

# Chai~Lights



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## President's Message Bernard Ginsberg



I am writing this article and Yom Kippur is not even 10 days past. I feel tired from the effort of coordinating everybody else's hard work. I am tired, but also inspired and uplifted. So it's much more of a benefit than a detriment.

The uplift came from the wonderful services lead by Rabbi Agler with Cantor Paul Goldstein. Many of our congregation have told me how inspiring the services were and how it seemed as if the Rabbi and Cantor had worked together for years and not just for these High Holydays.

The uplift also came from appreciation of the selfless effort put forth by synagogue officers, Sisterhood's officers and all the members who didn't have to be asked twice (sometimes not even once, as they did things before I had a chance to ask them) to do anything in preparation for the High Holydays. Just listing all the responsibilities our Ritual Chairperson Gloria Avner had makes me tired!

Barbara Knowles and all the ladies of Sisterhood are to be especially congratulated for the wonderful dinners and the break-fast.

We are now back in the regular rhythm of synagogue life, we have had a beautiful Havdallah service at the Agler's home, Religious school has restarted and adult education is soon to be resumed. Our format as a con-

gregation is unique but working well. We have no commitment to any Jewish denomination, but respect them all and work with our members of all Jewish traditions to try to bring a little Judaism to this, the isolated "end of the world."

We must be doing something right too; we have signed up about 6 new synagogue families in just the last two months. I am sure that those families felt joining the synagogue was in their best interest, but the benefit is really the other way around. These new members are re-energizing us, as you appreciated if you heard the Shofar blasts played by our new members' son Jonah Gross or if you have tried to avoid collisions with J.B. and Max Fink, young sons of new members, who in their enthusiasm run from the Sunday School to the Sukkah at breakneck speed. I like to see all of the youngsters running around the Synagogue making noise and climbing over and under the seats - it's a sign of a healthy congregation.

I pray we can continue the good work and go "from strength to strength" continuing a Jewish presence in the Upper Keys and everywhere for the generations that will come after us.

# Nosh

## New KJCC Members

We are pleased to welcome three new families this month to the wonderful and eclectic *mishpocha* known as KJCC. Randy Fink, M.D., his wife Stephanie and sons J.B. and Max and daughter Ruby live in Key Largo. Todd and Maria Botwin and sons Ben and Max and daughter Fia also live in Key Largo. Joe and Leslie Reamer of Delray Beach attended High Holidays here, initially because the service was being led by Rabbi Richard Agler, and ended up enjoying us so much they decided to join.

Bernie is ecstatic that this month alone has added the joyous energy of six new children (well, technically, Ben and Max Botwin are young men in high school and college) to the services and activities of KJCC. J.B. and Max Fink and Fia Botwin are now enrolled in our Hebrew School. (Ruby Fink is only two.)

## Hebrew Language Classes to Begin

KJCC's renowned Hebrew language classes, once again to be taught by native Israeli Yardena Kamely, will begin on Friday, November 14, 2014 in the David Kamely Classroom at KJCC. The intermediate class will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 11:30; the advanced class will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m. This season's first beginners' class will take place on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Classes will be offered once weekly at the same Friday and Sunday times.

The cost for each season's class is \$50 for KJCC members and \$150 for non-members. Contact Yardena to enroll, at 305-393-1768 or [yardena@morah-yardena.com](mailto:yardena@morah-yardena.com).

## Oneg Sponsor For November 2014

The Oneg for November 21st will be sponsored by David Gitin to celebrate the birthday of Gloria Avner. Happy Birthday Gloria!

## Learn With Rabbi Agler

Come to Saturday morning Torah service on November 8th at 10:00 A.M. It's better than fishing (and you can do that later). If you've never attended one of his services, know that you will be totally engaged and delighted with the informality and warmth of Rabbi Agler's interactive teaching style. *Torah* comes to life. The stories that make us a people increase in relevance. If you have been among us before, you know how worthwhile and uplifting this morning experience can be. And yes there will be a *kiddush* afterwards with excellent refreshments. Looking forward to sharing this with you. -- Gloria

## Tikkun HaYam – Repairing the Seas

Rabbi Ed Rosenthal and his Scubi Jew student group from Eckerd College Hillel have visited the Keys a number of times, and usually camp in the KJCC classroom. They were just here again, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, working as always on coral reef restoration. The project, and name *Tikkun HaYam*, were both created by Rabbi Ed. Additional information about this can be found on <http://repairtheseas.org>.

Our own KJCC now has a Repair the Seas program, the first project of our new Tikkun Olam Committee. We will be hosting an event in January as part of our Sunday evening adult education program and are working to confirm the exact date with internationally renowned Ken Nedimyer, the founder of Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) and KJCC's own Patti Gross, who is an active member of CRF's Board. Information about the CRF may be found on <http://www.coralrestoration.org>. We will let you know when the exact date and program are set.

CRF's Annual Gala will take place this year on February 21, 2015. We hope to have a full table of KJCC members at this event, which Patti will be running.

For additional information about our new committee, to offer suggestions or volunteer to help, please contact its chair, Linda Kaplan, at [linda@lindakaplan.com](mailto:linda@lindakaplan.com) or at 305-396-7000.

## November Birthdays

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

## November Anniversaries

	Years
1st	Jeffrey & Patty Schocket..... 11
6th	Thomas & Renee Brodie.....21
14th	Donald & Nancy Zinner .....27
26th	Roger & Danna Levy .....47
27th	Robert & Joni Sages Dandrea .....11
27th	Stanley & Jenny Margulies
28th	Sam & Leslie Janowitz ..... 17

### Service Leaders for November

November 7th - Steve Hartz  
 November 14th - Joyce Peckman and  
 Joel Bofshever  
 November 21st - Medina Roy  
 November 28th - Ken Atlas

### Unique Things About KJCC

You may already be aware that the KJCC is the only Community Center or shul between the mainland and Key West, but there are other things that make it special as well:

The Library - KJCC has almost 1,000 volumes in genres as varied as history, philosophy fiction and reference. We have DVD's as well. All of this is overseen by a professional librarian in Medina Roy.

The Garden - The KJCC Meditation Garden has grown, literally, to become a jewel. It has benches, walkways, native plantings and trees and a beautiful gazebo that has become a multi-purpose focal point. Take the time to stroll through it, see all the work and love that has gone into it and gain an appreciation for what a treasure we have growing here.

More Than A Shul - ALL branches of Judaism are welcome. Services highlight English and Hebrew, and music and singing are almost always in abundance. All are welcome and included. But there are also game nights and movies and lectures and classes and dinners. And the onegs are famous.

*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; an outdoor plaque is included in the price.

### **Save The Date For Channukah**

KJCC will be having a Channukah Dinner on Friday December 19th at 6:30. It is a dairy dinner and will be followed by a presentation by the children of the KJCC Religious School and then services at 8:00p.m. Mark your calendars and plan to attend now before the season gets too hectic. You can contact Barbara Knowles at 305-772-0503 for more details or to save yourself a spot and coordinate what dish to bring.

## **Ongoing Projects and Mitzvah Programs of KJCC**

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE:** If you know of any member who should receive a get well, congratulations or condolence card from the KJCC, call Gene Silverman, 305-664-3316.

**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 Bernie Ginsberg, 305-852-9300.

**MEDITATION GARDEN:** Have you visited our beautiful garden? Call Steve Steinbock, 305-852-6152, to reserve a bench, brick or tree plaque for posterity.

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

**ONEG SHABBAT SPONSOR:** To schedule your special date with Sisterhood, call Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665.

**KJCC TREE OF LIFE LEAVES and ROCKS, SANCTUARY SEAT PLATES, YAHRZEIT MEMORIAL PLAQUES:** Call Dave Mont, 305-393-9883, to arrange your donation.

**KJCC BOOKPLATES** for siddurim: Call Linda Pollack, 305-852-8575 for information.

**JNF TREES IN ISRAEL:** A gift of a tree, or two or more, makes a long-remembered way to honor a loved one, a relative, a friend or an occasion. Both Israel and the KJCC benefit. Call Linda Kaplan, 305-396-7000.

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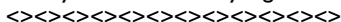
*Call the names listed above for assistance or send your request and check to the KJCC, P.O. Box 1332, Tavernier, FL 33070. Recipients of your gifts will be notified by card and listings will appear in Chai-Lights as well. Honorarium and memorial cards can also be requested. Donations can be earmarked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

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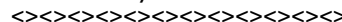
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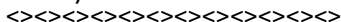
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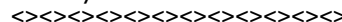
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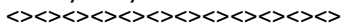
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In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

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By Mrs. Marty Graham



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In Memory Of

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In Memory Of

**David Jacobs**

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In Memory Of

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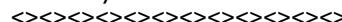
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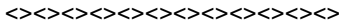


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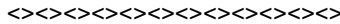
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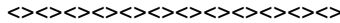
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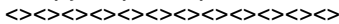
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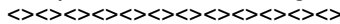
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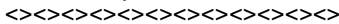
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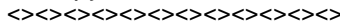
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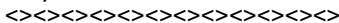
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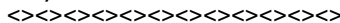
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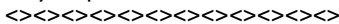
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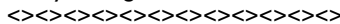
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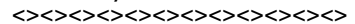
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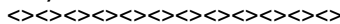
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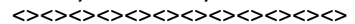
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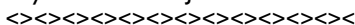


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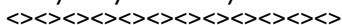
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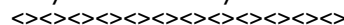
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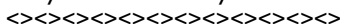
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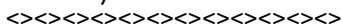
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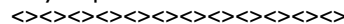
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In Memory Of

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## How Certain Contributions to KJCC Can Instantly Become Permanent, Living Memorials

*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 treasures that lie between these covers."

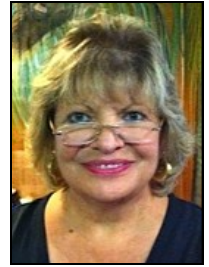
*Tree of Life Leaves:* We have three beautiful, six-foot Trees of Life — the world's most enduring spiritual metaphor — adorning the wall at the rear of the KJCC sanctuary. For \$75 an individual, golden leaf can be engraved with your message of memory or love. An example: "To our grandchildren: May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

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## Sisterhood

### Barbara Knowles



**F**all is here, although many of us that are originally from the North (myself included), will not see the Seasonal changes. I just always remind myself of how fortunate we are to be here "In Paradise", with lots to do in our small but yet still growing community.

The High Holidays were flawless and I want to extend my appreciation to the entire KJCC for their participation.

As an occupational hazard, I find myself quoting a lot and I am attaching what I consider to be Quotes and Poems of Appreciation and Sincere Thanks for all that we contribute as a family:

Appreciation can make a day - even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.

Whatever our individual troubles and challenges may be, it's important to pause every now and then to appreciate all that we have, on every level. We need to literally "count our blessings," give thanks for them, allow ourselves to enjoy them, and relish the experience of prosperity we already have.

The word "appreciation" means to be thankful and express admiration, approval, or gratitude. It also means to grow or appreciate in value. As you appreciate life, you become more valuable—both to yourself and others. Appreciation is like looking through a wide-angle lens that lets you see the entire forest, not just the one tree limb you walked up on

We are so often caught up in our destination that we forget to appreciate the journey, especially the goodness of the people we meet on the way. Appreciation is a wonderful feeling; don't overlook it.

Appreciation is like an insurance policy. It has to be renewed every now and then. As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

Appreciation of life itself, becoming suddenly aware of the miracle of being alive, on this planet, can turn what we call ordinary life into a miracle. We come awake to such a realization when we recognize our connection to a spiritual dimension.

Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you, bless you before you depart. Let me not pass you by in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow. Let me hold you while I may, for it may not always be so.

Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

The more one does and sees and feels, the more one is able to do, and the more genuine may be one's appreciation of fundamental things like home, and love, and understanding companionship.

As a reminder, our Shabbat Dinner for November, is Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It will be an Italian Night Covered Dish Dinner (so dig out your recipes). The cost is \$18.00 for Everyone and we are opening this to the Public. Please RSVP to Erica Garrett or Susan Gordon.

The November Sisterhood Meeting will be Sunday, Nov.2 @9:30 a.m.

Let's All Together, Make November A Great Month!!! ◇

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# KJCC Chanukah

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## Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 19, 2014

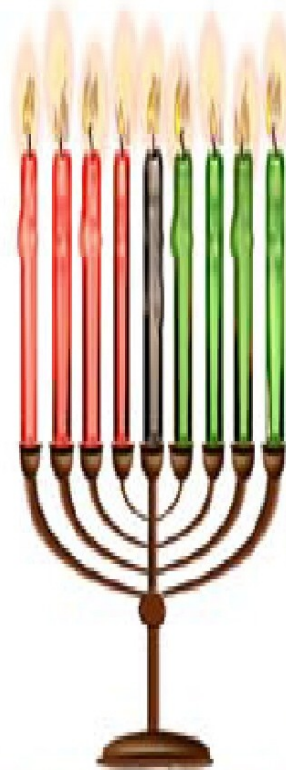
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6:30 PM

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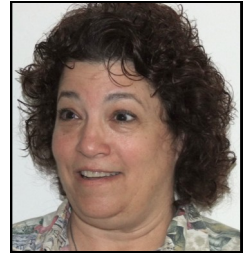
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# World Jewish Report

## Medina Roy



### Is It the Egg or the Womb?

Three South Florida mothers are fighting to have their children recognized as Jews. The women, all observant Jews, were unable to bear children of their own but now they have children as a result of gestational surrogacy, a new technology that uses the mother's egg and the father's sperm with a surrogate mother carrying the baby to term. Each baby is 100 percent genetically related to both parents with no genetic relationship whatsoever to the surrogate. The surrogates are not Jewish and since the children were "not born of a Jewish mother," according to *halacha* (Jewish law) the children are technically not Jewish. The women have approached several rabbis for answers regarding the Jewish status of their children but as of this writing, they have not been able to obtain that recognition. "The problem is that science and rabbinical law have not met at the same level yet," one of the mothers said. ([www.sun-sentinal.com](http://www.sun-sentinal.com), 9-29-14)

### Even the Youngest Would Now be Very Old

Dozens of former members of Nazi mobile death squads who might still be alive have been identified by the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC). The Center presented the German government with a list of some 80 names to be investigated. Efraim Zuroff, the Wiesenthal Center's chief Nazi hunter said he recently provided the German justice and interior ministries with a list of 76 men and four women who served in the *Einsatzgruppen* (mobile killing units made up primarily of German SS and police personnel). The *Einsatzgruppen* are believed to have murdered more than a million Soviet Jews and tens of thousands of others by the spring of 1943. Zuroff narrowed down the list of possible suspects by checking their dates of birth and choosing the youngest (since even the young

-est, if still alive, would now be very old) from the estimated 3,000 members of the death squads. Because of Germany's strict privacy laws, the Wiesenthal Center has been unable to confirm where the suspects live. But Zuroff said that task, and determining if they are still alive, should be relatively easy for police or prosecutors.

([www.worldjewishcongress.org](http://www.worldjewishcongress.org), 10-1-14)

### For Your Next Trip to DC

The world's oldest known *siddur* (prayer book), believed to be 1,200 years-old, was on display at the *Bible Lands Museum* in Jerusalem from mid-September to just after the *Sukkot* holiday in mid-October. The 50-page *siddur* is still in its original binding. Carbon dating places the volume in the first half of the 9<sup>th</sup> century CE, the period of the Babylonian *geonim* (religious leaders). The book contains three main sections: the morning prayer service, liturgical poems and the *Haggadah*. The exhibit also includes original fragments of the *Septuagint*, the earliest Greek translation of the Torah, and relics from the *Cairo Geniza*. The *siddur* was acquired last year by Steve Green, chairman of the *Museum of the Bible* that is currently under construction in Washington, DC. Green owns a variety of rare biblical artifacts.

([www.israelnationalnews.com](http://www.israelnationalnews.com), 9-18-14)

### May He (Finally) Rest in Peace

In mid-September, seventy years after he was declared missing, Private First Class Daniel Gavrin was buried with full military honors in a Jewish ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Gavrin was part of an invasion force in Saipan (what was then occupied by Japan, and is now a U.S. territory) in June 1944. Japanese forces killed and injured over

900 U.S. soldiers. Gavrin was 29 when he was reported missing on July 7, 1944. A year later he was declared presumed dead. Last year, a Japanese NGO uncovered remains in an unmarked burial site in Saipan. Gavrin's DNA matched that of his nephew who is now 82. (*The Forward*, 9-13-14)

### **A New Interpretation of the *Law of Return***

In a ground-breaking interpretation of Israel's *Law of Return*, the Interior Ministry has decided to permit non-Jewish same-sex marriage partners of Jews living abroad to immigrate to Israel and be granted Israeli citizenship. According to the *Law of Return*, any Jew has the right to apply for, and be granted, Israeli citizenship. Under the law, the right is also extended to the applicant's spouse but was previously reserved only for heterosexual couples. The new interpretation of the law was decided upon at the urging of the *Jewish Agency* and became effective in mid-August. Several same-sex non-Jewish partners of Jews have already applied for citizenship. "The gates of Israel will from now on be open to any Jew and his family, without discrimination based on his way of life," Interior Minister Gideon Sa'ar said. (Marriage ceremonies for Jews in Israel are controlled by the state rabbinate which does not perform same-sex or civil marriages.) ([www.timesofisrael.com](http://www.timesofisrael.com), 8-12-14)

### **"We Are All Klinghoffer!"**

"The Death of Klinghoffer," a production of the New York Metropolitan Opera widely considered anti-Semitic, opened on October 20<sup>th</sup> despite many months of campaigning by Jewish and non-Jewish organizations. Protests included a mass demonstration at Lincoln Center at the end of September which attracted close to 2,000 people and a "100 Wheelchair Caravan" (with wheelchair riders bearing signs proclaiming "We are all Klinghoffer!") in front of the Met on opening day. The opera tells the true story of the murder of New Yorker Leon Klinghoffer in 1985. Klinghoffer, 69, took his wife on a cruise to celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary aboard the cruise ship *Achille Lauro*. Four

members of the *Palestine Liberation Front*, under the direction of Yasser Arafat, hijacked the ship, shot and killed wheelchair-bound Klinghoffer and threw his body overboard (while still in his wheelchair), simply because he was a Jew. The production portrays the terrorists as "freedom fighters," justified in fighting against their "Jewish oppressors." In response to the outrage by the Jewish community, the Met agreed to cancel the simulcast of the opera but has refused to cancel the opera itself. The *New York Times* defended the Met's decision to go ahead with the production claiming "artistic freedom." ([www.thejewishweek.com](http://www.thejewishweek.com), 10-2-14)

### **Empowering Jewish College Students**

The Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC), along with *Alpha Epsilon Pi International Fraternity* leaders representing over 100,000 Jewish students and 185 campus chapters, joined together to launch the SWC's latest app, *CombatHateU*. The app is designed to empower Jewish students to immediately report and confront anti-Semitism along with extreme anti-Israel harassment and intimidation tactics on college and university campuses. The app will also share successful practices to defeat campus-based anti-Israel agendas. Jewish students will be made aware of relevant breaking news impacting campuses. *CombatHateU* is the third in a series of special anti-hate apps developed by the Wiesenthal Center's *Digital Terrorism and Hate Project*. The project is known for exposing, monitoring and combating the abuse of online technologies by extremists at home and abroad. *CombatHateU* is available through the Apple store. ([www.wiesenthal.com](http://www.wiesenthal.com), 10-8-14)

### **Update**

In the September issue of *Chai-Lights*, we reported that Canadian philanthropist Yank Barry - dubbed the "Jewish Schindler" - had rescued 782 Christian refugees from oppressive countries, helping them rebuild their lives in Bulgaria. His goal was to save the lives of 1,200 refugees, the number of Jews that were rescued by Oskar Schindler during

the Holocaust. Barry surpassed his goal in early September. He has, to date, rescued 1,218 Muslim, Christian and Yazidi refugees. ([www.jpost.com](http://www.jpost.com), 9-9-14)

### In Memoriam

-Mike Harari, former high-ranking *Mossad* agent who was often referred to as the "Zionist James Bond," has died. He was 87. Born in Tel Aviv, Harari joined the *Mossad* (Israeli intelligence agency) in 1954. He actually began fighting for Israel when, at 16, lying about his age, he enlisted in the pre-state *Palmach*, the *Haganah's* elite fighting unit. He later worked in Europe after World War II for an illegal immigration organization smuggling Jews out of Eastern European countries, bringing them to Palestine which was then controlled by the British. In 1970 he was appointed head of *Caesarea*, the *Mossad's* special operations division and established within it the *Kidon* (spear) unit that specialized in targeted assassinations. Harari commanded the operation against the Black September terrorists, the group behind the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in 1972. His brilliant career in the agency was tarnished by one tragic incident in 1973 when a team from the *Kidon* unit under his command mistakenly killed an innocent Moroccan in Lillehammer, Norway mistaking him for Hassan Ali Salameh, a senior member of the Black September organization. He offered Prime Minister Golda Meir his resignation but she turned him down saying there was still too much work to be done. In 1976, Harari participated in the planning and execution of *Operation Entebbe*, the counter-terrorism mission to rescue 103 hostages (most of them Israeli) held at the Entebbe airport in Uganda. Most of the operations Harari commanded are still not known to the public. ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com), 9-17-14)

-Marian Seldes, Tony-winning actress known as one of the great ladies of the American stage, died in October. She was 86. In a career spanning 60 years, Seldes also performed in film, television and radio. She made her Broadway debut in 1948 in the Rob-inson Jeffers adaptation of "Medea," directed

by John Gielgud with Judith Anderson in the title role. Seldes was born and raised in Manhattan. Her paternal grandparents were Russian Jewish immigrants. The actress earned five Tony nominations, winning the award in 1967 for her supporting role in "A Delicate Balance" by Edward Albee, with whom she had a long association. Seldes appeared in Ira Levin's "Deathtrap" from 1978 until late 1982 without missing a single show, earning her a place in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. She received a Tony Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010. ([The Forward](http://The Forward), 10-7-14)

### Did You Know...

-Veteran comedian and actor Mel Brooks recently had his hand and shoe prints cemented outside the iconic Mann's Chinese Theater on the Walk of Fame in Hollywood. The theater played an important role in the finale of Brooks' film "Blazing Saddles." As befitting Mel Brooks, the comedian wore a prosthetic sixth finger on his left hand proving that at 88, he still has a strong sense of humor. The event also marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Young Frankenstein." ([The Forward](http://The Forward), 9-9-14)

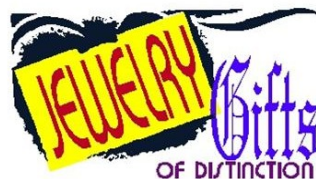
-In late September, Israel's national gymnastics team took home the silver medal in the World Championship which took place in Izmir, Turkey. (Spain won first place). Three years ago, another Israeli team won the bronze. ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com), 9-29-14)

-Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was recently named "Honorary Knight" by the Queen of England. Her Majesty cited Bloomberg's "prodigious entrepreneurial and philanthropic endeavors, and the many ways in which they have benefited the United Kingdom and the U.K.-U.S. relationship." Since Bloomberg isn't a British citizen, he cannot be referred to as 'sir.' ([www.tabletmag.com](http://www.tabletmag.com), 10-7-14)

-A colorful recreation of a bas-relief found in an Egyptian tomb built for Ankhmabor is believed to be the oldest known illustration depicting circumcision. The tomb, located in Sakkara, Egypt, dates back to somewhere around 2400 B.C.E. ([www.tabletmag.com](http://www.tabletmag.com), 6-18-14)



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# Photo Gallery

This photo is the latest incarnation of the Women's Seder Woman-of-the-Year quilt that hangs prominently in the KJCC hall. Gloria Avner was the honoree in 2014, but the quilt was full. Her formal enshrinement had to wait until a new panel was carefully added. It's all now completed. You can see Gloria's name on the upper right.



**Happy Birthday Maryon! On September 23rd Maryon Gould celebrated her 89th Birthday and shared these photos with us.**



**And on October 17th Barbara Knowles shared her birthday celebration with KJCC at an Oneg sponsored for her by husband Richard.**

Joyce Peckman shared these photos of her Sukkot with family in Denver. Says Joyce; “Yardena was reminiscing about her family's sukkah with rugs on the walls. This 24 ft. square sukkah in Denver is larger than some apartments. It is just outside the kitchen of my son Daniel's house ( who some may remember from when he led services last November).

I am watching Daniel doing the Hoshana prayers where we walk around the shul... He is walking 7 times around the table! Obviously this is the intermediate days because I am able to photograph.”



Right Lee Schur also shared a Sukkah with us. This is the sukkah that is outside of Temple Beth Israel in Chicago.

And (Left) a sunnier photo of herself and Freddie;

“My boat is already at the boatyard , shrink wrapped in preparation for the Chicago winter, however, I do love fall.. Hope all is well in the Keys and looking forward to beautiful weather.”



## Simchat Torah at the KJCC.

George Swartz and Yarden Kameley led the service. Bernie led the actual Simchat Torah ceremony, where all three KJCC Torahs are paraded around the sanctuary seven (7) times to continuous song and, if anyone is so moved, dance. Flags are waved. To display just how long a Torah is, the student Torah is fully extended, with



members asked to hold it all along the way. (One of the real Torahs is even longer, which would mean a hard left



turn outside the sanctuary and extending about halfway down the hall.) Rabbi Agler



performed his wonderful shtick of, beginning with Genesis, walking along the entire Torah and summarizing it aloud in 7.5 minutes. (With the Torah being written in Hebrew, his routine also involves not only adept and occasionally hilarious editing but also simultaneous translation into English.)



# KJCC HIGH HOLYDAYS

## On the Recent High Holydays at KJCC

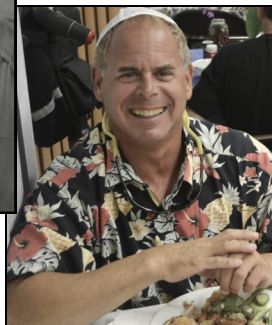
by Gloria Avner

evidence of “newness,” *Chazzan* Paul Goldstein, our Cantor for the season, who would shepherd us through the High Holy Day melodies (*niggunim*) and *Torah* chanting with professional expertise, passion, and tuneful-



**W**ith new *Machzors* in our seats, freshly polished silver crowns on our *Torahs*, and white covers and flowering trees on the *Bimah*, the KJCC community, joined by friends from far and near, joyously welcomed in 5775, the Jewish New Year.

On the *Bimah*, Rabbi Agler led us through what would truly be Ten Days of Awe, joined by more



On this page, scenes from the September 24th Rosh Hashanah Dinner at the KJCC. At Left, new member family Tomar Gross and Randy Klein-Gross with son Jonah and daughter Oceana.



ness. We were even exposed to a system of chanting *Torah* that many of us had never seen before, the ancient art of hand signals, the way notes were learned and transmitted before the development of written trope. (See Hazzan Paul's letter on page XX ).

We began our spiritual journey with a grand meal for the *mishpocha*, thanks to the efforts of Sisterhood, spear-headed by Bar-



bock for making living arrangements for the Cantor, the Men's Club for providing ushers, the Silvermans for polishing the *Torah* finials and crowns, the Bofshevers for cleaning the *Torah* covers, and everyone who cooked a dish for *Erev*



*Rosh HaShanah* and Break-the-Fast (the best end of *Yom Kippur* ever, thanks to Erica Lieberman-Garrett and her gener-



**These three photos from the Erev Rosh HaShanah Service on September 24th.**

bara Knowles and Jane Friedman, supplemented by President Bernard Gins-

berg's overnight brisket. (Recipe available upon request.)

Rabbi Agler's talks on Empathy, Courage, and Comfort, like his Shabbat morning teachings, were informal, inclusive, and - most of all - inspiring. Attendance was nearly standing-room-only during *Torah* services and even the *Musaf* afternoon services were well attended. Thanks are due to many: Steve Stein-



ous crew of cooks and decorators). To everyone who went up to the *Bimah* for an *Aliyah*, who read a blessing for our country or Israel, who opened the ark, lifted a *Torah*, made a donation, reworded a *haftarah* to make it more immediate, took care of a child, joined in the singing, KJCC thanks you. You helped begin this New Year auspiciously. To David Feder, who led our children's service in a way that was meaningful, stimulating, and fun, thanks for helping us to create memories that will bring our young people back to us again and again.

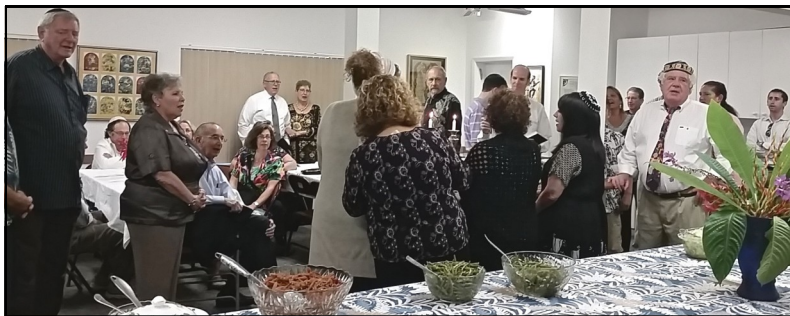




sins into the ocean at our *Tashlich* ceremony? Are you lit up in the darkness as we say *Havdalah* on the beach and sing on the evening

It takes a village to raise a child, and a Jewish village to ask forgiveness for its individuals, to renew commitment to the *mitzvahs* that make Judaism unique among the

of *Shabbat Tshuvah*? Were you fortunate enough to attend Rabbi



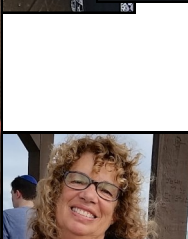
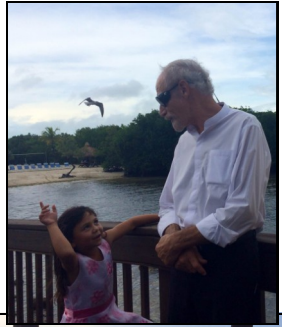
nations. We, and all our new members, some of whom decided to join us as a result of this year's High Holiday experience, have renewed that commitment. This village of ours will surely create what Bernie so eloquently describes as "heroes."

Agler's "Fast " talk on "the other" or to be a part of the group in the school-room listening to Bob Dylan songs and



Enjoy the pictures on these pages. Look at the ranks of young people. *Torahs* were carried by many of our Bar Mitzvah boys. Our Religious School survives with new youngsters. Babies like Ruby and Maddie are coming up behind them. Are you among the people throwing breadcrumb





**Tachlich at Ocean Pointe, Thursday, September 25th. "We threw our sins, in the form of bread bits, into the ocean to be washed away, transmuted by gulls or needle-fish. Oceana Gross-Klein, ever creative, decided to use Cheerios . The short sweet ceremony saw members of KJCC, young and old, new or old-timers, all happy to be starting the New Year well, out in nature." -Gloria**





**September 27th,  
the first Havdalah  
after Rosh  
Hashanah**



discussing this contemporary  
“prophet’s” poetry?

Smiling, eating, praying,  
drinking wine, we have been  
written in the book and the



book has  
been sealed.  
But it doesn’t  
end there.  
Look at the  
faces of  
students



and grownups deco-  
rating our *Sukkah*  
the morning after  
*Yom Kippur* – and  
the people celebrat-  
ing *Sukkot* the next  
erev *Shabbat* at shul



**(Above) Bernie and Gloria  
with Cynthia and Cantor Paul  
Goldstein and their son Jason.  
(Right) ) Here with Bernie and  
Toby Bofshever are new mem-  
bers Randy and Stephanie Fink  
and their children.**



and the next night  
at the Aglers’ won-  
derful *Havdalah*.  
Our children shook  
the *lulav* and *etrog*  
on the fifth day of  
*Sukkot* and we are





These two photos were taken after Havdalah, as Bernie suggested we go for a drink at the bar above Ocean Pointe, where KJCC typically puts up cantors and other visitors. Pauline, of course, is always the first one

still in ceremonial cycle, with *Shemini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* yet to go before you read this. (Editor's Note: See the photos from the Sukkot celebrations in the Sukkot section starting on page XX, and the *Simchat Torah* photos in this issue's Photo Gallery.) Unrolling and rerolling the *Torah*, we conclude and begin again, without a second of lag-time, our ritual year.

There will be joys and sorrows, unexpected gifts and losses. Uplifted by our Holydays, we will be strong enough to share them all, as a community. ◇



These photos of Cantor Paul Goldstein and Rabbi Agler were taken as the Yom Kippur service was ending.



**(Above) The sun was down when these were taken. (Meaning Yom Kippur was technically over.) The Yom Kippur service formally ends with the blowing of the shofar. Top photo shows the gathering; the other shows the three shofar blowers, Jason Goldstein, Jonah Gross and Bernie.**

***At KJCC you are only a stranger until you walk through the door.***

*Chazzan Paul Goldstein*

**T**hat is so true; you should get bumper stickers or pens. . . It was certainly true for our family. We came to KJCC not knowing what to expect. Sometimes when we go to *Shuls* for the High Holydays, we are welcomed with open arms and sometimes, shunned as “the help and his baggage”.

The moment we walked into JKCC we were greeted by Pauline Roller, your ambassador of good will, and Susan Gordon with huge smiles and kind words. We looked at each other and smiled. We were truly welcome. Our experiences were all up-hill from there. We made many new friends, shared special holiday memories (made more) and let our hair down and *schmoozed* after *Havdalah*. True, Cynthia never got her Key



Lime Pie, but next time for sure. She is working on a recipe for Key Lime *Kugal*.

sound the way we are accustomed to hearing Torah, but we end on the right note. In days of yore when the Torah was read in the market place it was a bustling hub of noise and activity and saying the Torah was not an option. The sing-song way in which it is chanted was born out of necessity (the ability to be heard). As more people began to learn to read, the ability to remember which notes to use on each word was a matter of memorization. Hence the hand signals were born out of necessity (they pre-date the written symbols found in our books). Today, they are used for



Having a wife who is a lawyer with a degree in Chemistry is never dull.

We hope you all had the positive experience that we had and enjoyed our traditions. It is truly a testimony to your amazing Congregation how many people come from near and far to spend the holidays with you. It is our sincere wish that we have the honor of praying with you all again very soon.

Many of you asked about the hand signals that Jason and I did during our Torah readings. As you know the Torah is written without vowels and without the musical notations called *trope*. The *trope* is important to the Torah reading so that not only does it

**The Havdalah on October 4th. Since Yom Kippur fell on Shabbat this year, its end also signified the end of Shabbat. Havdalah is the ceremony noting the end of the sacred day and the return to the secular.**

the same reason...memorizing all of the notes is difficult. The hand signals are a tool to help the reader remember the *trope* they have studied when they draw a blank at the moment of reading the Torah for the entire congregation. I learned the signals from a Torah reader in North Miami Beach and taught them to Jason when he began reading Torah.



**Saturday, October 4th. Break The Fast. Everyone looks so happy here. Could it possibly be because our 24 hour fast is now ended so beautifully by the KJCC Sisterhood under organizational supervision by Erica Lieberman Garrett? So delicious. So appreciated. We have prayed, confessed our sins, fasted, vowed to be our better selves in 5775, and now we have eaten.**

**Another cycle completed.**

**- Gloria**

Jason has a few words he wanted to share with you next:

I started reading Torah on December 22, 2007, when I was 9 years old. At first I only read a few lines and my *Shul* was shocked. They thought that I could not do anything. Now they know better. Everyone said I did a fantastic job and 346 people heard me. The Torah must be read perfectly, so I make sure to correct my mistakes. I really love reading Torah. It only



takes me 15-20 minutes to learn one and then I know it forever. My goal is to learn the entire Torah and be considered the "smartest Torah reader."

I loved reading Torah and helping my *Abba daven* at KJCC. You were all so nice to me (not every *Shul* is nice to us). You gave me my first paycheck. It was unexpected



and very much appreciated. I will never forget it. Thank you so much.

If I win the lottery, I want to buy a condo at Ocean Pointe and read Torah for KJCC every month. My *Ima* says that is part of my bucket list. To me it is a wish.

*L'Shana Tovah* and I hope to see you soon.

*-Jason Salvatore Chiefa Goldstein*

*L' Shana Tovah* from all of us and look us up if you are in Boca Raton, we would love to see you.



**(Above) Pauline Roller celebrates her 100th Yom Kippur with Barbara Bernstein.**

**(Right) David Gitin and Joel Bofshever.**



**(Left) We're happy to see Lauren Sax again. We have missed you. Jane Friedman, we are ever grateful for your culinary contributions.**



**(Right) Susan Ellner and Ellen Bloom.**



**(Below) Joyce Peckman at her first KJCC High Holiday culmination. She looks happy to be here as is her friend Toby Bofshever and our other surprise guest, Stuart Sax!**



*Chai-Lights would like to thank all those who contributed photos for this retrospective including Gloria Avner, Luz Levine, Susan Gordon and Sam Vinicur.*



# The Many Days and Ways of *SUKKOT*

No wonder our Sunday School students love *Sukkot*. We start celebrating days ahead of time by making decorations in class with the help of teachers and parents and grown-up friends and then we get to stand on tables and ladders to hang our drawings and plastic fruit while lots and lots of people help. Children who are not even part of the school came to join us with their parents. Hello, curly-haired Ruby Fink, our youngest new member, sister of new students J.B. and Max Fink. Oceana Klein-Gross and Mikhaela Bitton made a great decorating team, and Oceana's brother Jonah jumped right in there for the hard-to-reach places. And Leon, grandson of Joni Sagers and Bob Dandrea, joined in the good cheer with his beaming smile. We had Bittons and Hartzes, Kathy Shabathai, Gene Silverman, the Bernsteins, Yardena Kamely, Bernie Ginsberg, Susan



Gordon, Gloria Avner, Joyce Peckman, Richard Knowles, the Bofshevers and *more*, all helping to give a great start to our ceremonial year in support of the KJCC Religious School. Of course there was a grand feast in the *Sukkah* once all palm fronds



**Sukkah Decoration - On the morning after the Days of Awe are completed, we gather with KJCC Mishpocha at our Meditation Garden to help the schoolchildren decorate our Sukkah. (As we do so often, we thank Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake for the pergola at KJCC they designed, built, and donated in honor of their parents for our use.)**



the *shul* by our members before the Yom Kippur fast were loaded into a van and delivered next door to Rev. Kerry Foote for the Burton Memorial Methodist Church Community Food Pantry. Helping to spare others from hunger: another *mitzvah*.

A great time was had by all, but the ceremonies would go on all week. After Friday night services on October 10th, we had our *kiddush* and *HaMotzi* in the *Sukkah*. On Saturday night, some sixty of us ate and celebrated *Havdalah* at the gracious



bayside home and *Sukkah* of Mindy and Rabbi Richard and Tiki Agler. When the three stars appeared signifying the end of the sa-

(*sh'chach* — Rabbi Agler's favorite Jewish word) were in place on the roof and all plastic grapes were hung from the rafters.

The beautiful gazebo created and donated by Alan Beth and Candy Stanlake in honor of their parents was again transformed into the Israelites' temporary shelter in the wilderness. The desserts still in the freezer from the Yom Kippur breakfast the night before were brought out and enjoyed again.

While we were practicing the *mitzvah* of eating in the *Sukkah*, bags of food brought to



cred and the return of the everyday, we went outside and listened closely to the Rabbi's reflections on fragility, impermanence and trust as he talked about the significance and symbolism of a *Sukkah*. Then on Sunday, our students — led by teacher Yardena Kamely, parents, friends, and *Lulav* demonstrator President Bernie Ginsberg — said blessings, performed *mitzvot*, and ate and drank again. It doesn't stop. It just moves indoors. Next up: *Simchat Torah*. Watch for dancing in the aisles. ♦





**(Left) Rabbi Richard Agler holding the four species in the KJCC Sukkah on the October 10th Shabbat and explaining what we bless and express thanks for on Sukkot (one of the holidays specifically mandated in the Torah) and why.**

**(Below) Inside, after kiddish was said outside at the KJCC pergola/Sukkah-during-Sukkot: Randy Klein-Gross with children Oceana and Jonah plus her visiting parents.**



**(Above and Right) The Agler home and Sukkah where they hosted the October 11th Havdalah.**



**Scenes from the October 11th  
Havdalah at the Agler home and  
Sukkah.**



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day School  
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**Learning to  
shake the  
lulav. After  
the previ-  
ous Sunday  
and all the  
exciting  
activity**

**around decorating our sukkah,  
KJCC students finally get to say  
the blessings and learn the  
proper way to hold the aromatic  
etrog and the three species Lu-  
lav. President Bernie Ginsberg  
makes an excellent teacher.**

**Education  
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Susan  
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Fink, new  
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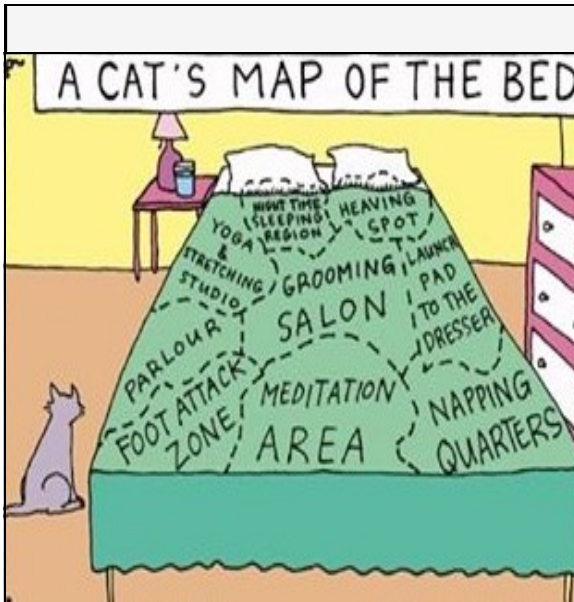


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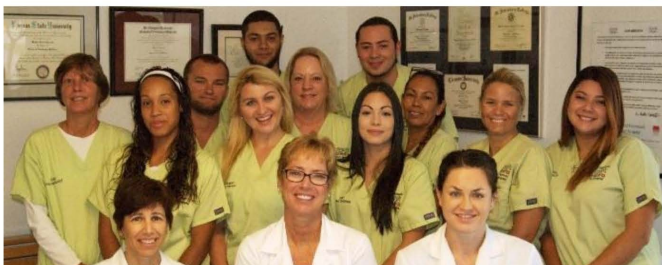
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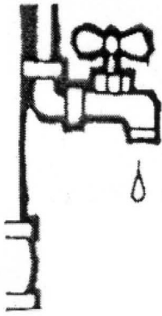
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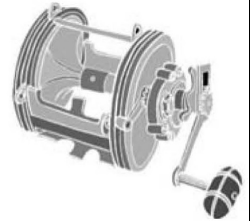
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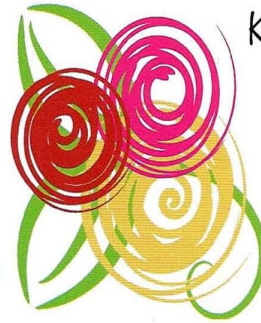


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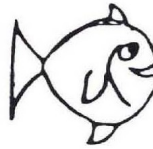
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