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14 KJCC Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. Scuba Jews 5:00 p.m.	15	16 First Chanukah Lights in Evening	17 First Day of Chanukah	18	19 KJCC Religious School and Teachers Chanukah Dinner 6:30 <i>Arthur Itkin</i>	20
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President's Message Bernard Ginsberg



I am amazed to see a decrease in bad news from the middle east and Israel is only suffering the “usual” level of terrorist attacks. However, this month has brought us a tragedy that is difficult to overcome, the death of Carol Steinbock. I still see her always serving the Synagogue and helping her husband Steve when he was president. Although a Catholic and proud of it, she was more of a “presence” in the KJCC than most of our Jewish members. Among a dozen other things she did for the Congregation, she taught herself to type in Hebrew so that she could type the Hebrew prayers and freshen the letters in the recent Yizkor books in which the letters and vowel markings had become blurred from over photocopying. She placed herself in charge of the swearing in of officers of the Congregation. and swore me into my present position as well as all the present Board members and officers. She did things not when asked to, but even before being asked. She unfortunately now joins the other pillars of our congregation that have passed away during my term as president. “Gutenyu” enough already!

But although we are saddened by our tragedies; we must look forward to, and plan for our future *simchas*. Such is the cycle of life.

We must be doing something right because we have recruited three new families for our congregation and one of them, the Klein-Gross', have decided to change all the arrangements for their son Jonah's Bar Mitzvah from his former congregation to ours. Though only members for a few months, they feel so comfortable with us that they want the ceremony here and we are proud to host them. Surely, we are living up to our mission as they already really feel like *mishpocha*.

It reminds me of Linda and Joel Pollack's grandson Will Pollack's Bar Mitzvah and the Bar Mitzvah of Erica Lieberman-Garrett's nephew Mark Lieberman held here for the same reason. Maybe we could become a Bar Mizvah “Destination?”

The “Snow Birds” will be back soon and adding to our excitement. It will be great to see all the old faces. By the time you read this, Sisterhood's Italian Night dinner will be over and they will be preparing their Shabbat Chanukah dinner for December 19th at 6:30 before services. Don't miss it or the Chanukah play.

May all of us be spared any further tragedies, and may Israel continue to stay out of the news!

Nosh

A Special Havdalah on December 13th

Please join all of KJCC at a very special Havdalah – the short and sweet weekly celebration acknowledging the return of one’s life from the sacred status of Shabbat back to the secular week – at Steve Steinbock’s house on Saturday evening, December 13th at 6:00. As soon as Havdalah ends, all are invited to stay and participate in the decoration of the Steinbock Christmas tree. We will be doing this in honor and memory of Carol, who loved decorating the tree. Many of us have never decorated a Christmas tree before, so it should be quite an experience. Don’t worry about bringing anything; Steve says he has enough decorations for five trees.

And Don’t Forget Christmas Day Itself

Knowing it’s something Carol would have insisted upon, Steve Steinbock is once again opening his home to all KJCC Jewish waifs on Christmas Day, from 1-5 p.m. Steve’s home is at 147 Gardenia Street in Plantation Key Colony, just behind the BB&T Bank at approx. mm 90. Please come for the fellowship and food, and to honor Carol’s memory, since the day will also be a celebration of Carol’s life. You’ll also get to see a tree decorated mostly or solely by KJCC Jews.

Oneg Sponsors for December 2014

December 12th - Barney Coltman in memory of his son Robert.

December 19th - Arthur Itkin to celebrate KJCC Fellowship. And a special thanks to Joel and Linda Pollack for sponsoring The Channukah Dinner that night.

December 26th - Steve and Amelia Kasinof in honor of Steve’s Birthday.

January 2nd - Steve and Amelia Kasinof will again be sponsoring, this time in celebration of their Anniversary.

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Repairing the Seas, KJCC-Style

The KJCC is organizing a scuba program to focus on diving and active *Tikkun HaYam*, repairing the seas. We will be working with Coral Restoration Foundation, an innovative and internationally renowned pioneer in replanting and renewing our unique coral reefs.

Please join us for our first meeting, on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Pilot House in Key Largo. For questions please contact Randy Klein-Gross at razzklein@gmail.com, 310-702-7276, or Linda Kaplan, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair, at lk@lindakaplan.com or 305-396-7000.

We are also attempting to organize a special KJCC table at the Coral Restoration Foundation Gala on February 21st, 2015, to be held at the Key Largo Hilton and managed by KJCC’s own Patti Gross. Tickets are \$150 per person. We will also be looking for table sponsors willing to contribute additional amounts. This would entitle KJCC to get additional recognition in Gala promotional material and multi-media presentations made during the Gala itself. Again, please contact Linda Kaplan to reserve seats and to discuss additional contributions.

December Service Leaders

December 5th - Joyce Peckman

December 12th - Barney Coltman

December 19th - KJCC Religious School and Teachers

December 26th - Sam Vinicur and Gloria Avner

December Birthdays

1st	.....Rachel Levine
1st	.....Paul Hudson
2nd	.....Marshall A. Field
2nd	.....Joseph Burke Grossman
3rd	.....Jackie LePree
3rd	.....Rick McNew
4th	.....Jan Hartz
4th	.....Jogi Yeager
4th	.....Judith Klein
5th	.....Stuart Sax
5th	.....Joseph Beth
6th	.....Leslie Boruszak
6th	.....Haley Borisoff
7th	.....Vada Charity (Bella) Greenbaum
7th	.....Franklin Rose
9th	.....George Swartz
10th	.....Harvey Robins
10th	.....Susan Greenbaum
11th	.....Sara Rose Friedman
13th	.....Robin Margulies Juenger
13th	.....Susan Widrich-Goldberg
13th	.....Sarah Boruszak
16th	.....Diana Lal
16th	.....Samuel Klimpl
17th	.....Bruce Forman
17th	.....Jeffrey Schocket
17th	.....Lilian Forbes
18th	.....Jerome Horowitz
18th	.....Emelyn Anne Juenger
19th	.....Jonah Gross
19th	.....Lorena Kaufman
19th	.....David Gitin
19th	.....Aaron Stuart
20th	.....Jennifer VanArtsdalen
20th	.....Teresa Kwalick
20th	.....Alan Schulberg
21st	.....Roberta McNew
22nd	.....Laura Molly Friedman
22nd	.....Lisa Miller
23rd	.....Roger Hernstadt
25th	.....Lori Kay
26th	.....Steven Smith
27th	.....Steve Kasinof
28th	.....Ira Krieger
28th	.....Michael Klimpl
28th	.....Emily Sherman
28th	.....Elaine Schulberg
29th	.....Joan Stark
30th	.....Ellen Bloom
31st	.....Michele Riley

This Year's Upper Keys Concert Series

The eagerly awaited 2015 Upper Keys Concert Series is about to begin. Opening night will be Tuesday, January 20th. Save that date and the next five Tuesdays for the least expensive, highest quality music series in the Keys. You won't have to pay for parking, and if you buy a season ticket, you will hear all six concerts for \$95.

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, playing the big band's original Swing repertoire, will open the series. A violin, cello and piano trio comes next, blending Classical, Jazz, Latin and Broadway favorites. Next is the world-class Alexander String Quartet performing Beethoven. The last three concerts feature two evenings with classical piano virtuosos and one of opera highlights.

For more information, see the complete schedule posted at KJCC, call Joyce at 305-451-0665, or check the website, www.floridakeysconcerts.com. Tickets can now be purchased online.

January 1st, A Blessed Day for Boaters

Start your Florida Keys New Year right. Come to Islamorada for the Annual Blessing of the Fleet from the top of Whale Harbor Bridge. Join various local clergy as boats approach single-file to receive blessings for the new year.

Representing KJCC will be Ritual Chair Gloria Avner. It all begins at 10:00 a.m.

Remembering the Keys' Forgotten

"National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day" takes place on the shortest day of the year. This year the date is December 21st. Clergy and concerned community people will gather at Settlers' Park, MM 91 oceanside, next to the Sunrise Market at 1:00 p.m. The name of each homeless person who died in the Keys during 2014 will be read. This was a project adopted for KJCC by Carol Steinbock; she would read a poem, then with Steve would lead the group in reciting Kaddish. We have always had a good group of KJCC people present. Please join us this year in Carol's name to help this important community interfaith activity continue to grow. — Gloria

Leaf on the Tree of Life

In Honor of

**Eliana, Yosef, Michal,
Libby, Isaac, Adara**

Savta Joyce Peckman

KJCC's 35th Anniversary Celebration!

It'll be a great party, our first annual Keys Jewish Heritage Festival. The "Big Tent" event will be open to the whole community and will take place both outside and inside KJCC. Everyone will be invited to sample authentic Jewish food, enjoy Jewish music, learn to dance the "hora," and view exhibits of our synagogue's history, including our "Tikkun Olam" projects. There will be activities for children, art on display by our creative members, a silent auction, and mystery bag raffles as well as indoor workshops. We will offer an "Ask the Rabbi" discussion group, a "Yiddish 101" mini-course, sanctuary tours, and more. Admission is free. Tickets will be sold for the purchase of food, drink, and raffle opportunities. The event will take place on Sunday, February 15th, from 3 – 7 p.m. Plan now to invite all your friends, Keys and non-Keys.

The 35th Anniversary Committee needs KJCC volunteers to help us make this a remarkable and memorable event. If you would like to participate in any way – to cook, bake, publicize, serve, help gather auction items, set up on the day of the event, lead tours indoors, or be an Angelic Mensch Sponsor, please contact Erica Lieberman-Garrett, at hippiejap@hotmail.com or 305-393-1162.

Yardena's 2015 Sunday Lecture Series

Yardena Kamely's annual adult education lecture series will begin this year on January 18th. The subject, to be spread over four or five evenings, will be the history of Sephardic Jews after the 1492 expulsion from Spain, mostly under Islamic rule in North Africa, eastern Europe and the Middle East. All lectures will take place Sunday evenings at KJCC beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Torah Study With Rabbi Agler

On December 13th, at 10:00 a.m., KJCC members and friends will have our last 2014 opportunity to experience Rabbi Richard Agler's uplifting morning Shabbat service. Come, listen, and participate in what has come to be one of the most enriching of our monthly synagogue activities. Rabbi Agler's warm, informal and engaging teaching style brings us back again and again to a living Torah. And yes, our next issue of Chai-Lights will announce the Shabbat morning study schedule for the rest of the winter season.

–Gloria

Chanukah Dinner on December 19th

Please join us for the annual KJCC dinner celebrating the onset of Chanukah. It will take place on Friday, December 19th at 6:30. Services will follow the dinner at 8:00, to be led by the students and teachers of the KJCC Religious School. The dinner will be dairy. If you would like to coordinate a dish, please contact Barbara Knowles at 305-772-0503 or at iweddu@bellsouth.net. Joel and Linda Pollack are graciously sponsoring the dinner. There is no charge for members; non-members are \$18. For further information or reservations, please see the house ad on page 14.

Scholarship Applications on KJCC Website

KJCC supports its members' children as they go on to higher education. Our most recent scholarship recipients were Nyan Feder and Danielle Zinner. We are happy to report that both are doing well in their chosen fields of study. On the KJCC Website under the "School" button is a drop-down menu that will take you to Guidelines and Application forms for High School Graduating Seniors. If you meet the guideline criteria, download the application and complete it. Applications will be accepted starting January 1st of 2015. Awards will be announced in late spring. If you have further questions, call David Gitin, Committee Chair, at 305-393-4979.

Hebrew Classes Begin December 5th

This year's intermediate and advanced Hebrew language classes will begin on Friday, December 5th in KJCC's David Kamely classroom, to once again be taught by native Israeli (and new American citizen) Yardena Kamely. Intermediate classes will begin at 10:00 a.m., with advanced classes following at 11:30. All classes are \$50 for KJCC members and \$150 for non-members, for the full year. Contact Yardena, 305-393-1768, for information and sign-ups.

Oneg Sponsorships

The season is just beginning, our snowbirds are returning, the community is coming together. Now is the time to secure your special date or occasion as an Oneg Sponsorship. It's a lovely (and delicious) as well as appreciated way to celebrate or remember your special event. Call Joyce at 305-451-0665 to reserve your date.

Leaf on the Tree of Life

Mark Lieberman

In Honor of Your Bar Mitzvah

December 29, 2013

Aunt Erica Lieberman-Garrett

Channukah Goodies, No Driving

Don't forget, you can get all your Channukah needs right here, without having to go "off the rock." The KJCC Gift Shop is stocked with new merchandise and is waiting to conveniently serve you! If you need any gift suggestions, or there is something special you are looking for, let us help you out. Contact Susan Gordon at 305-766-3585 for more information.

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, 305-394-0143, 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.



**KEYS JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
SHABBAT DINNER**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015

6:30 PM

COVERED DISH DINNER

~DAIRY~

Once again, we are inviting our Chai-Lights and Directory advertisers to join us for dinner to thank them for their support. We are also extending a special invitation to our newest members. And we are encouraging you, our Members, to encourage prospective members to join with us also.



Contact:

Medina - hiitsmedee@gmail.com -

to reserve your spot and coordinate your covered dish.

Please reserve by January 9th.

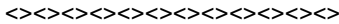
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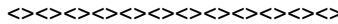
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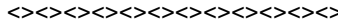
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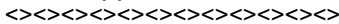
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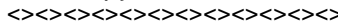
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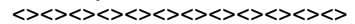
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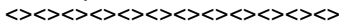
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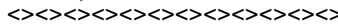
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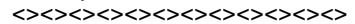
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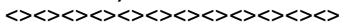
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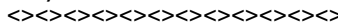
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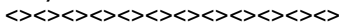
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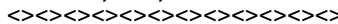
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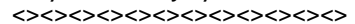
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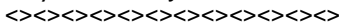
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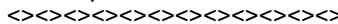
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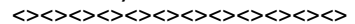
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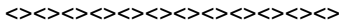


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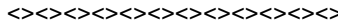
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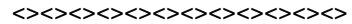
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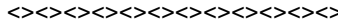
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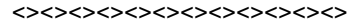
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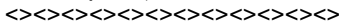
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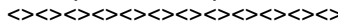
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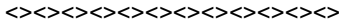
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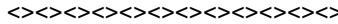
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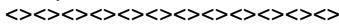
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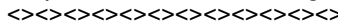
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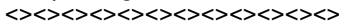
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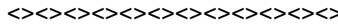
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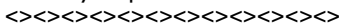
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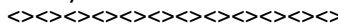
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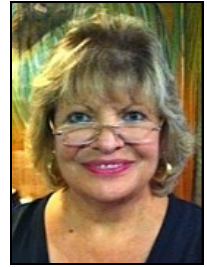
By Paul & Susan Roberts



Mishebeyrach List

For those of you who might not make it to services regularly, each week we read aloud the names of those we know to be ailing so that we may include their names in a special supplication to G-d to heal them. Our printed list is read, and then the leader asks if anyone in the congregation has names to add. If you can't be at services, and would like someone you care about to be included in the *mishebeyrach* prayer, call or e-mail and let us know. We'll happily include any name (or names) you tell us about. The main KJCC number is 852-5235. The website, which accepts e-mail, is keysjewishcenter.com.

Sisterhood Barbara Knowles



Well, this is the next to the last column I will be writing as my two years as Sisterhood President will come to a bitter-sweet end and a newly appointed president will be taking my place.

The Nominating Committee met recently and we have new Sisterhood Officers for 2015 and 2016. I will release the names and more information in my column next month, as they need to be voted in. It is with much confidence, that I say everyone will be pleased with the new slate of Officers.

As I write this column, as most of you know, we recently lost a long time member and friend Carol Steinbock. She is missed and loved by all of us at KJCC. Our deepest and sincerest sympathy goes out to Steve on his loss.

There are many things taking place at our "Cozy Little Shul" and the following is an overview of what recently happened, is about to happen or in the planning stages:

November 14: A very special Shabbat Dinner, Italian themed, which featured a full pasta station, delicious sauces - ranging from Alfredo, Vodka, Pesto and Marinara. Also many other varieties of delicious favorites such as: insalata Caprese, eggplant parmesan, vegetable lasagna, garlic bread. Many wonderful desserts like, tiramisu, cannoli, biscotti and gelato. My daughter Eve downloaded several hours of authentic Italian music just to make everything complete.

Sunday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. is a special Sisterhood meeting. I would like to encourage all the ladies of the synagogue to come and help us vote for the new Officers for the 2015-16 season.

Friday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. is our annual Chanukah dinner. I am the contact for this event and Jane Friedman is co-chairing with me. Please contact me at 305-772-0503 or iweddu@bellsouth.net to RSVP and coordi

-nate a potluck dairy dish. I will also be making delicious potato latkes. There is NO CHARGE for this event as it is being graciously sponsored by Joel and Linda Pollack.

Sunday, January 4, 9:30 a.m. is another special Sisterhood meeting as the new 2015 - 16 Officers will be installed and I will be stepping down as Sisterhood President. I hope everyone can make it.

Friday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. will be a Shabbat dinner for the new (and potential) members as well as advertisers. Please contact Medina Roy or Erica Garrett to RSVP and to coordinate your potluck dairy dish.

Friday, January 23 at 8 p.m. will be a Sisterhood Shabbat service and all of Sisterhood will lead services.

Sunday, February 1st at 3 p.m. at Actors Playhouse in Coral Gables is a great show, "Ragtime." Tickets are \$55.00, and many tickets are still available. Contact Joyce Peckman, 305-451-0665, for tickets and carpooling information.

There are plenty of other happenings that I will mention as it will be solidified soon so we can then announce them.

As usual, I am running out of things to say, so have been researching quotes and sayings that might show what Sisterhood means to most of us.

"Sisterhood is many things. It's a warm smile on a cold and rainy day, a friendly hug, a cheerful hello... It's all that a good and lasting friendship is, only better. It's treasured. It's sacred. It's knowing that there will always be someone there for you. It's dreams shared, and goals achieved. It's counting on others and being counted on. It is real."

In Closing: "Let's Make December A Great Month." ◇



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Book Plates

Line, Jon & Arlene
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In Memory of

Carol Steinbock
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Meditation Garden

Steinberg, Richard & Sheila
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In Memory of

Rose Wainer
Saunders Cohen
Joel Cohen

General Fund

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Hartz, Steve & Jan
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Roberts, Paul & Susan
Robins, Harvey & Beverly
Margulies, Stan & Jenny

Charlie Temkin

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Kaminstein, Beth

Scholarship Fund

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Coltman, Barney

Holidays

Bernard, Edward Thank you for an enjoyable time at
the holiday service I attended

Schumer, Jeff

Wittels, Dr. Michael & Family Thank you for making
us feel so welcome over Rosh Hashanah

Tree of Life

Greenman, Frank & Judy
Kwalick, Teresa

in celebration of the life
of Carol Steinbock

Garden Tree in memory of Carol Steinbock

Bofshever, Joel & Toby
Davidson, Foster & Carol Laskin
Harris, Steve & Marsha
Hartz, Steve & Jan
Hudson, Terry
Knowles, Richard & Barbara
Krauer, Arthur & Lee
Kreitman, Marcia
Margulies, Stan & Jenny
Peckman, Joyce
Pollack, Joel & Linda
Sax, Stuart & Lauren
Swartz, George & Muriel
Wohl, Milton & Joan

Yahrzeit Plaques

Temkin, Robert

In Memory of

Charlie Temkin

Yahrzeits

Boruszak, Joan
Dorf, Barry & Natalie
Graham, Bea
Isenberg, Patricia
Kaplan, Marshall & Myra
Krissel, Michael Joseph Krissel, Deborah Cannon
Riley, Michele
Schur, Lee
Tallent, Lillian
Temkin, Robert
Willner, Arthur Lee & Johanna
Wolfe, Larry & Dorothy

In Memory of
Harold Goldstein
Jack Dorf
My Dear Family Members
Helene Tulsky
Leonard Roberts
Abraham Travers
Shirley Singer
Samuel Tallent
Kenny Temkin
Esther Gold
Diana Wolfe

Garden in memory of Carol Steinbock

Knowles, Richard & Barbara

Yizkor Book

Friedman, Steve & Jane
Kaminstein, Beth

Brick in memory of Carol Steinbock

Pollack, Joel & Linda

KJCC Chanukah 5775

Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 19, 2014

Dairy Dinner
6:30 PM

Followed by
Presentation by the Children of the
KJCC Religious School

Services at 8 pm

Contact Barbara Knowles, 305-772-0503,
iweddu@bellsouth.net to reserve your spot and
coordinate your dish.

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World Jewish Report

Medina Roy



Can Israel End World Hunger?

Between a third and a half of all food grown today is lost to spoilage. But *Pimi Agro*, an Israeli company, may have a solution. The company has figured out a natural way to extend the shelf life of produce by 1,500 percent plus prevent disease and fungus, too. They use hydrogen peroxide “with a few key additions” so that fruits and vegetables remain fresh for up to ten weeks. The process significantly cuts down on losses due to rot and deterioration during the transportation process. “For places like India, China and Africa, this is huge, especially because the transportation systems in those areas are slow and refrigeration is hard to come by,” said Nimrod Ben-Yehuda, Chief Technology Officer and co-founder of *Pimi*. Agricultural authorities in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, China and many other countries have approved *Pimi’s* all-natural, zero-chemical method of preserving produce. “They are not necessarily organic, but they are much healthier than ordinary produce – besides having a much longer shelf life – because farmers can cut down significantly on the use of fungicides.” *Pimi Agro’s* secret: Its products are formulations based on 99.35 percent Stabilized Hydrogen Peroxide (STHP), which decomposes into oxygen and water, leaving no chemical residue. The trick, said Ben-Yehuda, was getting that other 0.65 of the formulation right – and that took him, along with researchers at the Technion and at Hebrew University, fifteen years. (www.timesofisrael.com, 10-30-14)

The Rosenberg Letters

A collection of more than 500 high-resolution digitized letters between Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted Soviet spies who were executed in the United States in 1953, is now available online, launched by the Howard

Gotlieb Archival Center at Boston University. Maintaining their innocence up until the end, the Rosenbergs were executed on charges of conspiracy to pass along secret information to the Soviet Union. The letters were acquired from the Rosenberg’s sons, Michael and Robert Meeropol. The collection includes correspondence between the Rosenbergs and their lawyer, Emanuel Bloch, letters which have never before been available to the public (or even to researchers). The new website also includes pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and the Rosenbergs’ wills along with contemporary publications from the *National Committee to Reopen the Rosenberg Case*. Ethel wrote the last letter to her children on June 19, 1953. In it, she proclaimed that she was innocent, though to the ultimate chagrin of many who had passionately defended both Rosenbergs for many years, information obtained from secret KGB files after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989 strongly indicated otherwise. (www.jta.org, 10-12-14)

Crossed Off Her Bucket List

Emily Kessler, a 97-year-old Holocaust survivor, fulfilled a life-long dream and made her concert debut at Lincoln Center’s Avery Fisher Hall in early November. Kessler played her mandolin and sang the Yiddish and Russian folksongs of her childhood in front of some 350 guests at the annual dinner of the Blue Card Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides support to Holocaust survivors. Originally from Khmelnik, Ukraine, Kessler learned to play both the mandolin and the violin when she was ten. When the Nazis invaded Ukraine in 1941, Kessler’s husband, a journalist, went to fight them, but he never made it home. She witnessed the Nazis kill both of her parents and her brother. Widowed

with a young child, she managed to survive the war through the kindness of strangers, fake documentation papers and several years hiding from the S.S. soldiers. Having blonde hair, blue eyes and a Ukrainian surname, Kessler was able to successfully lie about her Jewish roots. Eventually, she made her way to New York. After her escape, she stopped playing the mandolin altogether and didn't pick it up again until 1980, some forty years later. (*nydailynews.com*, 11-4-14 and *The Forward*, 11-3-14)

The “Pompa” Needs a New Name

There seems to be no proper Hebrew word for a “plunger,” that familiar household tool consisting of a rubber cup attached to a wooden stick. Now the *Academy of the Hebrew Language* is asking the public to help find an appropriate Hebrew word for the device. For lack of a better word, Israelis usually refer to it as a “pompa,” which comes from the word for “pump” in a variety of European languages. A recent report indicates that the leading submission so far is *pampam*, a word that mimics the sound a plunger makes when it releases a clogged sink. In recent years, the Hebrew language academy has accepted public suggestions for other words that seem difficult to formulate and for which there were no analogs in ancient Hebrew. (*www.timesofisrael.com*, 11-6-14)

Israel Ranks Fourth

A recent survey based on data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) ranks the State of Israel as the fourth most educated country in the world. Just over 46 percent of Israel's adult population holds college degrees. Israel ranks behind Russia, Canada and Japan. Russia (53 percent) and Canada (52.6 percent) were the two countries in the survey in which more than half the population was college-educated. Japan came in at 46.6 percent. The United States followed Israel with 43.1 percent. Despite the fact that Israel ranks so high, its teachers' salaries (less than \$19,000 in 2013) lag the OECD average (more than \$32,000). (*www.haaretz.com*, 9-15-14)

The “English Schindler”

At the end of October, Sir Nicholas Winton, (the “English Schindler”), who saved hundreds of Jewish children in Czechoslovakia from the Nazis in the run-up to World War II, was given the Czech Republic's top honor, the Order of the White Lion. Throughout the ceremony, Winton, the 105-year-old Briton of German-Jewish origin, sat opposite seven of the children he had rescued. Winton's heroic actions earned him the nickname the “English Schindler.” On the eve of war, Sir Nicholas had gone to Prague to help a friend rescue Jewish children. The result was the Czech Kindertransport, through which almost 700 Czech children, mostly Jewish, were funneled through Holland into England, where they were given safety and found homes. Another large rescue project was thwarted by the Nazi's invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939. Sir Nicholas kept quiet about his mission for fifty years; his heroic work was only revealed when his wife found evidence of it in their attic. Winton was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2003. His Czech supporters have repeatedly petitioned for him to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. (*www.israelnationalnews.com*, 10-28-14 and *www.reuters.com* 10-28-14)

A Devoted Christian Friend

The remains of Lt. Col. John Henry Patterson (along with the ashes of his wife), commander of World War I's Jewish Legion, were recently brought to Israel and buried in a special plot at *Moshav Avihayil*, fulfilling his dream to be buried there alongside his former soldiers. The couple had been buried in a Los Angeles mausoleum. Patterson, a Christian Zionist, died in 1947. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that his late brother, Yonatan, had been named for Patterson, who was his godfather. The Irish-born British soldier was one of the founders of the Jewish Legion in World War I, the first Jewish military force since the revolt of *Bar Kochva* (the leader of the third and final Jewish revolt against Rome, 132-135 C.E.) and after which the Israel Defense Force was modeled. Patterson worked alongside Netanyahu's father in

the United States in the 1940s to promote Zionism. Ze'ev Jabotinsky (1880-1940), the Zionist activist and writer who co-founded the Jewish Legion and later led a wing of the militant Jewish underground in Palestine, once said of Patterson, "Never in Jewish history has there been in our midst a Christian friend of his understanding and devotion." (www.jta.org, 10-13-14)

Israel Sets Another World Record

Six Israeli swimmers have claimed a world record for open-water relay distance swimming after crossing the eastern Mediterranean from Cyprus to Israel in early October. The swim's purpose was to raise awareness highlighting ocean pollution. According to the *World Open Water Swimming Association*, the men swam a record-breaking distance of 380 kilometers (236 miles) in 123 hours and ten minutes. The previous record of 367 kilometers was set by a team from the United States off the coast of California last year. The six men – ranging in age from 42-66 – each spent one hour in the water, day and night, and had to maintain the same rotation for the record to be recognized. This was the second attempt to break the record by the Israeli team. Last year, they had to abort their attempt due to rough seas. The swimmers dealt with jellyfish, curious dolphins and chilly temperatures, but the main obstacle they faced was a plague of plastic bags. (www.timesofisrael.com, 10-11-14)

In Memoriam

· Ralph Goldman, a legendary figure who dedicated his long and illustrious career to serving Israel and the Jewish people, died in early October. He was 100. Goldman was a key figure in the founding of the State of Israel. He was born in Ukraine, but his family moved to Boston when he was a small child. During World War II, he served in the American Army, assisting Jewish refugees in Germany. After the war, he served as an agent of the *Haganah*, procuring airplanes and ships for Jewish immigration from Europe and enlisting recruits for the pre-state defense force. Goldman was a close adviser to David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister. Be-

tween 1976 and 1988, he twice served as the chief executive of the *American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee* (JDC). He was deeply dedicated to the success of the State of Israel as the homeland for the Jewish people and he played a key role in its establishment during the War of Independence. Goldman's son, David Ben-Rafael, followed in his father's footsteps and served as an Israeli diplomat. He was killed in the 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy in Argentina. (www.worldjewishcongress.org, 10-8-14)

Did you Know...

· As a result of the November mid-term elections, Lee Zeldin is now the only Jewish Republican in Congress. He campaigned in part by saying he would revive the Jewish GOP presence in Congress after the defeat in the Republican primary in June of then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, who represented a district in Richmond, VA. Two other Jewish House candidates – Representatives Brad Schneider (D-IL) and Andrew Romanoff (D-CO) – lost in the congressional races, while two Jewish senators up for reelection – Al Franken (D-MN) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) – both kept their seats. (www.jta.org, 11-4-14)

· In another election update, Neo-Nazi activist Robert Ransdell, write-in candidate from Florence, Kentucky, did not win election to the U.S. Senate, trailing both Republican winner Senator Mitch McConnell and Democratic challenger Alison Lundergan Grimes, the sitting Kentucky Secretary of State. Ransdell had placed signs around northern Kentucky that read "With Jews You Lose." "I believe that there is no such thing as racial equality..." he said. As a write-in candidate, his name did not appear on the ballot, but county clerks across Kentucky were required to count votes for him. (www.usatoday.com, 9-19-14)

· The Vatican has announced that it will contribute \$135,000 to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, the organization working to preserve the site of the infamous death camp located in southern Poland near Krakow. Thirty-one countries (including the Vatican) have pledged more than \$129 million to the foundation. (www.jta.org, 9-29-14) ◇

Photo Gallery

Photos from Rabbi Richard Agler's Shabbat morning service at KJCC on November 8, 2014. The Torah portion discussed was *Vayera*, which includes the first great example and teaching of Abraham's hospitality to the stranger — a theme that runs throughout the Torah... "for we were once strangers in a strange land..." — the often-difficult details of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah; Abraham's negotiation with God over the impending fate of any innocents living in Sodom (such as his nephew Lot and his family); and the elderly Sarah giving birth to a son, Isaac (at the age of at least 90), and the famous story of God demanding that Abraham sacrifice Isaac on an altar and the angels intervening at the last second to stop the slaughter, establishing the principle that, unlike those of other Mesopotamian and Canaanite peoples of the day, the God of Abraham and his descendants did not require or condone human sacrifice.



At left, Roy Pollack on the bemah with Rabbi Agler.



Left, flanking Rabbi Agler during the actual Torah reading: Joel Bofshever on the left and Steve Hartz on the right.



Right, Rabbi Agler chanted the haMotzi, then cut the challah (which included raisins) and tore off smaller pieces for all.



Joyce Peckman visited son Daniel and family in Denver, Colorado in mid-October. These photos were taken at the Denver Aquarium.



At right, on November 13th a group of KJCC folks gathered for dinner at Num Thai Restaurant to celebrate Linda Kaplan's birthday. It was also snowbird Medina's first night back.



At left and below, photos from the November 14th ceremony at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in West Kendall where Yardena Kamely was sworn in as an American citizen. Yardena proudly shows off her official certificate.

Right, a group of fellow KJCC members who drove up to witness the ceremony and share in Yardena's joy.





A Buona Notte. Prior to Friday night services on November 14th, KJCC entertained members and guests at its First Annual Italian dinner. Benissimo!



Above: Susan Gordon, right, and Erica Lieberman-Garrett, who organized the evening on behalf of Sisterhood,



Below, left to right: KJCC president Bernie Ginsberg, Jonah Gross, Oceana Gross, Sylvie Coeurjoly Bitton, Mikhaela Bitton at the kiddush.

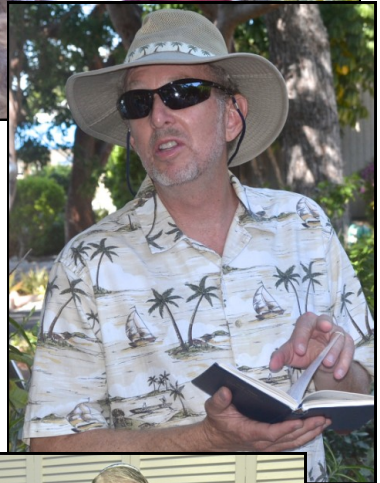
Below, left to right: Linda Pollack, Skip Rose, Toby Bofshever, Joni Sages Dandrea at the kiddush welcoming Shabbat.





Friends, family and KJCC *mishpocha* gathered at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 16th to witness and join in the dedication of a Cabada Palm being planted in the KJCC Meditation Garden in loving memory of Carol Steinbock. It's a palm with multiple trunks,

symbolic of Carol's many strong and enduring ties, especially her unbreakable bond with Steve. The service was led thoughtfully and gently by Rabbi Richard Agler, highlighted by his reading of the famed "woman of valor" verses from Proverbs 31.



Above, Steve holds the new challah cover dedicated to Carol from the KJCC Sisterhood, represented by Erica Lieberman-Garrett (left) and Susan Gordon.



Tikkun HaYam and Rabbi Ed

As part of his “Tikkun HaYam” program — the repairing of the seas — Rabbi Ed Rosenthal once again brought college students from his Tampa Bay-based Suncoast Hillel to the Keys for a weekend of diving and coral reef restoration. This time, out of a group of 19, only three were Jewish, but all were brought by Rabbi Ed through accredited college programs and as always all were warmly welcomed as they brought their bags and mattresses to camp out in KJCC’s David Kamely classroom. (A few, actually, climbed the mahogany and gumbo limbo trees in the parking lot and hung hammocks to sleep in. All had signed releases, so we pushed aside our own parental instincts.)

For four days the classroom and social hall (and kitchen) rang out with the laughter and purposeful energy and post-dive appetites of our next generation of marine scientists and environmentalists and physicists and even one political science major. Most had advanced dive certifications — dive-masters and instructors, with the lowest being advanced open water. They spent three days in the water, often with three or four dives per day, charting and evaluating and helping restore coral to the Keys’ reefs.

Most of the students arrived on Saturday



Rabbi Ed arrived a little early on Friday night and joined KJCC for services.



Rabbi Ed leading Havdalah and introducing his non-Jewish students to this short, sweet ceremony.



morning, but Rabbi Ed arrived Friday night and joined us for services. As he often does

when he visits, he also gave that evening’s *D’var Torah*, which told the story of Noah. Laughing at the perfect symmetry of coming to spend the weekend diving in God’s

ocean with offering a parshah about the story of God’s great flood, Rabbi Ed pointedly noted that Adam named all the animals on land, but that the separate world within the ocean was reserved for



(Above) The towels and equipment of the students decorating the KJCC patio.



(Below) A group shot of Rabbi Ed's students.



God, that the Torah offers only one name for the thousands of varieties of living creatures in the seas: fish. And that the rabbi teach that the destruction of the world that is described in the Noah story only refers to that 25-30 percent of God's world that is terrestrial; the seas were untouched and unpunished.

On Saturday night many KJCC members enjoyed Rabbi Ed's mystical take on Havdalah in a short and sweet ceremony in KJCC's garden gazebo. Many of the non-Jewish students attended, and Rabbi Ed — ever the teacher — carefully explained the components of Havdalah and their symbolic meaning and even compared them to some analogs in the Christian tradition.

Sunday night, after the day's dives, Rabbi Ed joined Linda Kaplan, head of KJCC's new Tikkun Olam committee, and KJCC member Patti Gross, who's a board member and poobah of Coral Restoration, to lead a discussion

of how his experience with marine science and repair can help what will be the first project of our Tikkun Olam Committee: a *Tikkun HaYam* effort to help repair and re-plant Keys coral. That's where Patti's extensive experience came in, as she explained in some detail just how Coral Restoration goes about their trailblazing work. Several of the students, and all the Jewish ones, joined us for the discus-

sion, and all spoke movingly about their own concern for the seas. (Amazingly, Rabbi Ed pointed out that his is the only official Jewish organization

in the entire United States that has a program devoted to the oceans. The only other such organization is Israeli. And now KJCC, uniquely suited to do so, will become part of this effort.) Asked if he considers himself an environmentalist, Rabbi Ed quickly said no, that that label is too small. His mandate, his reason for such dedication, is because he's Jewish, and that the Torah commands us to take up this work on behalf of God's oceans. (There is also the mystical connection between *mayim* — the Hebrew word for water — and *sha'mayim*, the Hebrew word for the heavens. Perhaps there will be a fuller discussion of that during his next visit.) ◇

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- ◆ **and more.**
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**Bring any items to be recycled to the
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Remembering Carol Steinbock

KJCC recently lost one of its stalwart and most loyal members. We pay tribute to her here, in the words of fellow members and through a variety of photographs. Most of the photos were taken at various KJCC events throughout the past seven years. Some, and we think you'll note with delight which ones they are, were provided by Steve, her husband and partner of over 40 years. Carol was the person every volunteer organization like KJCC yearns for: always the first to step forward, always ready to work, talented, creative, accomplished and fully alive. As you'll see, she touched many different KJCC lives. She will be remembered in a thousand ways.

I've known Carol my whole time in the Keys, even before coming to KJCC for the first time.

I met her my first day of work and first official day in the Key Largo area.

I began working at the courthouse on Plantation Key, where Carol was an assistant State Attorney. I remember her as being very persistent and good at her job. I also found her to be friendly.

I was glad to realize later that she was a member of what would become my synagogue!

I want to add that never have I seen someone from a non-Jewish background who seemed more at home in a Jewish place of worship.

To me, Carol was as

Jewish as any of us.

Finally, it was Carol who asked me to take over the *yahrzeit* boards when Jerry Oshinsky passed away. For that reason I'll

always feel connected to both of them.

Carol, thanks for all you did, and for welcoming me to the Keys.

Ken Atlas

"A Woman of Valor. Her Worth is far above Rubies..." These words taken from the Book of Proverbs remind me of Carol. While I cannot think of a specific memory of her, the daily small memories of her emerge as one

Steve and Carol at their wedding in New York, June 5, 1981





Top left, Carol and Steve observe the scribe koshering the KJCC Holocaust Torah, obtained on permanent loan from the Westminster Synagogue in London. In the center, a quiet moment on an Italian vacation in 1990. The photo of Carol at bottom was taken on Nest Key in Easter of 1996.

large memory, as a kind, caring, intelligent, friendly, hospitable, always-willing-to-volunteer person, for the synagogue and for the community. "Her deeds speak her praise."

Lee Schur

Vividly I recall the first time I met Carol. I was about to exit the KJCC sanctuary when, at the same moment, a young couple was entering. The three of us stopped to say "Hi" and make introductions, and I welcomed them. With Steve's quiet, beaming approval, Carol's friendly, bubbly personality became immediately evident. It was a pleasure to learn - that Shabbat eve in late 1992 - that Carol and Steve would be becoming a part of our KJCC *mishbucha*.

Yesterday, when I was reading an opinion piece by Julia Baird in the *New York Times*, there was this description: "....



beauty is warmth, conversation, intelligence and a certain grace or magnetism." I paused and copied the description, thinking that Baird could have been writing about Carol and realizing that I could not have better highlighted what, for me, always made it enjoyable to be with Carol.

When thinking of Carol, *mensch* is the word that comes to mind. Carol was the perfect role model for her nieces - and for any young person - to emulate. I sat with Carol at the last two Women's Seders. If I am fortunate to share in any future SKJCC Women's Seders, the memories of Carol - a caring and talented woman - will be right there surrounding me with all her goodness. She will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know her.

Muriel Swartz

Though I didn't know Carol for very long, there are certain qualities within some people which radiate independently of time.

Carol was most helpful and caring to my family and me in arranging for the placement and inscription of the Yahrzeit Plaques honoring our Mother and Father.

Her attention to detail and accuracy was greatly appreciated by all, as was her requisite sensitivity to the importance that these plaques held for us.

Sy Gelbard



I was so sad to hear about Carol's passing.

My fond memories of Carol revolve around Mah Jongg. She was an awesome player, and so good-natured, too! I can still recall her wanting to play with her old 2013 card so she could complete making all the hands after the 2014 card arrived in April. :)

I will miss her, as I know that Steve and the rest of her family will.

Michele Riley

Friday nights with Carol: Was it ten years ago that she went on the cabbage soup diet, and brought her own "food"(?) to the oneg? Her favored potluck contribution was a beautifully arranged lettuce-and-tomato plate, but when the Steinbocks sponsored a kiddush, Carol always made it an ice cream lover's and chocoholic's delight.

When I became a widow, it was to Carol that I turned as probate loomed. She gently and efficiently guided me through it all, and wasn't eager to accept payment. She was one of those rare people who blended energy, intelligence and heart.

Joyce Peckman

Carol made Ellyn and me feel very welcome when we joined the KJCC in 2009.

She was the type of woman that we wanted to do things for.

We would save my laser printing cartridges and bring them from Atlanta to the



KJCC for Carol, trying in a small way to show our appreciation for what she did.

Carol was all heart when helping me with the plaques in honor of my family that I placed at the KJCC.

She was compassionate in a quiet way when I needed it, when Ellyn passed.

I will remember the brief six years I had the privilege of knowing her.

Barney Coltman

Carol Steinbock was a woman of many facets. On the day of the 2009 Steinbock Christmas Open House, David, still new to our community (just a few months after

he re-met me), cut his hand on the way upstairs. Carol, the trained nurse, noticed the wounded hand, and even though she had a houseful of guests, led him away, cleaned the wound, bandaged him up, and released a happy, appreciative David to a roomful of abundant



The photo at top was taken on a Grand Canyon rafting trip celebrating their 20th anniversary. In the center, Steve and

Carol at a February 2008 birthday dinner for Linda Rutkin in Key Largo. At bottom, Carol at Mark and Sofy Wasser's Halloween party in 2007. The creature preparing to advance ultimately thought better of it.





food and new friends.

When I needed to write a will, I discovered Carol the caring, competent, confidential lawyer. In the first few years of Sam's reign as Chai-Lights editor, it was a treat to be part of the monthly labeling party with Carol as hostess, humorist, and purveyor of teas and sweets. Carol the compassionate activist opened my eyes to the plight of the Keys' homeless; I'll never forget the first memorial service she invited us to at Settler's Park when Carol and Steve beautifully led the multi-denominational group in reciting *Kaddish*. And then there was Carol the artist. I watched with awe over the course of years as

Some will remember that Gloria Avner gave art classes at KJCC for several years. The photo above, with some of the students holding up their finished products, was taken during a class in January of 2009. At bottom, Steve and Carol at the KJCC Second Seder in March of 2009, just after they'd been given that year's Joel Cohen Award.



Carol transformed a simple wall into an exquisite sea scene with mosaic glass.

The Carol who moved me the most, though, was the one who swore us in – every officer and board member of KJCC and Sisterhood – as each year, before our fellow members, we took the oath of office. She invoked in me, in us, a commitment to be our best selves. I will miss her, but I will still hear her voice.

Gloria Avner

The first thing that comes to mind when I think of Carol is her immediate smile. She greeted everyone with it, and it always made me feel so welcomed and loved and appreciated. Her excitement about goings-on in my life, particularly the opening of my office, really touched me. Carol just seemed really connected to everyone she met in a way that seemed natural and true. Her love for Steve, their home, the garden and the animals, was so apparent, and her joy in sharing all of that every Christmas with people she cared about was itself a joy to behold. And I can't end without mentioning her beautiful artwork, and her cheerfulness even when explaining the frustrations of creating it! I'm grateful for having known Carol, and sad that I didn't know her better.

Mindy Agler

I remember her office in Key Largo, and that she worked for the Monroe County court system for a while. She was always helpful to Al and me. She even cleaned out my files so I could get rid of years of papers. I knew that Steve and Carol liked Broadway

shows, so I told them about *Evita*, and when they went they got me a ticket, too. While we were walking Carol made me trade canes, because she had a better one with a seat attached. She was worried about me more than about herself.

I could always count on Carol. She and Steve always sat with me at the Onegs, and made sure I had food. I am really going to miss her.

Pauline Roller

It happened more than once.

I often found myself sitting next to Carol at Friday night services. She knew all the Hebrew songs and prayers and sang them with great gusto, pronouncing the Hebrew words as if she'd known them all her life. On more than one occasion, she would turn to me and say, "Isn't the Ark supposed to be opened?" or "He should be wearing a *kipah* while he's up on the bimah." The Catholic girl, knowing Jewish decorum better than some members of the tribe.

Over the years, Carol gave me answers to health questions (she was a nurse, you know), real estate advice (she was a realtor, you know) and legal advice, especially when my dad passed away and I needed help with guardianship for my mother. (She was also an attorney, you know). And outside of the KJCC, Carol played an instrumental role working with my husband Carl to bring the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Key Largo this past April.

Carol officiated at the ceremony for the installation of the new KJCC officers and Board every year, was active with Sisterhood, sold raffle tickets on a regular basis. I can imagine that if a stranger came to the KJCC and witnessed all of Carol's involvement, they could easily assume that she was president of the shul, perhaps that she had even *built* the shul.

Her smile was infectious, and when she



Above, at a dinner saying goodbye for the summer to Joyce Peckman in June of 2009. At bottom, one of the many times Carol administered the oath of office to the new KJCC Officers and Board, in February of 2010.

laughed you couldn't help but laugh with her. I loved that my "New York City accent" had such wonderful company. (I always insisted that her accent was way stronger than mine).

Carol knew that I often sat next to Steve at services

when she couldn't be there. We joked that I would be his "other wife" (with no benefits, of course).

There's a huge void in the life of the KJCC now that Carol is no longer with us. We have all lost a very special friend.

Medina Roy



When asked to share some thoughts about Carol Steinbock, the first thing that came to our minds was "NO." Why such a negative response? Simple. Because it was the one word that was not in Carol's vocabulary.

When there was an event that needed assistance, Carol was there. If there was a legal question on a rule or bylaw, Carol was there. When someone was needed to install our officers and board each year, Carol was there. When extra help was needed during our presidencies at the KJCC, Carol was there. When there was an opportunity for the KJCC to make extra money by collecting used ink cartridges, Carol was there. When labels needed to be affixed to the monthly Chai-Lights for mailing, Carol was there. When Carl Roy needed assistance with the visiting Vietnam Wall event, Carol was there. When

bricks for the Meditation Garden and leaves for the Trees of Life needed to be ordered, Carol was there. When she should have spent Christmas each year quietly with her immediate family, the house was opened to all and Carol was there.

Through her early years Carol studied to be a nurse and became one. Years later she studied law, passed the bar, and became a lawyer. Years after that, she studied real estate and became a successful agent in the Keys. Whatever she put her mind

to she did it and she flourished. Perhaps her greatest success was sharing her life with Steve. He was the quiet partner and Carol was the mouthpiece of the family. It worked. Why? Because Carol couldn't say "NO."

Carol, we love you, we miss you, we will always remember you.

Stuart & Lauren Sax

Carol was always someone who would take on any job in the synagogue that needed attention,

especially if no one else wanted to do it. I looked up to her for that. She seemed to volun-



Above, Carol and Steve at the KJCC 30th Anniversary Gala at Hawk's Cay, in a beautiful photo by Richard Knowles. Below, with the other new Sisterhood officers being sworn in during February of 2011.



teer for endless work. I loved her notebook (s) with pages and pages of sentences that at times made sense. She is already missed.

Beth Kaminstein

My wife and I feel blessed that we were able to get to know and love Carol. Before she became really ill we went to lunch twice and had a ball. She joked about not being able to negotiate the stones at the restaurant as she made her way with the walker. Her warmth and enthusiasm for life and fun was contagious. We had plans to go out again, but because she did not feel well she insisted we come to their house to share good times and good food.



Steve and Carol were a great match. Both were generous, with the ability to make us feel accepted as part of their inner circle. We felt we had known them for years, even though it was only about a year. We miss her and know that there

will not be another like her.

If we feel this way, we can only imagine how those who knew her for a longer time must miss her optimism and loving nature.

Toby and Joel Bofshever

In the photo above, Carol during the KJCC fashion show in January 2011. Top right, Carol reading names during the annual Christmas service for the Keys' homeless in December 2010. At right, with their birthdays but two days apart, Carol and Yardena often celebrated together, this time in January 2011.

The quality I valued most about Carol was her authenticity. I admired her dedication to the KJCC and her faithfulness in fulfilling all the tasks she took on. She treated Joe and me like we were long-time members. We will miss her.

Kathy Shabathai

I must admit that I did not spend very much time with Carol at the KJCC, because my attendance is sporadic, to say the least. But I did enjoy spending time with Carol in another venue, where she'd catch me up on all the KJCC activities.

I had the pleasure of being Carol's trainer at Mariners Wellness Center for the past couple of years, where she worked out on a regular basis and continued to get stronger and stronger. Carol may not have liked every exercise I asked her to perform, but she did them without complaint and always left in better spirits when she was finished.

Carol and I became rather close, as fitness trainers also provide stress release in the form of confidante (much like a bartender - only





healthier). We made each other laugh (even while I was "torturing" her). Working with Carol was always one of the best parts of the day.

I miss you.

Arlene Line

It was not my privilege to know Carol Steinbock for very long – or even very well. But I knew her well enough to know certain vital things.



Carol was a delightful presence. Wherever she went, however she was feeling, she could put on a smile and light up a room. It is

At top, Carol with mom Marianne during the April 2011 Sisterhood Tea at Joe and Kathy Shabathai's house. In the center, awarding the Joel Cohen award to Gloria Avner during the 2011 KJCC seder. At bottom, during the same seder with Teresa Kwalick.

a great gift to be able to find brightness in life no matter the circumstances. Not only did Carol have that gift, she knew how to share it.

Carol was also a giver. If anyone needed anything (and I found myself calling on her on a number of occasions) she could not drop everything quickly enough to do whatever it was that needed to be done. Or so it seemed, and that was plenty good enough.

Finally, Carol was a devoted member of the synagogue. This is all the more remarkable because she was not Jewish. No matter. Not only did she serve, she respected and honored all



that was holy.

All who knew her will miss her – Steve most of all, of course.

Her memory is very much for blessing.

Richard Agler

We remember a memorable sailing outing a couple of years ago with Carol and Steve on their Nonsuch sailboat. Carol was the captain of the craft and Steve the first mate. Carol, who was usually doing six things at once, was peaceful and focused on the joy of sailing. We could relax knowing how well she knew the local waters.

Dave Mont & Georgia Landau

Carol represented a perfect example of the Yiddish expression “a guttah neshuma.” This expression translates as “a good soul.” But it does not do her justice. Her inexhaustible work at the KJCC, long hours helping the traveling Vietnam War Memorial Wall, her concern for the homeless; all of these only touch the surface of her efforts on behalf of others. Our congregation and community have lost a real “Guttah Neshuma” in Carol Steinbock.

Nettie and Jules Seder

Carol was a woman full of energy and caring, interested and involved in other people’s lives. I first met her when I was coming to the Keys to visit my parents. She related to my father, David, in a very special way. She liked him and his sense of humor. Even though his English was very basic, Carol would somehow communicate and joke with him. They were always laughing. He had difficulties walking at that time, and Carol would insist that she’d help him get to services at the KJCC. With warm caring and humor she made him use a wheelchair, something the family couldn’t convince him to do. My guess is he didn’t want to miss a social evening with Carol.

My mother, Michal, liked Carol and her way of taking care of business matters. She

trusted her. On several occasions Carol helped my parents where they needed someone to speak English on their behalf. And Carol was very good at expressing herself – clearly, directly and emphatically. Once my parents were involved in a small traffic incident, and Carol happened to pass by at that same moment. She got out of her car and took matters into her own hands, talking to the other driver and coming to a settlement. My mother was so relieved.

Carol and I shared birthday celebrations many times, hers being two days before mine. She did it with her usual enthusiasm and executive style; I enjoyed her take-charge way, knowing that she’d arrange everything and we’d have a real party. She was always very generous in any celebration, bringing cakes and ice cream and other goodies that could feed a hundred people.

There are many other nice memories of spending good times with Carol: Thanksgiving



At top, Carol with many others of Sisterhood enjoying having just led a successful Friday service. In the center, Steve and Carol stopped for a second during the annual Christmas Day open house they always hosted for KJCC. (They became the Keys version of Chinese food.) At bottom, with Joan Boruszak during a Sisterhood tea in February of 2012.

celebrations, sailing, theater, music, and other events. I will miss her, a person who made me feel welcome and helped me integrate into American life.

Yardena Kamely

In memory of Carol we wish to extend our condolences to the Steinbock family.

Natalie and Barry Dorf

More than twenty years ago, Carol came into my office to introduce herself. I was then employed by Monroe County as the Veterans Affairs

Service Officer in the Upper Keys. She was the first attorney to volunteer to help veterans. Then, at a KJCC

function some time in 2013, Carol casually asked "What's new with you?" When I told her that I was about to take on a major project to bring the Traveling Vietnam Wall to the Upper Keys in April 2014, she instantly offered to serve on the Board and also help with any legal issues. Our community has lost a loving, caring, special person. I will *always* remember her generosity and unfailing spirit.

Carl Roy

I have always loved Carol, even before I knew her very well - just "chemistry" for me. I

looked for her at services and social events to sit next to her. Though sometimes agitated with her struggles in life (mostly due to her perceived limited time to do all the good things she wanted to

accomplish), I could always feel the aura of her kind soul, which never ceased to warm *my* heart and soul. I marveled at how much she knew about Judaism and that she had learned Hebrew and could sing it in my octave and in tune. This made it so much easier for me to participate in the services. I admired her professional accomplishments, being a

nurse, a lawyer and a real estate agent. I loved her sense of humor - we laughed and giggled a lot. We shared many serious conversations, too. I cannot believe she is gone so

At top, Carol with the rest of the Sisterhood leadership team who conceived and staged the Sarge fundraising concert in March of 2012. Center, with help from Linda Pincus, doing the hard advance work transforming the KJCC bemaah into a professional-looking stage. At bottom, with Steve and the Islamorada Fishing Club chef at the KJCC family seder in March of 2013.





At top, Carol and Steve in the KJCC Meditation Garden's Beth/Stanlake Gazebo when they renewed their wedding vows in June of 2013. They had asked Joel Pollock to perform the ceremony, and no rabbi could have done the job better. At bottom, posing in front of the traveling Vietnam War Memorial in April of 2014. Carol was on the non-profit's board.

soon. I love and miss you so much, my friend.

Teresa Kwalick

All of us at the KJCC have been profoundly shocked and saddened by Carol's illness and untimely passing. Such universal grief is itself the greatest tribute to her extraordinary life. She lived a life of loving-kindness. Her generosity and wisdom were boundless. Her skills and hard work (and those of her husband Steve) have left lasting gifts to all of us at the KJCC. To Steve and all of their family we offer our heartfelt condolence.

Steve and Jan Hartz

Our dear friend and at the time (2005) our realtor, Carol Cimkowski Steinbock introduced us to Silver Shores. We were visiting the Keys in October 2005 and Jim attended services at KJCC. The rest is history, and we found our paradise-on-earth in Key Largo



with the assistance of our exuberant realtor and soon-to-be friend. Carol was welcoming, warm, loving and

her enthusiasm and sense of responsibility for others endeared us to her. We will never forget the cruise to the Bahamas that we shared with Carol and her mother, Marianne. Her devotion to her mother, Steve and her beloved dogs was without limit. We miss her very much and she will be in our hearts forever.

Jim and Rita Williams

I'd like, right away, to address the prevailing notion that Carol wasn't Jewish.

(And, yes, I do understand that Carol herself said she was Catholic.) Like many Jews, I'm fascinated by genealogy. Maybe that's because, despite the broad brush strokes and large stories from places like Babylon and Spain and Salonika and Rome and the Americas and the colorful Yiddish poverty in Ashkenazi eastern Europe, many of us only know the vaguest outlines of our family histories. But during one of the hundreds of times I sat around their table with Steve and Carol (including virtually every month for the past seven years to label Chai-Lights for mailing), I asked her where in Poland her peeps had come from. Her answer? Bialystok. Bialystok? That is a city so thoroughly

part of the Polish Jewish story that no less than Mel Brooks (whose real name, if you didn't know, is Kamin-sky) used it as the name of his comic scheming corrupt small-time hustler *very Jewish svengali* in *The Producers*. It has also, as at least New Yorkers know, lent its name to the slightly larger and doughier cousin of the bagel. The place just *oozed* Jewishness.

We all know how deeply Carol was imbedded in the life of KJCC. She knew all the prayers, and the melodies, and most of the important, defining practices. She didn't just know them by rote because she was intelligent (which she most certainly was) or because she adored and wanted to always support Steve (both of which she most certainly did). I'm convinced that she knew them, or felt drawn to knowing them, because of some unrealized and deep atavism. I have long believed that Judaism was in her DNA, from somewhere back there in *tahke*-Jewish Bialy-



Sailing with Steve and puppy Sarah on “Shalom,” their 26’ Nonsuch, above. Below, Carol does some final polishing of the incredible glass wall mosaic she designed and created for their home.

Our great thanks to those whose photographs we used in this section, particularly professionals Richard and Barbara Knowles and Bob Vaccato.

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Everyone who was really part of Carol's life knew that she lived in a virtually constant state of whirlwind near-chaos. She laughed when I once remarked that she only functioned at one of two speeds: manic and crashed. Among many things we shared was a particular filing system: pile A and pile B. She was ecstatic when Apple first came out with their 24" iMac, and bought one immediately. No silly folders or document storage for our girl; everything on her computer was right there on the desktop, and the larger screen enabled her to gleefully add even more. She was the first person I'd ever seen who had over 1,000 unread e-mails.

When they remodeled their kitchen, she made sure to show me that they'd set aside a little drawer

space for me, so I'd always have green tea and honey available when I showed up. I was there once while she was still creating the amazing glass mosaic that covers the largest wall in their dining/kitchen area. Know what she could hardly wait to show me? Not the last pieces of glass that she'd just glued, but her workbench on the porch, which all by herself she had beautifully organized and made perfect.

We fought occasionally, but she was richly three-dimensional and in full Technicolor, endlessly curious, and funny (sometimes unintentionally), and bawdy, and raucous, boldly direct, plus wonderfully and loudly intolerant of crapola. I loved her, and I will miss her terribly.

Here's thinking of you, kid. ◊

Sam Vinicur

MIAMI'S 2014 KRISTALLNACHT COMMEMORATION

by Toby and Joel Bofshever

On Nov 9th, the 76th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, we went to the Miami Beach commemoration. It was to be held at the Holocaust Memorial, but due to horrible weather it was moved to Temple Emanuel. The organizers really had their act together. There was free parking a few blocks away at the Convention Center for those going to the *Kristallnacht* event. At the entrance to the parking lot, limousine service was provided to take you to the entrance of the synagogue. We arrived early, and were worried that there was such a small turnout. By 6:30, half an hour later, there were about 250 people. The German, French and Israeli consulates were represented, along with numerous survivors.

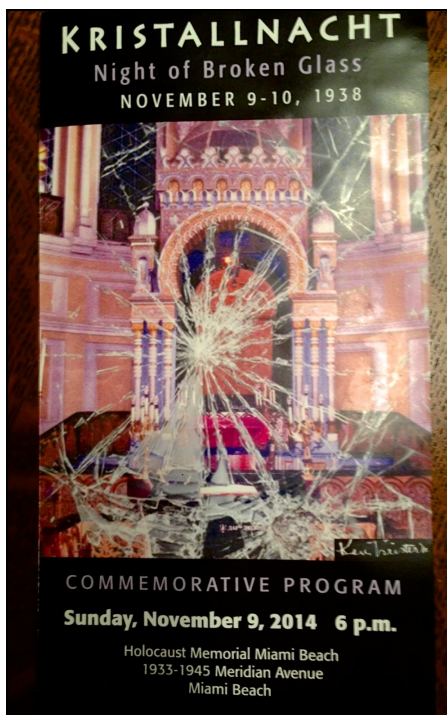
It was a moving and memorable night. They had a cellist and violinist playing Hebrew and Yiddish songs. Emily Kaufman, an eleven-year-old girl with the range of an opera singer and the lungs of a scuba diver, sang the Star Spangled Banner. She got a standing ovation.

A "Righteous among the Nations" award was given by Chaim Shacham, Israel's Consul General for Florida, to the family of Anna Horvath, and her son, Rudolf Szenasi, who protected Aurelia Klein in 1944. Aurelia was working in Szenasi's sewing workshop in Budapest. When Aurelia's uncle was arrested, Szenasi moved her to a safe apartment and made sure that she had food. Several weeks later, he obtained forged papers in the name of Katoka Horvath, a Catholic, and took her to

the home of his mother, Anna Horvath. When the Germans came to his mother's small village, Szenasi put a sign on the door, "Scarlet Fever, do not enter." After the war, back in Budapest, Aurelia returned the favor, hiding Szenasi from the Russians. They later married and moved to Vienna, where he died in 1973. At Aurelia's 90th birthday celebration, she told her story to her family, who suggested that she share it.

Erica Leib gave an eyewitness account of *Kristallnacht*. In November of 1938 she was a little girl living in Berlin whose father was in France on business. She heard the breaking of glass and loud anti-Jewish slogans shouted in the streets. She and her mother were terrified, and ran across the street to the home of their Christian friends. For two full days they heard the looting and burning and breaking of glass. When they finally pulled back the curtains, they saw that the street was quiet; so they ventured out and saw the streets littered with broken glass, and their apartment house a shambles. They walked two blocks to the main synagogue, where they used to

go to shul, and found it burned to the ground and smoldering. She told us that she "can still smell the smoke to this day." They returned to the neighbor's house. A few days later, German authorities knocked on the door, looking for her father. The superintendent of the building replied that there were no Jews there. At that point they knew it was time for them to leave Berlin. ◇



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Peace And Chanukah



by Gloria Avner

Articles about Chanukah unfailingly talk about war, the few against the mighty, the miracle of oil, and the passion of the band of religious believers that led the Jews to victory over Antiochus' great army. There are many parts to our story. Looking for fresh insights this year, I found an essay titled "Eight Thoughts for Chanukah" by the one-time Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, a highly regarded global religious leader, Professor of Judaic Thought at NYU, and prolific author. (Due to his brilliance and accomplishments, he was titled and given a seat in England's upper chamber. Rabbi Sacks is now a Baron, and can truly be addressed as "Lord Sacks.") The original article was published on his website, with the hope that people would choose to read and contemplate one of the thoughts each night as they light the Chanukah candles. The three "thoughts" shared here focus on peace and freedom. To read all eight, go to the source: <http://www.rabbisacks.org/8-thoughts-8-nights/>
Chag Sameach.

The Light of War and The Light of Peace

There is a law about Chanukah I find moving and profound. Maimonides writes that "the command of Chanukah lights is very precious. One who lacks the money to buy lights should sell something, or if necessary

borrow, so as to be able to fulfill the mitzvah."

The question then arises: What if, on Friday afternoon, you find yourself with only one candle? What do you light it as — a Shabbat candle or a Chanukah one? It can't be both. Logic suggests that you should light it as a Chanukah candle. After all, there is no law that you have to sell or borrow to light lights for Shabbat. Yet the law is that, if faced with such a choice, you light it as a Shabbat light. Why?

Listen to Maimonides: "The Shabbat light takes priority because it symbolises *shalom bayit*, domestic peace. And great is peace because the entire Torah was given in order to make peace in the world."

Consider: Chanukah commemorates one of the greatest military victories in Jewish history. Yet Jewish law rules that if we can only light one candle — the Shabbat light takes precedence, because in Judaism the greatest military victory takes second place to peace in the home.

Why did Judaism, alone among the civilizations of the ancient world, survive? Because it valued the home more than the battlefield, marriage more than military grandeur, and children more than generals. Peace in the home mattered to our ancestors more than the greatest military victory.

So as we celebrate Chanukah, spare a thought for the real victory, which was not military but spiritual. Jews were the people who valued marriage, the home, and peace between husband and wife, above the highest glory on the battlefield. In Judaism, the light of peace takes precedence over the light of war.

Inside / Outside

There is more than one command in Judaism to light lights. There are three. There are the Shabbat candles. There is the *havdalah* candle. And there are the Chanukah candles.



Ukrainian Channukiah c. 1825

The difference between them is that Shabbat candles represent *shalom bayit*, peace in the home.

They are lit indoors. They are, if you like, Judaism's inner light, the light of the sanctity of marriage and the holiness of home.

The Chanukah candles used to be lit outside — outside the front door. It was only fear of persecution that took the Chanukah candles back inside, and in recent times the Lubavitcher Rebbe introduced the custom of lighting giant menorahs in public places to bring back the original spirit of the day.

Chanukah candles are the light Judaism brings to the world when we are unafraid to announce our identity in public, live by our principles and fight, if necessary, for our freedom. As for the *havdalah* candle, which is always made up of several wicks woven together, it represents the fusion of the two, the inner light of Shabbat, joined to the outer light we make during the six days of the week when we



go out into the world and live our faith in public.

When we live as Jews in private, filling our homes with the light of the *Shekhina*, when we live as Jews in public, bringing the light of hope to others, and when we live both together, then we bring light to the world.

There always were two ways to live in a world that is often dark and full of tears. We can curse the darkness or we can light a light, and as the Chassidim say, a little light drives out much darkness. May we all help light up the world.



**Indian Channukiah
c. 1900**

Chanukah in Our Time

Back in 1991 I (*Rabbi Sacks*) lit Chanukah candles with Mikhail Gorbachev, who had, until earlier that year, been president of the Soviet Union. For seventy years the practice of Judaism had been effectively banned in communist Russia. It was one of the two great assaults on our people and faith in the twentieth century. The Germans sought to kill Jews; the Russians tried to kill Judaism. Under Stalin the assault became brutal. Then in 1967, after Israel's victory in the Six-Day War,

many Soviet Jews sought to leave Russia and go to Israel. Not only was permission refused, but often the Jews concerned lost their jobs and were imprisoned. Around



Polish Channukiah c. 1800

the world Jews – who came to be called *Refuseniks* – campaigned for the prisoners to be released and allowed to leave.

Eventually

Mikhail Gorbachev realised that the whole Soviet system was unworkable. Communism had brought, not freedom and equality, but repression, a police state, and a new hierarchy of power. In the end it collapsed, and Jews regained the freedom to practice Judaism and to go to Israel.

That day in 1991 after we had lit candles together, Mr. Gorbachev asked me, through his interpreter, what we had just done. I told him that 22 centuries ago in Israel, after the public practice of Judaism had been banned, Jews fought for and won their freedom, and these lights were the symbol of that victory. And I continued: Seventy years ago Jews suffered the same loss of freedom in Russia, and you have now helped them to regain it. So you have become part of the Chanukah story. And as the interpreter translated those words into Russian, Mikhail Gorbachev blushed. The Chanukah story still lives, still inspires, telling not just us but the world that though tyranny exists, freedom, with God's help, will always win the final battle. ◇



“The Mystical Dreidel”

Just when we thought we knew all there was to know about the *dreidel* game, here comes Rabbi Goldie Milgram, a modern mystic and member of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, with a new twist. Yes, we knew that the boys studying Torah during Maccabean times brought *dreidels* with them as subterfuge, so they could tell Greek soldiers who came looking to arrest violators of the “Do Not Study Torah” decree that they were just playing a harmless gambling game. And of course we knew that the letters on each face of the dreidel were emblematic of the sentence: “*Nays Gadol Hayah Sham*,” Hebrew for “a great miracle happened there.”

Now, here is Rabbi Goldie’s mystical reading of the *nun, gimmel, hey, shin* inscriptions and the rules of the *dreidel* game. There seems to be no limit to the depths of meaning that can be found in the simplest of our traditions.

Shin: Shafal – “humility.” When the *dreidel* lands with “shin” facing up, a player must put a coin/raisin/candy (or whatever is being played for in the *dreidel* game) back into the pot. Once an ego is shrunk to proper size the call to contribute to the pot of life is answered with enthusiasm.

Gimmel: Galgal – “wheel.” Happy is the *dreidel* player who lands on *Gimmel* because the whole prize pot becomes his. Those who open themselves to the twists of life – evolving, revolving, unending shifts of fortune and fate – get everything the pot of life has to offer.

Nun: Nivdal – “separate.” *Dreidel* players who turn up a *Nun* generally cluck in despair because one gets nothing from the pot when a *Nun* turns up. Getting nothing, standing apart from the grabbing masses – or *Nivdal* in mystical parlance – is not such a bad thing. Separateness helps distinguish between that which is holy and that which is not.

Hey: Hiuli – “formlessness.” When a *Hey* faces up, the spinner receives half the pot. Regarding one’s fortune as half the pot is to be a co-creator in the future.

–Gloria Avner

Save These Dates: Highlights of the 5775 Season

December

Fri. Dec 19: 6:30 pm - Chanukah Party and Pot Luck Dinner

Thurs., Dec. 25: 2-6 p.m. - Steinbock Open House & Celebration of Life

January

Fri. Jan 16: 6:30 p.m.- Shabbat dinner honoring New Members and Advertisers

Fri. Jan 23: 8 p.m. - Sisterhood Shabbat Service

February

Sun. Feb. 1: 11 a.m. – Tu B'Shevat planting

Sun. Feb. 1: 3 p.m. - Ragtime, Actors Playhouse

Sun. Feb. 8: 11 a.m. – Annual Congregation Meeting

Fri. & Sat. Feb. 13 & 14- Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Gross

Sun. Feb 15: 3-7 p.m. – Keys Jewish Heritage Festival Celebrating KJCC's 35 years

March

Wed. Mar 4: 7:30 p.m. – Purim Party and Megillah reading

Fri. Mar 13: 6:30 p.m. - Shabbat across America, Pot Luck Dinner

Sun Mar 22: 5 p.m. - Women's Seder

April

Sat. Apr 4: 6 p.m. – KJCC Family Seder

Sun., Apr. 19 – Yom HaShoah Remembrance

July

Fri. July 3: 6p.m. – Shabbabeque and Pauline's Birthday Celebration

Also - Watch for announcements about:

Religious Services: 8 pm Fridays (6:30 last week of the month)

Monthly Saturday Torah learning 10 AM

Adult Education films and lectures: Sundays at 7 pm beginning Jan. 18

Sisterhood: First Sunday 9:30 am Sept. through May

Men's Club game night: First Wednesday 7:30 pm

KJCC Board: second Sunday 9am

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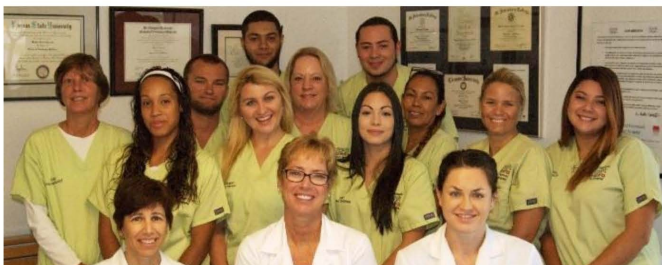
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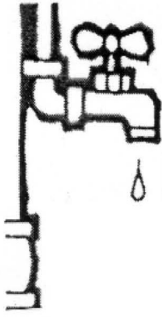
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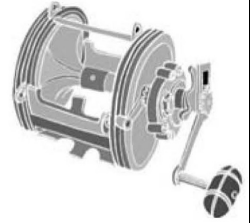
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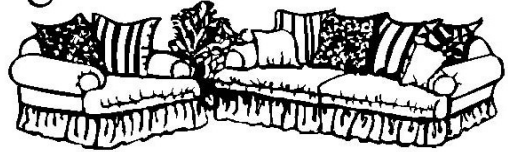


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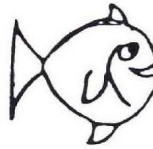
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