

# Chai~Lights



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 First Day of Sukkot	2 Second Day of Sukkot	3	4	5 Sam Vinicur, Gloria Avner and Yardena Kamely	6
7 Sisterhood Meeting 9:30a.m. Rebecca Boehling 6:30 p.m.	8 Shemini Atzeret	9 Simchat Torah	10	11	12 Lauren and Stuart Sax  Yizkor Service	13
14 KJCC Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. Israel Trip Lunch & Learn	15	16	17	18	19 Bernie Ginsberg <i>Kathy &amp; Joe Shabathai</i> <i>Barbara &amp; Richard Knowles</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Ken Atlas and Serafina  6:30 Service  <i>Delia and Natalio Abrudsky</i>	27  Chai-Yaking
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## President's Message Stuart Sax



My "Unsung Hero" award this month goes to Gloria Avner. There is not enough room in this column to explain all that Gloria accomplished via calls and emails over the summer to coordinate our High Holy Days services with Rabbi Danny, Cantor Mark, and a host of members of our congregation. Her perspectives and insight led to new ideas and a new level of meaningful prayer in our services. Gloria is the very definition of the kind of dedication it takes to make a synagogue function.

Speaking of the holidays, there were many defining moments in our High Holiday services, but there is one moment that stands out far and above all others. Even in failing health, Jim Boruszak told me two weeks before the holidays that he would be there for his *Torah aliyah* and the *Cohanim* priestly blessing. It was not an easy task, but Rabbi Danny, Cantor Mark and Gloria made special arrangements to accommodate Jim by doing the Torah service from the floor level in front of the bima. As Rabbi Danny said, "To also bring the Torah closer to the people."

It was a tremendously emotional moment for Jim, who kept his promise to be there for his congregation. And for those in the sanctuary it was an equally emotional moment that we shared with a

dear friend, a pillar of the KJCC, and a real *mensch*. The tears we shared were of respect, honor and love and that moment defined what this congregation is all about. We care and we share. Always have. Always will.

Many of you commented positively on my "Take A Seat" email and I implore each and every one of you to take those words to heart in the coming year. All of the programs that are planned by our Sisterhood, Ritual Committee (thanks again to Gloria), Adult Education, Holocaust, and other committees can only be successful if we make them a priority and support them by being there. This month and in the months ahead there will be visits and discussions from Rebecca Boehling, Rabbi Ed Rosenthal and Rabbi Rich Agler. There will be b'nai mitzvot, kayaking adventures, fundraising events, special services, and a few surprises along the way.

Nothing that we plan and/or propose can be accomplished without the ongoing financial support of you; our congregants. Membership renewal is the beginning of giving, not the end. Find excuses this year to participate in your KJCC rather than excuses to be absent. Your chair is waiting. Take a seat.

# Nosh

## An Evening With Rebecca Boehling

You read Carol Steinbock's article on Rebecca Boehling in last month's Chai-Lights, now you have the chance to hear her story first-hand. KJCC member and author Rebecca Boehling will discuss her appointment as Director of the International Tracing Service's Holocaust Archive in Germany at KJCC on Sunday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

## We Are Going To Israel! Got Questions?

After the Board Meeting on October 14th there will be a lunch and learn information session with Rabbi Agler to discuss all aspects of our upcoming trip to Israel. After we lunch on Gerogia's famous soup and falafel we'll find out about making reservations and answer any questions you may have. Anyone planning on or thinking of going please plan to attend. R.S.V.P. to Dave Mont at 305-393-9883 or by email at moogoodave@yahoo.com.

### SAVE THE DATE -

For a totally laid-back, relaxing Sisterhood Social. You won't want to miss this one! Sunday, January 20th, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Details to follow

## Oneg Sponsors

October 19th - Kathy and Joe Shabathai to celebrate Joe's birthday, Barbara and Richard Knowles.

October 26th - Delia and Natalio Abrudsky in honor of Natalio's birthday.

## October Birthdays

2nd.....	Michael Gilson
4th.....	Michael Kanarek
4th.....	Michael Krissel
6th.....	Joel Bernard
7th.....	Jordan Feig
9th.....	Matthew Kaufman
11th.....	Cynthia Arsenault
11th.....	Ian Bader
11th.....	Olivia Landes
12th.....	Benay Krissel
13th.....	Salomon Turner
13th.....	Sean Bader
14th.....	Barbara Gintel
14th.....	Paul L. Friedman
14th.....	Sidney Finkelstein
15th.....	Marcia Kreitman
15th.....	Matthew A. Silverman
16th.....	Jacqlyn L. Burnett
16th.....	Kiersten Persoff
16th.....	Ronald Kaplan
17th.....	Stacey W. Seewald
18th.....	Payton Borisoff
20th.....	Barbara Knowles
21st.....	Alexander L. Burnett
21st.....	Sammy Knowles
22nd.....	Joseph Shabathai
22nd.....	Susan Roberts
24th.....	Marnie Gershowitz
24th.....	Stacy Temkin
25th.....	Landon Strasser
26th.....	Natalio Abrudsky
29th.....	Adriana Sherman
29th.....	Jane B. Kwalick
29th.....	Patricia Schocket
29th.....	Shyella Mayk
30th.....	Franklin Greenman
30th.....	Katie J. Schur
30th.....	Mark Hitzig
31st.....	Brittany Schur
31st.....	Susan Cooper



## Chai-Yaking

It's starting to cool off a bit and that means joining the KJCC group in a kayaking adventure will be that much more enjoyable. The next planned trip for the intrepid Chai-Yakers will be on Saturday, October 27th at 1 p.m. You can contact Dave Mont at 305-393-9883 for more information.

## Contacting Chai-Lights

Chai-Lights welcomes your comments, announcements or article suggestions. You can contact us by e-mail at [chailights@keysjewishcenter.com](mailto:chailights@keysjewishcenter.com) or through Stuart at [president@keysjewishcenter.com](mailto:president@keysjewishcenter.com).

## It's Halloween, And We Need BLOOD...

Actually, the community blood mobile does. The Blood Mobile will be parked at KJCC on Sunday, October 14th from 10:30a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please stop by and donate.

## October Anniversaries

	Years
2nd Jonathan & Arlene Line.....	36
2nd Paul & Barbara Bernstein.....	18
12th Harvey & Susan Schwaid.....	60
15th David & Toby Goldfinger.....	53
22nd Joshua & Zoe Moshe.....	1
23rd Michael & Suzanne Gilson.....	11
28th David & Lois Kaufman.....	33
31st Harvey & Judith Klein.....	58

## Welcome New Member

The KJCC would like to extend a very warm welcome to new member Linda Kaplan of Key Largo. We are so glad to have you as part of our *Mishpocha*.

## 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 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 Bea Graham, 305-852-0214.

**Picture Postcards** – We have beautiful picture postcards bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC, which was commissioned by Sisterhood. Quantities to fit your needs and can be mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Joan Boruszak, 305-852-0833.

**Oneg Shabbat Sponsor** – To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665.

**Meditation Garden** – Participate in our newest venture. A beautiful garden is in progress and you can be part of this exciting new project by making a donation for an engraved brick, an engraved bench, or for plants in honor or memory of a loved one or event. Call Steve Steinbock for information, 305-394-0143.

**KJCC Tree of Life Leaves and Rocks, Sanctuary Seat Plates, Yahrzeit 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 Nancy Kluger, 305-852-4353.

**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 and/or annually in the Directory. Call Gene Silverman 305-664-3316 for 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, Scholarship Fund, Sara Cohen Memorial Tzedukah Fund, or General Fund.*

# Sisterhood's Count Yours Blessings Fundraiser

As we begin the New Year, and in the spirit of thanksgiving, the KJCC Sisterhood wants to recognize and appreciate all the blessings in our lives, both big and small. Please support our "Count Your Blessings" fundraiser by focusing on gratitude and help our Sisterhood projects.

Please check the blessings listed and make a donation for each. You are welcome to compose your own personal blessings by adding them below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Today my family is healthy and well.

\_\_\_\_\_ My life is abundant and prosperous.

\_\_\_\_\_ My friends support and love me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a loving and supportive partner.

\_\_\_\_\_ My grandchildren bring me joy and love.

\_\_\_\_\_ Today I have reached out to others in need.

\_\_\_\_\_ I love my job and the rewards it brings.

\_\_\_\_\_ Today I received great news.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am blessed to live in the Florida Keys.

\_\_\_\_\_ Today I took care of my body and exercised.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not alone.

My own blessings \_\_\_\_\_

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Total number of blessings \_\_\_\_\_

@ \$2.00 per blessing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return by  
November 30th to:  
KJCC Sisterhood  
PO Box 116  
Tavernier, FL 33070

Finally, a Fundraiser  
you do not have to  
attend!





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## Sisterhood Lauren Sax



I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. We have taken a spiritual inventory, and hopefully renewed our commitment to our wonderful KJCC and the values and ideals our Sisterhood embodies. The women of Sisterhood have certainly shown their dedication by providing the entire congregation with a wonderful Erev Rosh Hashana Dinner, Rosh Hashana Onegs and a sumptuous Break-The-Fast. Erica Lieberman-Garrett had a vision for her dinner and it showed. It began with candle lighting and delicious homemade challah. Then two kinds of matzo ball soup was served with brisket, chicken and vegetarian loaf following. Platters and bowls of cucumber salad, potato kugel, kasha varnishes, carrot tsimmes & vegetables graced the buffet as well. The meal was rounded off with a dessert of mouthwatering honey cakes and apple crisp. Huge applause goes to Erica and all of her outstanding cooks for their hard work. Her vision became a caloric reality that many of us were very lucky to be a part of.

Barbara Bernstein "took the bull by the horns" as they say & took charge of our Rosh Hashana Onegs. She shopped, chopped, washed and dried and plated all of our wonderful goodies along with her helpers. She is KJCC's very own hurricane. I hope your feet are feeling better, Barb! And we certainly can't forget our honorary Sisterhood member, Marc Bloom. Besides being the best Barista, he is always there to lend an extra hand in the kitchen. We bow to you, Marc and are ever grateful for all your help.

Erica was also in charge of Break-The-Fast. Again, the congregation was treated to a lavish buffet. I know of no other congregation that puts on such a large complimentary meal after Yom Kippur and it certainly touches my heart when I see how our small Sisterhood comes through to celebrate the end of the High Holy Days.

There are far too many others who cooked, baked, sliced, diced, set up as well as cleaned up to thank in this short column. Just know that I am extremely appreciative for everyone's help. Simply taking out the garbage, filling wine glasses or arranging a platter means more than you can imagine. We-I couldn't have done it all without those who lent some time and muscle.

I was remiss in the September issue of Chai-Lights of not acknowledging all those who helped me out during the summer in the kitchen. With Angela being away until November, Friday nights become an extra burden on me and the Sisterhood women. Huge thank yous to those who stepped in as hostesses for some of the Friday onegs. Even those ladies who volunteered at the last minute either to set up or clean up, your help did not go unnoticed.

Our gift shop has been restocked thanks to Susan Gordon and in it you will find some exciting new Judaica. You can always purchase online but if you buy from us, there is no tax and no shipping. Plus, there's service with a smile! You can't beat that.

Reserve the date of Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for our next fundraiser which will be held at the beautiful oceanfront home of Lorena and Michael Kaufman. It will be a social event with some music and some surprises thrown in. Nancy Kluger, Barbara Knowles, Georgia Landau and Jane Friedman are all making it happen. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming Chai Lights. ◇

# 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.

## *Chai-Lights*

Kwalick, Teresa

## *General Fund*

Anonymous

Bolton, William & Donna

Hartz, Steve & Jan

Mont, Dave & Georgia Landau

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Pincus, Linda

Schillinger, Marylou

## *In Honor of*

Slichot donations

## *Yahrzeits*

Coltman, Barney

Cooper, Claire

Gould, Maryon

Gould, Maryon

Rubin, Mike & Myrna

## *In Memory of*

Evelyn (Ellen) Coltman

Sarah Sandberg

Paul D. Gould

H. Robert Walters

Anna Applebaum

## *Yahrzeit Plaques*

Coltman, Barney

Field, Carol

Pincus, Linda

Ellen Coltman

Alvan Field

Claire Lempel

## *General Fund*

Pollack, Joel and Linda

Sachs, Joe & Susan

## *In Memory of*

Carol Fagan

Murray Cooper

## *Yizkor Book*

Alter, Barry

Bromwich, Dick & Rita

Chasteen, Dale

Field, Carol

Friedman, Ingrid

Gillespie, Miriam

Hartz, Steve & Jan

Hayden, Elizabeth

Levy, Ron & Beth Kaminstein

Lipkus, Mark & Rebecca Boehling

Pincus, Linda

Roller, Pauline

Schocket, Jeffrey & Patty

Silverman, Mort & Gene

Steinberg, Richard & Sheila

Steinbock, Steve & Carol

Temkin, Robert

Weber, Judith

## *Rabbi & Cantor Fund*

Atlas, Kenneth

Bolton, William & Donna

Bromwich, Richard & Rita

Hartz, Steve & Jan

Pincus, Linda

Silverman, Mort & Gene

Steinbock, Steve & Carol

## *Scholarship Fund*

Levy, Ron & Beth Kaminstein

## *Scholarship Fund*

Steinbock, Steve & Carol

## *In Memory of*

Karen Hayhurst

## *Sisterhood Oneg Fund*

Kluger, Kurt & Nancy

## *In Honor of*

Anniversary

## *Sisterhood Oneg Fund*

Coltman, Barney

## *In Memory of*

Ellen Coltman

## *Tree of Life*

Silverman, Gene

## *In Honor of*

Mort's 75th birthday

## Save the Date

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You won't want to miss this one! Sunday, January 20th, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Details to follow

# KJCC Gift Shop

New Merchandise for a  
New Year!



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



For further information contact:  
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# World Jewish Report

## Medina Roy



### Take a Hike!

National Geographic has named the Israel National Trail (INT) one of the World's Best Hikes and added it to its list of the top 20 "Epic Trail" hikes. The list's author describes the INT as one that "delves into the grand scale of biblical landscapes as well as the everyday lives of modern Israelis. But beyond the immense sense of history..., the trail powerfully connects to something that often gets lost in all the headlines – the sublime beauty of the wilderness of the Middle East." He recommends walking the trail between February and May, taking advantage of "trail angels," people who offer places to stay free of charge to thru-hikers. The Israel Trail was established by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) in 1995. It is 620 miles long and runs the length of the country from Kibbutz Dan in the north to the Eilat Field School in the south. (*Jerusalem Post*, 8-13-12)

### Hope They Don't Wear Them While Driving.....

Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men in Jerusalem have managed to separate the sexes on buses and even sidewalks in their neighborhoods where signs strongly advise women to wear high-necked, long sleeve blouses and ankle-length skirts. Now there's something new to keep women out of clear sight completely. Men who don't want to look at women they consider immodestly dressed can now wear eyeglasses that blur their vision. The glasses have stickers on the lenses allowing wearers to see clearly up close but produce blurry vision farther out. The glasses sell for about \$6. (*Associated Press*, 8-8-12)

### They Look Like the Average House Cat

In late July, four rare sand kittens were born at the Ramat Gan Safari, an open-air zoo

near Tel Aviv. The sand cat (*Felis margarita*) is considered extinct in Israel because other mammals have pushed them away. In the rest of the world however, they are listed as a "threatened species" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The mother cat came to Israel from Germany two years ago. The proud papa, who arrived two years earlier, is from Poland. The Safari park is part of a European breeding program for sand cats. They are the only species of feline to truly live in a desert environment. They are able to survive without drinking because they get all the water they need through their food. Sand cats live mostly in the deserts of Asia and Africa. ([www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk), 8-16-12)

### Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Jewish Style

At the end of August, Forbes Magazine released its list of the "2012 World's 100 Most Powerful Women." There are several Jewish women on the list and Jill Abramson, executive editor of the New York Times (and the first woman to lead the 161-year-old newspaper) is named number five. The list includes world leaders, executives, entertainers and entrepreneurs. Other Jewish women on the list are Sheryl Sanberg, Chief Operating Officer of Facebook; Irene Rosenfeld, CEO and Chairwoman of Kraft Foods; Susan Wojcicki, senior Vice President of Google; Mindy Grossman, CEO of the Home Shopping Network; fashion designer Diane Von Furstenburg; Anna Wintour, editor-in-chief of Vogue Magazine; Safra Catz, CFO and President of software giant Oracle and Mary Schapiro, chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 8-23-12)



## Honoring Ludwig Guttman

A major exhibition at the Jewish Museum in London honoring Sir Ludwig Guttman, coincided with the opening of the 2012 London Paralympic Games. Guttman is known as the “founding father” of the modern-day Paralympic Games. What began as a small gathering of disabled British World War II veterans in 1948 has grown to become one of the largest international sporting events. Mr. Guttman, a Jewish neurosurgeon who fled Nazi Germany and went to Britain, saw athletic competition as therapy for patients with spinal injuries in 1948, a time when such injuries were considered a death sentence. He is credited with transforming perceptions of people with disabilities and changing the course of thousands of lives. Guttman took patients off sedation to intentionally make them uncomfortable and forced them to sit up and work muscles, trying to keep them motivated. He tirelessly argued that with proper treatment paraplegics could live full and rewarding lives. He believed that competition would encourage his patients to work harder and got them involved in wheelchair basketball. Guttman recognized that these patients were still paralyzed but he was determined to make them taxpayers. Guttman was honored with knighthood in 1966. Though he died in 1980, he lived long enough to see the Paralympic Games grow. Guttman’s daughter, Eve Loeffler, 79, was a torchbearer and this year’s Mayor of the Paralympic Village welcoming the participants to the games. The competition brought some 4,200 athletes from 165 nations to the city. ([www.dailymail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk), 8-29-12)

## Such a Deal.....

El Al Israel Airlines is going to honor all tickets that were purchased during a computer glitch this past summer which set off a three-hour buying frenzy. Thousands of round-trip tickets were sold for only \$330. Danny Saadon, El Al’s vice president of North America released a statement in which he said El Al would honor the low fare. “The decision...was to save face with El Al... Hopefully we have provided an opportunity to

many first timers to visit Israel...” (Alan, do you think you can duplicate this little “computer glitch” for the KJCC trip to Israel in 2013?) ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 8-9-12)

## Israeli Refrigerator on Mars

NASA’s *Curiosity* rover which landed on Mars on August 6<sup>th</sup> includes a refrigerator that was developed and manufactured in *Ein Harod*, the kibbutz located in northern Israel. *Ricor Cryogenic and Vacuum Systems* specializes in miniature refrigerators designed to reach very low temperatures (minus 173 degrees Celsius) for military, space and commercial applications. The refrigerator is being used for one of the experiments on board the Mars rover. ([www.ynetnews.com](http://www.ynetnews.com), 8-19-12)

## In Memoriam

-Gerhard “Gad” Beck, one of the last gay Jewish survivors of the Holocaust, has died. He was 88. Born in Berlin, he was the son of a Jewish father (his mother was not born Jewish). Beck’s autobiography, *An Underground Life: Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin*, was published in 1999. In it, he describes that he managed to stay alive because of forged papers, false identities, and the good will of many individuals. Beck claimed that his religion was a greater peril than his sexual orientation. Beck worked with a group of underground Zionist operatives and is credited with smuggling rations, cash and clothing to fellow Jews who were living in hiding. It is believed he helped some Jews flee to safety in Switzerland. Only three months before the Nazi surrender, Beck was betrayed, arrested and held by the Gestapo. After the war, Beck took part in efforts to bring Jewish refugees to Palestine and he aided in Israel’s War of Independence. In the 1970s, he went back to Berlin and taught German students about the Jewish culture that had once flourished in their country. ([www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), 6-26-12)

-Sami Rohr, a major philanthropist, died at age 86. Rohr reportedly gave some \$250 million to Jewish causes, especially Jewish education and culture, through his Rohr Family Foundation. A former Colombian Jewish

real estate mogul, Rohr gave tens of millions to Chabad to establish outposts throughout the former Soviet Union, on college campuses and at remote spots around the world. In 2006, his children named a \$100,000 prize for Jewish literature after him in honor of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish literature. The award recognizes “the important role of emerging writers in examining the Jewish experience.” (The 2012 prize went to Gal Beckerman’s *When They Come for us We’ll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry*.) Rohr grew up in Berlin but his family left the country after Kristallnacht. He eventually moved to Bogota, Colombia where he made his fortune in real estate. In 1981, Rohr and his late wife moved to Florida. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 8-7-12)

-Art Modell, former owner of the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns, died recently at the age of 87. He was a pioneer in the NFL’s partnership with television networks and pushed for the creation of “Monday Night Football.” He and his wife Patricia (she died a year ago) were known for their philanthropy. Modell grew up in an Orthodox neighborhood in Brooklyn the son of an electronics dealer who lost everything in the 1929 stock market crash. He dropped out of high school to assist the family working as an electrician’s helper and earned 45 cents an hour. After serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, Modell saw the potential of the growing television industry. In 1960, when he was 35 years-old, he worked at a Madison Avenue advertising agency and learned that the Cleveland Browns were for sale. Avid sports fan that he was, Modell paid \$3.93 million for the team. In 1996 he moved his team to Baltimore changing its name to the Ravens and in doing so, broke the hearts of Browns’ fans (sort of like some of us who are still hurting from the Brooklyn Dodgers’ move to Los Angeles). The city of Cleveland went to court to block the move and the case ended with a \$12 million settlement from Modell, with a promise that a new team be created in Cleveland with the Browns’ name and record. In 1999, due to financial difficulties, Modell sold a minority interest in the

Ravens to Steve Biscotti, who eventually bought the controlling interests in 2004. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 9-6-12)

-Marvin Hamlisch, prolific composer and arranger of dozens of Broadway musicals and movies, died recently. He was 68. Hamlisch earned three Academy Awards, four Emmys, four Grammys, three Golden Globes, a Tony and a Pulitzer Prize for the Broadway musical, *A Chorus Line*. He composed more than 40 film scores (*Ordinary People*, *Sophie’s Choice*, *Take the Money and Run*, and most notably, *The Way We Were*, for Barbra Streisand). Hamlisch was born in New York to Viennese Jewish parents. He became the youngest student ever accepted to the Juilliard School – he was seven years-old. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 8-7-12)

### Did You Know...

-Israel’s Cabinet has approved plans to bring the last of Ethiopia’s approximately 2,200 Jews to Israel over the next two years. More than 120,000 Ethiopian Jews now live in Israel after waves of immigration over the past thirty years. Known as Falash Mura, they are members of a community that converted to Christianity under duress more than a century ago but have come back to Judaism. Some have questioned whether the Falash Mura are actually Jewish and as a result, the immigrants are routinely required to go through a religious conversion. Once in the country, many face problems assimilating because of cultural differences and at times, racism. (*Associated Press*, 7-8-12)

-Mayor Michael Bloomberg proclaimed August 28<sup>th</sup> that just passed “Richard Tucker Day” in New York City, honoring the late famous cantor who went on to be the celebrated lead tenor of the Metropolitan Opera. Tucker would have turned 99 this past August. There were tributes all day from New York’s classical music radio station, the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. And for the hungry, the Stage Deli offered an off-menu special sandwich, “The Richard Tucker Reuben” (the singer was born Rubin Tucker in 1913). (*The Forward*, 8-27-12) ♦

# Photo Gallery

During the Chai-Lights hiatus the KJCC held their annual Fourth of July Shabbabecue filled with fellowship, fun and, of course, food!



**Chef Steve and Chef Jeff making sure everyone was well fed.**



**July 4th also marks the birthday of KJCC's own Pauline Roller, who this year celebrated her 97th!**



**Right: Some KJCC ladies help Mary Lee Singer celebrate her August birthday at the Bayside Grill.**



**Two photos left: And those party girls were at it again in September for Rene Rose's birthday celebration too!**



**Our own Gloria Avner returned to the Keys and promptly led a Friday service. Joining her in this photo are Moira Knowles and Harry Friedman who joined her in song to close the September 7th service.**



**Moira has also been spending some of her summer learning to blow the shofar in anticipation of the High Holy Days.**





**Sunday,  
September 9th  
was the first  
day of the  
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**Above: New stu-  
dents Cole and  
Westley enjoy our  
Opening Day Rosh  
HaShanah celebra-  
tion sitting with Edu-  
cation Chair, Susan  
Gordon.**

**Right: Board mem-  
bers join students  
and teachers in  
classroom for Rosh  
HaShanah class/  
ceremony.**



**Above: Zach  
Schrader-Grace  
blasts the final Tekiah  
Gadolah after Moira  
Knowles  
chants it, to  
end the  
Sunday  
School Day  
One  
Celebration  
of Rosh  
HaShanah.**



# L'Chaim v' l'Zikaron - To Life and Remembrance

by Gloria Avner

The ceremonial turning of the year feels more intense than ever—more serious, immediate, and in our faces. It's odd to say this, but I am grateful—not of course for the suffering of our friends and families fighting illness or for the leave-taking of those whose struggle is over. What I am grateful for is their teachings.

Not all learning happens in school. And although we study the same lesson each year, I feel more porous this year. It's sinking in.

I am knocked out, split apart, and filled up by what I have seen, heard and felt among us: people defeating all odds of life expectancy through sheer will-power, love of life, and need to do for others; people in pain and under stress smiling and reassuring those worried about them; people with illness in their own home making chicken soup and bringing it to comfort others with equal and greater difficulty. The grace of it all is unutterable. It is beyond mind and beyond words.

Maybe that is why we need ritual, music, poetry and prayer along with our Torah.

At the beginning of every service, we acknowledge we are the only synagogue in 126 miles and that we welcome all branches of Judaism. We also welcome Jewish non-believers. There are agnostics among us as well as Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionists. It is good that we come together on High Holidays. It is tradition, over 5000 years worth, that unites us and makes us a tribe, not solely how we celebrate our Judaism. Sitting together, contemplating as a group our behaviors that have not “made the mark” or expressed our best, most compassionate selves, we resolve together to do better, be better, through prayer, turning to-

wards the principles of our tradition, and acting generously toward one another.

When the *shofar* blasts its final wake-up call, that long *tekiah g'dolah* on Yom Kippur, I want to take that vibration into this new year, stay awake, and honor the teachers all around us, past and present, both in body and in spark. How brilliant our ancestors were, to create core ceremonies, both for individual and group prayer, the Kaddish every time there is a service, and Yizkor, our ceremony of remembrance that takes place

four special times each year.

Most of us were together for the first Yizkor, the fixed one that takes place at Yom Kippur. May we all be together again for the second one, just weeks away, coming right after Sukkot on Shemini Atzeret

(we will observe it on Friday, October 12). A New Year has begun. We, and our Sunday School children, will roll back our Torahs to their start. Taking turns holding the Torahs in our arms, we'll dance around the synagogue seven times. Each week over the course of this year, we'll recount once more the unique stories that unite us, from the creation of the world to the creation of a people.

The child who blows a shofar, dances a Torah around our sanctuary, fills a blue box with coins, decorates a Sukkah, and sings blessings enthusiastically, whether by reading Hebrew or by heart, is a gift, a prayer for continuity, as are the new members, young and old, who continue to join us.

To be a member of a shul is to be part of a living organism. To dismember is to tear apart. To re-member is to put back together, to bring to life. Our loved ones stay alive and remain part of us as long as we remember them. What a fine tradition, and so helpful in times of sorrow. To life. To continuity. And to remembrance. ◇



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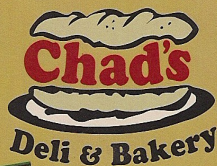


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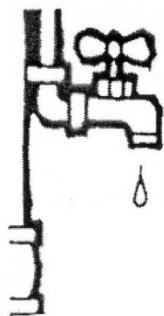
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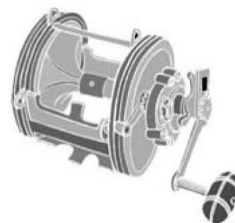
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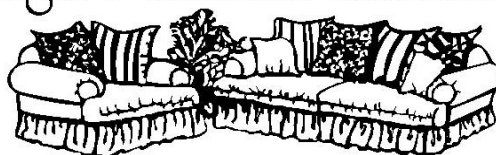


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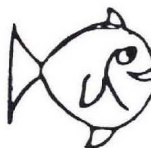
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