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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joyce Peckman



As I write this, we are trying to digest the events that took place at Congregation Beth Israel in Texas. There are those who react by distancing themselves, and those who respond by showing our strength, standing tall and proving that we will not be pushed into hiding by bullies. KJCC is a part of Secure Community Network, the collaboration between synagogues, community centers, FBI and ADL. In the past we have had workshops and drills at KJCC. We will continue our preparedness training in the coming months as we reopen, but they are only as effective as the people who participate in them. Please watch for announcements and make it a priority to join us at that time. Most of these workshops are useful for many situations.

Quite a bit is happening in February, and I hope you will all be a part of it. Our annual KJCC general meeting will be held on February 13th, probably a hybrid of live attendance and Zoom participation. I hope you will all tune in or come, if possible, to join us as we begin this new season. I am gratified that we continued to provide a community and kept people connected during an extremely difficult time. I am proud that we learned new skills. But we must build on these new skills to enlarge our active core group and bring in new members.

We need to recognize that we are a unique congregation, and consider what brought most of us here, to this far away corner of the country, where we found each other. For most of us it is love of the bay and the ocean and the activities that they provide us. For many of us, it is the

beauty of the place: the many changing colors of the sky, water, and foliage. With this in mind, we are considering adding to our name the words "Congregation Ohr HaYam" (Light of the Sea). There is a belief that a name does more than tell the world who you are. It connects to the soul, provides spiritual defense, and allows us to find and access our unique inner strengths. KJCC truly is a place of worship, not just a community center without a pool, as many first-time visitors seem to think. We would not be changing the name, but rather adding to it to help us draw upon these strengths. So please attend our February meeting to discuss and vote on this.

We will hear the "State of KJCC" and vote on our new board of directors and officers. You may also nominate directors from the floor if the person nominated is in attendance and is agreeable. We need people – not necessarily to join the board, but to help with technology, building maintenance and ritual, or wherever your skills and interests may be. Reopening KJCC will be both a challenge and an opportunity, and we want your ideas and energy.

I will be stepping down from the presidency after three difficult and eventful years. But I will remain active as co-president of Sisterhood (with Susan Gordon), member of the security committee and ritual co-chair. I will also continue to help with communications and technology. I am excited to be part of the new leadership team as we begin this new era. ◇

WHAT'S UP AT KJCC

February – March 2022

Many of our activities remain on Zoom.
Look for details & more events in the Tuesday President's messages.

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| Every Monday | 2 p.m. Drop-in Chat. Please contact us to be placed on mailing list. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 2 | 3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets outdoors at KJCC – Lucinda Kurtz |
| Friday, Feb. 4 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Joyce Peckman |
| Sunday, Feb. 6 | 10 a.m. Sisterhood meeting |
| Friday, Feb. 11 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Laurie Blum |
| Saturday, Feb. 12 | 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler |
| Sunday, Feb. 13 | 10 a.m. KJCC Board meeting • 11 a.m. Annual General Meeting & Installation |
| Friday, Feb. 18 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Yardena Kamely |
| Friday, Feb. 25 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Erica, Andrea Grace & Donna Bolton |
| Monday, Feb. 28 | 12:30 p.m. Sisterhood book Club – “Black White Jewish” |
| Wednesday, Mar. 2 | 3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets at KJCC outdoors – Lucinda Kurtz |
| Friday, Mar. 4 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Steve Hartz |
| Sunday, Mar. 6 | 10 a.m. Sisterhood meeting |
| Friday, Mar. 11 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Medina Roy and Gloria Avner |
| Saturday, Mar. 12 | 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Agler |
| Sunday, Mar. 13 | 10 a.m. KJCC Board meeting (daylight saving time begins) |
| Wednesday, Mar. 16 | 7 p.m. Purim Megillah reading & Pizza Party Live (B”H) at KJCC |
| Friday, Mar. 18 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Sisterhood |
| Friday, Mar. 25 | 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Ken Atlas & Art Itkin |
| Monday, Mar. 28 | 12:30 p.m. Sisterhood book Club – “People of the Book” |
| Wednesday, Mar. 30 | 3 p.m. Rosh Chodesh Circle meets at KJCC outdoors – Lucinda Kurtz |

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Sisterhood Book Club

We continue meeting on Zoom so that we can include our members near and far. Our next two books range from contemporary culture to adventures of the distant past. In February we will discuss *"Black White and Jewish"*, a memoir by Rebecca Walker. In March we will read "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks. Please leave yourself time to read this magnificent sweeping historical novel, inspired by a true story. USA Today writes "Less flash and more substance than "The DaVinci Code... stirring testaments to the people of many faiths who risked all to save this priceless work." We chose to discuss this just before Passover, so plan to join us! We meet the last Monday of the month at 12:30. Contact Linda if you want to be added to the list.

Saturday Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Agler

Join Rabbi Agler and a dedicated group of students as we delve into the timeless story of King David. We have passed the young slingshot-wielding hero and are now deeply into political machinations and personal failings of an aging king. Bring your own lunch to the Zoom sessions at 12:30 on Saturdays February 12th and March 12th. Thank you, Rabbi Agler, for sharing your Shabbat morning from the West Coast.

Light of The Sea

Jewish tradition holds that names are significant. Abraham, Sarah and Joshua all had modifications to their names as their missions and status changed. There is a belief that a name does more than tell the world who you are. It connects to the soul, provides spiritual defense, and allows us to find and access our unique inner strengths. As we re-enter society, we at KJCC want to re-define ourselves to our mission. We know that we are the only Jewish presence for many over 100 miles. We also need to recognize that we are a unique congregation, and consider what brought most of us here, to this far away corner of the country, where we found each other. For most of us it is love of the Florida Bay and the ocean, and the activities that they provide us. For many of us,

it is the beauty of the place: the many changing colors of the sky, water, and foliage. With this in mind, we are considering adding to our name the words "Congregation Ohr HaYam" (Light of the Sea). We truly are a place of worship, not just a community center without a pool, as many first-time visitors seem to think. We would emerge from the darkness of isolation as "Keys Jewish Community Center - Congregation Ohr HaYam. So please attend our hybrid February annual general meeting (taking place at KJCC but also on Zoom) on February 13th at 11 a.m. to discuss and approve this addition to our name.

High Holidays Announcement

Ritual Committee is excited. We may not know exactly what our Sanctuary's plans will be for this year's High Holidays, but we are happy to announce we know who will lead us, both in person and on zoom. Rabbi Richard Agler and Cantor Michael Dzubin have agreed to be here in the Keys with us for the Sacred Days. We are holding the vision of being together, hopefully in person, with the utmost care being taken for security, good health and a meaningful spiritual experience. We look forward to Rabbi Agler's teachings, leadership and insights and Cantor Dzubin's mellifluous voice and enthusiastic presence. May optimism and community connection reign.

New Moon Group

Please join Lucinda Kurtz and KJCC Sisterhood for the next Rosh Chodesh Circle on Tuesday, February 1, as we welcome in the new Hebrew month of Adar. Just when we need the energy of joy and laughter to create healing in our lives, Adar comes and invites us to party and instructs us to have fun. We have been experiencing a dark time of illness and separation. Adar and our Circle invite you to look up and brighten up through song and movement, through sharing with each other. We can find comfort in the small and large gifts that life gives us. Lucinda invites us to bring a story or poem or joke to share with us. Tell us what brings you joy. Bring your whole self to just enjoy the presence of your sisters connecting with you and each other. ◊

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through 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 specify the names to be honored and the recipient fund if one is desired.

DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022

| Yahrzeit | In Memory/Honor of | Unrestricted |
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| Adam & Judy Starr..... | Hedy Kopecky | Ellen Ecker & Barry Neumann |
| Joan Boruszak..... | Emma Kohlenbrener | Susan & Paul Roberts |
| Hermine Taramona | Norma Robinson | Donna & Bill Bolton |
| Gerri & Frank Emkey | Nathan Weisberg Lester Singer | Marc Grobman & Luis Hidalgo..... Open door policy |
| Richard & Mindy Agler | Talia Agler Sue Steinberg | Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum |
| Elaine Schulberg | Nat Gulkis Paul Kaminsky Joan Kaminsky Bea Gulkis | Mask purchase Renaissance Charitable Foundation |
| Marc Grobman | Barbara Joy & & Luis Hidalgo | Tom & Renee Brodie |
| | Bernard Sheldon Grobman Francis & Phillip Grobman Sophie & Benjamin Silver Germallia & Elpidio Luis Hidalgo, Sr Odi Devantes | |
| Nadine Thompson | Sheldon Paul Frankel & Miriam Frankel | |
| Stephen Steinbock | Karen Hayhurst | |
| Meditation Garden | | |
| Linda Pollack..... | Jerrold Benowitz | |
| | | — SISTERHOOD DONATIONS — |
| | | Oneg Sponsorship |
| | | Joyce Peckman..... |
| | | Sisterhood New Officers |
| | | Barb Knowles |
| | | Walter Hankin |
| | | Jane Friedman..... |
| | | Celebrating Harry & Angelina's Birthday |
| | | Medina Roy..... |
| | | Carl Roy |
| | | Laurie Blum & |
| | | Laurie's Mother Janet Bloom's yahrzeit |
| | | Gary Margolies |
| | | Joyce Peckman..... |
| | | Future KJCC Dinner |
| | | Michael & Lorena Kaufman..... |
| | | Future KJCC Dinner (Canceled NYE Dinner) |
| | | Jerry & Barbara Herson..... |
| | | Their Birthdays |

Shabbat Service Leaders

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|---------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Feb. 4 | Joyce Peckman | Mar. 4..... | (Adar II). Steve Hartz |
| Feb. 11 | Laurie Blum | Mar. 11..... | Medina Roy & Gloria Avner |
| Feb. 18 | Yardena Kamely | Mar. 18..... | KJCC Sisterhood Service (PURIM) |
| Feb. 25 | Erica Lieberman-Garrett, Andrea Grace & Donna Bolton (d'var) | Mar. 25..... | Ken Atlas & Art Itkin (d'var) |

KJCC ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2022
11:00 A.M.

Dear KJCC Member:

The KJCC Annual Meeting will take place at 11 AM on February 13, 2022. At the meeting, the 2022 slate of Board officers and directors will be approved and sworn in.

The primary order of business at the Annual Meeting is the election and installation of KJCC's Board, officers and directors. Per the KJCC Bylaws, nominations from the floor for Board members can and will be accepted at the Annual Meeting. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Board, please be prepared to nominate from the floor. Nominees must be members in good standing and be present at this meeting to accept the nomination.

The Board serves the general membership; therefore, your attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting as a KJCC member is very important. Please join us and make your voice heard.

The following slate of officers was selected and approved at the January 9th Board Meeting.

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|--------------------------|--|
| President | Ken Atlas |
| Executive Vice President | Michael Kaufman |
| Vice Presidents: | Susan Gordon, Randy Klein-Gross |
| Treasurer | Linda Kaplan |
| Recording Secretary | Laurie Blum |
| Corresponding Secretary | Erica Lieberman-Garrett |
| Financial Secretary | Donna Bolton |
| Directors: | Gloria Avner, Jane Friedman, Steve Hartz, Art Itkin, Gary Margolis, Stan Margulies, Loni Padden, Linda Pollack, Medina Roy, Joseph Shabathai, Stuart Smith |
| Sisterhood Co-Presidents | Susan Gordon, Joyce Peckman |

Please accept this notice as your invitation to join us at the KJCC Annual Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you for your loyalty to and support of the KJCC.

B'shalom

Joyce Peckman

Leaf on the tree of life:
In Memory of M. Arlene,
My Mom

Best friend, pure love, amazing soul,
With me now & forever remembered,
Love, Jan Karen

Leaf on the tree of life:
In Memory of Chanoch Shiloh

My wonderful 'clear broth noodle soup'
Our journeys continue in happiness
Love, Jan Karen

Leaf on the tree of life:
In Memory of Jean B.
My Bro

Your guidance & brightness forever shines
Love, your sis, Jan Karen

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

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

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

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

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

ONGOING PROJECTS & MITZVAH PROGRAMS OF KJCC

BOOKPLATES for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for information, or send your desired inscription to lindap4000@ymail.com.

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 Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225.

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

CHAI-LIGHTS OR DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT: Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights or annually in our KJCC Directory. Call Linda Pollack, 305-587-7429, for annual rates.

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

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

ONEG SHABBAT/DINNER SPONSOR: : To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Erica Lieberman-Garrett, 305-393-1162, or email her at hippiejap@hotmail.com.

PICTURE POSTCARDS: We have beautiful picture postcards in the KJCC Gift Shop bearing the Millard Wells representation of the KJCC which was commissioned by Sisterhood. They can be packaged to fit your needs and mailed to you or your gift recipient. The price is \$36 per hundred but we will sell lesser quantities. Contact Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

CARING KEHILAH/SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225. The Caring Kehilah Committee is calling and checking in on our socially distant members. Call Laurie Blum, 414-698-5647 if you wish to request that someone be contacted.

TREE OF LIFE LEAVES, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YARTZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at lindap4000@ymail.com.

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

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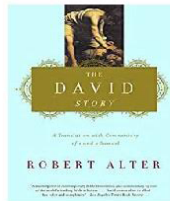
THE DAVID SAGA LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI AGLER

Discussion of the David saga will continue on:

Saturday, February 12, 2022, and
Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Even if you have not partaken in our previous sessions or done any preparatory reading, come and enjoy the discussion. No preparation is necessary.



Zoom invitations will be sent out prior to each session.

February & March Birthdays

February

1st..... Libby Shapiro
 1st..... Roy Pollack
 2nd..... Jaxson Brandon Lebofsky
 3rd Beth Horowitz
 5th Rebecca Smith
 6th Evan Harvey
 7th Erica Lieberman-Garrett
 9th Linda Pincus
 9th Ron Garrett
 9th Rosemary Barefoot
 12th Johnny Knowles
 12th Paul Roberts
 13th David Levi
 13th Hannah David
 15th Judith Weber
 18th Beth Hayden
 18th Evan Daddona
 22nd..... Harry Friedman
 22nd..... Tomar Gross
 23rd Sienna Rose Lebofsky
 24th Muriel Swartz
 25th Rita Conklin
 26th John D. Schur

7th Toby Goldfinger
 8th Rita Rzepka
 10th Kate Horowitz
 10th Thomas Davis Smith
 11th Bryan Schur
 11th Sandy Yankow
 12th Heath Greenbaum
 12th Oceana Gross
 13th Ira Stein
 14th Jenna Lane
 15th Allan Boruszak
 15th Johanna Willner
 15th Maria Cartagena
 16th Jeff Margulies
 16th Steven Nobil
 17th Daniel Friedman
 19th Michelle Palacino
 20th Janet Palacino
 20th Susan Sachs
 21st Barbara A. Calev
 21st James Jr. Nobil
 21st Joseph Palacino
 23rd Ken Atlas
 25th Stephanie Coeurjoly
 25th Sylvia Berman
 26th Anna Verity Greenbaum
 27th Sarah Hesterman-Kutz
 30th David VanArtsdalen
 30th Lee Schur
 31st Jane Friedman
 31st Sari Eliz. Goldstein

March

1st..... Sasha Dutton
 2nd..... Nadine Thompson
 3rd Stephen Steinbock
 5th Annie James Brennan
 7th Hannah Feig

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 Mar. 30th Jeff & Cheryl Margulies

In Memoriam – February 2022

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Herbert Frankel

By Miriam Frankel
& Nadine Thomp-son

Chalom Haviv

By Leo Haviv

Pinchas Kaboli

By Yarden Kamely

Joseph Krissel

By Michael Krissel

Irene Nobil

By Lynn Nobil

Bianka Kirschenbaum

By Medina Roy

Eve Greenstein

By Barnet O. Coltman

Rose Gilson

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Ida Ratchik

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

Rachamim Levy

By Yarden Kamely

Joseph Kaufman

By Jeff & Lisa Miller

William Pollack

By Linda Pollack

John A. Schur

By Lee Schur

Robert Kinney

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

Charles Gilson

By Michael & Suzanne Gilson

Fannie Phillips

By Patricia Isenberg

Irving Stockser

By Sandy Kaplan

Sara J. Cohen

By Lynn Nobil

Malka Frank

By Linda Pollack

Sara J. Cohen

By Richard & Sheila Steinberg

Ann R. Kapulskey

By George & Muriel Swartz

Morris Feinberg

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

Herbert Frankel

By Nadine Thompson
& Miriam Frankel

Samuel Wolfe

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe

David C. Willner

By Arthur Lee & Johanna Willner

ONEG SPONSORS

Feb. 04 Erica Lieberman Garrett
Celebrating her & Ron's Birthdays

Feb. 04 Mary & Joel Roth
Celebrating Mary's Birthday

Feb. 04 Beth Horowitz
Celebrating her birthday

Feb. 11 Lynn Nobil
In memory of her parents,
founding members Joel &
Sara Cohen

Feb. 18 Jane Friedman
Celebrating Harry & Angelina's
Birthdays

Feb. 25 Mary & Joel Roth
Celebrating Rachel Roth's Birthda

Mar. 04 Judy & Adam Starr
Celebrating their anniversary

Mar. 11 Medina Roy
In memory of her husband Carl

Mar. 11 Jerry & Barbara Herson
Barbara's Birthday

Mar. 18 Jeff & Cheryl Margulies
Celebrating Jeff's Birthday

Mar. 25 Marla Berenson & Joe Gould
Celebrating Joe's Birthday

Mar. 25 Joel & Toby Bofshever
Celebrating their anniversary

In Memoriam – March 2022

Robert Berman

By Sylvia Berman

Robert Kohlenbrener

By Joan Boruszak

Harry Kaplan

By Marsha Garrettson

Arlene R. Brenner

By Marilyn Greenbaum

Monroe (Monty) Kaplan

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Shirley R. Krissel

By Michael Krissel

Janet Blum

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Mathew Strumor

By Murray Blitzer &
Bev Strumor-Blitzer

Louis Weinstein

By Rita Bromwich

Maxine Kaplan

By Marsha Garrettson

Anna Horn

By Susan Horn & Dot Brooking

Luba Tuchman

By Marshall & Myra Kaplan

Samual Lieberman

By Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Oscar Margulies

By Stanley & Jenny Margulies

Audrey Pearlman

By William & Donna Bolton

Leroy Weisberg

By Gerri & Frank Emkey

Robert Greenbaum

By Marilyn Greenbaum

Harry Phillips

By Patricia Isenberg

Marian Rose Klimpl

By Michael Klimpl

Annie Kleinfeldt Bernstein

By Gary Margolis & Laurie Blum

Dorothy Ross

By Joyce Peckman

David Harvey

By Linda Perloff

Leslie Allen Sachs

By Joseph & Susan Sachs

Esther Schur

By Lee Schur

Sarah Felder

By Stuart & Geri Smith

Abe M. Reider

By George & Muriel Swartz

Alice Weber

By Judith Weber

Irwin Cutler

By Donald Zinner

Denise Moss

By Linda Pollack

Nate Schulberg

By Elaine Schulberg

Isadore Seder

By Jules & Nettie Seder

Alexandra Louise Starr

By Adam & Judy Starr

Gilda Tainow

By Jon S.Tainow &
Terry Willner-Tainow

Deborah Eichler

By Judith Weber

Cissie Rose Lang

By Skip Rose

Sondra Lundy

By Elaine Schulberg

Ida Seder

By Jules & Nettie Seder

Theresa Steinbock

By Stephen Steinbock

Anne Temkin

By Robert Temkin

Maxine Ruby Feinberg

By Larry & Dorothy Wolfe



Sisterhood Book Club

~ Books and dates for the coming months ~

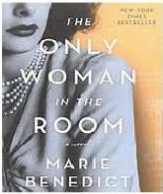
Meetings will be at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom

January 31, 2021 ~ The Only Woman in the Room

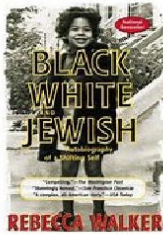
February 28, 2022 ~ Black White and Jewish

March 28, 2022 ~ People of the Book

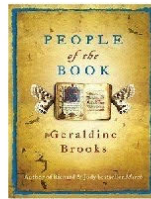
April 25, 2022 ~ The Wife



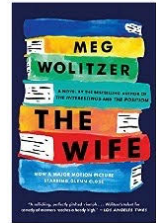
Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.



A look at the challenge of personal identity, in a story at once strikingly unique and truly universal.



A rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war.



The story of the long and stormy marriage between a world-famous novelist and his wife and the secret they've kept for decades.

Email Joyce (joycepeckman@gmail.com) before the meeting date to let her know you will be attending and she will send you an invitation to Zoom.

SISTERHOOD PRESIDENTS Susan Gordon & Joyce Peckman



Something unprecedented (unpresidented?) occurred at our January Sisterhood meeting – the installation of co-presidents, both of whom had held the position in the past. Gloria Avner ceremoniously inducted Presidents Susan Gordon and Joyce Peckman, Vice President Jane Friedman, Treasurer Erica Lieberman Garrett and Secretaries Susan Roberts and Rita Conklin. Under the leadership of Beth Hayden, Sisterhood remained active on Zoom during the past two years while KJCC was shuttered. We held bi-monthly meetings, cooking workshops and monthly book club discussions. Erica Lieberman Garrett coordinated virtual Oneg Shabbats. Beth Hayden, Randy Klein-Gross, Linda Pollack, Laurie Blum, Donna Bolton and Susan Roberts spent countless hours organizing and producing a magnificent cookbook, which is rapidly selling out at only \$20 each. But without live interaction, our numbers have dwindled. Sisterhood needs to quickly renew its energy as we re-open KJCC. We felt the experience and teamwork of Susan and Joyce will give us the jump-start we need. Every female member of KJCC is automatically a member of Sisterhood – no extra dues required. So please join us as we become a powerhouse to propel KJCC forward.

Last month, at the height of the Omicron surge, Lucinda Kurtz led a few of us (all masked) in a

lovely, self-affirming Rosh Chodesh (new moon) circle. The next one will be held on Weds., February 2, at 3 p.m. on the grassy area in the back.

Next month, on March 18th, Sisterhood will lead Friday night services, hopefully live at KJCC and live-streamed to those who cannot be there. We would love for every one of you to have a part in this meaningful experience – reading something in English or Hebrew. Expect a questionnaire in your inbox soon.

Our kitchen is clean and waiting for us. We have a new sign on the cabinets to inspire us: “Marc Bloom Coffee Center.” Our two hired helpers, Stella and Sondra, have both submitted copies of their vaccinations and are ready when we are.

Ever optimistic, we want to prepare for an active year ahead, a year when new members and old friends will come back and enjoy each other’s company, having fun and learning skills together. We look forward to enjoying potluck dinners again. Some past activities have included a clothing/accessories exchange, cooking classes, and crafts workshops. We all have skills and ideas to share, and we need yours. We meet at 10 a.m. the first Sunday of every month. Our next meeting will be February 6th on Zoom. Please join us! ◇

Leaf on the tree of life:
**In Memory of Great Grandma
Elize Eidam**

Thank you for your strength,
perseverance & love of life,
Love, Jan K.

Leaf on the tree of life:
**In Memory of Gramps
William A. Hoyer**

Your love, protection, & care lives on,
Always in my heart,
Love, Jan Karen

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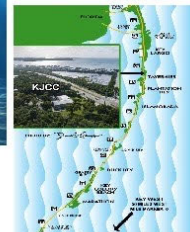
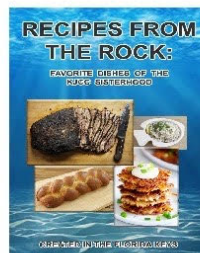
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WORLD JEWISH REPORT

Medina Roy



A Winning Streak Comes to an End

Until the end of December, Yeshiva University's (YU) basketball team – the Maccabees – were the most exciting men's team in the country, winning their 50th straight game and ranked the top Division II team. They were not just winning games; they were dominating them. (YU's average margin of victory through fourteen games was more than 29 points. Only twice did they win by fewer than ten.) Well, their history-making winning streak ended abruptly when they suffered a bruising 73–59 loss at home on December 30th at the hands of Illinois Wesleyan University. YU's Max Stern Athletic Center was packed and hundreds were turned away. It was the first time YU faced a top–25 opponent since its streak began two years ago and it became clear early on that the Maccabees were outmatched. The loss was their first since Nov. 9, 2019. (www.timesofisrael.com, 12–31–21)

Israel...The New Florida?

It seems like increasing numbers of older American Jews are choosing to spend their golden years not in the Sunshine State but the Jewish State. According to Nefesh B'Nefesh (which translated means "soul to soul") – the nonprofit agency that coordinates the Aliyah process (immigration to Israel) for U.S. and Canadian citizens – of the 4,478 new immigrants who arrived in Israel from North America last year, 762 – just over 17 percent of the total – were 55 or older. That figure is up almost 23 percent from the 580 who came in 2020. "Israel is becoming a more attractive place, specifically for people at the age of retirement," said Marc Rosenberg, vice president of Diaspora partnerships at Nefesh B'Nefesh. "With increasing technology, cellphones and internet use, Israel is much more international now, especially with apps that allow people to get around, navigate

and do their banking online." Rosenberg believes that the pandemic has prompted people of all ages to rethink what's important to them. (Think "The Great Resignation.") "The pandemic really shifted how many people connect and stay close to family without being in close proximity," Rosenberg said. "And they know the healthcare system in Israel is excellent..." (www.jta.org, 1–18–22)

2021 National Jewish Book Awards

The Jewish Book Council's list of award winners for 2021 are:

- "To Repair a Broken World: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah," by Dvora Hacoen, won two honors – Jewish Book of the Year and Best Biography.
- "The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family," by Joshua Cohen, a satirical chronicle, won the council's Fiction award.
- "A Play for the End of the World," by Jai Chakrabarti, won the Debut Fiction prize. It's a fictionalized exploration of real-life Warsaw Ghetto educator and humanitarian Janusz Korczak and the children at the orphanage he ran.
- "People Love Dead Jews: Reports From a Haunted Present," by Dara Horn, is an exploration of anti-Semitism and vanished Jewish communities. This book won in the Contemporary Jewish Life and Practice category.
- "Bene Appetit: The Cuisine of Indian Jews," by Esther David, won the award for Food Writing. David is a member of the tiny Bene Indian Jewish community. Here she explores the culinary practices of India's 5,000-member Jewish population.
- "The Book of Anna," by Joy Ladin, took the top

prize for poetry. Ladin is a professor at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women.

- "The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos," by Judy Batalion. It won the Women's Studies prize. (The book has been optioned for a film adaptation by Steven Spielberg.)
- "The House of Fragile Things: Jewish Art Collectors and the Fall of France," by James McAuley, the Paris correspondent for the Washington Post. McAuley won the council's History prize. His book presents a history of Jewish art collectors between 1870 and the end of World War II. The book also doubles as a history of French anti-Semitism.
- "Dear Mr. Dickens," by Nancy Chumin, illustrated by Bethany Stancliffe, won for top Children's Book. It is an historical account of a young Jewish girl who confronts Charles Dickens over anti-Semitic stereotypes in his books.
- "Rebel Daughter," by Lori Banov Kaufmann, took the prize for top book for Young Adults. It's a novel set during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 CE.

The award winners will be honored at a virtual ceremony on April 6th. (www.jewishbookcouncil.org, 1-20-22)

And the 2022 Genesis Prize Goes to...

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla has been named the winner of the 2022 Genesis Prize, the award sometimes called the "Jewish Nobel." The Genesis Prize "honors extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values." It will be presented by Israeli President Isaac Herzog at a ceremony in Jerusalem on June 29th. Bourla's win was determined by an online vote in which 200,000 people participated, recognizing his work at Pfizer developing one of the first vaccines to protect against COVID-19. "I accept it humbly and on behalf of all my Pfizer colleagues who answered the urgent call of history these past two years and together bent the arc of our common destiny," Bourla said. "I was brought up in a Jewish family who believed that each of us is only as strong as the bonds of our community; and that we are all called upon by God to repair the world. I look forward to being in Jerusalem to accept this honor in person, which symbolizes the triumph of science and a great hope for our

future."

The Genesis Prize comes with an award of \$1 million. Past recipients – including Steven Spielberg, Michael Douglas, Michael Bloomberg, Natalie Portman and Natan Sharansky – have all donated their winnings to philanthropic causes. Bourla said he will donate his prize money to Holocaust memorial initiatives, particularly emphasizing the tragedy suffered by the Greek Jewish community. His parents, both from Greece, were Holocaust survivors. The Genesis Prize was launched in 2013 by a group of Russian-Jewish philanthropists that includes current foundation chairman Stan Polovets. It is financed through a permanent endowment of \$100 million established by The Genesis Prize Foundation. (www.genesisprize.org, 1-19-22)

In Memoriam

- Rabbi Israel Dresner, who demonstrated with Martin Luther King, Jr. and was sometimes called the "most arrested rabbi in America," died in mid-January at age 92. Dresner was a Freedom Rider in the 1960s. He became a social justice-oriented Reform rabbi and was active in the fight against the Vietnam War. He was a vocal opponent of Israel's occupation of the West Bank. Israel "Sy" Dresner was born on New York's Lower East Side to an Orthodox family and grew up in Brooklyn, where his father ran a delicatessen. He attended yeshivas as a child but went on to become a Reform rabbi after serving in the Korean War and working on a kibbutz in Israel. He began his activism in 1947, protesting the British government's decision to block Jewish immigration to Palestine. His first arrest was in June 1961, when he joined an interfaith group of white and black activists traveling on a bus through the south on a Freedom Ride to desegregate bus stations. He was arrested again every summer over the next three years.

Dresner first met Dr. King in 1962. That summer, he spent a night trapped in a house with him and other activists while the house was surrounded by hundreds of members of the local White Citizens Council. King later told Dresner about his experience attending a Passover seder at a Reform synagogue in Atlanta that year. "Dr. King said to me, 'I was enormously impressed that, 3,000 years later, these people remember their

ancestors were slaves, and they're not ashamed," Dresner said. "He told me, 'We Negroes have to learn that, not to be ashamed of our slave heritage.'" In 1963, King spoke at Dresner's synagogue in Springfield, New Jersey. In 1964, at Dr. King's request, Dresner led a group of Reform rabbis to St. Augustine, Florida, where they participated in an anti-segregation protest. "We need you down here with as many Rabbis as you can bring with you!" King wrote. Dresner and the other rabbis traveled to Florida straight from a meeting of the Central Conference of Rabbis in Atlantic City, N.J. In 1965, King asked Dresner to deliver the prayer at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Dresner's activism extended far beyond the Civil Rights Movement. In the 1970s he frequently protested in support of Soviet Jews. He tried – unsuccessfully – to get the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) to condemn Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982. At the time, Dresner said he was committed to a "democratic and just Israel" and "what is happening in Lebanon today has nothing to do with that kind of Israel." In 2013, he was honored by President Barack Obama for his role in the Civil Rights Movement.

After receiving a cancer diagnosis, Dresner said "...I want to be remembered as somebody who not only tried to keep the Jewish faith ... But also to invoke the Jewish doctrine from the Talmud... 'tikkun olam,' repairing the world, and I hope that I made a little bit of a contribution to making the world a little better place." (www.forward.com, 1-14-22)

Did You Know...

• According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, the research and analysis division of the Economist Group which provides advisory and forecasting services, Tel Aviv is now officially the most expensive city in the world (out of 173 cities), pushing last year's winners Paris, Hong Kong and Zurich off the top of the list. Prices of goods and services in Tel Aviv are higher than any other global city. In addition, the strength of the shekel, along with the increased volatility of markets and prices due to the COVID epidemic, is responsible for its higher ranking this year. Last year Tel Aviv ranked 6th overall. Damascus, Syria's capital, was at the bottom of the list as the world's cheapest

city. (www.haaretz.com, 12-1-21).

• Heinrich von Treitschke, the 19th century German historian who coined the phrase "the Jews are our misfortune," a phrase later popularized by the Nazis, has a street named for him in Berlin. So does a 15th century official who was a competitive athlete loved by the Nazis and who supported a murderous purge of Jews. And now, according to a recent study conducted by Berlin's commissioner in charge of fighting anti-Semitism, at least 290 streets or squares in Berlin are named for people who embraced anti-Semitic views. The commissioner, Samuel Salzborn, a scholar of political science, is not calling for the street names to be removed. He initiated the study to "create a systematic basis for an important social discussion;" like how to take into consideration the fact that anti-Semitism was a mainstream view in Germany for centuries and show that many people who made significant contributions to society may have held anti-Semitic views. Salzborn cites Martin Luther, the 16th century German theologian who founded Protestantism – by any measure a major figure of both German and western culture – also called to persecute and banish Jews. Martinlutherstrasse today runs through an exclusive area of Berlin. On the plus side (well, sort of), there are several streets that are named for people who became active in the Resistance but had, at one time, also expressed anti-Semitic views. Think Martin Niemöller, the pastor who opposed Nazism and who wrote the now-famous poem "First They Came," the poem that lists many victims of Nazism and openly condemns the silence of other Germans about the persecutions. A public square and subway station honor him. But at an earlier time, as a Christian theologian, he had accused Jews of deicide. (Niemöller was imprisoned – along with Jewish inmates – by the Nazis for opposing them. In 1963 he acknowledged his anti-Semitic views and apologized for them.) The study's author suggested that renaming some streets might be appropriate. But in others he feels that adding a plaque or some other marker explaining the street's namesake's anti-Semitic history might be a better solution. That method openly addresses the mistakes and perversities of history rather than just happily sanitizing its dark stories via new street signs. (www.jta.org, 12-14-21) ◇

Keys Jewish Community Center

Presentation by

Lucinda Kurtz



ROSH CHODESH CIRCLE FOR WOMEN

Rosh Chodesh gatherings bring together a group of women interested in deepening their spiritual connection to our tradition and to each other at the time of the new moon of each month. Rosh Chodesh Women's Circles are gaining national and international popularity as a way for contemporary women to tap into our ancient Jewish rituals. Today's Jewish women are rediscovering a path back to the sharing of wisdom and tradition inherited from our female ancestors.

In these Circles, we explore the different energies that are manifested in each Hebrew month according to the Kabbalistic teachings of our sages. We do this through a variety of mediums such as music, movement, meditation, connection to the natural world, story telling and Torah study. We may look at any number of aspects each month such as: the important biblical events in Jewish history that occurred that month, the Torah portion, the astrological sign of the month, particular biblical figures active in the month, and the holidays.

I have been teaching Rosh Chodesh Circles in person and on line for several years. They were an outgrowth of the Kabbalah classes that I taught. They initiate and deepen the spiritual exploration and personal connection many women find very nourishing and stimulating. I look forward to facilitating this type of Circle with interested women in the Keys Jewish Community Center.

The Rosh Chodesh Circle will meet at the KJCC from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on:

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - Adar I

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Adar II

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - Nisan

For more information, please call Lucinda at 734-635-9441 or write lucindakurtz@comcast.net. Also, see my website at www.lucindakurtz.com

PHOTO GALLERY

Skip with his newly renovated 1976 Schwinn. You just can't keep a handsome 92 year old down, even after pneumonia. We're so happy that you're well again. Happy cycling.



Mindy and Elly couldn't possibly be having more fun. Now we totally understand why the Aglers had to move 3000 miles away.

Susan visits with her sister from Western Mass. in Ft. Lauderdale. Sisterly love



Looking through old photos, I see people we miss. No one is gone as long as they are remembered.



Joyce Peckman's bed at her son Daniel's house in Hollywood Is being kept warm by those awaiting her safe return from New Jersey.



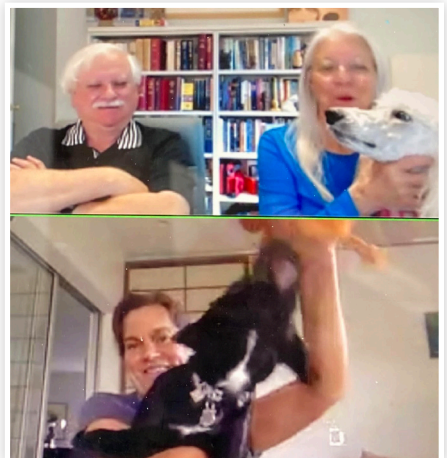
Jan Price, whether she's in the Keys, the Poconos or Brooklyn, stays in touch and keeps surprising us with how fast her new puppy is growing. Luigi is still numero uno.



Jonah wanted his grandad to send a video doing ski tricks. It didn't happen but this is a shot from a video at the end of a very nicely done run at a rabbi conference in Vail. Great break from rabbi work.



Susan sent us two pictures with her grandsons Rhett and Hank two days apart. What a difference a day makes!



Congregation Ohr HaYam continues to welcome furry and feathered friends to events on Zoom.



A look back at the New Jersey family of Pres. Joyce Peckman. My how they grow.

Joel Bofshever couldn't have a wider grin as he sits with daughter and holds new grandchild. Toby must be grinning too as she takes the picture. We miss you guys.



KJCC Sisterhood held its annual election via zoom this year and Gloria Avner inducted the very fine and experienced officers elected by acclamation. Joyce "as I'm" and SusN Gordon will be Co-presidents and Jane Friedman will be Vice President. For the rest of the slate see the Sisterhood Column on P 13.



REMEMBRANCE OF PURIMS PAST

Yes, we used to meet together in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall all the time, for extravagant pot-luck Sisterhood dinners, celebrations, teachings, talks, meetings and movies. We've had a bit of a direct-contact drought for the last couple of years, alas, so here are some pictures from the past to re-whet our appetites for joyous social contact. We probably won't sit this close ever again, but we are going to try to make a start, with masks and social distancing, next month, for Purim. We'll celebrate survival, from the machinations of wicked wicked Haman to the current acts of antisemitism to the ravages of Covid. Together we will continue celebrating and surviving, making mitzvot and yes, eating Pizza. These lovely faces are from our gathering in 2018, before anyone could have imagined that someday putting on a mask would be an everyday affair, necessary for survival. May our eyes sparkle as much as these do when we gather for our Megillat Esther reading on March 16. (See the poster on p. 26)



Susan Gordon and Jules Seder regaled us with their rendition of Vashti's song.

Taking on roles with eagerness and joy. It's so good to see these faces again, don't you think? Some have moved away, but the unexpected good brought about in Covid times by zoom is that our far-away friends can still come be with us (yay Sylvia Rimm) and participate at services or book group.



We are so intent, both reading and listening, groggers at the ready to drown out Haman's name. Forty-six people came to the reading that year, Shushan and Haman could have meant the end of us. But here we were in 2018. And here we are yet again, alive and thriving in 2022.



Bernie is away now too, living near family in Southern California. But again we are grateful every time he comes back to zoom and leads us in an enthusiastic Ashkenazi kiddush.



Behind these cheery people, you can see the coffee is ready. The bar must be set up on another counter. Drinking on Purim is another Mitzvah we definitely do not want to bypass. Donna Bolton and Michael Kaufman look so content they may not even need liquid refreshment.



Sean Kaufman made such a great Black Panther that year. Rachel Levine, Maddy Bloom and Sean were also on duty as BooLeaders whenever Haman's name was mentioned.



Oh, these twinkly eyes. We do miss seeing them in person.



Sometimes the most interesting masks can be made from our own faces, as Medina Roy demonstrated about 5 years ago when she took photos of us with some kind of special lens and mounted them on one of our display boards. We are so funny. And so is she. Can you identify everyone? Yourself? For now we will still wear KN95s, pay attention to social distancing, and do our best to stay healthy so we can safely come together again soon. Hope to see you at the Megillat Esther reading. (Just not so closely face to face as on this panel :-)

Zai gezundt!!



Celebrate the Joy of Adar

By Lucinda Kurtz

January 2022, Adar 5782

Just as winter deepens and spirits dampen in the bitter cold, the new moon of the Hebrew month of Adar invites our inner child out to play. We huddle in our homes protecting ourselves from Covid, from the wind and snow, from the multitude of challenges besetting us individually and as a nation. This is precisely the time to open our arms wide, to break free from the contractive state that blocks the flow of creative energy and recover the joy we can claim for ourselves.

I just spent 2 weeks with my 3-year-old grandson rediscovering the world through his eyes. Every stone and rock, each seashell and wave are miracles of nature to amaze and delight, to explore and celebrate. Through the unfiltered vision of Henry, I can see the fluidity between all living things, the interconnection between the material and spiritual worlds that we are invited to experience in this month of Adar.

The ancient wisdom of Kabbalah teaches us that the One created this world for joy and love not for suffering, though through confronting difficulties we learn and evolve our consciousness to fulfill our mission for being present on this sacred planet earth.

In *The Book of Joy* His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu write, “No dark fate determines the future. We do. Each day and each moment, we are able to create and re-create our lives and the very quality of human life on our planet. Lasting happiness resides only in the human mind and heart.”

Over the years, I have had the opportunity to stand in the presence of both of these wise and holy men. I heard them laugh and bring a lightness to their presentations that communicated an expanded perception of reality, not weighed down by suffering, though

both had been imprisoned and abused. They found a way to release the trauma they had experienced and step into the flow of light. My rebbe, Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, also exuded that same childlike wonder and lightness more and more as he aged. There is something about the aging process that can return us to the joy of childhood if we are able to forgive ourselves and others for transgressions and embrace life wholeheartedly, recognizing we are graced with this one precious life on this planet for just a few short decades.

It is possible for us as individuals, as a nation and global community to meet the challenges we are facing head on through our intelligence and will. This is what Jane Goodall, another wise elder, implores us to do in all of her writings. We can learn from our elder sages and our children how to find joy in the mystery and marvel of the natural world that is the foundation of all life. Adar invites us, once again, to smile and embrace the miracle of life with gratitude and delight. ◇

Could Lucinda and her grandson possibly look and more joyous? They and we happily welcome in the month of Adar!

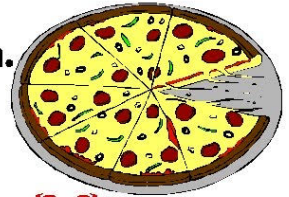


PURIM & PIZZA



Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Survival at KJCC
with Mishpachah !!



MAKE FOUR MITZVOT IN ONE NIGHT:

Hear Megillat Esther -- The Ganze Megillah.

Share a Festive Meal (Salads and Pizza).

Share gifts of food with Neighbors and Friends.

Give Charity.



We've often heard this description of Jewish holidays: "They tried to kill us; we survived; let's eat!" It has never been more appropriate than our persistence through this modern-day pandemic. Purim is coming in mid-March, and we want to party! We have a custom when talking about future plans of adding the words "B'ezrat HaShem" or B"H - "With the help of G-d. " So, B"H on Wednesday night, March 16th at 6:30, we will meet at KJCC to read the Purim megillah round-robin style in English and finish with a pizza party! We will eat, drink and celebrate our survival! Wear costumes or something funny or snazzy to enhance the fun.

Contact: Joyce Peckman (305) 451-0665,
JoycePeckman@gmail.com to let her know you are coming.

Remember, it is a Mitzvah to hear the reading of the entire Megillah.

Thanks to Joyce Peckman for her contribution for this year's pizza.

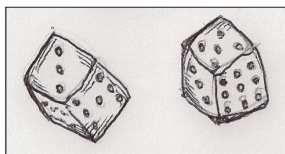
Double the Joy, Double Adar

Happy Jewish Leap Year & Chag Purim

by Gloria Avner

Something special is happening this year, something uniquely Jewish and joyful (We need it, as we enter our third year unable to hug at will and share delicious monthly communal pot-lucks). HAPPY LEAP YEAR!! Ours is not quite like the secular world's once-every-four-years leap year. Our Jewish quasi-lunar calendar needs more than the addition of a single day. We add a leap MONTH, an especially joyful one according to Jewish tradition, since Adar is the month in which we might have been destroyed in Persia, but escaped and became jubilant instead.

Thank you, Queen Esther, for foiling Haman's wicked plot to annihilate us. The wipeout was to occur on 14 Adar, a day Haman chose by casting "lots" (or purim). Be sure to attend our Scroll of Esther reading at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, March 19th, 2022, hopefully at KJCC in person, but also via Zoom. In round-robin style, we'll take turns reading and listening to the gansa Megillah (the whole scroll), just as we are commanded to do. We are also commanded to share with friends and neighbors, have a feast, give to charity and celebrate our survival. Put on a costume, wear a fancy



mask, bring a treat to a neighbor, make a donation, eat, drink (until you can't tell the difference between Mordechai and Haman), and be merry. Thank you, Joyce Peckman, for sponsoring the pizza feast.

Primarily known as "people of the book," we are equally a people of the land and of

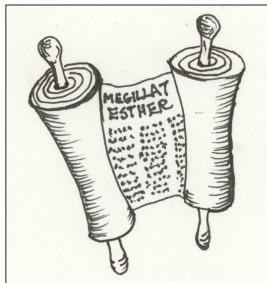
time. Our tribe has been observing and celebrating the natural world and all its cycles for millennia. In addition to the secular New Year, Judaism uniquely observes four special New Years within each year (in Nissan, Elul, Tishrei and Sh'vat). Jews also observe more leap years than



almost any other culture. In fact, we make seven "leaps" in every nineteen-year cycle – on the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th, and 19th years, and are one of the few cultures (including Chinese, Hindu, and Persian) to add "leap months" to make up astronomical differences. Our calendar, in addition to its role in setting *yahrzeits*, *rosh chodesh* (new moon) dates, and *parashah* (Torah portion) readings, uses both solar and lunar time-marking systems to insure that we celebrate our core rituals in proper season.

In a Chassidic article on The Sixty Days of Purim, Yanki Tauber talks about how each month of the Jewish year has its own quality. Jewish time is comprised not of days but of months, each possessing a distinct spiritual essence. The "special" days of the year are those on which the particular month's quality is more pronounced and actualized. Nissan, for example, is the "Month of Liberation," while Passover (observed on Nissan 15 to 22) is a week-long period within Nissan during which the month's freedom-quality is more accessible. Similarly, Sivan is the month of Wisdom, Shevat is the month of Growth and Fruitfulness, Elul is the month of Compassion, and so on. Each day of the month possesses the month's unique spiritual properties, but on some days the quality rises to the surface and is

intensified. This is why many festivals and special dates in the Jewish calendar occur on the 15th of the month – the night of the full moon, the point at which the month’s essence is in its most revealed

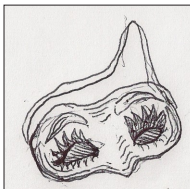


and luminous state. Adar is the month of Trans-formation. Adar transforms sorrow into joy, oblivion into exuberant being, a “scattered people” into a unified nation.

Our tribe has always paid attention to both solar and lunar cycles. It’s all about time. We watch the stars, as anyone who has attended one of our short, sweet Havdalah services knows. (You have to love a religion that does not put a specific number on the hours necessary to call a day a day. It is enough for us that the day begins and ends at sundown – or once three medium-sized stars are visible in the sky.) We honor our weekdays by naming them solely after their relation to the days of Creation and cessation/rest. We continue to be tied to our agrarian-based earth honoring origins while remaining in tune with the secular world – a necessity in a world where governments have always required the timely payment of all kinds of taxes.

Hillel and his fellow scholars were so smart. (Credit is given them in the Mishnah). Over all these hundreds of years, their codified system has never need-ed more than a few seconds of adjustment. Here’s how it works, in simplified form:

Most years, we have 12 months, six with 29 days and six with 30. Accordingly, a non-leap year consists of 354 days. That is eleven days short of the Gregorian calendar around which the secular world and our date books revolve. What do we do so that we don’t



get hopelessly behind? We can’t celebrate *Pesach* in November or *Rosh Hashanah* in June. We know that our rituals are tied to earth’s seasons and cycles. Right now, after the month of *Sh’vat* and our recent celebration of “The New Year of the Trees”, we are approximately 30 days behind. At the end of *Sh’vat*, we add an extra month of either twenty-nine or thirty days, depending on which is necessary in order to avoid any fast day occurring the day before or after Shabbat – intelligently avoiding the problem of not being able to cook a meal before or after fasting. We call this extra month *Adar 1*. It is followed by our regular month of Adar, which in this case we refer to as *Adar 2*. All is then in place for us to be in harmony with the energy of the seasons as they relate to our ritual cycles and holy days (until it is time for the next “leap”). Purim is thus celebrated during the second Adar.

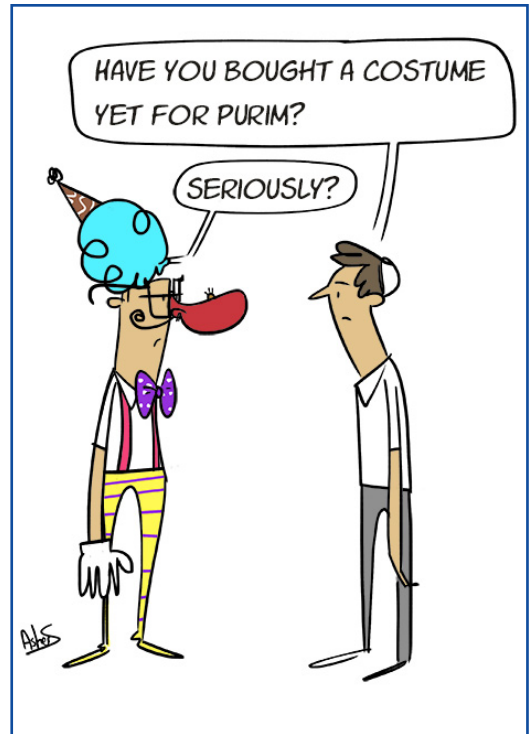
According to Jewish tradition, Adar is a lucky and happy month. In this year of two Adars, we get 60 days of happiness rather than 29 or 30. A leap year is referred to in Hebrew as *Shanah Me’uberet*, a pregnant year. May this leap month and year be pregnant with all kinds of possibilities for us, our families, and the world community. May it give birth to good fortune, good health, creativity, and a lively shared social and spiritual life among our KJCC *mishpochah*. Give it a head start. Put on your Purim mask and costume. Listen to the tale, spin that *grogger* and stamp your feet. Make a doubly joyful noise as we celebrate one more instance of survival against the odds. ◇



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1. Making noise in shul is a mitzvah.
2. Levity is not reserved for the Levites.
3. If you're having a bad hair day, you can always wear a mask.
4. Purim is easier to spell than Khanuka, Chanukah, Chanuka, Hanuka.
5. You don't have to change all the pots and dishes.
6. You don't have to build a sukkah and eat outside in the rain.
7. It's a mitzvah to get drunk.
8. You won't get hit in the eye by a lulav.
9. You can't eat hamentaschen on Yom Kippur.



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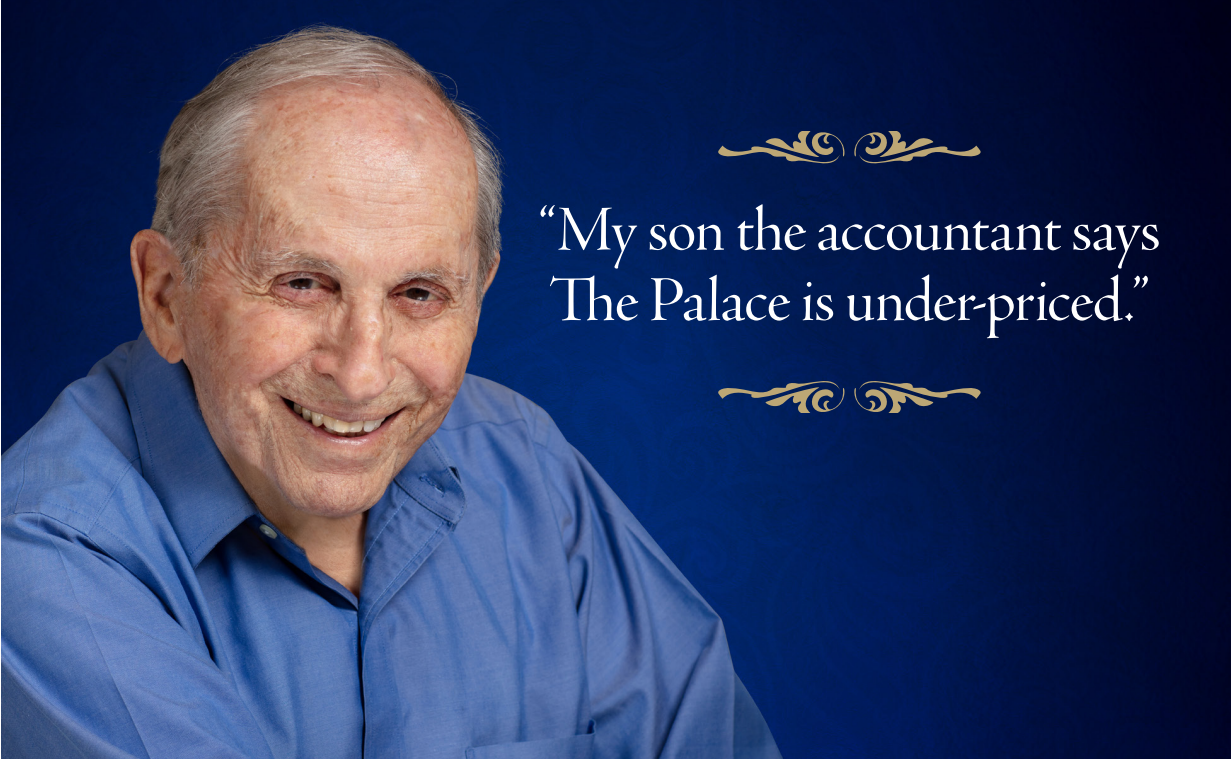
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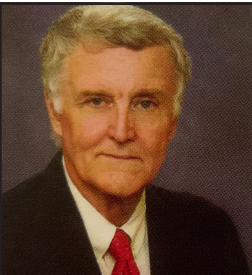
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