

In-between-agers target of new JCC programming

For children at that sometime awkward in-between age – not quite teen-agers but no longer little kids – there's a new way for them to connect to others in their age group. TweenConneX, an experience created just for 11-13 year-olds in Hillsborough and Pasco counties, will

offer the tween-agers social, recreational, athletic, cultural and Judaic activities. The organization will run programs monthly. "Twins can join TweenConneX to be a part of something exciting, big and important," said David Siskin, Bryan Glazer Family JCC Youth and Teen director. For most programs, TweenConneX participants will join with those enrolled in the already established PJ Our Way, using its curriculum for conversation starters. The Tampa JCCs & Federation introduced PJ Our Way in 2016. Like its coun-

terpart, PJ Library, for the younger set, PJ Our Way provides free books with Jewish themes to kids ages 9-11. PJ Our Way allows youth to select one of four books recommended online and then have the book sent to their homes each month. A series of activities is also offered including polls and quizzes related to the book selections. The first combined PJ Our Way - TweenConneX program will be Sunday, Aug. 27 from 1-4 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. All kids, ages 9-13, are welcome.

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FIRST PERSON Hate in Charlottesville: The day the Nazi called me Shlomo

By RON KAMPEAS
JTA news service

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA — The white supremacists, for all their vaunted purpose, appeared to be disoriented.

The city of Charlottesville, thanks to pressure from the American Civil Liberties Union, had allowed them — 500 or so — to rally in Emancipation Park, or as they prefer to call it, Lee Park, to protest the city's plans to remove from the park a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

That worked for an hour or so on Aug. 12 and then the protesters and the counter-protesters started to pelt one another with plastic bottles — it was unclear who started it. There were gas bombs — mildly irritating — that seemed to come more from the white supremacists. And then the sides rushed each other headlong and there were scuffles.

So Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency and, heeding the police, the white supremacists filed out of the park. As they approached the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a bucolic hill overlooking an overpass, they sputtered to a stop for consultations and did what marchers on a seasonably warm day do: They sat on the grass, sought shade and chatted.

I had been following at a distance with a

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A noteworthy prayer

While in Jerusalem earlier this month, Congressman Charlie Crist, D- St. Petersburg, posted this photo on Twitter, showing him placing this note in the Western Wall, praying to keep "storms and other difficulties" away from Florida. In 2007, he began the yearly tradition while visiting the holy site as Florida's governor. Since then, with the exception of 2016, he has had a similar note delivered to the Wall each year prior to hurricane season. During that time, 2016 was the only year that a hurricane made landfall in the state.

Trump sending top envoys to Mideast to advance Israel-Palestinian peace

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will soon send a team of his top aides, including his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, on a tour of the Middle East to advance "substantive" Middle East peace talks.

The delegation "will be meeting with leaders from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Authority," a senior administration official said in a statement sent to JTA.

The delegation will comprise Kushner, a top aide whose portfolio includes Middle East peace; Jason Greenblatt, the White House's top peace negotiator; and Dina Powell, the deputy national security adviser.

The president, the senior administration official said, "believes that the restoration of calm and the stabilized situation in Jerusalem after the recent crisis on the Temple Mount/Haram al Sharif has created an opportunity to continue discussions and the pursuit of peace that began early in his administration."

A lethal July 14 attack by terrorists that killed two Israelis police at the Temple Mount led Israel to install metal detectors. That was followed by increased tensions among Palestinians, who worship at the site, which is holy to Jews and Muslims. Israel removed the metal detectors following interventions by Jordan and by Trump administration officials.

The trip, which does not yet have dates, reflects Trump's approach of brokering a broader Middle East peace and includes meetings with some of the regions most important players.

"The president has asked that these discussions focus on the path to substantive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, combating extremism, the situation in Gaza, including how to ease the humanitarian crisis there, strengthening our relations with regional partners and the economic steps that can be taken both now and after a peace deal is signed to ensure security, stability, and prosperity for the region," the statement said.

Museum to display objects from killing center



The Florida Holocaust Museum

Two children's shoes and baby shoe from Majdanek.

Ordinary personal items — a key, a razor, a hairbrush, a baby's shoe, a prayer book — offer a glimpse into the lives of their owners. That is before everything changed for millions of Jews herded into concentration camps by the Nazis.

These simple objects and others recovered from such a camp in Majdanek, Poland, are going on exhibit at the Florida Holocaust Museum (FHM) in St. Petersburg.

On loan for three years from the State Museum of Majdanek, the items will be displayed as part of the local museum's permanent exhibition: History, Heritage and Hope.

The FHM staff worked through a lengthy process with the State Museum of Majdanek, as well as the governments of Poland and the United States, to secure the loan of these important objects.

Some things in the small collection like the children's shoes, hairbrush and razor "were likely taken from individuals upon

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Teen in JCCs case sold his bomb threat services, FBI alleges

The Israeli-American teenager accused of making hundreds of threats against Jewish community centers in the United States including Tampa sold his bomb threat services.

Michael Kadar, 19, from Ashkelon in southern Israel, also offered to frame others for the threats for a higher fee, the FBI reportedly alleges in newly unsealed court documents reported by *The Atlantic* and *The Daily Beast*.

The teen sold his services on AlphaBay, a "dark web" marketplace website selling illegal goods and services that was closed by U.S. authorities in July.

He reportedly sold his services from \$30 for a single threat to \$90 for "emailed bomb threat to a school districts/multiple schools + framing someone for it."

The messages were found on a flash drive confiscated by the Israel Police during a raid on the teen's bedroom earlier this year. Police reportedly identified an individual in California who is believed to have ordered and paid for Kadar's threats.

Who owns America's oldest synagogue? It's an argument 350 years in the making

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

NEW YORK — The story of America's oldest synagogue, as told by retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter, is the story of American Jewish history.

Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, Souter wrote, was built in the 1700s by Sephardic merchants whose community then declined. In the late 1800s, Eastern

European Jews arrived in the area, occupied the building and have used it to this day.

Since then, heirs of the older Sephardic community have tried to maintain a foothold in the historic synagogue that they consider theirs.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, Souter awarded a victory to the Sephardim.

Writing an appeals court ruling

on a lawsuit over who owns Touro Synagogue, Souter — who has regularly sat on the court following his 2009 retirement — wrote that the building and its centuries-old ritual objects all belong to Congregation Shearith Israel, a historic Sephardic congregation on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

The decision reversed an earlier district court decision that gave

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Touro Synagogue, nestled in historic Newport, R.I., is the oldest synagogue still in existence in the United States.

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Got a dietary restriction or a picky eater? No problem! The staff is friendly and happy to work with guests to create the perfect meal.

The space at Taziki's is open and inviting, with big windows and an open kitchen, from which the delicious aroma of the food wafts. In addition, there is a cute dog-friendly patio with a beautiful mural of a Greek fishing village on the wall that is perfect for hosting parties and events. The more the merrier!

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Uganda's Jews are down to one meal a day because of East Africa's famine

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

Uganda's 2,000 Jews have long maintained a modest existence. They live in the east of the country in a hilly, rural area that lacks paved roads, consistent electricity and freely running water.

But this year, the situation for Uganda's Jewish community, called the Abayudaya, has worsened.

Twenty million people across Africa and the Middle East are now at risk of illness and death due to a famine that is centered in Somalia, Nigeria, Yemen and South Sudan. Caused by a mix of factors, including civil wars, underdeveloped infrastructure and a drought, the famine is "the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the U.N.," Stephen O'Brien, the emergency relief coordinator for the United Nations, said in March.

"People look dehydrated and starving," Gershom Sizomu, the community's rabbi, told JTA. "People got sick and weak, and there are people who died because of complications because of the food shortage. People were already sick, so without food they become weaker and weaker."

Sizomu said the Abayudaya, who rely on their own crops to survive, have been hit hard by the drought. While conditions are easing now because the harvest season has arrived for maize and beans, many families are subsisting on one meal a day, he said.

Two community members who already were sick have died of malnutrition.

Fleeing the area is useless, Sizomu added – food shortages are plaguing the cities, too.

The community, whose members converted to Judaism under Conservative auspices about 15 years ago, stays in regular touch with Jewish communities in the United States and Israel. But only one American synagogue has provided famine relief to the Abayudaya.

Beth El, a Conservative congregation in Pittsburgh, had hosted Sizomu for a weekend of Torah study last year, where he mentioned the risk of impending famine. So when 60 congregation members convened last month for the synagogue's annual meeting, congregation president Cliff Spungen passed around an envelope for donations. It came back filled with \$800.

In the following weeks, Spungen sent email appeals to the synagogue's members, as well as to Temple Emanuel, a nearby Reform synagogue. In total, the Pittsburgh campaign has raised \$6,500 – a hefty sum in rural Uganda, where a family in Nabugoye, the Abayudaya's main village, can live on as little as \$5 a day.

"We hope it helps," Spungen said. "It's been really eye-opening and meaningful that people have been generous."

When it comes to the Jewish community fundraising for famine relief in East Africa this year, Beth El's campaign is a rare success story. Take the Jewish Coalition for East Africa Relief, 24 Jewish groups convened by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. More than two months after the coalition was created, it has raised just \$10,000.

The "trickle of dollars" is not enough to even begin planning for allocations, said Will Recant, the coalition's chair. Instead, the coalition is now investing in raising awareness of the crisis through education and advocacy, sending pamphlets and U.N. fact sheets to congregations and Jewish communities.

The coalition's goal is broader than the synagogue campaign. The synagogues were able to make an impact because their donations targeted one small community. The coalition hopes to make a significant contribution to the overall aid effort in East Africa.

Fundraising has been difficult, Recant added, because the famine is a gradual crisis that hasn't garnered much international attention. Following a high-profile event like the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, for example, a similar coalition of Jewish groups raised \$600,000 – most of it during the couple of months after the tragedy.

After the 2015 Nepal earthquake, the American Jewish World Service raised \$2.5 million in aid contributions.

AJWS has garnered \$200,000 since June for East Africa relief.

"We've realized that with ongoing conflict and crises that take place over long periods of time, we're not getting as much as we need to fill the needs on the ground," said Sam Wolthuis, the group's director of disaster response and international operations.

Once the coalition raises enough money, Recant said it hopes to help the Abayudaya with long-term water supply issues. Be'chol Lashon, a group that advocates for Jews of color, is also helping the Abayudaya with infrastructure planning.

This part of East Africa last experienced a severe



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Gershom Sizomu, religious leader of the Abayudaya, in 2003.

famine in 2011. That year, a coalition of Jewish groups under the same name raised nearly \$150,000.

Sizomu told JTA that the Abayudaya shared the money they received from Pittsburgh with surrounding communities also suffering from shortages. And if the coming harvest improves conditions, Sizomu said he hopes to refocus the community's attention on setting up water storage and irrigation systems so farmers can weather the next drought.

But he acknowledged that developing the necessary infrastructure will be costly. And in the meantime, people are still starving.

"People are depressed, and you can see it on their faces," Sizomu said. "Parents are depressed because they have many things to take care of. There's a constant need for food."

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Israel, Turkey and hope for the future

By **RABBI GARSON HERZFELD**
Temple Beth Shalom, Winter Haven

I am writing this message having just returned from a trip to Israel and Turkey. In Jerusalem, I attended the Rabbinic Torah Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute. This year's theme was "1917 (Balfour Declaration), 1947 (UN Partition) 1967 (6-Day War): The Legacy of the Past and the Future of Modern Israel." Appropriately enough, two major foci dominated many discussions – the future of the Temple Mount and the West Bank.

A close Turkish friend from Tampa joined me in Israel for eight days – his first trip to the country. Then together we flew to Istanbul and Izmir/Cesme.

Turkey is an amazing country with its own unique energy and customs, unlike any other Muslim state. Seen through the eyes of my dear friend (and his family), I experienced sights and neighborhoods that are beyond the scope of most tours. While President Erdogan has built a modern infrastructure, he is gradually reducing personal freedoms, controlling the judiciary system, and moving toward a more religious state.

My attempts to visit the Jewish Museum in Istanbul were thwarted by anti-Israel demonstrations. Moreover, I was denied entry into the largest synagogue on Shabbat because I was unaware that the Jewish Council required a prior application and approval for visitors. This was a bit of a shock.

Just a week before in Israel, the seminar at Hartman had concluded Thursday before the incident on the Temple Mount. So my Turkish friend was denied entry into the Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. We ultimately commiserated on how being denied access to public worship felt for each of us.

During my stay in Israel, I visited the West Bank on two separate occasions. The first time, sponsored by Truah – Rabbis for Human Rights, I spent several hours with a

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Palestinian family. The second time, sponsored by the Hartman Institute, I visited with Israeli settlers. Both families want a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Both families want to live day-to-day feeling safe and secure. Both are opposed to violence and terrorism. Yet, each one has a vastly different vision of Israel – whether ultimately there should be one state or two – secular or religious. Moreover, during the two weeks at Hartman, I heard many different options for a solution to the conflict, but none seemed to satisfy both sides.

In spite of what I saw first hand, I am still optimistic. In Turkey, I played with my friend's 10-month old niece – bright-eyed, a bundle of energy, open to be loved by everyone. She doesn't know about religions – Muslim, Jewish, Christian (her nanny). She is unaware of conflict. In Israel, I visited Kurdish Jewish friends of 40 years. Their granddaughter stopped by to say hello. I held her as an infant more than 20 years ago. She is pregnant – another child will enter this world not knowing of religious differences or political conflicts. Both children represent the future.

As an older adult, I have found a friend here in Tampa who is as close to me as any lifetime friends (or family). We were born worlds apart – culturally, religiously, politically – and yet we find more in common than differences that may separate us. And here in Tampa, our Jewish community is planting seeds for our children, grandchildren – the future – by initiating Jewish-Muslim dialogue through the auspices of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Once we know our neighbors as human beings and dispel common misconceptions about our differences, the bonds of friendship will prevail. I firmly believe this to be the case, no matter where one resides.

Yes I am an eternal optimist. Each year as the High Holidays approach, I pray for the end of conflict. I pray for peace. Will 5778 be that year? I hope so. But if not, I will keep working toward that goal.

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Congregations

Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Welcome back barbecue: Congregants and new or prospective members are invited to a free welcome back barbecue at the home of **Rabbi Josh Hearshen** on Monday, Aug. 21 from 5-8 p.m. Parking is limited, so call the synagogue office at (813) 837-1911 to let the staff know you want to attend, and parking information will be provided.

Showtime: A play titled *Trial of God* will be performed at the synagogue on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Both performances are free.

Camp Shabbat: A camp themed Shabbat service will be held Friday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m., with light snacks for those who come early at 5:30 p.m. Following the service, there will be an Israeli dinner at \$25 per family or \$10 per adult. Reservations can be made online at www.rsholom.org or contact the office at (813) 837-1911.

Religious school: Registration is open for religious school, with classes for those in grades 3-7 starting on Wednesday, Aug. 23 and Sunday classes for pre-k through grades 10 starting on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 9 a.m. Register online at www.rsholom.org or call **Judy Van Der Stelt** (813) 837-1911 or email educator@rsholom.org.

Block party: A complimentary hot dog lunch will be offered at a welcome back block party on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a giant water slide, Kona Ice truck and more. For more information, call the synagogue office.

Studies with the rabbi: Rabbi Hearshen leads three classes on Thursdays: study of the weekly Torah portion at 11 a.m., Talmud studies at noon and Embracing Judaism: Basics to Complex, at 7 p.m. There is no charge and the classes are open to all.

Latin American Jewish movie: Enjoy a romantic comedy, *Like a Fish Out of Water*, on Monday Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. This movie is about a new immigrant from Argentina who falls in love with his female Hebrew teacher. The cost is \$5 per person.

Cong. Kol Ami

Open house: Kol Ami will celebrate its 40th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with an open house and kick-off event. Congregants are asked to bring friends to share in the fun games and festivities. Sign up for youth groups and meet the Kol Ami

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family. There will be free hot dogs, fruit and cookies.

Torah Trope classes: Learn or refresh your knowledge of Torah Trope on Wednesdays, Aug. 23 and 30 at 7 p.m. with **Dr. Craig Kalter** and Thursdays, Aug. 24 and 31 at 7 p.m. with **Cantor Beth Schollossberg**. Participants must be able to read Hebrew and may find it beneficial to attend both Wednesday and Thursdays classes. Call the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338 for more information or to RSVP for class.

Book group: The Tree of Lifelong Learning book group will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 7-9 p.m. to discuss the book, *Sylvia Rafael: Life and Death of a Mossa Spy* by Ram Oren. L'Chaim: A class, "Sharing Life's Lessons," is offered on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Topics, readings and a different leader are chosen for each weekly session.

Knitting time: The Sisterhood Needle Workers hold weekly knitting sessions on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the boardroom. Their creations are donated to the First Nesters, a group that provides housing for teens aging out of foster care. For more information, call the synagogue

Cong. Schaarai Zedek

Meet over frozen yogurt: The community – unaffiliated singles and families and congregants – are invited to meet with **Rabbi Richard Birnholz, Rabbi Nathan Farb** and **Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro** at Yogurtology outlets for free frozen yogurt. The temple staff will be at the Yogurtology in north Tampa at 7889 Gunn Highway on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. and at the Yogurtology at 1201 S. Church St. in south Tampa from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. RSVP to the temple at (813) 876-2377 or email office@zedek.org

Going country: The temple will hold its annual Sha' Barbecue dinner and Yee Haw Shabbat service for new and prospective members on Friday, Aug. 25 with the

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CITRUS COUNTY Conservative

Congregation BETH SHOLOM — Civic Circle, Beverly Hills • Mailing address: Beverly Hills Jewish Center, P. O. Box 640024, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0024 • Hazzan Mordecai Kamlot, cantor/spiritual leader • Shabbat services: Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Telephone (352) 643-0995 Website: www.bethsholomcitrus.org

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CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE at WIREGRASS — 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel, 33544 • Rabbi Mendy Yarmush • Services: First and Third Saturday of the month, 10:30 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 642-3244 • Website: www.ChabadatWiregrass.com.

NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY Reform

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Temple BETH CHAI DAVID — 39330 U.S. 19 N., Bradley Plaza, Tarpon Springs • Mailing address: P.O. Box 535, New Port Richey, 34653 • Rabbi David Levin • Shabbat Services: Friday: 7:30 p.m. • Telephone: (727) 697-3982 or (352) 428-2280 • Unaffiliated

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Temple BETH SHALOM — 1029 Bradbury Road, • P.O. Box 313 Winter Haven, 33882-0313 • Rabbi Garson Herzfeld • Shabbat evening services: (usually 2nd and 4th Shabbat of the month at 8 p.m.) Torah study-Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. • Telephone: (863) 292-0722. • Website: www.templebethshalompolk.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Conservative

Temple EMANUEL — 600 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, 33803 • Rabbi David Goldstein • Shabbat Services: Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. Telephone: (863) 682-8616. • Website: TempleEmanuelLakeland.com • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Orthodox

CHABAD JEWISH CENTER — 2270 Griffin Road, Lakeland, 33810 • Rabbi Moshe Lazaros • Shabbat Services: Saturday 10 a.m. • Telephone: (863) 937-5565 • Website: www.chabadlakeland.org.

IN-BETWEEN

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The event will kickoff with Alef-Bet Yoga, led by a professional yoga instructor. Following the yoga session, the participants will head up to the J Loft for a conversation about learning Hebrew and other languages, while enjoying a frozen yogurt bar.

"Teens will be encouraged to get outside of their daily routine and meet kids who enjoy the same things they do. They will build long-lasting friendships while exploring their Jewish identity," said Brandy Gold, PJ Our Way director.

Cost to attend the first program is \$10 and can be paid by registering online at www.BryanGlazerFamilyJCC/Tweens or at the door. The Glazer JCC is located at 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa.

For more information regarding the TweenConneX program and it's first meeting, contact David Siskin at david.siskin@jewishtampa.com or (813) 291-2252. Anyone interested in finding out more about registering their child for PJ Our Way, contact Brandy Gold at brandy.gold or (813) 769-4725 or go on line to www.PJOurWay.org.

Congregations

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dinner at 6 p.m. and the service at 7:30 p.m. The rabbis and cantor will be grillin' and chillin.' There is no cost for the dinner, but RSVPs are required by Aug. 22. Call (813) 876-2377 or email office@zedek.org or go to www.zedek.org/RSVP. The Yee Haw country-style service will feature the Schaarai Zedek Yee Haw Band. Optional attire is "Cowboy Chic." An oneg will follow the service.

Pool party: The Schaarai Zedek 20s+30s group will hold a pool party at Hula Bay on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$25 and covers a light lunch at Hula Bay as well as first drink at the outdoor bar. The group has a reserved a shady canopy area. Feel free to come prepared to swim and/or relax by the pool. For more information, contact **Lindsey Dewey** at ldewey@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 221. RSVP at www.zedek.org/20s30s

Candle lighting on Mars?: An adult learning session will be offered by Rabbi Farb on Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. to explore Jewish questions for the future, such as when you would light candles on Mars. The discussion topics will include artificial intelligence, space travel and genetic engineering. Learn how these advances will also change familiar Jewish law. RSVP to the temple.

Meet and greet: The Sisterhood and Brotherhood are holding a meet and greet session on the first day of religious school, Sunday, Aug. 27 from 9-11 a.m. to tell folks what is planned for the new year. There will be food and drinks and the Brotherhood will also supply a barista to make your favorite coffee drinks.

Religious school registration: It's not too late to register your child. Newcomers should note that temple membership required for religious school enrollment can be waived on a one-time basis for children entering grades pre-k through 5. A special fee applies. For a registration packet, contact Religious School Director **Donna Wood** at (813) 876-2377, ext. 210 or download forms at <http://www.zedek.org/learning/religiouschool>

Cong. Beth Am

Open house: All members and prospective members are invited to an open house and welcome back breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 10-11 a.m. **Rabbi Jason Rosenberg**, board members, Men's Club, Sisterhood, youth groups, and congregants will be on hand to meet guests. More information can be found at www.zedek.org

2 Bay area teachers attend Israel education conference

Education directors from congregations in Clearwater and Tampa were among 75 participants from across North America to participate in an annual workshop on teaching about Israel.

Sponsored by the Center for Israel Education (CIE) and the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI), the educator workshop was held in Atlanta in June. Local participants were Tami Wolf of Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater and Judy Van Der Stelt of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Tampa.

The workshop focused on Israel's history, politics and culture. CIE President and Emory University Professor Kenneth W. Stein told the educators, "A common history connects us all, regardless of geography, politics or flavor of Judaism practiced. We need to know Israel's story and that of its people because Israel is integral to Jewish identity in the 21st Century."

Based on information gained at the conference, Rodeph Sholom and Beth Shalom plan to collaborate on an innovative Israel curriculum for high school students.



(L-R) Judy Van Der Stelt of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Tampa and Tami Wolf of Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater enjoy lunch together at the Center for Israel Education conference in Atlanta in June.

For information contact Judy Van der Stelt at Educator@rsholom.org or Tami Wolf at CBSTami@cbsclearwater.org

Talmud Study: After several years, participants in Talmud study have finished the first Tractate (section) – Berachot – and have now moved on to Sanhedrin, where they are beginning to explore the Jewish legal system. Drop-ins and "just want to try it outs" are always welcome. The group will meet on Thursdays, Aug. 24 and 31 at 9:30 a.m. Call the synagogue office to confirm class attendance at (813) 968-8511. For more information, contact Rabbi Rosenberg at (813) 968-8511 or RabbiRosenberg@BethAmTampa.org

Trivia night: Bring friends, family and food or drink to share as the Beth Am Social Chairs test your knowledge of facts, obscure and germane, at Trivia Night at the temple on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. If you don't have a team, we'll join you up with one.

For more information, contact Victoria at Admin@BethAmTampa.org

Cong. Or Ahavah

Mystic Torah classes: A series of classes is scheduled on Sundays, Aug. 20 and 27, Sept. 3 and 10 at from 10 a.m. to noon to study the classic text in Jewish religious and spiritual ethics, Tomer Devorah, The Palm Tree of Devorah. No special background in Hebrew or Jewish mysticism is required.

The place of class will be given upon registration. Class fees are \$180 for members and \$198 for friends. Limited financial support and payment plans are available. A long-distance learning option is also available. RSVP immediately. The registration form is available at orahavah.org or contact **Rabbi Debrah Shenefelt** at d.shenefelt@att.net.

Preparing for High Holidays: This class begins on Monday, Aug. 21 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m. followed by the next three Sundays, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 at 12:15 p.m. Group meditation also will be offered during the week through a long-distance platform

and is included in the price of the class. Class fees are \$72 for members and \$90 for friends and limited financial support and payment plans are available. Place of class will be given upon registration. A long-distance learning option is available. RSVP immediately at orahavah.org or contact Rabbi Debrah at d.shenefelt@att.net.

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Fall/Winter 2018 Program Calendar

Sunday, August 27, 2017
Alef-Bet Yoga
10:00 – 11:30 am | Bryan Glazer Family JCC
522 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606
Come for the coolest YOGA session ever! YOGA, snacks and featured PJ Library book, Alef-Bet Yoga!
Geared toward ages 6 months – 8 years.
FREE

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Sukkah Scavenger Hunt
1:00 – 4:00 pm | Bryan Glazer Family JCC
522 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606
Come join us for a scavenger hunt around the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. Find the hidden fruit, make fruit salad and enjoy a snack in J Loft.
Geared towards ages 9 – 13 years.
\$10

Sunday, November 12, 2017
Nanny's Educational Zoo & Rescue
1:00 – 3:00 pm
1139 Livingston Rd, Lutz, FL 33559
Come pet the goats, feed the tortoise, hold a duckling and play with the horse! Crafts and snacks will be available.
Geared towards ages 9 – 13 years.
\$5 donation per family
(please bring cash)

Sunday, August 27, 2017
Alef-Bet Yoga & Froyo
1:00 – 4:00 pm | Bryan Glazer Family JCC
522 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606
Come for the coolest YOGA session ever! There will be YOGA, Frozen Yogurt Bar and TweenConneX in J Loft.
Geared towards ages 9 – 13 years.
\$10

Sunday, October 8, 2017
Rain, Rain DON'T Go Away!
12:30 – 2:00 pm | Hillel Academy
2020 W. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612
Come join us for umbrella decorating & rain stick creating in celebration of Shemini Atzeret...the RAIN Holiday! Pizza will be served, rain dances will happen, beautiful rain sticks and umbrellas will be created! Featured PJ Library book is Maya Prays for Rain.
Geared toward ages 5 – 8 years.
FREE

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Hanukkah Hop @ Gator Fred's
12:00 – 2:00 pm
5360 Erlich Road, Tampa, FL 33624
Come hop and play and celebrate Hanukkah with PJ Library friends! Hopping, playing, pizza, holiday treats and featured PJ Library story, *The Hanukkah Trike!*
Geared toward ages 6 months – 8 years.
\$5 per child
(pay at the door)

Sunday, September 10, 2017
The Great Rosh Hashanah Train Ride
12:00 – 2:00 pm | JCC on the Cohn Campus
13009 Community Campus Drive
Tampa, FL 33625
Train rides, holiday craft stations, bounce house and snacks. Come take a ride with Engineer Ari in *Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride!*
Geared toward ages 6 months – 8 years.
FREE

Sunday, November 12, 2017
Nanny's Educational Zoo & Rescue
10:00 – 11:30 am
1139 Livingston Rd, Lutz, FL 33559
Come pet the goats, feed the tortoise, hold a duckling and play with the horse! There will be a craft, snacks and featured PJ Library story, *The Littlest Pair!*
Geared toward ages 6 months – 8 years.
\$5 donation per family
(please bring cash)

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Hanukkah Jump @ Altitude
1:00 – 3:00 pm
4340 W Hillsborough Ave, Suite 350
Tampa, FL 33614
Come jump and celebrate Hanukkah with other tweens and teens! Don't forget to bring socks.
Geared towards ages 9 – 13 years.
\$20 per person
(includes pizza and beverage)

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Sukkah Scramble
10:00 – 11:30 am | Bryan Glazer Family JCC
522 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606
Come join us for the best hide and seek game ever! Find the hidden fruit, make fruit salad and Sukkah crafts and enjoy featured PJ Library story, *Sky-High Sukkah!*
Geared toward ages 6 months – 8 years.
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New round of training for future young leaders begins this fall

The Tampa Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties are inviting young adults from the Tampa Bay area to participate in the Jewish Leadership Training Institute (JLTI), an 11-session, leadership development program.

Now in its 13th year, JLTI is designed to inspire young professionals to get involved and take on leadership roles in the Tampa Bay Jewish community. Throughout the years, graduates have held leadership positions on boards and committees of local Jewish organizations and agencies on both sides of the bay.

Special highlights of JLTI include an exclusive tour of One Buc Place with philanthropist Bryan Glazer, co-chairman of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, in November and guest admission to the Tampa Jewish Federation's Annual President's Dinner next February. The group will also connect to Israel as the "Start-Up Nation" by visiting the new Florida-Israel Business Accelerator in Tampa to learn about its efforts to help Israeli entrepreneurs expand into the U.S.

Kick off Bucs season with tailgate at stadium

Young professionals from the Jewish Federations of Tampa, Pinellas & Pasco Counties, Orlando and Sarasota will come together on Sunday, Sept. 17 to tailgate and enjoy the Tampa Bay Buccaneers season home opener against the Chicago Bears.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., young professionals are invited to bring their own food and beverage and mix, mingle and tailgate together in a designated location in Lot 14 (exact location TBD). Kickoff at 1 p.m.

Tickets are available to young professionals (ages 20 through 40s) for a discounted price of \$45 (regularly \$105). To purchase tickets, visit www.buccaneers.com/jewish-federation.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday,

Culture Café follows up with 'A Beginner's Guide to Loving Jazz'

The Bryan Glazer Family JCC is continuing its Culture Café series with its take on jazz appreciation, served with a side of wine, beer and cheese.

The four-part multi-media program, "A Beginner's Guide to Loving Jazz," explores the sometimes mystifying and intimidating music known as jazz. It follows the music through the lens of Miles Davis's career as seen from a fan's perspective.

Former journalist and Tampa author Scott Wachtler will moderate the program. Wachtler has been a fan of jazz for more than 30 years. He chose to use Miles Davis's career as the focus of the program because Davis was at the forefront of so many modern jazz styles.

"Davis had his hand in almost every form of jazz and he played with so many great musicians. His career really serves as a great way to get to know what jazz is all about," said Wachtler. "Jazz is sometimes seen as something that needs to be understood on an academic or technical level. I think this

market.

The series of interactive classes will begin with an orientation on Monday, Oct. 23 and will run through Sunday, Feb. 25, with a graduation date to be determined. All classes start at 6:45 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Meetings locations will be announced.

The cost to participate in JLTI is \$99, which includes course materials and dinner during each session. Space is limited to 25 people.

Other class dates are: Oct. 30, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 8; Jan. 22; Feb. 5 and Feb. 20.

To apply for JLTI, visit www.jewishtampa.com/JLTI or jewishpinellas.org. Deadline to apply is Oct. 2. Applicants will be notified by email about the status of their applications by Oct. 11.

For more information about JLTI, contact Lisa Robbins at the Tampa Jewish Federation at (813) 769.4723 or email lisa.robins@jewishtampa.com, or call the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties at (727) 530-3223 or email esocash@jewishpinellas.org.

Aug. 25 or until tickets run out. Tickets will be located in section 243 of the stadium. Tickets are limited to two per person and are non-refundable. After Sept. 25, reserved tickets in this section will be released to the general public for sale.

Discounted tickets and tailgating space are provided by Bryan Glazer and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers organization. The event is hosted by the Tampa Jewish Federation in partnership with the Jewish Federations of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, Orlando and Sarasota.

For more information, contact Lisa Robbins, director of young adult engagement for the Tampa Jewish Federation, at (813) 769-4723 or email lisa.robins@jewishtampa.com.



Miles Davis will be the focus of the four-part program.

program will get people to love it on an emotional level."

The program kicked off at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC on Aug. 15 and continues through November. Each month's program is open to members and non-members. Craft beer and cheese will be served. Each month a new local brewery, including Coppertail Brewing Company, 81 Bay Brewing and Rock Brothers Brewing Co., will be featured thanks to each brewery's in-kind donations.

The program runs on Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 17 and Nov. 14 at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave. Each session will run from 7-8:30 p.m. Cost for members is \$10 per session, non-members \$15 per session. For more information contact Pnina Levermore at pnina.levermore@jewishtampa.com

Hillel Academy student test scores in top tiers

Students attending Tampa's Hillel Academy have scored in the top 10 percent nationally in reasoning and mathematics in a test taken last May. The students in grades 3-8 also did well above average in four other areas as measured by the standardized tests of the Educational Records Bureau (ERB).

Compared to students in other private schools taking this test worldwide, Hillel students scored:

- Quantitative reasoning – 91st percentile
 - Mathematics – 90th percentile
 - Writing concepts and skills – 88th percentile
 - Reading comprehension – 86th percentile
 - Verbal reasoning – 86th percentile
 - Writing Mechanics – 87th percentile
- Applications are still being accepted for

the 2017-18 school year at Hillel Academy, which begins Aug. 16.

Hillel Academy is Tampa's only accredited Jewish day school, providing studies in academics, technology and Jewish life. Financial aid and transportation options are available.

Hillel Academy is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools and the Florida Kindergarten Council, and is a member of the Jewish Community Day School Network and the National Association of Independent Schools.

More information about Hillel Academy is available by calling Cosmo Kunzelmann, the new director of admissions at (813) 963-2242 or emailing ckunzelmann@hillelacademytampa.com.

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'Silly' humor makes the day at Weinberg Village

Residents at Weinberg Village Assisted Living Residences and the children of the Tampa JCC Preschool North came together for a fun performance by "Silly Sam."

Both Weinberg and the preschool are located on the Tampa JCC and Federation's Maureen & Douglas Cohn Community Campus in northwest Hillsborough County.

During the program, Silly Sam delighted both young and old with his magic tricks and fun songs.

"The children were jumping, stomping and giggling," said Charlotte Saks.



"Silly Sam" performing for seniors and preschoolers.

The laughter was infectious and the program left everyone with a smile on their face.

For more information about Weinberg Village programs and

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While the Holocaust survivor population is dwindling, the remaining survivors are aging and increasingly need greater levels of service. Current funding to support survivors in the greater Tampa Bay region is provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the Florida Department of Financial Services and private donations, but it would cost much more to offer the full range of services survivors in our area need.

The following four organizations have joined together to raise money to address this serious situation and provide more support to survivors in the region.

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Nominate a mensch for this year's 8 Over 80 Awards ceremony

The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Village Assisted Living Residences has announced its sixth annual Stephen Weinberg 8 Over 80 Awards ceremony and reception.

The 8 over 80 Awards recognize the accomplished residents of the Tampa Jewish community who are 80 years of age and older and have contributed selflessly to their community through their time, talents and efforts.

The deadline to recommend friends and loved ones who match these qualities has been extended. Nominations should be made by Friday, Aug. 25.

All honorees will be inaugurated into the Jewish Tampa Senior Hall of Fame at the event scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC.

Nominations should include the name, age and brief biography outlining your nominee's involvements throughout their lifetime.

Those nominated must meet the following criteria:

- Be 80 years of age or older
- Have a track record of involvement within the Jewish community, an organization, and/or specific causes
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to Jewish values
- Be an inspiring leader or mentor in the community

In addition to honoring eight deserving honorees, proceeds raised through the event benefit the Weinberg Village Facility Enhancement and Endowment Funds. The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Village, located on the Maureen & Doug Cohn Jewish Community Campus, is a subsidiary of the Tampa JCC & Federation.

For more information about the Stephen Weinberg 8 over 80 nominations or Weinberg Village Assisted Living Residences, contact Dan Sultan, Weinberg Village executive director, at (813) 769-4729, via e-mail at dan.sultan@jewishtampa.com or visit www.weinbergvillage.com.



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Netanyahu decries 'fake news' media, calls investigations 'witch hunt'

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Embattled Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, currently the subject of multiple corruption investigations, lashed out at the media at a rally attended by thousands of Likud Party supporters.

Coalition chairman and Likud lawmaker David Bitan organized the rally because, he said, Netanyahu is being "persecuted" by the media and the opposition. Supporters were bussed in from around the country for the rally.

In his speech, Netanyahu slammed the "fake news" media, echoing a sign at the rally that said "Fake news is f***ing news." Some journalists said they were verbally abused by rally participants.

Netanyahu called the corruption investigations "an obsessive witch-hunt against me and my family."

"They don't want to just take me down, they want to take us all down. They know that they can't beat us at the ballots, so they

are trying to circumvent democracy and topple us in other ways," Netanyahu said.

"We know that the left and the media — and we know that it's the same thing — is on an unprecedented hunt against me and my family to bring down the government. They are putting unrelenting pressure on the legal system in order for them to present an indictment without any proof," he said.

Netanyahu is currently the subject of two corruption investigations. In the first, called Case 1000, Netanyahu is accused of receiving expensive gifts from billionaires and then taking action on their behalf. In the second, called Case 2000, he is accused of striking a deal with a newspaper publisher in order to receive favorable coverage at the expense of a competitor, *Israel Hayom*, owned by the casino magnate Sheldon Adelson.

Two other corruption scandals target associates of Netanyahu and both his wife and older son also are targets of investigations.

World's oldest man, a Holocaust survivor living in Israel dies at 113

(JTA) — Yisrael Kristal, a Holocaust survivor from Haifa who was recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest man in the world, has died, a month before his 114th birthday.

Born on Sept. 15, 1903, in the town of Zarnow, Poland, Kristal moved to Lodz in 1920 to work in his family's candy business. He continued operating the business after the Nazis forced the city's Jews into a ghetto, where Kristal's two children died. In 1944, he was deported to Auschwitz, where his wife, whom he had married at 25, was killed.

In 1950, he moved to Haifa with his second wife and their son, working again as a confectioner. In addition to his son and daughter, Kristal has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Guinness recognized him as the world's oldest living man in 2016.

When asked at the time what his secret was to long life, Kristal said: "I don't know the secret for long life. I believe that everything is determined from above and we shall never know the reasons why. There have been smarter, stronger and better-looking men than me who are no longer alive. All that is left for us to do is to keep on working as hard as we can and rebuild what is lost."

Last year, when he turned 113, about 100 family members celebrated his bar mitzvah, a century after he missed it due to the upheavals of World War I.



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JCC

All programs listed are either at the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, or at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC at 522 N. Howard Ave. To RSVP or for more information on programs at either center, contact **Pnina Levermore** at (813) 291-2253 or pnina.levermore@JewishTampa.com. All registrations should be completed before events begin.

Museum tour: A docent-led tour of the Tampa Bay History Museum will be held for members of both JCCs on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from noon to 3 p.m. The tour is free for members and \$9 for guests. RSVP is required.

Senior Games: The 37th annual Senior Games are coming to the Tampa Bay area and a JCC team is being formed to compete in the event. The games are open to those 50 and older and include pickleball, softball, billiards, running, power lifting, golf, swimming, dominoes, track and field and hobbies.

The competitions will take place in the fall throughout the Tampa Bay area. Those interested in competing should stop by the lobby at the Cohn Campus on Friday, Aug. 25 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or the lobby of the Glazer JCC on Tuesday, Aug. 22 from noon to 1 p.m. to learn more about it.

Medicare seminar: A program to help seniors develop strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels will be offered at the Glazer JCC led by **Judy London** a licensed healthcare agent and gerontologist, on Thursdays, Sept. 7 through Nov. 2 from 1-3 p.m. This is free for members and \$15 for guests.

Memoir writing: Learn to write your life story during classes on Mondays from Sept. 4 through Oct. 9 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. The cost is \$50 for members and \$65 for guests.

Crochet lessons: Learn crochet with **Judy Balber** in a series of classes on the Cohn campus on Mondays from Aug. 21 through Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring yarn, crochet hooks and any pattern you want. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members with pro-rating options available.

Dominoes lessons: Learn the basics of the game of dominoes and hone your skills in free classes at the Cohn campus on Wednesdays, Aug. 23 through Sept. 20, from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Lessons at the Glazer JCC will be on Wednesdays, Aug. 23 through Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. This is free for members and \$5 for guests.

JetSetters: This social group for adults of all ages meets at both JCCs for an hour-long program followed by lunch. At the Glazer JCC, JetSetters meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. The lunch is free for members but donations are welcome.

The group also meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Cohn campus at 11 a.m. The lunch is free for members. Reservations are required.

News schmooze: A discussion group to explore "hot button" issues is held at both JCCs. Upcoming News Schmooze sessions at the Glazer JCC will be held on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The topic will be the federal budget on Aug. 22, arts in America on Aug. 29 and the Cabinet on Sept. 5. These meetings are free for members and \$5 for non-members.

The group at the Cohn campus, led by **Pat Renfro**, meets every other Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The group will discuss immigration on Aug. 25 and the Cabinet positions, as well as a talk about the EPA and Homeland Security on Sept. 8.

Gameshow Thursdays: Have a slice of pizza and play such games as "I've Got a Secret," "What's My Line," and "Password" at the Cohn campus on the second Thursday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon. This is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Donations to cover the cost of the pizza are welcome.

Mah jongg: Folks can play this ancient Chinese table game at both JCC campuses. At the Cohn campus there will be sessions on Tuesdays, Aug. 22 through Sept. 26, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

At the Glazer JCC, drop-in sessions are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Novices and experienced players are welcome.

Friday movies: View classic movies, munch on popcorn and socialize on the first Friday of each month at the Cohn campus. The next event is on Friday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. when there will be a showing of *When Harry Met Sally*.

Ballroom dancing: Learn graceful, elegant and romantic dances during ballroom dancing sessions at the Glazer JCC on Mondays, Sept. 4 through Dec. 18 from 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for single members, \$50 for couple members, \$40 for single non-members and \$55 for couples who are non-members.

Genealogical Society

Holocaust Museum talk: The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will be hosted by and held at the Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg, on Sunday, Sept. 10. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. and the program starts at 2 p.m.

Urszula Szczepinska, curator of education and director of research at the museum, will discuss the "Holocaust by Bullets" - the mass shootings of more than 2 million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators. She will discuss online resources that have the most updated information and demonstrate how to use archival databases for information about these victims.

An optional docent-led tour of the museum, free for museum and

society members and \$9 for non-members, will take place following the program. Advanced registration for the tour is requested. RSVP to **Sally Israel**, (727) 343-1652.

JWW

Meeting note: Post 373 meets the third Sunday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., usually in the SCI Unit of the Tampa VA hospital. The Post seeks members who would like to help ill and disabled veterans. Contact **Commander Jack Rudowsky** at (813) 598-8061 or email: rochelletrs@gmail.com

JWI

Meet and greet: The Clearwater Chapter of Jewish Women International will have a meet and greet on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Come and learn about this organization, which empowers women and girls through economic literacy, community training, healthy relationship education and women's leadership.

Contact **Veronica Harris** at (727) 939-1759 or everonica-harris@gmail.com or **Anne de-Marlor** at (727) 517-9197 or ademarlo@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

Hadassah

Annual meeting: The North Pinellas Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual member appreciation luncheon on Monday, Sept. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Ahavat Shalom, 1575 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor. This is open for all life and annual paid-up members, associates and prospective members. "The Honeys" will make a guest appearance and **Mike Warner** will perform on piano. Cost is \$5, collected at the door. Reservations are required. To RSVP, call **Doris Harding** at (727) 772-4140.

Job-Links

Career counseling: Free personalized job-search and career coaching is offered by Tampa Bay Job-Links. Among its programs are free educational and motivational Monday Morning Links sessions from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa. On Monday, Aug. 21, the topic is "Interview Tips & Techniques That Work." Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

There are also Success workshops to aid with job-search skills that are free for Tampa Bay Job-Links program participants; \$15 for guests. On Thursday Aug. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the topic is "Is Your Network Working." Another program, "Switching Gears: A Roadmap for Career Transition," will be held on Wednesdays, Aug. 23 and 30 and Sept. 6 and 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on a variety of topics relevant to job searches. The cost is \$15 per session of \$50 for all four, or free for individualized full-program participants.

Reservations are required for all programs. For more information or to RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org, or visit www.TBJL.org.

Support groups

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handful of journalists and folks who were there not so much to counter-protest but to deliver an alternative message. Zelic Jones from Richmond bore a poster with a saying by Martin Luther King Jr., “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

I climbed the hillock to see if anyone would be willing to talk; on the way, the marchers had studiously ignored reporters, but I thought, at rest, they might be more amenable. It was not to be. One man, wearing black slacks, a white shirt, sunglasses and black baseball cap, shadowed me. He moved to stand between me and anyone I had hoped to interview.

I looked him directly in the eye. “How’s it going, Shlomo?” he said.

“My name is Ron,” I said. I hadn’t identified myself as Jewish.

“You look like a Shlomo.”

“You want to talk?” I offered.

“I don’t talk to the press,” he said. “They just lie.” He scampered away.

The exchange was jarring in how personal it was. I’ve been hated, directly, for many things (try being a journalist, anywhere), but it had been a while – I’d have to cast back to early childhood – since I’d faced visceral hatred just for, well, looking Jewish.

A year ago, I had been at a hotel in Washington D.C. for the unveiling of the alt-right, convened by one of its lead theorists, Richard Spencer, who was also in attendance in Charlottesville. That news conference – an expression of white supremacy argued in plummy tones that disguised its hateful content – was at a remove from the hatred stalking Charlottesville’s streets. Spencer was polite and helpful after the fact. His ideas are toxic, but in the airless corridors of a Washington hotel, they seemed denuded of malice; they seem to be the imaginings of an intemperate toddler.

Here in Charlottesville, the hatred was present and real.

Among the 500 white supremacists were men and women bearing signs like “Goyim know!” (Know what?) and “Jews are satans children.” There were Nazi flags. There were men all in black, t-shirts and slacks and army boots and helmets, jogging along with plastic shields. There were the men who sang of “blood and soil” as they marched to the Emancipation Park event.

And when the white supremacists got their act together and gathered in McIntire Park, they shouted “Jew” every time the name of Charlottesville’s Jewish mayor, Michael Signer, was mentioned.

And of course, the hostility was not confined to Jews: As targets, Jews were not even preminent;

blacks were.

The focus on Jews was anomalous: This was supposed to be about the Confederacy and Southern heritage, and defenders of the Southern Cause are not always identified with hostility toward Jews. An hour’s drive away, in Richmond’s Hollywood Cemetery, a Confederate monument, there’s a carefully tended Jewish section.

And yet here it was, the chants of “Jews will not replace us” (as?).

I had two more personal encounters. At Dogwood Vietnam Memorial, a man in a floppy beige sunhat started following me and explaining to me the lie of the Holocaust, the evil of the Jews, the value of DNA in determining purity. I retreated as he ran after me, screaming, “My mother says I’m a Jew! My MOTHER! Does that mean I’m entitled to something?” (I resisted replying, “Your mother’s love.”)

And earlier, filing out of Emancipation Park, a group of youths surrounded and shouted at me, “Take that wall in Israel down! An open border for everyone!” – a reference to a popular theory on the far right that Jews are engineering open borders to bring the United States to ruination while keeping Israel pure. They moved on.

Anomalies like these tend to bemuse, at least me. What the racists believe to be hurtful jibes come across more as non sequiturs, as mouthings of the deluded or the possessed. Why “Shlomo” of all names? What was that about DNA? A wall in Israel?

And then, the car rammed the crowd, and there was a fatality, and some 35 injured, including five critically, and it was harder to pick out the absurd and use that as a way of keeping an emotional distance from the hate speech.

I retreated to a cafe that was open only to clergy and press, dispensing free water and beer. I filed a story, and on the large wall TV CNN said President Donald Trump was to speak. The cafe fell silent; there was, it seems, even among this crowd of liberal clergy, a thirst for a message of unity.

“We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred bigotry and violence,” Trump said, “on many sides.”

At “on many sides” the room erupted into shouts of anger. On cue, Trump repeated, “On many sides.”

There was only one side visibly and overwhelmingly gripped by hate in Charlottesville.

As the day wore on, the White House refused to retreat from Trump’s many-sides-ism, and Trump’s tweets didn’t add clarity.

“Condolences to the family of the young woman killed today, and best regards to all of those injured, in Charlottesville, Virginia. So sad!” was his last tweet of the day.

White supremacists gather in Charlottesville, VA. JTA reporter Ron Kampeas, who shot this photo, was repeatedly targeted for being Jewish. Although he had not identified himself as Jewish, Kampeas believes he was singled out for “looking Jewish.”

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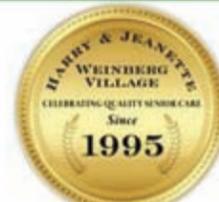


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B'nai Mitzvah

Abram Matthew Beer

Abram Matthew Beer, son of Jamie and Alan Beer of Wesley Chapel, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.



Abram is an eighth grade honors student at Dr. John Long Middle School. Active in sports, he plays all-star baseball and basketball, and is a member of the JLMS football team. Abram enjoys playing video games and is an avid dirt biker.

Jamie and Alan Beer will host a celebration at the Westshore Grand on Saturday evening, Aug. 12.

Special guests will include family and friends from across the country.

Jacob Thomas Garbett

Jacob Thomas Garbett, son of Michael and Lea Garbett of Riverview, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.



Jacob is an eighth grade honors student at Roland Park K-8 IB Magnet School. Active in sports, Jacob plays soccer and baseball.

Michael and Lea Garbett will host a sleepover party at the Florida Aquarium on Saturday, Aug. 19.

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An active member of the Jewish War Veterans, Stern served in the Army infantry. In December 1944, he was sent to France before seeing combat at the Battle of the Bulge. He spent the remaining days of the war in Belgium and France, primarily building and maintaining a POW camp.

In addition to the medal, Stern received a letter from **Clement Leclere**, the Consul General of France, thanking him for his service.

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Good Stuff!

DIANE TINDELL



Boris Stern receiving his Legion d'Honneur award during a ceremony at the Women's Club in St. Petersburg.

Obituaries

LORRAINE DAVIS LEIB, 94, a member of a pioneer Florida Jewish family, died July 29. Her grandparents Aaron and Sarah Davis, originally from Romania, moved to Key West in the early 1890s to run a dry goods store. Her father, Isadore Davis, was born in 1897. He and his wife, Jeanette, were living in Tampa when Lorraine was born in 1923. She was a graduate of Plant High School, volunteered at Tampa General Hospital for 43 years, was a Life member of Hadassah, and was among the founding families of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Tampa. Survivors include two daughters and son-in-law, Sherry Leib, and Gail Leib Polster and Neil Polster; two sisters, Sylvia Alperstein and Shirlee Schiller; and two granddaughters. The family suggests memorials to the ASPCA or Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

SIDNEY NORMAN LAKOFF, 81, of Zephyrhills, died Aug. 1. He was a member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Caroline; and his sister, Myra Rich, of Denver. The family suggests memorials to the charity of one's choice. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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Jewish groups spar over McMaster's Israel record

(JTA) – Jewish organizations sparred over the views of H.R. McMaster, the national security advisor, with the Zionist Organization of America attacking him as anti-Israel and the American Jewish Committee defending him. ZOA, one of the few Jewish organizations to consistently defend President Donald Trump, issued a report on Thursday, Aug. 10, sharply critical of McMaster. In the report, ZOA claims that McMaster is undermining

Trump's Middle East agenda and the relationship between the United States and Israel by firing officials supportive of the Jewish state and critical of the Iran nuclear deal, including Ezra Cohen-Watnick, the hawkish former senior director for intelligence on the National Security Council.

It also asserts that McMaster hired people ZOA claims have negative views on Israel, naming Kris Bauman, who will serve as point man on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Dina Powell, the deputy national security advisor.

The report calls on Trump "to remove General McMaster from his current position and reassign him to another position where he can do no further harm on these critical national security issues."

Dan Shapiro, who served as ambassador to Israel under President Barack Obama, and the American Jewish Committee criticized the ZOA report. "ZOA claims, on the flimsiest of pretexts that McMaster has 'animus toward Israel,'" Shapiro tweeted. "Nonsense. Every Israeli official who met McMaster has found him to be deeply sympathetic, friendly, consistent with

longstanding U.S. support for Israel."

The centrist American Jewish Committee shared one of Shapiro's tweets, adding: "Agreed. We were honored to host Gen. McMaster at AJC Global Forum and chatted with him before. His admiration for Israel was crystal-clear."

In an apparent bid to end the barrage of attacks from the right regarding McMaster, Trump put out a statement in his defense. "General McMaster and I are working very well together. He is a good man and very pro-Israel. I am grateful for the work he continues to do serving our country," Trump said.

Within the White House, McMaster is seen at odds with Trump's top strategist Steve Bannon, whom McMaster had removed from the NSC's principals committee. The ZOA in its statement on McMaster lamented his removal, calling Bannon "a strong opponent of the Iran deal, and a staunch supporter of Israel."

ZOA first shared its negative assessment of McMaster with Breitbart News, the right-wing website Bannon headed before joining the Trump campaign.

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ownership of the building – and the multimillion-dollar artifacts – to the group that worships there: the Ashkenazi Congregation Jeshuat Israel.

It's an odd – and oddly enduring – dispute being played out in an American courtroom. Souter's ruling is a primer on nearly 400 years of American Jewish history, and a dispute that touches on historical tensions between Sephardic Jews with roots in Spain, Portugal, North Africa and the Middle East, and Ashkenazi Jews with roots in Eastern Europe.

Touro, built in 1763, has loomed large in American Jewish history. Along with its claim to being the first Jewish building in the country, it also received George Washington's 1790 letter guaranteeing that the United States "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance."

Shearith Israel, hundreds of miles away, has held title to Touro since the early 1800s, when the shrinking Newport community asked the New York City shul to steward the building and its ritual objects.

It's a fitting relationship: Shearith Israel – also known as the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue – has a sense of its history as well. Founded in 1654, it bills itself as "America's First Jewish Congregation." (Its current building is its fifth home.) Old-time members still wear top hats, and it still worships in the distinctive Sephardic style passed down from its founders, complete with a cantor in robes and choir. Some Shearith Israel members are descended from the original families that started the congregation four centuries ago.

Jeshuat Israel, founded in 1881 as Ashkenazi immigrants began flooding America from Eastern Europe, has worshipped at Touro for more than a century. For a time, according to Souter's ruling, its members occupied the synagogue illegally, praying there even as Shearith Israel sought to keep it closed.

Only in 1903, following a court

battle, did the two groups sign a contract establishing Shearith Israel as the owner and giving Jeshuat Israel a lease on the building. According to the terms of the contract, Jeshuat Israel must pray in the Sephardic style – its own identity be damned.

Seeking to form an endowment,

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter issued an appeals court ruling on the dispute over who owns the Touro synagogue in Newport, RI.



Jeshuat Israel arranged in 2011 to sell a pair of hand-crafted, 18th-century silver bulbs, which are used to adorn Torah scrolls, to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where they were on loan.

Shearith Israel objected to the \$7 million sale, both because Shearith Israel said it owned the ornaments and claimed the sale violated Jewish law. Jeshuat Israel then sued Shearith Israel, and Shearith Israel countersued – both of them seeking legal ownership of the bulbs.

Because the bulbs are meant to rest upon a Torah scroll, Shearith Israel asserted, selling them to a secular institution constitutes an unacceptable decline in holiness.

The district court had ruled in Jeshuat Israel's favor on the grounds it occupies the building and that Shearith Israel had failed in its trustee obligations. But Souter reversed the ruling, partially based on the 1903 contract, writing that Shearith Israel "is fee owner of the Touro Synagogue building, appurtenances, fixtures, and associated land."

Now, says Gary Naftalis, Jeshuat Israel's lawyer, the congregation is "reviewing our legal options going forward." Jeshuat Israel could ask the appeals court's full panel of judges to review the ruling, and may petition to have the case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Late last week, Jeshuat asked for a rehearing.

Shearith Israel President Louis Solomon said in a statement that the congregation is "gratified" by the court's decision and, as a result, "has been restored to the position it has held for centuries."

The statement added that the congregation hopes to move forward from the court ruling, which "enables two great Jewish congregations to regain the harmony that existed between them before this unfortunate episode began five years ago."

The Kosher restaurant drops kosher certification

By JACOB MCMANAMON
Jewish Press

On Wednesday, July 21, just three months after it opened its doors, The Kosher restaurant in Tampa, decided to drop its kosher certification.

The owners of the Israeli-style restaurant cited the higher cost of kosher goods and restrictions on opening on weekends as contributing factors to the decision.

The owners plan on changing the name as soon as possible.

"I wish we were able to succeed, there was just not enough income to remain under the kosher regulations," said co-owner Yosi Chefran.

Two couples, Avihai and Liat Maman and Yosi and Becca Chefran, both with ties to Israel, opened The Kosher on Howard Avenue in the heart of the SoHo district.

The couples teamed up Rabbi Uriel Rivkin and Rabbi Mendy

Dubrowski, who expressed their desire to see a kosher restaurant open up in Tampa and to provide the dietary supervision. But the owners were unable to tame the expenses of keeping the restaurant up to the kosher standards.

"It became too expensive for the owners to keep buying meat from the kosher wholesaler in Miami," said Rabbi Rivkin.

"I was disappointed, I put in so many hours, I was hoping it would work out," said Rabbi Rivkin. "I think they showed us the potential this area had, there might be another kosher restaurant within 10 years."

Along with the extra cost of the kosher products, Chefran said, "either we had to work Friday and Saturdays or I had to close my restaurant."

The owners said they are grateful to Rabbi Rivkin and Rabbi Dubrowski for providing the rabbinical supervision without being

paid. "We thank the rabbis for their efforts, they were very supportive and we appreciate everything they've done for us," said Chefran. The owners also thanked the Jewish community for their support.

"We appreciate the community, each and every person who has dined at our restaurant and said such beautiful things about it," said Chefran, "We are sorry about the decision that had to be made but we had to keep the restaurant open."

The Koshery, located at 931 S. Howard Ave., is now open daily from noon to 10 p.m.

"I would hope that people still support us and the Israeli-style of our food, our hope was and still is to sustain a restaurant that offers delicious Israeli food, wonderful service, and a great dining experience to the Tampa bay community," said Chefran.



(L-R) Monsignor Frank M. Mouch, a former president of Saint Leo; Matthew Tapie, PhD, director of the Saint Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies; donor Douglas Cohn of Tampa; Saint Leo University President William J. Lennox Jr.; retired Saint Leo educator and honoree Linda S. Taggart; and donors Gail Whiting and Paul Whiting. Unavailable for photo: donor Maureen Cohn.

Generosity and understanding propels interfaith donation

Two Tampa couples, one Jewish and one Catholic, are seeding an endowment fund to benefit the Saint Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies and its work in interfaith education.

Douglas and Maureen Cohn, along with Paul and Gail Whiting, agreed to establish the endowment as a tribute to educator Linda S. Taggart, with each couple pledging \$25,000, to be donated over the course of five years.

The Cohns – for whom the Tampa JCCs and Federation Community Campus is named – are well-known for their giving locally, including their generous donations to Jewish causes and to arts and cultural institutions. They are members of Congregation Rodeph Sholom. The Whitings are active philanthropists as well, and belong to Christ the King Catholic Church. The couples have known each other for years.

Their honoree, Linda Taggart, has been devoted to the causes of interfaith relations and understanding, and to Saint Leo University. She has filled many roles, as an adjunct professor of religious studies at the university during multiple periods, as a trustee of the university from 2002 to 2008, and when needed, she stepped up and served as director of the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies in 2009-2010. One of her favorite areas of study is the Hebrew Bible, and she often quips to students and others that Jesus did not read the New Testament. Concurrent with these activities, she also has made presentations on interfaith relations at Catholic parishes throughout the Tampa Bay area.

Maureen Cohn reflected that Linda Taggart "has been a true inspiration to me, as I see her as a teacher and scholar of all religions. Linda's deep knowledge of both Judaism and Catholicism were the catalyst for the bond that formed between the two of us over the many years of our friendship. It was through Saint Leo and the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies that we were able to engage and share our mutual love of faith and humanity."

Tapie, who became director of the Saint Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies in Fall 2015, concurred that "the establishment of the Cohn-Whiting Endowment significantly advances the mission of the center, especially in its capacity to educate students. Their generous gift allows us to teach students the interfaith leadership skills so desperately needed in the local community, as well as shape fu-

ture scholars of interreligious study and dialogue."

Others may donate to add to the principal of the Cohn-Whiting Endowment for Catholic-Jewish Studies. Once the endowment is fully established and earning investment income, the center director will be able to use proceeds for student research and study efforts.

Saint Leo University established the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies at its campus in east Pasco County in 1998. The center's mission is to build mutual respect and understanding between Catholics and Jews, and all people of good will. To accomplish this, the center sponsors interreligious study experiences for students and provides the general public opportunities to attend special educational events and to engage in respectful dialogue, both on campus and at other venues in Tampa Bay and Sarasota. More information is available from current CCJS Director Matthew Tapie, PhD, at matthew.tapie@saintleo.edu.

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Local girl brings home gymnastics medals from Israel

Fourteen year-old Moorea Linker of Odessa made her family - and her nation - proud as she took home two medals for Team USA at the World Maccabiah Games in Israel last month.

Often referred to as the Jewish Olympics, the Maccabiah Games attracted 10,000 athletes from 80 nations to Israel.

Moorea, the daughter of Brooke and Josh Linker, won a gold and silver medal in the junior women's gymnastics competition for 13-15 year-olds. She was one of only two competitors in either women's or men's gymnastics *not* from Israel to win a gold medal.

Besides making it onto the medal stand, Moorea was honored by her teammates by being named team captain.

The gymnastics competition was broken up into two days. The first day was the team and individual all around competition. The next day was individual event finals for those

gymnasts that finished in the top six of each event the day before.

On the first day of competition, an early error on balance beam essentially took Moorea out of the running for an individual all around medal. But despite her fall on balance beam, her score, along with her second place finishes on vault and floor exercise helped her team win the silver medal.

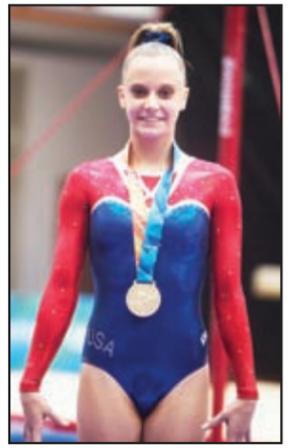
Her scores in floor exercise and vault also qualified her to compete in the event finals on the second day of competition.

She finished 4th on floor exercise.

Lastly came the vault. With two Israeli gymnasts in first and second place, Moorea was the last competitor.

Her father, Josh, who was there to cheer her on, described what happened next: "Moorea executed, almost flawlessly, a Yurchenko full twisting layout to win the gold medal."

Outside of the gymnastics arena, Moorea



Moorea Linker performing her floor routine and wearing one of her medals

spent six days touring the country as part of Team USA's ISRAEL CONNECT. She also enjoyed the opportunity to stay with the other athletes and develop long-term

friendships.

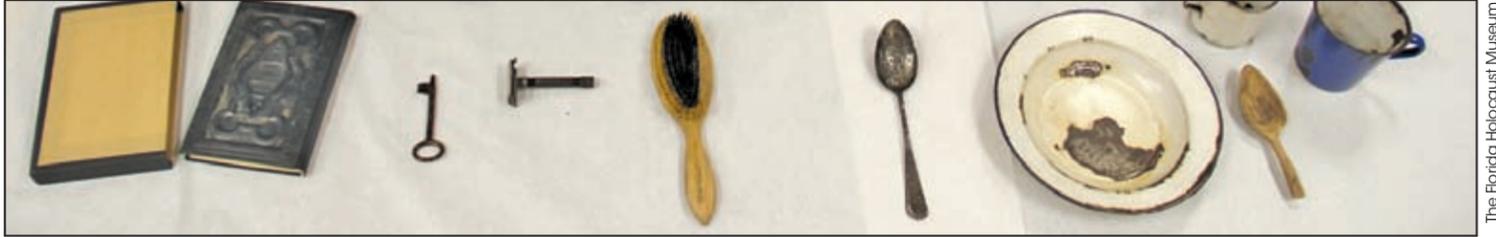
Now that she is back home, Moorea has begun training for her next level-10 gymnastics season, which will begin this winter.

MUSEUM

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arrival to the Majdanek Concentration Camp," said Erin Blankenship, FHM's curator of exhibitions and collections. "As Majdanek was also a killing center, it is likely that at least some of these individuals, especially the children, would have been selected for murder upon arrival to the camp."

Other items such as spoons, mugs



Some of the objects recovered from the Majdanek killing center that will be on display here include a prayer book, key, razor, hairbrush, spoons, bowls, and mugs.

and bowls "would have belonged to prisoners that survived the selec-

tions and were vital to the survival of an individual," Blankenship said. "While food was meager and of poor quality, prisoners needed these utensils for the often watery soup that they would receive, without it they would not eat."

There is also a camp uniform made from civilian clothing.

"When no striped uniform was available, some prisoners would be

given civilian clothing, but with a painted orange strip on the front and back so that guards didn't mistake them for civilians. Therefore they could not escape," said Blankenship.

Majdanek was a concentration and forced labor camp that was also used as an extermination center. The camp opened in September 1941 and was liberated by the So-

viet Army in July 1944. Among an estimated 150,000 prisoners who entered Majdanek, approximately 80,000 people, including 60,000 Jews, were killed.

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The event will feature a talk by Rabbi Gary Klein and a musical program by Cantor Allison Rosoff. The luncheon is for the survivors and spouses. It is sponsored by Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, which supports Holocaust survivors in a

variety of ways including in home care, cleaning services, transportation, emergency financial assistance, restitution assistance, and social events.

Funding for the event is provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

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