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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sisterhood Meeting	4	5	6	7	8 Steve Steinbock & Yarden Kamely  <i>Leslie &amp; Sam Janowitz</i>	9 Shabbat Service With Rabbi Agler
10 Board Meeting 9 a.m.  Annual Meeting 11 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15 Ken Atlas & Sabrina  <i>Erica Lieberman-Garrett</i> <i>Murial &amp; George Swartz</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Stuart & Lauren Sax with Rabbi Agler 6:30 Service  <i>Joel &amp; Linda Pollack</i>	23 Chai-Yaking
24 Purim Meghillah And Potluck	25	26	27	28		

## 2012 - 2013 Officers and Board

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## President's Message Stuart Sax



Over the past twenty-three months I have had the opportunity to meet the vast majority of the members of the KJCC. Many possess the solid commitment to the future of this congregation through personal involvement and financial support. Others through financial support only. Both are valuable. My father always believed that to have a tribe you can't have all chiefs and no indians.

The members of the KJCC who have diligently served on our Board the past two years have made my job that much easier and have made me look good. When I asked someone to help with something and they said "Yes" without hesitation, that was the mark of a solid working Board. It is definitely the exception and not the rule in most organizations.

I have been blessed to have served my congregation for the past two years with people that individually, and collectively, made things happen. Our membership has grown thanks to Dave Mont's personality and persistence. In the face of adversity, Rene Rose has continued to send get well greetings and condolences to our members when needed. First term members David Gitin, Gene Silverman, Steve Hartz, and Medina Roy have actively brought their knowledge and experiences to the table. I have often said and I will say it again, this congregation would be nowhere without the dedicated involvement of Linda Pollack. Everyone

brought something to the table and I personally applaud each and every one of you for that. My only regret was the recent loss of long time Board members Jim Boruszak and Kurt Kluger.

What has also made the past two years a success was working together with Lauren as President of our Sisterhood. She forged new horizons in fundraising and laid the groundwork for Barbara to lead the group to even greater heights. We often discussed temple business over breakfast, lunch, AND dinner. Some would call that dedication; others would call that nuts! It worked.

Now the time has come for me to pass the KJCC torch to Dr. Bernie Ginsburg. He has served religiously (pun intended) as Executive VP for the past two years. Part of his responsibility was to Chair the Finance & Budget Committee. Bernie has been diligent and frugal in this capacity and has helped keep us financially sound. Bernie will bring to the Board a strong sense of leadership along with a similar degree of humor to keep things lively.

My very best wishes to everyone and as Bob Hope sang, "Thanks for the memories." ♦

# Nosh

## Ritual Reminder: Save the Dates

Rabbi Agler will be leading his monthly Shabbat morning Service on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. Everyone who has attended knows what a satisfying, stimulating experience this is. Warm, educational, and informal, these services and discussions led by Rabbi Agler continue to enrich our appreciation of Jewish heritage and history. Don't miss it.

### Oneg Sponsors for February 2013

February 1st - Stuart and Lauren Sax in appreciation of serving as presidents.

February 8th - Leslie and Sam Janowitz in honor of Leslie's birthday.

February 15th - Erica Lieberman-Garrett to celebrate Erica & Ron's birthdays. Muriel and George Swartz in honor of Muriel's birthday.

February 22nd - Linda & Joel Pollack in honor of their Anniversary.

### Meditation Garden Brick

### IN HONOR OF LAUREN & STUART SAX

### Havdalah with Rabbi Ed and Reef Relief

Once again, on the weekend of February 8th and 9th, KJCC will host an environmentally committed group of Rabbi Ed Rosenthal's Hillel Students from Tampa. Welcome them to Shabbat Services on Friday night the 8th. On Saturday, Rabbi Ed will conduct a Havdalah Service in our Meditation Garden. Discussion will follow in the Social Hall on a topic to be announced. If you've been engaged in any of Rabbi Ed's previous teachings, you know this is a treat not to be missed.

## February Birthdays

1st.....	Evan Grossman
1st.....	Roy Pollack
3rd.....	Caeleigh Stuart
3rd.....	Dick Bromwich
3rd.....	Leslie Janowitz
5th.....	Rebecca Smith Strasser
5th.....	Robin Kantor
6th.....	Martin Field
7th.....	Erica Lieberman-Garrett
7th.....	Larry Jacobs
9th.....	Deborah Kaplan
9th.....	Linda Pincus
9th.....	Ron Garrett
12th.....	Johnny Knowles
12th.....	Paul Roberts
13th.....	Jerrold Benowitz
14th.....	Debbie Madnick
14th.....	Steven B. Sanders
15th.....	Judith Weber
18th.....	Beth Hayden
21st.....	David J. Marmar
22nd.....	Harry J.C. Friedman
24th.....	Emily Caryn Gershowitz
24th.....	Muriel Swartz
24th.....	Suzie Greenman
25th.....	Rita Conklin
26th.....	Jim Williams
26th.....	John D. Schur
27th.....	Betsy Grossman
28th.....	Arlene Line

### Shabbat Across America

On March 1st, 2013, tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 17th Annual Shabbat Across America and Canada. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that KJCC has participated. Watch weekly announcements for details.

### February Anniversaries

	Years
9th Uri & Liliam Kameley.....	21
11th Joel & Linda Pollack.....	51



### **Sisterhood's Blessing Fundraiser**

*We would like to thank all those who sent in their very special blessings. We feel blessed that this first time fundraiser generated almost \$600 and for that reason we are extremely thankful. It just goes to show that from the convenience of your home and with little effort, you can make a difference.*

*Lauren & Erica  
Blessings Chairwomen*

### **Todah Rabah to Marc Kravit**

Marc has sent KJCC another thoughtful gift, a box of mezuzahs. Talk to Susan if there are any rooms in your home that could use a mezuzah. Thanks to Marc, we now have many choices.

### **Anonymous Thank You**

The KJCC Meditation Garden has turned out beautifully, and it is also having a beautiful impact. Steve Steinbock wanted to share this note that was found at the entrance to the garden -  
" Thank you. This garden was an answer to prayer... I needed a place to pray and to be and I came across this Silent reprieve. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. 1/6/13"

### **Meditation Garden Brick**

IN HONOR OF  
MY FAMILY  
LOVE, GLORIA AVNER

### **Leaf on the Tree of Life**

**Honoring Kurt Kluger**  
December 13, 2012  
From the Mah Jongg Group

## **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 Rene Rose, 305-852-3959.

**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 Stuart Sax, 305-586-8729.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305-852-6152, to reserve a bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

**PICTURE POSTCARDS:** We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC 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 at 305-451-0665.

**KJCC TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES, BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Carol Steinbock to arrange your donation, 305-852-6152.

**JNF TREES IN ISRAEL:** A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Georgia Landau, 305-393-9885.

**CHAI-LIGHTS MITZVAH:** Place a greeting or notice in Chai-Lights. Call Carol Steinbock, 305-852-6152, to make your donation.

**ADVERTISEMENT IN CHAI-LIGHTS or DIRECTORY:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for annual rates.

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

**Keys Jewish Community Center**

**Arza World - Tour of Israel, June 11-23, 2013**

**Led by the best tour guide possible - our own  
Rabbi Richard Agler.**

DAY ONE: Tuesday, June 11, 2013  
DEPARTURE.....Depart U.S.A. Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO: Wednesday, June 12, 2013  
ARRIVAL AND WELCOME.....Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY THREE: Thursday, June 13, 2013  
FOUNDATIONS OF A CITY AND A STATE.....Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY FOUR: Friday, June 14, 2013  
CONQUESTS AND CREATIVITY ALONG THE COAST.....Overnight: Haifa

DAY FIVE: Saturday, June 15, 2013  
SPIRITUALITY, PRACTICALITY AND IDENTITY.....Overnight: Haifa

DAY SIX: Sunday, June 16, 2013  
ROOTS, KABBALA AND ROOTS.....Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

DAY SEVEN: Monday, June 17, 2013  
SERENITY AND SECURITY ON THE GOLAN.....Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

DAY EIGHT: Tuesday, June 18, 2013  
NEW VISION AND OLD.....Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY NINE: Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM.....Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY TEN: Thursday, June 20, 2013  
INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA.....Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY ELEVEN: Friday, June 21, 2013  
MEMORY AND RENEWAL.....Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY TWELVE: Saturday, June 22, 2013  
SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM.....Overnight: Flight

DAY THIRTEEN: Sunday, June 23, 2013  
DEPARTURE.....Arrival in the USA

**Complete tour information is available at [arzaworld.com](http://arzaworld.com),  
search word: *keys*, or call 888-811-2812. Tour cost \$3252.  
A deposit (\$300) can be made now and full payment is due by April 11, 2013.**

**Please contact Dave Mont if you have any questions at [moogoodave@yahoo.com](mailto:moogoodave@yahoo.com)  
or call 305-393-9883.**

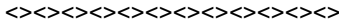


# *In Memoriam February 2013*

In Memory Of

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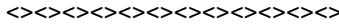
By Harvey & Joan Kay



In Memory Of

**Joseph Krissel**

By Michael Krissel



In Memory Of

**M. Teresa Astray-Caneda**

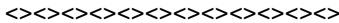
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In Memory Of

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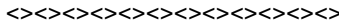
By David & Pamela Marmar



In Memory Of

**Joseph Kaufman**

By Jeff & Lisa Miller



In Memory Of

**Sara J. Cohen**

By Jim & Lynn Nobil



In Memory Of

**Irene Nobil**

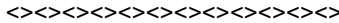
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In Memory Of

**William Pollack**

By Joel & Linda Pollack



In Memory Of

**Malka Frank**

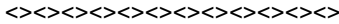
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In Memory Of

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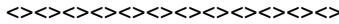
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In Memory Of

**Al Roller**

By Pauline Roller



In Memory Of

**Irving Sanders**

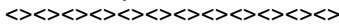
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**John A. Schur**

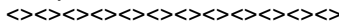
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In Memory Of

**Miriam Blinder**

By Steven & Barbara Smith



In Memory Of

**Sara J. Cohen**

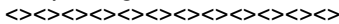
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In Memory Of

**Ann R. Kapulskey**

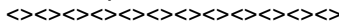
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In Memory Of

**Morris Estrin**

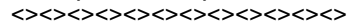
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In Memory Of

**Minnie Berger**

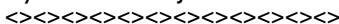
By Mark & Sofy Wasser



In Memory Of

**David C. Willner**

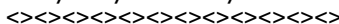
By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner



In Memory Of

**Morris Feinberg**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe



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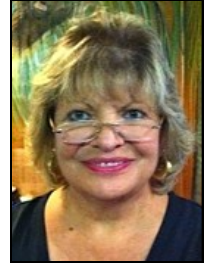
**Samuel Wolfe**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe



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## Sisterhood Barbara Knowles



As I sit here writing my first Sisterhood President report, I realized that I am at a total loss for words. For those of you who know me, that is something that seldom ever happens.

I am aware that all of my predecessors were and are such amazing, bright and just absolutely “Stellar” ladies. It’s tough to follow after them, but I do know I will do my best to make this a great year, full of fun, dinners, meetings and as much as we can squeeze into every month. We have a great team of wonderful women who are not afraid to step up to the plate and help whenever needed and for this I am not only grateful but sincerely appreciative.

As of this writing, the KJCC was honored with the presence of 15 young college students singing Acappella. The group *Kaske-set* was in our sanctuary performing some amazing songs all written by them. It was so inspiring and innovative to watch the energy that this group brought to us. After they performed, they ate a light lunch provided by many of the Education committee, Sisterhood and KJCC members. The show and the food were excellent and I’d like to thank everyone who made this a success. A very special thanks to Stuart and Lauren Sax for providing this entertainment for us.

Planning is underway for the 2013 season. Plans are already being made for the Officers Installation Brunch on February 10<sup>th</sup>. A wonderful Purim Megillah and Potluck Brunch is being planned for Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Seder will be on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and we can’t forget our KJCC Annual Family Passover Second Seder at the Islamorada Fishing Club on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Exact times will be Chai-Lights and in the President’s email. Please reserve your space for our Family Passover Seder early as

seats fill up quickly as I’m sure everyone is aware. The Passover Seder is one that in the past has been done by our recently departed Jim Boruszak. Stuart Sax has announced that he will step up and lead us on this very special night. Thank you Stuart.

While we are on the subject of upcoming events, please consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat on Friday nights, as well as helping out in the kitchen, (which is so needed), so that we can all continue to enjoy our Friday evening Shabbats. Angela will be with us through most of April and takes on all the responsibilities in the kitchen during that time. When Angela leaves, we will need all you wonderful ladies to lend a hand and sign up with Joyce Peckman or myself to setup and clean up for the weeks we will be on our own for those 6 months. So please call Joyce Peckman at 305-451-0665 or 305-240-1000, or myself at 305-772-0503, and let us know what week or month you will be available to help set up and clean up for the Oneg’s.

The next Sisterhood Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Every woman who is a member of KJCC is welcome to join us for breakfast in Sisterhood and help play an active role in our event planning and many of the fun things we will be planning for the new year.

Well in closing, I’d like to thank my executive board, whom I know is going to make me shine:

Jane Friedman – Vice President, Georgia Landau-Treasurer, Roberta McNew-Recording Secretary.

Thank you also to my mentor Lauren Sax and all the wonderful ladies that supported me on my first nervous night of installation as Sisterhood President. ♦

# 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.

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>Scholarship Fund</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Begam, Delores	please pray for Jimmy	Ellner, Susan	
Cohn, Nancy		Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Mark Lieberman's bar mitzvah
Cooper, Claire	Celebration of Life for Murray		
Forst, Al		<i>Scholarship Fund</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Sisterhood		Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Kurt Kluger
		Steinbock, Steve & Carol	Kurt Kluger
<i>General Fund</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Sisterhood Oneg Fund</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Belofsky, David & Judith	Jim Boruszak	Knowles, Richard & Barbara	
Boruszak, Joan	Shirley Burnett	Janowitz, Sam & Leslie	Leslie's birthday
Cameron, Dixie	Murray Cooper		
Irwin, Bette	Murray Cooper	<i>Sunshine Fund</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Peckman, Joyce	Wendy Reiff	Sax, Stuart & Lauren	wishing Georgia Landau
Peckman, Joyce	Kurt Kluger		a speedy recovery
Pollack, Joel & Linda	Kurt Kluger	Sax, Stuart & Lauren	wishing Mary Lee Singer
Schillinger, Marylou	Talia Agler		a speedy recovery
		Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Marc Bloom -
<i>Holidays/Seats</i>			just because
Steamer, Donald			
<i>Meditation Garden</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>Tree of Life</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Avner, Gloria	Brick - Avner family	Berger, Carol	Kurt Kluger
Davidson, Foster & Carol Laskin	Brick -	Biskar, Rosie	Kurt Kluger
	Stuart & Lauren Sax	Boruszak, Joan	Kurt Kluger
Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Foster Davidson & Carol Laskin	Conklin, Rita & Wes	Kurt Kluger
		Gould, Maryon	Kurt Kluger
<i>Meditation Garden</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	Pollack, Joel & Linda	Kurt Kluger
Sax, Stuart & Lauren	Wendy Reiff	Rose, Skip & Rene	Kurt Kluger
		Schulberg, Alan & Elaine	Kurt Kluger
<i>Rabbi and Cantor Fund</i>		Silverman, Mort & Gene	Kurt Kluger
Ellner, Susan		Singer, Mary Lee	Kurt Kluger
<i>Sisterhood Count Your Blessings</i>		<i>Yartzeits</i>	
Blumenfeld, Ivy		Boruszak, Joan	
Boruszak, Joan		Cooper, Claire	
Coltman, Barney		Davidson, Foster & Carol Laskin	
Dils, Lynn		Emkey, Gerri	
Landau, Georgia		Gould, Maryon	
Laskin, Carol		Grossman, Stuart	
Lieberman-Garrett, Erica		Isenberg, Henry & Patricia	
McNew, Roberta		Taramona, Hermine	
Peckman, Joyce			
Sax, Lauren			

Keys Jewish Community Center  
**10th Annual  
Women's Seder**

Sunday

March 17, 2013

5:00 PM @ KJCC

**Homemade Seder Dinner  
w/Wine**

**Come celebrate the 10th  
Women's Seder**

**Donation: \$18 chai  
+ \$10.00 for 10 years =  
\$28.00**

**Join us in celebration as we  
continue our efforts of  
Tikkun Olam - repair the  
world.**

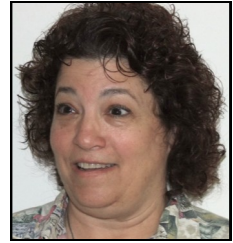
**Limited seating - Contacts:  
Beth (305) 393-4013  
bethkam@bellsouth.net  
Erica (305) 853-1003  
hippiejap@hotmail.com**



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# World Jewish Report

## Medina Roy



### An Undertaking of Biblical Proportions

Using books 6 through 9 of *Genesis* as his inspiration, creationist Johan Huibers, a Christian resident of the Netherlands, recently finished his 20-year pursuit to build a full-scale, functioning replica of Noah's Ark. The Dutch artist followed the instructions G-d gave to Noah, translating cubits to modern measurements and came away with a vessel that is 427 feet long (the length of a football field with an additional 67 feet), 95 feet wide and 75 feet high. The ark contains huge stalls where Huibers has placed life-size stuffed animals. The ark also has an actual petting zoo and an impressive aviary of exotic birds. As in most tourist attractions, there's a restaurant on the top-most level and a movie theater capable of seating 50 people. Huibers ark which is now open to the public is moored in the city of Dordrecht, just south of Rotterdam. Huibers is a builder by trade. To see photos of the ark, go to <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/real-estate/dutchman-completes-20-year-quest-build-full-scale-noah-ark-article-1.1217581> ([www.nydailynews.com](http://www.nydailynews.com), 12-11-12)

### "Set the Bubbles Free"

If you'll be watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, pay close attention to the advertisements in the fourth quarter. *SodaStream*, an Israeli firm that turns flat water into sparkling water in a matter of seconds, will pay about \$3.5 million for a 30-second spot. The ad is intentionally scheduled to air in the fourth quarter when empty soda bottles and cans have piled up at Super Bowl parties across America. *SodaStream* USA president Gerard Meyer said, "We expect the ad will inspire a life-changing moment for consumers making them realize they have the power to enjoy their bubbles...without

the hassle of carrying, storing and disposing of all of those bottles and cans ever again." ([www.businessinsider.com](http://www.businessinsider.com), 12-4-12 and [www.jta.com](http://www.jta.com), 12-9-12)

### They Made the Grade

According to test results of the *Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study* (TIMSS), eighth grade students in Israel ranked seventh in the world for math and came in first among Western countries. The score for 2011 was up from 24<sup>th</sup> place when the last test was administered in 2007. The top five scorers overall were Korea, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong and Japan. In science, Israeli students finished 13<sup>th</sup>, up from 25<sup>th</sup>. In the International Reading Literacy Study for fourth-graders, Israel ranked 18<sup>th</sup>, up from 31<sup>st</sup>. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 12-11-12)

### A \$200,000,000 Pledge

Mortimer Zuckerman, owner and publisher of the *New York Daily News* and *U.S. News & World Report*, recently pledged \$200 million to endow a Mind Brain Behavior Institute at Columbia University. The Zuckerman Institute will seek cutting-edge research in neurobiology and human mental functions in both health and disease. A variety of areas will be studied, among them Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and neuro-developmental disorders such as autism, Asperger's and schizophrenia. In total some 1,000 scientists are expected to work for the institute. ([www.jewishpress.com](http://www.jewishpress.com), 12-24-12)

### Six Million: A "Significant Number"

For the first time, the Jewish population of the State of Israel has passed the six mil-



lion mark. Anita Shapira, professor of Jewish history at Tel Aviv University said that even though six million is a significant number, “living Jews do not compensate for dead Jews. The number [6 million] symbolizes a catastrophe, not a recuperation.” Dina Porat, chief historian of *Yad Vashem* added “...worldwide we are still in the same place. Before the Holocaust there were around 18 million Jews in the world; after it, a bit more than 13 million. We are still a bit more than 13 million.” Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics released figures showing the total population of Israel to be 7.98 million. Jews make up 75.4 percent. Just over a fifth of the population is Arab and four percent are defined as “other.” ([www.worldjewishcongress.org](http://www.worldjewishcongress.org), 1-3-13)

### Cambridge University’s Digital Library

Discovered in Egypt in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, *The Nash Papyrus*, a 2,000 year-old fragment containing the Ten Commandments and the *Shema* prayer, has been scanned and uploaded to the University of Cambridge’s Digital Library. It is the world’s second oldest known manuscript containing a text from the Hebrew Bible. (The oldest are the *Dead Sea Scrolls*.) Also digitized and uploaded was the *Cairo Geniza*, a collection of manuscript fragments that were found in a storeroom in Egypt in the late 1890s. The fragments reveal details of life in a Jewish community in Cairo from the Dark Ages through the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (*Genizas* house documents forbidden from destruction because Jewish law deems them holy). In addition, the library holds one of the world’s largest set of medieval Jewish manuscripts. Thanks to a donation by Joyce Peckman, a book about the *Cairo Geniza* is located in the KJCC library. Look for *Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniza*, by Adina Hoffman. (*The Forward*, 12-21-12)

### In Memoriam

-N. Joseph Woodland, who, while dragging his fingers through the sand on Miami Beach more than 60 years ago got the idea which led to the development of the Universal Product Code, or UPC (the rectangular barcode

that appears on virtually everything today), has died. He was 91. In 1948, Woodland was a graduate student at Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, now known as Drexel University (*By the way, when I was in college, I had a friend who attended Drexel. He affectionately referred to it as “Dreck Tech”*). The chain of events that led to the development of the barcode is fascinating. In 1948, a local supermarket executive visited Drexel’s campus looking for a way to come up with an efficient means of encoding product data. Bernard Silver, a classmate of Woodland’s, overheard the conversation and together the two men began working on the idea. Woodland went to Miami Beach to stay with his grandparents in the winter of 1948-49 and spent much time at the beach thinking. He wondered what would happen if Morse code, which he learned as a Boy Scout, were adapted graphically? He began trailing his fingers through the sand and thought perhaps wide lines and narrow lines could be used like the dots and dashes of the Morse code. As a result, Woodland and Silver created a technology able to read product data. In October 1952, the men were awarded a U.S. patent for their discovery. But the method they came up with was expensive and unwieldy and languished for years. The two men eventually sold their patent to Philco for \$15,000 – all they ever made from their invention. Over time, laser scanning technology made the barcode viable. In 1973, the barcode we know today was adopted as the industry standard. Woodland received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation in 1992. In 2012, he was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (Mr. Silver, who died in 1963 at age 38, was inducted posthumously along with him). In retail establishments worldwide, a barcode is scanned at a rate of more than five billion a day. ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com), 12-12-12)

-Jack Klugman, the actor best known for his roles in “The Odd Couple” and later “Quincy, M.E.,” died in December. He was 90. What is not very well known however is the instrumental role he played in passing critical health-care legislation through Congress

known as the "Orphan Drug Act." Klugman's involvement began with a hearing in 1980 by the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment on the problem of developing treatment for rare diseases. (Klugman's brother Maurice suffered from a rare cancer). These illnesses didn't afflict enough people to entice pharmaceutical companies to develop treatments and became known as "orphan" diseases. There were several diseases in this category: Tourette's syndrome, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, spina bifida, ALS among others. The situation was especially tragic because scientists were discovering promising treatments but couldn't interest drug makers because they didn't see potential for profit. Klugman was invited to testify before Congress by Rep. Henry Waxman of California. At the time, a celebrity speaking to Congress was pretty much unheard of and received wide attention which led to a bill with large incentives for drug makers. It also established an Office of rare Diseases at the National Institutes of Health. The bill ran into some obstacles in the Senate and was blocked by Senator Orin Hatch (R-Utah). Klugman and his brother came up with the idea to write a couple of real-life episodes of "Quincy," the widely popular medical drama. One episode dealt with rare illnesses and another with an orphan drug bill being held up by a U.S. Senator. Hatch eventually softened and thanks to Klugman, the "Waxman-Hatch Orphan Drug Act" became law in 1983. The law has been a huge success. The FDA has approved more than 300 orphan drugs, with 1,100 more under development. Two years later, Congress expanded the law to include biological and chemical drugs, which helped spur the biotech industry. ([www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), 12-25-12)

-Senator Daniel Inouye, second-longest serving senator (he served one month shy of 50 years), and a staunch supporter of Israel, died in December. He was 88. Inouye played a pivotal role in advancing U.S.-Israel relations. Inouye lost his right arm in Italy at the end of World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor, but it took 55 years to get that recognition because Japanese-American

servicemen were denied recognition for their heroism at the time because of their race. His combat experience as a member of a segregated Japanese-American unit in Europe in World War II and learning about the Holocaust affected his world view. Recovering after the war he studied Jewish history. Working his way through college, Inouye became a registered Israel Bonds salesman. He once considered converting to Judaism but didn't because of his concern for his devoutly Methodist mother. Throughout his career he enjoyed close ties to the Jewish community, both in Hawaii and nationally.

(*The Forward*, 12-18-12)

#### Did You Know....

-Israeli supermodel Bar Rafaeli and race car driver Danica Patrick will appear together in a Super Bowl commercial titled "Perfect Match." This will be Rafaeli's first Super Bowl commercial. ([www.upi.com](http://www.upi.com), 1-6-13)

-According to [Forbes.com](http://Forbes.com), Israeli-born actress Natalie Portman is Hollywood's "most bankable star," providing studios with the highest average returns for her films. The Academy Award winner (Best Actress for "Black Swan" in 2011) provides about \$42.70 for the studio for every dollar she earns. "Black Swan" was produced for an estimated \$13 million and earned \$329 million in global box office sales. (*Reuters*, 12-26-12)

-The Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial site registered 1.43 visitors last year, a record number in its 65-year history. The Nazi death camp has seen record numbers of visitors since 2004, the year Poland joined the European Union when there was a marked increase of people from across Europe traveling to Poland. An estimated 1.3 million people were murdered in Auschwitz-Birkenau. Most (about 90 percent) were Jewish but the victims also included Polish political prisoners, Gypsies and gay people. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 1-4-13) ◇

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Current estimates for the trip are a range of \$3,000 to \$3,300 per person, depending on the accommodations package chosen. Because KJCC members might be coming from all parts of the country, air fare is NOT included in any price quotes. The group needs to be a minimum of twenty. The full trip itinerary and details are posted on the KJCC web site, [keysjewishcenter.com](http://keysjewishcenter.com); click on the "Misc." section. If you are interested, contact Dave Mont, 305-393-9883. (Are non-KJCC members or family welcome to join us? Absolutely.)

#### *Tour features:*

- 10 nights hotel accommodations;
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2 lunches and 6 dinners;
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- Old City of Jaffa and a stroll through the artists' colony and the ancient port;
- A visit to Safed, the center of Jewish mysticism since the 16th century;
- The stunning Bahai Gardens & Shrine;
- A visit to Yad Vashem.

# Photo Gallery

Susan Gordon sent in some photos from a recent Chai-Yaking trip with Dave Mont and the gang. If you haven't yet joined them in one of their monthly outings, here's a look at what you're missing!





**(Right) - Steve and Carol Steinbock, Dr. Bernie Ginsberg and their friend Patty Murphy of the Reporter Newspaper, attended a concert by DuDu Fisher at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on January 10th. Here is a photo of Steve with DuDu Fisher as he signed CDs afterwards. DuDu Fisher is an Israeli singer who performed in English, Yiddish and Hebrew. The concert was a delight.**

*-Carol Steinbock*



**(Above Right) - January saw the installation of your new Sisterhood President and Executive Board. Pictured (left to right) are Georgia Landau - Treasurer, Barbara Knowles - President, Jane Friedman - Vice President, and Roberta McNew - Recording Secretary. Congratulations ladies!**



**(Right) Lauren Sax - outgoing President and Barbara Knowles - New Sisterhood President, are pictured with Carol Steinbock, who did the presentations.**

**Photos courtesy of Linda Pollack and BarbaraKnowlesPhotography.com**

# KASKESET

## LIFE IS A CHAIWAY

Text by Gloria Avner  
Photos courtesy of  
BarbaraKnowlesPhotography.com

With 60 people filling our Sanctuary-turned-Concert-Hall, and 15 very talented Hillel students from Binghamton University singing multipart harmony (with very creative mouth/body sound effects) while moving about the Bimah, The Keys Jewish Community Center was treated to a world class roof-raising event on the afternoon



of Sunday January 13th. The energy was extraordinary. The songs, Hebrew and English, traditional and original, were all sung "a cappella," without musical accompaniment. Nobody missed it.

These are bright young men and women, ranging from college freshman to seniors, with one grad student for good measure. (They were hungry too, and very grateful for the homemade luncheon that Education Committee members and sisterhood volunteers

prepared for post concert nutrition). Whether their majors are Engineering, Creative Writing, Drama, or Business, we

know these youngsters have great careers and rich cultural lives ahead of them. They certainly enriched our lives for an afternoon.

Their original songs, in both Hebrew and English, were inspiringly beautiful. Each of the students took turns in the spotlight; their movements as well as their blended





Rosh HaShanah, and Kaskeset members began to join in. It was an afternoon not to be missed (but if you did, word is out that a recording was made for us, thanks to Barbara and Richard Knowles; you may yet get a chance to hear it).

Many thanks to Stuart and Lauren Sax for this gift. As they prepare to step down

voices were riveting, and our attention never wavered.

One of the sweetest moments came after the food had been eaten and dishes were cleared. Our own Cantor Mark Halpern and his daughter Ariela began to sing in beautiful harmony the "L'cha Dodi" version they share with us after Taschlich each



from their two-year positions as President of KJCC and KJCC Sisterhood, their generosity in sponsoring this concert



leaves us grateful and smiling. It was a gift of music, but also a gift of youthful energy, continuing the strength of Judaism for another generation. *Todah Rabah.* ◇

**From the Kaskeset bio - "What brings us together is our love for Jewish singing.."**

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# “The Jews in the Time of Jesus”

The Education Committee’s “Brunch and Learn” Series

By Gloria Avner

On the last Sunday of 2012, KJCC members were treated to a fascinating hour of exploration on the topic “The Jews in the time of Jesus.” It was the latest in our Education Committee’s “Brunch and Learn” Series, and we are grateful to Rabbi Richard Agler for sharing the presence and chochma (wisdom) of his good friend and internationally recognized scholar and author Rabbi Stephen Wylen. It’s not often we have an opportunity to analyze, discuss, and clear up 2000 years’ worth of misconceptions.

Was Jesus a Rabbi? No. In that historical moment, the term rabbi meant “my master,” and the term rabbi only came to mean what it does today after the destruction of the Temple. The mark of a Jewish Rabbi is that he acknowledges his source, his authority coming from precursor teachers going all the way back to Moses at Mt. Sinai. Jesus was the antithesis of a Rabbi. When Jesus preached, people walked away amazed, not because the



**Rabbi Stephen Wylen**

content was new, but because he spoke independently.

Was Jesus a Prophet? A zealot, rebelling against the Romans? Was he the Messiah? Eliyahu HaNavi? The answers posited by Rabbi Wylen were clearly “No,” but the discussion on prophecy and the concept of Messiah, (Jews have not had a consistent notion or belief in a messiah ever, only in an “anointed one.) was mind expanding and intriguing. Those who want to know more are encouraged to read Rabbi Wylen’s book, “The Jews in the Time of Jesus.” There will be a copy in our library. (We already use another of his books, “Settings of Silver: An Introduction to Judaism”, in Yardena’s conversion class) How fortunate we were to take part in discussion with Rabbi Wylen in person. One more “Todah Rabbah” to Rabbi Agler for adding so much to our Jewish enrichment. ◇

*Photos courtesy of David Gitin*



**Rabbi Richard Agler, Gloria Avner,  
Rabbi Stephen Wylen and  
KJCC President Stuart Sax**

# A New Year, a new Blessing of the Fleet

Ministers from various congregations and our KJCC representatives join others on the bridge and, as each boat passes in front of the bridge and announces who they are over their ship radio, a blessing is said for the boat, etc. Steve and I on *Shalom* (without the puppies this year) asked Gloria Avner to give us a blessing for peace and health to all and for God to Bless our Troops.



I heard Gene Silverman (with Mort & guests) give a beautiful "prayer" as their boat approached the bridge. Many power boats participate, of all sizes



and kinds, including the unique pink "Nautilimo" you see here, as well as the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept and the Coast Guard and Auxillary. And this year I even saw a sailboat.

Here you can see the line up of boats waiting to get to the bridge for their blessing. It was a great morning. If you have a boat (any size) and can get to the bridge before 10 am on New Year's Day, it is definitely the way to start a new year. Hope to see you there next year. ◇



**The "blessers" from various Keys congregations including the KJCC's own Gloria Avner gather with spectators for the annual Blessing of the Fleet. (It's like playing "Where's Gloria?")**

*-Carol & Steve Steinbock*

# KJCC Annual Family Passover Second Seder



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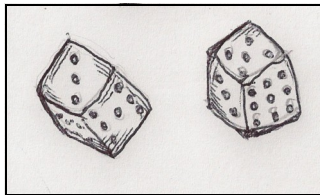
# KJCC's Purim 5773

*Not Just the "Gansa" Megillah, but a Real One*

By Gloria Avner

What makes this Purim different from all other Purims? Our children will still wear masks and costumes, dance and sing their *Purimspiel*, and make *hamantaschen* for our celebration. The KJCC congregation will still come together to perform the *mitzvah* of reading and listening to the story of Esther's role in the salvation of Persian Empire Jews. We will boo, hiss, and stomp our feet every time Haman's name is uttered, and we will eat the traditional Purim meal, or *se'udah*, after the reading. If we are really observant, we will also drink to excess (while arranging for designated drivers).

The Scroll of Esther, though not the most important of the five Scrolls, is universally known as **the Megillah**. Immensely popular because of the joyousness of the holiday and accompanying celebration, its public reading is an acknowledged *mitzvah*. Most significant, it is the only scroll that is still generally read from parchment. Up until now, however, our congregation, has always read *Megillat*

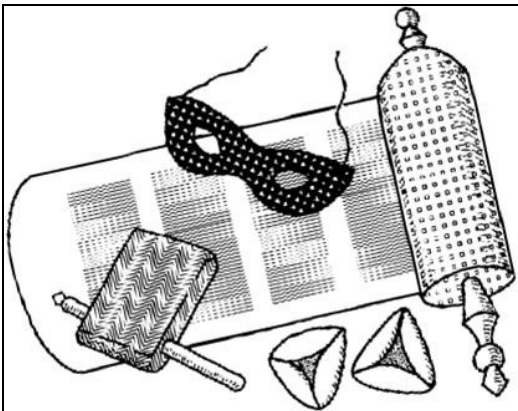


Esther from a book.

At one time, it was not unusual for every Jewish household to possess a *Megillah*. In that era, much time and skill were devoted to creating beautifully illuminated texts and elaborate wooden and

silver cases that would house the scroll, written the same way a Torah is written—by hand, on parchment, with a goose quill.

We can now, however, number ourselves among those that read the words of the *Megillah* from an actual *Megillah*. Thanks to a gift from Marc Kravit, a friend of Rabbi Agler, Bernie will start us out, chanting the words directly from a beautifully adorned sheepskin scroll, stored in a handmade wooden case generously donated by Natalie and Barry Dorf in honor of their granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah. We now have the opportunity to follow the ancient customs of the *Megillah*.



# Customs for Reading of the Megillah

(excerpted from "My Jewish Learning")

The Book of Esther is chanted according to a special cantillation used only in the reading of the Book of Esther. [This cantillation parodies the tropes used for reading at other times of the year.] If no one is present who knows this cantillation, it may be read without the cantillation, as long as it is read correctly. According to the Code of Jewish Law (*Orach Chayim* 690:9), it may be read in the language of the land. In practice, however, the usual custom is to chant the Megillah from the scroll in its original Hebrew.

Before the reading, the custom is to unroll the scroll and fold it so that it looks like a letter of dispatch, thus further recalling the story of the great deliverance.

The *Megillah* must be read standing and from the scroll, not by heart. During the reading, there are four special verses, called "verses of redemption" (*pesukei ge'ulah*), which are

[traditionally] said aloud by the congregation and then repeated by the reader. [Esther 2:5, 8:15-16, 10:3]

At certain key points in the Book of Esther, it is a custom for the reader to raise his or her voice, add-

ing drama to the story. [Esther 1:22, 2:4, 2:17, 4:14, 5:4, 6:1. In this last verse the king cannot sleep and commands that the

book of records of chronicles be read to him. This is considered to be the turning point in the Esther story.]

Another interesting part of the chanting of the Book of Esther is the four verses (Esther 9: 7-10) enumerating the ten sons of Haman. The custom, already mentioned in the Talmud (*Megillah* 16b), is for the reader to chant the names of Haman's sons in one single

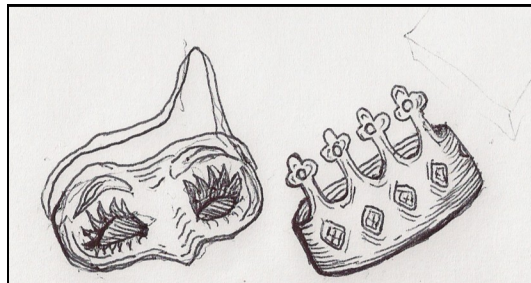
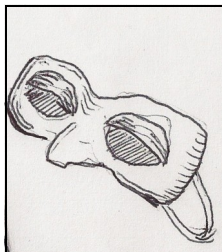
breath, in order to signify that they died together. Another reason for this custom is the fact that we should avoid the appearance of gloating over their fate, even though it was deserved.

Let's gather together in the KJCC schoolroom on March 24th at 11:00 a.m., just as we have done in years past. We will revel in the joyousness of this mitzvah and be grateful that we can number ourselves among those reading the *gansa Megillah* Esther from an authentic *Megillah*. ◇



Reading the Megillah Photo Credit: Rbarenblat

Original Artwork By Gloria Avner.



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Sunday, February 24, 2013

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10:30 Megillah reading, primarily in English, round robin style, with an introductory presentation by the Hebrew School students.

Thanks to Mark Kravit, a friend of Rabbi Agler's from Boca Raton, we now have our own Megillat Esther. We will be reading from it on this holiday. It is a beautiful, genuine sheepskin hand-calligraphied scroll, decorated with elaborate hand-drawn crowns over special words.

11:30 Brunch - Potluck

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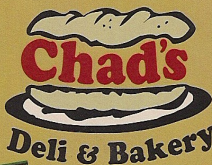


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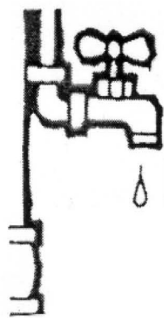
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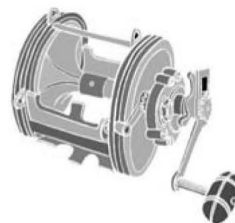
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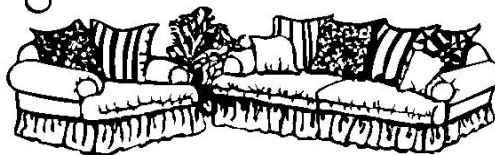


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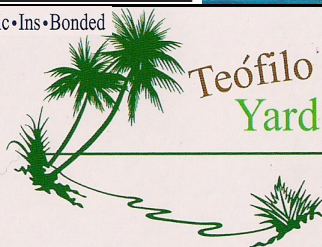


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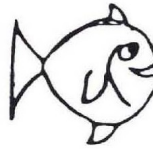




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