

# Chai~Lights



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Names denote leaders of Friday services.  <i>Italicized</i> names are Oneg sponsors.</p>				1	2 Erica Lieberman-Garrett	3 6:30 p.m. Havdalah
4 Sisterhood Meeting 9:30 a.m.	5	6	7	8	9 George Swartz & Yardena Kamely	10
11 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16 David Gitin & Gloria Avner	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Joyce Peckman  <i>David Gitin (For Gloria's Birthday!)</i>	24  Chai-Yaking
25	26	27	28	29	30  Stuart Sax  6:30 Service	30

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## President's Message Stuart Sax



My thoughts this month are somewhat of an extension of last month's message. The topic of the High Holidays is still on our minds and very much a part of our Ritual Committee and Board discussions. It's only November but we are already planning for our holidays next fall.

Gloria did an incredible job of organizing and executing our services again this year and she has visions for next year. And those visions have led to some important questions that each and every one of you must now consider. Your input is vital to these discussions and decisions and should not be left solely to the Board.

There has been very positive support for having our New Year and Days of Awe under the leadership of a rabbi and cantor for the last three years. What has been lacking is the financial support so that our operating funds are not compromised to cover this major cost. Therefore, I would like to propose three simple questions for your response to assist our Ritual Committee and Board of Directors in their discussions and ultimate decisions.

1) Are you in favor of continuing to have our High Holiday services led by a rabbi and a cantor?

2) If you answered yes, are you willing to support this financially?

3) If you answered no, are you willing to assist in leading these services?

Please respond by email to [president@keysjewishcenter.com](mailto:president@keysjewishcenter.com) no later than November 10<sup>th</sup> so that your opinions can be tallied and discussed at the next Board meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

A few members of the congregation have commented to me, "Why are you always asking for money?" As a businessman and as the President of this congregation, I want to insure that the financial future of the KJCC is in good hands for the next and all subsequent presidents. This means making sure that our facility remains in good operating order, that funds will continue to be available to cover the expected as well as the unexpected costs. This also means trying to accomplish all of our goals and, at the same time, keep our dues at the same levels without unnecessary increases. Is this possible? It is if we support our synagogue's events including special dinners by our Sisterhood and Men's Club, by sponsoring onegs in honor of our family mitzvahs, by making donations in memory of our loved ones, and by making an occasional unrestricted donation just because we can. We value your ongoing support.

# Nosh

## New Members

The KJCC would like to welcome new members Jodi Yeager of Islamorada, Marshall and Myra Kaplan of Islamorada, Marvin and Ivy Blumenfeld of Key Largo, Jeff and Lisa Miller of Islamorada and Steven and Luziminda Levine of Key Largo. Hope to see you all soon, and often.

## From Yardena - Hebrew/Ulpan Classes

We are ready to resume our Hebrew classes for this new season.

*Ulpan classes Thursdays:*

Hebrew (II) Ulpan, intermediate and Hebrew Ulpan (III) advanced.

*Hebrew classes Fridays:*

Hebrew for Beginners - Ulpan Hebrew (conversational Hebrew) - Siddur reading.

Everybody who has the motivation to study Hebrew and to read Jewish liturgy and other texts in Hebrew is welcome to join our classes. No previous studies are required; we can find the right level for everyone, beginners or intermediate.

Classes will start the first week of November. Thursday classes start at 6:30 p.m. Friday classes start at 9:30 a.m.

Costs for the classes are \$50 for KJCC members.

Contact Yardena at 305-393-1768 for further information or to sign up.

### YARTZEIT PLAQUE

In Loving Memory

### JAMES BORUSZAK

Husband, Father, Grandfather &  
Great Grandfather  
12/9/1930 - 9/23/2012

## TREE OF LIFE

Happy 75th Birthday

### Mort Silverman

September 7, 2012

*Your Loving Wife Gene*

*Children Robin, Mark, Andrea*

*Grandchildren Elissa, Michelle, Matthew, Kevin*

Happy 87th Birthday to

### Maryon Gould

9/23/2012

*From Linda Pollack, Rene Rose & Mary Lee Singer*

### Jim Boruszak

A Man For All Seasons

9/23/12

*Joel and Linda Pollack*

### Honoring David Gulkis

Brother of Elaine Schulberg

September 22, 2012

*From The Mah Jongg Group*

### Honoring Jim Boruszak

September 23, 2012

*From The Mah Jongg Group*

### YARTZEIT PLAQUE

In Memory of

Steven B. Kwalick

June 1, 1962 - May 9, 2012

Loved Life

### BOOK PLATE

In Memory of

**Aaron M. Schmidt**

*Judith Schmidt*



## November Birthdays

2nd.....	Brian Boruszak
2nd.....	Emma Neidenberg
2nd.....	Hannah Werthamer
2nd.....	Jeremy M. Schur
2nd.....	Madalyn F. Tobias
2nd.....	Matt Temkin
3rd.....	Ivan Bader
3rd.....	Katherine Shabathai
4th.....	Herbert Grossman
4th.....	Zoey Barrett
5th.....	Milton Wohl
7th.....	Joel Stein
7th.....	Michele Lindenbaum
8th.....	Jean Bader
8th.....	Nico Wilbur
11th.....	Cathy Dutton
13th.....	Marilyn Greenbaum
13th.....	Marjorie Present
13th.....	Mark Wasser
13th.....	Tami Antelman
14th.....	Larry Wolfe
14th.....	Rae Wruble
16th.....	Lorelei Alexander
16th.....	Sofy Wasser
17th.....	Jason Orans
18th.....	Ross Alexander
19th.....	Georgia Landau
19th.....	Michael E. Schur
22nd.....	Christopher Gould
22nd.....	Gloria Avner
22nd.....	John Greenbaum
23rd.....	Alec Gilderman
24th.....	Aidan Kahn
24th.....	Arthur Lee Willner
24th.....	Will Travis Pollack
25th.....	Nancy L. Cohn
26th.....	John Greenbaum
26th.....	Ruth Schrader-Grace
28th.....	Nicole Hudson
29th.....	Benjamin Rakov
30th.....	Steven Horowitz

## November Anniversaries

		Years
1st	Jeffrey & Patty Schocket.....	9
26th	Roger & Danna Levy.....	45
27th	Stanley & Jenny Margulies	
28th	Sam & Leslie Janowitz.....	15
30th	Randy & Eileen Kominsky.....	32

## JEWISH ENRICHMENT R US

What a lucky synagogue we are. Look at the generous rabbis who are sharing their knowledge with us. We have much to look forward to between now and the end of the year:

Rabbi Agler -- Two *Shabbat* Morning Services And *Torah* Learning November 17th and December 8th.

Make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to learn, discuss, and worship with Rabbi Agler on these coming *Shabbat* mornings: November 17th, and December 8th. All begin Saturday morning at 10:00am. The discussions are warm, informal, educational and stimulating. We are grateful for his generosity. You'll be glad you came.

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal - Havdalah Service and Learning, November 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Remember the blowing of the *Shofar* in our Social Hall two springs ago? If you were there, you will never forget it. That piercing vibration transported us back to Sinai millennia ago. Rabbi Ed and his Hillel students will be in residence here again on the weekend of November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We will meet again under the stars in our meditation garden for a *Havdalah* service and then move into the schoolroom for the first part of a 3 session learning series. Watch for more details in Stuart's weekly e-mails.

Rabbi Stephen Wylen - Brunch and Learn - Sunday December 30th 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Rabbi Wylen, an accomplished scholar, skilled teacher, respected author, and friend of Rabbi Aglers', has volunteered to give a talk and lead a discussion group on "The Jews in the time of Christ." It promises to be fascinating. Don't miss it. (The food will be excellent too).

## YARTZEIT PLAQUE

In Memory of  
**Eve Lorie Greenstein**  
Loving Mother, Wife, Daughter & Sister  
4/21/62 - 2/13/11  
9 Adar I 5771  
*The Coltman Family*

## BOOK PLATE

In Honor of  
**Rene Rose**  
Her Good Health  
*Marion Gould*

## BOOK PLATE

In Memory of  
**Aaron M. Schmidt**  
*Schmidt Family*

## BOOK PLATE

**Simon and Lillian Skolnick**  
  
With Love  
*Susan and RoseMarie Gordon*

### Kristallnacht Service

The Holocaust Committee will lead services on Friday, November 9th. We will commemorate Kristallnacht, The Night of the Broken Glass. On the nights of November 9th and 10th 1938, in a Nazi pogrom, more than 250 synagogues were burned and prayer rooms destroyed. (See the article in this issue of Chai-Lights, page 18). This wave of violence erupted before World War II and marked the beginning of what would become the Holocaust.

## 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.*

# *In Memoriam November 2012*

In Memory Of

**Eugene Agler**

By Richard & Mindy Agler



In Memory Of

**Samuel Bader**

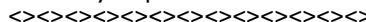
By Ivan & Jean Bader



In Memory Of

**Dr. Miksa Grunhut**

By Stephan & Eva Ban



In Memory Of

**Susan Ban**

By Stephan & Eva Ban



In Memory Of

**Loretta Messer**

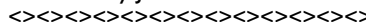
By Marc Bloom



In Memory Of

**Harold Goldstein**

By Joan Boruszak



In Memory Of

**Robert Scott Coltman**

By Barnet O. Coltman



In Memory Of

**Jack Dorf**

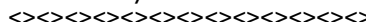
By Barry & Natalie Dorf



In Memory Of

**Dr. Alvan Field**

By Carol Field



In Memory Of

**Lillian Skolnick**

By Susan Gordon



In Memory Of

**Donald Graham**

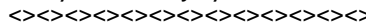
By Mrs. Marty Graham



In Memory Of

**Susan Ban**

By Franklin & Judy Greenman



In Memory Of

**Linda Holbrook**

By Allan Holbrook



In Memory Of

**Herb Holbrook**

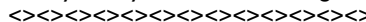
By Allan Holbrook



In Memory Of

**Helene Tulskey**

By Henry & Patricia Isenberg



In Memory Of

**David Jacobs**

By Lawrence & Pearl Jacobs



In Memory Of

**Bertha Jacobson**

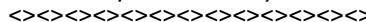
By Melvin Jacobson



In Memory Of

**David Kamely**

By Michal Kamely



In Memory Of

**Herta Schapira**

By Harvey & Joan Kay



In Memory Of

**Jacob S. Raub**

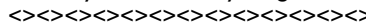
By Harvey & Judith Klein



In Memory Of

**Fanny Kluger**

By Kurt & Nancy Kluger



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In Memory Of

**Ethel Hankin**

By Richard & Barbara Knowles



In Memory Of

**Deborah K. Cannon**

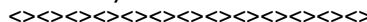
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In Memory Of

**Barry S. Kwalick**

By Teresa Kwalick



In Memory Of

**James Carryl**

By Teresa Kwalick



In Memory Of

**Sol Levy**

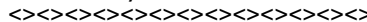
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In Memory Of

**Murray Pincus**

By Linda Pincus



In Memory Of

**Tillie Pollack**

By Joel & Linda Pollack



In Memory Of

**Abraham Travers**

By Michele Riley



In Memory Of

**Harry Brownstein**

By Pauline Roller



In Memory Of

**Selma Moore Sachs**

By Joseph & Susan Sachs



In Memory Of

**Seymour Schocket**

By Jeffrey & Patty Schocket



In Memory Of

**Shirley Singer**

By Lee Schur



In Memory Of

**Tillie Pollack**

By Joel & Linda Pollack



In Memory Of

**Florence Cohen**

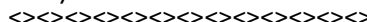
By Jules & Nettie Seder



In Memory Of

**Albert Silverman**

By Morton & Gene Silverman



In Memory Of

**Phillip Silverman**

By Morton & Gene Silverman



In Memory Of

**Ida Cohen Sachs**

By Morton & Gene Silverman



In Memory Of

**Rose T. Steinberg**

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg



In Memory Of

**Bertha Swartz**

By George & Muriel Swartz



In Memory Of

**Samuel Tallent**

By Lillian Tallent



In Memory Of

**Kenny Temkin**

By Robert Temkin



# *In Memoriam November 2012*

In Memory Of

**Dick Jacob**

By David & Pat VanArtsdalen



In Memory Of

**Solomon Wasser**

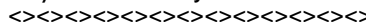
By Mark & Sofy Wasser



In Memory Of

**Esther Gold Willner**

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner



In Memory Of

**Diana Wolfe**

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe



In Memory Of

**Morris Mazur**

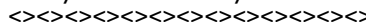
By Sanford & Nancy Yankow



In Memory Of

**Katy Kram**

By Sanford & Nancy Yankow



## Meditation Garden Donations

### **Special Thanks**

A big Thank You to Mort Silverman, for his gift of a number of Orchids. He attached them to some trees in the garden & to the gazebo. Due to his expertise they have taken and are doing well. Next time you are in the garden see if you can locate them.

### **Tree**

This Geiger Tree

(Cordia Sebestena) planted in loving memory of

Leon Kirschenbaum  
1920-2009

Medina & Carl Roy

### **Brick**

IN MEMORY OF

IRVING H. & DAISY D.  
SMITH

STEVE & BARBARA SMITH

### **Plaque**

SALLY SHABATHAI  
(hebrew writing)  
LOVED AND MISSED BY HER  
FAMILY  
JULY 27, 2012

### **Tree**

THIS BISMARCK PALM

Planted in Loving Memory of

KAREN HAYHURST

TAKEN TOO SOON

### **Brick**

FOR SAM VINICUR

AN EXCEPTIONAL  
CHAI-LIGHTS EDITOR,

WITH LOVE & THANKS  
ALAN & CANDY  
STEVE & CAROL

# Sisterhood's Count Your 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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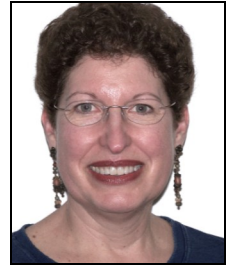
Total number of blessings \_\_\_\_\_  
 @ \$2.00 per blessing \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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



**A**fter almost two years in office, it's about that time in a president's term that she becomes brain dead when it comes to writing another Chai-Lights column. After all, how much can one person say after almost twenty columns and sound knowledgeable at the same time? What can one say after almost two years that others will want to read about? To date that's nearly twenty columns and over nine thousand words! But then, what would I have to say that would be so important-so meaningful? What do I have to say that is worth typing and including in another Chai-Lights? Not only is my Sisterhood counting on me, but my temple, my husband and worst of all, my family in Florida & Illinois that look forward to reading our now famous monthly bulletin. That's a lot to live up to. Now I'm up to 150 words. Only 450 more to go.

I could say that Sisterhood is at that all important time of having to choose a slate of officers for the 2013 year. Our Nominating Committee consists of Susan Gordon, Linda Pollack, Carol Steinbock and me as ex-officio. The committee is charged with selecting a president, vice president and recording secretary and bringing that slate to the December Sisterhood meeting for a vote. Installation will be in January. I could also say that it is incumbent upon every female congregant to give a bit of their time to insure the success of our synagogue. The few of us that do a large portion of the work cannot continue to go it alone.

Chanukah is only a few weeks away so consider our wonderful gift shop that has been restocked with lots of goodies for gift giving. I won't go into how much more satisfying it is purchasing from us versus the mainland or online, but you already know

that. Susan Gordon is continually on the lookout for new and interesting yet affordable merchandise and it shows. We are now carrying Yads which is an excellent gift for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We also have restocked our mezzuzahs, yarmulkes and even new challah plates. As always, if you don't see what you need, contact Susan and she will try to accommodate you.

Speaking of the gift shop, we have the ideal job for that person who can only afford a couple hours a month. Susan could use help with pricing merchandise that comes in as well as rearranging the display cases. The gift shop is an excellent source of revenue for Sisterhood so we definitely need to put some of our energies into helping Susan.

We also have our upcoming Chanukah Dinner. One of Linda's famous fliers appears later in this booklet with all the pertinent details. It is sure to be a winner of an evening with most of our snowbirds back and our children performing their usual Chanukah schtick. Erica coordinates a bang-up dinner and no one wants to miss that. This will be a dairy dinner and all KJCC members are free. Non-members and their children are \$18. This is also a RESERVATION ONLY dinner so contact Erica if we can expect you. Since this is a pot luck, we cannot accommodate those without a reservation.

Well, look at that. I'm up to 600 words. Maybe I do have something to say after all. To make it even more worthwhile, it would be wonderful if we had a profitable month in the gift shop, more volunteers than we can handle, plus an overflow at our Chanukah Dinner. That would be the very best! ♦





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# YEDA VE'TORASHA

Yardena Kamely



## Israel Series Part II: TZFAT (SAFED)

**T**zfat (Safed) is a small town in Northern Israel, 900 meters (3200 feet) high in the mountains of the Upper Galilee. You have magnificent views from Tzfat, east to the Golan, north to the Hermon and Lebanon, west to Mt. Meron and the Amud Valley, and south to Tiberias and the *Kinneret* (Sea of Galilee). Safed is considered one of Judaism's holiest cities, along with Jerusalem, Hebron, and Tiberias.

According to the great mystics of the past, Safed will play an important role in the final redemption. The Meam Loez, in the name of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, says that the Messiah will come from Safed on his way to Jerusalem. The Ari HaKadosh (famous Kabbalist) said that until the Third Temple is built, the *Shechinah* (God's Manifest Presence) rests above Safed. According to legend, Safed is where Shem and Ever, son

and grandson of Noah, established their yeshiva where Jacob studied for many years. According to other sources, the town was founded in 70AD.

The town flourished in the 16th century; it was a magnet for Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition and the home of some of Judaism's greatest medieval scholars. Safed then became the spiritual center of the Jewish world, where "*Kabbalah* reached the peak of its influence" according to scholars. Kabbalists, such as Rabbi Yitzhak Luria (Ha-Ari HaKadosh) and Rabbi Shlomo Alkabetz

(author of *Lecha Dodi*) and Rabbi Yosef Karo (author of the *Shulchan Aruch*) just to name a few, made Tzfat famous.

It was in Tzfat that the first printing press in the Middle East was set up, publishing in 1578 the first Hebrew book to be printed in Israel. The printers were Eliezer Ben Yitzchak Ashke-



nazi, an immigrant from Prag, and a Rabbi from *Tzfat*, Rabbi Avraham Ben Yitzchak Ashkenazi. (Curiously, having the same father's and family name, they were not related.) At that time the town was also a thriving trade center. The garment industry was important and famous.

Safed is considered by the Jewish people as a town of mysticism and of *Kabbalah*. During the 2,000 years of exile a minority community of Jews continued to live, work and study in Israel. Safed was one of these continuously populated towns and this led to a rich and vibrant Jewish life in Israel under Muslim rule. Much of Jewish life in the areas of Safed revolved around the synagogue and for this reason there are so many synagogues, both Sephardi and Ashkenazi, ancient and modern, within the town.

One of the most well-known and much visited synagogues in Safed is the Ashkenazi HaAri Synagogue. Here you can learn about the origins of *Tikkun Olam* (the Kabbalistic idea of repairing the world) and about the *Kabbalah* itself. You can hear about the Ari and his contribution to *Kabbalah* and be amazed by the worshippers' story of survival during the War of Independence.

If you want to see one of the oldest surviving synagogues in Safed, and the place where the Ari loved to spend his time, then visit Sephardic HaAri Synagogue.

At the Abuhav Synagogue you can view a Torah scroll from the Middle Ages and see a synagogue that has not one, but three holy arks.

The Avrutch Synagogue has a story about the miraculous survival of the faithful during the 1837 earthquake that leveled Safed to the ground.

In the Yosef Caro Synagogue you can see

the famous Shulchan Aruch (The Set Table), which dates back to the middle ages and is still used as the primary source for understanding Jewish religious laws.



The Bana'a Synagogue is the oldest synagogue in Safed and was first constructed in the 15th century; the Alsheich Synagogue is untouched from when it was erected in the 16th century; it completely survived intact through all of Safed's earthquakes. For some musical inspiration visit the Beirav Synagogue and learn all about Carlebach prayer.

Safed suffered hard times due to earthquakes, plagues and Arab attacks. The ancient and famous synagogues of Safed were destroyed in earthquakes in 1759 and 1837 and then rebuilt. In 1929, just days after the massacre of Jews in Hebron, Arab

mobs stormed the Jewish neighborhoods in Safed and killed 20 Jews and wounded dozens. In modern times, the liberation of Safed was one of the most dramatic episodes, one of the most inspiring stories of Israel's War of Independence in 1948.

### ***The Davidka***

Tzfat was seen as a military goal by both the Jews and the Arabs because of its location - on a high mountaintop with a stunning view of the entire north, and it was a location that neither side could afford to lose. In addition, for the Jewish forces, the conquest of Tzfat was considered an important psychological boost for Israel. It was an ancient Jewish city, one of the four holy cities of Judaism, and the center of Torah study in the North. But the capture of Tzfat seemed to be an unrealistic goal. The Jewish forces were outnumbered by more than 10 - 1. The Arab forces were heavily armed, while the Jewish troops had to

count every bullet that they shot. The British Mandate army was handing over the strategic high points of the city to the Arabs as they left.

There were approximately 4000 Jewish civilians living in Tzfat in 1948. Most of them were elderly or young children, and many were Orthodox Torah scholars, who had never had a rifle in their hand. The *Haganah* (the Jewish Defense Force) had to defend these people while fighting the Arab forces. When the Haganah sent 35 soldiers in to help the few hundred Jewish soldiers who were defending Tzfat, their first job was to organize the Jewish community's civilian affairs, rationing food, setting up communications, and trying to secure as many civilians in safe quarters as possible.

The battles did go on for months, until the spring of 1948, several days before Israel was declared a State. In late April, an artillery piece, nicknamed "*The Davidka*" was delivered to the Jews. They shot it off several times, but the mortars did little damage.....the main effect was the tremendous noise. However,

the weather changed, and, unusually for that time of year, it began to rain. The rumor quickly spread through the Arab community that the Jews had acquired the atom bomb, and the entire Arab community left that night. With their exit, morale deteriorated among the Arab troops, and the *Haganah* was able to secure the city.

Several years later, a local tour guide, curious as to how the rumor of the atom bomb had spread, asked some of Tzfat's old-timers

to recount the story. Several of them told him the same story.

Seems that before the Arab riots of 1929, when the Jews and Arabs used to shop together in the common marketplace, the women became friendly, and although they hadn't had contact since the riots, they remembered each other. When the hostilities broke out in the winter of 1948, they got into the habit of coming to the "no-man's land" in the evenings, when there would be a lull in the shooting, and yelling at each other. The Jewish women would yell at the Arab women in Arabic, and the Arab women would yell at the Jewish women in Yiddish.

The evening after the *Davidka* was shot, one of the Arab women asked "vos is dus?" to which one of the Jewish women, sarcastically,

replied "we have the atom bomb". With that, the rumor spread, and what had once seemed to be impossible became a reality - the battle for Tzfat was won.

They say about Tzfat that "despite its natural beauty and charm, to truly appreciate Safed requires an intimate, holy, and spiritual connection, which requires work. Like

a beautiful yet modest woman, her real charm is hidden and only made available to the special few who merit her attention. Yet it is this modesty, humility, and sense of purpose that makes Safed special."

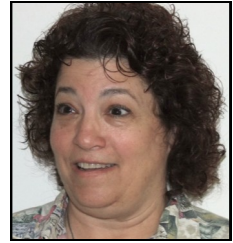
"Safed is the balance where the spiritual meets the physical, where the East meets the West, where *Hashem* guides you along the path but your efforts allow you to merit the reward." ◇



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# World Jewish Report <sup>A</sup>

## Medina Roy



### The “Resolution Solution”

A group of rabbis from Brooklyn have come up with an e-mail alert service reminding individuals to stay true to their Rosh HaShana resolutions. “[It] can nag you once a day. It can nag you weekly, monthly, but it rests on Shabbat,” said Rabbi Motti Seligson. Seligson, along with a team of tech-savvy rabbis, created this “Resolution Solution.” Claiming that what typically happens with resolutions is that most people do them for a week or two and then slack off. The e-mail alert helps keep you on track. Daniel Nottes signed up asking for reminders about his resolution to use his gym membership four times a week. “It’s like a virtual Jewish mother,” Nottes said. “Jewish mothers aren’t annoying. (Oh, really? That’s debatable.) They are persistent. They keep you in check.” ([www.israelnationalnews.com](http://www.israelnationalnews.com), 9-19-12)

### “Jew Pond”

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names has officially changed the name of a pond in a small New Hampshire town from “Jew Pond” to “Carleton Pond.” Two years ago, the town’s health officer was investigating an algae bloom on the pond and learned it had been known as “Jew Pond” since the 1920s when two Jewish businessmen bought the property which consisted of a hotel and a man-made pond. Before the property was purchased, the pond was called “Spring Pond.” Though there are no signs with the name “Jew Pond,” that name does appear on maps. The officer called for the name to be changed saying it was disrespectful and offensive. The new name, “Carleton Pond,” honors one of the town’s founding families. (*The Forward*, 9-9-12)

### Challenge Worth Taking

For the third consecutive year, rabbis and cantors across the United States are participating in the “2012 Jewish Community Food Stamp Challenge” in support of people living on food stamps. They have agreed to spend no more than \$31.50 a week on food and beverages, the amount allocated for people on SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, better known to most of us as Food Stamps. This works out to a budget of \$1.50 per meal making SNAP recipients settle for meals that lack healthy nutrition. At the same time, the clergy agree to educate their congregations about hunger in the United States. Rabbi Leonard Gordon, co-chair of the challenge said that hunger and food insecurity are “rarely talked about and frequently misunderstood. This challenge is a way for rabbis and cantors to make the invisible daily struggles... real while demonstrating the Jewish community’s deep commitment to help those in need.” Rules of the challenge require keeping receipts and calculating food costs on everything consumed, even if the items were already in the home. Participants are also asked not to accept free food such as food at receptions or office coffee. The participants are encouraged to donate the money they normally would have spent on food that week to a local food bank or anti-hunger advocacy organization. ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 9-19-12)

### A Priceless Treasure

Due to lack of funds, Bosnia’s National Museum closed its doors the first week in October. The museum, which survived two world wars and the siege of Sarajevo in the 1990s, dates back to 1888, when Bosnia-Herzegovina was part of the Austro-

Hungarian Empire. This is the museum which has owned and housed the priceless Sarajevo Haggadah since 1894. The lavishly-illustrated tome was handwritten in Spain in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and brought to Sarajevo after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. After the Bosnian war ended in 1995, several organizations along with the Bosnian Jewish Community organized a \$150,000 project to restore the 109-page Haggadah and find a secure, climate-controlled room in which to put it on display. In recent years, the original Haggadah has only been displayed four days out of the year. The rest of the time, a facsimile is used. The museum closed because the Bosnian central government has discontinued state funding for culture. (This Haggadah is the subject of the best-selling historical novel, "People of the Book," by Geraldine Brooks. If you're interested, there's a copy in the KJCC library in the fiction (FIC) section. (*The Forward*, 10-3-12)

### **"A Slap in the Face"**

Following a barrage of complaints, Amazon.com, the giant online retailer, has stopped selling a jigsaw puzzle of the Dachau Nazi concentration camp. The product description said the "toy," which sold for \$24.99, was intended for customers eight years old and above. Gerda Hasselfeldt, leader of the Christian Social Union group in Germany's parliament, wrote to Jeff Bezos, CEO of Amazon, saying that the puzzle was "a slap in the face" to the camp's survivors. Dachau was the first of the Nazi concentration camps, and was located about ten miles northwest of Munich. Established in 1933, more than 200,000 prisoners passed through the camp. It was liberated in April, 1945. (*www.jta.org*, 10-2-12)

### **Maybe it's Because of Those "Persistent" Jewish Mothers.....**

According to "Education at a Glance 2012," a recent report published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Israel is the second-most educated country when looking at the percentage of 25 to 64 year-olds that have

attained higher education - that ends up equaling 46 percent of Israelis. The number one spot went to Canada. The report reviews the years 2009-2010 and shows comparative data between the 34 OECD member countries. The report indicated that the percentage of Israeli students that graduated from high school rose to 92 percent in 2010. The Israeli percentage of high school graduates is one of the highest among all OECD countries. (*www.ynetnews.com*, 9-12-12)

### **Honoring Huberman**

The Polish city of Czestochowa is renaming its orchestra to honor Bronislaw Huberman, (1882-1947), a Polish-Jewish violin virtuoso who helped save hundreds of German Jews from the Holocaust and who founded the precursor to what is now the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Poland's large Jewish community had a profound impact on Polish culture before it was wiped out in the Holocaust. The newly rebuilt and modernized philharmonic hall is located on the site of a former synagogue that was destroyed by the Nazis during their wartime occupation of Poland. Before World War II, Czestochowa was home to 40,000 Jews, almost all of whom perished. (*Associated Press*, 10-3-12)

### **The Scent of Sukkot**

It's only been about a month but are you already longing for the olfactory pleasures of the *Sukkot* holiday? Have no fear: Ayala Moriel, a natural perfumer from Vancouver has bottled the scent of the *Sukkot* holiday in her *Etrog Oy de Cologne*. She created the perfume by blending the essence of the *etrog* (citron) with Japanese mint, pomelo (closely related to the grapefruit), green myrtle, honey, lemon myrtle and frankincense. The perfume is the latest among the almost 50 all-natural hand crafted fragrances Moriel has created for the business she started in 2001, *Ayala Moriel Parfums*. Moriel claims that the *etrog* cologne "has more staying power than most citrus fragrances which tend to dissipate quickly." Moriel is known mainly for her botanical fragrances. (*www.blogs.forward.com*, 10-2-12)

### Got a Spare \$3 Million?

A hand-written letter by Albert Einstein offering his view on religion was offered for sale in October on eBay. The opening bid was set at three million dollars. It is being sold with the original envelope, stamp and postmark. Einstein wrote the letter in German on Princeton University letterhead and sent it in 1954 as a response to a book written by Eric B. Gutkind titled, "Choose Life: The Biblical Call to Revolt." In the letter, Einstein writes, "The word God is for me nothing more than the expression and product of human weakness, the Bible a collection of honorable, but still primitive legends which are nevertheless pretty childish...For me the Jewish religion like all other religions is an incarnation of the most childish superstitions. And the Jewish people to whom I gladly belong and with whose mentality I have a deep affinity have no different quality for me than all other people. As far as my experience goes, they are also no better than other human groups, although they are protected from the worst cancers by a lack of power. Otherwise I cannot see anything 'chosen' about them." ([www.jta.org](http://www.jta.org), 10-3-12)

### In Memoriam

-Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, former publisher of the New York Times, has died. He was 86. Sulzberger led the company for 34 years and turned it into a multi-billion dollar enterprise. His grandfather, Adolph S. Ochs, bought the newspaper in 1896 and Sulzberger (who was known by his childhood nickname, "Punch," after the popular British puppet show, "Punch and Judy") became publisher in 1963, becoming, at the age of 37, the youngest leader in the newspaper's history. Under Sulzberger's leadership, the newspaper won 31 Pulitzer Prizes. To his credit, he helped the company achieve financial stability, started nationwide distribution and added sections that are now staples in newspapers across the country. He was a steadfast defender of the freedom-of-the-press and during his tenure, the Times won two significant battles. The first was in 1971 when the Times published the Pentagon Papers, the highly-classified government

document on the Vietnam War that ended up embarrassing President Nixon and his administration. Nixon demanded that the Times stop publication of the papers on grounds of national security. Citing the First Amendment, the Times refused the order of the White House and the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the newspaper. The Supreme Court also sided with the newspaper in *The Times v. Sullivan*, (the case began before Sulzberger was at the helm but was settled in 1964 when he was already publisher). The ruling established standards for malice that must be proved in libel cases. Sulzberger was the youngest of four children born to Arthur Hays Sulzberger and Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger. His paternal grandparents hailed from prominent Jewish families and his father was thought to be a practicing Jew. Some historians believe that under Sulzberger's tenure, the Times deliberately ignored Jewish suffering at the hands of the Nazis. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com), 9-30-12)

### Did You Know.....

-On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Facebook's CEO Mark Zuckerberg, announced that the social networking site had reached one billion active users each month, even though the company has had a difficult time recently -the stock price has fallen drastically. ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 10-4-12)

-*Esquire* Magazine has named actress Mila Kunis "the sexiest woman alive," in its November issue. Kunis, 29, co-starred with Best Actress Oscar-winner Natalie Portman in "Black Swan." Born in the Ukraine, her family moved to Los Angeles when she was 7. Mila (born Milena Markovna Kunis) claims that anti-Semitism in the former Soviet Union was one of the major reasons her family left. She and her brother were raised Jewish but she considers herself a non-practicing Jew. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com), 10-8-12) ◇



# Chanukah

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## **KJCC Chanukah Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, December 14, 2012**

**Dairy Dinner**

**6:00 PM**

**Followed by return of our favorite  
Chanukah Play: "The Flying Latke"**

**Services at 8 pm**

**Contact Erica @ (305) 853-1003  
hippiejap@hotmail.com to reserve  
your spot and coordinate your dish.**

**Donations -**

**Members: no charge**

**NonMembers: \$18**



# KRISTALLNACHT

## THE NIGHT OF THE BROKEN GLASS

Submitted by Yardena Kamely

### - Historical Note:

On November 9, 1938 Hitler used the killing of a German diplomat in Paris to start the "spontaneous" planned assault on the Jewish Community. It was meant to see if the world would react to the beginnings of the Holocaust.

Thousands of synagogues and Jewish businesses were destroyed and approximately 20,000-30,000 Jewish men were rounded up and sent to concentration camps on that day merely for being Jewish.

Since 1990 Rick Landman, whose father and grandfather were sent to Dachau on Kristallnacht, has conducted a program at NYU to remember how a civilized country could turn into a mass murdering society. The Kristallnacht programs included the exploration of a historical event, trying to

understand what happened to the Jewish Community and other victims during the Nazi Era. The programs were both memorials and educational in nature.

Rick Landman, a second/third generation Holocaust Survivor tells about his father Henry who was arrested on Kristallnacht and sent to Dachau Concentration Camp at the age of 18. Rick describes Henry's day from the time he went to sleep in his bedroom in Augsburg until he was sleeping on the floor of a barrack in Dachau the next night. Henry was released from Dachau a few months later and came to America where he later joined the US Army and was with the first Americans to liberate Dachau and enter his hometown of Augsburg. In addition, Rick Landman, a gay

son and grandson of Holocaust Survivors does not only relate the 24 hour history of how Kristallnacht affected his father's life, but also explains why he decided to reinstate German Citizenship to become a dual citizen. He is now a gay, Jewish, American son of Holocaust Survivors who is also a German citizen.

*If we do not study our history and memorialize our dead; who will?  
And if we don't then how can we prevent atrocities from repeating?*



### Event: Kristallnacht Commemoration

#### Description:

The Holocaust Memorial of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation invites members of the community to its annual commemoration of Kristallnacht: The Night of the Broken Glass. The program recalls the nights of November 9 and 10, 1938, when Nazi thugs killed 91 Jewish people, burned more than

250 synagogues and prayer rooms, and rounded up 30,000 Jewish men to be taken to concentration camps. This wave of violence erupted before World War II and marked the beginning of what would become the Holocaust. The Kristallnacht Commemoration program will feature remarks from community leaders, an eyewitness to the event, youth choirs, a candle-lighting ceremony, poetry reading and more. In case of rain, it will be held at Temple Emanu-El, 1701 Washington Avenue.

**Event Date:** 11/08/2012

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM

**End Time:** 7:30 PM

**Address:** 1933-45 Meridian Avenue

**City:** Miami Beach





# **KJCC Gift Shop**

## **Remember us for**

### **Chanukah**



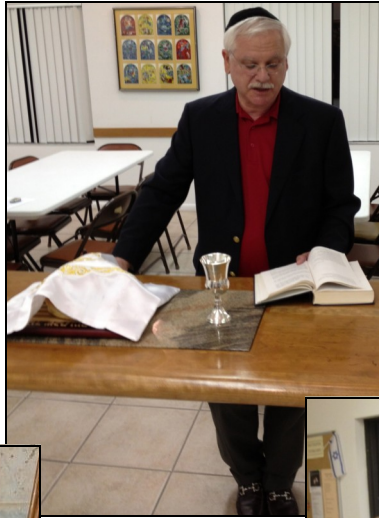
**Tallit, Kipot, Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks  
Mezuzzot, Jewelry and More!**



**For further information contact:**  
**Susan Gordon (305) 766-3585**  
**Medina Roy (305) 852-3872**

# Photo Gallery

**Maryon Gould celebrated a birthday on September 23rd at Old Tavernier.**



**On September 28th Steve Hartz lead us in the full Kiddush for the first time, starting with "vay'chulu." Lovely job.**



**Linda and Joel Pollock at the Shabbat Shuvah Oneg that they sponsored on September 21st .**

**During all the holiday festivities and functions Joshua Bernstein took time to install this mezuzah on the door to the classroom.**





**On Sunday, October 7th the members of the KJCC were honored to have Rebecca Boehling speak on her recent appointment as director of the International Tracing Service's Holocaust Archive in Germany. It was an enriching and educational experience for all those who attended.**



# JIM BORUSZAK

## A MAN REMEMBERED, A LIFE CELEBRATED

In September KJCC had to say goodbye to Jim Boruszak. Jim was a big part of the KJCC, and he had a huge impact on both the spiritual and physical structure of the Center. On the following pages we remember in words and photos a life that touched so many.

### REMEMBERING JIM BORUSZAK

Gloria Avner

“Our House is a very, very, very fine House.” Remembering the sweet mythic sounds and words of Crosby Stills and Nash, I think of Jim Boruszak keeping our community house in order. Whether arranging to fix a leaky roof, connect a sewer, or remove a wasp nest from the door to our schoolroom, Jim did it by daily vigilance and knowing whom to call for help. And he did it for more than just us.

His “house,” like his personality, was larger than life. It included all of Mariner’s Hospital, but especially the oncology unit and all the people whose lives could be made easier by being spared the drive “off the rock” for chemotherapy. It included family and friends from such far-flung addresses as Arizona, Chicago, Great Britain, Israel and beyond – and when Jim and Joan’s visitors came to the Keys, they became part of our *mishpocha* as well.

We heard lots about Jim from his children, best friends, fishing buddies, and hospital associates at his Celebration of Life. The picture was well-rounded. But thanks to Joan and a conversation last week, here is a story you may not have heard: how Jim and Joan came to live in the Keys and find KJCC. In Joan’s own words, “It was an accident.”

On their way to San Salvador, looking forward to some exciting diving, with no intent

to spend any time in the Keys, they arrived in Miami in October, 1992, a day before their flight. Chaos, devastation and confusion reigned. The horror of Hurricane Andrew was everywhere, people in tents, giant piles of rubble, sirens screaming as rescuers did their work. Jim and Joan made a quick decision and headed south to spend a day in the Keys.

A sign caught their eye: “Vacation Rentals for Sale: Ocean Pointe.” They looked, they liked, they bought, a unit that hadn’t been built yet. I can imagine them the next morning, looking at each other a little sheepishly, driving north to catch their plane to San Salvador, asking each other “Are we crazy?”

Then, just a wee bit past the turn to Ocean Pointe, they see another sign. Ours. They look at each other and smile, knowing “everything would be OK.” The Keys Jewish Community Center would become their home. And Jim would become our “House.” Joan may call it an accident. I call it “*bashert*.”

On one of the most sacred days in the



**Jim and his famous smile at the KJCC Family Seder last spring.**

Jewish Calendar, *Rosh HaShanah*, Jim Boruszak channeled a priestly blessing upon us, from his wheel-chair, oxygen attached, fulfilling his own last wish. All of us were moved as well as blessed. He left us three days before we were sealed in the Book of Life.

An inexplicable luminescence rose from the water after Jim's ashes melded with the sea. Bernie was singing "El Rachamim," a chant Jim loved. I think that glow was Jim having the last word.

We will miss not just Jim's voice but his meticulous caring. It was Jim, with his best fishing and baseball buddy Joel Pollock, who polished the silver and brass of our Torah adornments and Havdalah set. In between blood transfusions, it was Jim who put the Torahs in their special plastic coverings when Hurricane Isaac threatened. Who will fill Jim's role as our "pater-familias" when Pesach comes and it is time for community *seder*?

I admit there were times Jim would terrorize me and Yardena with his threat to throw out our children's art if we did not put away absolutely everything in the schoolroom. Yardena: "But Jim, it is a classroom!" We still loved him. And we did get better organized with his help.

It is odd, but we feel his presence and his loss most when we are leaving the shul. Words heard just this past Friday night: from Sam: "Make sure the bathroom lights are out." From Bernie: "Yeah, and double check the locks. We don't want Jim to get upset." Though



**Jim Boruszak on Rosh Hashanah keeping his promise to be there for the Priestly Blessing**

we can't sit and schmooze with him, Jim has not really left us. We still have his voice in our heads, and uncountable memories in our hearts.

## IN MEMORY OF JIM

*Alan Beth*

It is with a heavy heart that I write these words. Unfortunately I am unable to join you for Jim's celebration of life ceremony, we are currently at the other end of the country for Yom Kippur, but please know that our heart and prayers are with Joan and her family.

We have known Jim for many-many years. When we first moved to the Keys and came to the KJCC, Jim welcomed us as new members. He was President at the time and made us feel right at home. That is when we knew that the KJCC would be a good fit for us. At that time, I got to know Jim very well. My first encounter, was when my son Joseph, at a very young age, did something at the KJCC. During services one night Joseph was playing around with the A/C controls at the rear of the sanctuary. Jim caught him in mid-action



and I thought Joseph was going to be severely reprimanded. But instead Jim gave Joseph a big hug and, with smiling eyes, said the following: "Joseph if you are going to do something then please do not get caught" -:): Jim then proceeded to laugh out loud. This began our friendship. At this point I realized that Jim's love for life, for family, for children and for the KJCC was paramount. Jim developed a love for Joseph - they had a common bond with fishing at all times ( even when Joseph was supposed to be attending classes), and of course Jim was there for Joseph's graduation from high school. Jim took great pride in the relationships he made with everyone and took especially great pride in the welfare for the KJCC.

Jim was a great president for the synagogue. Jim was my friend, my mentor and the number one person that I would consult. When I was head of ritual and president of the KJCC, Jim was always there for me, giving advice, guidance and at any time of the day always available for consultation. When Jim took over from Marty as head of the house committee he did it with enthusiasm and gusto. Jim's most used line was 'I'll take care of it'. We have an aging building here at the KJCC, which of course requires constant maintenance. Jim would call me, inform me, then would say the following - repeatedly: " Alan, don't worry - I will take care of it". You remember, we had some van-

dalism a few years ago. Jim arranged for police surveillance and for a security system to be installed. Jim told the police if there was any issue - that he wanted to be the first per-



son notified, any time of the day. Jim's legacy will live on forever in the KJCC. When we all leave the building and take a moment to stop and look at the photos' hung on the President's Wall, we will notice Jim's picture and will see as clear as daylight the

love and pride coming through for the KJCC and for all of our families.

*- Yours - In Loving memory Alan, Candy & Joseph*

## EULOGY BY BRUCE BORUSZAK

As I am sure you can imagine, in the last few days our family has received messages from countless people recounting their memories of my father, and providing us all with comfort. Although each of those messages has warmed our hearts and helped us through the grieving process that we have just begun, two messages stood out to me in

particular, and I wanted to share each with you. The first is a posting on the Chicago Tribune web site. The posting was from a catholic priest that my parents had met while scuba diving, and reads as follows:

*Joan, may Jim rest in peace in the presence of that God whose presence we profess is always among us. May God reward him for his goodness. Thank God for the time you had with him. May his memory be in our hearts until we all see him again in the life to come. May he rest in peace.*

The second was from a man who used to work at Ford pharmacy, in Deerfield, Illinois, at the photo counter. He wrote to me though Facebook:

*Bruce: I hope that it is acceptable to contact you in this manner. Please accept my condolences on the passing of your father, James. I remember him so vividly as a customer at Ford Foto and also from a scuba diving class at Highland Park High School. Please know that your father was always smiling, joking and genuine while at Ford Foto. He was truly one of my favorite customers, as we would talk and he would share his many underwater photographs, along with the stories behind each photo. I hope that your father's memory will warm your heart and help you to keep a smile during these difficult times.*

Both of these messages are from people who had not seen my father for in excess of twenty years, but who still have fond memo-

ries of him and felt compelled to reach out to help our family with their thoughts and memories. It shows the lasting imprint of my Dad on so many.

Dad was always a hard worker, who led by actions. I remember the stories of my Dad protecting my Mom's sorority house from panty raids that were, apparently, in vogue in the 1950's. He began his insurance career working hard and moved up the ranks at the Rappaport Agency in Chicago. He even allowed me to share in the wealth by stuffing calendars into envelopes each new year. I recall him studying so hard for the CLU examinations, and his great pride and joy in receiving that special designation, the highest in his industry.

After many years working for someone, Dad decided to go it on his own, and built out an office in the basement of our home. That worked for a while, but soon he was able to support an office of his own, and for many years he worked out of his office in Northfield Illinois.

Along with his professional life, Dad had many outside interests into which he gave his all. He got involved with Congregation B'nai Torah when that temple was in its infancy. He worked hard and successfully to expand its membership and rose through the ranks of the congregation to become President. After his term of President, he continued to work hard on behalf of the congregation until he moved from Highland Park.

During those years, Dad also played hard. He was a staunch Illini fan, and when my brother went to the University of Illinois he began a tailgating tradition that lasted through the college years of my brother, myself and my sister, all Illini. What a treat it was when my parents came to Champaign on a football Saturday, with the car filled with food for me and my friends. I can still taste that Brown's chicken.

When my brother went to college, he decided to learn to scuba dive. My Dad, who was also a strong swimmer, became interested and started a hobby that lasted until just recently. Dad moved up the ranks of



These are the photos of the family's last goodbye to Jim. In the second photo you can see the two boats, one captained by Bob Tempkin, filled with sons, daughters, granddaughter and friends from KJCC , the other with Yarden and Mariner's Hospital friends. Bernie and Gloria led a short service after yellow roses and a wreath followed Jim's ashes into the water. A remarkable moment was caught when photographer and friend Donna McLaughlin, in a third boat, captured a luminous glow rising from the water just after Jim made his last "dive."

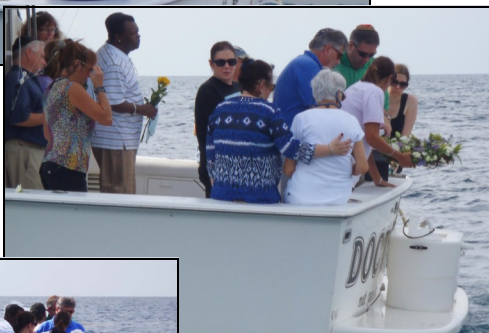
Dad was also an avid fisherman. Many of you here today have fished with him, either on his boat, aptly named "Thanks Kids" or on your boat. I know he derived such pleasure while he was fishing. I was not so much of a fisherman, but one year Dad asked me to come on a fishing trip with him to Canada. Dad would go on

annual trips to Canada with his cousin Don and a group of friends, many from college days. That year each was bringing a son to share in the experience, and I went, along with my cousin Peter, who so graciously came down here to help celebrate Dad's life. I

went and almost learned to like to fish. Sleeping in a cabin with 8 guys snoring was another thing altogether. It was, however, an experience with Dad and will carry with me always.

When Mom and Dad moved to the Keys they encountered a second family. They embraced life in the Keys. Dad went boating and fishing, two things he loved so much. He also, of course, got involved with the community and lent his talents to all who

scuba diving to ultimately become an instructor. Diving was a passion for Dad and Mom, and they traveled the world to dive in so many exotic locations. Diving is, I believe, what ultimately brought Mom and Dad to the Keys.





asked. He became very active in the Keys Jewish Community Center, becoming President and continuing until very recently making sure the building and grounds were maintained in a manner that made everyone so proud. Mom and Dad also became involved with the Baptist Health System and Mariners Hospital in particular. Dad had a way with fundraising, knowing just how much pressure to apply to get the maximum results. After his diagnosis with Leukemia, he worked hard to raise funds to open a chemo lab at Mariners Hospital so that his Keys community would not have to drive to Miami for chemotherapy. His fundraising was successful, and the lab has opened. But Dad wanted it expanded, and told me just a few days ago that he hopes it can be expanded to help more people.

To understand my father's impact in his community, all you have to do is look around the room today and see so many people from the community who have taken the time to celebrate Dad's life with us. In addition, there are many from Dad's Chicago community that have made the trip to the Keys to say goodbye, and our family greatly appreciates those efforts.

My father also touched his grandchildren's life in so many ways. My children were so lucky to be in the Chicago area with my parents when they were young. Both my children were able to be with Dad when he left us, and it warmed his heart to have them by his side. Two nights before his passing, Dad sat in his bed with his granddaughter Nicci with a bag of kipas, carefully deciding which kipa Nicci should take for her bother and boyfriend. As time ran short, not all of his grandchildren could see him, but all reached out and spoke to him on the telephone and with Skype. Each of those

touches warmed him so. And then there was his great granddaughter Payton. To see Dad's face light up when her name was just mentioned warms me even now. What a joy she brought to him.



**Jim's sons Bruce and Alan did the same blessing on Yom Kippur that their father had given on Rosh Hashanah. It was given in honor of their father and mother.**

I have been told from time to time that I resemble my father. Apparently that is a widely shared feeling, although there were two people who did not see that, Dad and me, thought recently he said maybe he saw a little resemblance. I do know that much of who I am today was molded by Dad. He instilled in me a strong work ethic. He taught me the difference between right and wrong, and the importance on honesty. Sometimes I wish he had not drilled into me the concept of if you want it done right, do it yourself, but it is a mantra that has governed my life. Most of all Dad taught me to always do my best. My memories of him will always be a strong part of

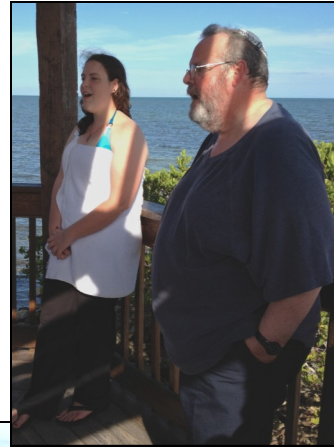
my life.

A final reflection on how Dad impacted those around him. In recent weeks, as Dad became weaker, his next door neighbor at Coral Harbor Club told Mom and Dad that they could use their apartment for family, so we could be close by when we visited. By the way, these wonderful people have been sending Dad cards almost daily, each of which were funny in a way that Dad loved, but also warmed him so. In any event, Leslie, the kids and I have been the beneficiaries of this generosity. When Dad passed, I called the Rice's to let them know. Tom was so gracious in our conversation. I then find out that he and Rose came down to help us celebrate Dad's life, but stayed in a hotel so we could stay in their apartment and be close to Mom. What a tribute to Dad.

Thank you all for your support and love over that past couple of years, and into the future. ◇

# High Holy Days Scrapbook

*A look back in photos at The Days of Awe*



**Cantor Mark and daughter Ariella sing harmonies at "Taschlich" ceremony.**

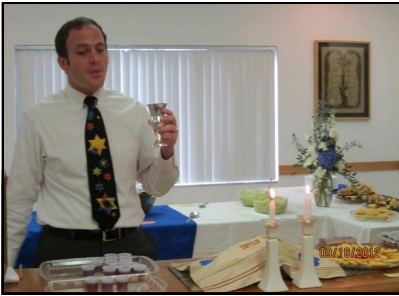


**Noah Bitton and Elior at Tashlich**



**You can't have a get-together in the Keys without some local color showing up.**

# An Auspicious (Delicious) Beginning to 5773 Erev Rosh Hashanah Community Dinner



The Candle lighting.



Rabbi Young Blessing  
the Challah.



The "Brisket Sisters" (right)  
and the dinner spread.







**Cantor Mark and son Elior make Homotzi, Day I.**

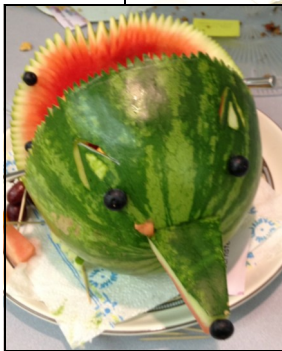
**Cantor Mark and Elior taking a break during Day 2 sermon/game.**



**Pauline and friends linger after Yom Kippur ends deliciously.**

*(Sam, I finally got your picture in Chai-Lights.)*

**Barbara Bernstein's creative critter fruit bowl, enjoyed by all at Break the Fast Yom Kippur night.**



**Bernie Ginsberg shares a joke (or two) from Uncle Miltie's collection with Gloria after Havdalah and the end of days of Awe.**



# Celebrating Sukkot



Just as we finished celebrating the High Holy Days, it was time for the kids and adults of the KJCC to mark Sukkot.



Dr. Bernie demonstrates the proper technique.



Westley Silverman is delighted with his birthday cake as much as Sukkot.



KJCC's joyous Sukkot celebration takes place under the newly decorated meditation garden arbor built last year by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake in honor of their parents.



Rabbi Agler and Gloria sing out the blessings while shaking the lulav.



(right) Rabbi Agler and Morah Yardena shake the lulav while singing our just learned new blessing song. Georgia Landau looks on in Sukkah comfort, many thanks to the built in benches designed and generously created by Alan and Candy.



Educators Susan, Gloria, and Yardena enjoy the fruits of their students' Sukkah decoration while saying Hamotzi after Shabbat services on the 6th day of Sukkot. It was a mitzvah to the 25 people present to be able to eat challah in our Sukkah.



Moira aptly named this hand movement dance "The Jewish Macarena." We were singing "Daveed, Melech Yisrael," and Susan, Gloria, and Moira were able to fill in a gap in Rabbi Agler's summer camp education.

# Yom Kippur in the U.P. of Michigan

A KJCC Member Experiences The Holiday A New Way, In An Old Shul

Alan Beth

**T**his year we decided to do something we have never done before. We spent the High Holidays in Hancock, Michigan, which is located in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. If you look at a map of the U.S.A. and draw a straight line from Key Largo north to the very end of US 41: a distance of approximately 2,100 miles north - look for the finger that stands out in the middle of Lake Superior (near Isle Royal National Park). You will see Copper Harbor. About 50 miles south of that sits the sister towns of Hancock / Houghton located on the Portage canal. You are going to ask about the weather! The weather was great, it got down (almost) to freezing at night - actual freezing. I know in Key Largo "freezing" means 70 degrees. But up north in the U.P. it actually gets cold in September at night. During the day it would

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***From the other side of  
the river the copper top  
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brightly, welcoming those  
looking for a schul to  
worship in.***

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**The century-old schul of Hancock Michigan.**

get up to around 55.

The synagogue in Hancock is over 100 years old and is the only one in the area registered in the National Historical Register. When it was first constructed it was an orthodox synagogue with over 120 family members and was the center of Jewish life in the region. Today it still fulfills that purpose but due to industry closings and the copper mining industry shutting down ( in the 1940's ) the membership count has dropped significantly. Today they have a membership count of 12 families. However, they are located near a university town. Houghton is the home of Michigan Tech. They of course welcome the Jewish Michigan Tech students to their beautiful synagogue. With such a low



membership count the president told me they decided to become a Reform synagogue and joined the URJ several years ago.

The synagogue is beautifully maintained with old-style long wood benches, a traditional orthodox-upper gallery (as orthodox synagogues would have) that today is no longer needed. Attendance for Kol Nidre was as expected - very low.

The same held true for Yom Kippur day with only about 20 people attending. They do not have a rabbi, but one was provided courtesy of the URJ.

The rabbi led an excellent service from the prayer book, told very good, humorous and meaningful stories. But, I missed the cantorial music for Yom Kippur. So, for me the service was lacking. Candy really liked the service and the rabbi. He looked a lot like the actor / director Mel Brooks, and when the rabbi smiled or told jokes he was naturally engaging and funny.

Today, the synagogue would have to be completely modified for handicap

access. Parking was down the street at a local bank. Parking was not even a consideration when they purchased the land as it was designed to be an orthodox synagogue. So it's quite an uphill walk from the bank. Then you still have to climb the many steps to the main entrance foyer, and then climb another set of steps to enter the sanctuary. And, if you were an orthodox woman, you would have to climb again to get to the upper gallery.

But the building is special. You cannot miss it from the street. It is located on a prime spot on the river. It is a large red brick building with the most exquisite roof. The roof is dome-shaped, made out of copper, with a large Star-of-David standing proudly. From the other side of the river the copper top glistens and shines brightly, welcoming those looking for a schul to worship in, as it welcomed us. ◇

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made out of copper, with a  
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*Chai-Lights wishes to  
thank Alan Beth for this  
article and his photos.*





# Simchat Torah: Unroll, Re~roll, Parade and be Happy

Gloria Avner

There are not many books one would read over again every year. But we look forward to this one, and we are so joyous about it, we dress it up, hold it in our arms, and parade with it around our sanctuary year seven times (once for each day of Creation), year after year. We've made it through the High Holy Days, celebrated harvest in our *Sukkah*, and we are eager to begin our story again. at the beginning, *B'rei-shit*.

See all the people who took a turn at this mitzvah: there is Sam Vinicur, Bernie Ginsberg,

Jerry Oshinsky. Those who couldn't carry still joined the parade of happy flag-wavers. Brava for Joan Boruszak, Richard Knowles, Georgia Landau and Pauline Roller. Gloria



carried the pint sized student Torah and Susan Gordon and David Gitin were our eyes behind the camera.

The whole student Torah was unrolled to the beginning and we were privileged to see our holy "book" from beginning to end . It ran from the bimah almost to the social hall. And



Moira Knowles, the Schrader-Grace family trio of Zach, Ruth, and Max, Stuart Sax being his most serious self, Mimi Gillespie, Erica Lieberman-Garrett, Rabbi Agler, and





after re-rolling to the beginning for our fresh start, we were privileged to hear Bernie chant the first verse of our Torah, *B'reishit*. We have begun.

If you missed the fun of this year's celebration, make sure to come next year. We have been promised a special treat by Rabbi Agler—a 7 minute rendition of the whole Torah. ◇



**A special thank you to David Gitin and Susan Gordon for their lovely photos.**



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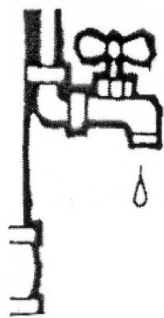
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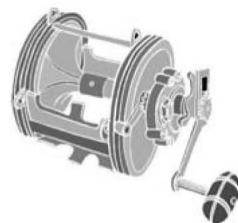
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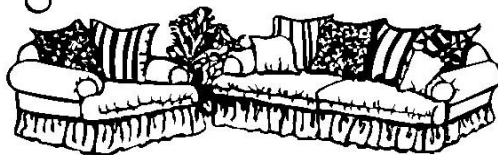


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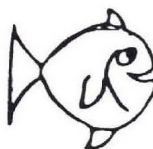
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