

# Chai~Lights



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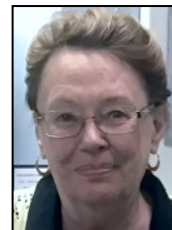
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## President's Message Beth Hayden



As I write this column, tomorrow (Monday), the United States will move its Embassy to Jerusalem, recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Palestinian demonstrations have been threatened in Gaza and the West Bank. On Tuesday, the “nakba” (disaster, as the “founding of Israel” is called by the Palestinians), will be remembered. More demonstrations and violent activities are planned. I have been interested as I read the US news reports describing the “mostly peaceful” Palestinian demonstrations in Gaza - I contrast those words with the horrendous videos coming out of Israel documenting the Gaza actions: flaming kites flown across the border fence burn Israeli crops, burned tires provide a terrible stench and black smoke which blinds eyes to what is being done, slings are wound up to greater and greater speed to throw rocks at Israeli troops, grappling hooks are affixed to the fenced barrier separating Gaza from Israel. These barriers have been breached more than once.

No one claims the Israel Defense Forces are perfect and the truth is, there are some bad eggs. However, as a whole, there are few armies in the world that do more to try and avoid civilian casualties than the IDF. I remember conversations in my living room in Israel, where neighbors

servicing miluim (reserve duty) and permanent members of the IDF discussed the issues of serving in the occupied territories. The Israel Defense Forces ARE for defense of the country. They were never meant to be an occupying force tasked with overseeing a hostile population. Even when I lived in Israel, many years ago, this was a hot topic of conversation - and for the first time, ever, in the history of the IDF, some people refused to serve in the occupied territories. They paid a very high price for their ideals. They also spoke about how it felt and how frightened they were to stand and have rocks thrown at them at high velocity. As one so vividly remarked, “A rock on your head or in your eye can kill you or wound you as well as a bullet.”

These are very tough days for Israel. Nevertheless, just as there is a silent majority in America, there are silent Palestinians who only want to live their lives, watch their children grow, prosper and live in peace. They are ill represented by their government; these days we might ask who is well represented by their government. Let us continue to hope that a day will come when reason and moderation will lead to a viable solution to the current conflict.

—*B'shalom, Beth*

# Nosh

## Reverse Tashlich

Last month we received an invitation from Rabbi Ed Rosenthal and the Scubi Jews of Sun-coast Hillel to join in a program originally intended to bring together the Tampa Bay Jewish community in *tikkun olam* activity. With KJCC participation, it will become a statewide (or at least long :-)) event.

Background: Rabbi Ed's *Tikkun HaYam* program, the repair of the seas, is part of *tikkun olam* (repair of the world) but intended to focus solely on the marine environment, raising awareness of our obligation as Jews to preserve and protect the sea and all of its creatures. As it states in Psalm 95:5: אִשֶּׁר לֹו הַיָּם, "The Sea is God's."

You all know we perform Tashlich prayers on the afternoon of *Rosh HaShanah* day one. We go to the ocean with a bag of bread (or bagels), and symbolically cast our sins into the water, leaving old unworthy behaviors behind us (which also

makes a lot of fish and seagulls happy...a lovely synergy), so we can start the New Year with a clean slate. This year Hillel and the Scubi Jews aim "to do things differently, with a lot more unity, reflection, and service." Let's join them in role reversal. Susan Gordon and Linda Kaplan's *Tikkun Olam* Committee will, with the help of as many members who are willing and able to take part, organize a "Reverse Tashlich" cleanup project, taking debris out of our waters instead of throwing more in (we will probably do both). Let's combine our efforts with those of all the synagogues in the Tampa area on the Sunday after *Rosh HaShanah*, September 16<sup>th</sup>, in beginning the job (made necessary by our fellow humans) of cleaning the seas. If you'd like to earn your own KJCC mitzvah points, please contact: susangordon424@yahoo.com.

## Shabbabecue (and Pauline at 103)

For more years than we can count, KJCC has been celebrating our nation's Independence Day with a hot dog and hamburger Shabbabecue on the nearest Shabbat to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Ever since Pauline Roller reached the youthful zenith of 100 years of age (her birthday also being on July 4<sup>th</sup>), we've linked the two celebrations. Who knew we would be celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup>. This year Pauline is the star. Yes, our men will be manning the grills: Skip Rose, Bernie Ginsberg, and Stuart Smith. Jane Friedman and Marc Bloom will be doing the shopping. Donna Bolton will be taking RSVPs (see poster on page 6). We may even have a few sparklers going. But accepting the major kudos and kisses and mazel tovs will be Queen Pauline.

## Membership Packets Coming Soon

If you've been wondering when you are going to get a new KJCC Directory, wonder no more. Watch your mailboxes in July. The indispensable phone/address/e-mail book for 2018-2019 will arrive along with your membership packet. Enjoy it. Then please return the sheets inside your envelope as quickly and filled out as thoroughly as you can, especially if you want your loved ones' names, complete and correct, in the *Yizkor* Book

## Oneg Sponsors for Summer 2018

- June 1st - Erica Lieberman-Garrett in honor of her wedding anniversary. Jane Friedman in honor of Harry's graduation.
- June 8th - Donna & Bill Bolton in honor of their birthdays.
- June 15th - Donna & Bill Bolton in honor of their 25th anniversary.
- June 22nd - Lynn Nobil in honor of her grandchildren's birthdays.
- June 29th - Michael & Lorena Kaufman in honor of their anniversary.
- July 6th - Sisterhood in honor of the Shabbabaque
- July 13th - Joyce Peckman in honor of her birthday.
- July 20th - Beth Hayden in honor of Kohengi's birthday.
- July 27th - Marc Bloom in honor of his birthday.
- August 3rd - Michael & Lorena Kaufman in honor of Sean's birthday.



for the year's first *Yizkor* on Yom Kippur. High Holidays are very early this year, and the book will go into production in early August, as soon as we get your filled-out responses back. If you can be extra generous with your donations to the Rabbi-Cantor Fund this year, as well as your other favorite causes, that too will be appreciated, along with your membership checks. We treasure our members. You are our *mishpacha*, and we do our best to provide the most nourishing, educational, cultural, and *Yiddishkeit* activity-rich Jewish community that we can. But none of this is something that "they" take care of. Perhaps unique in all synagogues, there is no "them" here at KJCC. There is only "us."

### Scubi Jews and Goliath Grouper

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal's Scubi Jews were in the news recently for their work advocating keeping protected status alive for the potentially endangered Goliath Grouper. Bravo. We look forward to seeing you Hillel students again this fall and winter. Do any of you know when the name Jewfish disappeared? Originated?

### KJCC Summer Activities

Forget summer doldrums. There will be none for KJCC members who choose to stay home for June, July, and August. Susan Gordon and Mitch Harvey have been busily plotting to keep us out in the air, on the water, breathing in sunshine and enjoying some summertime baseball. Game date and sunset cruise date are yet to be determined so keep your eye out for news in Beth's weekly announcements. But the half-day fishing trip for only \$35.00 plus tip is happening soon. (Please see ad for details on page 28.)

### Leaf on the Tree of Life

*In loving memory of my sister*

**Sondra Lundy**

**11/2/1929 - 3/25/2016**

*Elaine & Alan Schulberg*

## June Birthdays

2nd.....	Barbara Osder
2nd.....	Myra Kaplan
3rd.....	Abraham Rakov
3rd.....	Elanor Forbes
4th.....	Alfred Wehl
5th.....	Dorothy Wolfe
5th.....	Joseph Sachs
6th.....	Donna Bolton
6th.....	Nancy Kluger
6th.....	Suzanne Gilson
7th.....	Carrie Smith
7th.....	Joan P. Wohl
8th.....	Eina Fishman
8th.....	Elaine Solas
9th.....	Renee Brodie
9th.....	Zoe Moshe
12th.....	Kevin M. Silverman
13th.....	Israel Mayk
13th.....	Justin Greenbaum
14th.....	Jennifer Nobil
15th.....	Deborah Weiss
15th.....	Haley Mayclin
15th.....	William Bolton
16th.....	Marvin Blumenfeld
17th.....	Leo Haviv
18th.....	Amelia Kasinof
18th.....	Kim Haviv
20th.....	Harvey Klein
20th.....	Judy Schmidt
21st.....	Aaron Qesada
21st.....	Nancy Hershoff
21st.....	Roberta Chester
21st.....	Sam Janowitz
21st.....	Taryn Nobil
23rd.....	Dale Chasteen
23rd.....	Steve Levine
24th.....	Delaney Rohde
24th.....	Rita Bromwich
27th.....	Frank Emkey
27th.....	Kristy Moss
28th.....	Alan Cooper
29th.....	Milo Tainow
30th.....	Bob Friedman

## June Anniversaries

	Years
1st	Jim & Rita Williams.....34
1st	Joel Bernard & Joan Stark.....32
5th	Erica Lieberman-Garrett & Ron Garrett...24
<b>7th</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Sheila Steinberg.....59</b>
8th	Stephan & Jane Friedman.....22
11th	Medina & Carl Roy.....46
12th	Steven & Jan Hartz.....42
12th	William & Donna Bolton.....25
19th	Richard & Mindy Agler.....42
21st	Alan L. Beth & Candace J. Stanlake...31
23rd	Stuart & Lauren Sax.....44
<b>25th</b>	<b>Herbert &amp; Elinor Grossman.....61</b>
28th	Wes & Rita Conklin.....48
28th	Lloyd & Rae Wruble .....49

### A Bit About High Holidays

Yes, our *Yamim Noraim* (Ten Days of Awe) are happening unbelievably early this year; the first event, *Selichot*, the short prayer service in which we begin praying for forgiveness (followed immediately by our traditional program of pizza and a movie), will take place on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Because the next issue of Chai-Lights will not come out until shortly before September, we have included the High Holiday Schedule in this issue. We hope it is helpful to you in making your holiday plans. We will have an *Erev Rosh HaShana* dinner here this year (barring unexpected weather visitations akin to last September's — ptooy, ptooy, ptooy). (See ad for *S'lichot* on page 32, dinner on page 44, and High Holiday schedule on page 40.)

## July Anniversaries

	Years
2nd	Tomar Gross & Randy Klein-Gross....18
9th	Terry Willner-Tainow & Jon Tainow...46
12th	Jason & Debbie Madnick.....23
21st	Dick & Rita Bromwich.....44
30th	Andrew & Randi Grant.....29

## Meditation Garden Tree

**Jacob M. J. Shabathai**  
**1917—2016**  
**Mourned and loved by his family**

*By Joe & Kathy Shabathai*

## August Anniversaries

	Years
3rd	Augie & Kristy Moss.....5
<b>7th</b>	<b>Larry &amp; Dorothy Wolfe.....61</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>Paul &amp; Susan Roberts.....50</b>
15th	Richard & Barbara Knowles.....19
22nd	Franklin & Judy Greenman.....36
27th	Israel & Nissan Mayk.....46

## Summer Service Leaders

July 6th: Steve Hartz  
 July 13th: Bernie Ginsberg  
 July 20th: tba  
 July 27th: Joyce Peckman

August 3rd: Susan Gordon and Donna (the *d'var* diva) Bolton  
 August 10th: Erica Lieberman-Garrett  
 August 17th: tba  
 August 24th: Sam Vinicur and Beth Hayden  
 August 31st: tba

### Help Us Mail to the Correct Address

Sometimes we know who's here and who's at their summer residence. But often, unless you've given us a schedule, we don't. If you don't already have a schedule on file, please make sure we know where to send your September issue. Todah.

## Summer Activities

What do you do in the summer? Are you planning a trip to family far afield? Going on a cruise to Alaska? Teaching a grandchild to swim? Sunbathing in your own backyard? Perhaps some of you (at least two that we know of) are staying *au courant* with world events by checking in personally on your ham radio? Keep us in the loop by sending photos and descriptions.

We'll enjoy seeing them in the September issue. Send to Gloria at [geetavner@gmail.com](mailto:geetavner@gmail.com).

## See You in September

As is our custom, this is the tenth and final issue of Chai-Lights for the season, with no separate issues for July and August. We'll miss you, and hope you'll miss us. But, as things go, the next issue will be in your hands before you know it.

## Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC

**BOOKPLATES for siddurim:** Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575, for information, or send your desired inscription to [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto: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 Beth Hayden, 305-773-0067.

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

**CHAI-LIGHTS ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will appear in every issue of Chai-Lights. Call Gloria Avner, 305-619-0216, for annual rates.

**DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT:** Your business ad will be featured prominently in our Membership Directory. Call Beth Hayden, 305-773-0067, for annual rates.

**GIFT SHOP:** We have lovely items for all holidays and for every day enjoyment. If you have a special request, call Sydney! Faye-Davis, 305-613-3010, or Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? 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 Joyce Peckman, 732-447-5225, or email her at [joycepeckman@gmail.com](mailto:joycepeckman@gmail.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 Sydney! Faye-Davis, 305-613-3010, or Susan Gordon, 305-766-3585.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Chanah David, 305-774-6048.

**TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT:** Bring your empty prescription and vitamin bottles to the KJCC and place in the collection box. We are assisting Burton Memorial with a project to provide empty medicine bottles to Haiti where they are needed.

**TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, SOCIAL HALL CHAIR PLATES, YAHR-ZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Send your desired inscription to Linda Pollack at [lindap4000@ymail.com](mailto:lindap4000@ymail.com).

*Further Information about pricing can be found on the KJCC website: [keysjewishcenter.com](http://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.*



KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Happy Birthday to  
Pauline Young!!!  
103 Years



4th of July  
Shabbabaque

DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018

PLACE: KJCC

TIME: 5:30 BARBECUE DINNER

7:30 SERVICES

COME, EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY AND WISH  
OUR PAULINE A HAPPY 103RD BIRTHDAY!

CONTACT DONNA WITH QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS  
LTON9993@BELLSOUTH.NET, (305) 393-1351

## July Birthdays

1st.....	Alex Hudson
1st.....	Eitan Loi-Kamely
1st.....	Jennifer Gilson
1st.....	Nelson Chester
1st.....	Patti Gross
2nd.....	Elissa A. Denker
2nd.....	Rabbi Ed Rosenthal
3rd.....	Max Finkelstein
3rd.....	Michael Kaufman
4th.....	Mindy Rosenthal
4th.....	Pauline Roller
7th.....	Lucy Moss
8th.....	Gary Sherman
9th.....	Joyce Peckman
11th.....	Steven Hartz
12th.....	Rebecca M. Schur
12th.....	Richard Steinberg
13th.....	Dot Brooking
13th.....	Leslie Reamer
14th.....	David Gross
14th.....	Paul Eric Bernstein
15th.....	Danna Levy
17th.....	Foster Davidson
17th.....	John Hawver
18th.....	Luzviminda Levine
20th.....	Lyn Sherman
20th.....	Roosmary Benowitz
21st.....	Arlington Garrett
21st.....	Brian Smith
21st.....	Joshua Samuel Bernstein
21st.....	Linda Perloff
22nd.....	Millie Tainow
23rd.....	Barat Barefoot
23rd.....	Carrie Temkin
26th.....	Carol Field
26th.....	Lance Royce Kaufman
27th.....	Marc Bloom
27th.....	Rachael Bloom
28th.....	Lila E. Juenger
28th.....	Mary Anne Pearl
29th.....	Andy Loi-Kamely
29th.....	Barry Neumann
29th.....	Bruce Boruszak
29th.....	Candy Stanlake
29th.....	Mary Lee Singer

30th.....	Molly Bloom
31st.....	Drew Nobil
31st.....	Mark Steinberg

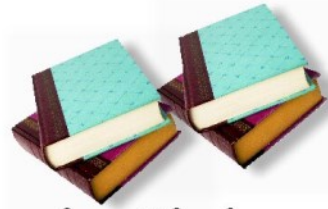
## August Birthdays

1st.....	Lori Richardson
1st.....	Nicholas Rivera
2nd.....	Marc S. Field
4th.....	Jessica Forman
5th.....	Nissan Mayk
8th.....	Joseph Reamer
9th.....	Delia Grace Smith
9th.....	Eric Freundlich
10th.....	Barbara Smith
10th.....	Emma Feig
12th.....	Larry Weiss
13th.....	Gina Moritz
13th.....	Stephan Friedman
14th.....	Linda Ulman
15th.....	Danielle Zinner
15th.....	Patricia Isenberg
16th.....	Alan Lindenbaum
16th.....	Alison Thompson
16th.....	Tom Brennan
19th.....	Pamela Friedman
20th.....	Amanda Nobil
21st.....	Rachel Zinner
23rd.....	Dave Mont
24th.....	Carl McNew
26th.....	Mikhaela Bitton
27th.....	Jaimee Marshall
27th.....	Judy Greenman
30th.....	Robert Temkin
30th.....	Sue Ann Weihl
31st.....	Brynn Borisoff

### **BOOK PLATE**

in memory of  
**Ellen Coltman**

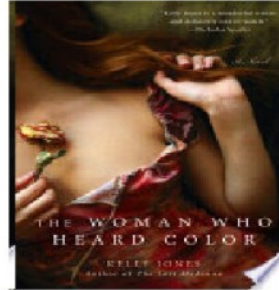
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## Sisterhood Book Club

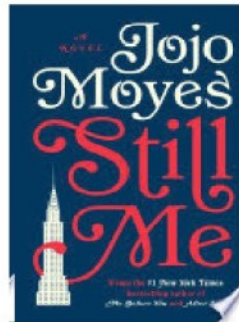
Monday  
June 25, 2018 noon

***THE WOMAN WHO HEARD COLOR***  
**BY KELLY JONES**



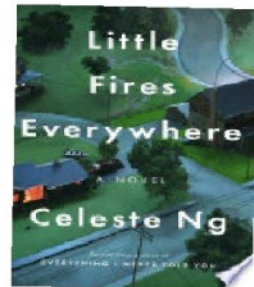
Monday  
July 30, 2018 noon

***STILL ME***  
**BY JOJO MOYES**



Monday  
August 27, 2018

***LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE***  
**BY CELESTE NG**



**VENUE TO BE DECIDED UPON**

RSVP and more information - Randi Grant  
rkgcpa@bellsouth.net 954-383-4320



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## Sisterhood Susan Gordon



As we enter into the slow, hot days of summer here in the Florida Keys, I would like to reflect on some of the Sisterhood activities which took place during the month of May. Thanks to Jane Friedman's green thumb, we have been treated with fresh, delicious, expertly prepared vegetables from our KJCC vegetable garden throughout the entire month. The garden has been thriving, and we are very fortunate to enjoy such healthy onegs each week!

Sisterhood met on the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup> for our monthly meeting. We had a lot to discuss and several events to plan. Randi Grant reported that the Book Club will remain active throughout the summer months. There is a core group of about nine women who are enjoying the monthly book discussions and luncheons held at various local restaurants.

The *tikkun olam* donations, which were raised during the Women's Seder, were distributed to the three recipients. We donated a total of over \$1,300. Checks were given to The Talia Agler Girls Shelter in Kenya, Nairobi, The Key Largo School Needy Fund, and the KJCC Scholarship Fund. During the May 6<sup>th</sup> KJCC Board meeting, Sisterhood was also happy to present a donation to the KJCC in the amount of \$2,000.00.

On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Sisterhood sponsored a dairy dinner as part of the greater celebration of Shavuot at the KJCC. The evening began with the dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by Shabbat & Yizkor services at 7:30 p.m. After services, Rabbi Agler led a Torah Learning event during the oneg. Many thanks to Erica for chairing the Shavuot dinner, coordinating the food, and making it an enjoyable evening for all who attended!

Working together with the KJCC, Sisterhood is helping plan one of our favorite mid-summer events, the Annual Shabbabecue and Celebration of Pauline's (103<sup>rd</sup>) birthday! Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Donna Bolton at

lton9993@bellsouth.net to RSVP.

We are taking a summer break from our monthly Sisterhood meetings during June and July, but will meet again on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend this important meeting; we will be planning the Rosh Hashanah dinner and luncheons, as well as the Yom Kippur break-the-fast dinner.

If you are reading this issue of Chai-Lights prior to Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, please join together with other KJCC Women for our Annual End of Season Luncheon. We plan to meet at 12:00 noon at the Bayside Grill, upstairs, at Mile Marker 99. This will be a relaxing and enjoyable gathering in appreciation of all of the dedication and hard work done all year by our amazing group of women!

I have been assisting Mitch Harvey on the KJCC Activity Committee. We are working to put together some fun activities for us to enjoy during the summer months, such as a half-day fishing trip and a sunset cruise out on Florida Bay! Who says that Jewish women don't fish? Let's show the men what we can do with a rod & reel on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will go out for a four-hour fishing excursion on board the party fishing boat, Sailor's Choice. The boat will leave the dock at 9:00 a.m., and return at 1:00 p.m. Please check in and pay at 8:30 a.m., at the ticket booth by the Holiday Inn at Mile Marker 100. Our rate is \$35.00 per person, and does not include the customary mate's gratuity. You may bring drinks and snacks, but no glass containers. The Sunset Cruise will be scheduled during the month of July. This will be a delightful two hours, leaving from the Marriott Bay Beach Resort in Key Largo. Details will be included in the President's weekly announcements.

We have so much to enjoy during the summer months here in the "Fabulous Florida Keys!" ◇

# *In Memoriam June, July and August 2018*

In Memory Of

**David Gitin**

By Gloria Avner



In Memory Of

**Samuel Segal**

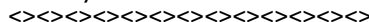
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In Memory Of

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By Marvin A. Blumenfeld



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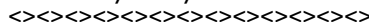
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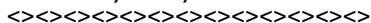
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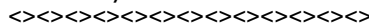
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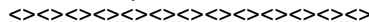
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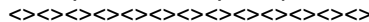
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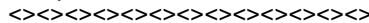
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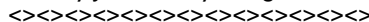
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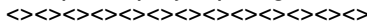


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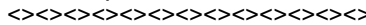
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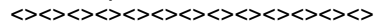
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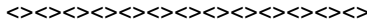
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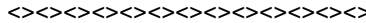
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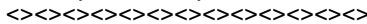
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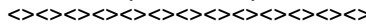
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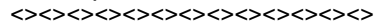
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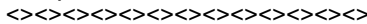
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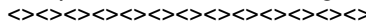
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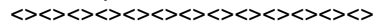
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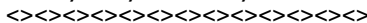
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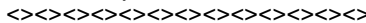
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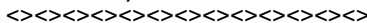
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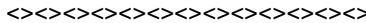
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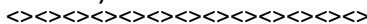
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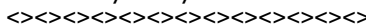
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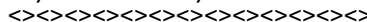
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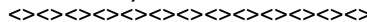
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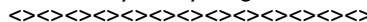
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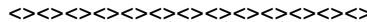
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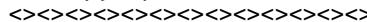
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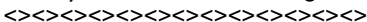
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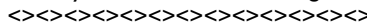
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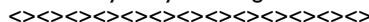
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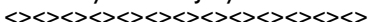
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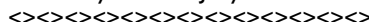
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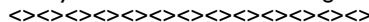
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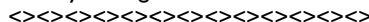
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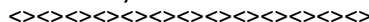
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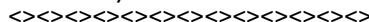
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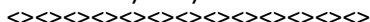
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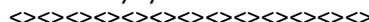
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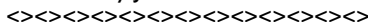
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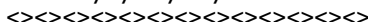
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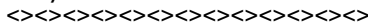
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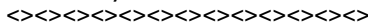
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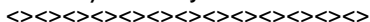
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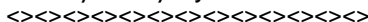
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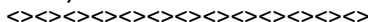
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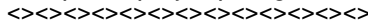
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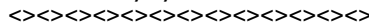
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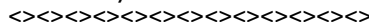
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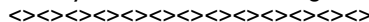
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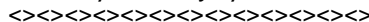
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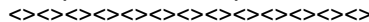
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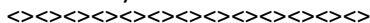
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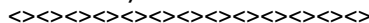
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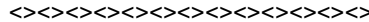
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# Contributions to KJCC

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support the Keys Jewish Community Center by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

All donations made after the fifth of the month will appear in the following month's Chai-Lights. When you make a donation, please signify the fund it is to go to and the recognition of the name or names to be listed.

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## 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.

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# World Jewish Report

## Medina Roy



### Some Troubling Statistics

According to a recent study commissioned by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (commonly referred to as the *Claims Conference*), some 22 percent of U.S. millennials (ages 18-34) “have not heard of or are unsure if they have heard of the Holocaust.” The study included 1,350 interviews with Americans aged 18 and over. Thirty-one percent of all respondents and 41 percent of millennials believe that the number of Jews who perished during the Holocaust is two million or less. Forty-five percent of all respondents could not name a concentration camp or ghetto from World War II, and 41 percent could not identify Auschwitz. The study also found that the vast majority of respondents support Holocaust education. “We are alarmed that today’s generation lacks some of the basic knowledge about these atrocities,” said *Claims Conference* President Julius Berman. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 4-15-18)

### The Origin of a Custom

Americans look forward to observing Memorial Day with barbecues, picnics, shopping, etc. Israel, in striking contrast, observes its Memorial Day (*Yom Hazikaron*) and Holocaust Remembrance Day (*Yom HaShoah*) in a much more reverential way. Both are regular work days, but at a designated hour, air-raid sirens blare throughout the country for two minutes. The entire country comes to a standstill and people stop what they are doing – even on the highways – remain silent and reflect on both those who have fallen serving their country and those lost in the Holocaust. (If you’ve never participated or seen the highly emotional experience, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYeOEAsHS78>.)

How did this custom originate? The tradition dates back to South Africa. In 1918, the mayor of Cape Town initiated the Two-Minute Pause to remember the fallen soldiers on

Europe’s World War I battlefields. South African author and politician Sir James Percy FitzPatrick was in England when the war ended. He had lost a son in battle and suggested to King George V that they also adopt a moment of silence. It became part of Armistice Day events throughout the British Empire. The custom was imported to Palestine (ruled by the British from 1918 until Israel proclaimed independence in 1948). The British installed air-raid sirens across Palestine at the onset of World War II. At first, the new State of Israel used the sirens sparingly, primarily for ceremonial purposes such as when Zionist leader Theodor Herzl’s remains were flown in for burial. ([www.thejewniverse.com](http://www.thejewniverse.com), 5-4-16)

### Electronic Noses” To Detect Breast Cancer

Israeli scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) and researchers at Soroka-University Medical Center have come up with a new screening method that detects breast cancer more accurately and earlier than all other methods. Using readily available technology, they have been able to identify biomarkers using two electronic nose gas sensors (e-noses) for breath, along with gas-chromatography mass spectrometry to quantify patterns of substances in urine. The findings have recently been published in the journal *Computers in Biology and Medicine*. In the study, the researchers were able to detect breast cancer with more than 95 percent average accuracy using two different electronic noses (e-noses) that can identify unique breath patterns in women with breast cancer. In addition, urine samples submitted by both healthy patients and those diagnosed with breast cancer showed an 85 percent average accuracy. “Breast cancer survival is strongly tied to the sensitivity of tumor detection...Our new approach utilizing urine and exhaled breath sam-

ples – analyzed with inexpensive, commercially available systems – is non-invasive, accessible and may be easily implemented in a variety of settings,” said Professor Yehuda Zeiri, a member of BGU’s department of biomedical engineering. “With further study, it may also be possible to analyze exhaled breath and urine samples to identify other cancer types as well,” he said. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 4-25-18)

### **An Inspiration to the Disabled**

At the end of April, Simon Kindleysides, 34, from Norfolk, England, became the first paralyzed man to finish the London Marathon, an amazing accomplishment that took him 36 hours to complete. He managed to walk the entire 26.2 mile course with the help of the *ReWalk* robotic exoskeleton suit, a wearable device developed in Israel that allows paraplegics to mimic the function of the legs and hips. The London Marathon dubbed him #SpiritofLondon award winner for 2018, even though he did not win any official medals. *ReWalk* was created some 20 years ago by mechanical engineer Amit Goffer. He began working on the device after a road accident left him paralyzed in 1998. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 4-25-18)

### **Update**

In the April issue of *Chai-Lights* we reported that Israel was preparing for a mass deportation of thousands of African migrant asylum seekers from Eritrea and Sudan. The migrants had illegally crossed into Israel through the Sinai desert. Originally, Israel was scheduled to begin deportation of the migrants in early April under a plan and budget that was approved by Israel’s Cabinet back in January. Then, in mid-March, the Supreme Court froze the deportations after a petition was filed by opponents of the ruling. But now the Israeli government has abandoned the plan altogether. “At this stage, the possibility of carrying out an unwilling deportation...is not on the agenda,” the government wrote in response to the court. The migrants can now renew residency permits every 60 days, as they were able to do before the

push to deport them. The matter is still hotly debated: the migrants and human rights groups say they are seeking asylum, fleeing war and persecution; the government claims they are seeking jobs and that it has every right to protect its borders. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com), 4-24-18)

### **A “Snake” to Pick Fruit (or Fix a Satellite)**

A team of researchers at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has developed a “minimally actuated serial robot” (MASR) that travels back and forth along a structure and rotates using its own motors. They’ve dubbed it “the snake” since it travels along a thin path, kind of like a snake. David Zarrouk, head of the school’s Bio-Inspired and Medical Robotics Lab, said the MASR is ideal for agriculture (as in picking fruit), industry, search-and-rescue and even fixing, docking or refueling satellites in outer space. In contrast to other snake-type robots that travel using many connected motors, MASR uses only two, reducing the robot’s weight, size and cost. The device can also add or eliminate track pieces quickly, making it possible, according to Zarrouk “to target quick repairs in isolated sections.” Zarrouk’s next project is a robotic pill that moves through the intestines like a worm and can be controlled remotely by healthcare professionals. ([www.israel21c.org](http://www.israel21c.org), 4-8-18)

### **In Memoriam**

• Judith Leiber, 97 and her husband Gerson, 96, died within hours of each other at the end of April. (The night before they died, Gerson reportedly told his wife, “Sweetie, it’s time for both of us to go.”) Judith was known for her small crystal-covered handbags - called minaudières - carried by celebrities, several First Ladies and Queen Elizabeth II. Her handbags – many priced well into four figures per bag – are in the permanent collections of the Smithsonian Institution, the Chicago Historical Society and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Gerson, known as Gus, was an abstract painter, lithographer and sculptor. His work has been featured in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Judith was born in Budapest. She learned all the stages of handbag manufacturing in an artisan guild. She was able to use that knowledge to escape the Nazi concentration camps by sewing Nazi military uniforms.

Gerson, born in Brooklyn, was an Army Signal Corps sergeant stationed in post-war Budapest when he met Judith. They married in 1946 and settled in New York, where he studied in art school. After Judith worked more than a dozen years for other manufacturers, the couple opened their own handbag business in 1963. She received most of the fashion industry's major prizes. They sold the company in 1993 for a reported \$16 million. (Judith later told people, "Hitler put me in the handbag business.") In 2008, they opened the *Leiber Collection*, a museum dedicated to both of their work on their property in the Hamptons. ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com), 4-30-18)

- Sam Bloch, who dedicated his life to the rescue, welfare and rehabilitation of Holocaust survivors and to rebuilding Jewish life, has died. He was 94. His goal was to strengthen the memory and lessons of the Holocaust. Bloch grew up in Ivie, Poland (today Belarus) speaking only Hebrew. His father Joshua was one of the founders of the modern Hebrew movement and the head of Ivie's Jewish Day School. The elder Bloch was murdered when the Nazis arrived in Ivie and targeted the leaders of the community. Sam rescued his mother and five-year-old brother by escaping with them, finding temporary haven offered by righteous Christian farmers and hiding in the woods. While there they were discovered by one of the Bielski brothers, who brought them to the Bielski partisan base deep in the Nailboczka Forest. There Sam joined the fight against the Nazis and helped rescue other Jews. He, his mother and brother were among the 1,400 Jews who survived in the Bielski brigade. Bloch went on to become the youngest leader of the Jewish committee that governed the Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons Camp, the largest DP camp in Germany and a major center for the rehabilitation of 50,000 survivors of the Holocaust as well as the flight and rescue operations of survivors in Europe, bringing them to

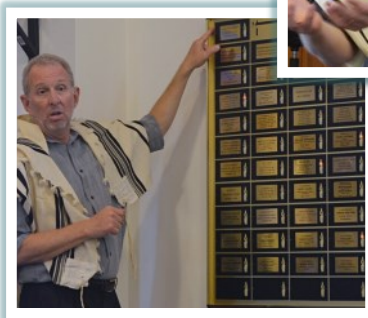
Israel. Bloch published 30 volumes of Holocaust memoirs, history and poetry in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. A life-long Zionist, Bloch was the recipient of many honors and awards. ([www.worldjewishcongress.org](http://www.worldjewishcongress.org), 2-6-18)

- David S. Wyman, author, historian and leading scholar of the United States' response to the Holocaust, died in March at 89. The grandson of Protestant ministers, Dr. Wyman recalled his parents conveying "not just tolerance but a high degree of respect for all different people." He taught at the University of Massachusetts from 1966 until his retirement in 1991. Wyman was in graduate school when he began researching what was done by the United States on behalf of the millions of Jews who were rounded up and murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators. His seminal work, "The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust 1941-1945" (winner of the National Jewish Book Award and a nominee for the National Book Critics Circle), was published in 1984 and was a best-seller that drew from both private and government records. Those records revealed widespread indifference and hostility to the Jews in Europe, even though their persecution and extermination was well documented. Wyman found fault with both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, the U.S. government, mainstream newspapers and movies and the anti-Jewish feelings of the general public. He showed how the federal government was slow to act and enforced strict immigration quotas while refusing to bomb the concentration camps. He alleges that President Roosevelt was more concerned about angering anti-Semites than about helping the Jews. Dr. Wyman's book has been credited with inspiring the 1985 American rescue of 800 Ethiopian Jews who were stranded in Sudan. At the time, Vice President George H.W. Bush said the book was a major factor in the U.S. decision to airlift the Ethiopians and bring them to Israel. Wyman often spoke about how difficult it was for him, as a Christian, to be confronted with the evidence of the lack of response by American Christians to news of the Holocaust. ("The Abandonment of the Jews" can be found in the KJCC library in the Holocaust [HOL] section.) ([www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), 3-16-18) ◊

# Photo Gallery

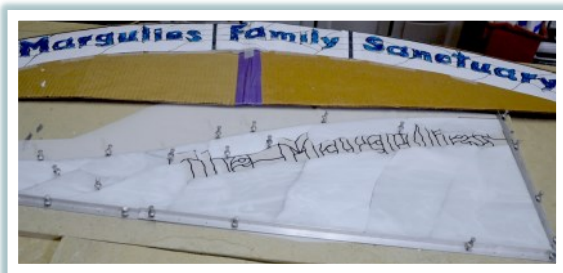
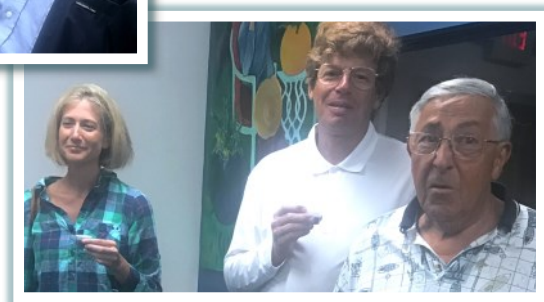
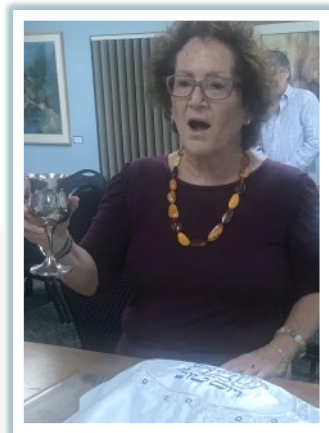


Scenes from the April 28th Saturday morning Torah service, Rabbi Agler's last of the season. Gloria read from the Torah. Stan Margulies chanted the Aliyah. In the photo bottom left, the rabbi wanted to illustrate a point from that week's Torah teaching, where it says to leave "a corner" of your field for the poor. How much, then, do the rabbis discern the Torah means by "a corner?"



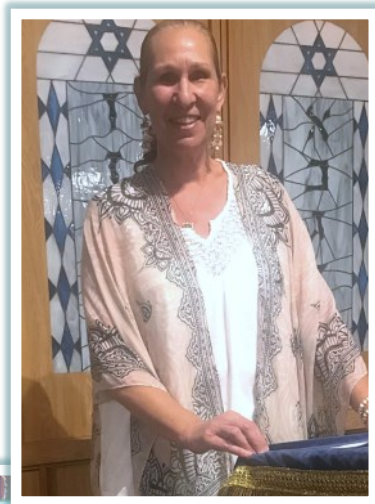


The top three photos were taken during the oneg on May 4th. Joyce Peckman had led the service and then, as you see at right, the blessings for wine and bread. It was nice to see our two favorite denizens of the Plantation Key Nursing and Rehab facility. Plus one resident who comes from Duck Key, one who will leave shortly for Tennessee and one leaving the next week for the Philly burbs of S. Jersey. We are nothing if not a well-traveled and eclectic group.



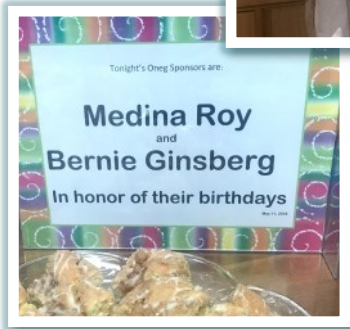
The three photos at right and above show an original work of stained glass art in progress. You've all seen the sign above the sanctuary door announcing its renaming as the "Margulies Family Sanctuary." We've also commissioned a new stained glass piece saying the same thing that will sit above the Ark. At right, the local artist, Veronica Gutierrez, cuts a tiny piece of blue glass to fit into the "y" of "family."



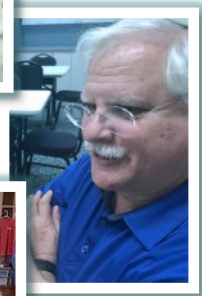
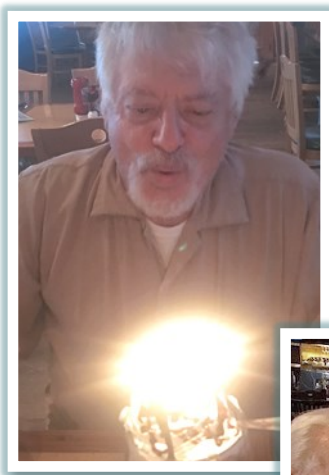
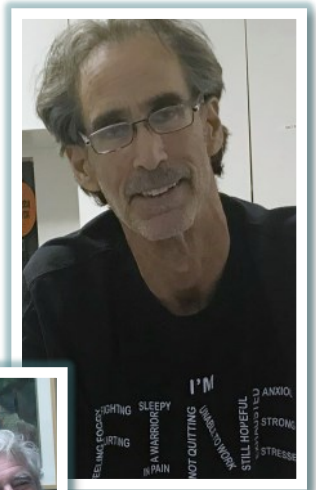


Scenes and moments from the May 11th service and following oneg. Erica Lieberman-Garrett had led the service. The oneg, as you see, was jointly sponsored by (in chronological order) Bernie Ginsberg and Medina Roy in honor of their birthdays. (For the few who don't know, they also grew up in the same small Jewish seaside enclave of Far Rockaway, New

York, as did, Bernie loves to point out, one of his physics heroes, Richard Feynman. As did, the siren song of truth bursts in to demand, a famed criminal or two.)



We had, courtesy of Medina's Adult Education Committee, a second season of amazing and (usually) fabulous Jewish-themed films, many of them Israeli. The top four photos were all taken after the film on May 12th.



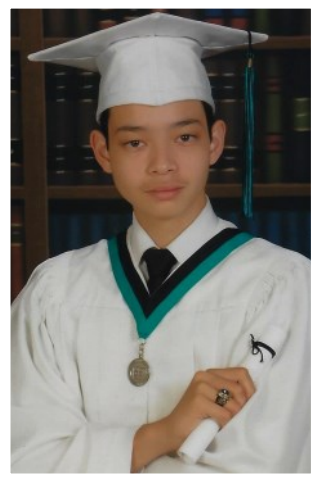
In the two photos at left, plus the one just above left

where it looks like Bernie is oohing and aahing at a miniature version of the sun but is in fact blowing out candles on a birthday cake, some friends gathered at Pilot House to help Bernie ring out that year's birthday. The entire place, of course, ended up regaled by a lifetime's collection of jokes, some pushing the elastic boundaries of a PG-13 rating. Think of it as a little Catskills plopped temporarily into a roadside diner in, say, rural Indiana.





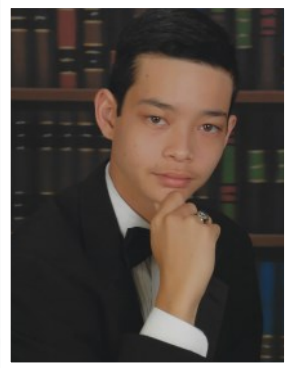
All the photos at top show this year's Sisterhood contributions to KJCC: one (with Gloria, top left) showing one of three contributions from the Women's Seder, to the Key Largo school for their emergency student fund; one to Rich Agler, center, for the Tali Fund, and the third lower left to Beth and treasurer Linda Kaplan for the KJCC Scholarship Fund. The other photo, with Beth and Gloria lower right, shows the giving of Sisterhood's annual contribution to KJCC from their various programs.



### KJCC Scholarship to Harry Friedman

Congratulate Harry, Jane, and Steve Friedman, the next time you see them. They say it takes a village to raise a child. We are all proud to have been part of Harry's greater *mishpacha* and supportive community from the time his family moved here when Harry was just 7 years old. He is now 18, an advanced Eagle Scout who created a burgeoning organic garden on KJCC grounds and who will graduate from Miami's Coral Reef Senior High School on June 6<sup>th</sup> with a 4.3 GPA. Harry will be a freshman at University of Florida in Gainesville this fall, working hard to achieve his goal of becoming

an engineer in the United States Navy. We are happy to announce that Harry will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship from KJCC to help him on his way to a successful college experience. Come back to us as often as you can, Harry. We love you and look forward to hearing you chant *Hatzi Kaddish*.



**Earth Day was April 22nd. We show two ways of celebrating. In the photo below we show our neighbor Burton Memorial Methodist's wonderful food bank, overflowing with fresh vegetables courtesy of Jane Friedman's organic KJCC garden...**



**...and at left Jules and Nettie Seder (well, at least Nettie) hold a fellow whose forebears preceded ours to earth by millions of years.**



**On April 24th Susan Gordon celebrated her birthday in two ways, with gathered KJCC friends, above, and with musical friends from her regular band gig.**



**In the two photos at left we show two sides of Sean Kaufman at onegs. (Michael says that every Friday, just after he gets home, Sean runs up to him and says, "are we going to Temple tonight?") In the shot above left, you can see that it was time to leave. But before that there were a few pointed questions for Bernie...**



**KJCC friend Arlo Haskell, author of “The Jews of Key West,” is shown above in Tallahassee just after receiving his Gold Award for Florida books for “Jews,” his first work of non-fiction. In the center photo, Susan Gordon is shown in Tennessee with daughter Rose Marie during a Mother’s Day visit just before the birth of Rose Marie’s second son.**



**The two above photos show Gloria and Joyce’s recent visit with Alan and Candy at their new(est) house in St. Petersburg. For those who still think of St. Pete as “God’s Waiting Room,” it’s a very different scene now.**



**The two photos at bottom show Joel and Toby Bofshever on a sojourn in Texas and visiting two**



**groups of fellow KJCC members in two different cities, at far left with Stuart and Lauren Sax near Dallas, and just left with Roy Pollack and Elizabeth Giddens in Austin.**



# The Kargers Set Sail . . .



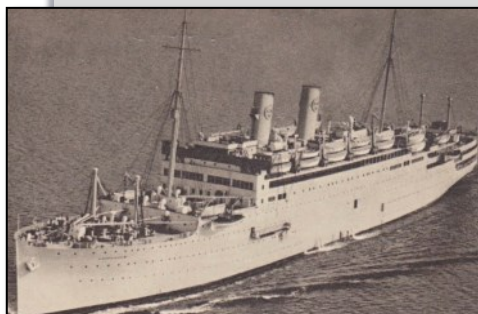
Shirley and Gunther Karger went cruising for ten days in May on the *Princess Caribbean*. What a fine way to celebrate Gus's 85th birthday, their coming 64th wedding anniversary, and Gus's voyage to America 72 years ago,

a 13-year-old war orphan from Sweden, penniless and without a word of English. Gus traveled on the *MS Gripsholm*. The ship (pictured below



with him on it) was one of three Swedish American Line transatlantic passenger ships built in 1926, the first new ships since the Titanic went down in 1912 and the

largest of its time (1800 passengers). — *Mazel tov, Shirley and Gus!*



As you can see above, this time Gus got to enjoy the company of the ship's captain, perhaps symbolic of a life well and productively lived.



# Keys Jewish Community Center

# Let's GO Fishing

## KJCC Fishing Trip

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

4 hour trip 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Check in at the dock ticket booth at 8:30 a.m.

\$35 - includes rod, reel, and bait.

Tip is extra and customary.

byob/snacks/no glass containers



Boat is Sailors Choice

located at MM 100 across the canal from the  
Holiday Inn, oceanside.

Reserve with Susan Gordon before June 4th  
susangordon424@yahoo.com - 305-766-3585

# Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Israel

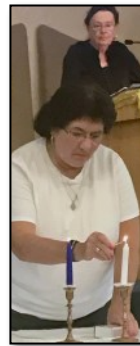
## *Yom Huledet Sameach*



**We** at KJCC always know how old Israel is because our own Medina Roy was born on the same day and given the name Medina, Hebrew for “State” (of Israel), in honor of the existence of the new nation. We chose to celebrate it a little differently this year and threw Israel a dinner party. The food was excellent, and so was the upbeat Israeli music and décor. Thank you, Sisterhood, for a delicious and fun-filled event. In the country’s honor we made it an Israeli dinner.

We were awash in homemade hummus, pita bread, olives of all kinds, magnificent Israeli salads, tabouli, tzatziki, and falafel with all the trimmings (made for the first time by Jane Friedman).

For many of us, these were first-time outings in the realm of Israeli cookery. Beth Hayden, on the other hand, having lived in Israel for ten



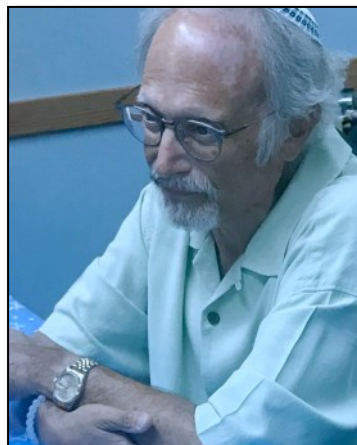




years, was in her element, and delighted us with Moroccan Israeli dishes and exotic desserts made with rosewater. Joyce Peckman brought a tasty salmon dish. Donna Bolton's honeyed baklavah disappeared in a few heartbeats and the shredded melt-in-your-mouth halvah brought by the Bofshevers brought living color memories of the KJCC odyssey to Israel back to those who had made that trip with Rabbi Agler in 2013. We owe many thanks to the Bofshevers for sponsoring this Israeli birthday dinner in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mazel tov, Joel and Toby!

The service led by Beth Hayden that night was a meaningful one. It was the Shabbat on which we commemorate *Yom HaZikaron*, Remembrance Day, a day on which we honor those who fought and died to achieve the freedom and Israeli independence we celebrated at our dinner. A lovely poem was read as a memorial to the soldiers' sacrifice, a reminder that we were not handed the nation of Israel on a silver platter. The silver platter that brought us Israel was wrought of the spirit of soldiers, men and women of all ages and nationalities who chose to take the ultimate risk because it was worth it to achieve a homeland, a country of their own, for the Jewish people, even at the cost of their lives.

The party continued after services and did not end with oneq desserts. We soon adjourned to the schoolroom to be treated to a teach-in of Israeli dances.

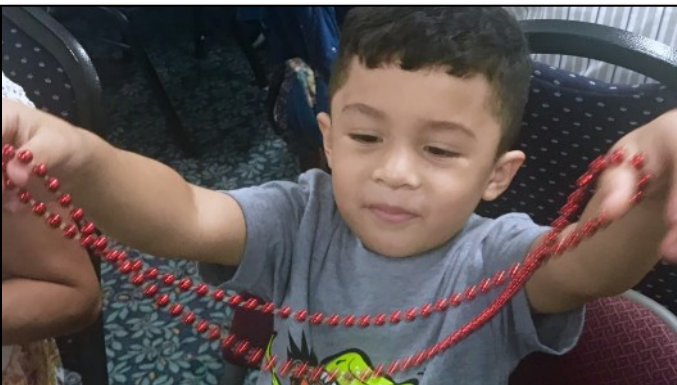




Participants of all ages, including 3-year-old Bin-yamin and four-year-olds Maddy Bloom and Sean Kaufman, gathered in a circle (many more than we anticipated) to move in the ancient steps of “Zemer Attik,” “Mayim, Mayim,” and “the Hora.” We danced and sang and laughed until we were breathless, forgetting for the moment that we were not the 15 and 18 and 23-year-olds we were when we had last whirled in circles to these joyous tunes. We love that our men, Bernie Ginsberg and James Brush among them, joined us in the rhythmic circular free-for-all. The smiles were large and infectious. We stopped to catch our breath and started up again. It was a fine way to celebrate *Yom HaAtzma’ut*, Israel’s Independence Day. Next year we will learn more songs and dances, even some lovely slow ones.



—Gloria Avner





# S'lichot

## Pizza, Popcorn, and Redemption

Before High Holidays comes Elul,  
a month of t'shuvah, returning, atonement, and asking for Divine mercy.

Some synagogues blow the shofar each day and read Psalm 27,  
asking God to "hear our voices and be gracious unto us."

S'lichot prayers for forgiveness on the Saturday before Rosh HaShanah  
are the culmination of Elul's spiritual self-examination.

**Saturday, September 1, 2018**

**6:00 p.m. S'lichot Service to be led by Beth Hayden**

**6:30 p.m. Pizza and Salad followed by a movie**



**A Hologram for the King** is a 2016 comedy-drama  
film starring Tom Hanks as a washed-up corporate  
salesman, who goes to Saudi Arabia to propose a  
business deal.

rsvp to Linda Pollack  
lindap4000@ymail.com  
(so we know how much pizza to get)

Sponsored evening - No charge

# When You Touch the Torah...

...The Torah, Emotionally and Profoundly, Touches You



by Gloria Avner

*Usually*, our Torahs are clothed in blue velvet, white satin, and gold embroidered, embellished garments, carefully stored in our safe or *Aron Kodesh* (holy Ark) on the *bimah*. We at KJCC are fortunate to have three of them behind the Ark curtain on Shabbat and holidays. And though we pay most attention to our Holocaust Torah, celebrated and refurbished with an elaborate re-writing event just over two years ago, now that our consciousness is raised about the importance of airing out our living “trees of life” (*Aytzim Chaim*) to maintain *Kashrut* (its Kosher status), we know it is important to give protective attention to the other two as well. In our desire to honor them we had neglected them.

We changed that on the April 28 Shabbat when Rabbi Richard Agler, our Resident Scholar, was scheduled to give his last-of-the-season Shabbat morning Torah Learning service. With his help, we undressed and unrolled both scrolls after Erev Shabbat service the Friday evening prior and then carefully, under his guidance, re-rolled each that morning after *Shacharit* (morning services). We are beginning to get good at this. It is not unlike a dance.

We worked in pairs, sensitive to each other’s rhythm, making sure one did







not get ahead of the other, neither too fast nor too slow, neither holding too tight nor too loosely, and always there was something in the script or the physical presence of the parchment to catch our eye. Sometimes it felt like a relay, one pair of people each handing over their wooden handle to the next



two, so that all who wanted could have a turn at “holy rolling.” On one scroll we noted masking tape reinforcing the parchment in a key place. And yet, there did not seem to be general weakness. The lettering on each scroll was strong but even, uniform but not dull. Both Torahs seemed to be in excellent shape, much better than we had hoped or feared. We suspect that they are nowhere near as old as our treasured Holocaust Torah, with its proliferation of darkened stains, many of which we had lightened and repaired when we did the extensive work on its deteriorating text in 2016. There was no trace of the shininess of recently refurbished letters either, or of tears and weak seams.

Rabbi Agler has always pointed out passages and layouts of interest when we have unrolled and rerolled our Holocaust Torah. It was exciting to be able, on our own, to see and recognize some of these special places for ourselves: “oh, that must be the Song of the Sea,” and “look, there are the Ten Commandments.”

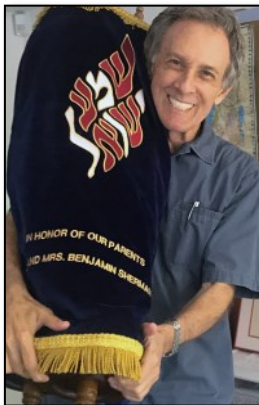






**After a full night of airing, breathing and renewing in our classroom (yes, the room was appropriately refrigerated for the night), the re-rolling began the next morning at the conclusion of Rabbi Agler's service. He showed us how to begin the process — to roll, then carefully tighten, then roll some more, then more tightening. We took a moment to drink it all in before returning both Torahs to the safe.**

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I have heard it said that when you take serious, nurturing care of something or someone, it is natural to fall in love with, or at least feel love for, that something or someone. I noticed how tenderly people were performing their tasks and how carefully the Torahs were being held when they were carried back from the schoolroom to their secure storage place. They were held as if they were babies, children for whose welfare we were responsible. If that is so, what a mutual and simultaneous role reversal! We call the Torah, in a masterful metaphor, a tree of life for those who hold fast to it; its ways are pleasantness and peace. If we follow the *mitzvot*, we will have rain in due season. Our crops and our lives will flourish. We take care of the Torah, and the Torah, the guiding spirit of our people, takes care of us. ◇

# - THIS MONTH IN JEWISH HISTORY -

## JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

### June

**1242** – Pope Gregory IX and King Louis IX (Saint Louis) decree all copies of the Talmud to be confiscated in Paris. Study of the Talmud, they believe, is the reason for the Jews' stubbornness. Twenty-four cartloads of Hebrew manuscripts are publicly burned. Ruling for over 40 years, Louis IX dies in Tunis in 1270 under arms for the Eighth Crusade.

**1541** – Jacob Pollack, the first important Polish-Jewish Rabbinic scholar, dies. His major contribution is to help establish the Talmudic method of study called "Pilpul." Many are frustrated over the years by the complex hair-splitting and disciplined logic of his method, and this type of Talmudic study also helps give rise to Chasidism. But it also helps refine and sharpen the Jewish mind and prepare it for eventual entry into the larger European world.

**1594** – Roderigo Lopez, a Marrano, is hanged in England. Arriving in England as Francis Drake's prisoner of war, he rises to become Queen Elizabeth's physician. Accused by court intrigue of being a Spanish spy trying to poison the Queen, he is arrested. Initially the Queen refuses to carry out the death sentence, but finally consents. Throughout his trial he is vilified for being a Jew.

**1648** – In Poland, bitterness over heavy-handed Catholicism by the Jesuits and taxes collected by some Jews for the nobles helps ignite the Cossack uprising. Led by Chmielniki, their victories over the Polish army encourage the serfs to join them. Jews, hated even more than Poles and

church and army and Cossacks despise each other, are massacred in almost every town. In ten years over seven hundred Jewish communities are destroyed and between one hundred and five hundred thousand Jews are killed. Many see the Cossack Uprising as a major cause of the messianic movement among the Jews of Russia and Poland, which soon followed.

**1815** – Napoleon, who has emancipated Europe's Jews by tearing down ghetto walls, is defeated at Waterloo. Fearing a return to their previous legal status, Jews send a Christian attorney to act on their behalf at the Congress of Vienna. An agreement is reached whereby Jews are "given rights in proportion to accepting the duties of citizenship." It is the first time that Jewish rights become enshrined in European Treaty Law.

**1849** – Article 84 of the new Danish Constitution negates discrimination of "any person on the basis of religious grounds." Ninety years later the Nazis will discover that Danes are true to their word, even with their country and their very lives at risk.

**1920** – The Haganah, the pre-Israel self-defense force, is formed during a meeting of the *Ahdut Avodah* party. It is dedicated to "havlagah," or pure self-defense.

**1936** – Leon Blum is elected as the first Jewish premier of France. A socialist, Blum institutes the 40-hour workweek and many important social reforms. Parliament does not support his financial program and his government lasts but one year.

**1967** – After weeks of bombardments from the Golan Heights, the closure of shipping lanes by Egypt and the departure of all U.N. observers, Israel attacks in what becomes known as the Six-Day War. Initially, young King Hussein of Jordan does not join the fighting, but when his forces cross the cease-fire line at Government House, Israel retaliates. On June 7, 1967 at 10:15, with the radio confirmation, "The Temple Mount is in our hands," the Israeli flag is raised above the Western Wall, its first time under Jewish sovereignty for almost two thousand years.

## July

**1099** – Godfrey de Bouillon enters Jerusalem at the head of the First Crusade, drives all the Jews into the synagogue, and sets them afire while marching around the synagogue singing, "Christ, we adore thee." This marks the end of Jerusalem as a Jewish center for centuries.

**1605** – A Jesuit missionary traveling through China writes a letter describing his meetings with Ai T'ien, a Chinese Jewish teacher. Most of what we know regarding the Kai-feng Jewish community is from this correspondence.

**1654** – Jacob Barsimon leaves Holland for New Amsterdam, to become its first Jewish resident. A few months later, other Dutch Jews sailing home from Brazil accidentally join him, when kidnapped by Caribbean pirates and then rescued by a Dutch Navy ship. Taken to the closest Dutch port, New Amsterdam, they become the original 24 now-legendary New York families called the Grandees.

**1656** – Baruch Spinoza, 23, is excommunicated by rabbis in Amsterdam, accused of denying the existence of angels, the immortality of the soul and that the Torah was given intact by God. Offered leniency, Spino-

za refuses to apologize. The council forbids anyone to communicate with him in any fashion or to read any of his books. His magnum opus, titled "Ethics," is published posthumously in 1677. It destroys medieval ideas, lays the groundwork for the Enlightenment, initiates modern Biblical criticism and causes no less than Hegel to assert that "you are either a Spinozist or not a philosopher at all."

**1776** – During the American Revolution there are fewer than 2,500 Jews total within the colonies. More than six hundred fight in the war, including the great-grandfather of future Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo.

**1858** – Sir Lionel Nathan Rothschild (the first Lord Rothschild) takes his seat in the House of Commons after a long and bitter fight. The Christian oath is amended so that non-Christians can also serve in the House.

**1873** – The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the first American Reform group, is launched in Cincinnati under the leadership of Dr. Isaac Meyer Wise.

**1882** – *Rishon Lezion* is founded by a group of 10 families in Palestine. Baron Edmund de Rothschild, in response to the Russian pogroms and a plea by Rabbi Samuel Mohilever, agrees to help the new *Moshava*. It is the beginning of Rothschild's deep involvement with settlement activities.

**1942** – Adam Czerniakow, the leader of the Jewish council of Warsaw, the *Judenrat*, commits suicide. He leaves behind a diary of over 1,000 pages, chronicling the formation of the ghetto up to the beginning of the forced transports. When ordered by the Germans to provide them with a list of names for deportation, his response is a list of his own name written hundreds of times. The day before his suicide, the Nazi officer in charge of the deportation procedure

threatens to shoot his wife if he doesn't cooperate. In his suicide note he writes: "I am powerless, my heart trembles in sorrow and compassion. I can no longer bear all this."

## August

**1338** – Host desecration riots erupt in Wolfsburg, Austria. Jews are accused of having stolen the Eucharist, making it bleed, and trying to burn it. Over 70 Jews are burned at the stake and their community destroyed.

**1393** – King John I of Portugal, to prevent "backsliding" by converted Jews, prohibits them from living in the same quarter or even eating together. He is known in Portuguese history as John the Great.

**1447** – Following a fire in Posen (Poland) where the original charter granting Jews "privileges" had been written by Casmir the Great, Casmir IV renews all Jewish rights, making his law one of the most liberal in Europe. The charter is revoked less than a decade later.

**1670** – Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I evicts Jews from Vienna, sells the Jewish quarter for 100,000 florins and has it re-named Leopoldstadt in his own honor. The synagogue and *Bet Midrash* (study hall) become St. Margaret's Church.

**1840** – British Foreign Secretary Lord Palmerston, in a letter to his ambassador in Constantinople, writes: "There exists...among the Jews...a strong notion that the time is approaching when their nation is to return to Palestine. I strongly recommend to the Turkish Government...to encourage the Jews of Europe to return to Palestine."

**1917** – The Jewish Legion of the British Army is established during World War I. Championed by Zev Jabotinsky, it is based on the

Zion Mule Corps. Although initially against the idea, most of the leadership of the *Yishuv*, including Ben-Gurion and Ben-Zvi, join after the Balfour Declaration. Over 2,700 men from around the Jewish world volunteer for the Legion. Many see action against the Ottomans in the fall of 1918. The Jewish soldiers also see the end of the near 600-year reign of the Ottoman Empire, which controls all of original Palestine, and the establishment of the British Mandate, both at war's end.

**1919** – Hungary limits the number of Jews in commerce, law, medicine, and banking. An estimated 5,000 Jews convert to Christianity during the weeks before the law goes into effect.

**1925** – From an original proposal by writer Nahum Shtif, European intellectuals such as Albert Einstein and Sigmund Freud establish YIVO (the Yiddish Scientific Institute) in Vilna (or Vilnius), Lithuania. Its goal is to promote scholarly research in Yiddish, especially on Jewish life and history in Eastern Europe. It standardizes Yiddish spelling and gathers thousands of documents on Jewish culture and folklore from much of Europe.

**1930** – After the 1929 Arab riots in Palestine, Sir John Hope-Simpson is sent by Colonial Secretary Lord Passfield to look into Arab economic complaints. He decides that Palestine has no industrial prospects, and recommends the cessation of all Jewish immigration and a settlement freeze. His report forms the basis for the infamous Passfield White Paper.

**1943** – Led by a small group of prisoners using primitive weapons and pistols, inmates at the Nazi death camp of Treblinka attack the guards and burn down the barracks. Between 300 and 500 prisoners escape, though most are either captured or turned over by Polish peasants. The German government decides to close the camp. ♦

# Summer Exhibits: *Focus on Photography*

by Jan Hartz

**B**eth Kaminstein has set up a wonderful underwater photography exhibit for the Ocean Charter School's students, which will be held at the Our Place In Paradise Gallery in Islamorada, MM 88.7 oceanside. I, Jan Hartz (Louise Lindsay in the photography world), have also been asked to exhibit three or four of my underwater pictures created during my trip swimming with humpback whales. At Beth's invitation, a few other local photographers' underwater artistry will also be exhibited. There will be an opening for the exhibit on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Be sure to check it out as well as to enjoy the many oil paintings that are always part of the gallery's exhibits.

This is a busy summer for photography. At least two of my pieces will also be exhibited at the Ernst Coe Visitor Center in the Everglades National Park. This exhibit starts in June and will run at least through July, if not through late September or October. The dates are yet to be determined, but be sure to stop and look at the exhibit at the Visitor Center if you take a trip to the Everglades. The exhibit will include several photographers' images, all made within Everglades National Park or very close to it.

Finally, be sure to check out the second floor of the Tassell Building at Mariners Hospital in Key Largo if you are in the area. The Art Guild of the Purple Isles has just set up a new exhibit there that will run through the fall. Many KJCC member artists

have pieces hanging in this exhibit. My "Sunset Awe" and "Pelican Connection (1)" images are there. (These have hung in the halls of the KJCC and might look familiar.) Gloria Avner and Geri Smith also have artwork included. ◊



**At left, "Grace," one of the stunning photographs by Jan Hartz (as Louise Lindsay, her professional name), now hanging at the Ernst Coe Visitor Center at Everglades National Park.**

# KJCC High Holiday Service Schedule

5779 (2018)

*Rabbi Richard Agler and Cantor Michael Dzubin*

## **Saturday, September 1st**

Pizza/Movies/S'lichot service 6:00 p.m.

## **Sunday, September 9th**

Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner – RSVP required 6:00 p.m.

Erev Rosh HaShanah service 7:30 p.m.

## **Monday, September 10th**

Rosh HaShanah, Day 1.

*Shacharit* (morning service) 9:30 a.m.

Break after shofar sounding 12:00 noon

*Musaf* service 12:15 -- 1:30 p.m.

Kiddush lunch 1:30 p.m.

*Taschlich* at Ocean Pointe (bring bread) 4:00 p.m.

## **Tuesday, September 11th**

Rosh HaShanah, Day 2

*Shacharit* (morning service) 9:30 a.m.

Break after shofar sounding 12:00 noon

*Musaf* service 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Kiddush lunch 1:30 p.m.

## **Friday, September 14th**

Erev Shabbat service and oneg 7:30 p.m.

## **Saturday, September 15th**

Shabbat Tshuvah

(led by Beth Hayden) 10:00 a.m.

Followed by Kiddush 12:00 noon

Havdalah service  
at Linda Pollack's home 7:45 p.m.

## **Tuesday, September 18th**

Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre service 7:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday, September 19th**

Yom Kippur morning service 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor (memorial service) 11:30 a.m.

Children's service 11:30 a.m.

Break after morning service 12:15 p.m.

*Musaf* 12:30 p.m.

*Afternoon activity times are approximate:*

Informal "Fast" Talk with Rabbi Agler 2:30 p.m.

Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Agler 4:00 p.m.

*Neillah* (Story of Jonah)  
and *Maariv* service 5:45 p.m.

Havdalah 7:15 p.m.

Break-the-Fast 7:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, September 23rd**

Sukkah decoration at KJCC 10:00 a.m.

## **Friday, September 28th**

(start of Sukkot: evening of September 23rd-30th)

Family Sukkot service (oneg in Sukkah)  
7:30 p.m.

## **Monday, October 1st**

Yizkor service and Simchat Torah celebration  
7:30 p.m.

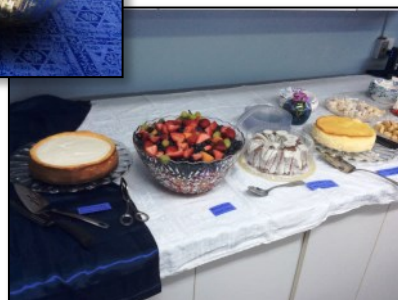


# Finding the Meaning of Shavuot

## *The Food, the Covenant, and Learning with Rabbi Agler*

**On** May 18<sup>th</sup>, we counted the 49<sup>th</sup> day of Omer. It was Friday evening, Erev Shabbat. The seven weeks of grain offerings mandated by God in the Torah were over, and, as is often our KJCC *min-hag* (Hebrew for “custom” or “practice”), we were celebrating a major holiday, Shavuot (Hebrew for “weeks”), not on the exact day but on the closest Friday.

Festivities started even before we counted the last day. In honor of the “land of milk and honey” that God promised us, we ate automatically. For Jews, feast and festivities go hand in hand. Forty came to share our dairy meal. It was *haimische*, we fit into one room easily, and it was good! Thank you, organizers Erica Lieberman-Garrett and Donna Bolton and all the dairy divas that prepared the meal for us. Jenny Margulies, Jane Friedman, Beth Hayden, and Linda Perloff outdid themselves on desserts. The tables nearly groaned with the abundance of cheese and cream-enhanced offerings. Vegetarians were happy, too.





A Colorado friend of Mitch Harvey's joined us for dinner, and two visitors from Daytona, enticed by the warm, welcoming message on our answering machine, joined us for services. Youngsters Maddie, Bin-yamin, and Sean, totally at home in KJCC, ran exuberantly around the hall (and I had the private, added pleasure of hearing Sean Kaufman whisper "Baruch Atah Adonai" into my ear).



Bernard Ginsberg led an energetic Shabbat service and Jeffrey Schocket took over for the fourth and final Yizkor service of 5778. We prayed for the welfare of Israel and for our own country, that we endure and persevere wisely through these troubling times. And in a lovely, appropriate gesture, Jeffrey asked all veterans in attendance to join him and Bernie on the *bi-mah* for *Aleinu* and the final Kaddish. Remembering those we'd lost this year and over our lifetimes, though hard, was appropriate



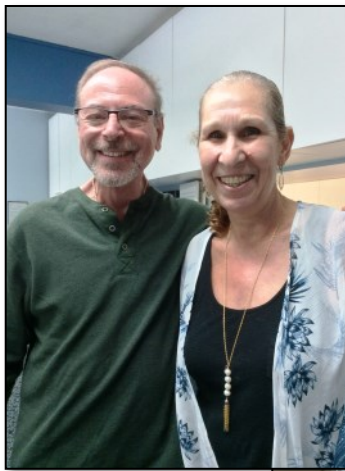
on this night when we also remember our *ganza* lineage, the ancestors, just 49 days out of servitude in Egypt, who received the Torah. Following the oft-repeated Torah injunction, we imagine it is we ourselves, not some vague someone else, at the foot of Mt. Sinai being given this





history-changing gift and who has signed on to living its *mitzvot*.

And so, after services, we retreated to our social-turned-study hall to learn Torah with Rabbi Agler. It, too, was good, nourishing in an even deeper way. It is traditional to study, one chapter per week, a tractate of the *Mishnah* called *Pirkei Avot* (the “teachings of the fathers,” or rabbinic sages), during the seven weeks of counting *omer* leading up to Shavuot. Our text this night would be the sixth chapter, a series of various rabbis’ teachings on the *kinyan* (or “gaining”) of Torah. The overall premise is strong and clear: study of Torah for its own sake is the highest good and goal. Do we study Torah to become intelligent, to gain *kuvet*, influence, affluence, honor, or power?



**Gloria’s night was made when Sean leaned over and whispered a blessing, in clear Hebrew, into her ear.**



As guided by Rabbi Agler and his Socratic method of teaching by questioning, we come to a clear answer: “No.” Wisdom must have a heart; a head full of learning is not enough. Learning also must lead to action, and we who study are instructed to then personify what the Torah teaches, applying those teachings to repair and create a better world (*tikkun olam*). As people of the book, we are obliged to study it and be led to deeds of loving-kindness, continuously fighting for justice among the downtrodden in an imperfect, often unkind, world. How grateful we are to have this treasured Resident Scholar in our midst. We left our *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, though with admittedly less than the full night of study envisioned by the 16<sup>th</sup> century Kabbalists of the city of *T’sfat*, inspired and re-charged as well as full. Just another vital and important evening at KJCC.

—Gloria Avner

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On Sunday, September 9th, at 6:00 p.m., we  
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chicken dinner.

Please rsvp by September 4th if you would like to attend and let us  
know what side dish or dessert you will be bringing.

Cost \$10

Children under 13 - no charge

If you are not bringing a dish, an additional donation is requested.



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# A Jewish Summer Story

## When the Livin' was Easy (Unless You Had to Speak Hebrew)

by Gloria Avner

**S**ummertime is coming. Close your eyes. The word conjures more than a song, more than a magical hiatus from life as it ever was. Heat. Freedom. Lightning bugs. Nearly endless days and an expanded sense of time.

In some of our East Coast parents' and grandparents' generations, it meant a physical hiatus from home, transferring the family to places like the Catskills, rustic cabins, water sports, fathers commuting to join the family on weekends, entertainers at night with heavy emphasis on Jewish humor. For most of us it spoke of a season of possibility, a time for growth and abundance, fresh vegetables, sun-tanned limbs, developing new skills, forming new and lasting friendships. And there was camp.

Raise your hand if you have ever been to summer camp. I see Bernie and Jeffrey's hands and smiles. Keep your hand up if you have ever been to Jewish summer camp. *Masaad? Ramah?* We need to talk.

It was the mid to late 1950s. Rock and Roll was in delicious infancy. Summer Camp was not in my lexicon of longed-for

activities. But my parents had joined a new synagogue. And I had just begun

going to Hebrew High. I was entranced by the Hebrew language, and my teacher, Rabbi Gaynor of blessed memory, insisted that my parents send me to *Machaneh Masaad*, a recently opened Jewish camp two hours north of Toronto at Lake Muskoka. My synagogue, in a suburb of Buffalo, New York, housed in a rickety wooden building that used to be a church, with a tiny smattering of Jewish students, was Reconstructionist. The camp, four hours away, down country roads dark with shade from trees that grew together to make an arbor overhead, was Orthodox. Zionist, underfunded, and "Hebrew speaking." I knew nothing. If I hadn't quickly learned the words *acharayich* and *acharecha*, Hebrew for "after you," I might have starved. The Orthodox services were new to me, too, and so were the songs and dances. We sang of the "Palmach," the under-

ground fighters. We performed musicals like Oklahoma, but in Hebrew (Oklahoma, *Aleph Vav!*). Strangeness faded as friendships formed and soon I loved it all, especially the Israeli counselors and the elaborate, leisurely Shabbat dinners with boisterous table-pounding renditions of "Grace" (*Birchat HaMazon*) after the meal.

Bernie and Jeffrey's camp, the Ten Mile River Boy Scout Camp, was different. It was not Jewish and was made up of five camps of 100 boys each. Bernie went there for years, two weeks every summer. They did all the normal water and sports activities of any summer camp, but since at least half of these New York City boys were Jewish, there was a "good enough" Orthodox Shabbat service every Saturday morning. Bernie waxes fond and misty-eyed when he speaks of the huge outdoor amphitheater and the rough log building where services were held. It is a 3-D memory and Bernie swears he still has a photo of the Shabbat space with all the boys there looking handsome, healthy and young.

If you look closely at the Jewish calendar, the summer months look strikingly bare, void of all holidays except for bleak ones, the fast of Tammuz on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the even-more-serious fast day of *Tisha B'Av*, on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the day commemorating the destruction of both our First and Second Temples and nearly every other tragedy that has befallen the Jewish people over two millennia. It is an anomaly in the midst of our relaxed, outdoorsy summer, a time to go within, to remember and to mourn, to darken lights and read from the Book of Lamentations, to abstain from eating, singing, dancing, bathing, and work. Since Judaism has many layers of meaning for everything, perhaps this "holiday" is a harbinger of what is to come as well as a reminder of what has been, our never-ending cyclical spiritual roller coaster, the ceaseless see-saw from triumph to tragedy, feast to fast and back again, all meant to keep us in balance and on track to remember the covenant we just finalized one more time on Shavuot.

So in the middle of a joyful summer we keep intact the knowledge of where that joy

came from, the hardships and the deaths, the deeds of those who fought to keep the flame, the everlasting light of the *Ner Tamid*, alive. Days will inevitably get shorter, playtime will end, and High Holy Days approach. The last part of summer, the month of Elul, beginning with *Rosh Chodesh* on August 12<sup>th</sup>, is the time to start preparing, to think about how we can correct our not-so-great behaviors and become our best and better selves.

The Hebrew word for summer is "*kayitz*." It shares a root with the word for "end" ("*ketz*") and the word for chopping wood, "*katzaz*." One source explains the words' similarity this way: "summer was the time in ancient Israel when trees would be dry enough to be chopped for firewood. Rabbinic sources even point to *Tu B'Av* - an ancient holiday falling smack in the middle of summertime - as the optimal time to bring firewood to the altar in the Temple in Jerusalem." And why did we need wood at the Temple? It must have been for sacrifices and other sacred cleansings.

To those of you who will be here for the summer, you are the "*kayitz*," and we thank you for keeping the home fires burning. To those who will enjoy the fruits of summer off the rock, we say travel safely, refresh your spirit and return whole. To those who will send children off to camp or who went to camp themselves, cherish the memories. When I looked for some history of my one-time decrepit camp on its undeveloped lake, I found a high-end community of summer homes for the rich and famous. I found that the camp closed in 1977 due to decaying facilities and lack of funding for repairs. I also found that one of its most illustrious alumni was, of all people, Leonard Cohen. He might have been the young man always sitting by the biggest tree, strumming his guitar. The person who was my first boyfriend turned out to be a one-time teacher of Rabbi Agler's. The boy I sat next to on the bus, all the way to camp and back, at age 14, was David Gitin, then 15, who returned to share my life fifty years later. The gifts of summer are as mysterious as they are wondrous. Enjoy yours. ◊



# A Summer Focus on Kosher Ham

## *KJCC's Radio Boys Contact the Holy Land*

by the KJCC Amateur Radio Society Public Relations staff

**In** celebration of *Yom HaAtzma'ut*, the KJCC Amateur Radio Society, consisting of Bernard Ginsberg (callsign KC6P) and Steve Hartz (callsign AK4LZ), spent a busy day with Ham Radio. They journeyed to the intellectual heights of the parking lot of the University of Miami Physics Department to participate in an early morning flea market of old radio equipment sponsored by the "Flamingo Net" amateur radio club. Bernie found some old radio treasures, while Steve helped scope out some newer technology, drones that were being remotely controlled by radio and were buzzing the crowd. This was followed by a nutritional and celebratory breakfast.

Upon returning to Key Largo, the Radio Society (both of them) decided it was time to rev up some newer ham radio equipment. While looking for stations on the radio, the boys heard a number of stations involved in one of the common ham radio contests in which hams try to make as many contacts as possible in a short time. In searching for the rules of one particular contest, they discovered a little-known but challenging contest sponsored by the Israel Amateur Radio Club in celebration of *Yom HaAtzma'ut*. Using sophisticated digital techniques, the dynamic duo utilized remote control (yes, from Key Largo) to operate a short wave ham radio station in Summit, New York with a massive antenna tower. They pointed the antenna on the tower directly at Israel and overcame terrible atmospheric conditions to make contact with three different Israeli hams in the Tel Aviv area using a mixture of English and Hebrew.

It was an amazing feeling, wishing *Shabbat Shalom* to short wave amateur radio stations in Israel and scoring points in the contest. (Which they didn't win, alas. Rigged? Hmmm...)

*Samchu!* ◇

**Bernie and Steve (wearing their official Radio Club shirts) in the radio room at the Hartz home. Jasmine the poodle has the classic female response to boys happily playing with their toys.**



# KJCC Talks Art And Falls in Love with Judy Chicago

As told to Gloria Avner by Marcia Kreitman

*If you missed the three-part monthly Art Discussion Series this winter, you missed a unique KJCC experience. Three of our own member-artists gave voice (with pictures) to their fascination with an artist influential in the world of art as well as that of Jewish life and culture. Beth Kaminstein started us off in January with an evening on Chaim Soutine, a troubled but important French expressionist of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; I, Gloria Avner, followed up in February with a presentation on Rembrandt and his Jewish subjects in the golden age of painting and Jewish life in 17<sup>th</sup> century Amsterdam, and Marcia Kreitman gave us a grand finale in March with a slide show on the work and life of contemporary feminist icon and ground-breaking conceptual artist, Judy Chicago. Rabbi Richard Agler, KJCC's own Resident Scholar, added valuable Jewish context and insights to each of the evenings, much to the delight of all who attended. Now, because Judy Chicago will be appearing, possibly with a new exhibit, in Miami this coming winter, we want to share some of what fascinates Marcia, and the rest of us, about Judy, in hopes that KJCC will make a field trip to see the artist and her work in person. Marcia doesn't like to write so we talked, and I've tried to capture her enthusiasm and insights.*



**Judy** Chicago, née Judith Cohen, was born in 1939. Alive and thriving, constantly re-inventing her art and herself according to her passions, she continues to amaze us. When Marcia said yes to being part of Beth Kaminstein's original idea - three discussions led by three individual artists - Marcia went through a list of Jewish artists in her head. She thought about Diego Rivera and Helen Frankenthaler, but when Judy Chicago crossed her mind, something clicked. Chicago's strong use of unabashedly feminist imagery in the face of rejection left Marcia awestruck by the woman's courage.

At first Judy wanted to be accepted and seen as one of the guys - an artist among artists. With acceptance in



**In 1970, Judith Sylvia Cohen announced her name change to Judy Chicago, an act identifying herself as an independent woman.**

the 50s and 60s posing a challenge, she soon realized she did not want any part of a name given to her via patriarchy. She didn't stay a Cohen for long (or Gerowitz, the name of her first husband, who died shortly after their marriage) and chose to identify with the vibrant city that nourished her. Yes, her family came from a long line of Cohens. Born into a family of Orthodox rabbis in Lithuania, dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, her father went secular. His daughter was brought up with no religious training at all, but in a household of social activists, in which her father was a passionate union organizer, the Jewish values of social activism and working for justice were woven into her being.

Chicago's life became a performance piece. She and other artists like her were part of what was happening at the time and raised creative feminist energy to powerhouse levels. She and Miriam Shapiro were the first to open a place specifically geared to nurturing creative women who were having difficulty being accepted by the mainstream art world. It was in California and they named it Womanhaus. Judy Chicago later established the first program at University of California for Women and the Arts.

Times may have been tough for women artists but change was afoot. (How did I not know until this talk that our own Marcia Kreitman, in the 1980s, was one of the original members of the National Museum of Women and the Arts in Washington, D.C.? These women are definitely peers.)

"The Dinner Party,"

Judy's ground-breaking and huge and complex representation of feminism throughout history, created a huge stir when it was first exhibited in 1979. There had never been anything like it. Collaborating over many years with hundreds of women, she created an alternate version of the Last Supper, to be attended by a panoply of heroic women from Sappho to Sojourner Truth, a visual, tactile, historical document in unabashed, highly adorned vulvic



**Judy Chicago's, *Earth Birth*, 1983, one of her many pieces in the *Birth Project*.**

shape; it was her first project to make us, as well as the entire art world, pay attention. (And ultimately influenced a project here at KJCC, The Women's Seder, now approaching its 16<sup>th</sup> year.)

Next for the restless Judy came her "Birth Project," for which she rewrote part of Genesis. Instead of accepting the idea of creation as the work of a masculine deity, she imagined the world birthed by women, in cooperative, communal effort. She created designs for fiber projects, using techniques that have essentially and traditionally been women's art forms – weaving, embroidery, applique, and needlepoint – the object being to elevate "women's

**Judy Chicago's ground-breaking installation artwork "*The Dinner Party*" functions as a symbolic history of women in Western civilization.**





**Judy Chicago and Donald Woodman's, *Rainbow Shabbat*, 1992, stained glass, 54 x 204 in., a piece from Judy's *Holocaust Project: From Darkness into Light*. (1985-93)**

work." Hundreds of women artists brought her designs to life.

Despite her focus on the feminine, Judy Chicago was and is not anti-masculine. She created one of her most powerful pieces with her current photographer husband Donald Woodman: *The Holocaust Project*. Take time to watch some of the videos listed at the end of this article. Seeing and hearing her talk about her process, her work, her revelations, is both moving and inspirational. She and her husband, though both were Jewish, realized that they knew nothing about Judaism. After viewing the film "*Shoah*" in New York, they decided they wanted/needed to learn. They embarked on a journey that led to spending the next ten years studying, researching, traveling to Europe, and visiting all the concentration camps; they even found and visited the synagogue where Judy's ancestors had been the spiritual leaders for three centuries. The work they created as a result of that journey, a combination of her artistic designs, women artist collaborators, and his photography, is profound and visually arresting. It changed them and their perspectives on the world.

The work was not without controversy. Up until their Holocaust Project, very little had been done in the way of art relating to the Holocaust. Their focus was not merely on the Jewish Holocaust, but on genocide worldwide. Some greeted this wider view with hostility. Yet surely the lessons of *Pesach* and *Shavuot*,

our being granted freedom from slavery and being given the gift of Torah, teach that we as Jews cannot be truly free unless we work to free all who are oppressed and are treated not with cruelty but compassion. Seated around the Project's table Judy and Donald depicted people of every color and ethnicity. Judy Chicago had heeded the ancient call to be a light unto the nations.

Though her work has focused on the feminine, her lack of disrespect for the masculine is explained beautifully in a poem she wrote called *Merger*, in which she envisions what a world would look like without dominance.

### "Merger Poem"

by Judy Chicago

And then all that has divided us will merge  
 And then compassion will be wedded to power  
 And then softness will come to a world that is  
 harsh and unkind

And then both men and women will be gentle  
 And then both women and men will be strong  
 And then no person will be subject to another's  
 will

And then all will be rich and free and varied  
 And then the greed of some will give way to the  
 needs of many

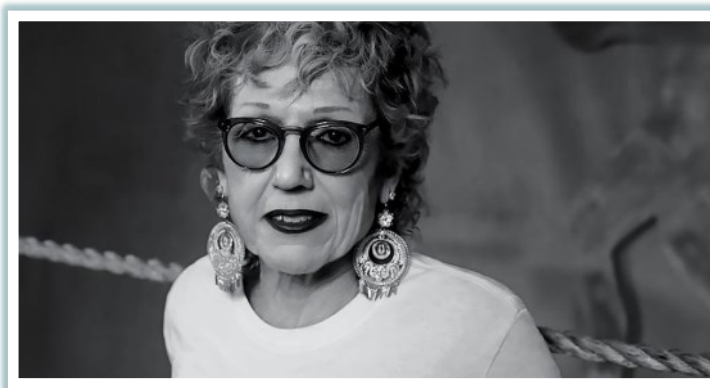


And then all will share equally in the  
Earth's abundance  
And then all will care for the sick  
and the weak and the old

And then all will nourish the young  
And then all will cherish life's crea-  
tures

And then everywhere will be called  
Eden once again.

Judy has gone on to make  
erotic illustrations for "the Song  
of Songs," (the guess here is that  
King Solomon would have ap-  
proved), She's made seder plates  
and Elijah's Cups, and now, at 78  
years old, her newest project is this: Mortality.  
The exhibit, titled "The End: A Meditation on  
Death and Extinction" will make its debut in  
2019 at the Washington, D.C. National Muse-  
um of Women in the Arts. But we also have  
word that Judy Chicago is coming to Miami.



**Judy Chicago in N.Y.C. December 2017. Photograph by  
Collier Schorr, Styled by Suzanne Koller (nytimes.com)**

There will be an exhibit in December at  
the Institute of Contemporary Art, but despite  
Marcia's calls, even the people in charge can't  
tell us what the exhibit is about. They don't  
know. Stay tuned. Whatever she is showing,  
we can hardly wait to meet her. ◊

## *Getting to know Judy Chicago... check out these great sources*

**"I am an artist and a troublemaker"  
A short general intro to her life:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=NIH85Kgdnq0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIH85Kgdnq0)

**A long, but fascinating explanation of  
"The Dinner Party", narrated by Judy  
Chicago:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=9yMtdWxAc60](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yMtdWxAc60)

**This is a long article but extremely well  
written and complete. Read this one!**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/07/t-  
magazine/judy-chicago-dinner-party.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/07/t-magazine/judy-chicago-dinner-party.html)

**... and this one:**

[http://gallery.stkate.edu/exhibitions/judy-  
chicagos-birth-project-born-again](http://gallery.stkate.edu/exhibitions/judy-chicagos-birth-project-born-again)

**A 29-minute video by Judy Chicago about  
the holocaust project:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watchv=Psu4uS\\_Fwcl](https://www.youtube.com/watchv=Psu4uS_Fwcl)

[http://www.judychicago.com/gallery/holocaust-  
project/hp-artwork/](http://www.judychicago.com/gallery/holocaust-project/hp-artwork/)

**The Birth Project:**

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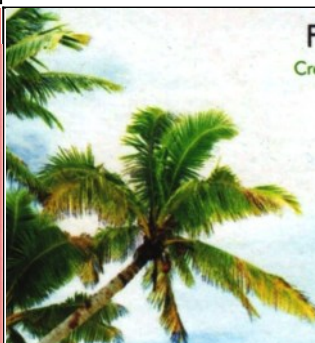
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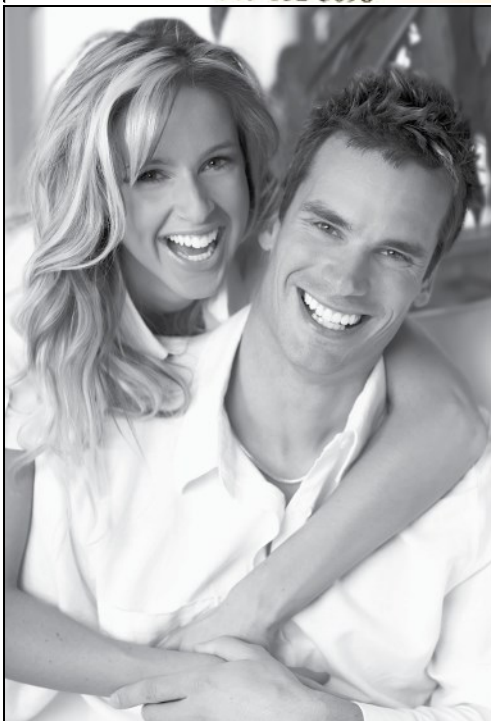
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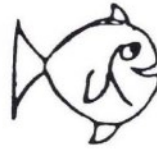
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