



By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

He was a kid in a grown-up's body and a walking trivia resource who loved to wear costumes. He was also a man of God, a loving husband and father, a lover of the Torah, and a rabbi beloved by his congregation and so many more who considered themselves lucky to have known him.

At age 46, when he should have

been in the prime of his life, with so many more adventures in store, so much more to teach his congregants and his children, Rabbi Daniel Treiser died in his sleep on Friday morning, Aug. 17, leaving a void in the hearts of so many who knew him.

Since 2008 Rabbi Treiser had led Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, and in spite of a lengthy battle against cancer, as

recently as June he led congregants on a tour of Israel and a week later joined in the St. Pete Pride parade. Earlier in the spring, he traveled with youths from his congregation to participate in the anti-gun violence March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C.

"It isn't fair. I miss my best friend ... and my partner in mischief," said Rabbi Michael Churgel

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## The pomegranate: From the Promised Land to the Sunshine State

By BRUCE LOWITT  
Jewish Press

ZOLFO SPRINGS – There's a bit of the Middle East here in the middle of Florida, where pomegranates – one of the seven fruits named in Deuteronomy as representing the bounty of Israel – grow in abundance.

It's called Green Sea Farms, 31 acres, six devoted to 130 varieties of pomegranates, two more acres to a pomegranate nursery, some of the rest open to cattle they breed, chickens

and vegetables. David and Cynthia Weinstein bought the property in 2004 after 25 years of living and working on boats and cruising the Caribbean, when St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands was their home port.

"We were in our 50s and didn't know anything about land life, farming, anything," David said. "We bought a conversion van, lived in that and leased out the property to a farmer for cattle grazing while trying to decide what we could do with it. Animals? Solar? Windmills? Fruit trees? In 2011 we decided on pomegranates."

Cynthia is 61 and manages the farm. David is 67 and owns a mobile marine service business in Punta Gorda, installing electronic gear on yachts. She is not Jewish; he is, but he's not religious.

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## Monica Lewinsky to keynote Tampa event

Anti-bullying ambassador, social activist, and writer Monica Lewinsky, whose name will forever be linked to a White House scandal, will be keynote speaker at the 17th annual Franci Golman Rudolph Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood Star Event.

The Monday, Oct. 15 luncheon and presentation

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## Federation Fridays to cover all bases

This September, the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties will kick off its latest community engagement effort: Federation Fridays.

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# Being by doing

## PERSPECTIVE

**Emilie Socash**  
Executive Director, Jewish Federation  
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On Saturday, Aug. 18, I attended a Hatha yoga class during which I set the intention of "being by doing." I was chewing on the heavy news of Rabbi Daniel Treiser's passing the day before, and the anticipation of his funeral services the following day. My memories of him kept appearing during my practice: during virabhadrasana (warrior) poses, I thought of his firm footing and reach in the community. During urdhva mukha svanasana (upward-facing dog) I thought of his open heart and mind when he embraced new ideas like the Jewish Community Camp or the Jewish Food Festival. And in my awkward expression of garudasana (eagle), I thought of the numerous jokes he'd make seeing my technique – and what I'd throw back at him if he were next to me in class.

I recently received the wise and accurate reflection that I seemed to be more of a "human doing" rather than a "human being" lately. Rushing hither and yon, filling each moment with something "useful" and "worthwhile" had left me wanting for meaning, purpose, and connection. When I went deeper into this idea, and critically examined the endless to-do lists, I found that I was using the "must-dos" to avoid addressing who I am and what I stand for. I was doing a lot of "doing," and not a lot of "being."

With some intentional habit changing, I am much closer to living as a human being. I'm now able to contemplate that what we all do as humans defines what we are and what we become. Rather than "doing" yoga, I am a person who cares for her physical well-being. Rather than paying my Federation pledge, I am a generous person. Rather than "wasting" time playing solitaire, I am able to give my mind a break.

The converse also plays on my mind: there are a number of aspects of my identity which I consider true yet may not carry through in my actions. I consider myself a creative writer who has a passion for creating fiction. I have been struggling for months with the same short story, and write less than once per week (aside from my Jewish Press duties).

As Jews, we often live by the motif of "deed over creed," meaning we communally prioritize our actions – the power of giving, of speaking up, taking action, and pursuing a better world together – over agreeing on a specific code of beliefs or observance. (Please note: I do not mean this in a cavalier sense and recognize this is a complex consideration. I propose that we all can agree that a life guided by principles and shared values is the only life worth living.)

Considering this matter from an additional angle, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks noted that "We are changed, not by what we receive, but by what we do" (*To Heal a Fractured World*). Science has shown that even at the electrical thought level, we are changed by what we repeatedly do and think.

Stringing together these related ideas: we can only be by doing, what we do extends beyond universal agreement on belief, and what we do changes not only our world but changes us as well.

Earlier this year, our community was served the tremendous blow of losing the Weiss family tragically and unexpectedly, and the loss of Rabbi Treiser feels similar. If you're like me, after any impactful loss you spend time considering how you were personally changed by that person. I admit, Rabbi Treiser single-handedly changed my perception of what a rabbi can really be (primarily from his snarky and relatable Facebook posts). At his funeral, much was said about the lasting impact he made on Temple B'nai Israel, on the Clearwater Jewish community, and of course on his family and friends' lives.

I would argue that Rabbi Treiser, and all of us, are only able to make such a positive change after we've prioritized "being by doing." He didn't just deliver a sermon;

he was a rabbi who engaged those present through storytelling. He didn't just approve of teen outreach efforts; he was a rabbi who fully immersed in Jewish teen life. He didn't simply attend community planning meetings; he embraced new ideas and opportunities.

When he introduced himself, I don't think he said, "Shalom! I'm Rabbi Treiser and I embrace new ideas!" Yet his actions spoke this truth every day of his life.

I received Abigail Pogrebin's new book *My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew* in the mail as I was writing this column. In it, Pogrebin details her journey through a year of observance and exploration, and her pursuit of true understanding of tradition. She didn't simply go to services, or fast on every fasting holiday, or light candles; rather she did these things to live fully as a "wondering Jew."

As we go through the coming holidays and days between, during this tremendously spiritual time of year, can we too contemplate the idea of "being by doing?" What will you do that will change you? What will you become?

Inspired by those who we have lost in the past year, I wish all of you a year filled with meaningful living, of personal growth and change, and of deliberately living as a human being. May we all pursue justice in the service of others, and keep close to our hearts the wonderful examples of living intentionally of Rabbi Treiser and the many others who have left us this year.

*Liked it? Loathed it? Want to react? I would welcome your feedback and can be reached at emilie@jewishpinellas.org.*

## FRIDAYS

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held in the Federation's newly appointed Community Room from 10 a.m. to noon. The Federation office is located at 13191 Starkey Road, Suite 8, Largo.

"A variety of topics are sure to pique your interest in Jewish culture," says Maxine Kaufman, Federation's director of Arts, Culture & Education. "We've tried to cover a broad range of topics and subject matter."

Along with local community members offering information on topics ranging from food to dance, there will be a monthly Jewflick, a Ted Talk-style Jewish-interest video from experts, authors and entertainers.

Light refreshments will be served. Although there is no charge to attend, RSVPs are requested to Lucé Piccin at the Jewish Federation at (727) 530-3223 or luce@jewishpinellas.org. For more information contact Kaufman at (727) 333-3106 or mkaufman@jewishpinellas.org.

Here is the line up for the remainder of 2018:

Sept. 7 – Aliza Norstein, Foods of the Holidays

Sept. 14 – Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, *Tikkun HaYam, Repairing the Sea*

Sept. 21 – Erica Hruby, Center for Israel Education

Sept. 28 – Jewflicks video – Yosef Abramowitz, *A Renewable Light to the Start Up Nation*

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Oct. 5 – To Be Announced

Oct. 12 – Yaakov Rothstein (Jewish Agency for Israel - JAFI), Colombian Lone Soldier

Oct. 19 – Harold Shinitsky, "Champions Mindset"

Oct. 26 – Jewflicks video – Noah Alper, *Doing Good is Good for Business*

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Nov. 2 – Sicha (JAFI), India Olim

Nov. 9 – Rabbi Danielle Upbin – Rebel Women in the Bible

Nov. 16 – Sarah Tmim (JAFI), French Aliyah

Nov. 23 – No presentation

Nov. 30 – Jewflicks video – Sarah Tuttle, singer, *My Israel*

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Dec. 7 – Rabbi Danielle Upbin – Rebel Women in the Bible, part 2

Dec. 14 – Dr. David Bernstein, "The Power of 5"

Dec. 21 – Noa Spector-Flock, Dance/movement

Dec. 28 – Jewflicks video – Michael Freund, *From the Ends of the Earth: Lost Tribes and Hidden Jewish Communities*

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### RABBI DANIEL NATHAN TREISER, ז"ל

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*"Make for yourself a rabbi, acquire for yourself a friend;  
and judge every person in their favor." (Pirke Avot 1:6)*

The Pinellas County Board of Rabbis mourns the untimely death of our colleague and friend, Rabbi Daniel Treiser. We extend our sympathies to his family, his community at Temple B'nai Israel, and to all those locally, across the state, and in many other Jewish communities who enjoyed the blessing of being in a sacred relationship with him.

Rabbi Treiser led a life devoted to his family, committed to those who called him their rabbi, and faithful and generous to those who acquired him as a friend. He loved teaching Torah and sharing sacred life moments with those he served. His characteristic laugh and wit made his gregarious personality larger than life. Dedicated to serving the youth movement and camps, inspired in his congregational leadership, and honest in creating relationships filled with meaning and impact, Rabbi Treiser touched the hearts and souls of us all.



**זכורו לברכה**  
*May his memory be for a blessing*

## Itzhak Perlman to give klezmer performance in Sarasota

The Perlman Music Program/Suncoast has announced the Florida West Coast premiere of "Itzhak Perlman – In The Fiddler's House – A Night of Klezmer" on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota.

Almost 23 years have passed since internationally-acclaimed violinist and conductor Itzhak Perlman made his iconic album of klezmer music, "In the Fiddler's House." In this upcoming live performance, Perlman revisits this meaningful, personal project, featuring the world-renowned Klezmer Conservatory Band, with members from the original recording, released in 1995. The repertoire will include songs from the album, along with a few surprises.

Joining Perlman on stage will be Hankus Netsky, music director, saxophone and piano; Andy Statman, clarinet and mandolin; members of the Brave Old World and Klezmer

Conservatory Band; and other special guests.

"Quick-witted and humorous, Perlman's charming demeanor facilitated an evening of pure enjoyment for all, representative of the klezmer's purpose of bringing people together in celebration," wrote the Santa Barbara Independent following a sold-out show in 2017.

This only area "Fiddler's House" performance will have the audience singing and dancing in the aisles.

Perlman is no stranger to audiences in Southwest Florida. In addition to an active concert career, he and his wife Toby Perlman, founder of the Perlman Music Program (PMP), along with their gifted young string students, faculty and staff, have called Sarasota their wintertime home for the past 14 years.

Tickets range from \$43 to \$152 and



**Itzhak Perlman during a previous performance of his "In the Fiddler's House."**

are available through the Van Wezel PAH box office beginning Friday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. The hall is at 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The box office number is (941) 953-3368 or can be reached online at [www.vanwezel.org](http://www.vanwezel.org). For groups of 10 or more, all (941) 363-2025.

The event is sponsored in part by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax Revenues, the Kessler Foundation, and in partnership with the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.

## Webinar set to explain interest-free student loans

A free webinar explaining the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) program that offers interest-free loans to Jewish students will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10-10:40 a.m. program,

JELF provides need-based, last dollar loans to Jewish students for college, graduate and/or vocational students from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Students can apply Sept. 1 – 30 for the 2019 spring and/or summer terms. The application for loan assistance for the full 2019-2020 academic year (fall 2019, spring/summer 2020) will be available March 1 – April 30.

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The webinar is suggested

for high school and college students and their parents as well as Jewish professionals, synagogues, Hillels and educators who would like to learn who should apply and how to apply for JELF's interest-free loans.

Since its inception in 1961, JELF has awarded more than \$12 million in loans to 4,000+ students. It has a 99 percent repayment rate for more than 10 years. J

ELF, based in Atlanta, partners with local agencies to administer the loans: in Pinellas, Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services (727-479-1806) and in Hillsborough, Tampa Jewish Family Services (813-960-1848)

To sign up for the webinar, go to [www.jelf.org](http://www.jelf.org) and click on the events tab. For more information, contact (770) 396-3080.

## Menorah Manor hosts annual dinner to honor new Founder's Association members

The annual Founders Association dinner was held at the Marion and Bernard L. Samson Nursing Center on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. The new Founders honored were Nancy and Alan Bomstein, and Gerald Klein.

In addition to a major financial commitment, Founders are also committed to providing leadership and to taking an active role in future planning.

The beautiful and delicious meal was prepared and served by Menorah Manor's very talented Dining Services staff.

Menorah Manor is proud to honor its new Founders Association members. Mazel tov and thank you for being such important partners in Menorah Manor's mission of providing the best possible care in a warm, homelike, Jewish environment.



(L-R) Rob Goldstein, Menorah Manor Chief Executive Officer; Barry Kanner, Menorah Manor Chair; Nancy Bomstein and Alan Bomstein, new Founders; and Judy Ludin, Menorah Manor Chief Development Officer.



(L-R) Rob Goldstein, Barry Kanner, and Gerald Klein, new Founder.



(L-R) Marilyn Benjamin, Founder and Menorah Manor Foundation Trustee; Bonnie Berman, Menorah Manor Director of Volunteer Services; Judith Alpert, Founder; Judy Ludin, Barbara Baughman, Menorah Manor Guild President.



(L-R) Founders Association Members Doris Rosenblatt, Nancy Linsky, David Linsky, and Frank Rosenblatt.



Founders Marilyn LeVine and Morrie LeVine, with Sharon LeVine Rosenthal and Rob Goldstein.



(L-R) Terri Gross and Jane Silverberg, Founders Association Member.

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## USF student's photo exhibit evokes Holocaust horrors

By BOB FRYER

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When University of South Florida student Avi Davidson travelled with other college students on spring break this year to Poland, the group toured a number of sites connected to the atrocities of the Holocaust, and one was, he said, "haunting beyond doubt."

It was a room in a barracks for Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. "As you walk in you are face to face with hundreds and hundreds of prosthetics ranging from braces, artificial legs and crutches," Davidson wrote in describing his trip. "This room was particularly meaningful due to my circumstances of needing both a prosthetic limb as well as a wheelchair in order to maneuver through life. Since I live with multiple handicaps, knowing I would have been led straight away to be killed due to either one of these conditions alone was horrifying and disturbing."

Davidson, who has been an avid photographer for years, was age 16 in 2009 when he came in contact with a high voltage line atop a utility pole while trying to photograph the sunset. He fell from the pole and suffered multiple burns, was paralyzed from the waist down



Photo by Avi Davidson

**Guards at Auschwitz were ordered to shoot on sight any prisoners who crossed past this sign to halt. This is one of Avi Davidson's photos that will be on display at USF.**

and had to have his left arm amputated.

Now a senior at USF majoring in behavioral sciences, Davidson's spirit remains undaunted, along with his interest in photography.

To document his experience in Poland and share it with those who want to learn more about the Holocaust, he will host an exhibit titled, *To Bear Witness* at the Centra Gallery on the second floor of the University of South Florida Marshall Student Center. The exhibit will

contain 13 images from Davidson. It will be open to the public from Sept. 4-14 at no charge. There will be an opening reception on Sept. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. and a closing reception on Sept. 15 from 7-9 p.m. The gallery is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Davidson, of Tampa, was among a group of 54 students from a variety of universities on the spring break trip set up through the Chabad on Campus affiliated program called Living Links.



Photo by Chabad on Campus

**USF student Avi Davidson, a paraplegic, shoots a photo at the Auschwitz death camp of a room filled with 470 prosthetics, braces and crutches, taken from prisoners upon their arrival.**

He hopes his exhibit will help combat anti-Semitism and counter those who deny the Holocaust.

The group travelled from Frankfurt to Kraków with stops in Warsaw, Lublin, Majdanek, Markowa, and Auschwitz.

In addition to the storage room of prosthetics that belonged to prisoners sent to their deaths during the Holocaust, he was touched by a visit to the Warsaw Jewish cemetery, a Warsaw Ghetto Heroes monument and a visit to the Radegast train sta-

tion where many Jews were transported to death camps. Another memorable experience occurred in the Zbilatowska Gora forest, the site of a children's mass extermination grave with more than 850 lives lost as they were lined up in a row and gunned down.

"This trip was an instrumental part in furthering the education of the students who wish to remember the past as well as to fight future atrocities," Davidson wrote of his experience.

## Suncoast Hillels to host first gala to support its marine environment programs

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast will host "Bubbles & Bubbly" – the organization's first-ever gala fund-raising event – to benefit our Tikkun HaYam™ and Scubi Jew™ programs – on Saturday Nov. 10 at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa.

Tikkun HaYam and Scubi Jew are initiatives created by Hillels of the Florida Suncoast to explore the marine environment through Jewish eyes and help improve the ocean locally and around the world. The efforts of Suncoast Hillel's students include coral restoration, marine debris removal, conservation education, and shark and manatee awareness.

The Hillel gala will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a VIP cocktail reception for sponsors featuring an intimate gathering with world-renowned underwater photographer, Israeli-born Amos Nachoum, the guest speaker for the Bubbles & Bubbly event ([www.amosphotography.com](http://www.amosphotography.com)).

Starting at 7:30 p.m., the main event will take place against the backdrop of the Florida Aquarium's 500,000-gallon Coral Reef

exhibit where guests will enjoy an open wine and beer bar, appetizers and dessert buffet as sharks and rays calmly cruise. The evening will begin with Havdalah, and will include calypso music and a presentation by Nachoum, known for his photography of large marine animals from great white sharks to polar bears.

In addition, there will be a live auction with some of the items, including a catered dinner cruise for four on Ally's Way – Suncoast Hillels' official Scubi Jew vessel; concierge scuba diving lessons for two; and an evening of Cabernet & Kabbalah for up to 20 guests with Suncoast Hillels' Executive Director Rabbi Ed Rosenthal. Hillel also will offer a chance drawing for a pair of pearl and diamond earrings.

"This is an exciting time for Suncoast Hillels and we can't wait to share the excitement with our local Jewish communities," said Suncoast Hillels' board President, Sara Ingber.

"With the recent hiring of Shayna Cohen, our Tikkun HaYam and Scubi Jew program coordinator,

the growth of these programs has been phenomenal, both on campus and off. This event will allow us to feature the amazing things Shayna and our students are doing and will give us the opportunity to continue to raise awareness in our community about the marine environment," said Ingber. "We also are very pleased to host our event at the spectacular Florida Aquarium as both our organizations share these very important and impactful goals of marine conservation and education."

Advance individual tickets for the event are \$125 per person and may be purchased at [www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly](http://www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly), or by contacting Suncoast Hillels directly. RSVPs are requested no later than Oct. 26.

Suncoast Hillels also is offering several one-of-a-kind corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities which include unique benefits like an ice cream party for up to 25 people with custom flavors made by Hillel, or a champagne brunch cruise for six on Ally's Way. More specific details about sponsorships can

be found at [www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly-sponsorship](http://www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly-sponsorship) or by contacting Linda Wolf, Suncoast Hillels' assistant director, at (813) 899-2788 or [shalom@suncoasthillels.org](mailto:shalom@suncoasthillels.org).

For more information about Tikkun HaYam, visit [www.repairthesea.org](http://www.repairthesea.org) or contact Shayna Cohen, Tikkun HaYam Program Coordinator, at [Shayna@repairthesea.org](mailto:Shayna@repairthesea.org).

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lege campuses along the West Coast of Florida, including the University of South Florida (Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses), the University of Tampa, Eckerd College and Florida Southern College.

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## Portman to portray Jewish twins, advice columnists

(JTA) – Israeli-born actress Natalie Portman has been hired to play Jewish twin sisters Pauline Esther Friedman and Esther Pauline Friedman, the authors of the famed Dear Abby and Ask Ann Landers advice columns, *Variety* reported.

Born in 1918 in Iowa, the sisters went on to become pop-culture icons, writing under the pseudonyms Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren and competing professionally for the rest of their careers.

Portman also will direct the film, which is being produced by Oscar nominee Peter Saraf. She previously directed the 2015 film *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, based on Amos Oz's novel about his childhood in prestate Israel.

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# RABBINICALLY SPEAKING

## High Holidays 5779

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Jewish Press gave community rabbis the opportunity to submit their holiday messages. The following were received as of deadline:

This week I was visiting with a few seniors at a local Assisted Living Facility and I asked each of the seniors to share some of their recollections and stories of the High Holidays.

There were plenty of great memories and stories that were shared, obviously most surrounded the holiday foods ... However, the most inspirational story was actually not directly High Holiday related.

One of the women shared that her husband as a child did not enjoy Hebrew School and so he left before he could get his Bar Mitzvah. Fast forward many years. They were expecting their first child and her husband was in the U.S. Army and he decided it was time to get his Bar Mitzvah. The Army chaplains at two different bases helped him study and he finally got his long-awaited Bar Mitzvah at the army base in Hawaii.

To me, this is what the High Holidays are all about. Every year as the shofar is blown at the end of Yom Kippur we leave the synagogue with great aspirations and ideas for the coming year. For one reason or another, like the young boy in Hebrew school, it doesn't always work out.

Rosh Hashanah comes around every year and reminds us, it is never too late. It is a new year and a new beginning. Just as that young boy finally got his Bar Mitzvah some 15 years later, we too can commit to accomplishing something this year that we may have thought was too far gone.

L'Shanah Tovah and may we all be written and sealed in the book of life.

**Rabbi Pinchas Adler**

Young Israel Chabad of Pinellas County, Palm Harbor

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### Top 10 for 5779

During the High Holidays, we will go to shul to hear the shofar, enjoy the cantor's melodies, and hopefully be inspired by the rabbi's sermon. While we ask G-d to grant us a happy, healthy, sweet and prosperous new year, it would also be good to think about what we could do for Him.

A good resolution for the new year, to add in the performance of a Mitzvah, will certainly serve as a powerful vessel for all of G-d's blessings in the year to come.

The Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, often encouraged that special attention be given to the following Mitzvos that are central to Jewish living.

1. *Shabbat Candles*: Women, and girls (even as young as 3) should light candles (18 minutes before sunset) every Friday afternoon, and before Festivals.

2. *Tefillin*: Men (age 13 and up) should wear the Tefillin every weekday morning (excluding Shabbat and Festivals).

3. *Mezuzah*: Every Jewish home should have a mezuzah on its doorposts.

4. *Torah*: Study some Torah every day.

5. *Tzedakah*: Give some charity every day. Have a charity box in your home and place of work as a reminder for you and others to contribute.

6. *Holy books*: Furnish your home with Jewish books. Start with a Chumash (Bible), Psalms, and Prayer book.

7. *Kashrut*: For a healthy and sound soul, eat only kosher foods.

8. *Love Your Fellow*: As the sage Rabbi Akiva said, "Love your fellow as yourself," is a most basic principle in the Torah.

9. *Education*: Every Jewish boy and girl should receive a Jewish education.

10. *Family Purity*: Observance of the Jewish marital laws brings unparalleled depth and sanctity to your marriage.

If you want more details, or other ideas, reach out to me, or your Rabbi today.

From my family to yours, best wishes for *Shana Tova*, may you be blessed with a good and sweet new year!

**RABBI LEVI HODAKOV**

Chabad Center of Clearwater

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I shared a similar message at this time last year. I share it again because a number of tragic events that have befallen members of our community this year, remind me that this is a message we need to hear often.

My message is that the High Holy Days are significant primarily because they remind us that we can behave very differently than the way American society encourages us to behave. American society teaches us to be less compassionate toward the suffering of others than we ought to be. We live in a society where one of the mottos is, "keep a stiff upper lip," and another is "God only gives us as much suffering as we can handle." These sayings reflect an attitude in our society that encourages us to be more concerned with

our own gratification than with others' suffering.

Our Jewish ancestors, however, taught us a different approach. They observed that some suffering is more painful than any human being can endure. This view is reflected in the fact that in the Torah, the passage describing Isaac's harrowing ordeal at the hand of his father, Abraham, is immediately followed by the passage that begins with the words, "And Sarah, Isaac's mother, died."

According to a Midrash, a work of Jewish sacred literature, that while not included in the Bible, answers a question that a thoughtful reading of the Bible might raise, the passage about Sarah's death immediately follows the passage about Isaac's ordeal, to teach us that when Sarah saw how severely Isaac's psyche was scarred, she couldn't endure her anguish.

Some Rabbis have suggested that Sarah's death coming immediately upon seeing her son in his traumatized state, is to remind us that some people endure unbearable suffering and that the rest of us must do everything we can to open our hands and hearts to them. I pray that all of us, during the coming year, will find a way to be more compassionate to those who are suffering.

**Gary Klein**

Temple Ahavat Shalom, Palm Harbor

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During our family summer vacation in the mountains of Georgia, we went to visit a gold mine. It was fascinating to learn about the way gold was discovered. First, it was discovered simply in the water, and on the banks of rushing streams. That was quickly collected. After the gold was panned from the surface, those searching for gold realized that there must be a source beneath the ground as well. After digging, and using dynamite, large amounts of gold were found beneath the mountain. The miners found an equivalent to a few million dollars' worth of gold in just one day after some real searching! It struck me as a wonderful analogy to our lives.

Very often, we are blessed to feel close to Hashem, and we see Hashem's goodness and kindness around us. We are able to tap into our connection easily, and smoothly, just as it is simple to pick up the nuggets of gold that are visible glinting and gleaming in the rushing stream. Then there are times that we must dig beneath the surface. There are times we may not feel His presence, nor see the purpose or meaning for events that transpire. We don't feel the connection. At times like this, we need to excavate, sometimes using dynamite, to find the true gold, and to tap into the connection we have to Hashem, our father.

An often quoted verse (from Yeshayahu 55:6) comes to mind. "Seek G-d when He is readily to be found; call on Him when He is near." The month of Elul – leading up to and including the High Holidays – is a time when He is close. Our connection and bond with Hashem can be felt easily and clearly. Just as the gold in the river is so easy to glean, our ability to come close to Hashem and connect on a deep level is simple too. Hashem is right at our side, sending sparks of light our way, and hoping that we will "strike it rich." He is hoping we reach out, and hold onto this spirituality and inspiration!

**Rabbi Alter Korf**

Chabad of Greater St. Petersburg

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Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins recounts the following story of the Buddha in his book *Moments of Transcendence: Inspirational Readings for Rosh Hashanah*:

*The Buddha's disciples turned to him one day and asked: "Are you a god?"*

*"No, I am not a god," he answered.*

*"Then are you an angel?" they asked.*

*"No," answered the Buddha, "I am not an angel."*

*"Are you a prophet?"*

*"No, I am not a prophet."*

*"Then," they continue to press him, "Who are you?"*

*To this the Buddha replied, "I am awake."*

When we hear the sound of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah, it is a moment that captivates our attention. As Maimonides taught, the shofar is the ancient Jewish wake-up call to heighten our awareness and engage in intense self-reflection.

This year as we hear the shofar, let us be inspired by Rabbi Naomi Levy's prayer for self-renewal from her book *Talking to God*:

*A Prayer for Living Up to the Best in Our Souls*

*You have blessed me with many gifts, God, but I know it is my task to realize them. May I never underestimate my potential; may I never lose hope. May I find the strength to strive for better, the courage to be different, the energy to give all that I have to offer.*

*Help me, God, to live up to all the goodness that resides within me. Fill me with the humility to learn from others and with the confidence to trust my own instincts.*

*Thank You, God, for the power to grow. Amen.*

*Shanah Tovah* – This year may the sound of the shofar penetrate to the depth of your soul. May its sounds heighten your sense of awareness, purpose and meaning, so that you may inscribe yourself in the Book of Life through your inspired words and actions.

**Rabbi Aaron M. Lever, BCC**

Director of Spiritual Care

Menorah Manor, St. Petersburg

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"May we and the entire House of Israel be remembered and recorded in the Book of life, blessing, sustenance and peace."

**A**ccording to our tradition, there are two books before God: The book of life and the book of death. On Rosh Hashanah we pray that we be recorded into the book of life. We are taught that our fate is based on how we lived last year. We have until Yom Kippur, when the gates that allow the merit of our repentance and actions to reach God, and thus influence the edict are closed, and our fate is sealed.

We make many decisions: How do we choose to act? What do we choose to do with our anger, fear and hatred? What do we do with love and happiness? We have decisions before us right now. Do we decide to take these Holy Days as opportunities to examine our lives? Do we decide to try to change some aspect of ourselves that we know needs changing? Do we begin to find more ways to live responsively to the needs of those around us?

We rejoice as we begin the New Year 5779. We are empowered to decide our fate and our future. Do what you know you need to do in order to inscribe yourself in the book of life.

May we all be recorded and sealed for a life of blessing, sustenance and peace.

*Shana Tova U'metuka!*

**Rabbi Jacob Luski**

Rabbi Emeritus

Congregation B'nai Israel, St. Petersburg

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**R**av Abraham Isaac Kook, the first Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of British Mandate Palestine, taught the following: "*Hayashan titchadesh, v'hachadash titkadesh* – The old shall be made new, and the new shall be made holy." This insight often captures my imagination at this time of year as we prepare for the High Holy Days.

As we reflect back on the "old year," the year that is drawing to a close, we assess what we can renew, what strengths and qualities though old may warrant renewal, and what of the past we must change or let go. And then we enter into the new year at Rosh Hashanah, and we are given a chance to create a sense of the Holy in this new year.

Each day, each action, each relationship, everything we are or hope to become, present an opportunity to bring the presence of the Holy One of Blessing into our lives. If we grab hold of what can be, we will surely discover the countless possibilities that the year 5779 will offer.

On behalf of our entire community at Temple Beth-El, I wish you a Shanah Tovah, a Year of Goodness – to make the old new again, and to transform the new year into a year of sacred opportunities.

**Rabbi Michael Torop**

Temple Beth-El

St. Petersburg

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**A**fter the Shofar is blown, during the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service, we recite the prayer: *Hayom Harat Olam*. Many prayer books translate this as "Today the world is born." Our tradition reiterates in many ways that Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world, or more specifically, the birthday of Adam.

A closer look at the word "Harat" and "olam" however, yield a different interpretation. Harat is better translated as "pregnant." Olam, which does indeed mean "world" has another meaning – "eternity." So, a re-reading would suggest: "Today is pregnant with eternity." What an incredible notion. Instead of looking backwards at Rosh Hashanah as a finite pseudo-historical moment, we are invited to see Today, the present moment, as a gift to us, pregnant with endless possibility.

As we enter into the New Year, beckoned by the sound of the Shofar, may we merit to lift our eyes and see the potential of a new year, a lifetime, or even an eternity of blessings for us, our families and the whole world.

**Rabbi Danielle Upbin**

Congregation Beth Shalom, Clearwater

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**I**n decades of high holiday greetings at the *Jewish Press*, many words have been shared about tshuvah, about renewal, about repentance, about starting anew. As the new rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, I am starting anew in a congregation preparing for its centennial, after recently celebrating over 40 years with the same rabbi, now rabbi emeritus, Jacob Luski.

The lessons in following in big footsteps are much the same as celebrating a new year. Look back carefully, take stock, and keep your eye in the direction you want to go – the future. As we approach a new year, we have much to be thankful for. Many of us are fortunate to have enough to eat, a place to find shelter, friends and family to share love, and a connection to the Holy One. Yet, as we look to the future, we know that not all have those gifts. We cannot truly celebrate knowing that so many of our brothers and sisters are in pain, are suffering, are lacking basic needs.

In order for us to build our relationships with G-d, we must build our relationships with one another. We must

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look one another in the eye and see the holiness that dwells within. Building and rebuilding relationships takes time and energy – two things that are often at a premium.

In the year to come, my goals are to meet everyone I can. I want to hear your stories. I want to know what inspires you. I want to know what is missing from our incredible Jewish community. Where can we build networks of support? How can we make all of our communities better? How can we ensure all our children get great Jewish educations and have amazing youth programs? We have a lot of work to do together. I look forward to celebrating with the entire community. Together, our spirits will be lifted, our neshamas (souls) touched, and we will increase the kedushah (holiness) of this world.

**Rabbi Philip Weintraub**  
Congregation B'nai Israel,  
St. Petersburg

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**W**hen The Holy Temple was standing in Jerusalem, the Israelites would make pilgrimage on the harvest festivals. It is difficult to imagine what that must have been like, unless you have been to the *Kotel* in the early morning hours of Shavuot, as streams of people empty into the sea of worshippers on the Plaza. Or if you've been to that spot during Sukkot, where from above you can see a field of waving palm fronds, like ripening wheat in the field, swaying in unison with the breeze.

This is the time of our annual pilgrimage, The High Holy Days, as we gather to offer our thanksgiving, and to pray for one simple thing: to be inscribed in the Book of Life. No matter how old or young we are, this is the harvest time of our lives. We try to remember what has happened to us in the past year, what we have accomplished, how we have grown. Some of us have declined in the cycle of life while others are ascending. But each of us has a will and a prayer for the year to come.

And as God looks into our souls, we look in there too, with a certain knowing of what our potential really is. With that, we make a pact with our Holy Guide, to make this year the best that we can, with the hand that we are dealt, and the hands we were given, to write a new chapter in that Book of Life. May it be one of blessings.

*L'shanah tova tikateavu,*  
**Rabbi David Weizman**  
Congregation Beth Shalom,  
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## Congregations

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

**Selichot events:** Begin the process of teshuva (repentance) on Saturday, Sept. 1, with a pre-Selichot musical program at 8:45 p.m. The program, featuring **Cantor Jonathan Schultz** and the congregation choir, includes "Three pre-Selichot Preludes" – excerpts from *The Hush of Midnight: An American Selichot Service* by Ruth F. Brin and Hazzan Charles Davidson. Stay for a dessert reception before the Selichot service begins at 10:30 p.m.

**Coffee talk:** Join **Rabbi Philip Weintraub** on Wednesdays through Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. at Black Crow Coffee Co., 722 Second St. N., St. Petersburg, for conversation and coffee.

**Talmud Made Easy:** Congregant **Steve Wein** continues his Talmud class with the study of Berachot (Blessings) - the first tractate in the Talmud on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. in the synagogue library. Novices and seasoned students alike are welcome to participate. The class, with discussion, is conducted in English and no prior knowledge of Hebrew, Aramaic, Talmud or the prayer book is necessary to feel comfortable.

For more information, contact **Pam Askin** at (727) 381-4901 or email pam@cbistpete.org.

**Sukkot dinner and service:** The congregation will hold a Sukkot service on Friday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m., following a Sukkot dinner. Cost is \$20 for adults and free for those 17 and younger. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 21 to chelsea@cbistpete.org or (727) 381-4900.

### Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg

**Jewish genealogy:** Take a four-session course in Jewish genealogy on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4 in BEEFY Lounge. These sessions will introduce additional genealogy tools and techniques and encourage participants to "show and tell." Contact **Bill Israel** for any questions at wisrael1@tampabay.rr.com.

**Confessions:** The temple is launching a Community Confessions project on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. on the topic "The Confessional...Catholic or Jewish?" The program allows people to anonymously reflect and seek forgiveness for whatever they may be sorry for from the past year. It includes a discussion of the contrasts between the "Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation" (commonly called Confession) as one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church and the practice of "Vidui" (Confession) as part of the process of teshuvah (repentance/returning) in Jewish practice. The evening will conclude with a Havdalah and S'lichot service from Mishkan HaLev.

### Cong. Beth Shalom Gulfport

**Israel trip:** The congregation is planning a trip to Israel next year. For more information, call the synagogue at (727) 321-3380.

### Cong. Beth Shalom Clearwater

**Talmud classes:** On Mondays and most Wednesdays, explore ancient legal tradition

with **Dr. Priscilla Nathanson**. The class is open to all levels of knowledge. The Monday class is held after minyan from 10 - 11:15 a.m. and the Wednesday class is at 7 p.m. Contact the synagogue office at (727) 531-1418 to confirm dates of the classes.

**Holiday prep:** The final session in a series of workshops to help prepare for the High Holidays will be offered by **Rabbi Danielle Upbin** at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. The sessions offer the Jewish tools to nurture self-growth and spiritual awareness. Call the synagogue office to RSVP.

**Prayer in Motion:** Try an alternative Shabbat morning service on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. This is a reflective and meaningful way to celebrate Shabbat, led by Rabbi Upbin. It is a combination of study, discussion and personalization of the morning service, along with guided gentle-movement to awaken the body and stir the soul. Come as you are and leave after the session or stay for the main service and lunch.

**Lox & Learn:** Explore the treasures of the weekly Torah portion, led by **Rabbi David Weizman**, every Thursday. Come for breakfast at 9:45 a.m., minyan at 10 a.m., then discussion with the rabbi.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at (727) 531-1418.

**Bagel talk:** Come to the synagogue on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. to hear **Dr. Eric Steckler** talk about "The History of the Bagel: The 'Hole' Story."

**Torah study:** Take part in an interactive conversation with **Jason Palmer** about the weekly Torah portion, incorporating both historical and contemporary reference material. The next session will be Saturday, Sept. 22 at noon. Everyone is welcome.

**Sukkot Yom Tov services:** These services will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 24 and 25 at 9 a.m. with lulav and etrog festivities, followed by a kiddush luncheon in the sukkah.

**Suds in the Sukkah:** Enjoy a beer in the Sukkah, sponsored by the Brotherhood, on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

**Shabbat unplugged:** Bring in the Sabbath with music, song and community on Friday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. After the service, enjoy a Shabbat meal in the Sukkah. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for those 12 and younger. Call the synagogue office to save your seat at the table.

### Chabad of St. Petersburg

**High Holidays for Dummies:** Explore the prayers and traditions of the High Holidays and learn the meaning of why we do what we do on these holy days in a Rosh Hashanah class on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Yom Kippur Class:** Sign up for this class, offered on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at chabadsp.com/RSVP.

**Rosh Hashana Community Dinner:** Begin the year with a High Holiday service on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m., followed by a dinner at Chabad Jewish Center on at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$19 for children. RSVPs are required. Go to www.ChabadSP.com to sign up.

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of the Shofar on Monday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. This is an educational program for the entire family, including a special program for children. Enjoy apples and honey at this event. As well as hors d'evours and desserts. The event is free but RSVPs are required by emailing Info@ChabadSP.com.

**Sukkot Spectacular:** Take in a fun family event featuring barbecue in the Sukkah, music, bungee jumping, rock climbing, cotton candy and Sukkot crafts on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. This is a free event. RSVP to Info@ChabadSP.com or call (727) 344-4900.

**Simchat Torah Celebration:** On Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. there will be a Simchat Torah celebration featuring a dinner, open bar, dancing and singing, and treats for the kids. This is a free event. RSVP to Info@ChabadSP.com or call (727) 344-4900.

## 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

**Race to the beach & Tashlich:** Enjoy family, Amazing Race style game on Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at 4 p.m., as you follow clues and race around town, ending at Sand Key Park for a picnic dinner and Tashlich with the congregation. For reservations, contact **Dani Gamson** at danig@tbclearwater.org or (561) 789-8442.

The congregational Havdalah and Tashlich at Sand Key Park (North End) begins at 6 p.m. Bring food or let the temple cater your picnic dinner and join together to cast our sins into the Gulf. Services begin at 7 p.m. If the weather does not cooperate, report to Shelter 2. To RSVP for the dinner, call (727) 531-5829.

**Sunday Cinema Café:** Watch the movie *The Wisdom of the Pretzel*, an Israeli comedy, on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Popcorn and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. There is no charge for members and friends.

**Playtime:** The temple invites preschoolers and their parents to gather with other families with young children on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an opportunity for families to engage in fun activities with their tots. Non-members are welcome. Call the temple office for schedule and pricing information at (727) 531-5829.

**Adult play time:** Join active seniors and play mah jongg, Mexican train dominoes or bridge on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Coffee and cake is served.

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## Soccer group suspends Palestinian for threats against Argentinian star

(JTA) — The FIFA soccer federation suspended the head of the Palestinian soccer body for threats against Argentinian star Lionel Messi.

Jibril Rajoub, who has long lobbied for action by FIFA against Israel, was suspended for a year on Friday, Aug. 24 by the body's ethics committee in Switzerland,

Ynet reported.

In June, he urged supporters to burn photos and player jerseys if Messi or his Argentinian national team were to show up for a scheduled friendly match against the Israeli national team in Jerusalem. Messi subsequently pulled out of the game and his team stayed away in what was widely seen as a major

victory for the effort to boycott of Israel.

FIFA, which last year rejected indefinitely Rajoub's repeated requests to discuss sanctions against Israel, opened an ethics hearing into his conduct, which the organization deemed an incitement to violence. Rajoub was also fined to the tune of \$20,000.

## Congregations

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For more information, contact **Linda White** at linda33217@gmail.com or (727) 688-0626.

**Gun violence discussion:** Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, discuss the Second Amendment and how people can protect their children from gun violence on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$40.

For sponsorships contact **Katie Blaxberg** at Katie-Blaxberg@gmail.com or (727) 417-0964. For tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com/e/communities-rising-for-action-tickets-47905477573.

### Temple Ahavat Shalom Palm Harbor

**Special Selichot event:** Gather to watch the film, *1945*, on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m., prior to the start of the Selichot service. Set in Hungary just after World War II, an Orthodox man and his grown son return to their village. Following the movie there will be a brief dessert reception and Selichot service.

### Young Israel Chabad of Pinellas County

**Rosh Hashanah dinner:** Blending Ashkenazic and Sephardic traditions, Young Israel Chabad will host a Rosh Hashanah dinner on erev Rosh Hashana, Sunday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. Cost is \$32 for adults, \$18 for children. RSVP to the shul.

**Sukkot & Simchat Torah:** Sukkot evening services will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 23-25 at 7 p.m. and Sukkot Shacharit will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays, Sept. 24 and 25 at 9:30 a.m.

A Sukkot community dinner will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children.

Additional services include: Sunday, Sept. 30, Hoshana Rabbah Shacharit at 8:30 a.m. and Shemini Atzeret evening service at 7 p.m.; On Monday, Oct. 1, Shemini Atzeret Shacharit at 9:30 a.m.; Yizkor at 11:15 a.m., Shemini Atzeret Minchah at 6:30 p.m.

A Simchat Torah Grand Kiddush Dinner is planned on Monday, Oct. 1 at 6:45 p.m. followed by Maavir and dance *shtick* from 7:30 p.m. through the night. The dinner is free. On Tuesday, Oct. 2, Simchat Torah

services are at 10 a.m. and 1:51 p.m.

**Shabbat learning:** Attend a class on "Ethics of our Fathers" at the shul an hour before sunset on Shabbat afternoons. The class is free and no reservation is needed. For more information, call (727) 789-0408 or email info@yichabad.com.

### Chabad of West Pasco

**Classes with the rabbi:** Rabbi Yossi Eber teaches weekly classes, alternating between Torah study and the Tanya, on Mondays at 7 p.m.

**Pray, eat, watch video:** On Sundays from 9-10 a.m., feed your body and soul with a bagel and lox plus tefillin. Afterward there will be a short video presentation. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome.

**Tanya class:** A weekly Tanya class, A Tale of Two Souls, meets on Saturdays from 10:15-11 a.m. The Tanya offers a roadmap for emotional healthy living. The in-depth study will ask such questions as: What is a soul? What is our purpose here on earth? The class is free.

### Temple Beth David Spring Hill

**Religious school:** The temple's religious school will begin classes on Sunday, Sept. 16 for the new school year. The school is dedicated to instilling a love of Judaism in students ages 4-13. Classes meet on Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon. Using a multi-media approach, the children learn about Jewish holidays, Torah, customs, ethics, prayer and Hebrew are taught, and kids also are exposed to music, arts and crafts, games and participation in services.

**Torah study:** Rabbi Paul Schreiber conducts Torah study classes on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Free for members and \$5 per class for non-members.

### Chabad of Spring Hill

**Torah studies:** The community is invited to attend Torah study classes on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. The classes, taught by Rabbi Chaim Lipszyc, are not sequential, so drop-ins are welcome. Brunch and coffee will be served. The first class is free then \$7 per class. For more information, call (352) 600-2779.

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to say this brings us much closer to that goal," said publisher and co-owner Jim Dawkins. "We know for some this is their only link to the Jewish community."

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The majority of both papers' operating funds, including production and payroll, come from advertising.

While there is no subscription charge for the *Jewish Press*, once a year the Federation issues a *Jewish Press* appeal, asking for a donation to offset the subsidy it gives the *Jewish Press*. The paper does not receive a direct benefit from the appeal, but it is one indicator of the importance readers place on the continuation of the paper.

"The *Jewish Press* has always strived to be the go-to place for Jewish community news," said Karen Dawkins, co-owner and managing editor.

Secondarily, she said, the *Jewish Press* seeks to offer the Jewish perspective on the news of the day from what's happening in Israel to trends in the Jewish world.

"For all our new readers, we hope you will find something worthwhile in the *Jewish Press* and look forward to its arrival," Karen Dawkins said.

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## Ben Kingsley carried photo of Wiesel while filming 'Operation Finale'

By NAOMI PFEFFERMAN

JTA news service

LOS ANGELES — Ask Ben Kingsley about why he was keen to portray Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann in the new film *Operation Finale* and he describes the traumatic childhood incident in which he first learned about the Holocaust.

The 74-year-old British actor was then in grammar school and at home alone when he turned on a documentary about the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

"I remember my heart stopped beating for a while," Kingsley, who is not Jewish but believes he may have some Jewish relatives on his mother's side, said in a telephone interview. "I nearly passed out. And I have been indelibly connected to the Holocaust ever since."

His connection was even more enhanced when he asked his grandmother about the atrocities, and she said that "Hitler was right" to have killed Jews.

"I went into deep shock and was unable to counter her," Kingsley



Photos courtesy of Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures  
From left, facing the camera, Mélanie Laurent, Oscar Isaac, Nick Kroll and Michael Aronov in a scene from "Operation Finale."



Ben Kingsley stars as Adolf Eichmann in "Operation Finale."

subterfuge of the spy as he's trying to turn a source."

As for Eichmann, Weitz said, "I think the evidence shows a very chameleon-like figure who is constantly trying to serve his own ends and ambitions."

Kingsley unabashedly sees his character as evil.

"What other adjective can you use?" he asked. "Not only did he commit these crimes as an architect of the Final Solution, he went to his grave proud of what he had done — utterly unrepentant."

Yet Kingsley said he chose not to portray Eichmann as "a B-movie, cartoonish, comic strip villain."

"That would have done a terrible disservice to the victims and the survivors I know and love," he said. "It's important for us to accept, to stomach and to swallow that the Nazis were men and women — 'normal' people. Twisted people, but they didn't come from Mars."

Weitz, 48, had his own personal connection to the material. His father, the fashion designer John Weitz, escaped Nazi Germany in 1933 at the age of 10. Nine years later he arrived in the United States and later became a spy for the OSS, the precursor of the CIA. He interrogated Nazi war criminals and helped liberate Bergen-Belsen, "which forever changed him," his son said.

The filmmaker grew up with his father's war stories and ultimately helped the patriarch write multiple books about Nazi war criminals.

As research for the film, both Weitz and Kingsley relied in part on the expertise of former Mossad agent Avner Abraham, who curated the museum exhibition about Eichmann. (Avner was guest speaker at this year's annual To Life dinner put on by the Florida Holocaust Museum.)

Weitz eschewed photographing the famed glass booth in which Eichmann spent his trial — a part of the exhibition — because he feared that might be "blasphemous."

The director also said he had "endless trepidations" about depicting images of the Holocaust, and so chose to do so through the lens of the Mossad agents' memories.

"The agents' memoirs indicate that they all found it deeply unsettling to be so near the person who had taken part in the murder of their families," Weitz said. "Some of them were disappointed that all this evil could have the face of this rather unprepossessing man, which felt terribly out of scale to all the damage that had been done."

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Now in its 14th year, JLTI is designed to inspire young professionals to get involved

and take on leadership roles in the Tampa Bay Jewish community. Throughout the years, graduates have held leadership positions on boards and committees of local Jewish organizations and agencies on both sides of the Bay.

The cost to participate in JLTI is \$99, which includes course materials and dinner during each session. Space is limited to 18 people.

Special highlights of JLTI include guest admission to the Tampa Jewish Federation's Annual President's Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 25 and an exclusive tour of One Buc Place

with philanthropist Bryan Glazer, co-chairman of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, on Monday, Nov. 19.

The group will also connect to Israel as the "Start-Up Nation" by visiting the Florida-Israel Business Accelerator on Monday, Nov. 27, learning about its efforts to help Israeli entrepreneurs grow into the U.S. market.

Class dates are: Thursday, Oct. 25, orientation; Monday, Oct. 29; Monday, Nov. 5; Monday, Nov. 19; Thursday, Dec. 6; Monday, Dec. 17; Monday, Jan. 7; Tuesday, Jan. 22; Monday, Feb. 4; Monday, Feb. 18, and

the graduation date to be determined.

Most classes start at 6:30 p.m. Meetings locations will be announced.

To apply for JLTI, visit [www.jewishtampa.com/JLTI](http://www.jewishtampa.com/JLTI) or [jewishpinellas.org](http://jewishpinellas.org). Deadline to apply: Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. Applicants will be notified by email about the status of their applications by Wednesday, Oct. 12.

For more information about JLTI, contact the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties at (727) 530.3223 or email [esocash@jewishpinellas.org](mailto:esocash@jewishpinellas.org). In Tampa, contact, Lisa Robbins at (813) 769.4723 .

### Engagement



#### Jablonski/ Demers

Louise and Mike Jablonski of Darien, IL, announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren to Gregory Katz Demers, son of Risa and Bill Demers of New Port Richey. He is the grandson of Myrna Katz, also of New Port Richey.

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### LEWINSKY

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will take place at the Renaissance Hotel at Tampa's International Plaza.

"At the Star Event, Monica plans to address such societal issues as survival, resilience, digital reputation, and equality – all issues being confronted today by women in the 'Me Too' movement," said Star Event Chair Faith Alexander. "Her lens for these societal issues is based on her myriad unique and profound experiences in the White House, the Pentagon, and the investigation that resulted from her time in Washington, DC; as well as her involvement in media projects as both producer and subject; in education; and as an entrepreneur and designer."

Lewinsky became known to the public in 1998, when it was revealed as part of a federal investigation that while a young White House intern and staffer she had an intimate relationship with then President Bill Clinton who publicly and derisively referred to her as "that woman." Subsequently, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Clinton, claiming he had given false testimony and allegedly influenced Lewinsky's testimony. He was acquitted of the charges following a Senate trial.

Overnight, at just 24 years old, she went unwillingly from being a private individual to a public figure on the global stage. Being at the center of a legal, political and media maelstrom nearly destroyed her; her survival – despite the odds – is a compelling and inspiring story.

The investigation unfolded against a backdrop of a changing media landscape with the advent of both competing 24-hour news networks and the Internet.

In June 2014, after a decade-long, self-imposed retreat from public life, Lewinsky authored an essay, titled "Shame and Survival," for *Vanity Fair* in which she overlapped personal experiences and cultural observations regarding the shift toward what Professor Nicolaus Mills calls, a "Culture of Humiliation" (June, 2014). In it, she wrote that after the story of her presidential affair broke, "I was arguably the most humiliated person in the world. Thanks to the Drudge Report, I was also possibly the first person whose global humiliation was driven by the Internet."

Later that year Lewinsky gave a speech about the Internet's reputation shredder at the *Forbes* 30 Under 30 Summit from the perspective of what she termed "Patient Zero"—the first person to have her reputation completely destroyed online.

The acclaimed magazine piece, which received over 2 million views online and was nominated for a National Magazine Award, was an entry point for Lewinsky to begin a process that she describes as "taking back my narrative and giving a purpose to my past" while the well-received speech served as a catalyst for her present day speaking career.

Writing again in *Vanity Fair* earlier this year, Lewinsky reflected on 20 years since the Clinton scandal blew up her world. In the article, Lewinsky said she no longer feels

alone and is re-examining her perspective on her own trauma, writing "I – we – owe a huge debt of gratitude to the #MeToo and Time's Up heroines. They are speaking volumes against the pernicious conspiracies of silence that have long protected powerful men when it comes to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and abuse of power."

The 45-year-old was born in San Francisco. She was raised Jewish and attended Sinai Akiba Academy in the Los Angeles area in her younger years. A graduate of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR, with a degree in Psychology, Lewinsky also studied abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she earned a master's degree in social psychology.

"In this era of the 'Me Too' movement, the 2018 Star Event will be an opportunity to listen to and learn from Monica Lewinsky's anti-bullying message about confronting the effects of social media and the internet on one's reputation and about the importance of investing in education and the development of women," said Star chair Alexander.

#### About the Star Event

The Oct. 15 event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration and social hour, followed by lunch and the program at 11 a.m.

Because Lewinsky has spoken to sold-out audiences around the country, Schaaraai Zedek Sisterhood suggests purchasing your tickets early. Invitations are not being mailed, only emailed this year. Luncheon tickets are \$118 and are available online at [www.zedek.org/starevent](http://www.zedek.org/starevent) or by sending your check addressed to Faith Alexander, c/o Congregation Schaaraai Zedek, 33030 W. Swann Ave., Tampa, FL, 33609.

Patron and sponsorships range from \$360 to \$10,000 and include an invitation to the "Mingle with Monica" Patron Party on the Sunday evening prior to the event. Details about this party will be provided to confirmed contributors. Those interested in sponsorships can sign up online on the Star Event website or can contact Alexander, at [novalaw97@yahoo.com](mailto:novalaw97@yahoo.com).

The Star Event celebrates the memory of Franci Golman Rudolph, a beloved former Sisterhood president who also played an integral part in previous Star Events as the emcee of the segment where she interviewed the Star Event headliner. Rudolph was dedicated to tikkun olam, to changing the world, and received wide praise from the Tampa community for her work for various charitable organizations.

As Schaaraai Zedek Sisterhood's annual fundraiser, the Franci Golman Rudolph Schaaraai Zedek Sisterhood Star Event provides funds for its many projects. These include donations to local, national, and international agencies, such as Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank, Florida Holocaust Museum, Camp Coleman, URJ's Emergency Relief Fund for natural disasters, Weinberg Village Assisted Living Facility, Women of Reform Judaism's many worldwide projects and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. In addition, the Star Event funds allow Sisterhood to provide financial assistance to the religious school, and Schaaraai Zedek youth groups.

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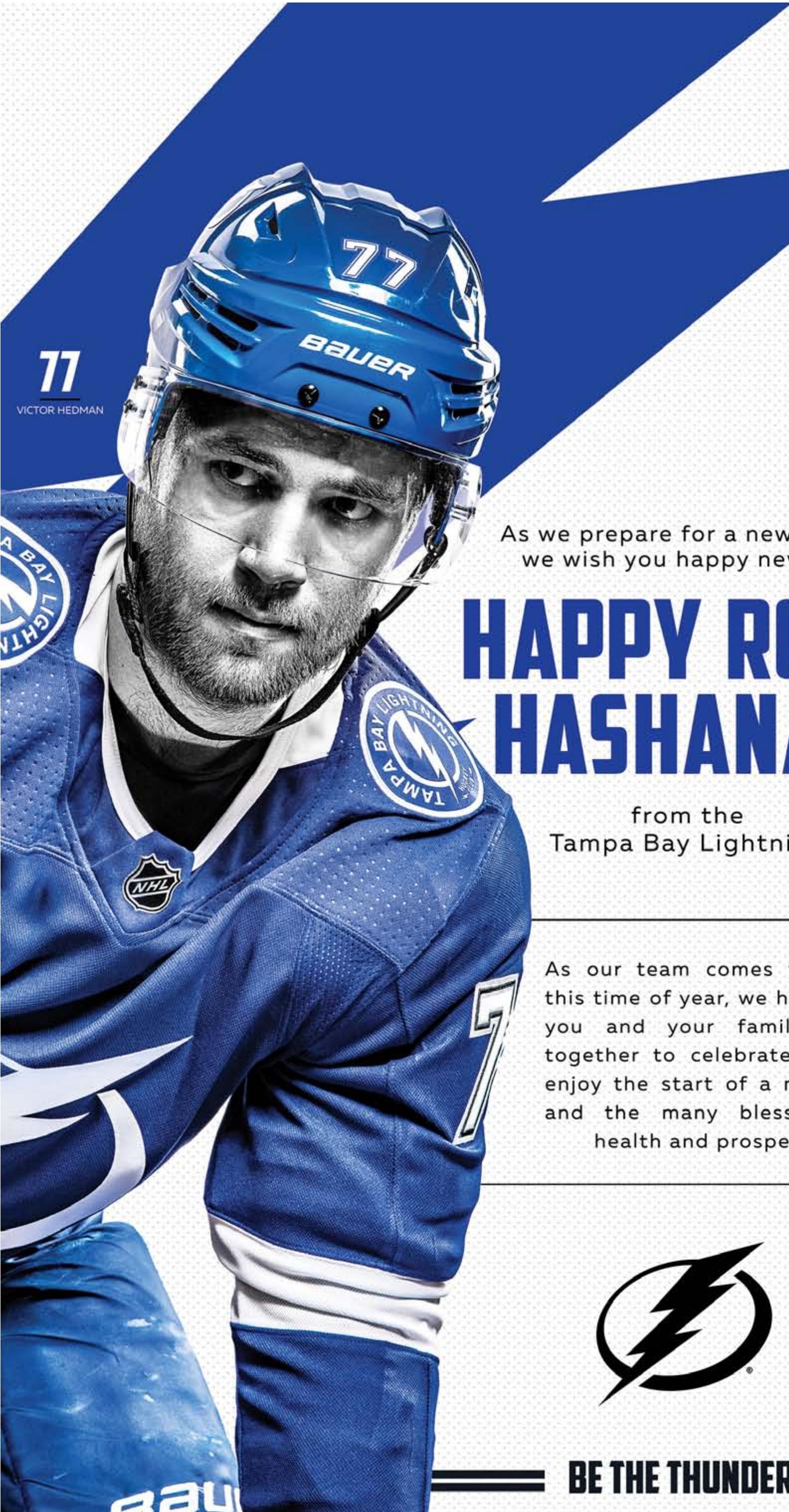
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## POMEGRANATE

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He knows, though, that the pomegranate is a traditional part of Rosh Hashanah, and that "in biblical times (in the Middle East), apples didn't exist." David conjectures the apple in the story of Adam and Eve was actually a pomegranate.

Jewish tradition tells us that the pomegranate has 613 arils (seeds), representing the 613 commandments in the Torah.

Well, maybe. Depending on the variety of pomegranate, there can be a few hundred to more than a thousand seeds.

There are several references to the fruit in the Bible and pomegranate symbols have been found on artifacts dating back to biblical times.

When Moses was leading our ancestors through the desert, he asked God, "And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates." (Numbers 20:5)

The pomegranate are part of what is known as the Seven Species, the seven fruits and grains singled out in the Torah as examples of the Holy Land's fertility.

It is also a symbol of fertility, which is another reason why we eat them as part of our new year's celebration.

Images of woven pomegranates adorned the hems of priests' robes (Exodus 28:33) and were on ancient shekels. An ivory pomegranate, believed to have been the head of a scepter from King Solomon's temple, resides in a Jerusalem museum. Pomegranates are praised by King Solomon in the Song of Songs (4:3) and it is the only fruit with a top shaped like a crown.

But the pomegranate isn't just a Jewish thing, so to speak. For starters the first pomegranates can be traced back to about 3000 B.C.E. in what is now Basra, Iraq. King Tut was buried with pomegranates, hoping he would be reborn, and in Islam they symbolize wealth and health. The Chinese consider it, along with the peach and citron, to be blessed fruit.

Pomegranates came to the United States thanks to Dr. Gregory Levin, a botanist born in Leningrad in 1933, who had devoted 40 years to research of the plant in Turkmenistan. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, funding dried up and the Turkmenistan government uprooted the pomegranate trees and replaced them with vegetables – but Levin had the foresight to send cuttings to Ben-Gurion University in Israel and the University of California, Davis.

California has more than 32,000 acres of pomegranate farms, and trees have made their way to the Carolinas, Alabama and Georgia. Here in Florida, about 50 small farms, 300 acres' worth, grow pomegranates but none of them is a commercial operation.

Florida pomegranates can't be sold for human consumption, only for animal feed and decorative purposes because the state has yet to complete the testing of pesticides on them and approve them for labeling.

"To get approval," David said, "you first have to identify what critters you've got, working in petri dishes, to establish which chemicals will work, then work on plants to see what controls the problem. That's the efficacy stage. Then in the residual stage you grow fruit and spray them again, then test the fruit. That's a fairly expensive proposition."

"Normally chemical companies do it for bigger crops," he said. "They're not interested in smaller



**parfianka pomegranate**



Photos by Bruce Lowitt

**David and Cynthia Weinstein, who grow pomegranates on their farm in Zolfo Springs, 50 miles east of Bradenton.**



**The Weinsteins' pomegranate orchard**

ones like ours. ... The chemicals we use now are approved for use on blueberries but we don't have approval (to use them on pomegranates)."

The Weinsteins – she is president of the 100-member Florida Pomegranate Association, he's the treasurer – have about 10,000 pomegranate plants. They'd have to at least double that to become commercially viable. Now they donate most of their crop to the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center near Lake Alfred, which is endeavoring to create a pomegranate industry in the state.

The couple met in the Florida Keys; she was vacationing with a friend and he was on another boat, two slips away. While in ports in the Caribbean they'd take any job to make money – pumping gas, cleaning boats and so on. They had a canvas shop on their boats where she made sail covers, seat covers and awnings.

"We bought the property as an investment," he said. "We drove all over the states, narrowed it down to Florida – we spent a lot of time in the tropics – and decided anything north of I-4 was too cold." They chose Zolfo Springs because it was between their parents' homes in Sebring and Sarasota.

"We don't like cities," Cynthia said. "We like our space and peace and quiet that we were used to on the boat. This reminded us of the sea, vast and open, so we named it Green Sea Farms."

They closed on the property in August 2004, the day before Hurricane Charley came through. It destroyed much of Punta Gorda, 45 miles to the south, but the Weinsteins were still living on a boat in Sarasota and escaped the worst of Charley by sailing up the Caloosahatchee River.

Once they decided on pomegranates, they contacted the research center at UF, Cynthia said. "They were starting a pomegranate project and were looking for people to take on a study to develop a market." They imported their first plants from gene banks in California and Georgia.

"Most of the rest of the world grows them in what's called a Mediterranean climate," David said, "and we have the opposite, so our issue is we get into the humid and rainy season when they're fruiting and flowering. The rest of the world doesn't have that."

"We have some varieties (from southern states) that seem to have a natural resistance to our problems but most of them, unfortunately, don't have big fruit, red fruit. They're seedy, they're sour, so right now we have a grant from the university on cross-breeding."

Basically, the Weinsteins have gone from learning how to grow a pomegranate to trying to learn how to grow an industry.

"We like the farm life," David said. "It's a great learning experience. We didn't realize how long a road to hoe it would be at our age. We're thinking, 'Well, just about the time we're ready to retire is when this'll be prolific and doing good.'"

They have three daughters and a son, all grown, plus four grandchildren and three great grandchildren – none of whom is interested in a pomegranate life. "Hopefully we'll find someone who'll love it as much as we do," Cynthia said.

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## Here are some special gifts for your Rosh Hashanah hosts

By MY JEWISH LEARNING STAFF

JTA news service

Invited to someone's house for a Rosh Hashanah meal and looking for an appropriate gift? In addition to the always appreciated flowers or bottle of wine, here are some other must-have (or must-give) items for the Jewish New Year.

### Jewish calendars

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year after all, and every year needs a calendar. While many, if not most, people rely on digital calendars for day-to-day scheduling, a pretty wall calendar makes a nice decoration and can help keep the household organized. Most Jewish calendars sold in the United States list secular dates as well as Hebrew ones (including all the holidays, of course), and run through the end of the next Gregorian year. (So one that starts with Rosh Hashanah in 2018 will last you until December 2019.) You can find a wide selection online and in Judaica stores and bookstores.

Someone with an artistic bent or who enjoys the stress relief that comes with coloring might enjoy this coloring-book calendar featuring intricate Judaic motifs such as Jewish stars and Hanukkah menorahs. Or the one from New York's Jewish Museum, which showcases a variety of paintings, sculptures and ceremonial objects from its collection.

### Jewish cookbooks

If your host invited you over for a home-cooked meal, he or she probably likes to cook. The four books listed here were published within the last couple of years, so there's a good chance your host doesn't yet own them – and what better than a cookbook to subtly convey to your host that you'd love more holiday meal invitations?

*Modern Jewish Baker: Challah, Babka, Bagels & More* is written by Shannon Sarna, the editor of The Nosher food blog, part of the 70 Faces Media family that includes My Jewish Learning. In this gorgeous book, she pays homage to Jewish baking traditions while reinvigorating them with modern flavors and new ideas.

The mother-daughter team of Gabrielle Rossmer Gropman and Sonya Gropman in *The German-Jew-*

*ish Cookbook: Recipes and History of a Cuisine* features recipes for German-Jewish cuisine as it existed in Germany prior to World War II, and as refugees later adapted it in the United States and elsewhere. The dishes are a departure from better-known Eastern European Jewish fare and focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Israeli baker Uri Scheft's *Breaking Breads: A New World of Israeli Baking* offers sweet and savory recipes for European, Israeli and Middle Eastern favorites.

For vegan cooks – or those who often have a vegan family member or guest at their table – *The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook: Entertaining for Absolutely Every Occasion* by Isa Chandra Moskowitz offers meat- and dairy- and egg-free recipes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (break-the-fast), as well as dishes for a variety of other Jewish and non-Jewish holidays.

### Honey dishes

It is traditional to dip apples in honey on Rosh Hashanah, and a special honey dish can add extra beauty to the practice. We like the stainless steel and glass one by Art Judaica that says "shana tova umetuka" (a good and sweet new year) in Hebrew and Rosh Hashanah apple plate and honey dish set

with a pomegranate design available in red, blue and gray from Quality Judaica.

### Assorted items

Barbara's Gifts is based in Israel but ships to the United States. Its Rosh Hashanah gift box contains a pomegranate hand towel, pomegranate challah cover, Jewish calendar tea towel, pomegranate-shaped trivet, pomegranate fabric placemats, a pomegranate notepad and set of Rosh Hashanah greeting cards.

If your host likes scented candles, try an apples-and-honey one from DW Home. You can also find a variety of pomegranate-scented candles.

### Off the beaten path

Who doesn't need a Rosh Hashanah-themed smartphone cover/case? These Luxlady ones come in various sizes for popular iPhone and Android models.

Children and adults alike will enjoy accessorizing with High Holiday-themed nail decals from Midrash Manicures.

Nothing quite right? Try searching for Rosh Hashanah on Etsy or visit The Sabra Patch, an Etsy-like online store for Israeli artists.



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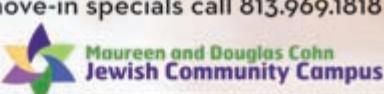
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## Nazi camp guard Jakiw Palij deported from US to Germany

(JTA) – A former guard at a Nazi concentration camp has been deported to Germany from the United States, where he had lived for decades.

Jakiw Palij, 95, had lived in Queens, NY. He served as a guard at the Trawniki concentration camp near Lublin, Poland, during World War II, and may face prosecution in Germany for his actions.

Members of New York's congressional delegation last year urged the Trump administration to deport Palij, whose citizenship was revoked in 2003 based on his wartime activities, human rights abuses and immigration fraud, NBC reported. A federal court also ruled that he had assisted in the persecution of prisoners at the camp, though it stopped short of finding him responsible for deaths.

A statement released by the White House after Palij landed in Germany early Tuesday, Aug. 21, commended President Donald Trump and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for "removing this war criminal from United States soil."

"Despite a court ordering his deportation in 2004, past administrations were unsuccessful in removing Palij," the statement said. "To protect the promise of freedom for Holocaust survivors and their families, President Trump prioritized the removal of Palij."

Palij was born on former Polish territory, an area now located in Ukraine. He immigrated to the United States in 1949 and became a citizen in 1957, but concealed his Nazi service saying that he spent World War II working in a factory on a farm.

Palij told Justice Department investigators who showed up at his door in 1993, "I would never have received my visa if I told the truth. Everyone lied."

He later admitted to officials that he attended a Nazi SS training camp in Trawniki in German-occupied Poland and then served as an armed guard at its adjacent forced-labor camp.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Trawniki camp was part of Operation Reinhard, the Nazi operation to murder the approximately 2 million Jews residing in German-occupied Poland.

Because Germany, Poland, Ukraine and other countries refused to take him, he continued living in limbo in the two-story, red brick home in Queens he shared with his wife, Maria, now 86.

Germany's Foreign Office said its decision to accept Palij showed the country was accepting its "moral responsibility." And Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told the German tabloid Bild that those who "committed the worst crimes on behalf of Germans" would be held accountable.

A reporter from ABC News who was present when Palij was removed by ICE described him as "looking frail with missing front teeth visible through his white beard. The only noise he made was a pained howl as agents hoisted him from his wheelchair onto the ambulance stretcher."

# A guide to High Holidays prayers

By RABBI ISCAH WALDMAN

My Jewish Learning via JTA

The High Holidays prayer book, or *machzor*, emphasizes the themes of the Days of Awe – introspection and repentance.

## Opening day of a court trial

"The great shofar is sounded. A still small voice is heard. This day, even the angels are alarmed, seized with fear and trembling as they declare: 'The day of judgment is here!'"

In a loud and trumpeting voice, the cantor describes the shofar's blast, then softly and gently describes a "still, small voice." This poignant line from the *musaf* ("additional") service sets a tone for the High Holidays. It is a dichotomy that is played out over and over throughout the liturgy of the Days of Awe. On these days, we sing of the King, Judge and awesome Sovereign who sits in judgment over us, while at the same time we appeal to God's mercy and longstanding tradition of forgiveness, likening God to a shepherd sheltering a flock.

Rosh Hashanah is the first day of court. In the liturgy, we see this played out in the number of references to God as Sovereign, Ruler and a most judicious King. Additions and different emphases start as early as the beginning of the *Shacharit* (morning) service, with the word "Hamelekh," the King). While these words also appear in the liturgy of Shabbat morning, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur they are highlighted in such a way that a new leader begins the service with a powerful note on the word "king" itself.

## Ashamnu and Avinu Malkeinu

The structure of the morning service on Rosh Hashanah is similar to weekday and Shabbat services. It is, however, additional *piyyutim* (liturgical poems) such as *L'eyl Oreh Din* ("to the God who sits in judgment") or *Adonai Melekh* ("Adonai is King") that evoke the seriousness with which we would approach a trial with the true judge.

## Torah readings on Rosh Hashanah

The Torah reading on Rosh Hashanah is from the story of Isaac's birth, describing God's kindness in giving a child to Abraham and Sarah in their old age (Genesis 21). On the second day we read the story of the binding of Isaac, which ends with a ram as a substitute for Isaac (Genesis 22). The shofar that is so prominent on Rosh Hashanah is considered to be symbolic of this ram.

## U'netaneh Tokef: Who shall live and who shall die

As the continuation of the *piyyut U'netaneh Tokef* quoted above tells us, on Rosh Hashanah we are inscribed into the book of life, while on Yom Kippur the book is sealed. These simple lines open us up to the possibility of *teshuvah* (repentance) and of reflection of our past deeds. *U'netaneh Tokef* is recited on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as an introductory *piyyut* to the *kedushah* (literally, holiness) in the *musaf Amidah*. The key line of this prayer follows on the heels of a long rhetorical piece that demands to know who among this congregation will be here next year: How many will perish and how many will be brought high? But, the liturgist notes, even those who are fated for the worst can depend on the following precept: "penitence, prayer, and good deeds can annul the severity of the decree."

## The shofar blasts

The shofar is perhaps the best-known feature of Rosh Hashanah services. There are two sets of shofar blasts on each day of the holiday. The first follows the Torah service. The second is intertwined with three unique sections in the *musaf* known as *Malkhuyot* (verses relating to God's Kingship), *Zikhronot* (verses relating to memory) and *Shofarot* (verses relating to shofar). Each of these sections contains 10 verses on each of the topics – *Malkhuyot* recalls that God is king, *Zikhronot* recalls God remembering us for the good and *Shofarot* gives quotes in which the shofar is sounded, in the past but mostly in the future, heralding future redemption. The sounding of the shofar is interspersed through each of these three prayer sections, showing itself to be a part of the prayer itself. In Reform and other liberal congregations that do not recite *musaf*, these sections – and the shofar sounding – are added to the morning *Shacharit*.

Rabbi Michael Strassfeld has written in his book *The Jewish Holidays* that these three sections, unique to Rosh Hashanah, reflect three central principles of Judaism:

- The acceptance of God as King of Universe.
- The acknowledgement that God intervenes in the world to punish the wicked and reward the good.
- The recognition that God was revealed in the giving of the Torah at Sinai and again will be revealed at the end of days.

If we were to pick out one *piyyut* as an archetype of the theology of the Rosh Hashanah, we might choose *L'eyl orekh din* ("to God who sits in judgment"). The poem begins by declaring that God "probes all of our



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## A page from a Machzor dated from the beginning of 14th century

hearts" and therefore will always divine our most secret thoughts and fears. It moves on to say that God suppresses wrath in judgment, so that regardless of the dark nature of our secret sins, God will suppress anger in discovering them. It ends by announcing that God acts with compassion, accepts God's subjects and guards those who love God. We may take from this that even while we call Rosh Hashanah "Yom ha Din" (Day of Judgment), we can look forward to the end of the process in which we will be loved, accepted and forgiven our sins. This is the overall theological message that the Rosh Hashanah liturgy wishes to portray: We still have hope.

## Yom Kippur: The Day of Judgment

If we view Rosh Hashanah as the first day of a court case, then we would see Yom Kippur as the day on which the verdict is handed down. The tension mounts as we near the Day of Judgment, and this can be seen in the liturgy as well. The evening of Yom Kippur begins with a once-controversial prayer, *Kol Nidre*, that has since become the symbol for the solemnity of the day. In this prayer, repeated three times, we pray that all vows and oaths that we have made throughout the year will be forgiven us, so that we might enter into this coming year with a clean slate, forgiven for any promises we might inadvertently have broken. Many rabbis viewed this as an unnecessary absolution that might lead people to sin by taking their vows too lightly in the future. However, this prayer had already proven to be so popular and powerful among the people, it has become a centerpiece of the holiday.

## Forgiveness and confessions

All five services on Yom Kippur include a section known as *Selichot* (forgiveness prayers) and another one called the *Vidui* (confessions). The *Selichot* include a basic confession of sins, an expression of our contrition and reflections on God's forgiving nature. We recite the 13 attributes, which are taken from a prayer that Moses recited in Exodus 34. In it, we assert that God is compassionate, patient and righteous. Included in the *Vidui* is the *Ashamnu*, which is an alphabetical acrostic of different sins we have committed. It is said in first-person plural because while each individual may not have committed these specific sins, as a community we surely have, and on this day our fates are intertwined.

We also read the *Al Chet*, a prayer that similarly lists transgressions we have made over the year. These two sections best reflect the theology of the day: We are in a state of self-reflection. We admit our sins fully, and even beat our breasts while doing so. We place our fates in God's hands, for God is Tov V'Salah (good and forgiving).

*Yom Kippur musaf* (Shaharit for Reform synagogues) is different from Rosh Hashanah in that we do not add *Malkhuyot*, *Zikhronot* and *Shofarot*, but instead include a section on the *Avodah*, a description of the sacrifices and rituals performed by the High Priest in the Temple on Yom Kippur. We also add a piece known as the *martyrology*, a solemn section where we recall 10 martyrs who were killed in most brutal ways, giving their lives while declaring their faith for the world to hear.

## Neilah: The gates are locked

It is the final service on Yom Kippur, *Neilah* – literally "locking" (of gates) – which paints an image of the gates of heaven closing, lending urgency to our prayers and our need for repentance and forgiveness. We begin the service with a *piyyut* that asks God to "open the gate" and let us enter so that we might have a final appeal before God's decree is sealed. There is a silent *Amidah* prayer, like at all services, which is repeated by the cantor. Throughout *Neilah*, the language of being "written" in the book of life used thus far in High Holiday liturgy shifts, as we instead speak of being "sealed" in that book.

The final section of *Neilah* includes a recitation of the *Shema* ("Hear O Israel ...") and these lines: *Baruch Shem K'vod* ("Blessed be God's name ...") three times, and *Adonai Hu HaElohim* ("Adonai is our God") seven times. We conclude with a long blast of the shofar.

Thus ends the High Holidays. We begin with contrition and awe as we enter the courtroom for our trial. We end with the acceptance of our verdict and the assertion that Adonai is our God – powerful, all knowing and of course, compassionate.

# PepsiCo to acquire Israel's SodaStream for \$3.2 billion

JEUSALEM (JTA) – PepsiCo will acquire the Israeli home soda maker manufacturer SodaStream for \$3.2 billion, the soft drink giant announced Aug. 20.

PepsiCo plans to maintain the Israeli company's current base of operations in the Negev. SodaStream will continue to operate as an independent subsidiary.

The American multinational agreed to acquire all of the outstanding shares of SodaStream International Ltd. for \$144 per share.

"PepsiCo and SodaStream are an inspired match," PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi said in a statement.

SodaStream CEO Daniel Birnbaum "and his leadership team have built an extraordinary company that is offering consumers the ability to make great-tasting beverages while reducing the amount of waste generated. That focus is well-aligned with performance with purpose, our philosophy of making more nutritious products while limiting our environmental footprint. Together, we can advance our shared vision of a healthier, more-sustainable planet."

SodaStream, which manufactures home carbonation machines that work with its own line of soda flavorings, has long been a target of advocates of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel because it was based in the West Bank.

In October 2014, SodaStream announced it would close its

Mishor Adumim industrial park factory and move to southern Israel in the face of international pressure from the BDS movement, which seeks to hurt Israel's economy over its policies toward the Palestinians. The movement claimed that SodaStream discriminated against Palestinian workers and paid some less than Israeli workers.

Israeli politicians framed the significance of the SodaStream acquisition in national terms that went beyond the purchase of one company.

"I welcome the purchase of SodaStream," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu posted on Twitter. "The recent large acquisitions of Israeli companies demonstrate not only the technological capabilities but also the business capabilities that have been developed in Israel. I welcome the huge deal that will enrich the state coffers as well as the important decision to leave the company in Israel."

Oded Revivi, who manages foreign relations for the Yesha Council, a group representing the settlement movement, called the news a "day of darkness for the #BDS and its supporters" and a "day of light for the Israeli economy."

"Worth remembering: PepsiCo boycotted Israel until 1991. Today it bought an Israeli firm for \$3.2B and pledged it will continue to operate from Israel. The story of Israel's economy in a nutshell," tweeted Israel's consul general in New York Dani Dayan.

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For more information, contact hhadburg@gmail.com or call Heidi at (727) 403-0393. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

### Genealogical Society

**Enhancing the family tree:** The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will host guest speakers Jo Anne Spatz De Vargas and Marty Lazar of Vu Documentaries on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. as they discuss "How Video Can Enhance a Family Tree." The meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services; 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. A pre-session social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 p.m. Those attending will learn about personal documentaries with videos that help you share your family story. De Vargas is a market research interviewer and video storyteller. Lazar is a multi-media, technology and audio/video professional. Everyone is invited.

For more information, call **Bruce Hadburg** at (727) 796-7981.

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**Torah on Tap:** Young professionals, Gen X, Gen Y and millennials—singles and couples—are invited to **Rabbi Michael Torop's** monthly Torah on Tap event on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pour Taproom, 225 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Torah on Tap is a monthly invitation to have a drink or a nosh and let a little Torah flow from the tap in wide-ranging conversations with the rabbi. This event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El, but open to all. For more information, email Rabbi Torop at [rabbitorop@templebeth-el.com](mailto:rabbitorop@templebeth-el.com).

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### Job-Links

**Monday Morning Links:** Free sessions of Monday Morning Links are offered at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa from 9:30-11 a.m. On Sept. 17, the topic is "12 Keys to a Productive Career Transition." There will be no sessions on Sept. 3 and 10.

**Job-search aids:** Success workshops to aid with job-search skills will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sept. 6 topic is "Mastering Change and Transition." The topic for Sept. 13 is "Transferring Your Skills and Re-Careering." The workshops are free for Job-Links program participants; \$15 for guests. Reservations required. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email [RSVP@TBJL.org](mailto:RSVP@TBJL.org).

**Switching Gears Workshops:** A four-session series of two-hour evening workshops targeted to individuals in career transition will be offered on Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links. Cost is \$15 per workshop or \$50 for all four. Reservations are required. Seating is limited. For more information or to RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email [rsvp@tblj.org](mailto:rsvp@tblj.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.

## Watch belonging to Jewish Russian man who died aboard the Titanic sold at auction



Heritage Auctions sold the watch for \$57,500

New York with his wife, Miriam, who survived the accident aboard the Titanic when it sank during the cruise ship's maiden voyage in 1912. Dozens of Jews were among the 1,503 passengers who died. The Kantors were among 285 Second

Class passengers and boarded the ship together in Southampton, England. The British liner had a kosher kitchen.

The pocket watch was sold by a direct descendant of Miriam and Sinai Kantor, who provided a letter of provenance and who does not wish to be identified. The couple, who paid 26 pounds sterling (approximately \$3,666 today) for their ticket, were among 285 Second Class passengers and boarded the ship together in Southampton, England.

Kantor, a furrier who wanted to study dentistry or medicine in America, was 34 when he and his wife, 24, also an aspiring doctor, boarded Titanic. They hailed from Vitebsk, today a city in northwest Belarus.

Miriam Kantor received her husband's clothing, Russian passport, notebook, telescope, corkscrew, "silver watch and strap," and Russian, German and English currency on May 24, 1912.

Sinai Kantor is buried in Mount Zion Cemetery in Queens, according to Israeli Titanic researcher Eli Moskowitz, author of a book on the Jews of the Titanic.

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# High Holiday Service Schedules

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## PINELLAS COUNTY

### Orthodox

#### CHABAD OF PINELLAS

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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

Children's program, 11:30 a.m.

Tashlich and evening service, 6:45 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

Children's program, 11:30 a.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7:15 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor, 12:30 p.m. approx.

Mincha, 5:45 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, 8:06 p.m.

#### CHABAD OF CLEARWATER

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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

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Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Children's program, 10:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Children's program, 10:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

Mincha and Tashlich, 7 p.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Children's program, 11 a.m.

Yizkor, 12:30 p.m.

Mincha and Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.

Final Shofar, 8:06 p.m.

Break-the-Fast buffet, 8:15 p.m.

#### CHABAD JEWISH CENTER OF GREATER ST. PETERSBURG

4010 Park St. N. St. Petersburg  
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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7 p.m.

Followed by dinner (RSVP required)

7:30 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 9 a.m.

C Kids, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 10:45 a.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9 a.m.

C Kids, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 10:45 a.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m.

C Kids 7:30 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9 a.m.

C Kids, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor, 11:15 a.m.

Mincha 6 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.

Break-the-Fast buffet, 8:06 p.m.

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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 8:30 a.m.

Tashlich, 6 p.m.

(at Eagle Lake Park)

Maariv, 8 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 8:30 a.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9 a.m.

Mincha, 5:30 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.  
Final Shofar & Ma'ariv, 8:06 p.m.

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#### SELICHOT

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
Pre-Selichot program, 8:45 p.m.  
Selichot, 10:30 p.m.

#### CEMETERY SERVICES

**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
Chapel Hill, 10:30 a.m.  
Royal Palm Cemetery, 11:30 a.m.

#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.  
Shofar, 10:15 a.m.

Jr. Cong. & Young Families service

(after Shofar)

Tashlich, 7 p.m.

(at Lake Pasadena)

Mincha, Maariv, 7:30 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar, 10:15 a.m.

Jr. Cong. & Young Families service

(after Shofar)

Mincha, Maariv, 7:30 p.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Jr. Cong. & Young Families service

10:30 a.m.

Yizkor, 1 p.m.

Mincha, 5:45 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 6:45 p.m.

Final Shofar, approx., 8:15 p.m.

Break-the-Fast snacks to follow

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#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
Evening service, 7:15 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Tashlich, 2:15 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

#### EREV YOM KIPPUR

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
Kol Nidre, 7:15 p.m.

#### YOM KIPPUR

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor, 11 a.m.

Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.

Break-the-Fast to follow

### Reform

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#### SELICHOT

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
Selichot service and film, 8 p.m.

#### EREV ROSH HASHANAH

**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
Evening service, 8 p.m.

#### ROSH HASHANAH – 1<sup>st</sup> Day

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
Morning service, 10 a.m.

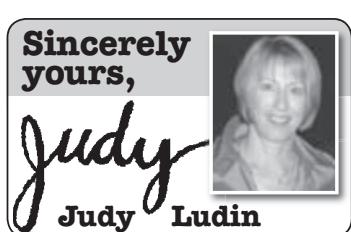
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Welcome to the world...  
Ari Hayes Kanner was born July 5 to Rick and Brooke Kanner, formerly of St. Petersburg. Proud brother is Evan, and sister is Emery. Kvelling grandparents are Jackie and Barry Kanner of St. Pete and Hallie and Steven Goldman of Pembroke Pines.

### Many happy returns...

Leatrice Tucker of St. Petersburg celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, Aug. 19, with a brunch at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa for family and friends who came from as far away as Indiana. The celebration was hosted by Lea's cousins, Bette Schroeder of St. Petersburg, Karen and Jim Dawkins of South Pasadena, Julia and Mark Wolfson of Treasure Island, Ellen and Manny Valladares of Weston and Penny and Steve Wolfson of Regina, Sask., Canada. Lea, an avid mah jongg player, was surprised with a cake decorated with tiles and symbols from the game.

P.S. As always, I'm looking forward to hearing about all your family simchas. Photos are welcome, too. Send information to: Sincerely Yours, P.O. Box 6970, Clearwater, FL 33758, or e-mail [jewishpress@aol.com](mailto:jewishpress@aol.com).



Leatrice Tucker

## Trump says Israel will have to pay a 'high price' for embassy move in peace deal

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Donald Trump said Israel will have to pay a "high price" in peace negotiations with the Palestinians over the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, raising consternation in the Jewish state.

Addressing supporters at a rally in West Virginia, Trump praised himself for moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, saying it "should have been done years ago." He said the decision would help facilitate a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians because it took the issue of Jerusalem "off the table."

"And you know what, in the negotiation Israel will have to pay a higher price because they won a very big thing, but I took it off the table," he said. The Palestinians "could never get past the fact of Jerusalem becoming the capital, but they will get something very good next because it's their turn next."

Amid the concerns in Jerusalem over the remarks, National Security Adviser John Bolton, who was in Israel at the time for discussions related to Iran, qualified his boss' remarks. Speaking to reporters, he denied that the embassy move was part of a "quid pro quo," stating that "as a deal-maker, as a bargainer, he would expect, you would expect, I would expect that the Palestinians would say 'OK, great, so we didn't get that one and now we want something else.' And we'll see how it goes."

However, he added that "the fundamental point is that ultimately this is something that the parties are going to have to agree on. When the parties talk about it and agree, they'll decide between themselves what the price of that, if anything, was."

Responding to Trump, Israeli Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel told Army Radio that "this isn't a terrible morning, but there is cause for concern regarding Trump." Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi took pains to reassure Israelis, asserting that the U.S. leader "has not turned on us."

"And I can say as someone who has intensive contacts with the White House — I was there only three weeks ago — that he will not turn on us," he said.

Such reassurances follow months of euphoria following the embassy move and general relief on the Israeli right that Trump shares its views. Following the 2016 election, Education Minister Naftali Bennett famously boasted that "the era of the Palestinian state is over."

Politicians on the left were more welcoming of Trump's remarks. Knesset member Amir Peretz, a former defense minister, was quoted by the *Jerusalem Post* as saying that "when dealing with a president who thinks like a businessman, it was clear it would only be

a matter of time until he asked for something in return."

"No one can claim that this is a hostile president with demands that are not legitimate. Netanyahu cannot deny the need to make courageous decisions. Solving the dispute and dividing the land into two states for two peoples is not a deal with the U.S. but an Israeli interest that will allow our state to remain both Jewish and democratic."

According to Ynet, the PLO harshly denounced Trump's remarks, saying they indicated "the continuation of a biased policy in Israel's favor, and the continued illusion of the American administration that it is possible to achieve the 'deal of the century' without Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state."

Hamas, likewise spoke out against Trump, stating that his "declarations, according to which Jerusalem is off the negotiation table, are audacious and dangerous and the right response would be to cancel the Palestinian Authority's recognition of the state of Israel, and cease all security coordination with Israel. The authority should also break all contacts, including security contacts, with the American administration."

Speaking with *The Times of Israel*, Majdi al-Khalidi, a senior adviser to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, said that "the American administration made a major mistake when it recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moved its embassy there."

"There is no compensation the administration could offer for those moves other than recognizing the state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital and clearly defining the two-state solution as the sole solution."

The Trump administration has yet to reveal its much-touted Middle East peace plan, which is being developed by Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and senior adviser; Jason Greenblatt, a special representative for international negotiations; David Friedman, the U.S. ambassador to Israel; and Nikki Haley, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations.

The team released a joint statement saying that "no one will be fully pleased with our proposal, but that's the way it must be if real peace is to be achieved. Peace can only succeed if it is based on realities."

It is possible that Trump's latest statement was intended to bring the Palestinians to the table following Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' statement that he would not consider the Americans' proposals.

"We were the first to fight against it and we will continue to fight against it until it falls," Abbas said of the administration's plan last week during a session of the PLO Central Council. "This is the 'slap of the century.'"

## Obituaries

**JANICE MARILYN CANTOS**, 85, of Tampa, died Aug. 19. She was born in New York and moved to Tampa more than 50 years ago from New Jersey. She was a life member of Hadassah, a former congregant at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater and volunteered for numerous organizations including Hospice. Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Barry Cantos, and Alan and Paulette Cantos; sisters, Renee Roberts and Sharyn Brookins; two grandchildren and one great-grandson. The family suggests memorials to Life-Path Hospice. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

(Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

**ALVIN (AL) LEONARD EDELSTEIN**, 87, of Seminole and Brooklyn, died Aug. 11. Born in Los Angeles, he was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Susan and Robert; sons and daughter-in-law; Mark and Lael, and Brian; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Suncoast Hospice of Pinellas County. (Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home)

**FRANCES "FRAN" HOROWITZ**, 97, of Lauderhill, formerly of St. Petersburg, died Aug. 18. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

**MARTHA G. LEHMAN**, 92, died Aug. 18. Survivors include her son-in-law Gerald Lerner; brother Robert Goren; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Clearwater Chapel)

**DEBRA LYNNE**, 59, of South Pasadena, died Aug. 13. Born in New York City, she managed a non-profit organization for many years. (David C. Gross Funeral Home, St. Petersburg Chapel)

**WARREN SIMMONS**, 97, of Gulfport, died Aug. 24. Born in New York City, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Petersburg. Survivors include his daughter Anita. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

**SHIRLEY ROSE SOMMELLA**, 92, of Texas, formerly of South Pasadena, died Aug. 13. A long-time member of Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Petersburg, she was also active in its Sisterhood. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Howard Glick, San Antonio, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Sheila Sommella, Winter Park. The family suggests memorials to Congregation B'nai Israel. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

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## Community Camp offered many varieties of fun this summer

The Jewish Community Camp wrapped up its second year of camping fun and achievement earlier this month and plans are already in motion for summer camp again next year, as well as camps on no-school holidays.

The camp is operated by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. For the past two years it has been housed at the Temple B'nai Israel campus in Clearwater, which served as a base for excursions to the Highland Recreation Center in Largo and Highlander Pool in Dunedin for swimming three times per week. Each session, campers were tested for swim ability with nearly a dozen non-swimmers graduating into proficient swimmers.

Other activities brought to the Jewish Community Camp campus included Krav Maga (Israeli Self Defense), Bricks4Kids, Aleph Bet Yoga, American Sign Language, water slides, a Bash Entertainment DJ dance party, storytime with Joni Klein-Higger and a magic show by magician David Fletcher.

The campers experienced field trips throughout the summer to

Lowry Park Zoo, MOSI, Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, a Pirate Ship cruise, HorsePower4Kids, the Straz Performing Arts Center, Splash Harbor, Dinosaur World, a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game, a boat ride to Anclote Island and a visit to the Leepa-Ratner Art Museum.

Each week there was a different theme incorporating the weekly field trip. Campers and counselors alike came dressed in themed costumes and enjoyed roleplaying.

During the first session the Tsofim Israeli Scout Caravan visited the camp and performed an engaging show for all ages. The camp was privileged to host some of the scouts in family homes as well.

Campers and staff celebrated the Fourth of July during the second session, and session three hosted Israeli visitors – four teens – from the Federation's partnership region in Hadera/Eiron. The teens brought Bamba, and halva, and shared a few Israeli dances and songs. Notes written by the campers were taken back to Israel by these teens so they can be placed in the cracks of the Kotel



Campers roast marshmallows for s'mores at the "undernight."

– the Western Wall – in Jerusalem.

Each Friday afternoon at Kabbalat Shabbat, while enjoying homemade challah made by the campers themselves, "fandanas" (special bandanas) were given to campers who exhibited behavior encompassing the six core values: Community, Tenacity, Integrity, Courage, Responsibility, and

Compassion.

"We saw so much growth and maturity in many of the campers as they strived to be cohesive with their peers and be respectful while still having crazy fun and camp silliness," said Lisa Schmid, the camp administrator. "We saw so much kindness and loving toward each other that it really made our experience with



Jewish Community Camp participants run the bases of Tropicana Field after the Tampa Bay Rays beat the NY Yankees.

these campers a joyful one and all our counselors fell in love and were passionate about 'our kids.'"

Look out for information coming soon regarding Holiday camps on when school is not in session and next year's summer camp.

For more information about future camp sessions, contact Maxine Kaufman, Federation director of Arts, Culture and Education, at (727) 530-3223.

## Gulf Coast JFCS holiday food drive underway

Last year, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services helped more than 2,500 people in the community by providing food through the William and Sally Israel Food Pantry.

Now, the agency is launching Operation Isaiah with a push from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 to bring in donations for families in need.

Operation Isaiah is one of the four donation drives the agency holds each year. Along with Operation Isaiah in the fall, Operation Afikomen requests non-perishable food donations for the food pantry. Their other two drives, Operation School Supplies and the Chanukah Gift Bazaar, collect backpacks and school supplies for children and holiday gifts for families in need.

"Food insecurity is a prevalent issue and there simply are not enough distribution channels for families in need to access nutrition support," Dr. Sandra Braham, CEO of Gulf Coast said. "We are working to provide a safety net for thousands of families. We appreciate the community's support for our fall food drive."

Gulf Coast JFCS encourages people to donate non-perishable food items such as canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauces, cereal and powdered milk, and soups. They also accept gift cards and cash. Supplying gift cards to the clients allow them to purchase perishable foods at grocery stores.

Donations are accepted at the Gulf Coast JFCS main office at 14041 Icot Blvd, Clearwater 33760 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Development Coordinator Terri Rick at (727) 479-1805 or terri.rick@gcjfcs.org.

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## Temple B'nai Israel takes steps to fill void left by Clearwater rabbi's death

In the wake of Rabbi Daniel Treiser's death, Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater announced plans for a visiting rabbi to lead the congregation for the upcoming High Holy Days.

In an email message to the congregation, President Polly Krauss said that Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi of Cincinnati, who studied with and knew Rabbi Treiser, will conduct services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Additionally, a trio of local rabbis will step in to conduct B'nai Mitzvah services as needed for the first part of the new school year.

As he battled cancer in the months leading up to his death on Aug. 17, Rabbi Treiser and the temple's board talked of contingency plans and the board was in contact with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) for support and guidance through the time of the rabbi's illness.

### RABBI TREISER

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during funeral services for Rabbi Treiser on Sunday, Aug. 19, before a crowd of about 800 mourners. Rabbi Churgel, who was in the same rabbinic class with Rabbi Treiser, called him "A mensch, through and through."

Likening Rabbi Treiser's life to one of the greatest pieces of music, Franz Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, Rabbi Churgel said, "It leaves us sad at the thought of unfinished years, but grateful for the life that was, nevertheless, a masterpiece," reminding family, friends and colleagues that Rabbi Treiser will live on in the inspiration, vision, kindness and laughter that he instilled in others.

Many wept during the service and several speakers choked up as they spoke, but there were also some humorous and touching moments as Rabbi Churgel shared tales of Rabbi Treiser's romantic side.

On a date with his future wife, Rachel, before he was a rabbi, Treiser once took her to the top of the Empire State Building and had small speakers set up to play Nat King Cole's "When I Fall in Love with You" as they danced.

He also took Rachel to a taping of the television show *Mad About You*. Before the taping began a man warming up the audience came up to them and said, "You look like a happy couple." Treiser replied that they were very much like the characters in the show, then got down on one knee and proposed. Helen Hunt heard what was happening, stopped the production crew and got the audience to help celebrate the proposal. After the taping, the newly engaged couple was invited backstage to visit with Hunt and co-star Paul Reiser.

Rabbi Steven Kaye, who had mentored Rabbi Treiser, told mourners that his friend was larger than life in stature but "a kid at heart."

"Dan was always ready for a new adventure ... he was big in the way he loved life," Rabbi Kaye said. He was proud to be NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) regional rabbinic advisor and to serve on the rabbinic faculty at Camp Coleman, a Reform movement summer camp in Georgia.

"He loved Torah and teaching Torah ... He was much more than a rabbi," Rabbi Kaye said before looking at Rabbi Treiser's family — wife Rachel, and their children, Elana, 16, and Ethan, 13, — and telling them, "He was a loving husband and father. Rachel was the love of his life." He said the rabbi deeply loved his children and delighted in the fun times they shared.

Barbara Bloom, Temple B'nai Is-

In announcing their High Holiday leader, Krauss described Rabbi Sabath as a gifted teacher and an outstanding leader and noted that she "was chosen by URJ to write this year's 'Ten Minutes of Torah' essays on the book of Deuteronomy (which, of course, we are reading now). She will be a great source of strength for us over the holidays and has already begun working with our staff."

Rabbi Sabath serves Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati as the national director of recruitment and admissions and assistant professor of Jewish thought



**Rabbi Rachel Sabath  
Beit-Halachmi will  
conduct High Holiday  
services.**

and ethics. She writes a monthly column in the *Jerusalem Post* and has co-authored two books and published numerous articles. Rabbi Sabath also speaks throughout North America on leadership, Israel, gender, and theology.

Rabbi Joel Simon and Rabbi Emeritus Richard Birnholz, both of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa, and Rabbi Betsy Torop of Pinellas County, will lead the B'nai Mitzvah services at Temple B'nai Israel as needed. Rabbi Torop stepped down from the bimah at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon earlier this year to serve as CCAR's director of rabbinic support, engagement and growth.

"With the High Holy Days and the school year starting, we want to assure you that we are fully committed to making sure that you always have access to outstanding professional support," Krauss wrote, adding that

"Laura Berkson, our cantorial soloist, will be stepping up to help with hospital and congregant visits."

Krauss' message concludes, "In this dark hour, I hope you can summon the positive energy to help ensure our temple continues to flourish, as our rabbi would want. There are many tasks at the temple that need to be done before the High Holy Days. Please consider volunteering to help us prepare. Call the temple office and let us know when you are available. Please help out and feel the comfort of knowing you are making a difference."

"Shabbat services will be held every Friday night. Know that we are here for you and your family. Come to Friday Shabbat services and be a welcoming face to a stranger or to your fellow congregants."

"This is a tragic and challenging moment for all of us. At TBI, we are stronger together."



**Rabbi Daniel Treiser, second from left, uses his culinary skills to prepare food with others for Temple B'nai Israel's annual Casino Night fundraiser.**

Rael's director of engagement who was on the temple staff for Rabbi Treiser's entire 10-year tenure, reminded mourners of the rabbi's well-known sense of humor, then quipped, "You know, if the rabbi were here right now he would say, 'This is what I had to do to get you all here?'"

Bloom had everyone laughing when she told a story about a day when Rabbi Treiser went to visit the preschoolers and the director asked some of the children if they knew who he was. "He came back to the office so excited to tell us that the kids thought he was GOD!"

"You smiled and put up with Dr. Ruth talking about sex from your bimah — not just sex, but spoke directly to Rachel about you," Bloom said.

She also spoke of his passion for social justice. "I thought you were crazy for pushing yourself" to go to the March for Our Lives, but added, "I get it now."

Bloom said the rabbi always had the right words to say at funerals and hoped hers were adequate for him.

"You lifted us out of the storm 10 years ago ..." she said, later adding, "You restored our identity and self-worth as a congregation. Thank you for sharing your big life with us. You did good."

Rabbi Treiser's daughter Elana recalled the time her dad surprised her with tickets to *Wicked*, and how much he enjoyed her Bat Mitzvah and NFTY trips with her and how two months ago she was in Israel with him — all before "the worst day of my life." In tears and a cracking voice she said, "I lost my role model and the best dad I could ever ask for."

She said for years people called her "little Treiser" and she hated the nickname, but now "it is the biggest compliment I could ever get."

Elana said that unlike her dad, "I do not know every line from every movie," but said she loved that her dad used to quote lines all the time. His most oft quoted movies were



**Rabbi Treiser, far right, traveled with youths from throughout the Tampa Bay area for the March For Our Lives protest against gun violence in Washington, D.C. in March.**



**Rabbi Treiser loved dressing up in costumes. For Purim, he was the Edna Turnblad character from "Hairspray." Other Purim celebrants (L-R): cantorial soloist Laura Berkson, Barbara Bloom and Denise Kirschbaum.**



**Photos from Facebook, the Temple B'nai Israel website or courtesy of the temple.**

**Rabbi Treiser with Andrew Maxwell during the Simchat Torah service last year.**

A fund is being set up for Rabbi Treiser's family. Those wishing to contribute should send checks made out to the Rabbi Daniel Treiser Family Assistance Fund, c/o Temple B'nai Israel, 1685 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33764.

## Prolific playwright Neil Simon, whose comedies often revolved around Jews from New York, dies

(JTA) — Playwright Neil Simon, known for such Broadway hits as *The Odd Couple*, *Barefoot in the Park*, and *Lost in Yonkers*, has died.

Simon, who earned a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award, died Aug. 26 in New York City from complications with pneumonia at the age of 91.

Simon began his career in television, on the writing staff for *Sid Caesar for Your Show of Shows*, working with Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner and Larry Gelbart, and later wrote for *The Phil Silvers Show*.

In 1961, his first play *Come Blow Your Horn*, hit Broadway. In 1966 he had four plays running on Broadway at the same time.

During his career he wrote more than 30 plays and about the same amount of movie screenplays, some original and most adaptations of his plays. Most of his plays revolved around middle-class Jews from New York, and the family issues that plagued them. The themes of his plays include romance, adultery, divorce, sibling rivalry, cancer and fear of aging.

In the 1980s, he wrote his semi-autobiographical

trilogy: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (1983), *Biloxi Blues* (1985) for which he won a Tony Award, and *Broadway Bound* (1986).

He won both the Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize for another autobiographical comedy, *Lost in Yonkers* in 1991. He also won a Tony Award for the *Odd Couple*, which also was made into a movie and television series.

Simon was born in New York to Irving Simon, a garment salesman, and Mamie (Levy) Simon, a homemaker. His parents had what he described as a "tempestuous marriage," in which his father left the family at least eight times, and he said took refuge in movie theaters to escape his troubles at home. Those troubles also inspired him to become a writer, which he said helped him to become independent of emotional family issues.

He was married five times: to dancer Joan Baim, who died of cancer (1953–1973), actress Marsha Mason (1973–1983), twice to actress Diane Lander (1987–1988 and 1990–1998), and to actress Elaine Joyce (1999–2018).

## U.S. fighter pilot who made history for Israel's fledgling Air Force to be buried in Arlington

(JTA) — Gideon Lichtman, an American fighter pilot who as a volunteer during Israel's War of Independence scored its nascent air force's first aerial kill of an enemy fighter, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in suburban Washington, D.C.

Lichtman, who died in March at 94, was originally buried in Hollywood, FL. He fought for the U.S. in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the Machal 101 squadron, a unit of American volunteers – many of them non-Jewish – who came to fight for the fledgling Jewish state in 1948 and helped stop the Egyptian army's advance on Tel Aviv. He was the unit's last surviving member.

After the war he returned to the U.S. and

subsequently fought in Korea. In the 1960s he again returned to Israel, spending a stint there as a test pilot.

"I was risking my citizenship and possibly jail time," he said in *Above and Beyond*, a 2015 documentary by Nancy Spielberg. "I didn't give a s\*\*t. I was gonna help the Jews out. I was going to help my people out."

The *Miami Herald* reported Lichtman, a high school teacher, spent more than 30 years working under an assumed name because, according to his son Bruce, "he was told by Ezer Weizman, president of Israel and former minister of defense, that Israel had intercepted Arab intelligence that they were intent on targeting foreign pilots who served in Israel."

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