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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sisterhood Meeting 10 AM	4	5	6 Movie: Menashe (Yiddish) 7 PM	7	8 Sisterhood Service 7:30 PM *Erica Lieberman-Garrett*	9
10 Board Meeting 9 AM Annual Meeting & Luncheon11AM Book Swap	11 Dairy Dinner with Rabbis 6 PM Post Dinner Learning Session	12	13	14	15 Joyce Peckman *Beth Hayden*	16
17	18 Jewish Meditation Dana Grace 7 PM	19	20	21	22 Medina Roy & Gloria Avner *Jane Friedman* New Member Dinner	23 Rabbi Agler 10:00 a.m. Movie: The Settlers 7 PM
24	25 Jewish Meditation Dana Grace 7 PM	26	27	28 Movie: "Bombshell" Hedy LaMarr	1 Mar. Richard Knowles & Gloria Avner *Steve Steinbock*	2
3 Sisterhood Meeting 10 AM Judy Greenman workshop: 12-2:30 PM	4 Jewish Meditation Dana Grace 7 PM	5	6	7	8 Beth Hayden *Medina Roy*	9 Movie: Itzchak 7 PM
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17 Humpback Whales Jan Hartz 7 PM	18 Jewish Meditation Dana Grace 7 PM	19	20 Megillah reading. Purim Party 6 PM - Pizza & funny films	21 Rabbi Ed & Scuba Jews	22 Joyce Peckman *Toby & Joel Bofshever* Rabbi Ed	23 Rabbi Ed & Scubi Jews Havdalah
24 Movie:Jews & Baseball 7 PM 31 Beth Hayden 4-6 PM	25 Jewish Meditation Dana Grace 7 PM	26	27	28	29 Susan Gordon & Donna Bolton *Cheryl & Jeff Margulies*	30 Movie: Resistance Bankers 7 PM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beth Hayden

Shalom uvracha,

This will be my last message as President of KJCC. I want to thank everyone on the Board for their help and encouragement, Sisterhood for its stalwart and endless energy in preparing delicious food and events for all of us to enjoy, and you, our congregants, who make this all worthwhile. Many thanks to all of you!

On January 13, 2019, we had a wonderful Celebration of Life for our beloved Pauline Roller, who left us this past November at the age of 103. More than 80 people attended. Speakers who shared memories of her included our own Steve Smith, Tiffany McNew, and Barney Coltman. Others who spoke in her honor included her two nieces, Joyce Ruthen and Karen Zoren, both from New Jersey; Sandra Doebler, a niece on Al's side of the family, also was present. Other speakers included Dr. Stan Zuba, Monroe County Commissioner Sylvia Murphy and Rick Freeburg, CEO of Mariners Hospital. Bernie Ginsberg and Steve Hartz led a brief Minchah service to open the Celebration. Pauline and her husband, Al Roller, were among the original founders of the KJCC. Pauline used to tell me how she collected pennies, nickels and quarters to raise funds in order to purchase land and housing for what we know today as the KJCC. Her absence will be felt in the community as a whole and particularly by us, her Jewish community. Pauline left an impression on all who met her, as the number of people present at her Celebration of Life amply illustrated. May her memory continue to be a blessing for all of us.

Please note that our annual General Meeting will take place on February 10th here in the KJCC Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. A new Board and new President will be installed at that time. Please come and be part of the process. Sisterhood will, in accord with the ancient tradition that has sustained and maintained us for centuries, feed us following the meeting with delicious, mouth-watering offerings. You are all cordially invited. Please attend.

I want to extend my best wishes to our incoming President, Joyce Peckman, and to the Board who will serve during the coming twelve months. I wish them a productive and successful term dedicated to protecting and improving the KJCC we all love. For you, our members and supporters, may this be a year of good health and happiness for all. L'dor vador, with thanks to all, and B'shalom, Beth ◇

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

MOVIES, MEETINGS, MEDITATION AND MORE

Saturday, February 2	Miles Hoffman – Jewish Music 7 PM
Sunday, February 3	Sisterhood Meeting 10 AM
Wednesday, February 6	Movie – Menashe (Yiddish) 7 PM
Friday, February 8	Sisterhood Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 10	KJCC Board Meeting 9 AM KJCC Annual General Meeting 11 AM and Luncheon Book Swap following luncheon
Monday, February 11	Dairy Dinner with Rabbis 6 PM Post Dinner Learning Session with Rabbis
Monday, February 18	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace 7 PM
Friday, February 22	New Member/Advertisers' Dinner 6 PM
Saturday, February 23	Rabbi Agler Torah Service 10 AM
Saturday, February 23	Movie – The Settlers 7 PM
Monday, February 25	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace Time 7 PM
Sunday, March 3	Sisterhood Meeting 10 AM
Monday, March 4	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace 7 PM
Saturday, March 9	Film: Itzchak 7 PM
Sunday, March 10	KJCC Board Meeting 10 AM
Monday, March 11	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace 7 PM
Saturday, March 16	Rabbi Agler Torah Service 10 AM
Sunday, March 17	Humpback Whales – Jan Hartz 7 PM
Monday, March 18	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace 7 PM
Wednesday, March 20	Megillah reading. Purim Party 6 PM – Pizza and funny films
Thursday, March 21	Rabbi Ed and Scubi Jews through Sunday, the 24th
Friday, March 22	Rabbi Ed Kabbalah on Reincarnation following services
Saturday, March 23	Havdalah – Rabbi Ed Time TBD
Sunday, March 24	Movie – Jews and Baseball 7 PM
Monday, March 25	Jewish Meditation – Dana Grace Time 7 PM
Saturday, March 30	Movie – Resistance Bankers 7 PM
Sunday, March 31	What Do You Hear? – Beth Hayden 4 – 6 PM

KJCC ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

MARGULIES FAMILY SANCTUARY • 11:00 AM

The KJCC Annual Meeting will take place in the Stanley and Jennie Margulies Family Sanctuary at 11:00 AM on February 10, 2019. At the meeting, the 2019 slate of Board officers and directors will be approved and sworn in; we will also be seeking approval for significant amendments to the KJCC Bylaws so that they accord more fully with actual practices. Following the annual meeting, Sisterhood will provide a luncheon in the KJCC Ruth Richardson Social Hall.

The primary order of business at the Annual Meeting is the election and installation of KJCC's Board, officers and directors. Per the KJCC Bylaws, nominations from the floor for Board members can and will be accepted at the Annual Meeting. The Board serves the general membership; therefore your attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting as a KJCC member is very important. Please join us and make your voice heard.

The following slate of officers has been selected and approved at the January 13th Board Meeting.

President:	Joyce Peckman
Executive Vice President:	Susan Gordon
Vice Presidents:	Gloria Avner, Michael Kaufman, Medina Roy
Treasurer:	Linda Kaplan
Recording Secretary:	Beth Hayden
Corresponding Secretary:	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
Financial Secretary:	Donna Bolton
Directors:	Ken Atlas, Jane Friedman, Steve Hartz, Beth Kaminstein, Stan Margulies, Dave Mont, Linda Pollack, Frank Rose, Stuart Smith

Please accept this notice as your invitation to join us at the KJCC Annual Meeting and Sisterhood luncheon. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Board, please be prepared to nominate from the floor. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you will be at the Sisterhood luncheon, please RSVP to Rita Conklin at 305 849-3374, email Rita at wesandrita@aol.com or Erica Lieberman-Garrett at 305 393-1162, email Erica at hippiejap@hotmail.com. Thank you for your loyalty to and support of the KJCC. ◇

February Birthdays

1st ..... Libby Shapiro
1st ..... Roy Pollack
2nd ..... Jaxson Brandon Lebofsky
3rd ..... Beth Horowitz
5th ..... Rebecca Smith Strasser
6th ..... Evan Harvey
6th ..... Martin Field
7th ..... Erica Lieberman-Garrett
7th ..... Larry Jacobs
9th ..... Linda Pincus
9th ..... Ron Garrett
9th ..... Rosemary Barefoot
12th ..... Johnny Knowles
12th ..... Paul Roberts
13th ..... Chana David
13th ..... Jerrold Benowitz
14th ..... Debbie Madnick
15th ..... Judith Weber
18th ..... Beth Hayden
18th ..... Evan Daddona
22nd ..... Harry Friedman
22nd ..... Tomar Gross
23rd ..... Sienna Rose Lebofsky
24th ..... Muriel Swartz
24th ..... Suzie Greenman
25th ..... Rita Conklin
26th ..... Jim Williams
26th ..... John D. Schur

Keys Jewish Community Center

Book, CD, and DVD Exchange

Sunday, February 10, 2019
at the KJCC
Come for the Annual Meeting, stay for lunch and the book swap.

Bring books to swap.
Bring boxes, Clear out your book shelves.

Books: Best sellers, novels, fiction, non-fiction. If you read it, others will want to also.

CDs? Bring them here and swap them out. Clean out that cabinet under the TV.

Plan to stay afterward to help clear out the leftovers. The best items will be found here!

Questions? Contact Medina Roy
hiitsmedee@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM JOYCE PECKMAN KJCC PRESIDENT-TO-BE

Each incoming President of KJCC accepts the honor with the knowledge that they bear the responsibility of sustaining the congregation and carrying it into the future. In the fifteen years that I have lived in the Keys and been a part of the KJCC family, I have been privileged to work with eight past presidents and to witness how each individual left a different legacy as they passed the job on to the next. I would be proud to be following in their footsteps and in the footsteps of all who have served as leaders of congregations throughout the ages.

I suspect that I have a barely adequate appreciation of the complexity of the many parts that comprise our congregation: the physical property, financial obligations, social needs, legal responsibilities, the spiritual, ritual and educational opportunities. What I do appreciate is the incredible support each president has received to make our Keys Jewish Community Center function well. I am grateful for the support so many of you have promised. I am also grateful for the talent and dedication you have shown, and upon which I will rely.

The coming year's KJCC calendar is overflowing with activities. On Sundays we have Sisterhood and KJCC board meetings as well as exciting presentations by our own talented members. On March 3rd at noon, Judy Greenman will present a workshop on the Feldenkrais Method of mind-body connection, using gentle movement to improve coordination and physical and mental flexibility. On Sunday, March 17th at 7 p.m. Jan Hartz will talk about her scientific and spiritual adventure with humpback whales and share her magnificent photographs. On March 31st from 4-6 p.m. we will finally hear Beth Hayden perform on her Steinway that graces our sanctuary. The Women's Seder is scheduled for Sunday, April 7th.

On Monday evening, February 11th, we will have a Dine and Discuss session with Rabbi Agler and five of his rabbinical guests and their wives, a remarkable occasion. Then, on Mondays, beginning February 18th, Dana Grace will share her extensive knowledge of Jewish meditation twelve weeks in a row from 7:00-8:30 p.m. On the final Monday of each month at noon, our book club, organized by Randi Grant, meets for lunch and discussion at Marker 88 Restaurant. On Wednesday, March 20th we will celebrate Erev Purim with a Megillah reading at 6 p.m., followed by a festive party and humorous short films. Finally, On Thursday, March 21st, Rabbi Ed Rosenthal will arrive with his young Scubi Jews to spend the weekend, joining us for Friday services, after which he will speak about the Jewish Kabbalistic view of reincarnation, carrying on where last year's Shabbaton left off.

Each Friday at 7:30 we bring in the Sabbath with a service featuring you, our member-leaders. If you have not taken the challenge and enjoyed the sense of accomplishment and learning that comes with being a baal tefillah (literally, a prayer-master), know that one of our experienced leaders would love to team up with you and guide you. If you have not come to services in a while, come and see that this is not your grandpa's congregation. Our Fridays are convivial, and you may come away a little happier and stronger. You will surely not leave hungry, thanks to the efforts of Sisterhood. Saturday mornings sometimes feature a wonderful Torah learning service with Rabbi Agler. The week ends on Saturday night, often with a movie carefully chosen by Medina Roy and shown in the sanctuary on our excellent AV system set up by Sam Vinicur and Dave Feder. Some are hysterical, and some are historical; most are excellent. All are followed by nosh and conversation.

So I challenge you to take advantage of what we offer, and I look forward to seeing you at KJCC. ◇

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KJCC Welcomes Newest Members

As we enter our busy season of New Year 2019, we are delighted to welcome our newest members to KJCC, all of whom joined during January. Although we don't get to see Sam & Leslie Janowitz nearly as often as we would like since they moved to The Villages in Central Florida, we are content that they have rejoined and promise to visit us whenever they can get away to the Keys. We are also happy to welcome back among our returning members, Shirley Stein. It's wonderful to see Shirley active again in KJCC programs. Our last returning member is Barry Dorf. We have two new memberships joining us as well. Say hello to Betty Small and to Harry & Rita Rzepka. It has been our pleasure getting to know Betty and Rita at the Sisterhood monthly Book Club meetings, and Harry was a great addition to our second session of Yiddish 101. We warmly welcome each and every one of you to our mishpacha, and we hope to see you at weekly Shabbat services as well as the many wonderful activities offered by KJCC.

Meditation with Dana

Introduction to Jewish Meditation will be offered on Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning February 18th, continuing for 12 sessions, led by Dana Grace. Throughout this 12-week course, we will learn about the Jewish history and philosophy behind each technique and then engage in intensive guided practice as a group. Discover the hidden gems of the Jewish world, connect to the Divine, and increase the JOY in your life exponentially! (See flyer for details on pp. 16).

Miles Hoffman Speaks

On Saturday evening, February 2nd at 7 PM, KJCC 's Adult Education Program will present Miles Hoffman in a lecture with musical examples entitled Jewish Contributions to Music in America. Mr. Hoffman will present two intriguing hypotheses: 1. There is nothing particularly Jewish about the Jewish contributions to music in America and 2. Nothing could be more Jewish than the Jewish contributions to music in America. Using examples from cantorial and classical repertoire, Miles will explore the merits and demerits of both arguments. He is the founder and violist of the American Chamber Players who will be playing for the Florida Keys Concert Association in Marathon on Monday, February 4 and on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 PM at Island Community Church. He has made numerous appearances as a viola soloist throughout the United States and is a musical commentator for National Public Radio's Morning Edition. KJCC members will have this opportunity to engage and speak with Mr. Hoffman directly on February 2nd. Please join us for an entertaining and illuminating evening (see poster on pp 20).

Beth Hayden's Piano Program

On Sunday, March 31st, 4 to 5:30 PM, as part of the KJCC's Adult Education Program, Elizabeth Hayden will present a program entitled "What Do You Hear?." Piano repertoire from Rachmaninoff and Brahms will be featured and used to illustrate how musical ideas are developed and shaped and how form relates to content. Elizabeth taught piano performance, theory, chamber music and piano repertoire classes for 20 years at a university level; 10 years in America and 10 years in Israel. She performed extensively throughout the Mid-Atlantic States and has also appeared in Canada, Italy, Israel, and India.

Dining With Rabbis

KJCC is having a unique event here on February 11, and we owe it to Rabbi Agler. Five Rabbis and their wives are visiting Mindy and him that week, and they will all be having dinner with us on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. After the dinner, Rabbi Steven Sager will share discussion and a teaching with us based on the subject of "Legacy." This will be a very special evening you will not want to miss. (For details and RSVP please see flier on pp. 28.

Shabbat Morning Service

Once again we are grateful for the generosity of our Resident Scholar, Rabbi Richard Agler. Come

to KJCC on the morning of February 26 (by exactly 10:00 a.m.), and Rabbi Agler will lead us in Torah study, lively discussion and an uplifting Shabbat morning service. This will happen again in March. This will happen again on March 16th. Every one of these services is a treasure trove of learning.

KJCC's Purim Party

Start planning your costume now. Purim was so much fun last year, we want to do it all again. To that end, Susan Gordon (aka Queen Vashti) has purchased many new masks for us. First there will be a reading, one of the four mandated mitzvahs, of the ganza (entire) megillah (the scroll of Esther). And then comes the singing, the laughing, the pizza, and finally the comic movie shorts. Be at KJCC on Wednesday evening, March 20th at 6:00 p.m., in time for the festivities to begin. See the flier on pp. 30. ◇

February Anniversaries

		Years
9th	Uri & Liliam Kamely	27

March Anniversaries

		Years
1st	Jerry & Sheila Olsen	60
2nd	Joe Gould & Marla Berenson	23
7th	Joseph & Susan Sachs	54
8th	Adam & Judy Starr	40
16th	Frank & Gerri Emkey	11
22nd	David & Patti Gross	22
24th	Joel & Toby Bofshever	51
30th	Jeff & Cheryl Margulies	51

March Birthdays

1st ..... Sasha Dutton
3rd ..... Louis Ulman
3rd ..... Stephen Steinbock
5th ..... Annie James Brennan
6th ..... Bea Graham
7th ..... Hannah Feig
7th ..... Toby Goldfinger
10th ..... Kate Horowitz
10th ..... Thomas Davis Smith
11th ..... Bryan Schur
11th ..... Sandy Yankow
12th ..... Barbara Herson
12th ..... Heath Greenbaum
12th ..... Oceana Gross
13th ..... Carl Roy
14th ..... Jenna Lane
14th ..... Randi Grant
15th ..... Allan Boruszak
15th ..... Johanna Willner
16th ..... Gunther Karger
16th ..... Jeff Margulies
16th ..... Natalie Hope Markowitz
16th ..... Steven Nobil
17th ..... Daniel Friedman
17th ..... Naomi Copeland
18th ..... Karen Wolochusianski-Beard
19th ..... Michelle Palacino
20th ..... Janet Palacino
20th ..... Susan Sachs
21st ..... Barbara A. Calev
21st ..... James Jr. Nobil
21st ..... Joseph Palacino
23rd ..... Ken Atlas
25th ..... Joe Gould
25th ..... Stephanie Coeurjoly
25th ..... Sylvia Berman
26th ..... Anna Verity Greenbaum
27th ..... Michelle E. Denker
30th ..... Chaplain Roger Dieckhaus
30th ..... David VanArtsdalen
30th ..... Lee Schur
31st ..... Jane Friedman
31st ..... Sari Eliz. Goldstein

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.

DECEMBER 2018

Unrestricted	**In Memory of**
Lisa Bradeen	Pauline Roller
Linda Rutkin	Beloved, Blessed Pauline
Mary Lee Singer	Pauline Roller Andrew Grant
Joan Wohl	Pauline Roller
Joan Boruszak	Pauline Roller Nancy Yankow
Gloria Avner	Pauline Roller Mitch Harvey
Steve & Jan Hartz	Pauline Roller Mitch Harvey Natalie Dorf
Bette Solomon	Andrew Grant
Stephen & Kathleen Acton	Pauline Roller
Adam & Judy Starr	Mitch Harvey
Mah Jongg	

Yahrzeit	
Nancy Cohn	David Cohn
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Donna Forst	Leo Forst
Libby Shapiro	Joseph Shapiro
Patricia Isenberg	Ernest Isenberg
Gloria Avner	Bea Avner

Activities / Education	
Michael & Lorena Kaufman	Partial sponsorship Film Festival
Steve & Jan Hartz	In Honor of Steve & Barbara Smith

Leaf on the Tree of Life	
Richard & Barbara Knowles	Mitch Harvey Pauline Roller

Membership	
Harry & Rita Rzepka	New members
Betty Small	New member

Tikkun Olam	
Anonymous	Harry's Garden

Susan Schwaid Chai Challenge	
Bill & Donna Bolton	Security
Barney Coltman	
Jerrold & Roos-Mary Benowitz	
Linda Kaplan	
Linda Pincus	
Stephen Steinbock	
Rosemary Barefoot	
Jeffrey Schocket	

DECEMBER 2018 CONT.

Gloria Avner
Linda Perloff
Skip Rose
Bernie Ginsberg
Ellen Ecker
Joyce Peckman
Steve & Jan Hartz
Rich & Mindy Agler
Adam Star
Steven Miller
Karen Beard
Randi Grant
Joe & Kathy Shabathai
Stuart & Geri Smith
Steve & Jan Hartz

Judy Starr
Medina Roy
Linda Pollack — Susan Schwaid, Pauline Roller, Mitch Harvey, Nancy Yankow, Andrew Grant
Elaine Schulberg — Nat Gulkis, Bea Gulkis, Paul Kaminsky, Beth Schulberg, Harvey Kemaw, David Gulkis, Martha Schulberg, Richard Schulberg, Evelyn Filkoff, Sondra Lundy, Nate Schulberg, Norm Gilkis

JANUARY 2019

Unrestricted	**In Memory of**
Stan & Jenny Margulies	Pledge Donation
Marc Grobman	Open Door Policy
Richard Hamilton, Stacie & Mary Acton	Pauline Roller
Mah Jongg	
Michael & Judith Eisenstein	In Honor of Grandson's Bar Mitzvah
Harvey Schwaid	Chai Challenge
Elaine Schulberg	Andrew Grant
Amy Flannery	Pauline Roller

Alvin Rosenthal
Sylvia Rimm

Yahrzeit

Lillian Tallent — Morris Estrin

Membership

Barry Dorf
Sam & Leslie Jonowitz
Shirley Stein
Chana David

Service Leaders

February 1: Steve Hartz
February 8: Sisterhood Service
February 15: Joyce Peckman
February 22: Medina Roy & Gloria Avner
February 23: Rabbi Agler
March 1: Richard Knowles & Gloria Avner
March 8: Beth Hayden
March 15: Erica Lieberman-Garrett
March 16: Rabbi Agler
March 22: Joyce Peckman
March 29: Susan Gordon & Donna Bolton

HOW CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC CAN INSTANTLY BECOME PERMANENT, LIVING MEMORIALS

Yahrzeit Plaques: KJCC has six special, Israeli-made boards in the sanctuary for yahrzeit memorial plaques. Each plaque is accompanied by its own light, which is switched on for both yahrzeit dates and on Yom Kippur; names are also read aloud in memory from the bemah each yahrzeit and published annually in our Yizkor Book. The cost for eternal synagogue memory is $400.

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 wonders 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 KJCC 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, with an outdoor plaque included in the price.

Oneg Sponsors for February - March 2019

February 1: Beth Horowitz in celebration of her birthday
February 8: Erica Lieberman-Garrett in celebration of her birthday
February 15: Beth Hayden in celebration of her birthday
February 22: Jane Friedman in celebration of Harry's birthday.
March 1: Steve Steinbock in celebration of his birthday
March 8: Medina Roy in celebration of Carl's birthday
March 15: Marc Bloom Honoring KJCC
March 22: Toby & Joel Bofshever in celebration of their anniversary
March 29: Cheryl & Jeff Margulies in celebration of their 51st Anniversary

A Special Thank You

to Harvey Schwaid

and All Who Contributed

to the Chai Challenge

In Memory Of

Susan Schwaid

Thank you to Richard and Barbara Knowles Photography for stills and video of Pauline Roller's Celebration of Life.

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

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

CEMETERY INFORMATION: If you wish to plan for the very distant future, you can reserve space at the Kendall Mt. Nebo Cemetery in the KJCC section. Call Beth Hayden, 305-773-0067.

CHAI-LIGHTS or **DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT**: Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Steve Steinbock, 305-394-0143, for annual rates.

CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH: Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, to make your donation.

GIFT SHOP: We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

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

ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR: To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225, or email her at joycepeckman@gmail.com.

PICTURE POSTCARDS: We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC, 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 Sydney Faye-Davis, 305-613-3010, or Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Beth Hayden 305-773-0067.

TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT: Bring your empty prescription and vitamin bottles to the KJCC and place in the collection box. We are assisting Burton Memorial Methodist Church with a project to provide empty medicine bottles to Haiti where they are needed.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and **ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

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

In Memoriam – February 2019

Sue Steinberg
By Richard & Mindy Agler

Eve Greenstein
By Barnet O. Coltman

Rose Gilson
By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Frances Weiser
By Randi Grant

Nella Gross
By Tomar Gross & Randy Klein- Gross

Fannie Phillips
By Patricia Isenberg

Joseph Krissel
By Michael Krissel

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By Leo Haviv

Pinchas Kamely
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In Memoriam – March 2019

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By Linda Pollack

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By Elaine Schulberg

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KJCC Sisterhood Book Club

Monday
February 25, 2019
Noon

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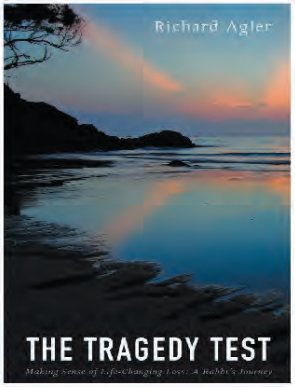

The Tragedy Test

Making Sense of Life Changing Loss:
A Rabbi's Journey
by Richard Agler

When my twenty-six-year-old daughter Talia was struck and killed by a motor vehicle my understanding of tragedy failed. This book is an account of a journey I had no choice but to take.

Why did this happen? To me of all people? How could God let it? Why do good people suffer? Where is life's justice and fairness? How will I go on?

These are not new questions. Tragedy, especially when it hits us personally, has challenged our understanding of the Universe, and whatever God may be in it, for millennia.

RSVP and more information - Randi Grant

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Book can be purchased at
www.tragedytest.com/

SISTERHOOD

Susan Gordon

The start of 2019 brought some changes to the KJCC Sisterhood. During our first Sisterhood meeting of the New Year, on Sunday, January 6th, the new Officers for 2019 were installed by Joyce Peckman. I am happy to continue in my leadership position as President and I'm delighted to welcome Beth Hayden as Vice President. The remaining three officers are excited to stay in their current positions: Erica Lieberman-Garrett/Treasurer, Geri Smith/Recording Secretary, and Jan Price/Corresponding Secretary. Two thousand nineteen is going to be a terrific year for Sisterhood and I would like to thank the officers as well as all of our wonderful women who regularly attend our monthly meetings and work so hard (always with a smile) to create such enjoyable dinners and events for the entire KJCC Membership to enjoy!

On the afternoon of Sunday January 13th, we gathered together to celebrate the life of "Our Pauline." Pauline was loved by all at the KJCC and by so many people in the entire Upper Keys Community. My very first memory of Pauline was from 33 years ago, in 1985, when I first came to the KJCC, brand new to the Keys, all alone and still in my 20's. Pauline was 70 years old at that time, running around the tiny kitchen, preparing a bountiful oneg to be served following Shabbat service in the original Conch House, which was the entire KJCC at that time and barely larger than the current Social Hall and kitchen. Pauline grabbed me by the arm, pulling me into the kitchen to meet the other Sisterhood women, yelling "We've got a young one to help us now!" That was my introduction to Sisterhood! Fast forward 33 years, and I'm still in the kitchen, now wishing for some "young ones" to help us!

Every year, the women of Sisterhood join together to lead a Shabbat service. Please add to your calendar the evening of February 8th. This is a service you will not want to miss. We will celebrate Shabbat together as we blend our voices in song and prayer in joyous thanks for the gift of Sisterhood!

On that same weekend, KJCC will hold the Annual Meeting, election and installation of new officers and Board Members. Following the meeting, Sisterhood will provide a delicious buffet luncheon for all attendees.

The KJCC Sisterhood Book Club is thriving under the enthusiastic leadership of Randi Grant. Each month, usually on the last, members of the Book Club meet at Marker 88 Restaurant to enjoy a delicious lunch while discussing the chosen book of the month. If you don't already have a copy of Rabbi Agler's book, The Tragedy Test, Making Sense of Life-Changing Loss: A Rabbi's Journey, you will want to purchase a copy at www.tragedytest.com and attend the Book Club meeting on Monday, February 25th, at noon. Both Rabbi Agler and his wife, Mindy are planning to join the meeting on that afternoon.

Looking ahead to March, we have so many wonderful activities to choose to participate in; from meetings to music, meditation to movies, Kabbalah study to Havdalah service. One annual favorite of mine is the Megillah reading and Purim Celebration which will be held on Wednesday, March 20th (also the first day of Spring!) at 6:00 p.m. This year I have purchased several new masks to add to the festivities! See you in masquerade.

Queen Vashti (AKA Susan Gordon) ◇

Keys Jewish Community Center

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Mondays with Dana

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Feeling stressed? Dealing with illness, or loss?
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Judaism provides the tools you need to be **happier**, more **productive**, and more **connected** to the universe around you …but until recently, this sacred knowledge was accessible only to the most learned of Jewish scholars.

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***Use of the senses to fully immerse in the experience**

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*Absolute beginners, and advanced meditators welcome!

Develop vital skills, and forge a profound spiritual connection
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Course registration is $50 for 12 weeks.
New students welcome to enroll at any point before it ends!
To register, please contact Medina Roy at hiitsmedee@gmail.com
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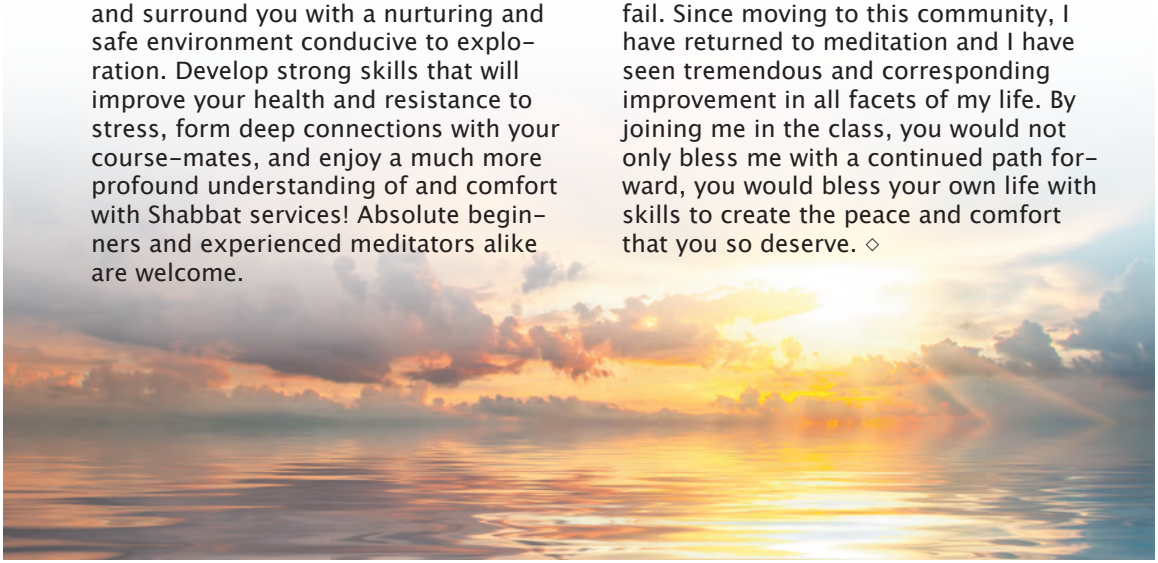
Jewish Meditation

By Dana Grace

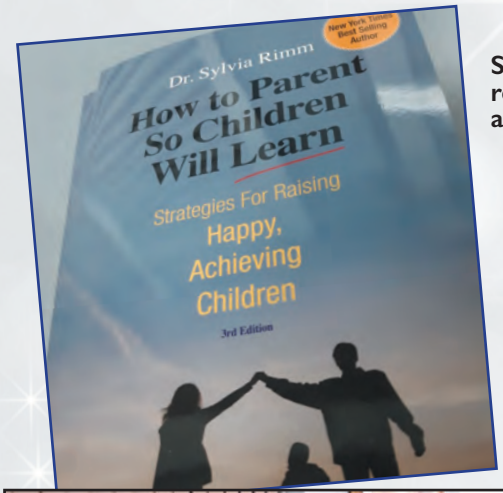
How can we connect to Jewish culture, to prayer, to our history, to G-d, when our modern worlds are so overwhelmed with technology and stress? How do we stop all the noise, to focus in on fulfilling our deepest needs? How can we make sense of our grief, master our fears, and overcome our feelings of disconnection and isolation? Although few realize it, the answer lies in something that has been a part of Judaism since its inception – Jewish meditation. Guided by the writings and established practices of rabbis and Judaic scholars, and anchored by the methods of our ancestral mothers, 'Introduction to Jewish Meditation' will take you through a mix of history, Jewish philosophy, and intensive group practice. Classes will flood the senses, and surround you with a nurturing and safe environment conducive to exploration. Develop strong skills that will improve your health and resistance to stress, form deep connections with your course-mates, and enjoy a much more profound understanding of and comfort with Shabbat services! Absolute beginners and experienced meditators alike are welcome.

About the instructor: I have a Masters in Education, a second Masters in History, and am nearly finished with a doctorate. I have 20 years of experience teaching professionally in universities, public schools and community centers on a wide range of topics. I first began meditating began when I was a child and I was fortunate as an adult to progress my practice under multiple Jewish meditation experts in rabbinic circles. After witnessing the benefits in my own life surpass every expectation and measure, I went on to teach meditation skills professionally to students from 5 years old well into their 80s. It is my joy to share the coping skills that I've learned with others. It was only when I stepped away from my practice that life started to cave in around me and my health started to fail. Since moving to this community, I have returned to meditation and I have seen tremendous and corresponding improvement in all facets of my life. By joining me in the class, you would not only bless me with a continued path forward, you would bless your own life with skills to create the peace and comfort that you so deserve. ◇



Dr. Sylvia Rimm

Dr. Sylvia Rimm was an anomaly in her time, a period post war and pre women's movement, when women were not encouraged to take bold steps in the world. She acknowledges the importance of her husband's encouraging her to pursue her education and to accept each opportunity to help more people as public appearances increasingly presented themselves. We are extremely fortunate to have Sylvia and her husband among us as members. We're already looking forward to another talk here.



Sylvia has written many books, all of which have received rave reviews praising her knowledge and the effectiveness of her advice.

It is obvious that people were entranced by Sylvia's talk, both our own members and people from the greater community.

Individual advice was there for the asking

Elaine Schulberg looks through "See Jane Win," obviously enjoying the evening.

Even if Dr. Sylvia Rimm had told us only about the V of love and the inverse relationship of age/size to balancing freedoms with responsibilities, the evening would have been worth coming to hear her talk. Her slide show and presentation were stimulating and exceedingly relevant, whether we had raised children and grandchildren of our own, had educated others' or even if we only wanted to look back and gain insight into how our own parents' child rearing had impacted our own development. She answered myriad questions clearly and helpfully. Her books will remain with us for sale and 100% of the proceeds are being donated by Sylvia to KJCC. There is a strong possibility that Sylvia, after years of being a guest star on NPR and The Today Show, will make repeat guest star appearances here at KJCC. Talks are in the works. Stay tuned to Tuesday Announcements.

KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
February 2, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUSIC IN AMERICA

In this lecture, Mr. Miles Hoffman demonstrates that
A. There's nothing particularly Jewish about the Jewish contributions to music in America, and that
B. Nothing could be more Jewish than the Jewish contributions to music in America.

Using examples from the cantorial repertoire, Yiddish song, and the works of such composers as Gustav Mahler, Ernest Bloch, Aaron Copland, Richard Rodgers, and George Gershwin, Miles Hoffman discusses what makes Jewish music Jewish – or not – and he examines aspects of Jewish traditions, history, culture and psychology to explain the disproportional presence of Jews among the ranks of great musical artists in the last 100 years. Mr. Hoffman's combination of erudition and wit have made him one of National Public Radio's most popular commentators, and his talks on Jewish music have educated and entertained audiences in synagogues and Jewish community centers throughout the United States.

MILES HOFFMAN is the founder and violist of the American Chamber Players, with whom he has toured throughout the United States for three decades, and the author of *The NPR® Classical Music Companion: An Essential Guide for Enlightened Listening*, now in its tenth printing. He has appeared frequently as viola soloist with orchestras across the country, and his performances on YouTube have received well over a half million views. As music commentator for NPR's flagship news program, *Morning Edition*, he is heard by an audience of nearly fourteen million listeners, and his radio modules, *A Minute with Miles*, are a daily feature of South Carolina Public Radio, other networks around the country, and NPR Podcasts. A graduate of Yale University and the Juilliard School, Mr. Hoffman has served as a featured lecturer for orchestras, universities, chamber music series, festivals, and other organizations, and his talks on Jewish music have educated and entertained audiences all around the country.

Mr. Hoffman will be performing with The American Chamber Players for the Florida Keys Concert Association in Marathon on Monday, February 4, at 7:30pm, at San Pablo Catholic Church, and in Islamorada on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30pm, at Island Community Church.

Refreshments will be served.

PHOTO GALLERY

We are always happy to see Joe and Kathy Shabathai and grandkids (plus friend) when Joe's on break from Switzerland.

Lorena, Sean, and Michael Kaufman help sponsor KJCC's stimulating Winter Film Series in honor and memory of their mothers. Many thanks, Dear Kaufman and to Medina Roy's Adult Education Committee!

Joyce Peckman leads newly elected KJCC Sisterhood officers in January installation swearing-in ceremony. Left to right, Geri Smith, Recording Secretary, Erica Lieberman-Garrett, Treasurer, Susan Gordon, President, and Beth Hayden, Vice-President all are looking very happy about plans for the coming year.

You can tell by the smiling faces, all eighteen of them (yes, we love sacred numbers, and Rabbi Zucker did lead off with a scotch l'chaim :-), that KJCC's Yiddish 101 opening night was a rousing success. We laughed, we learned, we listened to true stories, bubbeh maisehs (not so true stories) and shared some of our own. We even got to hear stories of celebrities using Yiddish, like Dr. Bernie telling of the time actor Lorne Greene came to him for help with his corns. When Bernie told him how much he enjoyed his performance on Bonanza, the Jewish actor swore that his corns were caused by the "ferkokteh" boots he had to wear.

With pages of vocabulary and colorful phrases to learn (and lots of good noshes and coffee in our bellies), we took our leave with the traditional Yiddish goodbye phrase "zai gesundt." Stay healthy. We are probably the last generation which will remember those words coming out of our parents' and grandparents' mouths. A blessing with a goodbye. What a lovely "mamaloshen" (mother tongue) we have. Zai gesundt.

Bernie Ginsberg, Sylvia Rimm and Linda Perloff really enjoyed the instructional patter laced with colorful yiddishisms. We were all looking forward to the pages of words to study for homework.

Rabbi Zucker, in his Yiddisheh element, seemed to enjoy the evening as much as his KJCC students.

In one final coming together of friends and family, KJCC and Pauline Roller's nieces hosted a grand celebration of our matriarch's long and generous 103-year-old life. Her favorite adopted son, Dr. Steve Smith gave an informative and humor-filled slide presentation, County Commissioner and good friend Sylvia Murphy told a wonderful story about how Pauline guarded Sylvia's purse, and other speakers from all sectors of the community spoke lovingly of the effect Pauline had had on their lives. It was a warm send-off. Already, her memory is a blessing. I'm sure we will drink a special l'chaim to her every July 4th from now until eternity at our annual Shabbabeque.Rest In Peace, Pauline.

Steve Hartz Chants Eyl Malei for Pauline

Pauline's nieces chant hamotzi blessing over challah before the feast celebrating their Aunt's long and useful life.

Steve and Barbara, after his fine video tribute.

KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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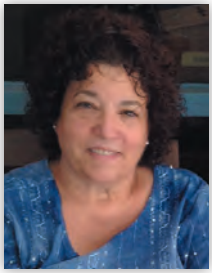
WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



Get Ready for the Algae Falafel

By the year 2050, the world population is expected to reach 10 billion. And by that time, the protein gap is expected to become unmanageable. So where, exactly, is the protein to feed everyone going to come from? Our oceans and lakes are already overfished. Flatulent cows are poisoning the atmosphere with greenhouse gas. (Methane is a major pollutant.) And tofu is expensive, not exactly everyone's favorite, and not recommended for some women. Now, graduate students at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology have created an award-winning meal made with pond scum (oh, yummy!) that is rich in protein and could help feed people in the future at minimal environmental cost. The "algalafel" won first prize in the EIT Food Project (European Knowledge and Innovation Community), held in December 2018. This all-new microalgae product was created by students at the Technion's Biotechnology and Food Engineering Faculty. The "algalafel" took a year to invent. Because they're students, and the mandate was merely to feed the world, they had to not only develop the product but also create a business plan. "Algalafel" is made in the same manner as a falafel (deep-fried ball of ground chickpeas) but it incorporates extraordinarily protein-rich spirulina. The sesame-seed paste is enriched with astaxanthin, a powerful antioxidant. (It is also, by the way, the substance that turns flamingos pink; shrimp eat the algae that contain astaxanthin and then the birds eat the shrimp; it's like a dye job from the inside.) Both chickpeas and sesame seeds contain protein. But the cheaper and ubiquitous algae are the primary source in "algalafel." (South American and African cultures regularly ate Spirulina until the 16th century. By the way, it's gluten-free.) (www.haaretz.com, 12-27-18)

A Disturbing Report

According to the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect, nearly fifty percent of Americans cannot name a concentration camp and a quarter of millennials (ages 18-34) have never heard of the Holocaust. That's the bad news. The good news is that Anne Frank's story continues to this day to inspire millions. In 2018, the Center reached over 10,000 students with educational programs. Over 30,000 people visited their traveling exhibits. The Center uses Anne's diary and her spirit as "unique tools to advance her legacy, to educate young people and communities in the U.S. and Canada about the dangers of intolerance, anti-Semitism, racism and discrimination; and to inspire the next generation to build a world based on mutual respect." The Center's predecessor organization, the Anne Frank Foundation, originated in New York City in 1959 and began as American Friends of the Anne Frank House, with Anne's father, Otto Frank, as its first president. The house where they hid in Amsterdam was opened to the public in 1960. (www.annefrank.com, n.d.)

Breaking Away

The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, a major Reform Synagogue in New York, have disassociated themselves from this year's Women's March. The top leaders of the March's organization have been accused of "engaging in or condoning anti-Semitism" and refusing to cut ties with Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam. They have also failed to listen to the concerns of its thousands of Jewish backers. A spokeswoman for the Alabama-based SPLC said the organization would be involved instead with local marches where they have offices. SPLC has designat-

ed the Nation of Islam as a hate group. Other organizations, including the National Council of Jewish Women and EMILY'S List – the latter an American political action committee that helps elect pro-choice Democratic female candidates – are also not on the list of partners for the Women's March 2019. Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, Senior Rabbi of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, said that his congregation will disassociate from Women's March, Inc., and that it will join the 2019 Women's March on NYC. "As early as 2017 we heard rumblings of troubling accusations of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism within and amongst the leadership of the Washington march," Hirsch said in a statement. "At the time we pushed our discomfort aside in deference to what we considered the bigger issues threatening our country. But now, in the aftermath of Pittsburgh and mindful of the surge in anti-Semitic incidents in the past two years, anti-Semitism can no longer be a narrow concern. If you tolerate or are sympathetic to those who are prejudiced against Jews, we cannot stand with you. If you deny Israel's right to exist, we cannot stand with you." (www.jta.org, 1-14-19)

Searching After 75 Years

Divers from Zaka, an Israeli search-and-rescue organization, have begun searching the Danube River in Hungary for the remains of Holocaust victims who were killed some 75 years ago. In October 1944, as part of mass executions by members of the Arrow Cross Party, tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews were shot while standing on the banks of the river, their bodies then dumped into the water. Zaka representatives have spent three years in international negotiations seeking permission to begin the search operation. The decision was approved in early January following a meeting in Budapest between Aryeh Deri, Israel's interior minister, and his Hungarian counterpart, Sandor Pinter. The divers are using a sonar device that can quickly identify objects and transfer the information and exact location to the operator of the device. Human remains were discovered during construction work on a bridge overlooking the Danube in 2011. DNA tests were run on the bones a few years later, which found that at least nine of the fifteen samples were Ashkenazi Jews from Europe. In 2005, a powerful memorial was erected honoring those murdered along the Danube's banks. "Shoes on the Danube" consists of Sixty pairs of old-fashioned shoes made of cast iron lined up along the water's edge, where the Jews were ordered to step out of their footwear before being shot. (The Nazis did not want their shoes to end up in the water; the shoes had value, the people none.) (www.timesofisrael.com, 1-15-19)

In Memoriam

Simcha "Kazik" Rotem, very likely the last surviving organizer of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, died in December at the age of 94. The uprising was knowingly doomed Jewish resistance in April, 1943 in German-occupied Poland against Nazi Germany's decision to transport the remaining ghetto populations to death camps. The Warsaw Jews knew they were about to be murdered and chose, like many other fighters throughout Jewish history, to resist to the very last man. At the age of 19, Rotem helped lead the uprising. The Jewish fighters fought for nearly a month, managing to kill sixteen Nazis and wounding some 100. Rotem was a member of the Jewish Combat Organization (ZOB), serving as a liaison between the bunker inside the ghetto and the underground on the "Aryan" side of the city. (He was able to hide his Jewish identity because of his fair appearance.) One of Rotem's most important missions was smuggling the last Jews out of the burning ghetto through sewage tunnels. After the war, he moved to Israel and got involved with bringing illegal immigrants who survived the war to what was then British Mandatory Palestine. Later, he worked as a manager in a supermarket chain until retiring in 1986. Schools across Israel observed a memorial day in his memory. (www.jpost.com, 12-23-18)

Georges Loinger, a member of the French Resistance during World War II credited with saving hundreds of Jewish children from the Nazis, has died. He was 108. Loinger was Jewish but looked Nordic, with his blond hair and blue eyes. He smuggled at least 350 children in small groups across the Franco-Swiss border. Their parents had either been killed or sent to concentration camps. Those children were in the care of the Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants (OSE), a Jewish children's aid society founded in St. Petersburg in 1912. (According to OSE's records, the

organization saved some 5,000 Jewish children.) Loinger was taken prisoner by German armed forces in 1940 while serving with the French army. He was sent to a POW camp in Germany, later escaping and returning to France where he worked with the OSE. He was a cousin of Marcel Marceau, the mime artist who was also a Resistance fighter. Loinger was awarded the Resistance Medal, the Military Cross and the Legion of Honour by France. (www.haaretz.com, 12-31-18)

Amos Oz, one of Israel's most distinguished authors, whose writings embodied "a country struggling to find its footing while surrounded by conflict," died at the end of December. He was 79. Amos Klausner was a native-born Israeli and grew up in Jerusalem when it was still under British control. His grandparents on both sides were Zionists who had come from Eastern Europe. His father, a literary scholar and librarian, was born in Lithuania. The elder Klausner spoke eleven languages and read seventeen. Amos's mother committed suicide in 1952 when he was just twelve. Two years after his mother's death he moved to a kibbutz and changed his name to Oz, Hebrew for "strength." He left the kibbutz in 1986 and settled in Tel Aviv. He served in the Israeli military during two wars in the 1960s and 70s. Oz spent many years on a kibbutz (a collective farm) and later became one of Israel's most liberal voices, condemning the country's settlement of territory once held by Palestinian Arabs. "I love Israel but I don't like it very much," he once said. "I love it because of the argumentativeness, because every staircase in Israel is full of memories and stories and conflicting ideas." Oz was very troubled by his country's politics, what he saw as oppression of the Palestinian people, the occupation and the eroding of civil rights. These issues helped him create a portrait of his homeland in over 30 books, all in Hebrew. Oz depicted the emergence of Israel as "a vibrant, if imperfect, society reflected through the lens of flawed, often conflicted characters." In 2002, he wrote "A Tale of Love and Darkness," a memoir that became one of the best-selling books in Israel's history. (Two years later it was published in English; it was adapted as a film in 2015, directed by and starring Israeli-born actress Natalie Portman.) In his later years, Oz taught at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and had many teaching fellowships and speaking engagements in the United States, Britain and other countries. (www.washingtonpost.com, 12-28-19)

Did You Know…

At the very end of December, the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers donated $70,000 to aid the Jewish community and the families directly impacted by the October 27th 2018 attack on the Tree of Life-Or Simcha building while worshippers gathered for Shabbat morning services, leaving eleven dead. Steelers' owner Art Rooney II presented the check to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh's Fund for Victims of Terror. The following day, before their home game at Heinz Field, the team's logo, as always spray-painted onto the field, was edited to include a Star of David next to the words "Stronger Than Hate." They held a moment of silence before beginning the game. (www.jta.org, 1-1-19)

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts) has pledged her salary to HIAS, the Jewish immigration advocacy group that assists refugees (and the oldest refugee assistance organization in the world), for as long as the U.S. government is shut down. Warren has launched an exploratory committee, in essence running for president in 2020. (www.forward.com, 1-2-19)

Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, prominent French Nazi hunters, won the Jewish Book Council's top national book award in early January. "Hunting the Truth: Memoirs of Serge and Beate Klarsfeld" consists of first-person accounts of the couple's fifty-plus years of hunting Nazi war criminals. (www.jta.org, 1-19)

In mid-January, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," the show about a Jewish housewife in New York City in the late 1950s, won the Critics' Choice Award for Best Comedy Series. The show's star, Rachel Brosnahan (not Jewish) won for Best Comedy Actress. The awards are given by the Broadcast Film Critics Association and Broadcast Television Journalists Association. Both the show and its star also won awards at the Golden Globes a week earlier. The show is on Amazon Prime. Somewhere Gertrude Berg must be smiling. (www.jta.org, 1-14-19) ◇

Keys Jewish Community Center

LEGACY

Monday
February 11, 2019
6:00 PM - Dairy Dinner
To be Followed by Learning with Six Rabbis, led by Rabbi Steven Sager

Rabbi Steven Sager is a long time Reconstructionist Rabbi, highly respected and well-known for creating Sicha, "a project to stimulate conversation between Jewish culture and contemporary Jewish needs."

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KJCC member, Jan Louise Lindsay-Hartz, will share her experiences from a March 2018 trip to swim with and photograph humpback whales. This journey brought together several passions, including her love of whales and wildlife; her passion for swimming and the oceans; her background in biology, neuroscience and psychology; her mindful photography practice; her background in and practice of mindfulness meditation; and her spiritual practices, including her new passion for Hebrew. She will show a short video overview of her trip, and some slides, and will speak about this journey, with a focus on the spiritual dimension. Jan Louise is just completing a photography and poetry book, Resounding Joy, that emerged from this journey.

Jan has a Ph.D. and M.A. in clinical psychology, research and neuroscience, as well as a Bachelor of Science in biology. She has trained to teach, and has studied, taught, and practiced, mindfulness meditation.

In the artistic world, Jan is known as Louise Lindsay. Her photography images have been purchased privately, shown (and awarded) in juried gallery exhibits in Florida and New York, used on websites, displayed in various galleries and public places, including Everglades National Park, and published in a variety of calendars (FL Audubon), books and magazines.

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A Purim Story:
How Hamentaschen Got Its Name

When KJCC had an active Sunday school, we would traditionally get ready for Purim by baking hamantaschen, those yummy triangle-shaped cookies, with poppy seeds, jam, or new variants of filling in the middle like chocolate, brie or Nutella. We, and teachers everywhere, taught our students that the cookies echoed the shape of the hat that Purim's archetypal villain, Haman, wore. But author Olivia Waxman (in an article found – and here abbreviated - in Time Magazine) finds a lot more history related to that cookie and its name:

Early versions of the cookies were more commonly known as oznei Haman, meaning "Haman's ears." The late Jewish food historian Gil Marks' Encyclopedia of Jewish Food traces that phrase — but not the cookie — to the Roman scholar and poet Immanuel ben Solomon (c.1261–1328) who, thanks to "a misinterpretation arising from the medieval Italian custom of cutting off a criminal's ear before execution," argued that Haman's ears had been cut off after he was hanged, at the end of the Purim story.

Whether the story behind the cookies is based on true historical events depends on whom you ask. Jewish-food guru Joan Nathan, whose next book is the upcoming King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking From Around the World, notes that the Purim story is based on "history in Iran, then Mesopotamia, in about the 8th century B.C." and that "Ahasuerus the king might have been based on Xerxes." Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, a professor of religion at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., says that Marks traces the first record of oznei Haman as something to eat back to a 1550 satirical Hebrew play that was produced for a Purim carnival in Mantua, Italy, and "is the oldest extant Jewish play," drawing from both religious stories and Italian dramatic traditions. The script contains a play on words in which one character thinks that the Biblical story of the Israelites eating manna in the desert is saying that the Israelites ate Haman; another character responds with an interpretation that it must mean that Jews are commanded to eat oznei Haman.

Rabbi Cheryl Peretz, a dean at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies of American Jewish University, says by connecting Purim treats to manna, the play, while satirical, resonated with audiences because it touched on an issue that still comes up today of "how you renew customs and traditions in meaningful ways in a contemporary world.

Sometime in the 18th or 19th century in Germany and Eastern Europe, a triangular pastry pocket filled with poppy seeds often called Mohntaschen — mohn meaning meaning poppy seed, and tasch meaning pocket — came onto the scene. The word became a pun around Purim: oznei Haman plus mohntaschen created hamantaschen.

Between the fact that the name hamantaschen is a pun and the carnival atmosphere of Purim festivities, it reflects the best of Jewish humor. The tradition "forged by life in exile and a vital element in dealing with it," wrote Gil Marks, "particularly manifests itself on Purim, a time when joking and frivolity is encouraged."

(Perhaps the commandment to drink excessively is to take away the bad taste and memory of our people's near collision with extinction. Here's to you, Esther, a l'chaim to go with our hamantaschen).

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(note: Purim celebration on 3/20 begins at 6 p.m.)

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Sunday, January 20th, was a big day for KJCC. First we celebrated the Birthday of the Trees, Tu BiShvat (the 15th day of Shvat) by preparing three fruit trees for planting, an olive tree and two trees from Peru whose fruits are said to have medicinal properties. We danced around them and sang our gratitude song (Mayim, Mayim -- water, water). Then we were off to Steve and Barbara Smith's House, for our first ever mobile Minyan.

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