



Marty Goldberg, in yellow shirt, leads volunteers toting a mattress from the shore of the Courtney Campbell Causeway to a debris collection site during the Reverse Tashlich cleanup on Sunday, Sept. 16. Another memory foam mattress was also recovered at the same site.

## Reverse Tashlich: Volunteers haul mankind's sins from local waters

By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

The beach clean-up treasure of the day was overlooked by a dozen or more "Reverse Tashlich" volunteers before 9-year-old Joaquin Acanda spotted it in the water, just a small dark portion of a huge memory foam mattress poking above the surface.

"I just looked and saw it in the water and told an adult," Joaquin explained. It was covered in black scum and once he pointed it out to the adults, several men and women, including his dad, Aaron Medina, attacked it with zeal. For all their struggle they could not budge it until finally a piece broke off in one man's hands.

Soon several volunteers were breaking off chunks, getting wet and filthy in the process. Others helped relay the waterlogged foam bits to the shore, where people would stand on the debris to squeeze the water out. Then the still-heavy chunks were lugged to the cleanup collection site at the west end of the Courtney Campbell Causeway. Finally, someone found a small wagon and loaded it up with the final pieces of the mattress.

Despite the hard work, everyone was smiling and delighted by the find. Several volunteers, including Joaquin's mom Elyse Acanda,



From left, Sam Wax, Lynda Arredondo, and Rabbi Nathan Farb, all of Congregation Schaarai Zedek, scour for debris in the mangroves along McKay Bay in Tampa.

congratulated him for his sharp eye.

Most of the folks at the causeway participating in the first Bay Area Reverse Tashlich on Sunday, Sept. 16, were members of Congregation Beth Shalom and Temple B'nai Israel, both in Clearwater,

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## Israel to accept more Ethiopian Falash Mura

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he has decided to bring some 1,000 Ethiopian Falash Mura who have children living in Israel to the country.

Netanyahu made the announcement on Monday, Sept. 17, at a meeting of the Ministerial Committee on the Advancement and Integration of Israeli Citizens of Ethiopian Origin.

There are some 8,000 Falash Mura in Ethiopia awaiting permission to immigrate to Israel, most of whom have some family members in Israel.

The Falash Mura claim links to descendants of Jews who converted to Christianity generations ago under duress but now seek to return to Judaism. They must get special permission to immigrate to Israel due to their uncertain Jewish status.

"This is not a simple decision due to other ramifications that we have regarding members of the Ethiopian community," Netanyahu said at the meeting. "However, I am determined to do this and I add that this is in wake of 1,300 Falash Mura who have already come to Israel."

The announcement came a day after reports that Rabbi Moshe Havlin, the chief rabbi of the southern Israeli town of Kiryat Gat, said he would withdraw kosher certification from a local catering company if Ethiopian women continued to prepare the food there unless they could prove their Jewishness. Under Orthodox Jewish law, certain foods that are completely cooked by a non-Jew, known as *bishul akum*, may not be eaten by a kosher observer even if the ingredients are kosher and cooked in a kosher kitchen.

Some political officials charged that the rabbi's motives are racist, not religious.

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Compiled from news wires

### Cleveland Browns sign Jewish kicker

The Cleveland Browns have signed kicker Greg Joseph, who played football and soccer at the Donna Klein Jewish Academy in Boca Raton.

Joseph, a 24-year-old rookie, was cut by the Miami Dolphins this summer after signing with the club as an undrafted free agent out of Florida Atlantic University. Fellow rookie Jason Sanders, a seventh-round draft pick, beat out Joseph for the job, though Joseph made all three field goal attempts in the preseason games, including a 54-yarder.

The Browns signed Joseph after Zane Gonzalez missed four kicks in the Sunday, Sept. 16 game against the New Orleans Saints – two field goals and two extra point attempts including a potential game-tying field goal of 52 yards.

"Obviously, we have to find someone that can put the ball through the uprights," Browns coach Hue Jackson said after Joseph signed. "We have had this situation happen now for a couple of weeks. We have to keep searching and keep looking."

Joseph said he had been working out to stay prepared in case a team showed interest, but was not expecting the call from the Browns on that Sunday afternoon. "I was just living the South Florida life. Hung out by the water with some buddies, relaxing and watching some games. Nothing crazy."

Joseph didn't have much time to become acquainted with his new teammates, as Cleveland hosted the New York Jets on Thursday, Sept. 20, in which the Browns chalked up their first win since 2016, 21-17. Joseph went two for two in field goals, the longest 45 yards.

He left FAU as its all-time field goal leader and shares the school record for most extra points. Along with playing at Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Joseph also kicked at the American Heritage School in Delray Beach.

The Boca Raton native, who has been praised for his charity work, credits his mother, a teacher and head of the math department at a Jewish day school, for teaching him the values of giving back to the community.



## Jewish book fest touts variety of topics

Jewish Press staff report

Tampa's 13th Festival of Jewish Books & Conversations, hosted by the Tampa JCCs, will feature more than a dozen authors – many of them acclaimed award winners – at programs Nov. 1 through Nov. 18.

Topics for the slate of authors include never-before-told stories of a mysterious Coney Island doctor who saved thousands of babies; another doctor who was one of our youngest and most

visionary Founding Fathers; an Italian cycling legend and a mom who helped save the Louvre and its treasures from the Nazis. There are also tales of a mystic's death predictions and a humorous look at a family wedding.

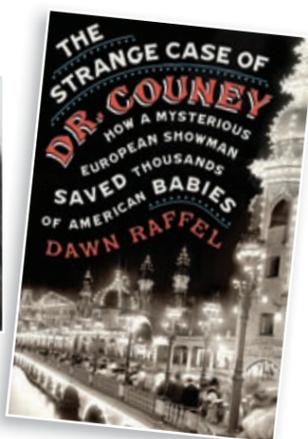
Festival events will take place at the JCC on the Cohn Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, Tampa, and the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. The

Opening night will feature author Dawn Raffel



festival coincides with the National Jewish Book Month of November.

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### SC rep. jokes that Ruth Bader Ginsburg accused Abraham Lincoln of groping

A South Carolina congressman made a joke about Abraham Lincoln groping Ruth Bader Ginsburg, mocking the controversy over a woman who accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of assaulting her 36 years ago.

"I thought I was going to be late. Did you all hear the latest late-breaking news from the Kavanaugh hearings?" Rep. Ralph Norman, a Republican, said at an event Sept. 20 in Rock Hill, SC, the *Herald* newspaper reported. "Ruth Bader Ginsburg came out that she was groped by Abraham Lincoln."

Ginsburg, 85, is the oldest justice on the court. A reliable liberal vote, she has said she has plans to serve through the term of President Donald Trump.

Norman, whose 5th District borders North Carolina, won a surprisingly tight race against Democrat Archie Parnell in a special election a year ago. He faces Parnell again in November.

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### Meet Jamie Gray,

the outgoing President of YAD (Young Adult Division). Jamie is a School Psychologist for Pasco County Schools, and she has been involved with planning YAD events for the past three years. She has attended the Jewish Leadership Training Institute in 2015 and was chosen to be a Fed Fellow for the Federation last year.



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## Office feminism

### PERSPECTIVE

**Emilie Socash**  
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If you're not the parent of a teen right now, you might be missing out on the resurgence of *The Office* television show. As a modern parent, this means that my girls not only binge-watch the seasons on repeat but also follow numerous Instagram profiles dedicated to memes, edits, bloopers, and general *Office* fan love.

The episode we watched right after Rosh Hashanah aired in 2006 and was entitled "Boys and Girls" in which Jan (the regional manager) visits the Scranton office for a women's empowerment session with the females of the office. Michael (the branch manager) reacts by having "guy's time," generally wreaking havoc and attempting to defeat the purpose of the women's session.

The women chatter about their dream houses and future lives including husbands and children until Pam (the receptionist) shares that she also would like to do more with her interest in graphic design. She's offered the opportunity to participate in the corporate arts training program in New York City.

As a woman, and as a mother of young women, I recognize the special weight that these opportunities play. In 2018, do women still need doors opened (both literally and metaphorically)? When we stand on the shoulderpads of the greatness of our foremothers, haven't we yet broken through that glass ceiling?

The glass ceiling is a moving target, to be sure. In my own professional career, I've been asked in job interviews if I'm having another baby soon and if I'm ready to play with the "big boys." I've had a promotion delayed by a year because of maternity leave and been told that being a "young woman" has an impact on my pay.

Two of these examples were delivered by women; all of them happened in the Jewish community. In a community in which we prize the value of our work in building community, we can sometimes forget that our values start at home.

The idea of different treatment – of special opportunity, of sessions with women only – grates on every fiber of my modern feminist self. Yet knowing that resistance, missteps, oversights, and just plain old poor judgment exist out there in decision-makers leaves me hungry for some sort of response.

I'd propose that as Jewish women, we have a special obligation to fulfill our duties as individuals in our community, pursuing equality for all genders and supporting causes that do just that.

Jewish feminism is difficult to define, and in the last six decades has embraced everything from social justice advocacy to theological activism. Generally, "Jewish feminism" seeks to advance Jewish women to the same status as Jewish men. This includes aspects of observance, practice, prayer, and fulfilling mitzvot. As early as the mid-1800s, the Reform movement felt that women counted toward a minyan and the first prayerbook written by a woman was published (*Hours of Devotion*, by Fanny Neuda). I'm proud to report that in

1890, the first woman to preach from the pulpit did so in my hometown of Spokane, WA. And almost 100 years ago, bat mitzvahs started being celebrated for young women.

In the mid- and late-20th century, additional advancements for women in the Jewish community occurred related to receiving rabbinic ordination, chairing certain committees and organizations, and so forth. There are also several "firsts" that have happened in the last few years, including spiritual leadership in Israel and nomenclature of feminist titling in the rabbinic.

In the Federation world, this Jewish feminism was championed in the early 1970s by a couple of women out of Miami who promoted the idea that a "woman's gift" signified the type of equality and female freedom that the era called for. In 2018, I'm often asked why a woman's charity matters: "I give with my husband" or "I give a family gift" is a common theme, as well as the idea that this type of feminist stance isn't needed anymore.

I agree with the latter: the motives behind the establishment of the Lion of Judah program in 1972 and subsequent rallying cries surrounding the importance of a woman's individual gift were appropriate some nearly 50 years ago, but that's not the stance we take anymore. We no longer need to differentiate ourselves from our husbands or give a gift to show we're "as good as" men.

That doesn't mean, though, that our acts – including that of tzedakah – as uniquely feminine no longer matter. They matter in a different way.

Accepting the challenge to live and give authentically as a human offers a different lens through which to view this issue. As Jews, we each have a duty to repair the world, to pursue mitzvot, and to live a life of meaning. Nobody can do a good deed on another's behalf, which is why every person's involvement matters.

On Oct. 4, the Federation will be hosting a lunch for the women of our community (see the story in this paper for full details). At this lunch, women of all stripes will join together in embracing their individual identities as women, as mothers, as sisters, as daughters, as friends, and as humans. We will celebrate our uniqueness, be inspired together, and build each other up – not because we are women, but because we are people who enjoy gathering together.

Whether we consider it a new flavor of feminism, or perhaps a greater embrace of humanism, involvement of all is critical now more than ever. I hope that the women and men of our community will accept the challenge that this opportunity presents: to step through the doors we've opened for each other in building the community we want.

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**Gun violence discussion:** Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, will 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 [KatieBlaxberg@gmail.com](mailto:KatieBlaxberg@gmail.com) or (727) 417-0964.

For tickets, go to [www.eventbrite.com/e/communities-rising-for-action-tickets-47905477573](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/communities-rising-for-action-tickets-47905477573).

**Sunday Cinema Café:** Take in the film *Schwartz Dynasty*, an Israeli dramedy, on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. Popcorn and non-alcoholic drinks are provided. There is no charge for members and friends.

**Lunch and Learn:** Discussions on a variety of Jewish topics including family, life cycle, modern Israel, current events, Torah and more take place in monthly classes led by **Cal Simon** on Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. beginning Oct. 9. There is no fee for members or non-members. Bring your own nosh. Coffee will be provided.

**Judaism for Beginners:** These classes will be offered on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. from Oct. 9 through Feb. 3. Topics include Holidays, rituals, life cycle, traditions and Torah. This class is for those in an interfaith household or looking to become an adult B'nai Mitzvah. Instructors are **Dani Gamson**, director of youth and education, Cantorial Soloist **Laura Berkson**, along with visiting rabbis and educators. The fee for members is \$25 (cost of book) and for non-members it is \$54.

**Hebrew classes:** On Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 10, learn the Aleph-bet and begin to recognize and read prayers. Instructor is **Heather Kaufman**. The fee for members is \$20 (cost of book) and for non-members it is \$50.

An Advanced Hebrew class will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 11. It is for those who can read Hebrew and would like to add to their vocabulary and comprehension. Instructor is **Hilary Hemmins**. The fee for members is \$20 (cost of book) and for non-members it is \$50.

For more information and to register, call the temple office, (727) 531-5829.

**Playtime:** The temple invites preschoolers and their parents to gather with other families with young children on Sunday, Oct. 21 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.

**Denim, Diamonds and Dice:** Casino night, complete with gaming tables with professional dealers, food, a well-stocked bar and auctions galore, will be held Saturday Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. Tickets on sale now for the temple's annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$65 at the door. Each ticket provides entry, food and two drinks. At the end of the evening a Chrysler Crossfire will be raffled off.

### Cong. Beth Shalom Clearwater

**PJ Library Sukkot event:** Young elementary school children will enjoy a morning of reading from one of the selected books from the PJ Library on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, there will be activities based on the book.

**Simchat Torah:** Enjoy a free spaghetti dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by Simchat Torah service on Monday, Oct. 1 The evening includes Hakafof, singing and dancing with the Torahs. There will be more Hakafof, singing and dancing with the Torahs on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. with a kiddush luncheon to follow in the social hall. Call the office to RSVP for dinner at (727) 531-1418.

**Lunch and Learn:** On Saturday, Oct. 6 at 12:30 p.m. guest presenter **Tali Berman**, who is an American living in Israel, will speak about her life in Israel and her work as an autism specialist. She is author of *Play to Grow*, which lists more than 200 games to help special children develop fundamental social skills. Berman has worked with hundreds of children from more than 30 different countries since 1997. She presented at the National Autism Association Conference in 2017 on autism and self-esteem.

**Rosh Chodesh:** The Women's Study Group will meet on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. Contact **Anne de Marlor** with any questions at (727) 481-1739.

**Pen to paper:** Learn the art of memoir writing in a four-session class facilitated by **Martha Margolis**. It begins on Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. This class will explore the concept and techniques of memoir writing. Beginners are welcome.

**Prayer in motion:** On Saturday, Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m. **Rabbi Danielle Upbin** will present "Prayer in Motion," 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.

**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.

**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.

### Chabad of Clearwater

**Torah Studies:** Developed by the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, Chabad of Clearwater will present a series of 12 weekly discussions of contemporary issues through a Torah perspective as well as tackling timeless questions in the Jewish tradition. Classes will be held Mondays from 7-8 p.m., beginning Oct. 8. The first class, The Flood Song, will explore the imagery of the flood in Noah's ark in two divergent perspectives, one terrifying and the other serene. All are welcome and no membership is required. Textbook fee is \$20

per student and covers the entire season one consisting of 12 classes. For more information or to register please log on to [www.JewishClearwater.com](http://www.JewishClearwater.com) or call: 727-265-2770

**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](mailto:MiriamHodakov@gmail.com) or (727) 265-2770.

### Chabad of St. Petersburg

**Simchat Torah celebration:** Join in a Simchat Torah celebration featuring a dinner, open bar, dancing and singing, and treats for the kids on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. This event is free of charge. RSVP to [Info@ChabadSP.com](mailto:Info@ChabadSP.com) or call (727) 344-4900.

**Lunch and Learn:** Women are invited to share an hour of camaraderie at a Lunch and Learn session on Tuesday, Oct. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. There is no charge for the event. To RSVP, call the center.

**Women's Book Club:** Get your weekly social and spiritual boost with friends, over a round-table discussion led by **Chaya Korf** on Tuesdays, Oct. 16, 23 and 30 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Delve into the book for this year *Towards a Meaningful Life*, by Simon Jacobson. We'll share strategies, tips, and suggestions for not only discovering where your true meaning lies, but in actually making it a part of your daily existence. Enjoy coffee, fruit and homemade pastries. This is free of charge and walk-ins are welcome. RSVP to [Chaya@ChabadSP.com](mailto:Chaya@ChabadSP.com).

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

**Shemini Atzeret:** Erev Shemini Atzeret service will be held, Sunday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 1, at 9 a.m. the Shemini Atzeret Yom Tov morning services includes the Yizkor memorial service and memorial plaques dedication.

**Simchat Torah:** Join the congregation to dance with the Torah during Erev Simchat Torah services on Monday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m., then stay for an ice cream sundae. Simchat Torah Yom Tov morning service will be held Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m. and holiday Mincha and Maariv services begin at 6:30 p.m.

During the morning service, the *Chatanei v'Kallot haTorah* – "Spouses of the Torah" – will be honored. To express respect for the honorees, they are escorted under the chuppah to the bimah for an aliyah reading the last portion of Deuteronomy and then the first portion of Genesis.

The honorees are: **Esta Blaxberg**, a member of the synagogue's library committee responsible for re-cataloging the library. She additionally coordinated the Purim Shalach Manot project, along with others made dough for thousands of hamantashen. **Wendy R. Levine** has served as chairperson for congregation's annual *Chatanei v'Kallot haTorah* celebration since 2014 and has been a teacher in the religious school for the past three years. She was also a member of the Chaivana Nights Gala committee, and cur-

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rently serves as a co-chair for the 2018-2019 Torah Fund Dinner. **Dr. Bob and Ina Sheppard** have been active in the local Jewish community since moving here in 1995. They served on the board of the Pinellas County Jewish Day School. Most recently Ina co-chaired the Chaivana Nights Gala fundraiser and currently co-chairs the development and implementation of the new synagogue database and website.

**Coffee Talk:** Join **Rabbi Philip Weintraub** for coffee and conversation on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning Oct. 3 at Gypsy Soul Coffeehouse, 17465 Gulf Blvd, Redington Shores.

**Hebrew Reading Classes:** Want to learn Hebrew? All levels are welcome to a Hebrew reading class beginning Wednesday, Oct. 3 after the Wednesday evening minyan beginning at 6:30 p.m. Contact **Maureen Sechan** at [Maureen@CBISStPete.org](mailto:Maureen@CBISStPete.org) or call (727) 831-4900, ext. 1011.

**Kiddush Torah Study:** Join us for a monthly Torah discussion facilitated congregants on Saturday, Oct. 6, following Shabbat morning services.

**Yoga:** Join a mindful, all levels yoga class on Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning on Sunday, Oct. 7. focusing on stress relief, relaxation, and strengthening. Bring a yoga mat or towel. Suggested donation is \$10.

**Talmud Made Easy:** **Steve Wein** continues his Talmud class on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and 23 at 5 p.m. with the study of Berachot (Blessings). Novices and seasoned students alike are welcome to participate. The class is conducted in English and no prior knowledge is necessary. Contact the office at (727) 381-4900 or [info@cbistpete.org](mailto:info@cbistpete.org) for details.

**Survivor stories:** Author **Roslyn Franken** will speak at the synagogue on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. presenting her book *Meant To Be*, which tell the story of her parents, Sonja and John. Sonja survived the concentration camps of Nazi Europe and later married John, who survived the atomic bomb as a prisoner of war in Japan. A book signing and refreshments will follow this free presentation. Books will be available for purchase. RSVP at [cbistpete.org](mailto:cbistpete.org)

**Disney-themed Shabbat:** Be Our Guest for a Disney-themed musical Shabbat service on Friday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Families with young children are invited to come after school beginning at 4:30 p.m. for Disney-themed fun. A mac and cheese dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. RSVP at [cbistpete.org](mailto:cbistpete.org).

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### PASCO COUNTY Conservative

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**CHABAD OF WEST PASCO** — 10733 Maple Creek Dr., Suite 101, Trinity, FL 34655 • Services: Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; class: 10 a.m., • Telephone: (727) 376-3366 • Website: [www.ChabadWP.org](http://www.ChabadWP.org) • email: [rabbichabadwp.org](mailto:rabbichabadwp.org)

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### Orthodox

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# Congregations

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**reen Sechan** on Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 9 after our evening minyan beginning at 6:30 p.m. to learn Torah cantillation tropes. Contact Sechan at [Maureen@cbistpete.org](mailto:Maureen@cbistpete.org) or (727) 831-4900, ext. 1011 for details.

**Torah for seniors:** Join Rabbi Weintraub at 11 am on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Philip Benjamin Tower for a Torah discussion.

**Mishna & Munchies:** Beginning Thursday, Oct. 18, study Mishna with Rabbi Weintraub each Thursday beginning at 12:15 p.m.

**Happy half hour:** Come before the Friday night service on Oct. 19 to socialize with friends over a drink and a nosh beginning at 6 p.m. Services begin at 6:30 p.m.

## 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.

## Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg

**Jewish genealogy:** A Jewish genealogy course continues on Tuesdays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. in Beefy lounge. These sessions will introduce tools and techniques in researching your genealogy and encourage participants to “show and tell.” Contact **Bill Israel** for any questions at [wisrael1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wisrael1@tampabay.rr.com).

## Temple Ahavat Shalom Palm Harbor

**Hebrew for Adults:** Two classes, a beginners and intermediate Hebrew class, start on Monday, Oct. 8. The beginner’s class, which meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m., will teach participants to recognize the Hebrew aleph-bet and basic prayers. For those who can read Hebrew, the intermediate class will concentrate on learning the Shabbat morning service and the customs/ rituals associated with becoming a Bat/Bar Mitzvah. This class, which meets from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., is for those that have never had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and would like to do so. Register with the temple office for either class. The fee for each course is \$100 for the year (October through May) plus the cost of books.

## Young Israel Chabad of Pinellas County

**Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah:** 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 will be held on Monday, Oct. 1 at 6:45 p.m. followed by Maariv 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.

## Chabad of West Pasco

**Classes with the rabbi:** Weekly classes taught by **Rabbi Yossi Eber** will alternate 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

**Oy Vay Cabaret:** A cabaret style show, hosted by **Carla Becker**, will be performed at the temple on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Enjoy the magic of music and great memories with a variety of song selections from country to Sinatra. There will also be a tribute honoring veterans. Tickets will go on sale Sept. 20 for \$18. They can be purchased online at [www.tbfl.org](http://www.tbfl.org) or by calling (352) 428-9946. Tickets will not be sold at time of performance.

**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.

# Spice it up at Mega Challah Bake on October 25

The Fourth Annual Mega Challah Bake, set for Thursday, Oct. 25 from 7-9 p.m., aims to bring women from all walks of life together to celebrate all that Jewish women have in common.

The event will be held at The Club at Treasure Island, 400 Treasure Island Causeway, and women will make challah dough together, take it home to bake, and then share Shabbat with others.

Whether participants have baked challah before, or this will be their first try, this experience is unforgettable and this time there will be new flavors.

Women will use pre-measured ingredients, and all necessary ingredients and utensils are provided. The recipe to be used is traditional, though the flavoring, glaze and toppings are more original. Women can choose from cinnamon sugar, bagel spice, onion/herb

or sundried tomato. The event will include sangria and desserts.

A few families of three generations of Jewish women will participate, symbolizing the unbroken chain that reaches back thousands of years, and those that continue the tradition to the next generations.

The past three years have been sold out, so book tickets early. Tickets are \$18 and women can register to participate by going to [www.MegaChallahFL.com](http://www.MegaChallahFL.com) or email [Info@ChabadSP.com](mailto:Info@ChabadSP.com) for more information.

Sponsors for the evening include Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg, Hadassah of St. Petersburg, St. Pete Wealth Management group of Raymond James - Marcia Person, St. Pete Beach Suites and The Club at Treasure Island. Other sponsorships are available.

# ‘Wrestling with Faith’ course offered at 2 Chabad centers

A six-session course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) titled Wrestling with Faith will be offered at two locations in Pinellas County beginning next month.

Addressing common challenges people have in their relationship with G-d, the course will be led by Rabbi Alter Korf of Chabad Jewish Center in St. Petersburg and Rabbi Pinchas Adler at Chabad of Pinellas County in Palm Harbor.

Wrestling with Faith explores questions such as: Why do I need G-d if I can live perfectly well without Him? Does G-d really care about the nuances of Jewish practice? Doesn’t the concept of “Jewish chosen-ness” seem racist? How can we relate to a loving and caring G-d amid the experience of tragedy and suffering? How do we reconcile compelling evidence for evolution and the age of the universe with a Bible that tells a different story? Is it even possible to develop a relationship with a G-d I cannot perceive with my five senses?

Jennifer Wiseman, a senior astrophysicist at NASA and the director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion, commented about the course: “At a time when science and technology dominate the mechanics and framing of our modern lives, it is more important than ever to ask the bigger questions of life’s purpose and values. This course enables the seeker to embrace the achievements of modern science while seeking the higher gifts of wisdom, meaning, and a personal relationship with G-d.”

All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be affiliated with any particular congregation.

The class will be offered at:

- Chabad of Pinellas County, 3693 Fisher Road, Palm Harbor, on Thursdays from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Oct. 18.

- Chabad of St. Petersburg, 1010 Park St. N., St. Petersburg, on Wednesdays from 7:30-9 p.m. beginning Oct. 31.

The cost is \$79 for those who sign up by Oct. 8 and \$89 after that date. Fees include classes, materials and recorded lessons (for sessions missed).

For more information, contact either Chabad center or go to [www.ChabadSP.com](http://www.ChabadSP.com).

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## 2 Jewish billionaire donors withdraw support from GOP

(JTA)—One of the largest donors to the Republican Party in New England is calling on voters to support Democratic candidates in the upcoming elections — and Seth Klarman put his money where his mouth is.

Klarman, a registered Independent who stresses that “I’m not a Democrat,” told *New York Times* columnist Bari Weiss that he has donated \$4.9 million this year to nearly 150 candidates, most running as Democrats. He said that by Election Day in November he will have spent \$18 million to \$20 million on Democratic candidates.

“We need to turn the House and Senate as a check on Donald Trump and his runaway presidency,” Klarman said.

Speaking of his planned donations to Democratic candidates, he said “I’m stretching far beyond what I usually do.”

Among the Democrats to whom he has donated in this election cycle: Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III; Texas Senate candidate Rep. Beto O’Rourke; and New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a potential presidential candidate.

Klarman donated more than \$2.9 million to the GOP in the 2016 election cycle, according to the *Times*.

He told Weiss that he “has been alarmed by Republican attempts at voter suppression, and by a president who demonizes immigrants and suggests that Muslims, Hispanics and blacks are second-class citizens.” Klarman also said he feels “betrayed” by “spineless” Republicans who have, with rare exceptions, been “profiles in cowardice.”

The Klarman Family Foundation, which he runs with his wife, has some \$700 million in total assets and gave away approximately \$40 million in 2016 with a focus on pro-democracy initiatives, including supporting organizations that protect journalists, combat bigotry and defend LGBT rights. He is also a major investor in *The Times of Israel* news site.

Meanwhile, billionaire philan-

thropist Leslie Wexner recently announced at a leadership summit in Columbus, OH, that “I’m no longer a Republican” and will no longer support the party.

He is telling his friends in elective office that he is now an Independent, the *Columbus Dispatch* reported.

Wexner made the announcement at an event sponsored by the Columbus Partnership, the group of central Ohio’s most influential business leaders that Wexner chairs, and YPO (formerly Young Presidents’ Organization), a group of under-45 business leaders.

Wexner, who donates generously to Jewish causes and according to *Forbes* is the wealthiest man in Ohio, is the CEO of L Brands, which owns Victoria’s Secret and Bath & Body Works.

He made his announcement after former President Barack Obama, a Democrat, visited Columbus before heading to a rally in Cleveland in support of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Corday. “I was struck by the genuineness of the man; his candor, humility and empathy for others,” Wexner said.

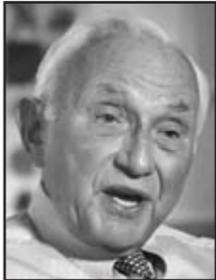
Wexner told his employees in a speech last year following the white nationalist and far-right rally in Charlottesville, VA, that left one counter-protester dead that he felt “dirty” and “ashamed” by Trump’s response. He also said he couldn’t sleep because of the incident, telling himself that “I have to do something because the leader of our country is behaving poorly.”

In the last year, Wexner and his wife, Abby, have donated to initiatives that foster bipartisan civility, as well as contributed \$2.8 million to With Honor, which supports military veterans from both parties who are running for office. In 2012, he gave \$250,000 to a super PAC backing Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign. Four years later, the Wexners donated more than \$2 million to candidates, including a \$500,000 contribution in support of Jeb Bush for president.



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Seth Klarman



Screenshot from YouTube

Les Wexner



“Judgment at Nuremberg” cast members are, from left, Greg Thompson (Judge Ives), Elizabeth Fendrick (Frau Bertholt), Alexander Mc Greevey (Rudolf Peterson), Marie-Claude Tremblay (Maria Wallner), Jim Wicker (Judge Haywood), Hugh Timoney (Ernst Janning), Derrick Phillips (Oscar Rolfe) and James Rayfield (Dr. Wickert).

Photo by: CineView Studios

## Stageworks production tackles Nuremberg trials

Under the motto of Embracing the Past, Changing the Future, Stageworks Theatre in Tampa will open its 2018-19 season on Friday, Sept. 28, with the premiere of *Judgment at Nuremberg*, a deep and hard-hitting look at the wartime trials that shook the world after World War II.

The play is the sequel to the successful 1961 *Judgment at Nuremberg* film, which featured Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster and Maximilian Schell. The film’s screenwriter Abby Mann felt the story about the legacy of World War II should be experienced with a live performance.

The storyline is a dramatized version of the proceedings at one of the Nuremberg trials, in which Judge Dan Haywood (Jim Wicker) is overseeing the trials of four German judges — most notably Dr. Ernst Janning (Hugh Timoney) and Emil Hahn (Richard Coppinger) — accused of knowingly sentencing innocent men to death in collusion with the Nazis. Representing the defense is attorney Oscar Rolfe (Derrick Phillips), while prosecuting the accused is U.S. Col. Parker (Ryan Bernier). As the trial goes on, both the visiting Americans and their reluctant German hosts often find themselves facing the legacy of the war, and how both of their nations have been irrevocably changed by it. Issues at the forefront of this trial reverberate through history and challenge humanity to this day.

“In a time when society has gotten more and more divided along party or ideological lines, it is incumbent on us to look at our past in order to make responsible choices now,” said Stageworks’ Producing Artistic Director Karla Hartley, who explained that the lineup this season aims to “give our audience a chance to look closely at the past in order to soar into the unknown ahead.”

This production is also supported by community partners: the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg, Tampa JCCs and Federation, Stetson Law and

United Nations Association of Tampa Bay.

The Holocaust museum and the museum’s Lawyers of Conscience organization are sponsoring a special performance on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. with a presentation after the play by Tampa attorney Greg Kehoe, who will hold a talk-back with the play’s actors. Kehoe worked for the U.S. Department of Justice as a prosecutor for more than 20 years with postings in the United States, Europe, Asia, and South America. Among this high profile cases, Kehoe led the team of lawyers and investigators which advised the Iraqi Special Tribunal, an ad hoc court formed to prosecute Saddam Hussein and members of his former regime. Tickets for the Holocaust museum event are \$35 (with \$5 from each ticket sale donated back to the museum). To purchase tickets for this show, RSVP by Sept. 26 to Arthur Sanchez at (727) 820-0100, ext. 251 or asanchez@thefhm.org.

Throughout the play’s run, the theater’s lobby gallery will be showing “Pursuing Justice: Nuremberg’s Legacy,” created and circulated by the Holocaust Museum. This traveling exhibit focuses on the two sets of Nuremberg Trials: the International Military Tribunal (IMT) for the major Nazi war criminals and the 12 subsequent trials conducted at Nuremberg for those not tried at the IMT. The IMT set the standard for subsequent trials as well as hundreds of war criminal trials since 1945.

*Judgment at Nuremberg* will run from Sept. 28 through Oct. 14 with evening shows at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinee performances at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For ticket information and reservations, visit [www.stageworkstheatre.org](http://www.stageworkstheatre.org) or call the box office (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1:30-5:30 p.m.) at (813) 374-2416, ext. 1.

Located in Tampa’s Channelside District at 1120 E. Kennedy Blvd., Stageworks is Tampa’s longest running professional theater company.

## DeSantis denounces donor’s remarks, but won’t return money

(JTA) — Florida Republican nominee for governor, Ron DeSantis, condemned racist remarks by Jewish backer Steven Alembik as “disgusting” but his campaign said it would not return money Alembik had donated. Alembik, of Boca Raton, had on Twitter called former President Barack Obama a “F\*\*\*ING MUSLIM N\*\*\*\*\*.”

Asked about his use of the pejorative, he told Politico on Sept. 20: “I grew up in New York in the ’50s. We were the kikes. They were the n——. They were the goyim. And those were the spics.”

A campaign statement denounced Alembik’s rhetoric as “disgusting,” and said it would no longer accept money from

him. But the campaign also said it would not return at least \$4,000 he had given the campaign because it had already been spent during the primaries, The Associated Press reported.

DeSantis spoke in February at a pro-Israel event Alembik organized at Mar-a-Lago, the Florida resort owned by President Trump.



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Ellen Siegman, front, and Renee Fienman, both members of Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater, collect trash from a rock berm along the Courtney Campbell Causeway.



Photos by Bob Fryer

Volunteers struggle to remove a huge memory foam mattress from the waters along the Courtney Campbell Causeway during the first Bay area community Reverse Tashlich.

## VOLUNTEERS

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and Temple Ahavat Shalom in Palm Harbor. Others there included the seven members of the Acanda-Medina family, members of Chabad Jewish Discovery Center in Brandon who came all the way from Fishhawk Ranch in southeast Hillsborough County.

Though Joaquin's find dwarfed most of the other debris collected along the causeway, shortly before the event ended a group of volunteers came to the collection center dragging a more traditional looking mattress that had been discarded near the shore.

### What a concept

The Reverse Tashlich cleanup

program, sponsored by the Hillels of the Florida Suncoast, drew more than 300 volunteers to waterfront areas throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. Nine Tampa Bay area congregations plus Hillel chapters from Eckerd College, the University of South Florida and University of Tampa, officially signed on to the project.

The concept is the brainchild of the Scubi Jew club at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg.

Tashlich means "casting off" in Hebrew and during the High Holy Days, the Tashlich ritual is for Jews to symbolically cast their sins into the water. "A reverse Tashlich is taking sins from the water," explained Rabbi Ed Rosenthal, who is executive director of the Suncoast

Hillels and leader of local Scubi Jew and Tikkun HaYam (repair the seas) programs. Both programs promote protecting the marine environment.

Volunteers took buckets and trash-picking tools to six sites: the Courtney Campbell Causeway, Maximo Park and the Blackthorn Memorial (both near the Sunshine Skyway), Takomah Trail Park (east of Busch Gardens in Tampa), the University of South Florida's Riverfront Park and a site at the edge of McKay Bay in Tampa.

More than 650 pounds of trash was collected, including many single-use plastic items (water bottles, potato chip bags, straws, plastic forks and food take-out containers). Also collected were glass and aluminum bottles, Sty-

rofoam containers, a garden trellis, a "creepy baby doll" with limbs barely attached, tires, a 5-foot sheet of bubble wrap, a purse, balloons, a tail light and plastic toothbrushes, along with the two mattresses.

Congregation Kol Ami had the most participants in Tampa Bay, with 47 volunteers at Takomah Trail Park. Other Tampa congregations participating included Beth Am, Rodeph Sholom and Schaarai Zedek. In Pinellas, the Skyway sites were tended to by volunteers from Congregations B'nai Israel and Temple Beth-El, both of St. Petersburg.

Keep Pinellas Beautiful and Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful provided cleanup materials and chose locations for the project.

### Giving back

While some folks chose other Sunday activities – both the Bucs and Rays had home games – the volunteers overwhelmingly agreed that their sweaty, sometimes messy, efforts were rewarding. "This is a nice, new tradition. It is good to give back," noted Marty Goldberg of Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater. He was in on the recovery of both mattresses.

"I am a science teacher," said Ellen Siegman, "The [Reverse Tashlich] idea is just powerful. It hits you this holiday season."

Temple B'nai Israel member Vivian Benci, who described herself as "a longtime environmentalist," said she and fellow volunteer Marcia Miller are part of an effort to end use of disposable items at their temple. Miller's daughter, Samantha, said she joined the effort because it is important to protect marine life.

"I have no doubt that the lessons that my children learned from this day will be lifelong and I am so grateful as a father for the mitzvot

opportunities that you facilitated for my children today ... We truly appreciated the opportunity to change the world in positive ways today," wrote a volunteer from Temple Ahavat Shalom.

Elyse Acanda, the mom whose son found the memory foam mattress, brought five of her seven kids to the event after learning about it through social media. "It is really important for them to understand their role. When we teach them not to litter, here's why," she said, pointing to collections of debris.

Some areas of the causeway were so thoroughly scoured that a few volunteers were not able to collect full buckets of trash. Rachel Biton, a junior at Eckerd and a Scubi Jew member, put it in perspective when she said, "I just want to help the ocean and the planet. All these little steps make a big difference."

Those at other collection sites also stressed the importance of the effort put forth by the volunteers.

Sara Ingber, team leader for Congregation Rodeph Sholom, was overwhelmed by the turnout and said, "In the spirit of Tikkun HaYam we did a great mitzvah as a community and I can't wait to do it again next year."

"It's our responsibility to take care of our oceans for our children and future generations," reflected Sam Wax, a board member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek.

"As red tide is engulfing our community, the necessity to raise awareness in the Jewish community about the multiple threats to the marine environment is paramount," said Rabbi Rosenthal. "The Reverse Tashlich is just the beginning. I'm ecstatic at the reception and participation in our community, and hope it just continues to increase."

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Volunteers from Congregations Beth Am, Rodeph Sholom and Schaarai Zedek, all in Tampa, pulled 188 pounds of debris from mangroves along McKay Bay.

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# Gilda Radner documentary reveals pain and persistence behind the laughs

By MICHAEL FOX  
Special to the Jewish Press

The late, great sketch comedian Gilda Radner is a Jewish icon. Off-stage and out of character, however, she wasn't especially Jewish.

"I think you would have to ask Gilda if she considered herself a Jewish comedienne," muses Laraine Newman, her friend and fellow Jewish cast mate for the first five seasons of *Saturday Night Live*.

"I'd love to hear the answer," replies Lisa D'Apolito, director of the deeply affectionate and painfully revealing documentary, *Love, Gilda*, during a conversation shortly before the film was shown at the San Francisco Film Festival in July.

"Honest to God, I don't know," Newman says. "I couldn't characterize her one way or the other. I would think that would have to come from her."

Instead, in *Love, Gilda*, D'Apolito does the next best thing: She wisely channels her subject's voice through a trove of clips, personal audiotapes and diary entries (read by contemporary comics Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Melissa McCarthy and others).

*Love, Gilda*, which has already screened at numerous Jewish film festivals to rousing applause, opened Friday, Sept. 21 at a variety of theaters nationwide, including locally at the Tampa Theater.

Radner grew up in a well-off Jewish family in Detroit. But her beloved father was diagnosed with a brain tumor when she was 12 and died two years later. Her mother delegated many of the child-raising duties, and the film hints that she was not the most supportive parent.

"Gilda was also raised by her nanny, who happened to be Christian," D'Apolito said. "So Gilda observed all kinds of different religions and what she identified with, I wasn't really sure. I wanted to cover where I thought some of her insecurities came from. Losing her father was really important — and her mother putting her on diet pills."

The nanny, Dibby, was the inspiration for one of Radner's most popular *SNL* characters, Emily Litella. As for the diet pills, Gilda's body image issues as an adolescent led to eating disorders that plagued her into adulthood.

"When I found the audiotapes, it was so different to hear her talking than to see her on an interview or hear people talking about her," D'Apolito recalls. "It was just mesmerizing, because you get a real sense of Gilda. She's sitting in a café talking to somebody, she's ordering things, she's telling stories and she's extremely intelligent and extremely funny. That was really important to me, that an audience have the same expe-



Gilda with husband Gene Wilder and giant jack-o-lantern

Photos courtesy of Magnolia Pictures

rience I had."

D'Apolito was guided in her interview choices — musician Paul Shaffer, actor Martin Short and writer Alan Zweibel, among others — by who Gilda spoke about on the tapes. Alas, Gene Wilder, the love of Radner's life according to D'Apolito and her husband from 1984 until she died in 1989, was too ill to participate. (He died in August 2016.)

"Gene was everything she was looking for, because he was a Jewish guy from the Midwest," D'Apolito says of the Milwaukee native, born Jerome Silberman. "That's what she always wanted, I've been told."

Radner and Wilder met on the set of the 1980s film *Hanky Panky* that originally was going to co-star Richard Pryor and was rewritten for a female lead. Wilder then directed Radner (and himself) in the equally disappointing comedies, *The Woman in Red* and *Haunted Honeymoon*.

The brashness and vitality of Radner's TV and stage work showed "that she never doubted that she was equal to any man," D'Apolito says. "That's what I take away from Gilda's performances."

Newman laments that Radner's movie career suffered because casting directors and producers lacked the imagination to cast her correctly.

"The specific nature of her talent was she did characters, and she would probably have been better served if she had taken part in writing the things that she did," Newman asserts. "But I don't think it occurred to her. If she and Alan Zweibel had collaborated on a feature, it might have been a whole different thing."

D'Apolito's connection to Radner goes back to the first videos she directed eight years ago for Gilda's Club, a cancer support group founded by Wilder in New York after Radner died from ovarian cancer at age 42.

D'Apolito didn't meet Wilder, however, until he invited the filmmaker to his house the year before

he died. They spent a memorable day talking and hanging out with his dogs.

"Somehow at the end of the day Gene and I just sat in the garden together," D'Apolito recalls. "I could see why Gilda loved him."

Michael Fox is a San Francisco based film critic, journalist, instructor and CinemaLit curator and host, *Mechanics' Institute*.

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Gilda Radner at work writing, from the documentary "Love Gilda."

# BOOK FEST

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“Our festival is all about offering conversations about compelling topics of interest. Every year our Jewish Book Festival Committee, led by Debbie Doliner and Barbara Manners, selects amazing top authors who we present at the festival at entertaining and fascinating events,” said Tampa JCCs Arts and Culture Director Brandy Gold.

She noted that you do not need to be a book lover or avid reader to attend, adding that most attending festival events in the past had not read the book prior to going to the program.

“Come out, enjoy and support our Jewish community, while learning, listening, engaging in stimulating conversations while having lots of fun,” she said.

### Opening night

• **DAWN RAFFEL** – The opening night of the festival will be held at the JCC on the Cohn campus on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. and will feature a talk by author Dawn Raffel, along with a light dinner buffet. Tickets are \$18.

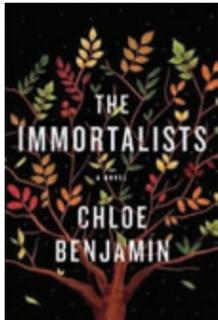
Raffel is author of *The Strange Case of Dr. Couney, How a Mysterious European Showman Saved Thousands of American Babies*. Her book presents an extraordinary tale of how Martin Couney, an immigrant “doctor” became a revolutionary innovator in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, saving thousands of premature babies by placing them in incubators, as part of Coney Island entertainment. Raffel examines the life of Couney and his real identity— whether he is a showman with an interest in medicine, or a doctor with an interest in showmanship. Raffel is the author of a novel, two story collections, a memoir and this biographical book. She helped launch *O, The Oprah Magazine*, where she served as executive articles editor for seven years and has held senior-level positions at *More*, and *Reader’s Digest* magazines. She has taught at Columbia University and at seminars in Montreal and Lithuania.

### Day of Champions

Three events at the Glazer JCC on Sunday, Nov. 4, have been dubbed the Sunday Festival Day of Champions:



Chloe Benjamin

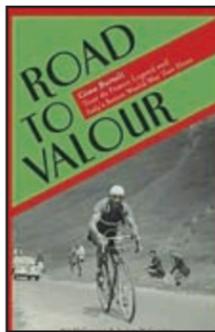


• **CHLOE BENJAMIN** – The author of *The Immortalists*, a novel which spent weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, will participate in a Sip & Skype interview at 10:30 a.m. The novel is set in 1969 New York City when the four Gold teenage children sneak out to hear their fortunes told by

a mystic. Each child is told the day they will die. The prophecies inform and shape their next five decades. Benjamin’s previous book, *The Anatomy of Dreams*, was also a *New York Times* bestseller. She is a graduate of Vassar and the University of Wisconsin’s MFA fiction program. Tickets are \$5 and include drinks and a nosh.



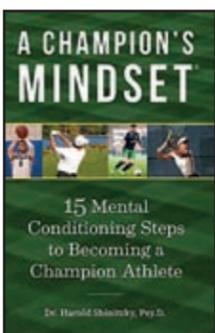
Aili McConnon



• **AILI McCONNON** – This event at 11:30 a.m., titled *Breakfast of Champions*, features the author of *Road to Valour: A True Story of World War II Italy, the Nazis, and the Cyclist Who Inspired A Nation*. McConnon, co-authored with her brother, Andres McConnon, this biography of Gino Bartali, an Italian cycling legend. The story begins with Bartali stunning the world by winning the Tour de France at age 24. Then came Mussolini and World War II when Bartali heroically works to save Italian Jews from the Holocaust. Aili McConnon is a Canadian journalist based in New York. She writes for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times* and other publications. Tickets are \$18 and include a breakfast buffet.



Dr. Harold Shinitzky



• **Dr. HAROLD SHINITZKY** – At 2 p.m., for what is dubbed Afternoon of Champions, Shinitzky, a licensed psychologist with offices in Clearwater and St. Petersburg, will talk about his book, *A Champion’s Mindset: 15 Mental Conditioning Steps to Becoming a Champion Athlete*. He specializes in sports psychology and is a highly sought-after motivational speaker. His upbeat and engaging trademarked programs, “The Winning Edge” and “A Champion’s Mindset,” inspire athletes all the way up to Olympians and professional athletes. His new book shares 15 mental conditioning steps that can boost achievement of any goal, physical or other. Shinitzky has won awards for his mental-conditioning programs and also co-authored the book, *Your Mind: An Owner’s Manual for a Better Life*. Tickets are \$5 and include healthy snacks.

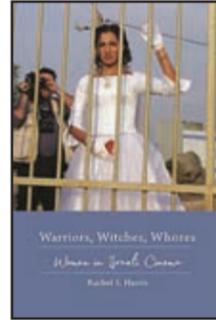
### More local authors

Two local authors will be featured on

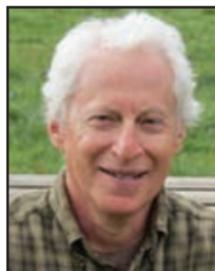
Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the festival bookstore at the Cohn campus and a \$5 ticket is good for both evening programs – the first one at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 7:30 p.m.



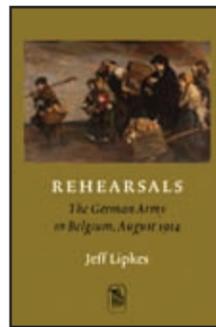
Rachel Harris



• **RACHEL HARRIS** – The 6:30 p.m. program features the author of *Warriors, Witches, Whores – Women in Israeli Cinema*. The book considers the ways social and political power have affected the representation of women in film. Although academic in tone, Harris’ book will appeal to cinephiles and feminists, as well as those interested in the Israeli culture. Plus, it offers an excellent films-to-watch list. Harris is an associate professor of Israeli literature and culture at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and is a resident of Safety Harbor. She has also authored *An Ideological Death: Suicide in Israeli Literature* and was co-editor of *Narratives of Dissent: War in Contemporary Israeli Arts and Culture*.



Jeff Lipkes



• **JEFF LIPKES** – At 7:30 p.m. Lipkes, author of *Rehearsals: The German Army in Belgium, August 1914*, will be on hand to discuss his book. It is a history of the German army’s orchestrated campaign of terror in Belgium in 1914, when the German military was experimenting with methods they hoped would facilitate modern, massive, fast-moving warfare meant to terrorize conquered populations into submission. Belgium was the rehearsal for the Nazi military machine that was to come: nearly 6,000 unarmed people were murdered, and some 25,000 homes and buildings were destroyed. Lipkes holds a Ph.D from Princeton and has taught European history at USF, Eckerd College and Florida Southern.

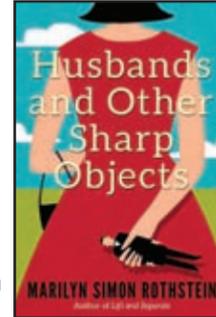
### Lunch with Marilyn

Meet author Marilyn Simon Rothstein on Friday, Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Michael’s Grill, 11720 N. Dale Mabry Highway. Tickets, at \$25, include lunch. Reservations are required by Nov. 1.

• **MARILYN SIMON ROTHSTEIN** – The author of *Husbands and Other Sharp Objects* is a woman who married a man she met in an elevator and began her writing



Marilyn Simon Rothstein



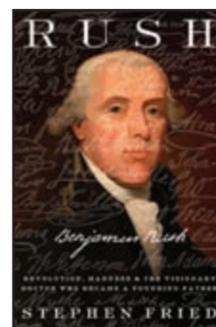
career at *Seventeen* magazine. She owned an ad agency for 25 years. Her funny and heartwarming novel is about the planning of a wedding, set on a rollicking stage of family dynamics. Rothstein is also the author of *Lift and Separate*, winner of the Star Award which was presented by the Women’s Fiction Writers Association. She grew up in New York City.

### Veterans’ Day

There will be two programs on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Brian Glazer JCC, one honoring a Founding Father and another honoring Jewish War veterans.



Stephn Fried



• **STEPHEN FRIED** – At 3 p.m., Stephen Fried will discuss his book *Rush: Revolution, Madness & The Visionary Doctor Who Became A Founding Father*. Fried, an award-winning journalist and bestselling author, has written this remarkable story of Benjamin Rush, a medical pioneer and one of our nation’s most provocative and unsung Founding Fathers. Rush, a 30-year-old doctor, was one of the youngest signatories on the Declaration of Independence. He was also one of the most visionary. Rush was known as the “American Hippocrates” for pioneering national healthcare and revolutionizing treatment of mental illness and addiction. He was a protégé of Benjamin Franklin and served as the editor of *Common Sense*, Washington’s surgeon general. He was also the the broker of peace between Samuel Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Fried’s other books include *The New Rabbi*, *Appetite for America*, *Thing of Beauty* and *A Common Struggle* (with Patrick Kennedy). Fried and his wife live in Philadelphia, blocks from where Dr. Benjamin Rush lived centuries ago.

Tickets are \$10 and include a gourmet coffee bar with pick-me-up snack buffet.

• **DICK BERMAN** – At 5 p.m., Berman will discuss his book, *The Machalniks*. Berman’s novel describes the true story of Jewish American World War II airmen who volunteered to smuggle weapons to the Jews living in pre-state Israel and create the first Israeli Air Force in 1948 when

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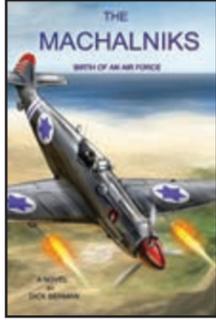
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Dick Berman



Israel is declared a state. Defying enormous odds, these Jewish volunteers, the Machalniks, the Hebrew acronym for “Volunteers from Abroad,” risked their lives to fly combat missions over Israel in Israel’s War of Independence. Afterward, the volunteer airmen are put on trial by the U.S. government, which aimed to punish them for their actions. Berman currently lives in Delray Beach and is working on his next book, featuring Eric Burns, the Israeli Mossad agent from his hit novel, *The Collector*.

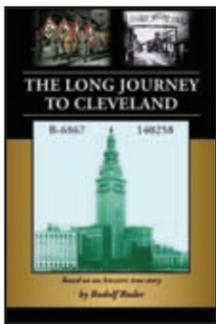
Tickets are \$18 and include a deli dinner.

**Love wins out**

On Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. a South Florida author will discuss the unlikely union of his parents when he greets festivalgoers in the bookstore at the Cohn campus. Admission is \$5.



Rudolph Ruder



• **RUDOLPH RUDER** • Ruder’s book, *The Long Journey to Cleveland*, is his parents’ story. His father was a Polish Jew from Lvov who survived German death camps. His mother was a German Catholic who had been a member of the Hitler Youth. They were happily married for 57 years, living and raising their family in Cleveland. During his many years of a career in business, Ruder aspired to write this book, and finally did. He is a resident of South Florida.

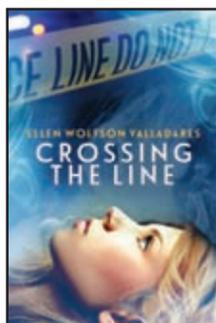
**Wrapping it up**

To conclude the fall portion of the Books & Conversations festival, there will be two programs on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the Glazer JCC, the first will feature two authors of young adult fiction and the final one will present the author of a non-fiction work related to World War II.

Speaking about their books and the Young Adult genre at the 2 p.m. Novel-Tea will be:



Ellen Wolfson Valladares



• **ELLEN WOLFSON VALLADARES** – A native of St. Petersburg now living in South Florida, Valladares will discuss her Young Adult novel, *Crossing the Line*. Valladares is an award-winning writer/author who began her career as editor of the *Jewish Advocate of South Broward*. Her young adult novel is an intriguing, mystical tale about friendship, fate and the courage to believe. Set in the St. Petersburg area and the beyond, the book features Laura, who died 30 years ago and enlists the help of a high school reporter to investigate the truth about her tragic young death.



Sarah Frank



• **SARAH FRANK** – Also appearing at the 2 p.m. program will be Frank, who is a student at Blake

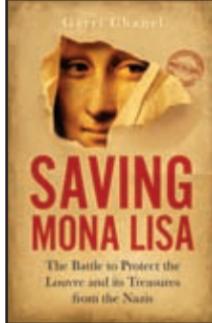
High School in Tampa and already working on her second novel. She will discuss her first book, *One Chance*, which has already won a Florida Authors & Publishers Association medal in the “Fiction: Juvenile Age 7-12” category. In Frank’s book, an orphan girl uses a magic stone to travel back in time to try to find out what happened to her parents and to see if she can change history. Frank plans to write a 10-book series.

The 2 p.m. event will include tea and tickets are \$10.

At 5 p.m. there will be a book discussion with author Gerri Chanel, the showing of the movie, *The Monuments Men* and a light dinner buffet.



Gerri Chanel



• **GERRI CHANEL** – The author of *Saving Mona Lisa, The Battle to Protect The Louvre and Its Treasures During World War II*, will discuss her non-fiction book that chronicles the history of the Louvre staff’s efforts to keep the priceless artwork out of the hands of Hitler and his henchmen. Many risked their lives to protect the world’s artistic treasures and as the Germans neared Paris in 1940, the French raced to move the masterpieces south, then crisscrossed France again and again during the war. The 2014 movie, *The Monuments Men* starring George Clooney, Matt Damon and Cate Blanchett, dealt with the same subject, but according to Chanel, told only a small portion of “the full-length treatment it demands.” The film will be shown as a part of Chanel’s presentation. Chanel is a prize-winning freelance journalist who divides her time between Paris, New York and Toronto.

Tickets are \$18.

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The JCC on the Cohn campus will feature a festival bookstore throughout the festival in November, where guests can purchase the featured books as well as enjoy festival events.

All events are open to the public. Reservations are encouraged and, for the Nov. 9 luncheon, are required. They can be made with ticket purchases at [jewishtampa.com/books](http://jewishtampa.com/books), beginning Oct. 1. All events, excluding the Sip & Skype program, will conclude with a book signing by the featured author.

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**Drag Queen bingo:** The Lylah Chapter of Hadassah will hold a breast cancer fundraiser with “An Evening of Drag Queen Bingo” on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Hamburger Mary’s, 28910 US 19 N., Clearwater. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and enjoy bingo beginning at 7:30 p.m. Hamburger Mary’s will donate the entire proceeds from the sale of \$10 bingo cards and 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit breast cancer research at Hadassah. Make reservations by calling Hamburger Mary’s at (727) 400-6996. For more information, email [Robin Taylor](mailto:Robin.Taylor@tv_robin@yahoo.com) at [tv\\_robin@yahoo.com](mailto:tv_robin@yahoo.com) or call (727) 741-8741.

## Genealogical Society

**Discovering his heritage:** Guest speaker **Yoel Chaim BenHabib** will share his amazing story of discovering that he is Jewish when he speaks at the Tampa Bay Jewish Genealogical Society’s next meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. Born in Cuba, he has been interested in his ancestry since childhood. Currently a junior majoring in history at University of South Florida, BenHabib used research, family interviews, family customs, and DNA to seek out his genealogy – and in the process has discovered that they all point to a Jewish lineage that goes back to the Canary Islands and Spain. He will share his research methodology as well as stories detailing the customs and traditions he grew up with that are still being practiced by family members in Cuba, unaware of their Jewish heritage. The society will meet 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. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome. There is no charge to attend this meeting, and guests are welcome. For information, call **Bruce Hadburg** at (727) 796-7981.

## Young Adults

**Trivia night and brews:** Test your trivia knowledge with Team #Gather at 81Bay Brewing. 4465 W. Gandy Blvd., Tampa on Wednesday, Oct. 10. Happy hour begins at 7 p.m. and trivia is at 8 p.m. This is a free event.

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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 Oct. 1, the topic will be “Demystifying Behavioral Interviewing.” On Oct. 8 the topic is “Why the Most Qualified Candidate Doesn’t Always Get the Job.” The Oct. 15 topic is “What is Your Non-verbal Communication Saying?”

**Job-search aids:** Success workshops to aid with job-search skills will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 4 and 18 from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. On Oct. 4 the topic is “Financial Fundamentals for Now and the Future.” On Oct. 18 the topic is “Five Steps to Successfully Negotiate a Job Offer.” 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:** A four-part Switching Gears workshop series is taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24 at the TampaBay-Job-Links center. TBJL’s professional career coaches will present interactive content to enhance attendees’ job-search skills whether they are just beginning their career, returning to the workforce after an absence, or considering a career change. Topics include conducting self-assessments, developing a brand, enhancing interview skills, managing network-

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## 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.

**Caregiver support:** On the first Thursday of the month a caregiver support group will meet at Temple B’nai Israel, 1685 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater, from 10-11:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for caregivers to share their experiences and receive inspiration, guidance and support. The first session for this group will take place Oct. 4. The event is sponsored by Empath Health. To register or for more information, call **Kelly Siegel** at (727) 735-8743 or email [kellySiegel@EmpathHealth.org](mailto:kellySiegel@EmpathHealth.org) or **Sandi Sunter** at (727) 301-7884 or email [Yiddishemama@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Yiddishemama@tampabay.rr.com).

**Grief support:** A grief support group will meet at Temple B’nai Israel, on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6. This group provides an opportunity for people affected by grief to share their experiences in a safe, confidential, healing environment and receive inspiration, guidance and support. Since this is a short series, attendance at all four sessions is encouraged. These sessions are being held in partnership with the temple and Empath Health.

To register or for more information, call **Kelly Siegel** at (727) 735-8743 or email [kellySiegel@EmpathHealth.org](mailto:kellySiegel@EmpathHealth.org) or **Sandi Sunter** at (727) 301-7884 or email [Yiddishemama@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Yiddishemama@tampabay.rr.com).

## ‘Lone soldier’ to talk about life as immigrant to Israel

A young man originally from Colombia who made aliyah and then served in the Israel Defense Forces will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 12 Federation Friday program.

The program will be held from 10 a.m. – noon in the new Community Room of the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco County, 13191 Starkey Road, #8, Largo. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Yaakov Rothstein moved to Israel from Colombia in 2013. After completing Ulpan Hebrew studies, Rothstein was drafted to the army and served in Meitar, an elite anti-tank unit. Before his discharge Rothstein participated in a five-day Israel Wings seminar, a comprehensive program offering support for young adults who join the IDF as “lone soldiers” – immigrants who do not have close family members in Israel. The Wings program was put on by the Jewish Agency for Israel, which also is sponsoring Rothstein’s talk here.

Once discharged from the army, Rothstein went on to graduate cum laude from the Rotghberg International School at the Hebrew University precatory mechina, an introduction for academic studies.

He currently lives in Beer Sheva and studies engineering at the Ben Gurion University, where he is the co-founder of the Lone Soldiers Club.

For more information about the weekly Federation Friday events, call Maxine Kaufman at the Federation office, (727) 530-3223.

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# Professor doesn't regret refusal to recommend student for study in Israel

(JTA) – A professor at the University of Michigan is under fire for saying he can't write a letter of recommendation for study in Israel because he supports a boycott of the country.

John Cheney-Lippold, a professor of American culture, declined to recommend junior Abigail Ingber for a semester abroad in Israel because he supports the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against the country, known as BDS.

"As you may know, many University departments have pledged an academic boycott against Israel in support of Palestinians living in Palestine," the professor's email read. "This boycott includes writing letters of recommendation for students planning to study there."

The email was first publicized Sunday, Sept. 16, in a post on the Facebook page of Club Z, a pro-Israel group for young people.

JTA has reached out to Ingber for comment, though she declined to comment on the incident to *The Michigan Daily*, the campus paper.

Cheney-Lippold told JTA that despite any backlash he has not changed his mind. He wrote that boycotts are a tool to fight injustice, and that Israeli universities are complicit in Israeli abuse of Palestinians because of their role in military research.

"I do not regret declining to write the letter, precisely because I am boycotting injustice," Cheney-Lippold wrote in an email to JTA. "I would hope anyone who cares about injustice, such as Israel's unequal treatment of Palestinians, would make a similar decision ... Israeli universities are complicit institutions – they develop weapons systems and military training. Standing up for freedom, justice, and equality for all is something I'm proud of."

Several academic associations, including the American Studies Association in 2013, have voted for boycotts of Israeli universities.

Cheney-Lippold rejected the idea that his refusal was anti-Semitic, as he is boycotting Israeli institutions, not the Jewish student. He said that the study abroad programs themselves are discriminatory, alleging that they would deny admittance to Palestinian students or those who are pro-Palestinian.

"The issue at hand is how Israel and its institutions discriminate against Palestinians and others, even in terms of the study abroad programs themselves," he wrote. "If a Palestinian student approached me to participate in this study abroad trip, they might be denied because of their ethnic origin. The same may go for students who express support for Palestinian rights."

In a statement to JTA, Club Z's executive director, Masha Merkulova, said the decision is anti-Semitic as it came "solely because her chosen destination is Israel." She accused the professor of holding Ingber to a double standard.

"[W]e fully stand behind Abigail, who should have never been subjected to this double standard," the statement said. "We strongly believe that when such acts of anti-Semitism and bigotry occur at higher institutions, we must hold

professors, administrators, and universities accountable."

The U.S. Department of Education may agree. Its Office of Civil Rights under Kenneth Marcus, the department's new assistant secretary for civil rights, is employing the State Department's definition of anti-Semitism, which includes some types of anti-Israel activity, in investigating claims of discrimination under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. The definition includes "applying double standards by requiring of [Israel] a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation" and holding Jews collectively responsible for Israel's actions.

Marcus recently employed the definition in reopening an investigation into an allegedly anti-Semitic event at Rutgers University in 2011.

Last year, the University of Michigan's Central Student Government called on the university to investigate divestment from companies that violate Palestinian human rights. The university's Board of Regents rejected the call.

"It is disappointing that a faculty member would allow their personal political beliefs to limit the support they are willing to otherwise provide for our students," read a statement on Cheney-Lippold's letter from the university's Public Affairs Department, according to the *Michigan Daily*. "We will engage our faculty colleagues in deep discussions to clarify how the expression of our shared values plays out in support of all students."

The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel, affiliated with the Palestinian BDS National Committee, urges faculty not to write recommendations for students hoping to pursue studies in Israel.



Photo from Facebook  
**Abby Ingber asked John Cheney-Lippold, a professor of American culture, for a letter of recommendation to help her study abroad in Israel.**

Sincerely yours,  
*Judy*  
Judy Ludin

## Welcome to the world...

**Benjamin Douglas Wolfson**, son of **Nicole and Aaron Wolfson** of Largo, born Sept. 5, weighing 9 lbs, 6 oz. Benjamin was welcomed by big sisters **Ella and Harper**. Kvelling grandparents are **Julia and Mark Wolfson** of Treasure Island and **Beth and Doug Fox** of Seminole.

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Mazel Tov to **Jared White** and **Tom Schaham** of Kibbutz Revivim, Israel, on the birth of their son, **Eyal**, born on June 3. There are lots of thrilled and kvelling relatives who are celebrating the birth. They include older sister **Eshel**; grandparents **Karen Eisler** and **Michael White** of Dunedin, **Dr. Ofra Schaham** of Tel Aviv and **Shimson Schaham** of Tel Aviv; great-grandmother **Kika Schaham** of Kibbutz Hakuk; uncle **Ben White** of Tarpon Springs and great-aunt **Amy Eisler** of Clearwater.

*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.*

## Obituaries

**WILLIAM H. ASKWYTH**, 88, of South Pasadena, died Sept. 8. He was born in Brooklyn and graduated from New York University, Columbia University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with degrees in engineering and business. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954. An engineer at Pratt & Whitney for 30 years, he was also an active member of Temple Beth Tefilah in East Hartford, CT. Survivors include his wife of 60 years Phyllis; two daughters and sons-in-law; Shelly and Richard Jewell, Bolton, CT, and Karen and Jay Fienman, South Windsor, CT; son and daughter-in-law David and Maryanne Askwyth, Hamilton, MA; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, St. Petersburg Chapel)

**STANLEY LECHNER**, 102, of Largo, died Sept. 12. Born in New York City he specialized in the field of musical instruments for many years. He was a member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater. Survivors include daughter Barbara (Jeff) Goldberg of Largo; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The Michael J. Fox Foundation. (David C. Gross Funeral Homes, Clearwater Chapel)

**IRA MITLIN**, 96, of St. Petersburg and recently of Canton, MA, died Sept. 8. He had a successful career in commercial real estate, first in New York City and then in St. Petersburg, where he was a key player in the renaissance of the city. He was a former member of the Menorah Manor Foundation board. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Beverly; daughter and son-in-law Marjorie Mitlin and Steven Bloom, Sharon, MA; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The family suggests memorials to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Brockton, MA. (Stanetsky Memorial Chapel)

**JANE B. RUTENBERG**, 70, Belleair Shore, died Sept. 13. Born in Galesburg, IL she was a market research analysis major from the University of Arizona. She moved to Florida in 1974 to work for Arthur Rutenberg Homes, to provide market research for land acquisitions. Very active in the community she provided support and leadership in the creation of Blossom Mon-

tessori School for the Deaf and helped grow the Clearwater Festival of Trees. She was a member of Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater. Known for her creativity, she produced thousands of crafts, jewelry and knitting projects for family, friends and charitable groups. Survivors include her children Julie Rutenberg and Steven Rutenberg; stepchildren Sharon Rosenberg, Jan Morse and Barry Rutenberg; brother Robert Bondi; brother-in-law Daniel Rutenberg; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Blossom Montessori School for the Deaf. (Curlew Hills Memory Gardens)

**DANIELLE BETH TASHMAN**, 22, of New York, formerly of Tampa, died Sept. 9. Prior to moving to New York, she had moved to Georgia in 1997, before deciding to make Woodstock her home. Her life was filled with uniqueness and adventure, from her accomplishment of being the youngest assistant court clerk in the history of New York, to her goat-farming job which she loved. Survivors include her parents Jeffrey and Karen Tashman; siblings; Philip Patron, Shayna Micucci (Anthony), Rebecca Tashman; grandmothers; Harriet Chesler and Ruth Tashman. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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# Trump administration continues to pressure Palestinians; orders close of PLO offices in Washington

(JTA) – The Trump administration ordered the close of the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Washington D.C.

It's another indication that the Trump administration is stepping up the pressure on the Palestinians to come to the negotiating table with the Israelis. The Palestinian authority walked away from talks last December after the United States announced its recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

In the last month the U.S. also said it would cut more than \$200

million for humanitarian and development aid in the West Bank and Gaza; halt all funding to the UNRWA, United Nations refugee agency that aids Palestinians; and halt \$25 million in funding to the East Jerusalem Hospital Network, made up of six hospitals.

Israeli security officials reportedly are concerned that the withdrawal of so much aid to the Palestinians could harm Israeli security, in part by fomenting a major humanitarian crisis and collapse in Gaza.

In announcing the shuttering of the PLO office, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said, "We have permitted the PLO office to conduct operations that support the objective of achieving a lasting, comprehensive peace between Israelis and the Palestinians since the expiration of a previous waiver in November 2017. However, the PLO has not taken steps to advance the start of direct and meaningful negotiations with Israel."

"To the contrary, PLO leadership has condemned a U.S. peace plan they have not yet seen and refused to engage with the U.S. government with respect to peace efforts and otherwise. As such, and reflecting Congressional concerns, the Administration has decided that the PLO office in Washington will close at this point," she said.

The announcement also linked the closure to "Palestinian attempts to prompt an investigation of Israel by the International Criminal Court."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised what he called the "correct decision" by the U.S.

"The Palestinians refuse to enter negotiations with Israel even as they attack Israel with false claims in international forums," he said. "Israel very much appreciates the Trump administration decision and supports American actions that are designed to make it clear to the Palestinians that the refusal to enter into negotiations with Israel and the unbridled attacks against Israel will not only not advance peace but will certainly not make things better for the Palestinians."

Ambassador Husam Zomlot, head of the PLO General Delegation to the United States, condemned the decision and said in a statement that "we are not surprised."

"Such a reckless act confirms that the administration is blindly executing Israel's 'wish list,' which starts with shutting down

Palestinian diplomatic representation in the U.S.," Zomlot said.

He went on to say: "This confirms to us that we are on the right track. We will step up our efforts to hold Israel accountable under international law, continue building international alliances for peace, double our efforts to reach out to the American people as we witness the transformational change in American public opinion in support of the Palestinian cause and our legitimate rights."

In a speech to the Federalist Society in Washington, White House National Security Adviser John Bolton confirmed the closure of the PLO office and called the International Criminal Court an "illegitimate court."

"If the court comes after us, Israel or other US allies, we will not sit quietly," he said.

Bolton added that "The United States will use any means necessary to protect our citizens and those of our allies from unjust prosecution by this illegitimate court."

He called the ICC "ineffective, unaccountable, and indeed, outright dangerous," and said that the court "is already dead to us."

"While the court welcomes the membership of the so-called state of Palestine, it has threatened Israel, a liberal, democratic nation, with investigation into its actions in the West Bank and Gaza to defend its citizens from terrorist attacks," Bolton also said, reiterating that the "United States will always stand with our friend and ally Israel."

He also said that "Israel, too, has sharply criticized the ICC."

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# Israel reinforcing nuclear sites due to threats from Iran, nuclear chief says

(JTA) – Israel is upgrading and reinforcing its nuclear sites in light of “repeated and explicit threats” made by Iran and its proxies to attack them, a nuclear official said.

Zeev Snir, the director-general of Israel’s Atomic Energy Commission, addressed the issue in a speech Sept. 18 at a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA. The address was provided to the Israeli media.

“These outrageous threats require Israel to take action and continue to protect and defend its nuclear facilities,” Snir said. “These facilities are constantly upgraded and reinforced, in line with IAEA safety guidelines, in order to withstand any attack.”

Israel rarely discusses its nuclear activities publicly.

Snir called for regional cooperation on nuclear security and safety, but noted that while Israel has “repeatedly expressed its will-

ingness to collaborate with all of its neighbors” on nuclear safety and security, the Jewish state is not recognized by several Middle East countries and Iran has openly called for Israel’s destruction.

He called on the IAEA to “conduct a robust verification of Iran’s clandestine nuclear activities,” adding that the covert Iranian nuclear weapons program is “a documented fact.”

“Israel has repeatedly underlined the importance of confronting Iran with its lies and concealment efforts,” he said.

Snir said the new information recently revealed by Israel “conclusively proves that Iranian activities were part of a well-orchestrated plan to continue the development of nuclear weapons.”

He also spoke of Syria’s “undeclared, secretive military nuclear reactor at Dair Alzour,” which Israel bombed more than a decade ago.



Photo Courtesy of Struggle for Ethiopian Aliyah

**Ethiopian women in Gondar, Ethiopia, sift wheat in preparation for making matzah for Passover earlier this year. They are among 8,000 Falash Mura Jews waiting to come to Israel.**

## ETHIOPIAN

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Ilan Gilon of the left-wing Meretz party called on the country’s attorney general to investigate, saying that “if there is truth to the report, the rabbi acted contrary to his public and moral authority and is not worthy of continuing to serve in his position.”

“It should also be examined whether discrimination has been committed under the Equal Employment Opportunities Law. The words spoken by Rabbi Havlin certainly do not correspond to the values of Judaism that we all know and cherish, and certainly do not correspond to the values and behavior expected of a majority in Israel.”

In 2013, Israel’s Interior Ministry approved the immigration of the remaining Falash Mura, and the Knesset in November 2015 unanimously approved a plan to bring some of them to Israel following a public campaign launched by the nation’s Ethiopian community and volunteer organizations. But the plan did not deal with the finances, which include the long-term costs of acclimating the immigrants.

An agreement to find money in the budget for the aliyah of the Falash Mura was signed in April 2016, and in 2017 some 1,300 Falash Mura arrived in Israel. The 2019 state budget, which was approved by the Knesset in March, does not include funds for Ethiopian immigration.

An organization representing Ethiopian Israelis said that Netan-

yahu’s announcement is a disappointment to the community.

“In 2015, the government passed a unanimous decision to bring the remainder of Ethiopian Jewry to Israel, numbering approximately 8,000 individuals,” Alisa Bodner, spokeswoman of the Struggle for Ethiopian Aliyah, said in a statement. “Today’s decision leaves 7,000 individuals behind and is a harsh deviant from the commitment that the prime minister is yet to fulfill.”

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# Holocaust museum receives donation of 542 works of art

By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

Toby Fluek lost her father, two sisters and a brother to the Holocaust and survived in a rural Polish village near the border with Russia by hiding in barns, cellars, pigsties and fields and watched in horror as Nazis torched a local hospital where her sister, a patient, died in the flames.

Those details of her life, and the nightmares she had when painting a picture of the burning hospital, were detailed in a 1990 *New York Magazine* about Fluek and a book she had just published titled *Memoirs of My Life in a Polish Village, 1930-1949*. The book, and another one she published in 1994 titled *Passover as I Remember It*, include illustrations of her paintings and drawings, with autobiographical text telling of the peaceful, pastoral life in her small village, Czernica, Poland, until 1939 when Soviets occupied the region, then in 1941 when Nazis invaded, rounding up and killing many Jews.

Fluek survived the war and got married to another survivor in a German displacement camp. The couple eventually made it to New York in 1949, where Fluek was reunited with her mother, who got separated from her as they hid from Germans, but also survived and went to America.

In 2005, the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg exhibited some of Fluek's artwork. Erin Blankenship, museum curator of exhibitions and collections, says that exhibition began a relationship that recently resulted in a decision by Fluek's daughter, Lillian Finkler, to donate her late mother's

artwork to the museum.

The donation includes 542 original paintings, drawings, charcoals, and sketches, plus other materials that include historical documents and photographs from her mother's wartime experiences, book manuscripts, and personal papers. In time, the works will be displayed at the museum, though museum officials said it will take some time before the works are ready for display.

Fluek, who was a self-taught artist, lived in the New York/New Jersey area until her death in 2011. According to the *New York Magazine* story, it was at the urging of her mother that Fluek began painting scenes of the peaceful life in her village, as well as horrifying scenes she recalled from Soviet and Nazi occupations.

It took time after Fluek's death for her daughter to select a permanent home for the artwork. Blankenship explains how it wound up here:

"While Toby was too ill to visit while we showed her work [in 2005], a family friend and Holocaust scholar visited the exhibition and from what Lilly [Finkler] has said to me, spoke very highly of our museum and the way we exhibited Toby's work," Blankenship said. "Also, the Florida Holocaust Museum has built a reputation as the only institution that has made it a priority to collect and exhibit art created as response to the Holocaust. For this reason, many artists and artists' families has sought us out as a possible home for art."

"At one point she had narrowed it down between us and another prominent institution and after a visit here to see the museum and

speak to me, she chose us," Blankenship said.

Finkler said the donation was made so that her mother's story would be kept alive. "I am excited that her artwork will be exhibited and shared by the Florida Holocaust Museum in their educational outreach as well as digitally and in museum exhibits. It is important that children, adults, museums and researchers all have access to this unique visual memory of my mother's world. She would have been pleased and honored that her work is being made available to current and future generations."

Fluek was born in 1926 in Czernica, Poland, near Lvov. In her first book she recalls that there were 10 Jewish families in her village before the war. Her paintings of her childhood provide not only a chronology of daily life there, but also how life was disrupted and shattered by World War II.

"My mother had very vivid memories of her life before and during the Holocaust. She painted the happy memories of her village, her farmhouse, and her family before the war – baking challah, cooking, enjoying holidays, and even cleaning. Her work provides a taste of a world that is gone forever. Her artwork about her experiences during the Holocaust give a visual to her struggle to survive and the devastating loss of her family," said Finkler.

Some of her works are of the small farm she lived on, of children walking to school and of an enamel pot surrounded by red potatoes, a staple of her family's meals. She wrote of her family's meager existence and of an uncle who bought



Photos courtesy of The Florida Holocaust Museum

A photo of Toby Fluek's charcoal sketch shows soldiers invading a home as a woman and children cower in a corner of the room. A collection of Fluek's work was recently donated to the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg.



The simple, pastoral life in a small Polish village was lost forever when war broke out, Toby Fluek's daughter said. One of her mom's paintings evokes memories of that simple life as a woman sweeps the kitchen in her home.

eggs from peasants and walked through muddy roads to sell them to city merchants. She also tells of how the Nazis rounded up Jews from surrounding areas and put them in a ghetto.

In her memoir, she writes that "During the one-year existence of the Brody Ghetto, about three quarters of the population died from starvation, disease and cold" add-

ing, "Two men and a wagon were a daily sight on the ghetto streets, The Germans ordered the Jews to pick up the corpses. She captures the latter image in a painting that is part of the collection.

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