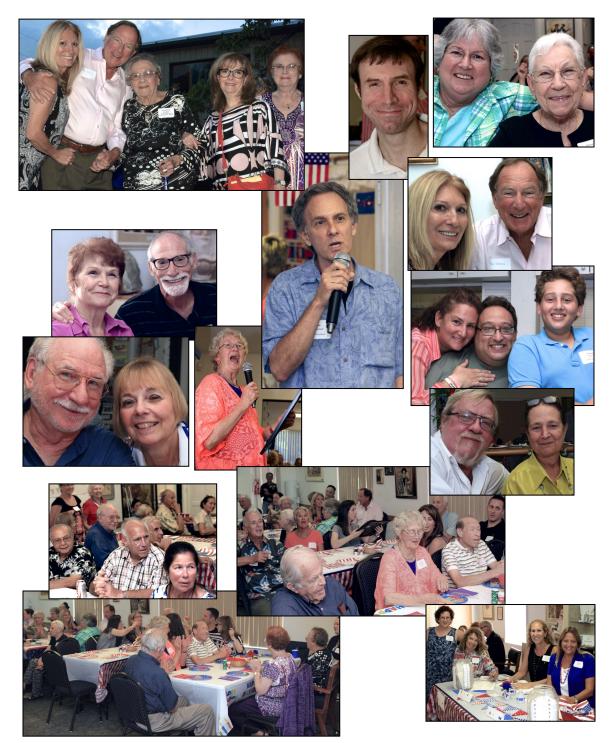
this largestever crowd feasted on burgers and hot dogs grilled by stalwarts Roy Pollack, Evan Moss, Barney Coltman, Joel Bofshever, Skip Rose and Jeff Schocket.

Next we



retired to the Garden to dedicate a tree in Pauline's honor. Most returned for Sabbath services, led by Joyce, and then more birthday cake at the oneg.













This party was brought to you through the untiring efforts of a team of friends, shown at right. Co-chairs Marc Bloom and Bernie Ginsberg, and committee Susan Gordon, Gene Silverman, Erica Lieberman-Garrett and Jane Friedman (absent) were helped by Mitch Harvey and Joyce Peckman. Richard and Eve Knowles deserve credit for the photos that captured the joy of this memorable occasion.



Keys Jewish Community Center Food Drive

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Remember to Bring "Fast" Food

We at KJCC are continuing our tradition of making our fast more meaningful by helping to spare others from hunger. As part of our Yom Kippur Tzedakah, we can each bring a bag of groceries to Shul with us on Yom Kippur morning.

We will heed the words of Isaiah, 58:6-11. "Is not this the fast I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free . . .? Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry . . .? Then shall your light break forth as the morning . . . and you shall be like a watered garden . . . "

The next day our offerings will be delivered to the Food Bank at Burton Memorial Church next door. Our Days of Awe actions will bring sustenance to others as well as to ourselves. May we all be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a good and healthy year.











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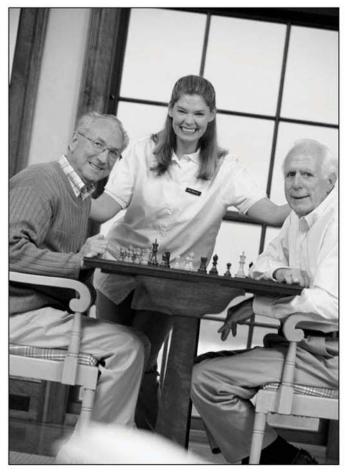




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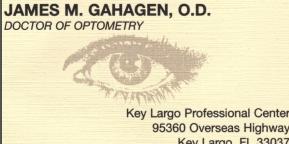


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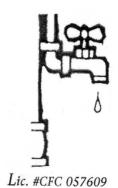


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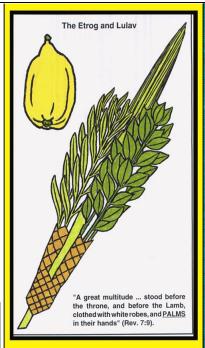


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