

Holidays and Services Schedule - 5766 & 5767

Holiday	Hebrew	Date	Services	
Yom Ha'atzmaut	3 Iyar	Fri	May 5	8:00 pm
Lab B'Omer	18 Iyar	Fri	May 19	8:00 pm
Yom Yersualyim	28 Iyar	Fri	May 26	8:00 pm
Shavuot	6 Sivan	Fri	Jun 2	8:00 pm
Tisha B'Av	9 Av	Fri	Aug 3	8:00 pm
S'lichot	23 Elul	Sat	Sep 16	tba
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Erev Rosh haShanah	29 Elul	Fri	Sep 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah	1 Tishri	Sat	Sep 23	9:00 am
Rosh haShanah	2 Tishri	Sun	Sep 24	9:00 am
Erev Yom Kippur	9 Tishri	Sun	Oct 1	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur	10 Tishri	Mon	Oct 2	9:30 am
Erev Sukkot	14 Tishri	Fri	Oct 6	8:00 pm
Chanukah	25 Kislev	Fri	Dec 15	8:00 pm
Purim	14 Adar	Fri	Mar 2	7:30 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The season is at an end and many of our members are leaving for the summer. What a season it was, culminating with our Seder, well attended as always. Thanks to our leaders, Jim, Joel and Gloria, for a great service. Lest not we forget the Women's Seder and Bea Graham's heart-warming speech. I personally didn't mind that my invitation to the Women's Seder had not been forthcoming. (I had been assured by my wife that male bashing was definitely not on the agenda, so why would I want to bond with all the women. Isn't it enough to bond just with her?) The KJCC truly appreciates the efforts of all who made it a success and the generosity of the participants. Kudos to Robert Silk, who captured the essence of the Women's Seder for his readers. We need all the good press we can receive for the concept of the Chosen people is often misunderstood and used against us.

Being the Chosen people is a burden, not a privilege*. Abraham chose to commit himself to the reality of one G-d, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for it. G-d responded: "I choose you and your descendants after you" - the Jewish people, forging a covenant with this nation. What are the "Chosen People" chosen for? They are chosen for RESPONSIBILITY, not for privilege. Chosen for the responsibility to create a moral society that lives with the values that stem from the idea of one G-d, to create a society, that will become a "light unto the nations," a moral beacon to the whole world. The task is not to force beliefs onto others, nor to convert the rest of the world to Judaism, but to change the world by setting an example. Abraham's mission of perfecting the world makes the Jewish People different, not better.

These responsibilities involve not only a more demanding level of spiritual and moral standards, but also include caring for the broader spiritual fulfillment of the world and all its people. The Jews have not had a privileged history in the normal sense of the word. On the contrary, being Jewish means suffering the long history of anti-Semitism. That we have survived in defiance of any sociological explanation is testimony to the fact that G-d wants us to continue serving the role that we have.

As John Adams, the second president of the US recognized in a letter to F. A. Van der Kemp (1808), "The Jews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. They are the most glorious Nation that ever inhabited the earth. The Romans and their Empire were but a bauble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to

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SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood Brunch will be at Snappers on May 7, 2006 at 11:30 am.

SECOND SEDER

Unbelievable success! Most enjoyable Seder ever! Kudos to the organizers! Praise for the leaders! What a wonderful affair! See the pictures on page 18.

JOEL S. COHEN AWARD

This year's recipient of the most prestigious JSC Award was a unanimous choice of the selection committee. Read all about it on page 11.

BEN & HELEN SHERMAN PATIO

Join with us at 10:30 am on May 7, 2006 as we dedicate the KJCC Patio in their honor.

DEADLINE

Deadline for the June issue of CHAI-LIGHTS is May 18. Send articles - Mary Lee will format and type them for you. Send pictures - color shots are just fine. Send news - share your mitzvahs with the rest of the KJCC. Send best wishes and thank-y'alls. It's easy - and there is no charge! Articles may be sent at any time, but if they arrive at the editor's desk after the 18th, they may not be printed in the next issue.

KJCC WEBSITE

You can visit the KJCC website at <http://www.keysjewishcenter.com/> and read Chai-Lights every month, even before you get it by mail. Also, other interesting news and schedules are available, courtesy of Alan Beth. Back issues of Chai-Lights are being added to the archives regularly.

Be sure to look at the May issue on-line. There is a surprise hidden in the issue - not easy to find, so if you see it, email me at mbgraham@bellsouth.net and let me know if you want future issues to have the same surprise.

EDITOR AVAILABILITY

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May Leaders

- 5 - Alan Beth
- 12 - George Swartz
- 19 - Joel & Linda Pollack
- 26 - 6:30 - Alan Beth
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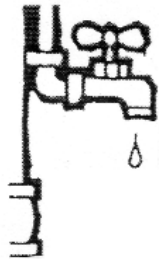
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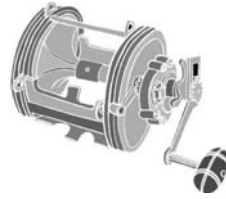
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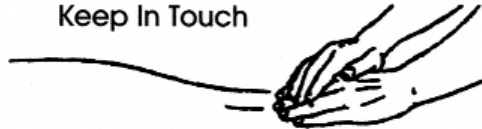
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three-quarters of the Globe and have influenced the affairs of Mankind more, and more happily than any other Nation, ancient or modern."

So we continue on that path today, fulfilling our responsibility to continue mankind's adherence to the pact made by Noah. According to traditional Judaism, G-d gave Noah and his family seven commandments to observe when he saved them from the flood. These commandments, referred to as the Noahic commandments, are: 1) to establish courts of justice; 2) not to commit blasphemy; 3) not to commit idolatry; 4) not to commit incest and adultery; 5) not to commit bloodshed; 6) not to commit robbery; and 7) not to eat flesh cut from a living animal. These commandments are fairly simple and straightforward, and most of them are recognized by most of the world as sound moral principles. As Jews we are also bound by the 613 mitvot of the Torah. They enable us to carry on, even in the midst of adversity. And carry on we do!

Shalom, Jeffrey

Read the article *New Chosen People* on page 18.

WARREN SHEINKER

With deepest sorrow, especially at this joyous Passover holiday time, I must announce the death of long time friend and KJCC member Warren Sheinker. On behalf of the KJCC I extend our sincerest condolences to the Sheinker family.

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by Stuart Sax

Whoever said that "good things come in small packages" must have had Linda Rutkin in mind. Some people have compassion for others. Some are charitable. Some are thoughtful. Some generous. Linda is all of the above and so much more. It is hard to believe that so much positive energy can be packed into someone so tiny that she has to put a pad down on which to rest her feet because, otherwise, they would not touch the floor.

Raised in Baltimore, Linda was a stay at home mom for many years before pursuing a career in medical assistance. She worked in labs for several years and was involved with the Jewish community in Baltimore where her parents and other family members resided. Israel was also home to many ancestors who survived the holocaust and fled during the war. "My first trip to Israel was a gift for my bat mitzvah," she recalls. That opportunity allowed her to meet cousins and other relatives for the first time. "I have more than twenty cousins still there."

Both of Linda's parents passed in the mid-90s within eighteen months of each other. It was a difficult time but Linda's positive attitude and the support of her congregation and family friends helped her cope.

Following another trip to Israel in 2000 for a family bar mitzvah, Linda was involved in a terrible automobile accident that resulted in multiple sprains and dislocations to her spine and several vertebrae. The rehab was lengthy and especially difficult as winter approached. "I was faced with a decision. Lie on the floor under a

heating blanket and wait for April to roll around, or get into warm weather."

Even though she was more familiar with the Sarasota area because her parents had vacationed there to play golf, she learned that it was about twenty degrees warmer in the Keys and that's where she headed. "I also was in much need of lots and lots of nature, serene waters, and especially dolphins." Her search for accommodations started in Key West but, fortunately for all of us, she found

lodging in the Upper Keys. "I did a lot of walking and it was wonderful. The more and longer I walked the better I became."

Linda learned about the KJCC in the local paper and called. Jim Boruszak was at the other end and Linda soon found a new home away from home. She is here November to May each year and still likes both places for different reasons. In Baltimore the congregation has a thousand families and here it is about a hundred. Being north for the holidays is comforting and spending

the winters down here is therapeutic.

Another unique aspect about Linda is sending notes and KJCC postcards. Sometimes they are to friends and sometimes to strangers. "People don't seem to write anymore but I get a great deal of enjoyment from it." And so do those who receive her kind words. A frequent attendee at services and monthly Board meetings, she applauds the broad range of new ideas and discussions that have led to improvements in the KJCC. "This place is very laid back, simplified, and healing."



The Women's Seder

by Gloria Avner

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the 3rd Annual KJCC Sisterhood Women's Seder know what a warm, inspiring, celebratory evening it was. They also know that this event has nothing to do with exclusion and everything to do with forging deep bonds of friendship among women, sharing what we have with others as we celebrate one of our most important holidays.

Our honoree of the evening, first woman President of the KJCC and life-long tireless worker for the good of others, Bea Graham, was not sure at first if she wanted to come. Then, in her own words, she thought, "if this is something so important to so many members of our KJCC Sisterhood, I want to support them. I said yes. And as I sat among the attending women, and felt the warmth, the energy, the love, and the bonding that was taking place, I felt bonded too; I was very happy to be part of this lovely, meaningful evening."



Bea's speech was wonderful, intelligent, entertaining, touching, and inspirational. How else would we ever have discovered so much of Bea's many faceted personality, shared the juicy nuggets of her wisdom and life history? How else would we have learned of the amazing deeds and challenges of our second year's honoree, Michal Kamely, in Persia, Israel, and post-war Germany? Where else could we have looked through such a personal window into the earliest days of Israel's airforce as we did in our first year, when we honored and listened to the spine-tingling stories of Israel's first woman pilot, Shaloma Shawmut-Lessner?

Each year the bonding deepens. We get to know each other better through creative activity, making and decorating pottery pieces with the generous guidance of Beth Kaminstein. We get to share our "best". Our best dishes, our best memories, our favorite prayers and songs, our personal stories. We neither rush through our Hagaddah nor make the seder over-long. Our goal is to make the evening meaningful, and to make it so in the context of our roles as women. There is not just one honoree in the group. We are all there to honor each other and ourselves. In the process, we create something bigger than any of us alone or even in a group. Bea put her finger on it when she spoke of bonding.



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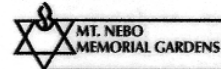
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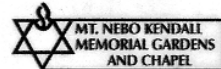
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Then there is our commitment not just to obey the Passover dictum to retell the story personally, as if each one of us had come out of slavery in Egypt.

We obey the call to "Tzedakah" and "Tikkun Olam." We take seriously, as Jews, as women, as KJCC Sisterhood members, our responsibility to "repair the world."

We take our strength and lessons from history. We celebrate that history in the present with valued guests and friends from other faiths, other parts of the community. Finally, we create consensus and project a better world into the future with our actions. This year we donated more than \$500 each to the "Voices for the Children" program that provides advocacy for children in the court system, and to the KJCC Holocaust Education Fund. We recognize the importance of work in the world that will protect and educate the next generation, so that they too can take part in "tikkun olam."

Many thanks to the steering committee, the providers of wine, matzoh, and the wondrous assortment of unique delicious food, to Bev Middleton for her amazing aprons, and to all who attended. L'Shanah ha'ba not only in Jerusalem but in the Ruth Richardson Social Hall as well.

P.S. We love all our men dearly and thank them for their support. As Patty Silver, in her infinite "saichel" replied to the reporter who asked her what we would do if a man walked in and wanted to attend, "We would ask him to sit down."



Religious School News

Despite the many holidays in this last month, the KJCC Religious School made progress on all fronts. Two were particularly exciting and a third is coming soon. Now that all the students have achieved a level of proficiency in reading Hebrew, we are responding to their interest in learning Hebrew as a spoken language by developing our own mini-"ulpan" the kind of school that Israel provides for its immi-

After the board meeting the children were joined by Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, who sang songs with teacher Jardena Kamely, and by School Director Susan Gordon, who led the children in such hits as "There's No Seder Like our Seder" and "JusL a tad of Charoset Makes the Bitter Herbs go Down." Linda Rutkin was a valuable presence as well, giving support in every way possible. We are very proud of all our students, past and present, and happy for the support that the school receives from the KJCC members at large.

On April 28th the students will be participating in a special family Shabbat service at 6:30pm. Please join us.



grants who need to learn to speak quickly and well. We will be moving forward in this direction next year as well.

On the Sunday before Pesach, our school celebrated the holiday in advance with its own mock seder. The students, Max Shrader-Grayce, Joshua Bernstien, Hannah Werthammer, Nyan Feder, and Danielle Zinner performed the seder, singing songs, saying the blessings, reading from the Hagadah, and eating the ceremonial foods, including delicious chicken soup with Matzoh balls made by Sofy Wasser. Most inspiring was the presence and happy participation of former students and Bar and Bat Mitzvah graduates Joseph Beth, Corey Wasser, Molly Bloom, Katie Greenman, and Stellar Levy.



Keep cooking, keep eating and most of all keep enjoying family and friends.

ROASTED GARLIC PARMESAN PENNE PRIMAVERA

1 box (16 oz.) penne pasta 1 medium carrot, cut very thin strips
 1 cup snow peas 1 sm red bell pepper, cut very thin strips
 1/2 cup chicken broth 1/8 tsp. ground black pepper
 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg (optional)
 1 jar Ragu Cheesy Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sauce

Cook pasta according to package directions, adding vegetables during last 3 minutes of cooking; drain. Return to saucepan and stir in Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sauce, broth, black pepper and nutmeg; heat through. Sprinkle, if desired, with grated Parmesan cheese.

LEMON TRIANGLES

10 Tbsp. butter or margarine 2-1/2 cups granulated sugar
 2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour 4 eggs
 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice 2 Tbsp. grated lemon peel
 1/4 tsp. salt Confectioners sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Line 13 x 9-inch baking pan with aluminum foil, then spray with non-stick cooking spray; set aside. In large bowl, with electric mixer, beat butter and 1/2 cup granulated sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in 2 cups flour until mixture is crumbly. Press into prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is lightly golden.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, with electric mixer, beat eggs, remaining 2 cups granulated sugar, remaining 1/3 cup flour, lemon juice, lemon peel and salt 2 minutes or until smooth. Pour over hot baked crust.

Bake an additional 20 minutes or until lemon mixture is just set. On wire rack, cool completely. Using foil, lift out of pan. Spray knife with nonstick cooking spray and cut into triangles. To serve, sprinkle generously with confectioners sugar.

Looking Forward to June

June Birthdays

Shirley Atlas	20
Donna Bolton	6
William Bolton	15
Rita Bromwich	26
Paul Busker	26
Andrew Cohen	28
Stephen Cohen	15
Alan Cooper	28
Arthur Feinberg	29
Linda Feinberg	11
Bob Friedman	30
Suzanne Gilson	6
Joseph Goldberg	23
Maxwell Grace	27
Justin Greenbaum	13
Herman J. Jacobs	5
Michal Kamely	12
Peter Kantor	16
Amelia Kasinof	18
Harvey Klein	20
Nancy Kluger	6
Jessica Kordansky	10
Robert N Kwalick	29
Selma Levine	6
Sheldon Mann	8
Haley Mayclin	15
Israel Mayk	13
Jennifer Nobil	14
Jim Nobil	7
Taryn Nobil	21
Abraham Rakov	3

Delaney Rohde	24
Judy Schmidt	20
Jeremy Shapiro	30
Kevin M. Silverman	12
Lorene Solomon	3
Alfred Wehl	4
Barbara Weprin	30
Joan Wohl	7
Dorothy Wolfe	5

June Anniversaries

	years	
Joan Stark & Joel Bernard	1	20
Donna & William Bolton	12	13
Joan & James Boruszak	14	53
Debra & Steven Faber	25	31
Renee & Laurence Green	25	34
Elinor & Herbert Grossman	25	49
Linda & Allan Holbrook	20	30
Selma & Herbert Levine	11	56
Beverly M & Harvey E Robins	12	49
Rene & Skip Rose	23	51
Lauren & Stuart Sax	23	32
Ruth & Eric Schrader-Grace	18	12
Sheila & Richard Steinberg	7	47
Carol Ann & Stephen Steinbock	5	23
Sofy & Mark Wasser	10	11
Barbara & William Weprin	8	38
Heide & Robert Werthamer	24	11
Joan & Milton Wohl	20	55
Rae Susan & Lloyd Wruble	28	37



SHERMAN PATIO DEDICATION

Dedication of the Sherman Patio will take place on Sunday, May 7th at approximately 10:30 am, immediately following the May Board meeting. Everyone is invited to recall and honor the memory of Dr. Ben and Helen Sherman, founding members of the Keys Jewish Community Center.



JOEL S. COHEN AWARD

This year, as in years past, the JSC committee unanimously chose our candidate, Susan Gordon:

- For dedication to the KJCC
- For excellent teaching skills and leadership
- For a sweet and loving personality
- And for her kindness, strength and courage in the face of all life's many trials.

In her quiet ways, Susan hides her strengths, but because she is known by all of us in her many capacities, a wife, mother, teacher, vice president and friend, she cannot hide her willingness to share herself with us.

We all love you, Susan, and as Joel Cohen said, "We are proud to have you join our honored circle".

Incidentally, the JSC committee consists of present KJCC members who are former winners of this prestigious award.

B. Graham





KJCC Religious School News PASSOVER SEDER

by Yardena

For our Sunday School Passover Seder this year we invited our post Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to celebrate with us our traditional Children's Seder. Molly, Cory, Joseph, Stellar and Katie Greenman, who came all the way from Marathon, brought so much joy to our kids, you could feel their affection in the room, hugs and laughter, a happy family reunion, the KJCC mishpoche. Rachel, Rosemary, Tiffany, Chelsea, we missed you, hope to see you with us next Passover.

Our Seder Table exploded with food prepared by our moms: Matze Ball soup, Gefilte Fish, Chrein, Charoset, and for dessert, Macaroons and Matzes glazed in chocolate, the name of those I just cannot remember, the reason? Maybe because this is not a traditional dessert in my family.... Judy (Greenman), please write the name down for me and the recipe, your ????? were so delicious. And if all that was not enough, there was more food from the Women's Seder and from Freda's Shabat Dinner.

The Seder was lead by Mora, Yardena and Dr. Bernie Ginsberg, reading several parts from the real Hagada in Hebrew, with the participation of our post Bar Mitzvah students, telling stories from our childhood experience of Pessach, teaching and explaining traditions from the Hagada.

Molly, Stellar and Katie read the "Ha Lachma Anya..." from the Hebrew Hagada (we are so proud of you) and invited guests to our Seder Table, several of the parents present and some friends, as it is said: ".... Let all that are hungry enter and eat; and all who are in want, come and celebrate the Passover....", showing with this hospitable invitation a significant testimony of the real humanity and social sensibilities of our ancestors and their importance in Jewish life.

And the excellent participation of our younger students, all the songs the kids were singing, elevated our festive spirit and they asked Susan Gordon to teach us a new song,... so beautiful,...and Hanna and Nyan found the Afikoman and asked Dr. Bernie for a present,...and we could go on and on, we had such a good time in our Seder,

Sisterhood



Care Center opens soon. I am always available through email and I love to hear from you. Have a great summer. Stay well!

Nettie Seder

Sisterhood Dates

Sisterhood Brunch - We will be having our annual brunch meeting at Snappers restaurant on May 7th. We will meet at 11:30. Please call Nettie @ 852-7283 as soon as possible to make reservations.

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Chai-Lights Mitzvah: **Marty Graham**

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Here we are at the end of a busy winter season. At the initial planning it seems there are so many things that need arranging and so many details to attend to. Will it all ever get done? With the help of many people, our plans all fell into place. There is no way to thank all who helped shape our events. From Break-the-fast, Shabbat dinners and fashion show, to the very successful Jewels of the Isle, (I still have my huge sapphire ring which I occasionally wear as a reminder of a great event), the second Seder, the Happy Hookers group and the final brunch meeting (in May) all with the help of the troops, makes me look like a great organizer. For all this effort and assistance, I thank you, one and all.

The second Seder was the first celebration that Jules and I attended at the KJCC in 1990. We had already bought our house, but we were both still teaching and came down only for spring break. We were welcomed with open arms and that was the beginning of our happy association with the KJCC. It is quite different than our congregation in Cherry Hill, it is truly an extended family here for us - and all of us.

Our Happy Hookers group is working hard. Meetings are half actual making infant hats and half visiting and enjoying each others company. If you are inclined, make some little hats over the summer and we will continue meeting in the fall. If you want to learn to knit or crochet, join us and we will help you.

In a short time, Jules and I head back north to the other half of our lives where Nana's Day

Special Days in May

May Birthdays

Sera Atlas	.22
Alan Beth	.27
Matthew Birnbaum	.25
Jaime Boruszak	.18
Joan Boruszak	.27
Sidney Boruszak	.8
Julie Burnett	.30
Mark Burnett	.14
Joel Cohen	.6
Steven Faber	.25
Nyan Feder	.12
Robin Forman	.29
Bernie Ginsberg	.14
Rose Marie Gordon	.13
Tracey Greemberg	.21
Robert Greenbaum	.25
Kelley Greenman	.8
Nicole Karron	.11
Carolyn Kaufman	.25
Bianka Kirschenbaum	.23
Leon Kirschenbaum	.4
Jenny Margulies	.23
Pamela G. Marmar	.4
Liati Natanya Mayk	.29
Stanley Nason	.5
Richard Palacino	.5
Jeffrey Pollack	.27
Madelyn Ruby Pollack	.12
Les Reitman	.26
Randy Robins	.26
Sheila Rodin-Novak	.7
Medina Roy	.14

Paul R. Schur	.15
Susan Schwaid	.25
Jules Seder	.23
Nettie Seder	.23
Robert Sherman	.31
Robert Silk	.12
Andrea P. Silverman	.18
Mark E. Silverman	.31
Michael Solomon	.3
Sheila R. Steinberg	.11
John Temkin	.14
Nancy Zinner	.29

May Anniversaries

	Years
Shirley & Robert Atlas	.26 32
Susan & Alan Cooper	.4 20
Judith & Larry Weber	.29 44

JSC Orchestra

Direct from his recovery room at Mariner's Hospital, Joel Cohen announces the formation of the new KJCC Orchestra. So far we have Joel on Violin, Jules Seder on piano, Susan Gordon on concertina and assorted native flutes, and Gloria Avner on voice and hand drum. Join us. Call Joel for more information.

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Memorial Day

Every country has its day of remembrance, and Israel - whose creation and survival as a state has been marked by so many losses - decided to designate the day preceding Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Independence Day, as its day of commemoration for the fallen. On this day, we recall and mark the pain of our recent and not so recent losses in public and in private.

The term "Yom Hazikaron" originates in another name for Rosh Hashana, the Day of Remembrance marked by repentance and prayer and signals the beginning of the 9 Days of Awe. Each individual reviews his or her own deeds, hoping also to be inscribed for a good year in the year to come.

The Jewish people is a people of collective memory: "Remember the Act of Creation", "Remember the Exodus from Egypt". In each generation, we retain the memories and the link to those alive who carry them. Today, we are coming to the end of one era, when the generation who survived the Shoah [Holocaust] and saw the establishment of the Jewish state is disappearing. With them, will go the personal memory and these crucial events will become part of the collective memory, whose meaning will continue to be interpreted in the context of the continuity of Jewish life and community.

In Jewish thought, each life is a world of its own and considered to be of inestimable value: in modern Israel, the untimely death of one loved person is a tragedy which marks the entire community. Indeed, there is hardly a family or friendship unmarked by loss as the population is so small that the seemingly modest numbers for each war assume tremendous proportions. As much as an individual act, this is also a collective act, rather than a formal gathering.



The ceremonies are simple on the eve of Yom Hazikaron and are not forgotten as we conclude the day the following night and merge into the festivities of Yom Ha'atzma'ut.

Originally and essentially designated to commemorate the loss of those men and women who fought and were killed in the IDF, Israel's armed

forces, the day has now also been accepted as the appropriate moment to bring together families and friends and official recognition of all those who lost their lives under any form of attack, including acts of terror.

As we are thankful for our 50 years of independence, we carry with us the memory of those who helped make it possible and those who fell in their innocence because this was their dream.

LETTER FROM LEE

I attended my first Women's seder last night (4/5/06). Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the first and second seders held in prior years.

I felt I should express my feelings about it. I thought of the expression "from little acorns, tall oak trees grow." I was so impressed, so moved by both the very meaningful, beautiful service, the camaraderie of the women, both Jewish and non-Jewish, the true feeling of sisterhood, honoring a special lady, the emphasis on freedom and giving to those less fortunate, the delicious unique food that was prepared with pride, and eaten on our own creations.

The enthusiasm displayed by the participants and the fantastic, creative women of Sisterhood, who organized and shepherded this event through its birth. I was very proud of you, and am very happy to be a member of this wonderful special group of women.

B'Shalom, Lee Schur

Israel's Independence Day

If you're walking on the streets of Jerusalem and a kid bops you on the head with one of those annoying plastic hammers, it's probably Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day. If it isn't, grab the hammer and remove the yellow and green plastic ends. Tell the kid it's in the name of recycling.

Yom Ha'atzmaut takes place on the 5th of the Hebrew month Iyar, and usually falls at the end of April or beginning of May. It marks the day in 1948 that Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, declared the country's independence at a Tel Aviv gathering.

Less than 24 hours after that announcement, the neighboring Arab countries declared war on Israel. The Jewish state survived, but the bloody battle cost many soldiers in the ragtag army their lives.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is significant to virtually all Jews. Secular Jews in Israel mark the importance of an independent Jewish state, while most religious Jews commemorate the establishment of the state as another step in the

ultimate redemption, the coming of the Messiah. The celebration overrides the religious prohibition against listening to music during the counting of the Omer between Passover and Shavout.

There is, however, a small minority of Jews who do not celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut at all. Known in Israel as Charedim, or Ultra-Orthodox Jews, these Jews believe that the modern State of Israel was established prematurely without God's blessing. As a result, they refrain as much as possible from matters of the state.

For everyone else in Israel, the national holiday is a welcome day off. Businesses and schools close. Most people take a field trip or go on a picnic, while some just relax. Religious Jews add extra prayers into the services.

If 5 Iyar falls out on a Friday or Shabbat, Yom Ha'atzmaut is moved up to a Thursday, to prevent any celebrations leading to desecration of the Shabbat. But that still won't prevent you from getting head-bopped.

Ongoing Projects

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the Center, call Rene Rose 852- 3959.

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HOLOCAUST TEACHING

In its educational program, the KJCC includes the study of the Holocaust through various activities. Last year we discussed in a small group of our Religious School students the anti-Semitic incidents that occurred in the Keys and the growing Anti-Semitism in Europe. At the Middle School and High School (CSHS) the students heard the testimony of Lisl Bogart, a Holocaust survivor. We showed the video "Paper Clips" at the KJCC, which tells the true story of a group of 8th grade students who, never even having met a Jew before, embarked on a life-altering mission in order to understand the concept of 6 million. I think we should show this film again, this time for our young students in our school. They have questions about Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust. Also reading with them survivor's stories, children's stories of immense courage, would be a good approach.

It is of importance to us to reach the youth in our extended community, not only the Jewish, for the study of the Holocaust. By teaching the history of the Holocaust we hope that the present and the future generations can learn and understand how prejudice, hatred, and bigotry can lead to genocide. Through the study of the Holocaust, students can come to realize that democratic institutions and values are not automatically sustained but need to be protected; that the Holocaust was not an accident in history - it occurred because individuals, organizations, and governments made choices that not only legalized discrimination but that allowed prejudice hatred, and ultimately mass murder to occur.

Because the objective of teaching any subject is to engage the intellectual curiosity of the student in order to inspire critical thought and personal growth, the lessons are structured by considering certain questions to be

asked and appropriate reading, image, document, or film to be used. The first week of April, through contact with Michele Sutter, I met with the leadership-class of Coral Shores High School (CSHS), a group of 10-11 grade students. I showed them a documentary film about five Holocaust survivors, now living in Israel, telling their story of survival and their struggle to return to life after liberation from the concentration camps. In the film, the testimony is spoken in Hebrew with subtitles in English; the effort to listen to the survivor and follow his thoughts and emotions required a higher concentration from the students, and consequently, the impact on them was stronger.

That same week these High School students attended the Student Awareness Day in Miami, organized by the Holocaust Documentation And Education Center. They came on a bus (sponsored by KJCC) leaving at 6:00 am from school. They met with Holocaust survivors, listened to their message and asked questions in Round Table Discussions. The respect they showed to the speakers and survivors was immense. For us, teachers and facilitators, it was once again a highly emotional experience; for me to see the survivors in their unimaginable big effort to teach the young students lessons of the Holocaust, to deliver their message in such a protective way, encouraging the students to ask any question, even about a most disturbing or horrible subject, just breaks my heart again and again. At the closure, lighting a candle and thanking each one of us the survivors for teaching us, brought tears to my eyes.

For Yom Ha'shoa, April 25th, we hope to bring together a numerous group of our students and attend together with parents, teachers and members of the KJCC the Holocaust Memorial Service in Miami.

Shalom, Yardena

New Chosen People

Jerusalem (SatireWire.com) Update - Jews, whose troubled, 10,000-year term as God's "chosen people" finally expired last night, woke up this morning to find that they had once again been hand-picked by the Almighty. Synagogues across the globe declared a day of mourning.

Asked if the descendants of Abraham shouldn't be pleased about being tapped for an unprecedented second term, Jerusalem Rabbi Ben Meyerson shrugged. "Of course, you are right, we should be thrilled," he said. "We should also enjoy a good swift kick in the head, but for some reason, we don't.

"Now don't ask such questions until you watch the news, or read history, or at least rent 'Fiddler on the Roof'."

Much of the world's re-blessed Jewish community shared that feeling. "It's always been considered a joke with us. You know, 'Please G-d, next time choose someone else,' ha ha," said New York City resident David Bashert. ...

According to a worldwide survey of faiths, not a single group expressed an interest in being chosen, and the only application submitted before last night's filing deadline, on behalf of the Islamic people, proved to be a fake.

"Somebody filled out a form and signed our name to it, but I guarantee it wasn't us," said Imam Yusuf Al Muhammed of Medina, Saudi Arabia. "I'm not going to say who it was, but the application was filled out in Hebrew."

"Oh, don't be such a k'vatsh," responded Meyerson. "It's only 10,000 years. Trust me, after a few diaspora, you would have gotten used to the universal hatred thing."

Due to the absence of voluntary candidates, God's Law stipulated that the Almighty had to choose a people at random to serve

out the next 10-millenia term. Elias Contreau, director of the International Interfaith Working Group, said he wasn't surprised it came to a blind drawing.

"According to the Bible, God promised to bless Abraham and those who came after him," said Contreau. "Who knows, maybe that sounded good at the time, or maybe 'blessed' meant something different back then, like 'Short periods of prosperity interrupted by insufferable chaos. Whatever, I think it's safe to say that people didn't know what they were agreeing to.'"

Now they do, Contreau added, which he said explains why so many religions had lately been exalting God's existence, but downplaying their own.

"We were not avoiding Him. We just told our parishioners that if Anyone asks, we're out," insisted Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey, who had called off services during February. "Besides, we weren't the only ones. I didn't see the Hindus raising their hands."

"Now look, it's like we told the ethereal vision who dropped off the application, 'Sure, we have a strong shared faith and all that, but I wouldn't exactly say we're a 'people,' not really,'" recalled Hindu leader Samuldrala Swami Maharaj of Calcutta. "Plus, you know, I told him we had a lot of other commitments. We'd like to help, honestly. Another time, maybe."

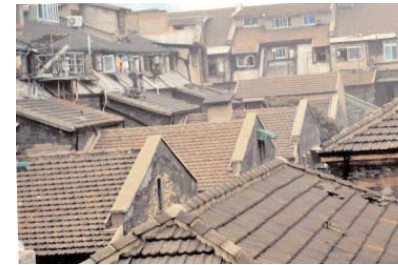
In Jerusalem, Jewish leaders said they will propose an amendment to God's Law prohibiting a people from having to serve more than two consecutive terms. "Hopefully, G-d will hear our prayer," said Meyerson. "No, wait, that's what got us into this."

Americans, meanwhile, expressed outrage at the decision, saying they had assumed they were God's chosen people. However, explained Archbishop Carey, "It only seems that way because so many people don't like you."

THE JEWS OF SHANGHAI

- Jim & Joan Boruszak

In 1939 Hitler ran the frenzy of persecution against the Jews. Many Jewish people fled from their Germany, and thousands of Jews went to Shanghai. They suffered many hardships living there. When the Pacific War broke out in 1941, the Nazis forced the Japanese, who controlled Shanghai, to persecute the Jews. The Japanese Authority set up an "unidentified refugee ghetto" and forced the Jewish refugees to move there. Ohel Moishe Synagogue was in the ghetto. Religious activities were held there, and they set up a youth organization. Almost 10,000 refugees lived in the ghetto.



The Jews and the Chinese got on very well and many friendships were formed between them. The Jews of that ghetto never forgot that it was Shanghai that saved them from Nazi torture. Several wealthy

Jews who lived through this time have second homes in Shanghai.

In order to remember the important historic role of the Ohel Moishe Synagogue, the government established the Jewish Refugees Memorial Hall of Shanghai at the site of the old Ohel Moishe Synagogue. They also set up a monument at the Roadside Park to memorialize the Genocide Survivors. The Chinese welcome all Jews to the Shanghai Hongkou District so that this friendship can be passed on from generation to generation.



As a side note: Our guide was extremely enthusiastic and really seemed to enjoy giving the tour.



KJCC SECOND SEDER

Once again, the Islamorada Fishing Club was jam packed with KJCC members and friends. If we only met to socialize, it would have been enough. If we only had Joel and Jim leading the services, it would have been enough. If we only had the guests reading from the Hagadah, it would have been enough. If we only had the great wait staff working for us, it would have been



enough. If we only had the fabulous food, it would have been enough. If we only had the great dessert, it would have been enough. But, we had all of this and more - 120 happy people joyfully reading, eating, drinking and taking part in the wonderful celebration.

What a great job., putting together this affair! Our thanks and congratulations to all who helped.



May 2006

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Yom Hazikaron	3 Yom Ha'atzmaut	4	5 Alan Beth	6
7 9 am Board Patio Dedica-	8	9	10	11	12 George Swartz	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16 Lag Ba'Omer	17	18 Chai- Lights	19 Joel & Linda Pollack	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 Alan Beth 8:00 Bernie & Yarden Yom Yeru- salayim	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			