

Gravesite visits suspended; damage estimate climbs



Chapel Hill cemetery is open for funerals but closed to other visitors due to damage from hurricane Irma.

By BOB FRYER
Jewish Press

Although Chapel Hill Memorial Park cemetery in Largo is still conducting burials, damage sustained during Hurricane Irma has forced closure of the grounds until further notice for those wishing to make gravesite visits.

The cemetery, owned by the non-profit Jewish Burial Society of Pinellas County, could remain closed to visitors for months, de-

pending on how quickly funds are raised to repair the extensive damage.

Already, community members have contributed \$12,000 for repairs, but that does not come close to the \$93,000 needed to restore the facility to pre-storm conditions.

Efforts to raise the needed funds got a boost this week when the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties approved money

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October fundraisers aim to be 'super' campaign 'catalyst'

The Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties will hold its annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon on Sunday, Oct. 29, a day after a new event, Catalyst 2018, will offer attendees the first opportunity to donate to the 2018 Annual Campaign.

Super Sunday and several more days of fundraising follows. Each night of the week a different group of volunteers from the Federation's societies representing various constituencies such as Maimonides (healthcare professionals) and YAD (Young Adult Division) will lead the fundraising activities.

Annual Campaign funds support communitywide Jewish programming sponsored by the Federation, partner agencies, and synagogues as well as supporting the ever-changing needs of the global Jewish community, including specific programs in Israel.

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Ludin, Schick awards to honor 2 young women

The Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties will present two prestigious honors – the Dr. Edward N. Ludin Young Leadership Award and the Alfred Schick Scholarship, at its newly created signature event, Catalyst 2018.

Honorees are Rebecca (Becca) Gross Tieder, who will receive the Ludin Award, and Arielle Radin, the recipient of the Schick Scholarship.

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, founders of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, will be the guest speakers for the Catalyst 2018 event Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Largo's Central Park Performing Arts Center.

Ben and Jerry will present a tribute to America's entrepreneurial spirit, full of anecdotes and radical business philosophy. Catalyst 2018 also will mark the beginning of the Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign.

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A team of volunteers along with Rabbi Pinny Backman, Rabbi Mendy Dubrowski, and Rabbi Fishy Zaklos help to remove debris from the home of a World War II hero, Katherine Nolan.

Chabad volunteers deliver storm relief to SW Florida

On Sunday, Sept. 17 Chabad Young Professionals of Tampa and Chabad of USF led 43 volunteers on a relief mission to Naples, a community hit hard by Hurricane Irma a week earlier and still reeling from the blow.

The team was comprised of students and young adults from north and south Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota. In Naples they met up with teams from Miami and Orlando, forming a convoy of kindness to provide hope and assistance, to the people of the region.

Upon arrival, the volunteers broke into teams based on their skills, and were then dispatched to locations across Naples and the Everglades. One team led by Aar-

on Silberman, an advisory board member of Chabad Chai of South Tampa, called the "heavy hitters," were sent to the most difficult scenes, including patching a 10-foot hole in the roof of Rabbi Fishy Zaklos of Chabad of Naples.

The group then began driving to the location of someone who needed to be checked on. They arrived to find the home vacant, but the home next door had a huge tree hanging over its roof. The team knocked on the woman's door, to find her in near desperation. A single mother, Joanne McWilliams, and her children were living in fear that the tree was about to smash through their roof. There had been

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As 'SNL' host, Gal Gadot speaks Hebrew

Israeli native Gal Gadot, during her first time as host of "Saturday Night Live," spoke Hebrew, kissed SNL cast member Kate McKinnon and went on a date with O.J. Simpson.

Gadot, who was the 2004 Miss Israel and played the title character in this summer's hit movie *Wonder Woman*, opened her stint on the show with a monologue in which she switched to Hebrew to address her friends and family back in Israel, who were watching the show aired live in the Jewish state for the first time. "Hi everyone, I just wanted to let you know that this might be a big mistake," she said in Hebrew. "The writers here clearly know nothing about Israel. In every sketch they had me eating hummus. I mean, I love hummus, but there's a limit. They are very nice, but not very intelligent..." The message was subtitled in English.

In one sketch, Gadot portrays a Bosnian woman on a blind date with newly released from prison O.J. Simpson. She doesn't know who he is because she didn't see much news from the U.S. during the war in her country.

Gadot also returns as *Wonder Woman* at home on the island of Themyscira, when it is visited by lesbians who are disappointed to learn that none of the beautiful women who live on the island are lesbians. Gadot offers to "kiss one of you and see if I feel something," leading to a sexy kiss with McKinnon that has gone viral on social media.

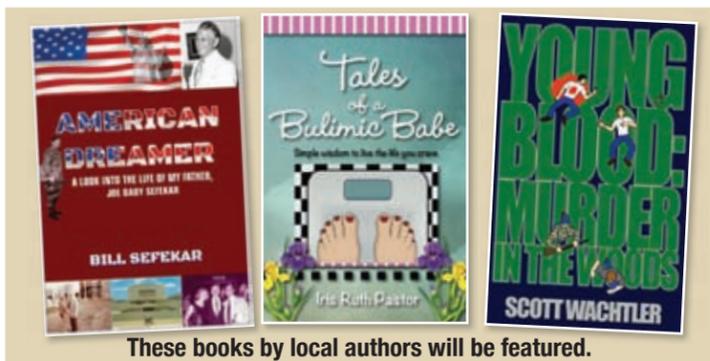
NY film screening on Kurdish fighters sold out despite terror threat

Despite a reported terror threat by the Islamic State, 500 people attended a sold-out screening in New York of a film about Kurdish fighters and a talk with its director, the French-Jewish philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy.

Police provided heavy security for the screening Monday, Oct. 2, of *Peshmerga* at the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, including sniffing dogs and dozens of officers. NBC had reported that the authors of the threat claimed to be affiliated with the ISIS terrorist group.

Levy spent many months documenting the fight of the Kurdish male and female combatants for whom the film is named against the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. A supporter of Kurdish sovereignty, Levy was in the Iraqi-Kurdish capital of Erbil last month when a majority of voters in a controversial referendum supported independence.

Jewish book fest to showcase Jewish authors, celebrate Jewish themes



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All festival events are open to the entire Tampa Bay community.

"Guests to book festival events do not need to be book lovers or readers, nor do they need to read the book being discussed," said Brandy Gold, Tampa JCCs

cultural arts director. "Every year our Jewish Book Festival Committee, led by Debbie Doliner and Barbara Manners, select exciting authors covering amazing topics, providing for fascinating conversations. Each event is presented in a compelling, entertaining and fun way. Always, we celebrate Jewish themes, authors and literature."

Reservations are required for the Friday luncheon and are strongly encouraged for the other events. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit: www.jewishtampa.com. All event programs will conclude with a book signing by the featured authors.

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- Oct 28. Catalyst 2018: An Evening with Ben & Jerry
- Oct 29. Federation's Super Sunday

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- Dec 17. PJ Library Teddy Bear Tea
- Jan 27-29. TBE Art Festival
- Feb 10. Florida Holocaust Museum's Annual "To Life" Gala

- Feb 25. TBI Food Festival & Purim Carnival
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The danger of a single story: questioning man's search for meaning

"Power is the ability not just to tell the story of another person, but to make it the definitive story of that person."

The quote jumped out at me at about 10 minutes in to the TED talk I was listening to. Entitled "The danger of a single story," delivered by the Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the lecture delves into the troubling aftereffects of understanding a person, a people, a country just by a single storyline.

She cites examples of thinking of the poor in such a singular way that one only feels pity, or thinking of a native people in only the aspect of their defense after the arrival of intruders, or even of the generalization that a reader made from one of her novels that all Nigerian men are physical abusers like the father character in her work. She noted that this was similar to understanding all young Americans to be serial murderers after her reading of *American Psycho*.

A quick glance over the homepage of *Forward* magazine gave me a similar sense of the importance of a multifaceted narrative, specifically in the Jewish community. I saw headlines that introduced stories about a Jewish rapper getting tattoos on his face, and one of an Israeli woman torn between being a news anchor and or rebbetzin. There were others – about a mother eating ribs on Yom Kippur (and forcing her kid to lie about it), about what black culture teaches us about being Jewish and about how attached we are to the word "shonda" when used in connection with Confederate objects (google "Peggy Noonan and yiddish" and you'll see what I mean).

I'm scratching my head: can you be Jewish and get a tattoo (on your face, no less!)? Be a rebbetzin and a public news figure? Learn to be Jewish by those who aren't? Violate a fast – with ribs – and enforce the sin of lying on your children?

Does one have the power to be both, or does the mere attempt make you neither?

I've never met Rabbi Yogi Robkin, but I think he might just be my long-lost doppelganger after reading his piece "Is man's search for meaning really worth it?" (*Forward*, Sept. 20, 2017). He confesses himself to be something of a "meaning-aholic," but is somewhat disappointed to learn that most people aren't like this. (It's possible he and I are the rare self-identifying exceptions.) In his community in Plano, TX, he has discovered three other types of people: Leave-Me-Alone-ers, Busy Bodies, and On-My-Term-ers.

But it is the "Meaning-aholics" who "change their lives when the pain of not changing is greater than the inevitable pain of changing." For these folks, discovering that "their lives are not being lived meaningfully and to the fullest extent is much more painful than the pain caused by leaving their comfort zones."

In other words, those who seek meaning as their primary mover in life are constantly considering

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their own storylines, embracing the power to attempt to be more than one identity or one story or one way of thinking. They buck the overarching oppression of what it's like to have their story told by someone else, as Adichie describes it.

You might have had a similar reaction to the title of Rabbi Robkin's piece as I did, now that you've had a few paragraphs to think about it. "Wait. It feels wrong to make familiar use of such an important piece of Holocaust literature in such a doubting title" your gut might say, as mine did. Yet consider: the original title of Victor Frankl's monumental study was *To Nevertheless say 'Yes' to Life: A Psychologist Experiences the Concentration Camps* (translated from the German), then *From Death-Camp to Existentialism* (in its first English-language translation), and finally *Man's Search for Meaning: An Introduction to Logotherapy* (in its modern English edition).

Even Frankl's title went through several iterations of identity, each time highlighting a different portion of his narrative. In fact, a favorite quip from Frankl's piece has him noting, "We needed to stop asking about the meaning of life, and instead think of ourselves as those who were being questioned by life – daily and hourly. Our question must consist, not in talk and meditation, but in right action and in right conduct. Life ultimately means taking the responsibility to find the right answer to its problems and to fulfill the tasks which it constantly sets for each individual."

Life asks us the questions, not the other way around. And for that we are all writing our own stories.

I recently nabbed a copy of *A Night Divided*, one of this year's PJ Our Way publications (titles meant for ages 9 to 11-ish) and brought it home to my girls. Given its content about World War II, Communism, and the Berlin Wall, it was immediately absconded by my older daughter, Sophia. As a self-identifying bibliophile, I downloaded the audiobook so we may read it together, and after completing it this week, I have recommended it to at least a dozen people (including many 12-year-old girls).

The clincher in this story is the danger of the single story, of only holding knowledge of your world through another's lens, of having limits placed on your meaning. Gerta and her family ultimately escape through her daring opportunistic bravery to leave behind the culture of an oppressive regime.

Today, I find myself wondering what multiple stories of our local Jewish community are being told, and how we can most assertively be the owners of our own story rather than having others tell it. What is the story that we are writing today?

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Deport ex-Nazi guard, NY Congress members urge Rex Tillerson

(JTA) – The entire New York congressional delegation has sent a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson urging him to deport a former Nazi concentration camp guard.

Jakiw Palij, 92, of Queens, was a guard at the Trawniki concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1943.

The 29 members of Congress representing New York, Democrats and Republicans, signed the letter calling for his deportation, the *New York Daily News* reported. Palij, who has lived in the United States as a war refugee since 1949, has claimed that he was forced into working as a guard and never actually killed anyone.

His U.S. citizenship was revoked 13 years ago after a federal judge ruled he lied on his application for immigration, but Poland, Germany and Ukraine all declined to take him.

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Important questions before a move

By RABBI LEAH M. HERZ
Director of Spiritual Care, Menorah Manor

On a recent Shabbat morning as I discussed the weekly Torah portion with residents at the Samson Nursing Center, I posed a thought-provoking question. We were delving into the book of Deuteronomy and reading a series of lengthy speeches given by Moses to the Israelites as they stood on the shores of the Jordan River, ready to cross into the Promised Land. Moses is recounting all the experiences they have had since their redemption from Egypt and admonishing them to continue to follow God's laws so that things will go well for them in their new land. He also gives the people a synopsis of what they can expect to find in this land, which had been sworn to their ancestors.

The question I posed to the residents was the following, "If you were about to move to a new place, having only lived a nomadic life but now about to settle down, what would you want to know about your new home?" The answers were creative and spot on. "I'd want to know what the other people who were living there were like," said one person. "I'd be interested in what the land itself was like ... would we be able to grow crops, raise our flocks, and so on," said another. But perhaps the best response of all was, "I'd like to know where I could find the nearest mall."

That comeback elicited a huge laugh from the congregation. The response was not only funny but quite insightful. The list of priorities that one might look for when moving to a new area are very personal. While a young couple might put special emphasis on neighborhoods with highly rated schools for their children, a single person might prefer a downtown venue with nearby restaurants and a great health club. We would ask questions about housing prices, taxes, and flood zones and might even want to know where the nearest mall is located.

There is one question however, that I believe is being asked less frequently by Jews than in past generations and that is, "where are the temples and synagogues located?" It wasn't that long ago that finding a spiritual home was a major priority for American Jews. They would "shul shop," attending services at several congregations and "interview" rabbis in hopes of finding just the right fit. Having a Jewish community to be a part of was as important as school districts and drive times. But there is a great deal of current research that shows that proximity to a religious community is much less frequently considered, not only by American Jews across many denominations but across almost all American faith traditions. The reasons for historically low levels of affiliation are many and complicated but there is a renewed focus on what can be done to turn this disturbing trend around.

I believe that affiliation and having a shared Jewish connection remains critical for American Judaism to survive and to thrive. Ours has always been a communal religion; prayer, study, observance of lifecycle events, and involvement in social action are meant to be experienced in community and not in isolation. My hope is that by listening to and addressing the needs of Jews throughout America and especially those in Pinellas County, "Where's the closest shul," will once again become a question just as important as, "Where's the closest mall?"

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Chabad of St. Petersburg

Challah bake: Women are invited to participate in the third annual Mega Challah Bake on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at The Club at Treasure Island. The goal of the program is to bring Jewish women of all backgrounds together to experience the power of numbers as women mix, knead, braid and bake together. The event is co-sponsored by Hadassah. The cost is \$23 per person. To RSVP, go to www.MegaChallahFL.com or call Chabad at (727) 344-4900.

Lunch and Learn: Women are invited to share an hour of camaraderie, inspiration and lunch at a session on Thursday, Oct. 19 at noon. There is no charge for the event. RSVP's are appreciated but not necessary. To RSVP: Chaya@ChabadSP.com or call the Chabad center.

Human psyche explored: A 4-week course, Soul Maps, introduces participants to the Tanya, a 200-year-old text with a revolutionary look at human psychology. It provides kabbalah-based tools to help people understand the source of guilt, conflict, and confusion, and find useful strategies for developing joy, purpose, and direction. The course begins on Monday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. and will continue Mondays through Nov. 27. Cost is \$36 per person for all four weeks. To RSVP, go to Info@ChabadSP.com or call Chabad.

Temple B'nai Israel Clearwater

Sunday cinema: There will be a showing of *Taking Sides* on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. The movie, based on the life of Wilhem Furtwangler, the controversial conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic during the Nazi era. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend.

Theater troupe comedy: Tickets are on sale now for *Committed*, the new S.A.G.E.S. (Senior Actors Guild & Education Services) comedy, written by **Linda Goldman** and directed by **Judy Landis**. The shows will be on Saturday Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at the temple office (727) 531-5829

Casino night: Tickets are also on sale for Casino Night, an annual fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18. Play the night away at professional gaming tables and win prizes. The cost is \$65 per person. Ticket includes food, two drinks and game chips.

Hebrew class: Learn Hebrew so you can read and follow the prayers. Classes are offered on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 18 from 6-7 p.m. For

members there is a \$20 fee for books. For non-members it is \$50.

Bible study: Explore the Second Book of Samuel and discover a unique period of Jewish history. **Rabbi Daniel Treiser** will lead the classes on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 18 from 7-8 pm. There is no fee for members; \$30 for non-members for the year.

Playtime: There will be a playtime for preschoolers and parents on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity for families with young children to meet each other, and engage in activities to play, learn and grow together. Call the temple office for pricing information at the temple office.

Senior get together: On Thursdays at 1 p.m., join other seniors and play mah jongg, Mexican train dominoes or bridge at the temple. Coffee and cake will be served.

Cong. Beth Shalom Clearwater

Jewish spirituality: **Rabbi Danielle Upbin** will lead a series of lectures on Jewish spirituality, on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the synagogue library. The first lecture is on Thursday, Oct. 19, and the series continues through Dec. 21. In this course, the class will explore the foundations of Mussar as it relates to the weekly Torah portion and one's own inner development. The lectures will draw upon texts from the Jewish Spirituality Institute, including related texts and Torah commentary. Each session will incorporate time for meditation and other mindfulness practices.

Living a Jewish Year: An adult education course on "Living a Jewish Year" will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. The course is dedicated to studying and experiencing the holidays contained within the Jewish calendar and attempting to make a case for their continued relevancy in our present day and age. The course will evolve around the book, *My Jewish Year - 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew*, by Abigail Pogrebin. This series continues on Wednesday evenings, all beginning at 7 p.m., on Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29 and Dec. 6.

Talmud classes: On Mondays, explore ancient legal tradition with **Dr. Priscilla Nathanson**. The class, open to all levels of knowledge, is held after minyan from 10 - 11:15 a.m. Nathanson also leads a Talmud study on most Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. Contact the synagogue office to confirm when classes will be held.

Hafarot study: Join **Johanna Bromberg** for Hafarot study in the synagogue library on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m.

Torah study: On Saturday, Oct.

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times



Oct. 20	•	6:38 pm
Oct. 27	•	6:32 pm
Nov. 3	•	6:27 pm
Nov. 10	•	5:22 pm

21 at 12:30 p.m. there will be a Torah study with **Jason Palmer** in the social hall.

Cultural caravan: Join in a trip to the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg on Sunday, Oct. 22 when folks will car pool from the synagogue parking lot at 1 p.m. to see the "Paris Chic" exhibit at the Dali. Those who do not want to car pool can just meet the group at the museum, RSVP to the synagogue office or email marthamarvelous@gmail.com.

Poker tourney: Save the date for a fundraiser poker tournament, sponsored by the Men's Club, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7:15 p.m. This will be a Texas Hold-'em style event. Sign up and find more information at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44aaa92ca13-2017> or call **Jeff Brown** at (727) 743-8323.

Chabad of Clearwater

Torah and tea: Rebbetzin Miriam Hodakov leads a "Torah and Tea" exclusively for women on Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. There is no charge to attend. RSVP to MiriamHodakov@gmail.com or (727) 265-2770.

Cong. B'nai Israel St. Petersburg

Global Judaism: Explore the history of Jewish Bulgaria and learn who really saved the Bulgarian Jewish community during the Shoah. The first event in this year's Global Judaism series will be held on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m. and will include a light dessert reception. RSVP for this adult education event by calling **Maureen Sechan** in the synagogue office at (727) 381-4900, ext. 1011 or email dll@cbistpete.org. This event is free and open to the community.

Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg

Brotherhood schmooze: Families are invited to hang out and relax while children attend religious school classes on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon in the social hall. Enjoy a bagel and a cup of coffee and read the newspaper.

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Religious Directory

PINELLAS COUNTY Reform

Temple AHAVAT SHALOM — 1575 Curlew Rd., Palm Harbor, 34683 • Rabbi Gary Klein • Services: Friday: 7:30 p.m., First Friday: 6 p.m., Saturday: traditional service third week of the month. 9 a.m., call for other service times • Telephone: (727) 785-8811 • Website: www.ahavatshalom.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Temple BETH CHAI DAVID — 39330 U.S. 19 N., Bradley Plaza, Tarpon Springs • Mailing Address: P.O. Box 535, New Port Richey, 34653 • Rabbi David Levin • Shabbat Services: Friday: 7:30 p.m. • Telephone: (352) 428-2280 • Unaffiliated

Temple BETH-EL — 400 S. Pasadena Ave., St. Petersburg 33707 • Rabbi Michael Torop • Services: Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday, service and Torah study, 10 a.m. • Telephone: (727) 347-6136 • Website: www.templebeth-el.com • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation B'NAI EMMUNAH — 57 Read St., Tarpon Springs, 34689 • Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1312, Tarpon Springs, 34688 • Rabbi Lynn Goldstein • Services: Friday: 7:30 p.m. • Torah study Saturday, 10:30 a.m. • Telephone: (727) 938-9000 • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Temple B'NAI ISRAEL — 1685 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater, 33764 • Rabbi Daniel Treiser • cantorial soloist, Laura Berkson • Services: Friday, 7:30 p.m. • Telephone: (727) 531-5829 • Website: www.TBIClearwater.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

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Congregation B'NAI ISRAEL — 300 58th St. N., St. Petersburg 33710 • Rabbi Jacob Luski • Cantor Jonathan Schultz • Services: Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m., Mon. - Fri. 7:45 a.m., Sun. 9 a.m.; evening minyan, 6:30 p.m. • Telephone: (727) 381-4900 • Website: www.cbistpete.org • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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Sam Glaser, a Top 10 American Jewish musician, scheduled at Clearwater Shabbaton Nov. 3-4

Popular Jewish musician Sam Glaser will perform and speak at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater as the artist/scholar in residence on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3-4.

“Glaser’s soulful music has become part of the fabric of Jewish life in communities worldwide. He performs in an average of 50 cities a year and his energetic style and passionate delivery never fails to ignite the spirit of audiences of all ages,” his biography states.

Named one of the top 10 Jewish artists in the United States by Moment magazine and dubbed “the hardest working man in Jewish music today,” Glaser is equally comfortable behind a keyboard in intimate solo concerts, leading his top-notch band or headlining with full orchestra.

While he typically performs in synagogues and Jewish Community Centers, he has appeared at such Los Angeles area venues: Greek Theater, Staples Center and Dodger Stadium as well as on Broadway and at the White House. He has traveled the world over in concert, from Sydney to London to Hong Kong to Tel Aviv.

For his visit to Beth Shalom, he will be performing solo. The two-day stop here is part of his 25th Anniversary tour.

He will sing during the synagogue’s Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, Nov. 3 from 6-7 p.m. This will be followed by a dinner and program featuring Glaser.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Glaser will be at the Shabbat morning services at 9 a.m., as well as at a kiddush luncheon and an after-lunch learning session.

There will also be a late-afternoon and evening musical program on Saturday. Included will be Mincha, Havdalah and a light meal. The evening should appeal to people of all ages; everyone is invited.

It has not yet been determined what, if any, fees there will be for meals nor the time of the late afternoon/evening program. Call the synagogue office at (727) 531-1418 prior to the events for those details.

Glaser performs for the widest array of audiences of any Jewish artist; his fans range from those in the Reform and Conservative movements to Modern Orthodox and Chassidic groups. He has performed at the top Jewish national conventions. He has released



Sam Glaser in concert

24 albums including the 2012 The Promise, which featured his original songs, “Dancing in Jerusalem” and “Simple Song for Israel,” both YouTube hits. Glaser also has published four collections of lyrics and poetry, four musicals, five sheet music songbooks and a choral book.

In his recording studio, Glaser Musicworks, he produces albums for a wide variety of recording artists and music for such networks as the WB, ESPN and Sports Channel.

Glaser has served as director of the Yad b’Yad Youth Theater Troupe, music specialist at Camp Ramah, music director for the JCC Maccabee Games and as music director for the Brandeis Collegiate Institute in Simi Valley, CA. He frequents religious school retreats, NFTY, USY and NCSY events and collegiate Hillel Houses.

He has produced such events as the annual American Jewish Song Festival, American Jewish Idol and Taste of Kosher LA. For six years Glaser acted as music coordinator for the Department of Continuing Education at the American Jewish University where he supervised the music curriculum and directed the cultural arts program.

Media bias to be topic of presentation on Oct. 24

Nadine Richterman, the Florida regional director of CAMERA – Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America – will speak on media bias, especially as it relates to Israel and anti-Semitism, during a presentation Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Largo.

Richterman will address the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties at the Bank of Tampa, 10980 S. Belcher Road.

The event is open to the public, but for security purposes, advanced registration is required.

Richterman will give an introduction to her organization. “We need to learn about and be able to identify media bias and also know what you can do about it and why it is important to do so,” she said.

In learning more about the subject, participants will become more familiar with the history of modern Israel and learn more about the terms, “occupied” and “disputed territories.”

She will also discuss what can be done on college campuses to assist students with increasing anti-Semitic biases. Steve Schwesky,

JCRC’s co-chair, noted, “It is very important that we are given a ‘tool kit’ to help us become proactive and responsible.”

“This will prove to be an eye-opening event,” said Stuart Berger, JCRC co-chair. “We are constantly seeking the truth; we need to learn what exactly is the truth, and what is not. We are very eager to have Nadine and CAMERA, come to our community.”

For more information, and to register for event, contact Maxine Kaufman, mkaufman@jewishpinellas.org or (727) 333-3106.

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Congregations

Temple Ahavat Shalom Palm Harbor
Book club: The temple’s book club will meet on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m. and discuss *IBM and the Holocaust: The Strategic Alliance between Nazi Germany and America’s Most Powerful Corporation*, by Edwin Black. For more information, contact **Steve Konigsberg** at (727) 399-1010, stevekon@aol.com.

Sisterhood brunch: New and Sisterhood returning members are invited to enjoy a morning of socializing and enjoying a brunch in the social hall on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The brunch is free with paid Sisterhood membership. For more information contact **Nicole Skalka** at (713) 705-3643, **Debby Rosen** at (727) 686-2931, or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/tassisterhood2017>

Sunshine tot time: On Sunday, Oct. 22 from 10 - 11 a.m. the theme will be “Two by Two” as the Sisterhood sponsors a tot time with adult and child activities, Judaics and snacks. This is open to children from 1 through 4 years old and is free, but there is space for only eight. Each child will go home with a new book. RSVP by Oct. 18 by calling (727) 543-5670 or emailing Jorie1022@aol.com.

Mah jongg, mimosas and more: The Sisterhood invites women to a morning of mah jongg on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, or \$36 at the door.

Cong. Beth Tefillah/ JCC of West Pasco Port Richey

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BOOKFEST

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Opening night

The festival's opening night will feature Stephen Tobolowsky, author of *My Adventures with God*, at the Tampa JCC on the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include cocktails and an hors d'oeuvres buffet.



Stephen Tobolowsky

A quintessential character actor, Tobolowsky has appeared in more than 100 movies and 200 TV shows, including unforgettable roles in *Mississippi Burning*, *Groundhog Day* and *Glee*. He turned the lens on himself when he debuted a serial podcast of personal stories, *The Tobolowsky Files*, which became a cult phenomenon for his witty, introspective storytelling.

My Adventures With God is a funny, autobiographical collection that tells of a boy growing up in the wilds of Texas, finding and losing love, losing and finding himself – told through the prism of the Torah and Talmud, mixed with insights from science, and refined through a child's sense of wonder. It includes catastrophe and triumph and Tobolowsky's evolving relationship with the mystery that is God.

Friday luncheon

Stephanie Arnold, author of *37 Seconds – Dying Revealed Heaven's Help, A Mother's Journey*, will be featured at a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 27. Arnold began receiving mysterious but strong premonitions that she would die during the delivery of her second child. Nobody believed her, but Arnold flat lined and died on the operating table for 37 seconds, leaving everyone she had told in disbelief. She had suffered a rare and often fatal condition called an amniotic fluid embolism (AFE). Arnold's story is filled with documentation and medical witnesses. Even a doctor told her that he could give her a medical explanation but he recommended that she "go spiritual on this one." Arnold's life was plenty dramatic during her



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27 years as a TV producer, but it paled in comparison to the life-and-death drama that unfolded, which altered her life and career. Her national bestseller has captivated the world with numerous translations and has seen her often in national media. A portion of each book sold will support AFE research.

The luncheon and program begins at 11:30 a.m. at Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant, 4110 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa. Cost to attend is \$36. Reservations are required and are limited to the first 90 responses.

Morning to night

On Sunday, Oct. 29, author presentations will take place from morning through night at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. Tickets can be purchased separately for each event or an all-day pass will be available at a discounted price of \$45. The pass includes a morning nosh, deli lunch and a dinner meal.

Here is the lineup:

• Iris Ruth Pastor of Tampa, author of *Tales of a Bulimic Babe – Simple Wisdom to Live the Life You Crave* kicks things off at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and include coffee and morning nosh.



Iris Ruth Pastor

Pastor says that "by day, I was a seemingly normal Jewish wife and mother of five... until 9 p.m. nightly, when the demons descended and I became a raging, out-of-control food addict." For 46 years, Pastor battled bulimia. And five years ago, she beat it. This is Pastor's story of hope and healing, a book with useful tidbits of information tucked inside on overcoming those barriers and roadblocks that prevent us all from living our lives to the fullest.

Pastor is an author, blogger (Huffington Post) and newspaper columnist including for the *Jewish Press*.

• Peter Gethers, author of *My Mother's Kitchen – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and the Meaning of Life*, will speak at noon. Tickets are \$15 and include a deli lunch buffet.



Peter Gethers

Gethers' family ran the famous "Ratner's" Jewish dairy restaurant in New York City. He wanted to give his dying mother a gift: a feast featuring all of her favorite dishes. The problem was, although he knew a lot about good food and drink, he didn't really know how to cook. This book is his story of embarking on an often hilarious and always touching culinary journey that will allow him to bring his mother's friends and loved ones to the table one last time. Gethers' mother discovered a passion for cooking in her 50s and was a friend to many famous chefs including Wolfgang Puck, Nancy Silverton and Julia Child. Gethers is author of the bestselling trilogy about his extraordinary cat, Norton, including *The Cat Who Went to Paris*. He also works as a screenwriter, playwright, book editor and film/TV producer.

• Local Author Scott Wachtler will be on hand at 1:30 p.m. to discuss his book, *True Crime Experience*. Tickets are \$5.

The book is about four teenage boys who go out to an abandoned sewer facility in the woods near Oldsmar. They were in search of pot, but there never were pot plants. It was a setup planned by two of the boys who were plotting a murder. One of the boys, now an adult having served nearly 25 years in prison, tells Wachtler his version of the story. It's a story describing how a popular teen with a bright future came to make a deadly decision that changed countless lives. Wachtler was a



Scott Wachtler

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journalist in the Boston area for many years before moving to Tampa and has written for numerous national publications.

• Author Donnie Kanter Winokur, an award-winning writer, international speaker and human rights advocate, will give a presentation at 3 p.m. about her book, *Chancer: How One*



Donnie Kanter Winokur

Good Boy Saved Another – A Memoir of Family, Hope and a Service Dog. Tickets are \$5.

Winokur and her rabbi husband never imagined their heart-wrenching struggle after adopting two infants from Russia. Her fairy tale of becoming a mother collapses under the weight of her son's battle with fetal alcohol syndrome and its crushing effects on her marriage and family. Desperate, she turns to an untested, four-pawed solution: a golden retriever service dog named Chancer.

Accompanying Winokur's presentation will be local families who have been helped by service dogs; and service dogs from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

• Local author Bill Sefekar will talk at 4:30 p.m. about his book, *American Dreamer: A Look Into the Life of My Father, Joe Baby.* Tickets are \$5.

Sefekar spent years working with his father, reviewing his personal journey, writings and memorabilia before he passed away in 2014 at the age of 97. The story features love, courage, humanity and faith, all percolating from an



Bill Sefekar

immigrant World War II Bronze Star hero.

• Glenn Frankel, author of *High Noon, The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of An American Classic*, will speak at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include a 5:30 p.m. pre-program dinner buffet and a post-program showing of the film *High Noon*.



Glenn Frankel

One of Hollywood's most enduring classics, *High Noon* was a low-budget Western written and produced by two sons of Jewish immigrants and directed by a Jewish man from Vienna. What history has mostly overlooked, until now, is that it was written and filmed during the height of the Red Scare and the Hollywood blacklist. Jews were the main targets of the Red hunters and Jewish studio heads and community leaders faced a crisis of conscience. The book describes the film's journey, including the Jewish screenwriter who faced a subpoena to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee during the film shoot, the terrible choices he weighed and the response of his friends, business partners and the Jewish community.

Frankel worked for the *Washington Post* in London, South Africa and Jerusalem, where he won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for

International Reporting. He has taught journalism at Stanford and the University of Texas, is a past National Jewish Book Award recipient and a past finalist for the *LA Times'* Book Prize.

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ADL urges Floridians to take stand against hate on Oct. 20

The Anti-Defamation League has designated Friday, Oct. 20, as No Place For Hate Day throughout Florida.

The statewide initiative is meant to unite communities in taking a stand against intolerance.

No Place for Hate is already a program the ADL uses to designate schools and religious centers as safe spaces and teaching organizations how to combat intolerance in the workplace. Making it an official day was the ADL's way to amplify the message in response to the rise in racial, religious and ethnic bias in Florida and across the country.

"Today's challenges call for a strong response. One voice is not enough. In the spirit of unity, we will declare as Floridians that hate will be challenged whenever and wherever it manifests," said ADL Florida Regional Director Sheri Zvi. "The most effective response to hate speech is civil speech, and more of it. Extremist groups have doubled-down on making social media a platform for indoctrinating others."

The ADL is asking people to participate in four ways:

1) Inviting staff, colleagues, students, or constituents to wear a No Place For

Hate pin or sticker. Limited quantities are available from ADL. Contact ADL at florida@adl.org or (561) 988-2900 for more details on how to print them on your own.

2) Amplifying the impact of No Place For Hate Day by taking pictures and posting them on social media using #NoPlaceForHate on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Tweet @ADL_Florida or ADL Florida on Instagram, and/or mention ADL Florida in your Facebook post.

3) Collecting proceeds to benefit ADL's work of standing up to bigotry and extremism – with personal or company online fundraising, dress-down Friday collections, or other innovative ways to spread the message against hate, and

4) Using ADL educational and anti-bias resources, including resources for educators, parents, and families, and family 'table-talk' guides.

For more information, visit www.ADL.org.



Joy Katzen-Guthrie to perform Yiddish, Broadway and Hollywood tunes

Joy Katzen-Guthrie, a cantorial leader and recording artist, will present "Tradition! A Concert of Yiddish Songs and Broadway & Hollywood Classics" at an event put on by Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m.

The concert, open to the public and appropriate for all ages, will take place at Unity of Tampa, 3302 W. Horatio St., Tampa. Admission is \$10 at the door. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

For more than three decades, Katzen-Guthrie has been a professional composer/lyricist, recording/concert artist and cantorial soloist in the Tampa Bay area. Katzen-Guthrie serves as cantorial leader for Tampa's Reform Congregation Beth Am.

She has devoted herself to Jewish music and music of many genres and has performed and taught music from the American Popular Songbook, Broadway, Tin Pan Alley, and America's historical music in addition to

sharing her original music.

With a performance repertoire of some 4,000 songs, she shares a vast knowledge of music history in congregation, classroom, concert hall and in 14 published recordings. For the last 17 years, she has been a concert artist and instructor for Eckerd College Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) and Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes of Eckerd College and University of South Florida. Her music can be found online at <http://joyful-noise.net>.

Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay is a havara affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, which is interested in the history and culture of the Jewish people and in celebrating the holidays and observing life-cycle events with non-theistic ceremonies. For more information, contact Jeff Lipkes at (813) 701-9685, email humanisticjewsoftampabay@gmail.com or to www.meetup.com/Humanistic-Jews-of-Tampa-Bay/.

Jewish lawmaker who opposed Iran deal leads push to have Trump abide by agreement

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Rep. Ted Deutch, D-FL and a senior House Democrat who opposed the Iran nuclear deal, is leading an effort to persuade President Donald Trump to abide by the agreement.

"Some of us voted for, and some against the Iran nuclear agreement," said the letter to Trump with signatures from 160 Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives – the vast majority of the caucus. "Nonetheless, we are united in our belief that enforcing this agreement to the fullest extent will provide the United States with more leverage to stop

a potential Iranian nuclear weapons program and push back on Iran's destabilizing activities."

Deutch, who is Jewish and close to the pro-Israel establishment, is the latest erstwhile critic of the deal to say that quitting the deal without a solid pretext would alienate other signatories to the deal and U.S. allies – and would wound attempts to force Iran to stand down on its non-nuclear bad acts. Last week, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-MD – also close to the pro-Israel community and Jewish, forcefully argued against ditching the deal.



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The Campaign opener and Ben & Jerry talk will begin with a VIP cocktail reception at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 8 p.m. The cost for those attending the reception is \$118.50 and includes open bar and preferred seating. For those attending the program only, the cost is \$54.50. Tickets are available through the center box office or by calling (727) 587-6793.

Ludin Award

In keeping with past tradition, the Dr. Edward N. Ludin Young Leadership Award will be awarded to a recipient who not only is actively involved with the Federation, but also in the broader Jewish and general communities.

In a departure from tradition the honoree, Becca Tieder, is being announced beforehand to provide an opportunity for her family and friends to *kvell* alongside the community.



Becca Tieder

Tieder has been an active member of the Pinellas Jewish community for more than a decade and in the past several years has held key leadership roles with the Federation's Women's Philanthropy. With the Federation, Tieder has served as chair for Women of Distinction event, as well as volunteered with a special project to revamp and revitalize young adult programming.

Beyond the Federation, Tieder is an active member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, serving as event chair for the sold-out women's event that hosted Glennon Doyle Melton in 2016. She also serves as the founder of the OneStudent organization that seeks to eradicate sexual violence on college campuses and promote consent culture. She has been called upon to share ideas with officials at the White House as part of efforts by the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

The Ludin Award was established in 1994 by Arlene Ludin to honor the memory of her late husband. The Ludin Award recognizes a young leader between the ages of 25-45 who demonstrates significant leadership ability in the Jewish community and has the potential for greater leadership responsibility in the future. All nominees for the award demonstrate significant involvement and financial support for the Federation's Annual

Campaign.

The winner of the award receives a cash award to be used within five years as a subsidy to attend a Jewish conference or experience of significance, such as the Jewish Federations of North America Washington Young Leadership Conference.

Alfred Schick Scholarship

Previously the prestigious Schick Award annually honored a healthcare professional and member of the Federation's Maimonides Society in the Pinellas and Pasco County region. But earlier this year the Maimonides Society leadership converted the initiative into a scholarship.

Arielle Radin, a doctoral student at UCLA pursuing work in health psychology, will be the recipient of the first Alfred Schick Memorial scholarship to recognize a future medical leader.



Arielle Radin

Radin grew up in Seminole, where her parents still live. She became a bat mitzvah and was confirmed at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater.

A worthy recipient of the scholarship, Radin has done extensive research and authored publications related to the exploration of microbiomes, gut diseases, and related therapies.

For five months of 2017, Radin participated in a Young Judea Internship program, which placed her at Tel Aviv University where she researched the psychological effects of breast cancer.

She received a MASA scholarship award, and has previously received a variety of awards including the AmGen Scholar Award, the American College of Gastroenterology Poster Award, a UCLA Alumni Fellowship, and an honorable mention from the National Science Foundation Research Fellowship program. She graduated from Columbia University with a bachelor of arts in psychology and spent four years on the Dean's List.

The scholarship's namesake, Alfred Schick was the first Jewish doctor in Clearwater, moving here with his family in 1960. During his career, he was chief of radiology at Morton Plant Hospital. He also served as president of Temple B'nai Israel and was active in the Jewish Federation. The award was established by his wife, Lisl Schick, in an effort to honor the significant work her husband had done in the medical community and to keep his memory alive.

FUNDRAISERS

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"Accelerating our campaign in the way we've done for the past two years allows us to focus on the other community-building support Federation pursues within our Jewish community," explained Elana Gootson, Federation's director of Philanthropy and Collaborative Entrepreneurship.

As in past years, Super Sunday will be held at Superior Uniform Group's facility in Seminole. Superior Uniform Group's CEO, Michael Benstock, lends the company's large cafeteria and call center to the Federation.

Toni and John Rinde, the Super Sunday chairs, explained, "Super Sunday is a long-standing Federation tradition. If you haven't seen it or participated, you should come out and join us – the energy is amazing and it's a lot of fun."

During Super Sunday, dozens of volunteers will be on the phones raising thousands of dollars in donations in a few short hours. Young Adults who are part of the Jewish Leadership Training Institute (JLTI) and Fed Fellows program will be on hand securing campaign commitments while teens will be onsite working on a service project.

Beginning at noon on Sunday at the site, 10055 Seminole Blvd., there also will be family and children's activities such as PJ Library storytime plus kosher food for everyone to enjoy.

Volunteers are needed to help in planning

Super Sunday activities, make calls, write thank-you notes, and cheer on the campaign team.

"Super Sunday can be such a fun day of community service, for callers, general volunteers, families, and kids," said Federation Executive Director Emilie Socash. "It's a day of *zedakah* and connection to our global community that resonates with all ages and really exemplifies what Federation is all about. This will be my 13th Super Sunday, and I'm hoping the community will help me celebrate appropriately by making and taking calls."

Organizers urge all community members to answer the call – even if you don't recognize the phone number – to do your part in supporting Super Sunday, the local Jewish community and Jewry worldwide.

Super Sunday is not just a local happening, but a national initiative of the Jewish Federations of North America seeking to reach donors on a single day to confirm their support of the 2018 fundraising efforts.

The rest of the country typically conducts Super Sunday on the first Sunday after the Super Bowl. On that day in 2018, the Pinellas/Pasco Federation instead will once again hold a "Thank-a-thon." Teen and Fed Fellow volunteers will call donors just to say, "thank you."

Those interested in volunteering should contact Gootson at (727) 530-3223 or e-mail egootson@jewishpinellas.org. To make your donation prior to Super Sunday visit www.jewishpinellas.org

Mark Cuban considering run for president

(JTA) – The Jewish owner of the Dallas Mavericks of the National Basketball Association said he is "considering" a run for president. Mark Cuban, 59, who calls himself an Independent, said in a podcast released Tuesday, Oct. 3, that he is "Considering, yes. Ready to commit to it, no," to a White House run for 2020. He appeared on the podcast of Bakari Sellers, an attorney and former South Carolina congressman,

the *Washington Post* reported.

"If I can come up with solutions that I think people can get behind, and truly solve problems, then it makes perfect sense for me to run. If it comes down to, do I think I can win because I can convince more people to vote for me? Then no, I won't run."

A billionaire from Dallas, Cuban regularly appears as an investor on the ABC reality series *Shark Tank*.

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Organizations

Hadassah

Art talk: Connor Davis, development director of the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, will be guest speaker at the general meeting of the North Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Ahavat Shalom, 1575 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. Davis will speak on the history of the museum, its artists and exhibitions. The museum is on the campus of St. Petersburg College in Tarpon Springs. Those attending should bring a lunch. Coffee, tea, and desserts will be served. For more information call **Janice Caine** at (727) 726-3735 or **Betty Slavney** at (727) 446-5895.

Drag queen bingo: The Lylah Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah will hold a drag queen bingo night to raise funds for breast cancer research at Hadassah. The event will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Hamburger Mary's, 28910 U.S. 19 N., Palm Harbor. The cost is \$10 for bingo cards. RSVP to Hamburger Mary's at (727) 400-6996. For more information, contact **Terri Tankel** at emababayit@aol.com or call (727) 365-8165.

Genealogical Society

Explore Largo Library: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo, for an introduction and tour of the genealogical holdings of the library, with an emphasis on the library's subscription databases. The Largo Public Library has one of the most extensive genealogical collections in the Tampa Bay region including a large collection of books on Jewish Genealogy. Volunteers will remain after the tour to help interested persons with guided assistance. Those attending are asked to bring library cards if you have one for easy access to online genealogical resources.

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Monday Morning Links sessions from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa. Upcoming sessions are: On Oct. 16, the topic is "What To Do If Your Job Search Stalls" and on Oct. 23, the topic is "Dos and Don'ts - A Recruiter's Perspective." Recruiters from Bank of America will speak at the Oct. 23 session. Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

There are also Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. The next ones are on Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on "Mastering Change & Transition" and on Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on "Is Your Brand Helping You Land a Job?" These are free for Tampa Bay Job-Links full program participants and \$15 for guests. Reservations required for all programs. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org, or visit www.TBJL.org.

Support groups

Alzheimer's caregiver group: Menorah Manor offers a support group meeting in the Samson Nursing Center at Menorah Manor, 255 59th St. N., St. Petersburg, on the first Thursday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m.

For more information, call **Gwen Kaldenberg** at (727) 302-3750.

Jewish group co-sponsors 'The Yellow Dress,' one-woman drama on domestic violence

The Jewish Alliance to End Domestic Abuse (JAEDA), a program of Jewish Women International, along with the Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF) are presenting a performance of *The Yellow Dress* at the St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

This one-woman show is based on the experiences of women who were victims of dating violence or sexual assault.

The Yellow Dress, a presentation of Deana's Educational Theater, is a powerful play that tells the story of a young woman who is involved in a relationship that begins as young love and ends in tragedy.

The play is meant to help viewers identify the warning signs of abusive behaviors and suggest ways to assist friends and family members who may be in an abusive relationship.

"The Yellow Dress program is an effective way to complement our educational and advocacy efforts around the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence," said Bobbie Hodson, task force chairperson.

JAEDA Chairperson Ellen Woll added, "JAEDA believes that this powerful production gives the audience accurate information, tools for intervention and reinforces the concept that verbal, emotional and physical violence are never acceptable in any relationship."

Lisette Campos of ABC Action News will serve as emcee, and The Real Clash Band will perform. The program is free to all students with a valid student I.D. and is especially appropriate for those in high school and college. Other adults are also welcome. Cost is \$10 at the door (cash or check made out to JWI). Reservations are requested by Monday, Oct. 16, via email to jaeda1492@brighthouse.com.

Additional sponsors are: Hands Across the Bay, Julie Weintraub; The Manny and Ruthie Cohen Foundation; The Tampa Bay Rays; Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services (GCJFCS); The Clearwater Chapter of Jewish Women International; St. Petersburg College, Clearwater; Done Right Documents; The Doug and Maureen Cohn Foundation.

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Federation's new Culture Club plans outing to artist's exhibit, lecture

The Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties is organizing a new group, the Culture Club, which will offer a range of arts and culture events for local Jewish community members to attend together.

The first Culture Club event will be a lecture and exhibit by internationally known Judaic artist Helen Zarin on Friday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. at Syd Entel Galleries, 247 Main St., Dunedin.

Maxine Kaufman, director of Arts, Culture and Education for the federation, is organizing the club. "We are fortunate to live in a community where opportunities to view and experience various forms of arts and culture come to us," Kaufman said. "If we can make the connection to our collective Jewish heritage, then it is incumbent upon us to seize every opportunity."

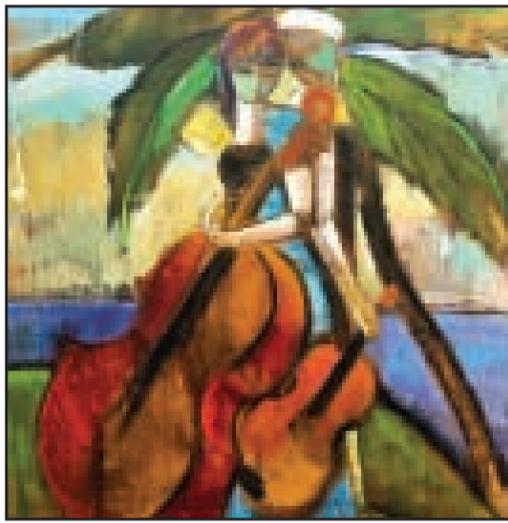
The group will enjoy existing events in the broader community – artists' lectures, musicals and plays, exhibits, cultural exhibitions – that are of interest to the Jewish community. Attendees will cover the cost of attendance

and any food or drink, if applicable; there's no membership fee to participate in the group's activities and all ages are welcome.

For this initial Culture Club event, Syd Entel Galleries owner Susan Benjamin said the gallery is happy to open this private event with artist Zarin to the Jewish Federation and its constituency.

Zarin is originally from Shiraz, Persia. She grew up as an Orthodox, observant Jewish woman in a predominately Muslim world. This presented many challenges and difficulties. She can remember beginning to paint at age 5. Showing talent, her influential family encouraged her to invest in her artistic endeavors.

Conditions in her native country eventually compelled Zarin to turn elsewhere for creative nourishment. "Hard work and talent are not enough for an artist to progress



Two works by Helen Zarin, a Persian-born Jewish artist.

and blossom; creative freedom in the right atmosphere is essential," Zarin remarked. In the pursuit of these artistic prerequisites, she journeyed first to Europe and then to the United States in 1993.

Her painting style delves into the impressionistic with abstract elements of bold color. Her sweeping brush strokes flow across her paintings, pouring the emotions of love, intimacy, joy, and angst onto her canvases.

For more information about the Culture Club trip to meet Zarin and see Zarin's work, contact Kaufman at mkaufman@jewish-pinellas.org or (727) 333-3106. Space is limited.

B'nai Mitzvah

Aurora Keren Goldish-DeSanto

Aurora Keren Goldish-DeSanto, daughter of Madelaine Goldish and Keith DeSanto of St. Petersburg, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg.

Aurora is a seventh grade student at Shorecrest Preparatory School. Active in gymnastics and advanced tumbling, she also enjoys skiing and travel.

Madelaine Goldish will host a reception at the Bayfront Tower on Saturday evening, Oct. 21.



Zander Amichai Weizman

Zander Amichai Weizman, son of Rabbis David Weizman and Danielle Upbin of Clearwater, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater.

A seventh grade student at Country Day School, Zander excels in math and loves to read. Active in sports, he is a star player on the school's basketball team and enjoys spending time at the Clearwater Boxing Center. For his mitzvah project Zander collected new and gently used Lego blocks to be distributed to Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services programs.

Special guests will include grandparents from South Florida, along with family and friends from Ohio, Missouri, Texas, New York and Camp Ramah Darom.



Noah William Adelson

Noah William Adelson, son of Oren and Stephanie Adelson of St. Petersburg, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Petersburg.

A seventh grade Principal's List student at Fitzgerald Middle School, Noah enjoys competing in Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad. Active in sports, he is a member of the school's track team and also participates in the Junior Tritons basketball league.

Oren and Stephanie Adelson will host a celebration at the Tradewinds Resort on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Special guests will include family and friends from Israel, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Florida.



Obituaries

STEPHEN BRAGIN, 87, of Bel-air, died Sept. 13. Born in New York, he grew up in Tampa, later moving to Pinellas County. Active in the community, he served in many organizations. A member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, he was a past president, a board member and past president of its Brotherhood. He was an officer for South East Region for Reform Temples and a co-chairman and first lay appointee for Union of American Hebrew Congregations Commission on Jewish Education. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, he served in the Korean War. He was an officer of David Bilgore & Co. Inc. and trust officer for Bilgore Trust Company. He spent 10 years as regional development director for the University of South Florida, and then the development director of the Gulf Coast Museum of Art. Survivors include his children; Janet and Marc; and his grandchildren. (Curlew Hills Memory Gardens)

ERNEST FRIEDMAN, 87, of Largo, died Oct. 2. He was born in Brooklyn, and served in the United States Army. Survivors include his wife Irene. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

KATHERINE 'KITTY' JACOBS, 90, of St. Petersburg, died Sept. 24. Survivors include her son Jay Jacobs; and two grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Menorah Manor. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

JAMES LAWRENCE JONAS, 62, of St. Petersburg, died Sept. 18. Born in New York, he moved here when he was 6 months old, growing up in St. Pete Beach. He attended Sunshine Elementary, Azalea Middle School, Boca Ceiga High School and received a degree from St. Petersburg Junior College. He was a former member of Congregation B'nai Israel. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Joni; son Jack; daughter Antoinette; a twin brother, Al, and a brother Robert. (R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home)

IRA HAROLD KEMP, 80, of Tarpon Springs, died Sept. 19. Born in Brooklyn, he served in the United States Army. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Grace; son and daughter-in-law Andy and Karen Kemp; daughter and son-in-law Lisa and John Grima; and four grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Suncoast Hospice Community Service Center. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Clearwater Chapel)

PETER L. KORF M.D., 87, died Sept. 21. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

MATTHEW BENJAMIN MOLLÉ, 32, of Atlanta, died Sept. 15. He was employed as the manager of Lanier Raceplex as well as a full-time student at North Georgia State University majoring in electrical engineering. He also coached the soccer team, the Blazing Lazer Ponies in Sugar Hill, GA. Survivors include his wife, Kasandra Mollé;

two sons, Murdok Mollé and Maverick Mollé; mother, Marcia Mollé; father Arthur Mollé; sister, Marisa Isenberg Guy; brother, Daniel Guy; stepfather, Dr. Mark Isenberg; sister-in-law, Kristen Klett; father-in-law, William Klett. The family suggests memorials be made to Temple Ahavat Shalom in Palm Harbor. (Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care)

JAMES SORRELL, 67, of Clearwater, died Sept. 9. He had been a first responder, serving with the Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Department for 33 years. For several years he was a member of Aeromedical Transport serving Tampa General Hospital. He was a member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa. Survivors include his sister, Diane Hunter; two nieces, Kelly Sapp and Tracy Milosevich.

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no power for several days and she had nowhere to turn.

Immediately the team reassured her they were there to help, and would remove the tree. Using chainsaws, machetes, and power saws, they removed the tree, limb by limb. "You must have been sent by G-d," McWilliams said.

Another team was sent to remove debris and bring supplies to a school in the Everglades. Teachers there cried at the site of the Chabad volunteers.

And others were sent to clean up a home belonging to Katherine Nolan, a 96-year-old World War II hero. She was one of the few women serving in the military who helped liberate Nazi concentration camps. One of the volunteers whose grandparents survived those camps was awestruck by the opportunity to give back to Nolan, a woman who had given so much.

One of the most memorable moments came when a group visited a nursing home that had been without power for days and was running dangerously low on supplies. The volunteers provided them a truckload of drinks, snacks and clothes, as well as toiletries. The women began to pray in thanks for G-d's help in the form of the volunteers. One lady told a student, "You're a beautiful angel."

Bill Barnett, the mayor of Naples, put it best when he addressed the group. "We needed your help, and you've answered the call, and we will not forget the kindness you've shown today."

Rabbi Mendy Dubrowski of Chabad Chai of South Tampa and Rabbi Pinny Backman of Chabad USF commented on how inspired they were by the devotion of so many students and young professionals to help those most in need.

Rabbi Dubrowski, who helped organize the Naples trip, said that in addition to that effort, a U-Haul truck full of supplies was



(L-R) Deena Shabat, Erika Shabat, Erica Dunayer distribute much needed supplies to the elderly residents at Goodlette Arms in Naples.

sent to Key West through Caring for the Keys, an organization started by a Chabad USF Alumnus who now is part of Chabad Young Professionals. Chabad Florida headquarters is continuing to send supplies and meals to the Caribbean as well, he said.

"While we hope and pray that there be no

more natural disasters, it was heartwarming to see our community rise to the occasion, and give of their time and resources to help out those who need them most," said Rabbi Dubrowski.

The relief effort to Naples was sponsored in part by Doug and Maureen Cohn.

CEMETERY

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and a no-interest loan, but more is still needed.

Shortly after Irma blew through last month, Doug Negretti, chairman of the Jewish Burial Society, said damage repair estimates ranged from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Now, with updated repair estimates, that figure has risen to

\$93,000, he said, and could climb higher once the extent of damage to the irrigation system is known.

"We are still holding burial services. That never stopped. We have had six burials since the storm. But we rope off the rest of the cemetery when we have burials and we are not allowing people to visit the graves of loved ones because we are afraid someone could fall into

a hole and get hurt," said Negretti. When a burial service is not taking place, the entrances to the cemetery are blocked.

He noted that the Jewish portion of the cemetery was largely unscathed by the hurricane, but other sections of the cemetery were not so fortunate.

When eight huge trees and 20 medium sized ones were blown

down by Irma, the roots of the toppled trees destroyed storm sewage and irrigation lines and left gaping holes in the ground. In one case, a casket entangled in roots of a large tree was unearthed when the tree toppled. The casket has since been reburied, Negretti said, and the downed trees, save for stumps and roots, have mostly been cut and cleared from the cemetery.

"I have everything lined up to get repaired. We plan to replace anything broken," Negretti said.

"Half of the drainage system is knocked out and the irrigation main was destroyed, so we need to replace the main. Then we can turn the irrigation system on, zone by zone, to tell how much of it is damaged," he said.

"To get it all back where it was before, it will probably take six months," he said. Even if all work is not done right away, he is hoping the large tree stumps can be removed and the ground can be leveled so gravesite visitations can resume in about a month.

Some help is on the way.

Jewish Federation Executive Director Emilie Socash said the board met Tuesday night, Oct. 3 and took the following action:

- The Federation will advance the 2017-18 allocation of \$10,000 to be paid immediately and applied to the urgent needs.
- The Federation will give an additional \$10,000 in funding as an incentive match to monies raised by local synagogues.
- The Federation will loan the Burial Society up to \$30,000 as quickly as it's needed, interest-free with flexible repayment timing.

Socash said she also submitted a request for \$25,000 on behalf of the Burial Society to the national emergency fund of Jewish Federations of North America. She said he hopes to know in the next couple of weeks if that will be funded.

Negretti said the damage is not covered by insurance.

Earlier this year, on April 1, cemetery officials marked the sixth anniversary of the Burial Society, formed by members of St. Petersburg's Congregation B'nai Israel and Temple Beth-El, purchasing the 15-acre facility. At the time of the purchase from a national cemetery company, Burial Society members pledged to restore and upgrade the facility, which had been in decline.

In the years since, a variety of improvements have been made there, including repairing the irrigation system, refinishing the roads, upgrading signs, adding new grass, doing extensive landscaping and better grounds maintenance, installing a wash basin for hand washing as well as rock bins, creating a new pricing structure and adding other new features.

Chapel Hill was started by Congregation B'nai Israel more than 45 years ago and was sold to a national cemetery company in 1998. It is a predominately Jewish cemetery although there are non-Jewish sections.

About 8 of its 15 acres are cleared and the rest is undeveloped.

The cemetery is located at 12905 Wild Acres Road in Largo.



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Robert Goldstein, CEO, and Michael Soronen, Director of Dining Services, stand in front of packaged food, water and supplies.

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We were proud to partner with organizations and synagogues on additional programming, including the first Tampa Bay Jewish Food Festival, the iEngage Israel education program, and numerous PJ Library family events.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the donors, volunteers, and leaders in our community. Because of you, our community's agencies are able to provide quality care for Holocaust survivors and others in need, send our kids to Jewish camps and to Israel, care for our seniors, show our support for Israel, and provide timely services and information when and where it's needed.

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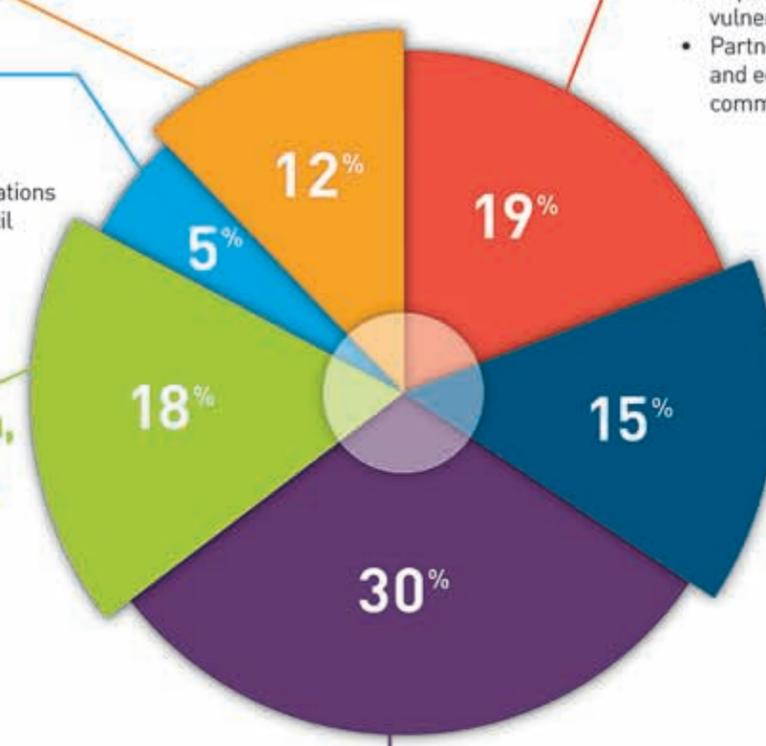
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