

# National group donates \$25K for cemetery repairs

By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

Work to repair damage from Hurricane Irma to Chapel Hill Memorial Park cemetery in Largo is progressing faster than anticipated, and funding for the job got a recent boost when the Jewish Federations of North America approved a request for \$25,000 from its national emergency fund. "I said before I thought it would take six

months to get back to normal, but I think we will finish before that," said Doug Negretti, chairman of the non-profit Jewish Burial Society of Pinellas County, which owns the cemetery. "We are about 75 percent done."

The \$25,000 from Jewish Federations of North America was requested on behalf of the Burial Society by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties, which had

pledged \$50,000 of its own funds through allocations and a loan. Community members have also donated more than \$12,000.

Negretti said the Burial Society is still accepting donations, noting that he recently received a call from a temple in Tampa inquiring about making a donation. The donations will be used to repair any hurricane damage not already funded or for

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Above, Ice cream entrepreneurs Ben Cohen, left, and Jerry Greenfield, far right, with Eric and Tracy Lynn, co-hosts of the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties' Catalyst 2018 event, which kicked off the Annual Campaign on Saturday evening, Oct. 28. (FOR STORY, SEE PAGE 11). The next morning, the ice cream magnates were helping out at the Super Sunday phoneathon. Ben Cohen, at right, serves up some of the duo's signature cold confections for volunteers.



## Ben & Jerry serve double scoop of tzedakah

What's better than enjoying Ben & Jerry's ice cream with Ben and Jerry to top off an evening of entertainment?

The answer is – drumroll please: Having Ben & Jerry's ice cream with the two entrepreneurial geniuses for breakfast the next morning.

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield were keynote speakers at Catalyst 2018, the new

name for the Annual Campaign kickoff for the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties (SEE STORY, PAGE 11).

The founders of the iconic ice cream company bearing their names stressed the importance of philanthropy and doing things for the benefit of others during the evening gala on Oct. 28. Those attending got to enjoy a variety of Ben & Jerry fla-

vors after the men spoke.

Then, as an added surprise and proof that the creative duo let their actions speak as loudly as their deeds – not to mention that their ice cream is delicious any time – the men showed up the next morning in Seminole for the Federation's Super Sunday phone-a-thon.

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## Garden keeps Hillel student's memory alive

By THAIS LEON-MILLER  
Jewish Press

Rachel Hatfield loved mermaids, butterflies and the color purple.

All three of her favorite things were incorporated into a ceremony dedicating a garden at Hillel Academy in Tampa in memory of the 11-year-old who lost her 16-month battle with glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer, in November 2016.

The germination of the idea for the garden began in February when parents Yael and Henry Hatfield planted a tree for Tu B'Shevat on the Hillel Academy grounds in memory of Rachel.

Since the summer, they have not stopped adding to the patch of land, which has become a de-facto memorial for their daughter. Two gazebos, a faux wishing well and two ivy-covered arches now adorn the spot, erected next to where school children eat lunch and play during recess.



Rachel's Garden was formally dedicated last month on the Hillel Academy campus in north Tampa. The certified butterfly garden was created in memory of Rachel Hatfield, right, an 11-year-old student who died of cancer a year ago.

"They were here almost every day," said interim Head of School Gordon Rode. "The walkway they added themselves, the pagoda too. They worked almost every day, working around Henry's schedule."

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### Jewish players shine in World Series

Two Jewish major league baseball players – one on each team – played pivotal roles in the World Series.

Houston Astros infielder Alex Bregman notched the first-ever walk-off hit by a Jewish player in the World Series when his RBI single drove home Derek Fisher to lead his team to an epic 13-12, 10-inning win over the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game Five. Bregman's game-winning single came with two outs and the winning run on second base.

Bregman, 23, in his first full season in the majors, posted eye-popping numbers in the Series: 5 runs, 7 hits, 2 home runs and 5 RBIs. His glove was chosen to be enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame as an artifact of the Series, won by the Astros in seven games.

Meanwhile in the Dodgers' dugout another Jewish player made headlines in the World Series. Joc Pederson set a new home run record for Jewish players in one World Series. Pederson, a left-swinging outfielder, blasted three home runs in the Series and moved Pederson past Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers' slugger who had two homers in the 1934 Fall Classic.

Pederson's stats were even better than Bregman's with 7 runs, 7 hits, 3 home runs and 5 RBIs.

Greenberg still holds the mark for most runs batted in by a Jewish player in one World Series with seven.



Alex Bregman



Joc Pederson

### Ex-Tampa Bay Ray, Gabe Kapler, is named Phillies manager

Gabe Kapler, a major league outfielder for 12 seasons and a coach for Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic, was named manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Kapler, who played for seven teams including the Tampa Bay Rays, has been head of player development for the Los Angeles Dodgers organization since 2014.

"I'm equal parts honored, humbled and excited by the opportunity with the Phillies, an elite franchise in a city rich in history, tradition, sports excellence and with amazingly passionate fans," Kapler said in a statement.

Kapler, 42, is Jewish and has a tattoo of a Jewish star on his left leg and another that reads "Never Again" — a reference to the Holocaust — on his right leg.

He coached the Israelis during the 2013 WBC's qualifying period and was invited to travel through Israel with the national team earlier this year. Kapler had never been to Israel before and called the visit an "extraordinary life experience," adding that his trip to the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum there left him "emotional for several days after."

Kapler is known for his interest in sports science and sabermetrics, the empirical analysis of baseball made famous in the book and movie *Moneyball*. He will become the third-youngest manager in the league after Kevin Cash, 39, of the Rays and Andy Green, 40, of the San Diego Padres.

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### Meet Rabbi Danielle Uphin,

Associate Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom of Clearwater, FL. Rabbi Danielle will be the educator for the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program beginning in 2018. She will be helping to construct foundations for our community's emerging leaders.



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### PERSPECTIVE

**Emilie Socash**  
Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties



A few years ago, two staffers from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation were breezing through the Tampa Bay area and reached out to me to have lunch. I knew the Foundation from its work with the very popular PJ Library program, in which some years back, the founder and namesake initiated an effort to get Jewish books into every child's home who would like them. I've always been impressed with the vision and large-scale impact of the PJ program, and welcomed the opportunity to hear about the next new thing that Mr. Grinspoon and team might have up their sleeve.

Over salads at BJ's Restaurant near the Citrus Park Mall in Tampa, Arlene Schiff and Dena Kaufman outlined for me that they were charged with inviting selected communities to participate in a new initiative that would do nothing less than change the entire face of the Jewish community's future. It was called "Life and Legacy," and was a multi-level incentivized grant program that strove to energize communities to prioritize "legacy giving" in their fundraising activities.

("Legacy" is used here to indicate that one can leave a legacy, or in some way establish an indelible and unforgettable mark on their community, and is much more contemporary than discussing directly the idea of asking a community member if their will has any charitable provisions.)

It took me a few conversations with the two to fully grasp how the program operated, but once I did, I was enthralled. At the time, I was working primarily with the Tampa Orlando Pinellas Jewish Foundation as its executive director, and I realized that this program could energize our work within the Central Florida region. In a nutshell, TOP would receive grant support for rolling out a program that shepherded other organizations (like synagogues and Holocaust museums and Jewish social service agencies) through the process of training, planning, and implementation of a legacy-focused initiative.

We launched the program with 15 organizations in January of 2015, and in the two and a half years that followed, secured over 400 commitments valued at over \$16 million. Some people opted to fulfill their legacy gifts immediately; many chose to simply

modify the beneficiaries of their 401k or other retirement plan, or to create a codicil to their will; some we are still working with on the formalization process.

Regardless of the mechanism, I learned a few things in this process that seem very salient at this moment, as we stand on the edge of community change in light of the findings from our recent demographic study:

First, while it's great to have the support of older folks in the community (who we typically think of as the primary creator of endowments), you don't have to be old to make a lasting impact. In fact, some types of giving (like life insurance policies) are more cost-effective when the donor is young.

Second, a little bit from a lot of people certainly adds up. Yes, our tally has a few significantly sizable "anchor" gifts within it, but the vast majority of the 400+ commitments are in the \$5,000 range (the minimum that would count for the program). These are mostly after-lifetime gifts committed from the donor's estate.

Finally, the shared responsibility of our Jewish community's future is something we must address today. In considering the results of our demographic study, which indicates a population that skews significantly older, we are in critical need of investing in the safety net of funding that can maintain and establish the programs that our entire population needs, whether that be for the elderly who wish to stay in their homes or the young who wish to have Jewish summer camp experiences.

I've often said that I love that I have the opportunity to work in the community in which I'm raising a family, where my husband and I own a family business, where I have created my life. I can't imagine this community struggling or faltering when I

know that I have the ability to invest in its future. For that reason, I decided that I wanted to create my own legacy for our shared Jewish future.

I have been a Lion of Judah for over a decade, which means that I'm one of a few dozen women in the Pinellas community who gives a gift of \$5,000 or more to the Federation's annual fundraising efforts. I will readily admit, at first, it made sense to give at the level of the donors with whom I worked closely, but over time, I've realized that it's more than a professional obligation. Giving a Lion-level gift is a calling to be a part of a group of tenacious, creative, and dedicated community women who want to make one gift that impacts countless lives. I am proud to walk with them in supporting my community in this way.

I want to ensure that the community can always count on my support, which is why I decided to create an endowment that will fund not only my Lion of Judah gift in perpetuity, but also support the work of the Florida Holocaust Museum and Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services. As a relatively young adult, I purchased a life insurance policy that will distribute monies upon my passing (well into the future!) to the TOP Jewish Foundation. TOP will then administer the funding of this endowment gift every year.

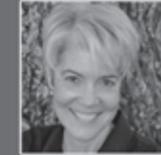
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## Federation to begin leadership development program

The Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties is launching a leadership training initiative which it is calling the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program.

The Federation is seeking up and coming leaders and to help those already in some sort of leadership position in Jewish institutions to gain additional education and skill building tools. The program gets its name from Yesod, the Hebrew word for foundation.

"The Pinellas and Pasco County Jewish community is built upon a strong foundation of diverse and passionate leaders who work every day to ensure the strength and well-being of their community. Whether it is through synagogue involvement or volunteering with a Jewish agency, our leaders make sure that our community continues to be supported and grow stronger," said Emilie Socash, executive director of the Federation.

The goal of the program is to strengthen Jewish institutions in the local area and to support the community by aiding the development of volunteer leadership. By investing in the development of individuals who demonstrate leadership potential, the program is expected to help the community build sustainable volunteer leadership succession plans.

"Investing in new leaders is the most important factor in ensuring the long-term success of our com-

munity. Graduates of the Yesod Community Leadership Development Program will help shape our future" said Federation President Steve Klein.

The program was developed by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The Federation will accept 20 participants this year and the program will consist of eight sessions – the first one starting in January at the Federation offices.

Nominations for the program will be made by individual Jewish groups in the community. Upon nomination, there will be an application process. The cost for the program is \$150.

The sessions will be taught by Rabbi Danielle Upbin of Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater, based on a curriculum written by Dr. Erica Brown.

This course of study, Yesodot Manhigut: Essentials for Jewish Leadership Today, offers insights into personal and organizational leadership through a Jewish perspective.

"I look forward to working closely with the leadership in our community to expand our Jewish knowledge base, share ideas, and build bridges between our organizations," Rabbi Upbin said.

For more information, contact Maxine Kaufman, Yesod program coordinator, at [mkaufman@jewishpinellas.org](mailto:mkaufman@jewishpinellas.org).



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# RABBINICALLY — SPEAKING —

## Enjoy the holiday season

By RABBI GARY KLEIN  
Temple Ahavat Shalom, Palm Harbor

There is a significant relationship between the festivals of Thanksgiving which we will celebrate in November, and Hanukkah, which we will celebrate in December.

While Thanksgiving is primarily an agricultural festival, it also reminds us of the importance of freedom, especially the religious freedom that is part of American life. Americans join together for interfaith services as will many in Pinellas County to remember our pilgrim ancestors and their message of tolerance for everyone.

Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for Americans to express our joy in being part of a society that finds strength in the diversity of its inhabitants and in its commitment to protecting every worthy freedom for all its citizens. During Hanukkah, we celebrate the struggle of our Jewish ancestors to preserve their religious freedom. Hanukkah reminds us that preserving our Jewishness is important.



Hanukkah is linked to Thanksgiving by more than this common theme of commitment to freedom. The Greco-Syrian rulers who controlled Israel during the years prior to the Maccabean revolt forbade the observance of Sukkot, our festival of thanksgiving for the gifts of nature. According to our tradition, the first holiday our Jewish ancestors observed when they regained control of the Temple was a belated Sukkot. Both Hanukkah and Thanksgiving are therefore expressions of appreciation of shared blessings.

In northern Pinellas County, along the Curlew Road corridor, members of Temple Ahavat Shalom, Emmanuel Community Church (American Baptist), St. Alfred's Episcopal Church and All Saints Catholic Church will join with each other for an interfaith service at All Saints Catholic Church, 2801 Curlew Road., on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Other synagogues in Pinellas County will join with neighboring churches for interfaith services as well. In Clearwater, Congregation Beth Shalom will host an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

There will also be a St. Petersburg Thanksgiving interfaith service in which Temple Beth-El is participating on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Empath Health, 3050 First Ave. S.

I hope all of you attend an interfaith Thanksgiving service somewhere in our community and that you attend the Hanukkah celebrations that will be offered to you by your respective congregations.

My family and I wish you a joyous holiday season.

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## Congregations

### Cong. B'nai Israel St. Petersburg

**Havdala on the beach:** Bring a flashlight, beach chairs and blankets and relax as we say goodbye to Shabbat together on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 6:15 p.m. on Upham Beach. Meet at 6800 Beach Plaza, St. Pete Beach. Continue the fun at a Jewbilities (Baby Boomer) Dinner to follow at Skidder's Restaurant or our Ish Meet-Up (young adults 20s-40s) at Ten Pin Lanes. Contact the synagogue for more details.

**Day of learning:** Unite with more than 500 Jewish communities around the world on Sunday, Nov. 12 for the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Minyan is at 9 a.m., then a seminar titled "Hiddur Mitzvah: Beauty, Awe and Action" is offered from 10-10:45 a.m. A second seminar, from 11-11:45 a.m. is titled "The Ugly Vessel and the Craftsman." An art project will take place at 11:45 a.m. RSVP to **Maureen Sechan** at (727) 381-4900, ext. 1011 or [dll@cbistpete.org](mailto:dll@cbistpete.org).

**Mural tour:** Join a private guided walking tour of 2017 Shine St. Pete Mural Festival (seven blocks and 36 murals) on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Meet at 501 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. Reservation are required to secure the reduced rate of \$10 per attendee. RSVP to **Maureen Sechan** at the synagogue.

**Talmud class:** **Steve Wein** leads the Talmud Made Easy course. The next session is on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. with the study of Berachot (Blessings) — the first tractate in the Talmud. Novices and seasoned students alike are welcome. The discussion class is conducted in English. No prior knowledge of Hebrew, Aramaic, Talmud or the prayer book is necessary. Contact the synagogue for details.

**Lunch and celebration:** Enjoy a deli lunch and Mishna study on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at noon with siyum celebrating the conclusion of Masehet Hagiga with **Rabbi Jacob Luski**. Submit your lunch order by Tuesday, Nov. 14 to **Pam Askin** at (727) 381-4901 or [officemgr@cbistpete.org](mailto:officemgr@cbistpete.org).

### Temple Beth-El

**Tot Hanukkah:** Children through age 5 are invited to participate in Hanukkah themed program on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m. There will be Hanukkah songs and crafts, snacks and more. Part of the Shabbat Wonder program, the goal is to foster community among families with young children, while introducing them to Judaism. Everyone is welcome.

**Thanksgiving interfaith service:** The congregation will participate in an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Empath Health, 3050 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

**Book club:** The club will discuss *Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 10:45 a.m. Participants are asked to read the book before joining the discussion. For more

information, call the temple office.

**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.

**Daystar lunchmaking:** Help feed the homeless and families at the Daystar Life Center by gathering in the social hall on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m. to schmooze and make sandwiches for folks at Daystar. For more information, contact Paula at (727) 254-6436.

### Chabad of St. Petersburg

**Coffee secrets:** Discover the Jewish history and kabbalah of coffee — what makes a quality coffee and how to start drinking a better brew — on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to [Info@ChabadSP.com](mailto:Info@ChabadSP.com) or call (727) 344-4900.

**Lunch and Learn:** Women are invited to share an hour of camaraderie, inspiration and lunch on Thursday, Nov. 16 at noon. There is no charge for the event. RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary. To RSVP, email [Chaya@ChabadSP.com](mailto:Chaya@ChabadSP.com) or call the Chabad center.

**TGI Shabbat:** There will be melody and song, conversation and kosher cuisine, all seasoned with the right amount of Torah, during a TGI Shabbat on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge but reservations are appreciated. To RSVP, email [info@chabadsp.com](mailto:info@chabadsp.com) or call (727) 344-4900.

**Save the date:** Join in a First Night of Hanukkah celebration at the Sundial in downtown St. Petersburg on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. There will be a show by Israel's King of Blues, side entertainment, food, drinks, and fun activities for all ages. There is no charge and reservations are not necessary.

For more information, visit [ChabadSP.com](http://ChabadSP.com).

### Cong. Beth Shalom Gulfport

**Honoring veterans:** The congregation will honor all veterans of all wars on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. Those scheduled to attend include State Rep. **Ben Diamond**, U.S. Rep. **Charlie Crist**, VFW Post 10174 Commander **Tony Howard**, along with a four-person honor guard and Gulfport Councilman **Michael Fridovich**, a Vietnam War veteran. This event is open to the public

### Cong. Beth Shalom Clearwater

**Interfaith service:** Congregations from several faiths will gather at the synagogue on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. for an interfaith Thanksgiving service led by **Rabbi Danielle Upbin**.

**Book club:** A new co-ed book club at Congregation Beth Shalom will explore some intriguing secular books in an infor-

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mal coffee break setting at the synagogue. The group will meet on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende. Non-members are welcome and there will be a discussion leader for each title. **Roxanna Levin** will be the docent.

**Jewish spirituality:** Rabbi Upbin leads a series of lectures on Jewish spirituality, on Thursdays from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the synagogue library. The next lectures are on Thursdays, Nov. 16 and 30, and the series continues through Dec. 21. The course is exploring the foundations of Mussar as it relates to the weekly Torah portion and one's own inner development. Each session will incorporate time for meditation and other mindfulness practices.

**Living a Jewish Year:** An adult education course on "Living a Jewish Year" is under way and will continue into next year. The course is dedicated to studying and experiencing the holidays within the Jewish calendar and attempting to make a case for their continued relevancy. **Rabbi David Weizman**, Rabbi Upbin and **Paul Applefield** lead the classes on Wednesdays Nov. 15 and 29 and Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

**Jerusalem history:** A two-part lecture on the history of the Old City of Jerusalem 70 CE to the present will be led by **Dr. Eric Steckler** on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The first part will be on ancient and medieval periods and the second part will be on the modern period.

**Garden tour:** Congregants are invited to take part in a trip to Florida Botanical Garden on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the twinkling lights that outline the foliage in the gardens in Largo. Those interested should meet in the synagogue's parking lot to carpool to the garden. The cost is \$4 per person. RSVP to **Martha Margolis** at (727) 409-5557.

**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.

**Hafarat study:** Join **Johanna Bromberg** for Hafarat study in the synagogue library on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.TBIClearwater.org) • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

### Conservative

**Congregation BETH SHALOM** — 1325 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater 33764 • Rabbi David Weizman • Rabbi Danielle Upbin, associate • Services: Friday: 6:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m., Sunday 9 a.m., Mon. & Thurs 8:30 a.m. • Telephone: (727) 531-1418 • Website: [www.cbclearwater.org](http://www.cbclearwater.org) • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

**Congregation BETH SHOLOM** — 1844 54th St. S., Gulfport 33707 • Cantor David Wicentowski • Services: Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. • Telephone: (727) 321-3380 • Website: [sholomgulfport.org](http://sholomgulfport.org) • Unaffiliated.

**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](http://www.cbistpete.org) • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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**CHABAD OF CLEARWATER** — 2280 Belleair Road, Clearwater, 33764 • Rabbi Levi Hodakov • Services: Call for information on Friday service times, Sunday, 9:30 a.m., men only • Telephone: (727) 265-2770 • Website: [www.JewishClearwater.com](http://www.JewishClearwater.com) • email: [rabbil18@gmail.com](mailto:rabbil18@gmail.com).

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**CHABAD of PINELLAS COUNTY** — 3696 Fisher Road, Palm Harbor, 34683 • Rabbi Pinchas Adler • Services: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset • Telephone: (727) 789-0408 • Website: [Yichabad.com](http://Yichabad.com).

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**Temple BETH DAVID** — 13158 Antelope St., Spring Hill • Rabbi Paul Schreiber • Shabbat Services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., third Friday traditional service, 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, 10 a.m. • Telephone: (352) 686-7034 • Website: [www.tbdfll.org](http://www.tbdfll.org) • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism.

**Q:** So let's talk about the weather.

**A:** "When did you arrive in Florida?" That's what everybody asks me, and when I answer, "About four days before Hurricane Irma", the response varies from "Oh... wow!" to "Well, welcome to Florida!" Indeed, what a welcome it was. In Israel, we never have had a hurricane so I really didn't know what to expect. In fact, the weather in Israel is quite different from the weather here in Florida. Summertime (June - August) is hot, really hot temperatures that can rise up to 109 degrees in central Israel and even more in the southern, desert part of the country. In addition, there is no rain in summertime, unlike Pinellas which seems to me like the rainiest place on earth by now.

Wintertime (December - February) in Israel is my own



Israel Shlichah (Emissary)

favorite season. The temperature may be chilly but not too cold. The lowest temperature usually hovers around 40 degrees in central Israel. Rain falls and sometimes we even have snow for a little while. That first rain that comes after those long dry summer months is so special that it even has its own name, "Hayore," which actually translates in English to "the shooter" (this time it has

nothing to do with terror).

**Q:** How scarce is Israeli rain?

**A:** Very. Most of the rain, about 75 percent of it falls during winter months, but even then, it's not every day.

Coming to Pinellas definitely feels to me like coming to live in a rain forest compared to Israel. Everything is green, summer time is rainy and wintertime (as I was told) is relatively warm. I can definitely understand why people escape the northern winter and come live here.

*Yael Mor's yearlong visit to the community is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. She can be reached at (727) 530-3223 or by email at yael@jewishpinellas.org*

## Congregations

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### 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.

### Temple B'nai Israel Clearwater

**Casino night:** Tickets are on sale for Casino Night, an annual temple fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday evening, 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 games. Tickets for winning a choice of vacation options are available for \$50. All tickets are available at the temple office.

**Bible study:** Explore the Second Book of Samuel and discover a unique period of Jewish history. **Rabbi Daniel Treiser** lead the classes on Wednesdays from 7-8 pm. There is no fee for members; \$30 for non-members for the year. **Sunday Cinema Café:** A free showing of the film *The Kind Words* will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. This emotionally rich Israeli dramedy touches on a wealth of interpersonal issues. Refreshments will be served.

**Tot Shabbat:** Services geared for the youngest congregants and their families will be held on Friday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pot luck dinner. To RSVP, call (727) 531-5829

**Shabbat dinner plus:** On Friday, Dec. 8, start Shabbat eve with a 5 p.m. nosh before services at 6 p.m. Then stay for dinner afterward. Cost for the meal is \$13.50

### Lecture on right-wing extremists set for Nov. 17

Investigative journalist Chip Berlet will speak on "White Nationalism: Anti-Semitism and Neo-Fascism: Threats to U.S. Democracy" on Friday, Nov. 17 as part of Temple Beth-El's Leif Nissen Social Justice Lecture Series.

The event is free and open to the public.

Due to renovations at Beth-El, the Social Justice Shabbat program will be held at Allendale United Methodist Church, 3803 Haines Road N., St. Petersburg. There will be a service at 7 p.m. and the lecture and a question and answer session will begin at 7:45 p.m., with a dessert reception to follow.

Berlet is a progressive activist, journalist and scholar who has spent more than 30 years studying bigoted rightwing movements. He is co-author of the entry on Neo-Nazism in the current Encyclopedia

for adults and \$9 for children. RSVP by calling (727) 531-5829.

### Cong. B'nai Emmunah Tarpon Springs

**Symphony Shabbat:** On Friday, Nov. 17 at 6:45 p.m. the congregation will gather in a private room for Shabbat services at North Bay Community Church, 3170 McMullen Booth Road, between Curlew Road and SR 580. Following the services there will be a free performance by the Suncoast Symphony at 7:30 p.m. For those who want to participate, there will also be a Shabbat dinner at a restaurant nearby before Shabbat services.

Call the synagogue at (727) 938-9000 for more information

**Meal and movie:** Enjoy a chicken dinner and a movie at the synagogue on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$4 per person. RSVP for dinner by Friday, Nov. 10 at (727) 938-9000.

### Temple Ahavat Shalom Palm Harbor

**Mind games:** The temple's youth groups will present "Bob Lawson's Mind Games," on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 7-8:15 p.m., followed by a meet and greet. Lawson, a Clearwater resident, is one of North America's leading mentalists. His show, "The Mental Mystery Tour" has been presented from Russia to Las Vegas and everywhere in between. Lawson often performs his award-winning show aboard cruise ships and for six seasons, he acted as a technical advisor on the CBS show *The Mentalist*, starring Simon Baker.

Light foods and beverages will be available for purchase in the social hall. VIP tickets for the show

are \$50 and general admission is \$20. Call (727) 789-1191 by Nov. 19 for ticket payment and reservations.

**What's cooking:** The Sisterhood will present a discussion of the book, *King Solomon's Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World* by Joan Nathan, on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. **Marjorie Graff** and **Arlene Seigel** will discuss highlights from the book. Learn about the origins of Jewish food and enjoy tasting them. This is a free event and will be held in the temple's social hall.

To RSVP, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kingsolomon2017> or contact Seigel at (727) 785-1189.

**Potluck dinner:** The temple will hold a "Healthy Eating Potluck," on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are required. RSVP to **Paula Rosoff** at [prosoff3@gmail.com](mailto:prosoff3@gmail.com) or **Marcia Satinoff** at [msatin1945@aol.com](mailto:msatin1945@aol.com). Admission: One plant-based dish (serves 6-8) with no added oil and minimal salt and sugar.

**Torah study:** Congregant **Susan Segal** teaches a Torah study class on Thursdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the social hall. Bring a lunch, and, of course, opinions. No prior knowledge or attendance is required. The class will use the book *The Torah: A*

*Woman's Commentary.*

**Adult education:** A Tuesday morning adult education class led by **Rabbi Gary Klein** will begin this winter and meet on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the social hall. The Rabbi welcomes suggestions for course topics.

**Introduction to Judaism:** A new class began on Nov. 5 and will continue in the months ahead on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This class, taught by Rabbi Klein, is appropriate for non-Jewish spouses and significant others; those considering adopting Judaism as their faith, and those who are already

Jewish who wish to review and enhance their knowledge of Judaism. The class fee is \$100 per person or couple, for non-members. There is no fee for temple members.

### Cong. Beth Tefillah/JCC of West Pasco Port Richey

**Adult education:** A class to study Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Ancestors) and its relevance to Jewish life in the 21st century will be offered on Sundays from 10 - 11 a.m. The class is free, but donations are welcome.



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## Ex-skinhead to deliver message of tolerance

A former skinhead will speak out against hate during a program at Eckerd College on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

The speech, by Frank Meeink, author of *Autobiography of a Recovering Skinhead*, is part of the Florida Holocaust Museum's Genocide and Human Rights Awareness Movement. It had been scheduled earlier but postponed due to Hurricane Irma.

Meeink was a skinhead at age 13. By age 17 he had his own cable-access TV show, *The Reich*, and was roaming the country as a skinhead leader and Neo-Nazi recruiter, with gangs that would beat people indiscriminately. At age 18, he was arrested and convicted of kidnapping and beating a member of a rival skinhead gang.

While in prison he befriended men he used to think he hated — men of different races. After being released from prison, Meeink tried to rejoin his old skinhead pals but couldn't bring himself to hate those whom he had come to know as friends.

Now a noted speaker, author, and founder of Harmony Through Hockey, Meeink's life stands for tolerance,



Frank Meeink

diversity, and mutual understanding in racial, political, and all other aspects of society.

His speech is free and open to the public. RSVP by calling the Florida Holocaust Museum at (727) 820-0100, ext. 301.

The Genocide and Human Rights Awareness Movement is an annual initiative of the museum. Its goal is to build public awareness about the current genocide in Darfur and past genocides including the Holocaust, the Armenian genocide, the Rwandan genocide as well as other human rights violations.

## Rabbi Betsy Torop to leave Brandon's Beth Shalom after 14 years

After 14 years, Rabbi Betsy Torop is stepping down as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon, and congregants are planning an evening to honor her for her service.

"Rabbi Torop has been a valuable, beloved member and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon," said Toby Koch, a vice president and member of the congregation's executive committee. "She has initiated many innovative programs, expanding our holiday observances and breadth of Jewish musical experiences, developing family learning for our religious school and deepening Jewish learning opportunities for members of all ages. The community will miss her daily contributions to our spiritual life."

While she will be leaving her position at the synagogue, — effective Jan. 8 — she will remain in the Tampa Bay area as director of Rabbinic Support, Engagement and Growth for the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The CCAR is the largest rabbinic organization in North America representing 2,000 Reform rabbis. She is married to Rabbi Michael Torop of Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg.

Congregants are planning to honor Rabbi Torop on the weekend of Dec. 15-17.

"All are invited to join the congregation as we say chazak, chazak v'nitchazek to Rabbi Torop. May we all continue to go from strength to strength,"

Koch said.

The congregation will celebrate Hanukkah at Shabbat service on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. and the next morning, Saturday, Dec. 16, Rabbi Torop will lead a Bible and Bagels session at 10 a.m.

That evening, there will be a Havdalah service, followed by a celebration of Rabbi Torop beginning at 5:30 p.m. The festivities will include a Hanukkah buffet dinner, as well as dancing, and more activities for children, youths, and adults. All are invited to join the party. RSVP to [cbs-admin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbs-admin@hotmail.com) by Dec. 10.

On Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m., the religious school will hold a special goodbye for Rabbi Torop during its annual Hanukkah party. Contributions in all amounts to Congregation Beth Shalom in honor of Rabbi Torop are welcome and will be recognized on Saturday evening, Dec. 16. In a permanent meaningful way, Congregation Beth Shalom will be adding a rock in her honor under its Tree of Life.

The congregation is assembling a special memory box with letters, photographs, and small items of significance for Rabbi Torop. Memory Box items may be left at the synagogue, emailed, or mailed to the synagogue at 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, FL 33511.



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other capital improvements, he said.

The latest estimate of costs to restore the cemetery to its condition before the hurricane is \$93,000 but Negretti said until drainage system repairs are made, a firm total can not be determined.

"As they make repairs, they may find more damage. We just won't know until work on that begins," he said.

The hurricane overturned huge trees and about 20 medium sized ones and as the trees toppled, some uprooted drainage and irrigation lines and left large holes that needed to be filled. The bulk of the damage was done to the non-Jewish area of the cemetery, including a casket being uprooted when one tree fell. The casket has now been reburied.

"We have finished the irrigation system work, and now that we have the sprinklers back on, we are finding some small holes to fill, but the repair also means we can now start on landscaping work, adding sod and replacing trees and bushes."

Though the sod and landscaping work is still to be done, as well as the drainage system, he said the fallen trees have been removed, the stumps have been ground down and most holes are filled. The biggest job still undone is fixing the drainage system.

Even though the cemetery remained open for burial services, with damaged areas taped off during those services, the cemetery was closed to gravesite visitations due to fears that unescorted visitors might fall into holes or get hurt tripping over exposed pipes. Negretti said the cemetery is still not ready for folks to visit on their own, but if they stop by the cemetery office during office hours, a worker there will be happy to escort them.

"We are coming along faster than I thought we would and I hope we are back to normal soon," Negretti said.

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Women and girls participate in a challah bake in Costa Rica as part of the worldwide Shabbat Project 2017.



### Shabbat Project reaches more than 1 million people in 97 countries

(JTA) – More than one million people in 97 countries around the world participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Shabbat Project.

Some 1,416 cities around the world, up from 1,152 cities last year, held activities surrounding the 25 hours of Shabbat on Oct. 27 and Oct. 28.

Some 586 of the participating cities were located in the United States. Another more than 300 cities and small communities throughout Israel participated in the Shabbat Project. Meanwhile, countries such as Mozambique, Cyprus, Paraguay and Venezuela hosted Shabbat Project events for the first time

“The response from around the world has been overwhelming and heart-warming, and shows the remarkable depth and reach of The Shabbat Project,” said South African Chief Rabbi Dr. Warren Goldstein, the founder and director of The Shabbat Project.

“Such a visceral reaction demonstrates that the ideas of Jewish unity and Shabbat are compelling to Jews from all walks of life,” he said. “Each year, more and more Jews are coming together across every conceivable divide – language, culture, ethnicity, geography, and observance – to enjoy the simple, yet profound gifts of Shabbat.”

Events included: 1,000 Israelis eating dinner in a shipping hanger in Tel Aviv; a tour group of 30 people from around the world deciding to keep a full Shabbat together in Marrakesh, Morocco; 3,000 at an open-air musical Kabbalat Shabbat overlooking Australia’s Sydney Harbour Bridge; an interfaith unity bake bringing together Muslim and Jewish

children at a local preschool in nearby Woolahra, a Sydney suburb; the lone Jew serving in an army regiment in Abuja, Nigeria who kept Shabbat with the rest of the Jewish world; 750 people at a free block-party Shabbat luncheon served in a parking lot in Toco Hills, GA; and two South African expats keeping Shabbat together in Amman, Jordan.

Other events featured hundreds of Jewish teenagers brought together by the EnerJew youth movement to celebrate Shabbat in 40 cities in the Former Soviet Union; the “Dark Tisches” – Friday night meditative gatherings held in total darkness – in venues across Johannesburg and Cape Town; and a binational challah bake which brought together the communities of Tijuana, Mexico and South County, SD.

Hundreds of communities also hosted challah bakes in the days leading up to the Shabbat, attracting dozens to hundreds of participants.

Just one associated event was listed for the Tampa Bay area, a Shabbat dinner at USF Chabad on Campus.

To coordinate the global initiative, a centralized team worked with around 8,000 volunteer partners worldwide. At the Shabbat Project headquarters in Johannesburg, a team of designers, copywriters and campaign strategists worked to custom-design marketing and educational materials for hundreds of cities. Eight separate help desks at the international call center in Tel Aviv fielded tens of thousands of calls and emails in 10 different languages. A Facebook campaign reached some 5.2 million people worldwide, according to the project.



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**Argentine Jewish businessman, 4 friends among dead in terror attack**

Five of the fatalities in the terrorist truck-ramming attack in New York City on Oct. 31 were Argentine tourists celebrating the 30th anniversary of their high school graduation, including one Jewish businessman. Eight people were killed and about a dozen injured when a truck rammed into a crowd on a bike path in Manhattan in what is being called "an act of terror." According to Argentina's Foreign Ministry, the victims included Ariel Erlij, 48. A Jewish steel mill owner from the city of Rosario in central Argentina,

Erlij reportedly paid for two of his high school friends to go on the trip so they could all be together for the anniversary. They graduated in 1987 from the Polytechnic School in Rosario. Misaskim, an American Orthodox Jewish not-for-profit organization that provides services for the care of the dead, was working with the New York City Medical Examiner's Office to ensure that Erlij's body was handled according to Jewish custom, the *Yeshiva World News* reported.

**GARDEN**

• CONTINUED from FRONT PAGE  
 The Hatfields decided to make the new area a certified butterfly garden, recruiting the help of Lois Webber, the self-proclaimed "butterfly lady" from Tarpon Springs. They learned which plants attract, feed and support butterflies.

Henry Hatfield said they bought plants from Webber, and sent pictures to the University of Florida to get the official butterfly garden designation. The certification now rests on the roof of the faux wishing well, next to the lending library they placed to the right of it, which is registered with the Little Free Library organization.

Hillel Academy Class of 2020 students, friends and family came to help plant trees and set up a walkway with stones in the shape of footprints that lead between a row of generational totems created by students on Grandparents' Day this year.

"They wanted a place where the kids could congregate that wasn't a "memorial," said Rode.

As Yael Hatfield stood in front of an audience of close to 150 friends and family at the formal dedication of the garden, her 13-year-old son Nevin handed her a tissue.

She laughed when she said that she had promised herself she wasn't going to cry, while wiping tears off of her face. Henry stood beside her and rubbed her back as she spoke. She thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate "Rachel and her legacy," and asked children to add to or take away anything they wanted from the new garden.

One of those in attendance was David Cain, a student in Rachel's class. "She was always really kind and tried to do stuff for other people," he said.

"She was like a little Buddha," said family friend and Hillel parent Shana Levine. "She always wanted to do for others and her brother. She was very peaceful. Every day Yael came [to work on the garden], she would take pictures of the butterflies. It was as if Rachel was sending a message."

The Hatfields created purple bracelets with a butterfly and a mermaid printed on it to hand out. They also had plastic cards printed with a list of activities people could do in honor of their daughter.

"The cards are her favorite things to do," said Yael, challenging everyone present to do them as well. Among the 11 activities were baking cookies for police and donating toys to a children's hospital.

Although the garden is named for Rachel, "she was not the kind of person that would want her name on something," her mom said.

Rachel's selflessness even came out in her Make-A-Wish dream. "She chose to have a party at her school with her friends. She specifically wanted it during school hours because she thought if it were later, some kids might not be able to make it. She wanted there to be dancing and food," Yael said.

The garden will remain at Hillel as a constant reminder of their fun-loving classmate and friend. "It's a nice, peaceful place for the kids to come to and bring the classroom outside," said Hillel teacher Lisa Caine.



Yael and Henry Hatfield and 13-year-old son Nevin at a recent Tampa Community Leadership Awards ceremony where they received the Hillel Academy's Outstanding Service Award for their efforts to develop Rachel's Garden



The entrance to the walkway of Rachel's Garden, lined with generational totems and stone footprints



Shana Levine examines painted rocks at the entrance or Rachel's Garden.

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## Weekend scholar to share heritage of Jews of India

Rahel Musleah, award-winning journalist, singer, speaker and educator, will take congregants and guests of all ages on a personal, historic and musical journey to Jewish India as scholar-in-residence at Congregation B'nai Israel of St. Petersburg from Friday through Sunday, Dec. 8-10



Rahel Musleah

Born in Calcutta, the seventh generation of an Indian family that traces its roots to 17th-century Baghdad, Musleah will share the lyrical songs and distinctive customs of her community, complemented by personal anecdotes, memorabilia and authentic photographs.

Throughout the synagogue's Great Ideas Weekend events, Musleah will introduce the history, music and daily life of Indian Jewish communities and chronicle her own personal journey from India to America with candor, humor and poignancy. Her programs weave a rich tapestry of heritage

and culture little-known to most, and offers a compelling legacy of memory for the Indian Jewish communities whose population has dwindled to 5,000 today.

In addition to her programs, Musleah keeps the heritage of the Indian Jewish communities alive through the tours she leads there.

Musleah contributes regularly to *Hadassah* magazine and numerous other publications. She is the author of several books, including *Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah*, and *Why On This Night? A Haggadah for Family Celebration*. Her CD, "Jewish Rhythms from Baghdad to India," was named one of the 10 best CDs of 2004 by the New York Jewish Week. She lives in Port Washington, NY.

All events during her visit are free and open to the community unless otherwise noted.

On Friday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. there will be Kabbalat Shabbat services focusing on, "Jewish Rhythms from Baghdad to India." This will be followed by a vegetarian Indian Shabbat dinner featuring authentic flavors of India without the fire. The cost is \$18 per family. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 1 by calling (727) 281-4900 or by

emailing [info@cbistpete.org](mailto:info@cbistpete.org).

On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m., Shabbat services are on "Recreating Community Through Prayer," featuring a Sephardic-style Torah service followed by Indian kid-dush lunch, with salad, latkes and chutneys hosted by the Sisterhood. That evening at 6 p.m., there will be Masala Havdala: Spice & Spirit Young Families PJ Party. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their pajamas as congregants say farewell to Shabbat and make besamim, spice sachets, with fragrant Indian spices.

On Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. there will be minyan followed by an audio-visual presentation and brunch on "Jewish Calcutta Through Music & Memory," hosted by the Men's Club. This is free for congregants and members of the Federation of Jewish Men's Club and \$5 for non-members, and an RSVP deadline of Dec. 1. CDs will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit [www.rahelsjewishindia.com](http://www.rahelsjewishindia.com) and [www.explorejewishindia.com](http://www.explorejewishindia.com). For more information about Great Ideas Weekend, contact Congregation B'nai Israel at (727) 381-4900, [info@cbistpete.org](mailto:info@cbistpete.org), or visit [cbistpete.org](http://cbistpete.org).

### Talented tween

Miranda Isbitts of Clearwater, 11, has been selected to perform with the Perlman Music Program String Orchestra

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under the direction of acclaimed violinist Itzhak Perlman at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus on Saturday, Dec. 30. Her proud parents are **Nina Barringer and Steven Isbitts** of Clearwater.

Strings players ages 8 through 18 from across Florida were invited to audition with 55 students from 14 counties chosen to perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* with the orchestra. Miranda will be seated as a first violin.



Miranda Isbitts

"I'm excited to meet Mr. Perlman after watching him so many times on YouTube," Miranda said. "It's very special to be able to do this close to home." A member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, Miranda placed second in the Florida Orchestra's young artist competition in April, winning \$175. For the second consecutive season, she is the youngest member of the Pinellas Youth Symphony, a primarily high school orchestra based at Ruth Eckerd Hall, performing original score music.

Perlman's annual winter residency is based in Sarasota and features more than 20 free or low-cost musical events including orchestra rehearsals, master classes, recitals and a performance at the Sarasota Opera House on Jan. 4.

### Mazel tov

**Linda and Jack Goldfarb** of Seminole are kvelling over the birth of their first grandchild, **Ezra Benjamin Goldfarb**, born Sept. 28, to **David Goldfarb** and **Rebecca Slatin** of Washington, D.C. Other local relatives include proud great-grandfather **Albert Goldfarb** of Belleair.

## Obituaries

**JERIL S. COHEN**, 75, of Largo, died Oct. 20. During her lifetime, she was a magazine editor, school teacher, real estate agent, law office manager, councilwoman and water aerobics instructor. Survivors include her children, Rob, Katja, Eric, Brandon, Anna, Seth, Ross and Chloe; her brother Richard; her sister Mary; and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Temple B'nai Israel. (Serenity Funeral Home)

**CRAIG CUTSON**, 52, of St. Petersburg, died Sept. 7. He was a lifelong resident of St. Petersburg and attended Hebrew school as a child at Temple Beth El and embraced Humanistic Judaism. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served with honor for six years and learned the welding profession. He was a master of high pressure pipe welding and nuclear welding. He then founded his own business, Construction Welding Inspections, CWI. Over this 25-year career, he belonged to the American Welding Society, he was a certified tower climber and rescuer; a certified welding inspector and contract inspector for the Florida Department of Transportation, bridge fabrication and highway overhead sign projects. His passions included his love of reading, animals and nature, entertaining and motorcycles. Survivors include his two sons, Zachery of Alaska, and Tayler of Boca Raton; his mother Aila Erman of St. Petersburg; his father Marvin Cutson of Clearwater; sister and brother-in-law, Jaana Cutson and Paul Rothenberg of Amherst, MA; his father's second wife, Sonya and her two adult children, Angie and Eric.

**ETHEL FELDMAN**, 96, of Haverford, PA, formerly of Oldsmar, died Oct. 25. Born in Worcester, MA, she was a homemaker, award-winning duplicate bridge player and enjoyed gardening and golf. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law Janie and Dr. Peter Gross; brother and sister-in-law Philip and Elaine Feldman; two granddaughters and two great-grandsons. The family suggests memorials be made to the InspireMoore Fund at the Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Clearwater Chapel)

**LILA B. LAWRENCE**, 91, of Clearwater, died Nov. 1. She moved here in the early 1950s from her native New York City, with her late husband Howard. Longstanding members of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, she was a past president of its Sisterhood. She was a longtime volunteer at Morton Plant Hospital. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law David and Nancy Lawrence; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Barry Young; brother and sister-in-law Paul and June Bilgore; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The family suggests memorials to Temple B'nai Israel, Temple Ahavat Shalom or Suncoast Hospice. (Curlew Hills Memory Gardens)

**ESTHER M. REBACK**, 87, of Clearwater, died Oct. 31. She was originally from Buffalo, NY. Survivors include her daughter Rochelle "Shelley" Reback; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Brenda Reback, and Debra Reback; brother Sanford "Sam" Margulis and sister-in-law, Dorothy Margulis; and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Planned Parenthood or The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. (Segal Funeral Home)

**DR. MARVIN S. SUSSKIND**, of St. Petersburg, died Oct. 29. Born in the Bronx, he was a United States Army veteran of World War II. After he worked for many years as an oral surgeon. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Deanna; sons and daughters-in-law, Glenn and Tonya Susskind, and Jeff and Stella Susskind; and two grandchildren. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

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## Hadassah

**Guest speaker:** Holocaust survivor **Jackie Albin** will speak of her ordeals as a child in France during World War II at the next meeting of the North Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Ahavat Shalom, 1575 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. Albin, a local resident who for many years was a docent at the Florida Holocaust Museum and has often spoken at local schools, will tell of how she was told as a child never to tell anyone she was Jewish. Her non-Jewish neighbors put their lives at risk to hide her and her family. Albin's father was in the French Resistance and sometimes received intelligence of roundups by Germans and was able to take steps to hide the family at such times. In addition to Albin's talk, there will be the opportunity for chapter members to share their own stories. Bring lunch. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact **Betty Slavney** at (727) 446-5895 or **Janice Caine** at (727) 726-3735.

## 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 for an introduction and tour of the library's genealogical holdings, with an emphasis on its 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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## Job-Links

**Career counseling:** Free motivational Monday Morning Links sessions are held 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. On Nov. 13, the topic is "How to Ace a Phone, Skype, or Online Interview."

On Nov. 20, the topic is "The Power of Resilience," and on Nov. 27, the topic is "Keys to Job Search Success - At Every Age." Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

There are also Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. On Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the workshop topic will be "How to Write Effective Cover Letters, Thank-you Notes, and Targeted Email" and on Nov. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the topic is "Is Your Network Working For You?" The workshop is free for TampaBay Job-Links full program participants and \$15 for guests. Reservations required for all programs. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email [RSVP@TBJL.org](mailto:RSVP@TBJL.org), or visit [www.TBJL.org](http://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.

## Chase the Dreidel with 5K fitness and fun run

Folks can chase a giant dreidel down the streets of St Petersburg and the Pinellas Trail as Congregation B'nai Israel of St. Petersburg welcomes the community to the third annual Chase the Dreidel 5K on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.

Race events include a professionally-timed 5K on a police-secured course - walkers and baby strollers welcome - and a Fun Run for youths under age 11. Registrants receive a dri-fit t-shirt, latke buffet and a swag bag. Awards will be given for top finishers. The race begins at 4 p.m., starting and ending at Congregation B'nai Israel, 300 58th St. N.

It is \$25 per person to register for the race before Dec. 1 and \$36 after that date.

Free activities for the community include a bounce house, crafts, and storytelling. Top it all off with a potato pancake latke buffet and jelly doughnuts. The buffet is free for racers, \$5 for others. For more information on Chase the Dreidel and sponsorship opportunities, contact Hana Cowart at (727) 344-1017, [hana@cbistpete.org](mailto:hana@cbistpete.org), or visit [cbistpete.org](http://cbistpete.org).

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# Ben & Jerry: You can turn a profit and do good, too

By **THAIS LEON-MILLER**  
Jewish Press

Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield embody the easy-going, laissez-faire attitude of men who came of age in the '60s, which of course, they did.

Cohen and Greenfield shared their story of starting their business, initially working out of an abandoned gas station in Burlington, VT, to becoming brand ambassadors of global conglomerate and sweet tooth powerhouse Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Both men – inseparable in popular culture – were the featured speakers at the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco County's annual campaign kickoff Oct. 28 at the Largo Cultural Center. Those attending got to enjoy a variety of Ben & Jerry flavors after the men spoke and some notable awards to community members were presented.

The campaign kickoff, re-branded as Catalyst 2018, was developed to invite special guests to speak about the power of giving and taking care of one's community. Cohen and Greenfield are testaments to that spirit; they have made all their business decisions based on the question: How will this help someone in their community?

"We certainly support philanthropy and support it in our personal lives, but we're not talking about philanthropy," said Cohen, explaining they didn't just randomly give to charities and forget about it.

"We are talking about improving the quality of life in the community as well as making a profit," he said.

Both Cohen and Greenfield gave examples of the business relationships they've made with like-minded companies that also believe the good of the community should be a part of the business bottom line.

Cohen cited Ben & Jerry's relationship with Greyston's Bakery in Yonkers, NY, as a prime example



**Jennifer Rosoff and Lauren Sirotkin speak about Federation's impact on their life as part of the Federation's new Catalyst 2018 event.**



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**Debbie Sembler is all smiles as she dips into her cup of Ben & Jerry ice cream.**

of that philosophy. Though the ice cream company tends to do business with in-state vendors as much as possible, Cohen met Greyston's owner at a social responsibility conference. He described owner Bernie Glassman as a "Jewish, Buddhist, former nuclear physicist, monk."

Impressed by Glassman's workplace philosophy that made it easier for people with police records and low-income individuals to obtain employment, Cohen and Greenfield immediately came up with a way to work with the onctiny bakery.

Buying brownies from a company that gives people of all backgrounds the chance to work, Ben & Jerry's adds value to a community while turning a profit. "The relationship with Greyston's bakery, they just continue to grow," said Cohen. "They do about \$1 million in business with us each year. Now, they are getting ready to expand internationally, in Eu-

rope." Greenfield described the relationship with Greyston as the most memorable in his Ben & Jerry's career.

The duo shared other examples of how they decided to work with other suppliers. For some of Ben & Jerry's coffee flavored treats, they found a small co-op in Mexico run by peasant coffee farmers.

In another case, "We became aware of a native American tribe in Maine that was harvesting wild blueberries and came up with a flavor based on that tribe in order to provide economic help to that tribe," Cohen told the audience.

"And then we became aware of this big problem that the rain forest was being destroyed. I had met with an entho-botanist, actually met him at a Grateful Dead concert," Cohen said. "He had done a study that showed that the rainforest was as profitable if it were sustainably harvested for the fruits and nuts and vegetables dyes that



**Members of the Ludin family attended the Catalyst event to present the Dr. Edward N Ludin Young Leadership Award to Becca Tieder. Back row: (L-R) Craig Ludin, Becca Tieder, Raymond Gross, Chip Tieder. Seated (L-R): Arlene Ludin and Nancy Ludin**

grow there."

Ben and Jerry's made a flavor based on Brazil Nuts specifically to support the Amazon: Rainforest Crunch.

We grew up in the '60s," said Greenfield. "Peace and love and take care of your neighbor and we're all in this together."

"Let's make America kind again," said Cohen.

Cohen and Greenfield spoke at the tail end of a program that also celebrated two outstanding women in the Jewish community. Arielle Radin received the Dr. Alfred Schick, MD Memorial Award scholarship. Her grandfather, Mitch Radin, accepted the award on her behalf.

Becca Tieder was named the recipient of the Dr. Edward N. Ludin Young Leadership Award, an award which has been given out annually since 1994. Tieder has been recognized nationally for her achievements in sexual assault education and prevention. She thanked the Federation and all present for her award, as well as jokingly for getting her in "under the wire" to accept the "young" leadership award.

Eric Lynn, Federation board member, introduced the award winners after suggesting Ben & Jerry's change their iconic flavor name from Chubby Hubby

to Chubby Bubbe in honor of his 93-year-old grandmother.

Before his suggestion, Lynn spoke about the nation being more divided than ever, from the carnage in Las Vegas to the unrest in Charlottesville. Then he spoke about his kids selling lemonade to donate to the Chapel Hill Memorial Park cemetery in Largo for repairs to damage caused by Hurricane Irma. He noted that the community came together in that time of need.

"The Federation provides a lot for the Jewish community," said Lynn. "Holocaust survivor grants and community summer camps are just two of the things they do on a regular basis. That help included sending funds to help Jewish and non-Jewish people alike to flood-ravaged Houston after they suffered from pouring rain that delivered four feet of rain in a single day."

After Lauren Sirotkin, 8, spoke about her love of the JCC summer camp, camp counselor Jennifer Rasoff asked that current donors increase previous pledges by 10 percent in order for the Federation to keep doing the good works it has been doing.

For more information on the Jewish Federation or to make a donation, visit [www.JewishPinellas.org](http://www.JewishPinellas.org).

## TZEDAKAH

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They not only had ice cream to share, but also took to the phones to solicit funds, chatted with donors, schmoozed with the many volunteers also phoning for funds and posed for photos with those there.

Federation officials said bundling the events together was wildly successful, with a total of more than \$600,000 in donations pledged at Catalyst 2018, during Super Sunday and the Super Week phone-athon that followed. The amount was nearly double raised in the first week of last year's campaign.

"Super Sunday is a fun day of community service, for callers, general volunteers, families, and kids. It's a day of tzedakah and connection to our global community that resonates with all ages and really exemplifies what Federation is all about," said Fed-

eration Executive Director Emilie Socash.

As in past years, Super Sunday was held at Superior Uniform Group's facility in Seminole, the company's cafeteria and call center space lent to the Federation by company CEO Michael Benstock.

Super Sunday is a national initiative offered by the Jewish Federations of North America seeks to reach donors on a single day to confirm their support of the 2018 fundraising efforts. Volunteers make calls, write thank-you notes, help organize the event, and cheer on the campaign team. The rest of the country typically does Super Sunday on the first Sunday after the Super Bowl. The local Federation moved up its Super Sunday event and once again will use the traditional Super Sunday date in February for a "Thank-a-thon." where teen and Fed Fellow volunteers will call donors just to say, "thank you."



**Jillian Kalman is (ice cream) sandwiched between the founders of the Ben & Jerry Ice Cream brand. The duo showed up to help out on Super Sunday, schmoozing with volunteers, making a few calls and serving up ice cream for breakfast.**



**(L-R) Ben Cohen, Superior Uniform Group Chairman Emeritus Gerald Benstock, and Jerry Greenfield. For years, Superior Uniform has lent space to the Federation for Super Sunday.**

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# Campus unity drowns out hate speech by white supremecist at University of Florida

By JAMIE SHAPIRO

Special to the Jewish Press

In the three years that I have been a student at the University of Florida I have seen and become a part of the large and extremely accepting Jewish community on campus.

With a whopping 6,500 Jewish undergraduate students making up almost 20 percent of the undergraduate population, I had never once felt like the Jewish community was unwelcome or disliked. This dynamic began to change on Aug. 12, the day the student body received an alarming email from University President Kent Fuchs. The email, titled "Potential Speaker on Campus," was the beginning of a period of uncertainty and fear for many of my fellow Jewish students.

Over the next few months, we received an abundance of emails from Fuchs and other university officials. We watched as

they unsuccessfully tried to prevent white supremacist Richard Spencer and his followers from coming to the city we called home and we realized, with resignation, that there was little the university could do for us. Spencer's speech was eventually confirmed and the amendment that allows us to speak freely was used as ammunition against us.

The day was fast approaching, Oct. 19. More emails flooded our student accounts. We were informed we'd be required to show student ID cards to gain entry to certain buildings on campus. We were asked to stay away from the event. We learned that certain parts of campus that we went to on a daily basis would be shut down.

We were told the university did everything it could to stop the event, and that much I believed.

At no point during this entire ordeal did it feel like the University of Florida didn't care

about its Jewish students. It went to great lengths to keep its students safe and remind us all that hate speech was not acceptable.

In anticipation of demonstrations, police from across the state appeared on campus. Members of the Highway Patrol traveled around in large groups and some were stationed on the campus' free speech zone, Turlington Plaza.

Oct. 18, the day before Spencer was set to speak, was the day everything set in. Seeing the extra security measures in person, having to dig out our student IDs just to go study in one of the campus libraries, it suddenly became very real and very alarming.

As a Jewish student at the University of Florida, I had never felt afraid or even remotely discriminated against, not until the week of Oct. 19. We were prepared for the worst, but we hoped for the best.

The speech came and went, Spencer was

shut down by a group of protestors who were inside the Phillips Center, shouting "Orange" and "Blue" between one another and chanting "It's great to be a Florida Gator" over his speech.

In the days leading up, students, Jewish and non-Jews, were spreading messages of unity and acceptance across campus. Students stood up to Spencer supporters and made it clear that their hate had no place on our campus. The University of Florida and its students showed the world that there was no room for discrimination or hate in Gainesville.

On Oct. 19, it was truly great to be a Florida Gator.

*Jamie Shapiro of Pinellas County served as a 2017 Jewish Press summer intern. A journalism major, she plays piccolo in the Gator Marching Band.*



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## Downtown Tampa will be scene of Vodka Latke

The Tampa Jewish Federation and Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties will jointly host the annual Vodka Latke, a popular annual event for Jewish singles and couples in their 20s, 30s and 40s, on Sunday, Dec. 24 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Franklin Manor in downtown Tampa.

Franklin Manor, a co-sponsor of the event, offers handcrafted cocktails, a premium beer selection and live music. It is located at 912 N. Franklin St.

The event, traditionally known as the Vodka Latke in the Tampa Bay area, is also known as the Matzoh Ball in other cities around the United States.

Free vodka drinks will be provided by Tito's Handmade Vodka (while supplies last) and hors d'oeuvres will be served, compliments of Carriage House. Additional food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

Thomas Stanton and Dori Marlin are this year's Vodka Latke chairs and have a host committee which includes Rebecca Berger, Allison Fox, Jamie Gray, Ben Gerstein,

Alissa Myers, and Jonathan Singer.

Proceeds from the Vodka Latke support the Jewish federations and Tampa Jewish Family Services.

The Vodka Latke is a program of IMPACT, a community of young adults, ages 20s, 30s & 40s, who share a commitment and passion for tikkun olam (repairing the world) and building a strong Jewish community with the Tampa Jewish Federation, and Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, connecting young adults to a broad range of educational, social, philanthropic and leadership activities.

Other event sponsors include Jonathan Singer and Erin and Milton Carp.

Tickets will go on sale in mid-November at [jewishtampa.com/VodkaLatke](http://jewishtampa.com/VodkaLatke). Early bird tickets can be purchased for \$36 until Dec. 1 and are \$45 thereafter until Dec. 22. The price at the door is \$54.

For more information, contact Lisa Robbins, director of Young Adult Engagement for the Tampa JCCs & Federation, at (813) 769-4723 or [lisa.robbs@jewishtampa.com](mailto:lisa.robbs@jewishtampa.com).



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## Hanukkah lunch for Holocaust survivors Dec. 14

A Hanukkah luncheon honoring Holocaust survivors from Pinellas, Hillsborough and Pasco counties will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Boris N Sax.

The catered luncheon is for Holocaust survivors and spouses. It is co-sponsored

by Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services and the Florida Holocaust Museum.

Funding for the lunch is provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Department of Financial Services and private donations.

Those who would like to attend should RSVP by Dec. 8 to Ashley Hiscock at (727) 479-1811 or [ashley.hiscock@gcjfcs.org](mailto:ashley.hiscock@gcjfcs.org). Transportation may be arranged if required.

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