

Glazer JCC hosts return of wrestling

For the first time in three decades, wrestling will return to the former Fort Homer Hesterly Armory, now the Bryan Glazer Family JCC.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, for one night only, wrestling fans will be able to enjoy matches and walk-ons by some of the greats from years' past. Bell time is 7 p.m. with VIP guests invited at 6 p.m.

Wrestling - before the Bucs, the Rays, the Lightning and Rowdies - was the

sports king in Tampa and throughout the state. Heroes and villains of the wrestling world included Dusty Rhodes, The Great Malenko, Jack Briscoe and as the years rolled on, others such as Wahoo McDaniel, John Cena, Chris Jerico, Ric Flair, Ricky Steamboat and, perhaps the most famous of all, Hulk Hogan.

The armory was one of several venues in Florida where the scripted matches, **WRESTLING continued on PAGE 7**



(L-R) Gordon Solie who often announced matches at the armory, interviews The Great Malenko, aka Lawrence Simon, and Johnny Valentine.

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IN THE WAKE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

Mayors, ADL announce agreement to combat hate

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

NEW YORK - More than 300 U.S. mayors including three from the Tampa Bay Area have signed on to a compact with the Anti-Defamation League to combat hate and bigotry.

The mayors are agreeing to explicitly condemn racism, white supremacy and bigotry, and to implement educational and public safety programs to safeguard vulnerable populations and discourage discrimination.

The local mayors who signed the agreement, initiated by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the ADL, are Rick Kriseman of St. Petersburg, Bob Buckhorn of Tampa and Julie Ward Bujalski of Dunedin.

Other signatories included the mayors of New York City, **MAYORS continued on PAGE 11**

3 Jewish movements nix Trump High Holidays call

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WASHINGTON (JTA) - Three streams of American Judaism will not participate in the traditional annual pre-High Holidays call with the president, saying Donald Trump has "given succor to those who advocate anti-Semitism, racism, and xenophobia."

"We have concluded that President Trump's statements during and after the tragic events in Charlottesville are so lacking in moral leadership and empathy for the victims of racial and religious hatred that we cannot organize such a call this year," said a statement by leaders of the Reconstructionist, Reform and Conservative movements.

The reference was to Trump's equivocation following the clash between white supremacists and counter-protesters on Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, VA.

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Judy Cohn Park to add spot of beauty to Campus

The Doug and Maureen Cohn Jewish Community Campus will present its newest gem, the Judy Cohn Park, after a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Campus on Sunday, Sept. 10 at noon.

Free activities for children and families will follow until 2 p.m.

The new park is named in memory of Doug Cohn's sister with funds bequeathed by Judy Cohn, an educator in the Los Angeles area who died in 2015.

Within the park is the Jack Roth Garden, donated by Deborah Roth in memory of her husband Jack.

Thanks to their generosity

and that of others, the front entrance to the JCC's main building has been converted into a pretty plaza for all who reside on campus or visit it to enjoy.

Outdoor furnishings and a water feature will be added to the park in the coming months.

"We invite the entire community to attend the event to celebrate and enjoy this beautiful addition to our campus," said Alissa Fischel, the Tampa JCCs and Federation's chief development officer.

"We are exceptionally grateful for the generosity of Judy Cohn (z"l) and Deborah Roth

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Federation adds family fun to #GivingTuesday

The Tampa JCCs & Federation will once again participate in #Giving Tuesday as part of its Annual Campaign to raise funds, but this year is turning it into a day or fun-filled family activities with the theme of "Get Your Tzedakah On."

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving back for the greater good and this year will happen on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

"When you give you are making a real impact in the lives of others. It adds meaning to your life when you know you are joining others in tikkun olam - repairing the world," said Alissa Fischel, chief development officer of the Tampa JCCs & Federation. "We are dreaming big this year. We hope to raise \$200,000 on #GivingTuesday with the support of our volunteers and generous donors."

Folks can "Get Your Tzedakah On" on #GivingTuesday by answering the call on that day or making a gift online at jewishtampa.com/give.

An even better way is to join in on the fun at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, where folks can make calls asking for the community's support, do crafts, sing, act, snack and enjoy the day.

Sign up now for available two-hour shifts for the whole family at jewishtampa.com/givingtuesday

People can also get social by joining in and follow the conversation using #GivingTuesday for posts to encourage friends to get involved. Hashtags to use include: #GivingTuesday, #JFedcares, #Tampa and #Givingback.

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This woman and her young daughter were among the 114 converts to Judaism in Nicaragua.

114 just converted to Judaism in Nicaragua

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN
JTA news service

(JTA) - Over the course of just a few days, the tiny Jewish community in Nicaragua more than doubled when 114 people converted to Judaism.

In July, community members answered questions before a beit din, or religious court, of three Orthodox rabbis from Israel and the United States and immersed in a newly built mikvah in Managua, the Central American country's capital. Male converts underwent circumcisions or symbolic circumcisions if already circumcised.

Three days after the conversions conducted at the Managua home of a community leader, 22 couples wed according to Jewish tradition in a Managua social hall rented for the occasion.

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Nicaraguan men who converted to Judaism waiting for their brides prior to a Jewish wedding for 22 couples.



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Billy Joel wears yellow Star of David during New York concert encore

Billy Joel wore a yellow Star of David - similar to ones Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust - on his sports jacket during the encore of his monthly concert at Madison Square Garden.

Photos of the legendary singer wearing the star began appearing on Facebook shortly after his performance Monday night, Aug. 21.

Among those giving Joel accolades was his former wife, model Christie Brinkley, who was in attendance at the concert. "And on the day of the Solar Eclipse a yellow star appeared on the jacket of another kind of star with a clinched fist that seemed to be gripping painful, no excruciating, memories of loved ones who wore that star to their death," Brinkley wrote in the caption of photo featuring Joel wearing the star on stage.

Joel's parents are Jewish but he was not brought up with the faith. He has been described as a secular Jew and an atheist.

In June, Joel told *Rolling Stone*, that he tries to remain publicly apolitical. "I am a private citizen and I have a right to believe in my own political point of view, but I try not to get up on a soapbox and tell people how to think."

Israel terror attacks sharply spike in July

Israel's security services last month recorded 222 terrorist attacks against Israelis, the highest number in any month since December 2015.

The attacks resulted in the killing of five Israelis - two police officers shot by terrorists and three members of one family - and the wounding of seven, according to the Israel Security Agency's monthly report for July published earlier this week. Several Palestinians also died, some while perpetrating attacks and others during clashes with security forces.

The tally for July was more than double the 94 attacks recorded in June and nearly double the average of 121 per month from January 2016 onward. The Israel Security Agency, or Shin Bet, recorded a total of 2,314 attacks during that period in which 33 victims died and 223 were wounded.

Last month was among the deadliest in that period in terms of terrorist attack fatalities, second only to November 2015, when terrorists murdered 10 Israelis.

The surge in July attacks owed largely to tensions and clashes connected to the Temple Mount. That month, three Arab terrorists killed the two officers before being shot dead. Israel placed metal detectors at the entrance to the Temple Mount, a compound that is holy both to Jews and Muslims. Riots ensued, leading Israel to dismantle the metal detectors two weeks after installing them.

Trump, Netanyahu to meet in NJ Sept. 17

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Donald Trump will meet on Sept. 17 in New Jersey, an Israeli newspaper is reporting. It will be the third face-to-face meeting between the leaders this year.

The meeting will take place while Netanyahu is in New York for the opening of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly, Israel Hayom reported. The meeting has not officially been announced by the Prime Minister's Office or the White House.

Netanyahu reportedly will visit Argentina and Mexico, the first visit to the countries by a sitting Israeli prime minister, prior to attending the General Assembly.

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Netanyahu calls body searches of female worshippers at Wall 'unacceptable'

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Body searches of female worshippers at the entrance to the Western Wall are “unacceptable,” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu asked Minister of Public Security Gilad Erdan to look into accusations that at least four female rabbinical students were subjected to body searches while attempting to enter the Western Wall Plaza, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, the students from the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, including two Americans, were asked to lift their shirts and skirts for security before being allowed to enter the Western Wall plaza, where an egalitarian prayer service was being held. The four said they were questioned and pulled aside into a private room.

The women were among a group of 15 rabbinical, cantorial and Jewish education students from North America and Australia who joined about 200 men and women in an egalitarian service held that morning on the plaza behind the men's and women's sections. The egalitarian service took place following the monthly rosh chodesh service of the Women of the Wall group.

The Israel Religious Action Center of the Reform movement said it planned to submit formal complaints about the body searches on the students.

Erdan said that if a complaint is filed, it will be “thoroughly checked.”

Netanyahu and Erdan “agreed that if this indeed took place as described, it is unacceptable and will be addressed in accordance with the law and the instructions of the court,” the statement said.

Western Wall security did not say what they were looking for, according to the Israel Religious Action Center. Western Wall officials in the past have detained women and searched for Torah scrolls and other religious items they consider inappropriate for women to bring to the wall.

In January, Israel's High Court of Justice ruled that women are not to be subjected to intense body searches when entering the Western Wall.

Leaders of the Reform movement said in a statement that they sent a letter to Netanyahu calling on the prime minister to “issue a swift and clear denunciation” of what they called the “degrading” searches.

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For Birthright founder Steinhardt, Israel 'substitute for religion'

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

MT. KISCO, NY — Michael Steinhardt has poured millions of dollars into ventures for American Jews. But he's no fan of American Judaism.

The hedge-fund billionaire turned mega-philanthropist is best known as the founder of Birthright Israel, the 10-day free trip to Israel for Jewish young adults. More recently, he's founded a network of publicly funded Hebrew-language charter schools. His latest endeavor is a natural history museum at Tel Aviv University that will host exhibits on the flora and fauna of Israel and the Middle East.

JTA visited Steinhardt at his New York estate, where he spoke about why he thinks American Jewish education needs to change, what to do with the hundreds of thousands of Birthright alumni once they return home, and why he's not worried about college students who rail against Israel.

JTA: You've spoken a lot about how the American Jewish community needs to promote secular Jewish culture. Is that what you're trying to do with your network of charter schools? Can that work if the schools are publicly funded and most of the students aren't Jewish?

Steinhardt: These are charter schools, and as charter schools they are open to anyone and they have, on average, no more than 50 percent Jewish students in the school. But these schools teach Hebrew in a way that is demonstrably superior to Jewish day schools.

Jewish kids in the charter schools will learn a great deal about Israel in these charter schools. The schools fund a trip to Israel and there's a great deal of emphasis on Israel, Zionism, stuff like that, but zero [on Judaism] as a religion.

And you prefer it that way, as an atheist?

I don't think you came here to talk about my theology, but it's tempting me to say I truly believe that the time of Jewish history that we have to devote far more energy to is the last 300 years. The last 300 years is the most enlightened — it is when Jews really shined. I would use the word superior, except people blanch when I use that word. But it's really what I mean: Jews have accomplished so much, so inexplicably out of proportion to their numbers, in these 300 years, and it's one of the great failures of Jewish education that that's not focused on at all.

Israel is also getting more religious, and you've criticized its government and business world. Why do you feel so positively about Israel if it has some of the same flaws you criticize in American Jewry?

The modern state of Israel is the Jewish miracle of the 20th century, but it's the secular part of Israel that's the miracle. It's the extraordinary achievement, it's the technology, the military, the development of a society out of nothing using Zionist ideals, taking people from terrible places and making them Israeli citizens. Israel has become, for me, the substitute for religion.

Are you worried that that secular society is not nearly as

dominant in Israel as it was 40 years ago?

The people I know in Israel are overwhelmingly secular. Tel Aviv University, the natural history museum, are truly modern, secular institutions. I've been critical of a few things in Israel, [but] Israel is to me the most moral state on this planet, [even] with the occupation, with the differences between rich and poor, with the other issues ... but it's really an exceptional place.

I have a house in Jerusalem and I like Jerusalem a lot, but if you go to Tel Aviv, it's a phenomenal world. It's a world unto itself.

More than half a million young Jews have gone on Birthright, but when they come home they're caught by the same Jewish institutions you've criticized. Is that an issue?

Guess what? They don't succeed in catching them. The way I dealt with it, and still deal with it, is to create Birthright post-programming.

Some organizations that we created seem to be doing OK, such as OneTable [a group that facilitates Shabbat dinners]. There are other organizations that seem to be doing better.

But it's a real issue. There are all sorts of things to deal with. There's 60 to 70 percent intermarriage rates [among young non-Orthodox American Jews], a falloff in synagogue attendance. There's all sorts of things like that. There are no easy answers, but the best answer to date is Birthright. I'm tempted to say it has saved a generation.

But there are reports that Birthright's numbers are shrinking. It recently began accepting applicants who attended an organized Israel trip in high school. Why is that?

The numbers we're taking this year will be a record. If you're saying we used to have huge waiting lists and we don't anymore, you're absolutely correct. I think Birthright has almost become a community norm and a large percentage of the age cohort of 18 to 26 go on Birthright.

Having trips to Israel has become a popular engagement for the Jewish world and that may be one of the reasons we don't get the huge excess of waiting lists.

I think I'm too old, too ornery to be a believer that 10 days, Birthright, can change your life. You can't imagine how many people come back and say, 'This has changed my life.' But it's still 10 days, and they're 18 or 21 or 26. Has it really changed their life? I don't know.

Do you see criticism of Israel's policies as a threat to Birthright's impact on Jewish college students?

You can't avoid that being part of the message. Israel is a complicated place in a strange part of the world and there are plenty of issues to deal with. There are a substantial number of Jews who believe that Israel should leave the settlements, leave the West Bank.

I think most of us understand the occupation for what it is and what it isn't. The more one understands about Israel, the more comfortable one becomes with the politics of the Israeli government.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

New swim program to begin at Cohn campus

The Tampa JCCs has launched a new swim program at tCohn Campus pool in partnership with the Brooke Bennett Swim Academy.

From her beginnings with a swim club in Brandon, Bennett rose to become one of America's most elite swimmers. At 16, she won her first Olympic gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle at the 1996 Atlanta Games. In Sydney in 2000, she won two more gold medals, one in the 800-meter freestyle and another in the 400-meter freestyle.

Now, she is pursuing her passion to teach children how to swim and be water safe. On the Cohn campus, swim lessons will be offered for children seven months of age to adults.

In addition to the academy programs, a free water babies class

is available for families with children from 3-6 months old. Lessons are also offered as part of the enrichment offerings for preschool families.

"The partnership with the Brooke Bennett Swim Academy will take our swim program to a new level," said Pam Cotner, executive director of youth programs

and leisure sports at the JCC on the Cohn campus. The aim of the Brooke Bennett Swim Academy is to make every child water safe and to provide a love for swimming.

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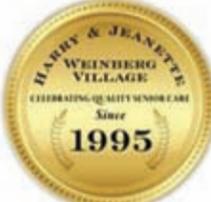
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It's time to move beyond B'nai Mitzvah

By RABBI JOSH HEARSHEN
Congregation Rodeph Sholom

For many years, synagogues have employed a very specific tactic to balance their budgets: B'nai Mitzvah.

We have always been assured that we will have congregants because they will want their children to have an ornate celebration for their 13th birthday. This was not always a budgetary issue as it originally had valid reasoning associated with it as it was believed that we would change the life of the child and thus their trajectory as a Jew. The problem was that when they grew up and became parents the trajectory was not altered at all and they became wrapped up in the same cycle that their own parents were in. This is a major problem in the Jewish world today and one that needs to be addressed.



I have spoken on this issue at conferences and in interviews. I believe deeply that it cuts to one of the major issues that the Jewish people face each day. The lesson that we have learned is that so long as we continue to focus on Jewish children and make them the central idea in our synagogues we will continue to create a community of Jewish children, but not of Jews. To be perfectly clear I am not saying that Jewish children should not be a focal point of our communities, but I am saying that they should not be the focal point. We need to continue to work to make our communities places where Jews are the focal points no matter what age they are.

For generations we have heard from Jews that they will join a synagogue when they have kids. This has been a forgone conclusion for far too long. I love to ask the naïve and contrarian question: why wait? Aren't you Jewish?

Synagogues cannot be the home that people find because they want to raise Jewish kids. They need to be the home for their Jewish lives that will, God willing, include Jewish children. In examining this problem we find that the b'nai mitzvah is a symptom and not the problem itself. It has taken me some years to discover this as early on I was known for proposing that we do away with the pomp and circumstance associated with the 13th birthday of a child and deemphasize it so that we could return to teaching more philosophy, theology and history to our religious school kids and prepare them for a lifetime of being Jews and not a single day performance.

I have realized that doing away with B'nai Mitzvah as we know them is not an answer. The answer is to transform them into something that attacks the

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problem of disconnected Jews in our midst seeking meaning.

It is one thing to identify a problem and a totally different thing to identify solutions. I will be honest. I am going to leave you all to mull this over and offer suggestions to solve this problem, but I do have some of my own. The first thing we must do is abandon any curriculum or ideology that presupposes that religious education concludes in seventh grade. We must begin to offer a steady education from k - 12. We must do this because we need to emphasize that it is just as important as our math and science studies and also because the older we get, the further up we are on Bloom's Taxonomy and thus find more and more meaning.

In the scenario where children leave their religious studies at seventh grade, we lose because they are just beginning to learn to apply and to analyze and so much more. The experience becomes more meaningful as it is less and less rudimentary. This is based on the belief that more informed and educated Jews will remain more involved in the future and will yield more Jewishly identified families.

Another step in repairing this is to do everything in our power to make the process meaningful. Performances are not meaningful in a vacuum. But if the child is tasked with doing more than preparing for the "big day," it becomes more of a labor of love. There will always be the basic features of the service like Torah reading and the Haftara coupled with the leading of services.

But we need to do more. This is where the idea of the mitzvah project came from. It was important for the kids to do something for the big day on their own. The project should not just be a one-time event and it should be more than raising money. In fact, it should also not be limited to "good deeds" as mitzvah means more than a good deed. It is something commanded for the purpose of connecting us to God. Regardless, it is essential that the kids do more than the rote exercises and instead find ways to make the day engage them and the entire process be more meaningful.

When it comes to B'nai Mitzvah I seem to have a love-hate relationship, but it is not that hard to overcome this. I believe deeply that B'nai Mitzvah can be used to rescue Judaism and to make us a stronger community. The core that we need to embrace is that we are looking to mold and create whole Jews that will be at home in their Judaism for their entire lives. Once we accept that basic premise, the rest will simply fall into place.

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Cong. Kol Ami

Mitzvah Day: Members of the congregation will devote Sunday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as a day to give back to the community. There will be a number of different places or activities where everyone (small children to adults) can volunteer and be a part of this special day. People can choose the mitzvah that will be most meaningful to them or their family. The Ronald McDonald House, Metropolitan Ministries and the Joshua House are just a few of the organizations that will be participating. For more information, call **Mitchell Weiss** at the synagogue (813) 962-6338, or email him at execdirector@kolami.org.

Pizza and PJ Shabbat: Young families are welcome to join in on Friday, Sept. 15 from 6-7 p.m. to celebrate Shabbat with guitar playing, singing, dancing, friendship and food. PJs for kids are ok but not required for this child-friendly musical service led by **Rabbi Howard Siegel** and **David Berger**. A pizza dinner will be served first, then the service will be at 7 p.m., followed by ice cream dessert. Cost for this event is \$5 per person, with a \$25 family maximum. Children 3 and under are free. RSVP to the Kol Ami office by Sept. 11.

Meet and greet: The Sisterhood and Brotherhood will host a Meet and Greet on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:45 a.m. (immediately following minyan) for those who are new members or have not been involved in Sisterhood or Brotherhood for a while. This is a chance to make new friends, connect with some old friends and find out about the events and activities that the two organizations have planned. Call the Kol Ami office for more information or email Sisterhood at Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com or Brotherhood at MensClub.kolami@gmail.com.

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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

Selichot: On Saturday, Sept. 16, the congregation will begin its Selichot program and deli dinner at 5 p.m., followed by a screening of the movie, *Bad Day at Black Rock* at 6:30 p.m. The Oscar nominated thriller, starring Spencer Tracy, is set in post-WWII Arizona. There will be a brief discussion of High Holy Day themes including transgressions and atonement at the conclusion of the film. The Selichot service will begin at 8:30 p.m.

There is no charge for dinner, but RSVPs are requested so the congregation can plan. RSVP at www.zedek.org or call the temple office at (813) 876-2377.

Sisterhood opener: The Sisterhood's opening event on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. will feature the movie, *Above and Beyond*, a documentary about the foreign airmen in Israel's 1948 War of Independence. **Laura Salzer** will also present a talk on Israel's Lone Soldiers. These

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Tech and your kids: Hillel Academy Host film and discussion

Today's children are the first to be raised since the invention of the smart phone, and its influence can be felt everywhere.

Hillel Academy invites children in fifth grade and above, and their parents, to participate in a discussion and viewing of the award-winning film *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*, free of charge, on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Screenagers probes the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and delves into the messy family conflicts over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising

insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can best empower young people to navigate the digital world. More information can be found at www.screenagersmovie.com.

Light refreshments will be offered at 6 p.m. at Hillel Academy at 2020 W. Fletcher Ave. Tampa, with the movie following at 6:30 p.m. next door at Congregation Beth Am, 2030 W. Fletcher Ave.

Licensed psychologist Dr. Wendy B. Rice, founder of Rice Psychology Group, will moderate the group discussion. More information about Dr. Rice can be found at www.ricepsychology.com.

Congregations

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are individuals from outside Israel who join the Israel Defense Forces but have no family there. For more information, call the temple office. **Brotherhood kick off:** On Thursday, Sept. 14 the Brotherhood's Annual Kickoff Party will be held at the home of Laura and Steve Salzer. There is no charge to attend.

For more details, including time and address for the Salzers, contact the temple office.

Hebrew for adult beginners: Learn to read Hebrew by attending "A Taste of Hebrew" taught by Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro. This 20-lesson course is designed for English-speaking adults who are primarily interested in learning how to read Hebrew prayers and blessings. It is a refresher course for adults who know some Hebrew and is appropriate for those with no Hebrew skills. The class is from 6-7 p.m. on most Wednesdays beginning Oct. 11 and running through March 21. The course textbook is available for purchase for \$13. This class is a prerequisite for an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Call Sherry Stein, director of Membership and Programing at (813) 876-2377, ext. 212, to enroll.

Religious school registration: It's not too late to register your child. Newcomers should note that the temple membership requirement 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. Rodeph Sholom

Sip and sketch: The Sisterhood's opening event for the new year will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 7-9 p.m. when it holds a "Coloring and Cabernet" party. This is for all members, past, present and future. There will be light noshes and plenty to drink and the event is free.

Studies with the rabbi: Rabbi Josh 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.

Cong. Or Ahavah

Rosh Hashanah gathering: There will be a Blessing Seder on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at Sabbath House at the Franciscan Center, 3010 N. Perry Ave., Tampa. A selection of traditional ritual foods will be served. Learn their connection to a new flow of blessings that begins on the evening of the Jewish New Year. RSVP to Shay Shenefelt at orahavahtampa@gmail.com for a registration form and information on price. **Yom Kippur retreat:** This retreat is an opportunity to do the

deepest of Teshuvah, return to the Holy One of Blessing and return to your true self. The retreat is appropriate for anyone regardless of Jewish religious involvement or knowledge. It begins Friday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. and ends Saturday, Sept. 30 at sundown at the Franciscan Center. The cost for members is \$198 and for friends is \$252. Prices includes overnight accommodations, a veggie/dairy/fish meal before Kol Nidre and a full break-the-fast meal after sundown. Children 13-18 and students are \$60. Children 12 and under are free. RSVP to Shay Shenefelt at orahavahtampa@gmail.com and ask for a registration form.

Cong. Beth Am

Selichot dinner: This year for Selichot on Saturday, Sept. 16, the congregation is encouraging people to gather for dinner at local restaurants for some casual conversation. The idea is to get people who might not usually spend time together, but have something in common - an interest, a location, a favorite restaurant - to get to know one another. Services and dessert will follow at the synagogue.

To become a "captain" for one of the dinners or to find out more information, contact Kathy Bromberg at kmbromberg@gmail.com.

Reverse Taschlich: September's Year of Mitzvot event is a High Holy Day activity, organized by Hillels of the Suncoast, for a "reverse taschlich." Instead of casting our sins into the water, volunteers will clean a local waterway of litter and pollution. This event is on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 24.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Katie Habgood at katie@yellen.com.

Crafts and a movie: The Beth Am Craft Klatch and Film Society will meet on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. This is an informal group of folks making crafts and sharing their skills. Following the Craft Klatch, the Film Society will show the 1947 Gregory Peck movie, *Gentleman's Agreement*, about anti-Semitism in the U.S. For more information call the synagogue office.

Cong. Mekor Shalom

Color and connect: An adult coloring get together will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. Come over for coloring, connecting, coffee, and calm. Bring a coloring book or use pages already at the shul. Coloring supplies will be available.

Teddy Bear Shabbat: On Friday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., teddy bear owners of all ages are invited to celebrate Shabbat in a "beary" joyful way. This service will include some prayers for a traditional Friday night service, so there will be one service that evening. There will be an oneg Shabbat right after the service with Teddy Bear friendly snacks.

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Think it is hard to send your kids off to college? Think again

Parents across the country will soon be sending their precious children off to their freshman year of college. I remember those days and I remember my concerns.

It just so happens that amidst my reminiscing, I begin reading a book recommended by my brother-in-law, who travels frequently to Poland for business. *Irena's Children* by Tilar J. Mazzeo, documenting and highlighting Irena Sendler's story of the courageous feats of daring she performed as a public health specialist with access to the Warsaw ghetto during WWII. Termed the female Oscar Schindler, Sendler, a non Jew, with the help of the resistance, smuggled thousands of children past the Nazis – to safe houses, orphanages and convents.

On the eve of my sons leaving home for college, I worried incessantly that the meal plans offered through the dorms were carb laden and unhealthy. And that my children would pack on the dreaded "freshman 15."

Parents of children in the Warsaw ghetto worried over food too, but didn't have the luxury of worrying about excessive carbs and healthy food choices. Official rations allotted to Jews in the walled-off area were 184 calories per day per person. If lucky and/or wealthy, food was available through the black market at exorbitant prices. And great risk.

Would my kiddies be safe on campus? Get a bid to the fraternity of their choice? Survive Hell Week?

In the spring of 1942, 2000 Jewish children had begun living

separately from their parents too - but not by choice. They too had new living arrangements and new challenges. Alone on the streets of the Aryan side of Warsaw, young Jewish men hiding outside the ghetto were in constant danger. Thugs and black mailers sadi- stically and randomly stopped young teenage boys and ordered them to reveal their penises for inspection. Circumcision was an instant death sentence. They had no "choices." Every day was "Hell Week" for them.

Would they test out of beginning French so they could then pack-in more courses in their pre-law major?

Language proficiency was also a concern of Jewish residents of the over-crowded ghetto. Most of Warsaw's prewar Jewish population of 350,000 were unassimilated and spoke Yiddish, not Polish. This lack of ease with the Polish language was a dead giveaway of their Jewishness and a major barrier to being smuggled out through the fetid sewers to subsist on the Aryan side of Warsaw.

A high school guidance counselor once told me that acceptance to a college called for a quick trip to Bed, Bath & Beyond for quilts, bedding sets and extra shelving. And to the Apple Store for a laptop computer, iPad and iPhone – all of which parents hoped their kids would fully utilize to keep in touch.

Parents who made the agonizing decision to have their children smuggled out of the ghetto had no time or resources to help prepare their children for the rigors they

would face. Their last parting message to their kids was not to keep in touch – that was far too dangerous. The most common admonition from parents to children before turning them over to Irena and her cohorts was to urgently remind them "to wear the best disguise of all: happy faces." Their goal for their sons and daughters was not a diploma, but survival and to somehow be reunited with their families when the nightmare ended. Few were.

Parents routinely ask college campus student affairs administrators if their children will be safe walking home from the library late at night. What about the dangerous risks of binge drinking? Depression? Outbreaks of anti-Israel demonstrations?

Families who gave Irene Sendler their children only asked one question: What guarantee can you give us of our child's safety? Her answer: "I can promise you nothing but that I will risk my life today trying." Babies were tranquilized and stored in toolboxes under bricks in a flatbed trucks leaving the ghetto, bound for a "safe" house. Older children who were too Semitic looking had their hair dyed blonde, re-clothed and instructed to shed their past and internalize the information on the falsified documents they were handed.

I always worried that my kids, who had always approached studying and homework with underwhelming rigor, would feel overwhelmed their first semester at a university. My husband felt they could handle a full and de-

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— Iris Ruth Pastor —



manding 17-18 hour course load. I argued for less, to spare them undue stress and ease their fears of "flunking out."

Parents living in the ghetto hoped to spare their kids stress too - only their stress was based on keeping their children from selections that led to deportation on trains headed for the death camps. Wealthy families who had managed to smuggle money with them paid as high as \$15,000 per work permit for older children - who then had the privilege of toiling 17-18 hours per DAY in hard labor.

Of course the Jews in the ghetto didn't have to worry if their kids had the "right" wardrobe essentials for their leave taking: sports jerseys and caps with university logo, towel wraps, snow boots, backpack, texting gloves, fleece vests.

Jews in the ghetto wore patched, ragged clothing with the Star of David for identification. No option dressing. Authorities warned that severe punishment – up to and including death by shooting – was in store for Jews who did not wear the badge.

So even with keeping things "in perspective," what can we do when:

- Calls come about difficult roommates?
- Calls come about a disappointingly low test grade?

• Calls come about a run-in with a professor?

• Calls come about a disappointing social-life?

What three actions can modern parents take to help their kids successfully thrive when away from the nest?

#1 We can act as our child's coach, not rescuer.

#2 We can encourage them to take charge of their own experience – to seek out ways to solve their own problems using the resources available.

#3 We can praise them for their efforts to make the best of their situation and work to the best of their ability.

Yes, there are great perils "out there" now in 2017. And equipping our children to cope with our 21st Century reality is essential. But let's keep in mind how lucky we are to have these concerns and not the ones the parents in the Warsaw ghetto faced during Hitler's relentless reign of terror. Let's hold sacred our good fortune.

Editor's note: This is an occasional column by Tampa resident Iris Ruth Pastor. Iris is a married mother of five grown sons and a grandmother of five. She has been writing slice-of-life columns for more than 25 years including for the American Israelite in Cincinnati. In addition, Iris is a Huffington Post blogger.

Kushner visits Middle East in bid to restart peace talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met in Jerusalem with senior White House adviser Jared Kushner and a delegation of American diplomats trying to restart peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

The meeting Thursday, Aug. 24, is part of a visit to the region by the U.S. diplomats. Kushner and the group were meeting that evening with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah.

The delegation led by Kushner, who is President Donald Trump's son-in-law, includes special Middle East peace envoy Jason Greenblatt; the deputy national security adviser for strategy, Dina Powell; and the ambassador to Israel, David Friedman.

"We have a lot of things to talk about: how to advance peace, stability and security in our region – prosperity, too. And I think all of them are within our reach," Netanyahu told Kushner.

Kushner responded that "We really appre-

ciate the commitment of the prime minister and his team to engaging very thoughtfully and respectfully in the way that the president has asked them to do so."

Abbas told a delegation of Israeli lawmakers earlier in the week, referring to the U.S. leadership, "I don't even know how they are dealing with us because his entire administration is in chaos." He told the lawmakers he does not expect any breakthroughs.

"I have met with Trump envoys about 20 times since the beginning of his term as president of the United States," Abbas said, *Haaretz* reported.

"Every time they repeatedly stressed to me how much they believe and are committed to a two-state solution and a halt to construction in the settlements," Abbas said. "I have pleaded with them to say the same thing to Netanyahu, but they refrained. They said they would consider it but then they didn't get back to me."

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WEDU highlights Jewish life, love and humor in September

PBS station WEDU is sprinkling its schedule with Jewish flavor this September. Here are some of the upcoming documentaries to keep an eye out for this fall, from food to fiddles:

A diverse range of Jewish families celebrate the importance of food as a cultural connection to the past in *Hugs and Knishes: A Celebration of our Jewish Foods and Traditions*. Snippets of home life, holiday gatherings, humor and history come together like the ingredients of a favorite grandmother's Shabbat chicken soup. This airs on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.



Sholem Aleichem

The Kol Nidre, the most sacred prayer in Judaism that begins its holiest day of Yom Kippur, is the topic of *8 Voices Sing Kol Nidre*. The program tells the Kol Nidre story impressively through the tales and anecdotes of those who have been touched by it. It airs on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

The collected stories of Sholem Aleichem (1859-1916) became the basis for *Fiddler on the Roof*, but



Scene from Hugs and Knishes

there is much more to the author's life than a Broadway melody, and it is shared in *Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness*. In a time of great fear, Aleichem inspired a new, modern Jewish identity through laughter. The film includes rarely seen photographs, interviews with Sholem's granddaughter, Bel Kauffman. It airs on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. on WEDU PBS.

Additional broadcasts of this film on WEDU+ are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7 a.m.

WRESTLING

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including fighting outside the rink as well as inside, were held. Referees were often ignored or punched out, fights erupted in the stands, folding chairs were used to bash opponents over the head, and the sport included a lexicon of moves, from running powerslams, the Texas cloverleaf, chokeslams, diving leg lariats, piledrivers, sleepers, leg locks, brainbusters, arm drags and many others. The moves were often very acrobatic and nearly always rendering damage more staged than real. *Championship Wrestling from Florida*, announced by Gordon Solie, was televised through the state and when the wrestlers performed at the armory and fans sweltered with no air conditioning, no luxury boxes and no gourmet food stands. Still, the stands were often full, loud and boisterous.

Jody Simon, retired wrestler and son of "The Great Malenko," is organizing the event card and promises "a Tuesday night that you won't forget. It's sure to bring back great memories ... a must for wrestling fans of all ages." Simon is one of only a handful of Jewish men who wrestled at the armory.

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Under the name Malenko Wrestling, Lawrence Simon operated a training facility in Tampa. Jody Simon is organizing the return of wrestling at the Armory. He is shown, center, with sons Jody, left, and Dean.

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CONVERTED

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Kulanu, a New York-based non-profit group that supports communities around the world seeking to learn about Judaism, had facilitated the conversions.

"There was a great amount of trepidation in their faces and anxiousness because it was so important to them, and when they emerged from the mikvah the glow on their faces was amazing," said beit din member Rabbi Mark Kunis, who was ordained at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and works at the Shaarei Shamayim synagogue in Atlanta. "It's inspiring; the excitement that it engendered was phenomenal."

At least half the candidates claimed Jewish ancestry, and most had been studying Judaism for at least five years – with some pursuing Judaism almost their entire lives, Kunis told JTA. All the candidates except one family were accepted for conversion, and one of the beit din rabbis served as a Spanish translator, since most of the candidates could not communicate in English, he said.

"I feel at home," Even Centeno, 21, told JTA of having officially become Jewish. "This was for me like a dream."

Centeno is among the converts who trace their ancestry to Sephardic Jews forced to convert to Christianity during the Inquisition. Centeno, who converted along with his parents and sister, said he was aware of his family's Jewish ancestry since he was a young child and started learning about Judaism at the age of 11.

The conversions bring a significant influx of Jews to Nicaragua. Although Jews have been living there since the 18th century, the community numbered only about 50 in 2012 and was comprised mostly of American retirees, according to the Nicaraguan Israelite Congregation. That year, Kulanu



Photos by Bonita Sussman

(L-R) Moshe Omar Cohen-Henriquez speaking with beit din members Rabbi Mark Kunis, Rabbi Andy Eichenholz and Rabbi Marc Phillipe in Managua, Nicaragua. On the far right is Even Centeno, a convert who traces his ancestry to Sephardic Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity.



Some young Nicaraguans who converted to Judaism in July with the help of the Kulanu organization.

helped facilitate the conversions of 14 people, most of whom claimed ancestry to Jewish men who had married non-Jewish Nicaraguan women. Another 14 converted in 2015, but the recent group is the largest to date.

Though the Nicaraguans converted together, they follow two different leaders, said Bonita Sussman, vice president of Kulanu.

The majority, including Centeno, are inspired by Hasidism and follow a local leader named Akiva Simja Fernandez, who converted to Judaism in 2012 with the help of Kulanu. Fernandez follows some Jewish customs that he learned from the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, which does not have a presence in Managua but caters to Israeli tourists in the beach town of San Juan del Sur.

Fernandez and many of his followers – some of whom claim Jewish ancestry – wear black velvet kippahs and wide-brimmed black hats, and sing and dance to Hasidic music during celebrations.

A second group with 38 members of one extended family heeds Moshe Omar Cohen-Henriquez, who traces his ancestry to Jews from Curacao who were forced to convert to Christianity. The group adheres to Sephardic customs and has access to a mikvah, or ritual pool, adjacent to Henriquez's home. The men wear big crocheted kippahs.

Prior to deciding to become Jewish, Sussman said, the converts identified with Christianity or messianism, a movement that infuses Christian belief with some elements of Jewish ritual practice.

This isn't the first mass conversion facilitated by Kulanu. Last year, the group brought rabbis to Madagascar to convert 121 people, building a Jewish community where none had existed.

Sussman noted how the mem-

bers of the Nicaraguan community relate to their Judaism.

"These two are unique in that one is a Sephardic and descendants of anousim and the other tends towards Hasidic kabbalistic practice," she said.

"Anousim" is a Hebrew term for Jews who were forced to abandon Judaism against their will.

The Nicaragua group that follows Simja is distinctive in the fact that it follows customs learned from Chabad, Sussman added. (Chabad has no official ties to the converts or Kulanu.)

Sussman sees the conversions as part of a larger phenomenon.

"This is a new trend in Jewish history," she said. "In the last 100 years we have seen the Holocaust, the destruction of all Jewish communities in Arab lands and the rebuilding of a Jewish homeland. We are now entering an era of rebuilding the Jewish people."

"In general, while there may be some hot spots of interest in Judaism in the Western countries, for the most part serious interest in religion is a thing of the past. Today, however, the interest lies in Africa, South America and India. As Jews we must be part of this exciting new development."

Kulanu is planning to send equipment to the Nicaraguans to perform kosher ritual slaughter. "The big need is for kosher meat. We're planning to get them shechitah knives," Sussman said. "They haven't eaten meat, some of them for years. They eat vegetarian and fish."

The dietary restrictions didn't seem to be a problem for Centeno, who was getting ready to cook for Shabbat, when he would be hosting 70 community members.

"[A]ll the community will be in my house, we'll do a Shabbaton," he said. "Today I'm preparing all the food."

American Muslims seeking better mosque security find help from Jews

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

NEW YORK – With Islamophobic hate crimes on the rise, Muslim leaders are working harder to secure their mosques and institutions. Some are turning to Jewish experts for assistance.

A few Jewish organizations have partnered with local and national Muslim groups to advise them on best security practices and advocate jointly for stronger hate crime legislation. Cooperation between the two communities, which was growing late last year, is turning toward the particulars of staying safe in a nervous climate – how to prevent attacks and handle hate crimes.

“When people start to feel unsafe in Sabbath or Sunday or Friday services, that can make for a very complicated and challenging set of circumstances,” said Paul Goldenberg, director of the Secure Community Network, which advises Jewish groups and institutions on security and has worked with Muslim, Sikh and Christian institutions on composing security plans. “Extremist groups have come to realize our houses of worship are an Achilles’ heel.”

Goldenberg has worked with Muslim groups for years, coaching them on everything from forming relationships with local law enforcement to receiving grants from the Department of Homeland Security to making sure staff know what to do in the event of an attack or threat.

The ADL and American Jewish Committee have also worked with Muslim leaders and institutions on reporting, preventing, responding to and prosecuting hate crimes.

Muslims and Jews appear to have good reason to be vigilant.

The Anti-Defamation League reported a 34 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents in 2016 versus 2015. Islamophobic attacks went up 67 percent from 2014 to 2015, according to the latest FBI statistics, and the

number of anti-Muslim hate groups has nearly tripled in the past year, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Both communities have suffered high-profile hate incidents recently. A Minnesota mosque was bombed in early August, and the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville targeted Jews with neo-Nazi slogans.

Some Jewish institutions began forming security plans following the 9/11 attacks in 2001, and SCN was founded three years later. Jewish institutions nationwide have beefed up security, including some that hired guards or restricted entry to their buildings.

Muslims now hope to do the same for their mosques and facilities.

Salam Al-Marayati, president of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, has been consulting with Goldenberg on security since 2011. This year, Goldenberg provided the Los Angeles-based council with a plan to secure area mosques, including best practices on coordinating with law enforcement and procedures to follow during an emergency.

“All of that was unknown to the community, and with the help of Paul it became known,” said Al-Marayati, regarding security procedures.

The ADL’s regional offices also provide local mosques with consulting similar to SCN’s – how to build relationships with law enforcement, how to monitor who enters and exits buildings, and the best ways to spread information about a threat or attack.

Elise Jarvis, who heads the ADL’s community security efforts, said one of the best ways to improve security would be for Muslim communities to increase reporting of hate crimes to police. Jews currently suffer the most hate crimes of any religious group in the U.S., according to the FBI, but Jarvis said Muslims may avoid reporting hate crimes due to a lack of trust in law enforcement. Al-Marayati said many Muslims resent “being treated as suspects.”





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The annual Founders Association dinner, which was held at the Marion and Bernard L. Samson Nursing Center on Wednesday, August 9th.

Two new Founders were honored: The Menorah Manor Guild and RFLP Group - the Linsky/Rosenblatt Family.

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(L-R) Rob Goldstein, Menorah Manor CEO; Susie Berman, Menorah Manor Foundation Chair; Barbara Baughman, Menorah Manor Guild President; Jackie Kanner, Foundation Trustee and Co-Chair of the Samson Nursing Center Gift Shop; and Barry Kanner, Menorah Manor Chair.



(L-R): Toby Nastir and Mel Myers.



IN THE WAKE OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

In rare non-Israel statement, AIPAC rebukes Trump

WASHINGTON (JTA) – In a rare statement unrelated to Israel or the Middle East, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee implicitly rebuked President Donald Trump for drawing an equivalence between the sides in the Charlottesville clash.

“AIPAC shares the outrage and deep concern of our fellow Americans about the inexcusable violence and sickening displays of racism and anti-Semitism in Charlottesville,” the prominent Israel lobbying group said in a statement posted on Twitter.

“The vile hatred expressed by neo-Nazis, the KKK and white supremacists must be categorically and unambiguously rejected. We urge all elected officials to reject moral equivalence and oppose between those who promote hate and those who oppose it. There must be no quarter for bigotry in our country.”

AIPAC joins the virtual gamut of Jewish groups – encompassing all religious streams – that have issued similar statements.

AIPAC rarely makes pronouncements on issues not related to Israel and almost never issues statements that at least do not tangentially relate to the Middle East.

ADL: 1000% surge in online donations

NEW YORK (JTA) – The Anti-Defamation League received 10 times as much money as usual from online donations in response to the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, VA.

The group, which combats anti-Semitism and bigotry, reported a 1000 percent increase in online donations during the week beginning Aug. 13, one day after the Charlottesville rally. The ADL said it received six times as many individual donations as during an average week this year, mostly from first-time donors.

In the aftermath of the rally, the ADL also has seen its profile skyrocket. It received \$1 million donations from Apple and 21st Century Fox CEO James Murdoch. JP Morgan Chase also announced that it would donate \$500,000 to the group. JP Morgan and Apple also pledged to match donations to the ADL and other nonprofits from employees.

AFMDA cancels gala at Mar-a-Lago Club

(JTA) – Nine charities have canceled planned galas at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, including the American Friends of Magen David Adom.

AFMDA, the U.S. fundraising arm of the Israeli Red Cross organization, announced the cancellation of its 2018 benefit in a statement provided to the *Washington Post*, citing the “apolitical” nature of the humanitarian aid organization.

Some of the groups cited Trump's response to the far-right rally in Charlottesville, VA, as the reason for canceling. In other cases, groups said the venue was detracting from the message of their events.

The club makes \$100,000 to \$275,000 on such events, the *Washington Post* reported.

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Trump adviser Gary Cohn reportedly considered quitting after Charlottesville

(JTA) – Gary Cohn, a prominent Jewish member of President Donald Trump’s administration, considered resigning over Trump’s response to a far-right rally in Charlottesville, *The New York Times* reported.

Cohn, the top economic adviser for Trump, drafted a letter of resignation, according to the report, which cited two unnamed people familiar with the draft.

In an interview with the *Financial Times*, Cohn said the White House “can and must do better” in consistently condemning hate groups. His remarks came nearly two weeks after the Charlottesville rally, which turned deadly when an alleged white supremacist rammed a crowd of counter-protesters with a car, killing one and injuring at least 19.

It was his first public reference to the national dialogue about the violence. As a “patriotic American,” Cohn said he did not want to leave his job as director of the National Economic Council.

“But I also feel compelled to voice my distress over the events of the last two weeks,” he said.

After the Charlottesville rally, Trump said that both far-right marchers who gathered in the southern Virginia city and counter-pro-

testers shared the blame for the violence that ensued. Trump later condemned the Ku Klux Klan, racists and neo-Nazis amid criticism that he failed to single out the far-rightists immediately afterward, but a day later said there were “very fine people on both sides.”

Cohn was standing with other officials behind Trump in the lobby of Trump Tower in New York City on Aug. 15 when the president made his latter remarks to reporters. The presidential briefing was called to announce a new-proposal for infrastructure spending.

“Citizens standing up for equality and freedom can never be equated with white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK,” Cohn said in the *Financial Times* interview. “I believe this administration can and must do better in consistently and unequivocally condemning these groups, and do every-



Photo by Drew Angerer/Getty Images
President Donald Trump speaking to the media at Trump Tower in New York City, Aug. 15. Looking on, from left, are Gary Cohn, director of the National Economic Council; Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao; and Mick Mulvaney, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

thing we can to heal the deep divisions that exist in our communities.”

Cohn added: “As a Jewish American, I will not allow neo-Nazis ranting ‘Jews will not replace us’ to cause this Jew to leave his job.”

He also told the *Financial Times* he spoke privately with Trump about these issues. “I

have not been bashful saying what I think,” Cohn said.

In the days after Charlottesville, Cohn’s family – including his wife – told him he needed to think seriously about departing, *The New York Times* reported, citing two people briefed on the discussions. Several of his friends in the business community also urged him to step away from the administration.

Amid fears that Cohn would resign, the U.S. stock market dropped until the White House denied the rumor. Cohn was deeply troubled by the market reaction, people close to him told *The New York Times*.

His remarks were in marked contrast to a statement by the Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin, who also is Jewish, and stood directly behind the president during the Aug. 15 news conference.

“I don’t believe the allegations against the president are accurate, and I believe that having highly talented men and women in the country surrounding the president in his administration should be reassuring to you and the American people,” he told former Yale classmates who had urged him to resign.

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The compact sets out a 10-point program that includes publicly condemning bigotry; ensuring public safety while protecting free speech; training and funding law enforcement to enforce hate crime laws; working with community leaders to combat bigotry; and strengthening anti-bias education programs in schools.

Many of the points echo a plan of action that the ADL called on the White House to adopt shortly after the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, VA, and President Donald Trump’s response, which the ADL and many others have slammed.

“The events in Charlottesville once again showed us we have much work to do to bring Americans together,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, the ADL’s national director on a conference call with reporters. “We know that hate is on the rise. ADL can’t wait any longer for the president to act. ADL is ready to work with communities across the country to combat hate.”

Some of the mayors also portrayed the compact as a response in part to the president’s equivocation of white supremacists and those who oppose them. Steve Adler, the Jewish mayor of Austin, TX, who has volunteered for the ADL in the past, said during the call that “mayors don’t need a tele-

prompter to say Nazis are bad.”

“There’s a clear lack of a moral compass,” Mayor Shane Bemis of Gresham, OR, a city of 100,000 east of Portland, said on the call. “This shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone, how he has continued to divide us since the election. It is clearly, in my view, an absence of any sort of moral leadership from the president.”

But mayors were divided on a couple of contentious issues, including the removal of Confederate monuments from cities and how to strike a balance between protecting civil liberties while guarding against incitement and threats to public safety.

Tom Cochran, CEO of the mayors’ conference, said policy on how to deal with Confederate me-

morials should be left up to individual cities.

“This discussion is not about monuments,” he said. “This conversation is about coming together to denigrate all acts of hate wherever they occur, and making sure we protect public safety while making sure that the right to free speech will always be protected.”

CALL

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Trump at first said there was violence on “many sides” and for two days did not single out the white supremacists for censure. A day after he did so, the president said there were “very fine people” among the far-right protesters and the counter-protesters.

“Responsibility for the violence that occurred in Charlottesville, including the death of Heather Heyer, does not lie with many sides but with one side: the Nazis, alt-right and white supremacists who brought their hate to a peaceful community,” the statement said. “Our tradition teaches us that humanity is fallible yet also capable of change. We pray that President Trump will recognize and remedy the grave error he has made in abetting the voices of hatred.”

It’s not clear whether there would be a separate call for Orthodox rabbis, who have participated in the annual calls, which were routine with President Barack Obama. Officials at Orthodox rabbinical groups said no separate call was in the works.

“We respect the office of the presidency and believe it is more effective to address questions and concerns directly with the White House,” said Rabbi Mark Dratch, the executive vice president of the Orthodox movement’s Rabbinical Council of America.

Similar briefings occurred with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, but not necessarily formalized as a pre-High Holidays call.

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The late Judy Cohn, for whom the new park at the Campus is named, with her brother, Doug Cohn

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This event was created in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y in New York and has become a global movement by harnessing the power of social media to inspire and transform how people think, talk and participate in the giving season. It also brings together the collective power of nonprofits, civic organizations and businesses as well as families and individuals to encourage and amplify small acts of kindness.

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Atlanta students disciplined for Jews vs. Nazis beer pong

(JTA) — A student from a private high school in Atlanta was expelled and four others were suspended after a photo on social media showed them playing a game of Jews vs. Nazis beer pong.

The student who hosted the party earlier this month was suspended, but can reapply to The Lovett School. Two other students who were watching the game but not playing were banned from extracurricular activities for the first two weeks of the new school year, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reports.

Among the approximately two dozen guests at the party, 19 are entering their senior year at the school. There were also some alumni, and some of the guests were minors.

The school learned of the game when a local rabbi, Peter Berg, told the headmaster about the party after receiving the photo in an email from several people.

"The fact that someone could even conceive of such a game and then play it and think it's funny is beyond words," Rabbi Berg said.

The photo shows large red beer cups laid out on a table in the shape of a swastika and a Star of David.

Award winner

Maggie Gamson, daughter of Michael and Lorinda Gamson, won the award for best supporting actress in the touching play, *The Quilt*. The play was put on by the Florida Conference Theater Festival in Lakeland. Maggie is a student at Hillel Academy in the eighth grade.



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Shimberg is finalist

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Heidi Shimberg

Obituaries

DORIS ANN EDINGER, 75, of Tampa and Merritt Island, died Aug. 17. Born in Elizabeth, NJ, she moved to Tampa three years ago from Merritt Island, where she had lived since 1972. She was a member of Temple Israel of Brevard County, where she taught in the religious school and served as the school principal. Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Christine Edinger, of Tampa; sister, Robin Taylor, of Cocoa, and two granddaughters. The family suggests memorials to Temple Israel of Brevard County or LifePath Hospice. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

IRWIN HAROLD MALLES, Ph.D., 87, of Sun City Center, died Aug. 13. He was born

in Brooklyn, and was a graduate of Long Island University and Brooklyn College. He served as a corporal in the Korean War. He was the former director of audiology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and practiced privately in audiology for 40 years. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joanne Gordon Cooper Malles. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Evening service, 7:15 p.m.

Community dinner, 8:15 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Children's program, 11 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

Tachlich, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Children's program, 11 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Children's program, 11 a.m.

Yizkor service, noon

Mincha/Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, 7:51 p.m.

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ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar, 11:30 a.m. (approx.)

ROSH HASHANAH – 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Shofar, 11:30 a.m. (approx.)

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 6:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor service, noon

Mincha & Ne'ilah, 6:15 p.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar, noon

*Tashlich & Shofar, 4:30 p.m.

at Hillsborough River behind P.O.

ROSH HASHANAH - 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar, noon

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.

Yizkor, 1 p.m.

Mincha & Ne'ilah, 5 p.m.

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Dinner, 7:45 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

Tashlich following morning service

ROSH HASHANAH - 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar sounding, 11:30 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Yizkor service, noon

Afternoon and Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.
Break-the-Fast and buffet, 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, Sept. 20

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

Community dinner, 8 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar sounding, noon

Tashlich, 6 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Shofar sounding, noon

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 6:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 10 a.m.

Yizkor service, noon

Evening services and Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, 7:52 p.m.

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 16

Program and Service, 8:30 p.m.

(at Cong. Rodeph Sholom)

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Evening service, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Morning service, 9 a.m.

Tashlich and Ma'ariv, 6 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 9 a.m.

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 24

Gan Shalom, noon

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Morning service, 9 a.m.

Mincha, 6 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.

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

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Program and Service, 9 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Evening service, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH - 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

Shacharit service, 9 a.m.

Tashlich following service

ROSH HASHANAH - 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Shacharit service, 9 a.m.

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 24

Beth Israel Cemetery, 10 a.m.

Rodeph Sholom Cemetery, 10:45 p.m.

Myrtle Hill Cemetery, noon

Tampa Jewish Memorial

Gardens, 12:45 p.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

Shacharit, 9 a.m.

Mincha, 5 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 16

Selichot, 9:30 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Evening service, 6 p.m.

*ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Thursday, Sept. 21

*Morning service, 9 a.m.

*Tashlich, 1 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2nd Day

Friday, Sept. 22

Morning service, 9 a.m.

*EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

*Kol Nidre, 6:45 p.m.

*YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

*Morning service, 9 a.m.

(including Yizkor)

Mincha, Ma'ariv & Neilah, 5:30 p.m.

Final Shofar, 8 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, to follow

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 16

Deli dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Program, 6:30 p.m.

Service, 8:30 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, Sept. 20

First service, 6 p.m.

Second service, 8:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Thursday, Sept. 21

First morning service, 8:30 a.m.

Second morning service, 11:30 a.m.

Children & Tot services, 2:45 p.m.

Tashlich, 4 p.m.

(at Ballast Point)

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 24

Woodlawn, 9 a.m.

Myrtle Hill, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Friday, Sept. 29

Kol Nidre, First service, 6 p.m.

Kol Nidre, Second service, 8:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, Sept. 30

First morning service, 8:30 a.m.

Second morning service, 11:30 a.m.

Children's service, 2:45 p.m.

Afternoon service, 3:30 p.m.

Yizkor, 4:30 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 5 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, 5:45 p.m.

CONG. BETH SHALOM

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 16

Selichot service, 7 p.m.

B'not Mitzvah

Anna Ruby Hirschowitz

Anna Ruby Hirschowitz, daughter of Jeannette and Ret. Col. Steven Hirschowitz of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Tampa.

An eighth grade honor student at Hillel Academy, Anna is an avid equestrian competing in Hunter Jumper competitions. She also enjoys playing flag football, shooting at the range and is an expert marksman. She enjoys drawing and all types of art, traveling, cruising and Broadway shows. For her mitzvah project,

Anna collected donations for A Kid's Place, a foster care service in Brandon.

Special guests will include grandparents Janet and James Elder, great-aunts Arlene Harris, Judy Sergesketter and Joan Muccigrosso; aunts Marion Privatt, Harriet Dautch, Susan Futoran, Francine Hirschowitz and uncles Martin Hirschowitz, Barry Privatt, Steven Dautch and Jody Futoran.



Melinda Brooke Linsky

Melinda Brooke Linsky, daughter of Stacie and Sam Linsky of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

A seventh grade Dean's List student at Berkeley Preparatory, Melinda is a member of the school's volleyball team and was in the middle school play. She also enjoys being a camper at Camp Barney for the past five years. For her mitzvah project Melinda collected 1,800 books for the Little Book Bus.

Stacie and Sam Linsky will host a party at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Special guests will include grandparents Nancy and David Linsky, and Dr. Alan and Jo Marks, great-grandparents Doris and Frank Rosenblatt.



Naomi Leah Rappaport

Naomi Leah Rappaport, daughter of Jody and Yoav Rappaport of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Congregation Kol Ami in Tampa.



An eighth grade honors student at Hillel Academy of Tampa, Naomi was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Active in sports, Naomi is a member of the Tampa Titans volleyball team and enjoys all sports teams at her school. She is a member of Kadima and has been a camper at Camp Ramah Darom for the past five years.

Jody and Yoav Rappaport will host a celebration at the Carrollwood Country Club on Saturday evening, Sept. 9.

Special guests will include grandfather Dan Rappaport of Tel Aviv, grandparents Reva and Leslie Pearlstein of St. Petersburg; grandmother Judith Gottlieb, Scottsdale, AZ; great uncles and cousins, Jay Azneer, Ira Azneer, Micah and Daniel Azneer, all of St. Petersburg; aunt, uncle and cousins, Jessica, Sam, Toby and Dustin Averbuch, of Nashville, TN; great-grandmother Patricia Cottrille, St. Petersburg.

Dayna Marissa Schreiber

Dayna Marissa Schreiber, daughter of Pattie and Adrian Schreiber of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.



An eighth grade Head's List student at Tampa Preparatory, Dayna is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Active in sports, she plays on the middle school's varsity volleyball team and soccer team. She enjoys crew and has been a camper at Camp Coleman for the last six summers. For her mitzvah project Dayna was a volunteer at Vets 4 Pets charity.

Pattie and Adrian Schreiber will host a dinner and dance reception at the Centre Club on Saturday evening, Sept. 9.

Special guests will include family and friends from various states including Kentucky, Georgia and Florida.

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Students do an art project at the Eclipse Party.

Hillel Academy students enjoy sights, lessons from eclipse

Hillel Academy students were quick to understand that they were experiencing the astronomical happening of a lifetime at their school's eclipse party on Monday, Aug. 21.

Head of School Gordon Rode made sure that his students not only got to witness the eclipse, but that the encounter would be memorable and beyond the merely educational.

The buzz began more than a week before. Some students pestered their teachers daily for details about the phenomenon and the school's plans for the big day.

When the day finally arrived, starting before lunch time, students viewed the eclipse on large TV screens throughout the school as it made its way across the country.



Rabbi Josh Hearshen, wife Carrie and daughter Ayelet

After lunch, the students joined together to:

- Listen to Rabbi Josh Hearshen of Congregation Rodeph Sholom tell a story about the sun and moon
- Participate in a science project utilizing paper plates and quarters to demonstrate the science behind an eclipse.
- Create eclipse-inspired artwork
- Have an eclipse-themed snack

Special safety glasses ordered weeks ahead were distributed and students went outside in small groups, monitored carefully by teachers. "Don't look up without your glasses," became the mantra, as teachers ensured the students followed that crucial rule.

Amazement and joy ensued, as many parents came to school to experience the celestial site with their children.

Jewish camp provides fun atmosphere for special needs kids

By JACOB McMANAMON

Jewish Press

Many in the Jewish community have heard of popular Jewish camps like Camp Coleman or Camp Ramah, but it's a good bet most have not heard of a special needs program called Kids of Courage (KOC).

It is an innovative, volunteer-based Jewish organization, dedicated to improving the lives of children and young adults with serious medical diagnoses.

Kids of Courage was founded in 2008 and its mission is to change the way people look at illness, and to open up a world of support, hope and opportunity for every sick child and family, no matter how serious the diagnosis.

One local Jewish young man, Avi Davidson of Tampa, has found all that at the camp, which he began attending in 2011, two years after a major accident left him with severe injuries.

Davidson was climbing a power pole near his house to take a photograph of the sunset when he accidentally touched the electrical wire. He was shocked badly and fell to the ground, suffering severe burns. He had his arm amputated and was left partially paralyzed.

"I joined KOC after having suffered [the] serious accident in 2009 at [the age of] 16," said Davidson. "My mother and father looked continuously for a program I would be able to still attend after my body and mind healed more; they found it and it was a perfect fit."

This summer, Davidson participated in an 8-day trip with Kids of Courage to a camp in Virginia. Campers came from across the U.S. and as far away as Israel and Brazil.

"We [take] 130 sick children and young adults with all their required medical supervision and life support equipment they need to a medically supervised camp that children with debilitating illnesses look forward to all year long," said Kids of Courage coordinator Esther Cohen. "This camp gives them an opportunity to relax and recuperate from the physically and emotionally exhausting lifestyles they lead and gives them the needed strength for the rest of the year."

Kids of Courage also assists families year-round with things like medical referrals and even weekend retreats, where the camp can offer a welcome change-of-pace for caregivers as well as participants. There is no charge for the any of the services.

Summer camp is just one of many Kids of Courage programs that Davidson has taken part in, adding that there are multiple experiences at Kids of Courage that he enjoys.

"As a camper in a 'mentoring' position, I do love every trip, gaining new experiences and traveling to new places," said Davidson, "To me, campers being able to experience things they would not have imagined in their wildest dreams is what I love most."



Avi Davidson with a counselor on one of his previous excursions with Kids of Courage.

"The experience I have on each trip differs, depending on location and activities, but what remains a constant is the wonderment of a child's *koach* (strength), the lifesaving effects faith and endurance can allow a child in the worst circumstances to still smile and face life head on," said Davidson, "I will continue to both participate and support KOC for the remaining life I have. They truly do conquer illness through adventure."

For more information about Kids of Courage or to make a donation, contact Cohen at Estt26@gmail.com (917) 921-4276.

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Contact Commander **Jack Rudowsky** at (813) 598-8061 or email rochelletrs@gmail.com.

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.

Bridge lessons: Those who want to learn how to play bridge or improve their game can take a session of bridge lessons from

noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC on Fridays, Sept. 8 and 15 and Wednesdays, Sept. 20 and Oct. 11. The cost for classes is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Biblical literature: This course, which meets at the Cohn campus every other Wednesday from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 13, provides an opportunity to see the Bible, not from a religious perspective, but as a piece of remarkable writing.

This is a discussion course with open participation from people from all faiths and backgrounds. Each member is encouraged to bring his/her own Bible so participants can compare different translations. Cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for guests

Book Club: The book club at the Cohn Campus will meet on Monday, Sept. 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The discussion will be about *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. There is no charge to attend.

The other four questions: Rabbi Jason Rosenberg of Congregation Beth Am will lead classes to explain the background and significance of the holidays. The classes begin, Thursday, Sept. 14 at noon at the Cohn campus. Additional classes will be held in

October, March, April and May, with topics to be announced later.

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 \$8 for guests. RSVP is required.

Yiddish nostalgia: Join **Ruth Weston** and other Yiddish enthusiasts on the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at the Cohn Campus to share favorite expressions and reminisce.

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. 11 through Oct. 16 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 four classes on the Cohn campus on Mondays, Sept. 4 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 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lessons at the Glazer JCC will be on Wednesdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Either class is free for members and \$5 for guests.

News schmooze: A discussion group, led by **Pat Renfroe**, which explores "hot button" issues, is held at both JCCs. Upcoming News Schmooze sessions at the Glazer JCC are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The group will talk about the EPA and Homeland Security on Sept. 8.

There is no charge to attend.

Mah jongg: Folks can play at both JCCs.

At the Cohn campus there will be sessions every Tuesday and Thursday 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.

There are also classes on Sun-

days from Sept. 17 through Oct. 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$65 for members and \$70 for guests, with advanced registration required.

Ballroom dancing: Learn graceful, elegant and romantic dances during ballroom dancing sessions at the Glazer JCC on Mondays, Sept. 11 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.

All that jazz: Enjoy craft beer, cheese and music at "Culture Café: A Beginner's Guide to Loving Jazz" a multi-media exploration of the musical genre. The focus will be on Miles Davis' career.

The first session was earlier this month, but the remaining sessions are from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Miles Davis and Kind of Blue; Oct. 17, Miles Davis and his Second Great Quintet; and Nov. 14, Miles Davis Goes Electric. Cost per session is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

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. Cost is \$5, collected at the door. Reservations are required. To RSVP, call **Doris Harding** at (727) 772-4140.

Genealogical Society

Holocaust data resources: 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 online resources that have the most updated information and demonstrate how to use archival databases for information about victims of the Holocaust.

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.

Job-Links

Career counseling: Tampa Bay Job-Links offers free 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, Sept. 11, the topic is "Dos and don'ts from a recruiter perspective." Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

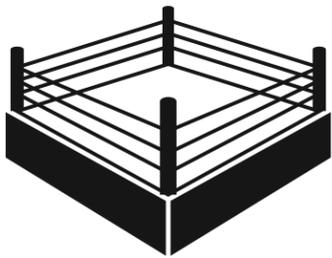
There are also Success workshops to aid with job-search skills On Thursday, Sept. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the program is "5 steps to successfully negotiate a job offer."

The program is free for Job-Links program participants; \$15 for guests.

A special four-part series, "Switching Gears: A Roadmap for Career Transition" will conclude on Sept. 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session; free for full-program participants.

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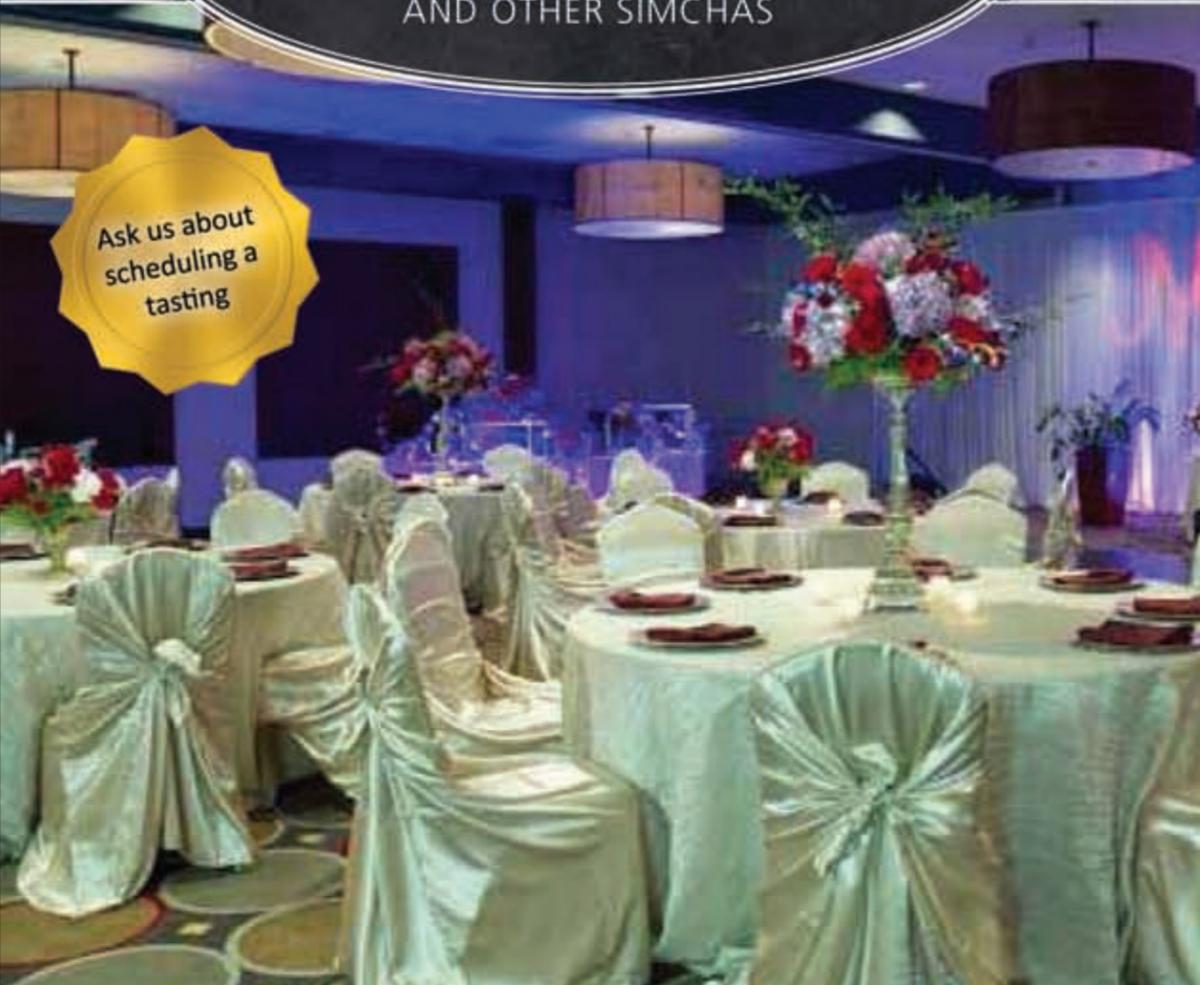
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Camp-style B'nai Mitzvah reflects this family's ties

By BOB FRYER
Jewish Press

Because twins Eliana and Gil Bloom have different personalities, finding a way to celebrate their B'nai Mitzvah could have been a problem, but their resourceful parents, Diana and Aaron Bloom, knew of one thing that binds the whole family together – Jewish summer camp.

More specifically, their ties are not to just any camp, but Camp Coleman in the Appalachian Mountain foothills in north Georgia. It is where the twins, since age 6, have spent happy summers with other Jewish kids, making friends and coming to love the outdoor activities, camper camaraderie, prayer sessions by a bonfire and other good times. It is also where Diana Bloom serves as head counselor each summer.

A firm believer in planning ahead, Diana said that the decision to hold a camp-style B'nai Mitzvah for the twins was made when the kids were 11. However, as the twins grew older and began attending Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of friends, the parents worried that Eliana and Gil might prefer their own event to be more traditional. They needn't have fretted, as both kids loved their shared special day.

The Blooms are members of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa and one of Diana's early concerns was that Rabbi Richard Birnholz would not be on board with a B'nai Mitzvah outdoors, and not at the temple. But she



Photo by Rebin Winkler

A rustic look, to make folks feel like they were at a summer camp, was the goal when it came to decorating the grounds for the Bloom twins' B'nai Mitzvah. A table was decorated with "Bunking area" and "Registration area" signs to resemble what summer campers would see at Camp Coleman. A "Camp EG" logo was also used at many spots on the grounds in honor of Eliana and Gil Bloom.

said the Schaarai Zedek clergy were enthusiastic about the idea.

Seeking a site

Initially Diana considered having the twins B'nai Mitzvah at Camp Coleman, but the logistics and cost for those attending was just too daunting, so she looked for some place on the water in the Tampa area. Her first local choice was a farm with a lake, but the owners were unresponsive as were a few other options she looked at. Eventually, they found a resort on Tampa Bay in Ruskin.

"Lots of venues were not willing to go outside the box," Diana said.

"All the out-of-town guests stayed on the property, so there were no worries about them having to travel from a hotel to the event," Diana said, explaining that this was especially good for some Modern Orthodox guests who do not travel on Shabbat. "I wanted it convenient and I also wanted the guests to have a Florida experience, with the water and sand and sunsets and outdoors, so it was not like just anywhere."

The venue also offered plenty of open space for a bonfire, camp style games, a beachside B'nai Mitzvah service, picnic tables and rock climbing wall. With the addition of some camp-style signs and woody decorations, the place captured the summer camp atmosphere they wanted.

After finding the venue, the next most difficult aspect of the planning was finding a DJ. She wanted one comfortable with the rustic atmosphere, willing to add camp songs to the play list, to direct camp games such as potato-sack and wheelbarrow races. After some research and interviews, she found the right guy and the kids and adults loved him, she said.

Planning the details

It was only after she found the venue, DJ and photographer that she said the realized she still needed to hire an event planner, who, she said, was helpful with travel logistics and the event details.

The Blooms did not send out paper
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Chuppah provides more than shade at twins' simcha

One of the touches that added meaning to the Bloom twins' B'nai Mitzvah was that they led the outdoor service under a chuppah that has a 20-year family history and like each member of their family, has strong ties to Camp Coleman.

It was the same chuppah that the twins' parents, Aaron and Diana, were married under in 1997, and the same chuppah that was used for Gil's bris and Eliana's baby naming ceremony.

The twin's dad Aaron's ties to Camp Coleman began when he attended the camp as a child. Then in 1992 he served on the camp staff and was re-hired to return for the summer of 1993 when he met Diana earlier that year.

"We met at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, a Reform seminary. We were both just in college and there was a conference there to talk about Jewish social action issues. My synagogue [in New York] sent me and Schaarai Zedek [in Tampa, where Aaron was a member] sent him," Diana said.

Their romance began at the conference and Aaron quickly lined up a job for Diana at the camp that summer so they could be together.

Their long-distance relationship continued and they grew closer during the summers of 1994 and 1995 they returned to the camp as staffers, with Aaron part of the camp's leadership team and Diana as unit head.

Aaron and Diana married on Aug. 17, 1997. Before they tied the knot, they sent squares of fabric to friends, many of whom they met at camp, asking them to decorate the squares and send them back.

Those squares were sewed together to create the chuppah they were married under, with Camp Director Bobby Harris and many other friends from the camp in attendance. Harris and some of those same camp friends were also on hand for the twins' B'nai Mitzvah.

Following in their parents' footsteps, so were friends the twins have made since 2010 when they started attending Camp Coleman, where their mom continues her association as head counselor.

— BOB FRYER

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- Set date and begin gathering information to decide format.

9 to 12 months in advance

- Determine budget.
- Plan tentative guest list.
- Select theme.
- Select and reserve site for main reception.
- Interview and contract with professionals including party planner, caterer, photographer, florist and entertainment.
- Meet with synagogue staff to discuss bar/bat mitzvah policies.

6 to 9 months in advance

- Reserve facilities for such functions as Shabbat eve dinner and Sunday brunch.
- Select and order invitations; thank you notes.
- Select caterer for oneg and kiddush
- Reserve hotel accommodations for out-of-town guests, especially if your event is "in season."
- Complete guest list and collect addresses.

4 to 6 months in advance

- Send "Save The Date" cards.
- Order any imprinted items, like yarmulkes, napkins.
- Recontact caterer, restaurant or hotel with approximate number of guests.
- Make menu selections.
- Make a list of clothing needs.
- Order flowers/decorations for synagogue, reception.

2 to 3 months in advance

- Help with child's speech.

- Purchase religious items such as yarmulke and tallit.
- Have photograph(s) taken for sign-in board/book, synagogue bulletin, newspaper.
- Finalize bakery order such as challah for kiddush and bar/bat mitzvah cake.

6-8 weeks in advance

- Mail and address invitations. You may want to send to out-of-towners earlier.
- Send announcement to the synagogue bulletin.

4 weeks in advance

- Finalize hotel reservations and plan hospitality baskets for out-of-town guests.
- Determine transportation arrangements as needed.
- Send announcement and photo to the *Jewish Press*.
- Finalize arrangements with rabbi, i.e. aliyot honors.
- Complete candle lighting or other reception presentation.

2 weeks in advance

- Draw up seating plan.
- Make place cards.

Final week

- Have final consultation with caterer, florist, photographer, entertainment and confirm schedules.
- Confirm head count/floor plan with caterer.
- Deliver items, i.e. yarmulke and programs to synagogue.
- Deliver hospitality baskets to the hotel.
- Rehearsal at the synagogue.
- Relax and enjoy!



Photos by Robin Winkler

Healy Slackman, with guitar, served as songleader as she gathered up a procession of guests and led them to a fireside spot along Tampa Bay for a Shabbat service, then a dinner and s'mores. Diana Bloom made arrangements years in advance for Slackman to be there. In front of procession at left is Sarah Beth Berman, a former Camp Coleman program director who led the Shabbat service.

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invitations, instead sending out emails that directed guests to a website created just for the event. The site had its own logo, which was also used in decorations at the resort, and it listed information about airports, shuttles from the airport to the resort, the schedule of events, how to RSVP, a section on what attire to wear and a spot to leave t-shirt size information so the right size shirts would be on hand for kids and adults at a tie-dyeing activity.

The website had information for non-Jewish guests about Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and what to expect at the service and party and there was even a page of essential information in Spanish.

Many of the out of town guests were either friends that Diana and Aaron or the twins had made at the camp and traveled here from south Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and even Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Most local friends came only for the Saturday events, but on Friday night there was a "Shabbat walk" where all invitees present dressed in white. A small group began the stroll and sang as Healy Slackman – songleader at Camp Coleman and a senior at Eckerd College – strummed a guitar. The procession swelled as they stopped along the way at the cabins of guests who joined the procession.



Eliana's Bat Mitzvah cake was designed as a s'more and Gil's featured a kayaker paddling down a stream.

Waterside services

Their path eventually led to a Shabbat service by the water. With dolphins surfacing in the bay waters behind them, friends of the Blooms, all current or former educators and counselors at Camp Coleman, led the service. A dinner on the lawn, as well as s'mores cooked over a bonfire, followed.

Rabbi Birmholz, Rabbi Nathan Farb and Cantor Deborah Cannizzarro of Schaarai Zedek were present for the twins' waterfront B'nai Mitzvah service on Saturday morning.

"It was beautiful. The sun was shining, the water in the background and Eliana and Gil doing their readings, and friends also doing readings," Diana said. The twins read from the Torah, chanted the Haftarah, led most of the service and they offered a d'var Torah, a personal interpretation of the weekly Torah portion.

Immediately following the service, a party on the grounds began.

The twins each had their own cake reflecting their individual tastes: Eliana's was shaped like a s'more and Gil's depicted a kayaker going down a mountain stream.

Sleeping bags were used as sign-in boards and the grounds had signs posted to various places at the resort, similar to the signs used at Camp Coleman.

The party food was casual, just like the event, featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, and, for dessert, ice cream. The hotdogs were kosher and veggie options were offered too, so those who keep kosher could do so.

The party ended before sunset and the local invitees went home, but for the out-of-town guests at the resort, there was a wine and pizza party by the pool Saturday evening and an indoor brunch the next morning before folks flew out.

"Everyone we spoke to said it was so special and memorable," Diana said. "They felt like it was very warm and they really understood our intent as to what we chose; they enjoyed the services and music and could feel our kids' personalities coming through. They enjoyed the spirit and atmosphere. It was very hamish."

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Why we went to Israel for my son's Bar Mitzvah instead of having big party

By JORDANA HORN
Kveller via JTA

When my oldest son became a Bar Mitzvah, we had a congregational kiddush luncheon in his honor, and a small party for him and his friends that evening. Instead of having the grand blowout party that seems to be the general expectation in my New Jersey suburb, we opted to go to Israel instead. It was the best decision I possibly could have made for these reasons (among others):

1. Visiting Israel is not just any trip. Sure, we could have gone to Paris or Punta Cana, or to see penguins in Antarctica, for that matter. But the trip to see the Jewish state is a special one, and one I wanted to save as a special one to honor my son becoming a Bar Mitzvah. The implicit message I wanted to send my son was this: "You have just pledged yourself as a full member of the people of Israel. We happen to live in an era of history in which Jews not only live in, but also govern, Israel. You, my son, are part of this history. The lives of the people who live here are inextricably intertwined with yours; the history that happened here is your history. Let's go see your world."

2. You get to focus on the mitzvah rather than the bar. When you take your kid to Israel, you don't have to stress about the alcohol per head at your event. Instead, you get to think about the good deed you are doing by taking your child somewhere truly important and showing your kid that the world is bigger than the small sphere carved out for them at middle school. When your child attends a school where there are many lavish parties, the "bar" continues to be raised as to the parties. Worrying about the party takes an inordinate amount of the time, effort and money when planning for a child to become a bar or bat mitzvah. I was very grateful to take that worry out of the equation.

3. The math works in your favor. For the complete cost of a lavish four-hour, 200-plus person party, you can have a weeklong vacation in one of the most fascinating places in the world. The photos you will take on your iPhone of your family in front of the Western Wall will be more precious to you than the professionally taken photos of your guests with cocktails in hand. The stronger sense of self and history that comes from this trip is, of course, priceless.

4. Israel is delicious. Whatever caterer you may find cannot equal the pleasure of Israel's food. Whether you want to try kosher gourmet street food at Crave in Jerusalem (tell them I sent you), incredible gelato at Anita's in Tel Aviv or savory falafel with hummus and tahini basically anywhere, you will be happy and full.

5. More time equals more memories. While I am sure we would have wonderful memories of my son and extended family and friends at a blowout party, I will say I am profoundly grateful to have made the decision I made to go to Israel instead. While in Israel, we did everything from sample a Hanukkah sufganiya

(doughnut) per day (at least!) to arguing about the definition of terrorism. We learned about wild horses in a makhtesh (what's a makhtesh? Go to Israel and find out.) and about the Israeli Declaration of Independence in the hall where it was signed. The memories forged in Israel are profound.

6. Israel is family. In going to Israel with my children, I wanted to set the scene that Israel is more than a backdrop for a one-off family trip – it is a place



A bar mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Photo by Yonatan Sindel/Flash 90

where I hope they will return, with me and other family members and friends, to learn, to travel and to grow. I took a picture of them in front of the Western Wall and told them, "Every time you come here, you stand right here and take a picture of yourself, so that you will see how the stones don't change and how you do." And when they take those pictures, they will be able to frame them next to the pictures of their own mother standing in the same spot as a 13-year-old, as a 16-year-old, etc.

And last, and certainly least:

7. Nobody will miss your party. Look, I am a huge proponent of celebrating *simchas*. But not a single person has said to me, "You know, I feel bad you decided to go to Israel instead of having a party. I really missed the opportunity to look at you in an expensive dress and shout over a DJ as I eat elaborate hors d'oeuvres while drinking themed cocktails." And I didn't miss it either. While I love celebrating with my friends at their parties, I have to say that I felt relieved to not have had to think or worry about my own. The weeks go by and my son goes to several parties like this a month. I am not sure he will really be able to distinguish one from another when all is said and done. At the end of the day, I don't want to impress my friends and neighbors – I want to impress upon my son what it means to be part of the Jewish people. And for that goal, this trip was a great success.

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Event planners help families prioritize, alleviate stress

By **DEBORAH FINEBLUM**
JNS.org

When the time came to plan her older son's Bar Mitzvah nine years ago, Stacie Bartfeld freely admits she knew it was coming up.

"But I work and didn't have the time to start from scratch," she says. "And when it comes to putting together a Bar Mitzvah, I didn't have a clue."

So when she heard about Bar/Bat Mitzvah planning pros who can take the sting out of what can be a stressful experience, the San Diego mom was sold. But alas, her husband, Neil, was resistant to the idea — so much so that, the first time she spoke with event planner Sherrill Kinsler Gilford, it was from the privacy of her walk-in closet, where she was certain not to be overheard.

Bartfeld says the benefits of consulting with Gilford were impressive, including helping with such basics as the food, décor, prizes and music, for their roughly 200 guests. "And I knew that, no matter what came up in advance or even on the day of, she would intercept it," she says.

As Bar/Bat Mitzvah festivities around the country trend towards more elaborate and complicated undertakings, the event planner recalls her own brother's relatively straightforward rite of passage celebration.

"After the service, there was some food and a little dancing and then everyone went home," says Gilford, who runs RSVP Events of San Diego with Rachel Wood. "Now there are so many moving parts that having us onboard means

they can actually enjoy their own simcha (joyous occasion)."

That was a common theme with the event planners interviewed by JNS.org. From big-picture decisions, like helping clients choose from what can be an overabundance of competing venues, caterers and music options, to minutia like running around at the last minute in hot pursuit of batteries for table centerpieces, planners can take some of the weight off parents' shoulders.

They can also acquaint parents with the latest trends. Among them, according to Terri Bergman of Washington, D.C.-based Terri Bergman Events, is one toward unassigned seating and shorter parties, as well as "environments" rather than the more traditional concept of themes. "We've even recreated [New York's] Central Park," says Bergman, who cheerfully admits to "being known for stepping out of the box a little."

With many of her clients spending anywhere from \$20,000 to \$150,000 on their children's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Bergman has learned to be flexible. One memorable event coincided with the great Northeastern U.S. blizzard of 2001. Her clients were insistent on holding their Bar/Bat Mitzvah parties regardless of the snow piling up all around them. The upshot was that many young guests from a different canceled Bar Mitzvah came to her clients' party. Bergman approached the local Hummer dealership to rent their tank-

like vehicle to pick up stranded vendors and band members, the planner recalls.



Photo by Serge Attal/Flash90

French Jews celebrate a bar mitzvah in Paris.

"Against all odds, the show went on," Bergman says.

The show itself is often an extravaganza when it's in Beverly Hills. So says Mindy Weiss, whose business, Mindy Weiss Party Consultants, serves an elite clientele in southern California.

"When they're hiring me, they're getting heavy décor and often name acts," such as music producer and radio personality DJ Khaled, Weiss reports.

"In Hollywood, anything is possible," she says.

Weiss highly recommends that first-time Bar/Bat Mitzvah moms and dads hire an event planner. "Yes, it's a luxury, but it also takes off the stress. The rabbis say there is too much bar and not enough mitzvah today. We can help by freeing the parents to spend time with their child," she says.

San Diego-based Gilford strongly agrees, saying, "When we run the party, the family and the Bar or Bat Mitzvah child can focus on the service. That's the basic idea of hiring us."

For Weiss, the Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience is all about transitions and transformations. "They practice and work on this for months, and they go from being a child to a young adult who can get up in front of everyone and read from the Torah and speak from the heart," she says.

"They're communicating and participating and that demands a new maturity," Weiss adds.

Perhaps the highest praise for having a planner came from Neil Bartfeld, who went from skeptic to believer in a few short months. He cornered the planner, Gilford, at his first son's Bar Mitzvah to

secure a promise to direct their younger son's celebration three years later.

"What changed my mind? I could see how easy things were made for us, with her taking care of vendors and all the other details," he says nine years later. "All we had to do was concentrate on enjoying ourselves. So it was a no-brainer to book her for the second one, too."

Even if their connections with vendors don't serve to recoup the entire cost of a planner's services, the father notes that "what you do recoup is some of your sanity and that is also very valuable."



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Twins connect to Israel through mitzvah project

When Natalie Feldman began planning the B'not Mitzvah with her twin daughters, Peyton and Landry, she knew she wanted them to do something special for their mitzvah project.

It was important for Feldman that the girls worked on a project that was helpful to Israel. She and her fiancé, Dr. Douglas Weiland, wanted the girls to do something that tied them to the Jewish homeland.

"I wanted to do something locally and something in Israel," said Feldman.

"Partly because I wanted the girls to have connectivity to Israel when they go one day. Israel is a place on a map and a place we talk about, but they don't really know what its about. I wanted them to have something they already know and identify Israel with."

After doing an Internet search and researching the company to make sure they were legitimate, Feldman found their Israeli cause in Kishorit, an agency that provides services for special needs adults through a variety of services including nursing care, vocational training and employment opportunities.

Peyton and Landry planned to hold a mah jongg tournament to raise funds for a donation to Kishorit. Unfortunately, the mah jongg tournament proved too difficult to schedule with so many tournaments already happening locally.

So the girls changed gears and asked for donations in lieu of gifts. The invitation asked friends and family to make a donation either to Temple Ahavat Shalom or Kishorit, directing them to the websites. Feldman said they did not want to know how much each person donated, but wanted to be able to get a list of donors so the girls could personally thank each donor.

The Friends of Kishoret organization told Feldman that about \$2,500 was donated in her twins' honor.

The family also found a way to make Kishorit part of the actual B'not Mitzvah celebration at the Palm Harbor temple.

Among the many businesses the organization runs in conjunction with its outreach to special needs individuals, is a vineyard and winery, which annually bottles 56,000 bottles of wine. Some of that wine was served during the party.

Feldman said she was also inspired to create items that would be helpful for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and donate the profits for them to the Kishorit.

When the girls visit Israel one day, they will be able to say they helped the Kishorit and feel an attachment to it already, said Feldman.

- THAIS LEON-MILLER



Wine from Israel Kishorit Vienyard. Kishorit, a non-profit that assists special needs individuals, received a \$2,500 donation from the Feldman B'not Mitzvah.

Capturing 'spirit of the community' infuses B'not Mitzvah planning

By THAIS LEON-MILLER
Jewish Press

Natalie Feldman, who grew up Christian, converted to Judaism not long after the loss of her brother in 1988. Feldman said that she didn't convert for marriage; she converted on her own because she was drawn to the religion.

"I converted because I bought in," she said. "Judaism to me was the most poetic. All the symbolism is life-based. I was just so brought to how 'human' Judaism is."

Feldman was unable to Bat Mitzvah her eldest daughter, Sinclair, due to poor timing in her personal life and living in a place without a day school or strong Jewish presence.

So when it was time for her twin daughters to come of age, she committed to making it a genuine and important experience for the family, especially since they didn't have a strong familial background in Judaism. As Feldman put it, there were no "bubbes and zaydas" around to help foster the spirit of the community.

The girls took private Hebrew lessons at Temple Ahavat Shalom in Palm Harbor each week for over a year to prepare.

Both girls attended Safety Harbor Middle School and Feldman said she was a little nervous about how many of their non-Jewish school friends would show up to the service. To her and the girls' surprise, not only did a lot of their fellow students come, a lot of their teachers did as well.

Thinking about guests also motivated the family to come up with creative ideas.

"The candle lighting presented this really bizarre conundrum of singling out people to come up when everyone there is a beloved guest," said Feldman. "I found the solution to that on the Internet, which I love. You actually put the candle on the table and you go from table-to-table and speak to the people at the table. The girls went around the room and spoke to each group."

Feldman was tearful while describing seeing her girls working hard to get the words just right and staying dedicated to the idea of *tikkun olam* - repairing the world - throughout the entire B'not Mitzvah process.

"They are very different, and they like being different, but they collaborated a lot," said Feldman, before saying how proud she was of them.



Photos by Dylan Stevens

Instead of a traditional candle lighting, the Feldman twins recognized all their guests table-by-table. Speaking here is Peyton Feldman.



Glowing bars and cotton candy "cocktails" - a popular trend for teens at Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

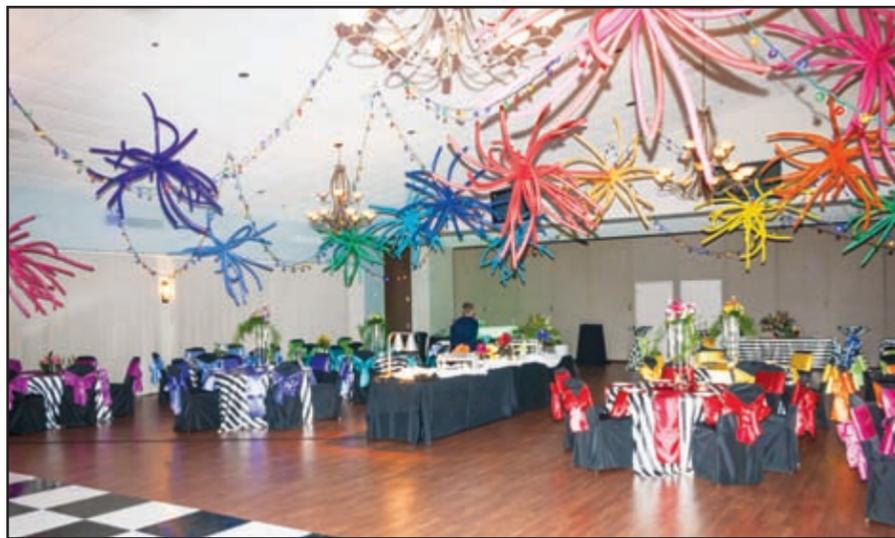
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ReBar asks adults to reminisce, reflect, reimagine their Bar/Bat Mitzvah

By **JAMIE SHAPIRO**
Jewish Press

If you could do over it again, what would you like to rewind and play again from your Bar/Bat Mitzvah? Is the horror of chanting your Torah portion still haunting you? Do you wish you'd chosen a different theme? Would you rewrite your speech, mostly composed by your mom?"

This is what reBar, a branch of the Reboot creative network, has been asking since it founded the program in 2013.

The answers, when it is asked of Jews in their 20s and 30s, opens a dialogue for considering and sharing reflections about family, community, belonging and Jewish inheritance and practice, said Tanya Schevitz, national communications and San Francisco program manager for Reboot.

"Going back for a fresh take on the bar or bat mitzvah – that time of transition a decade or two earlier – translates to the creation of go-forward paths of Jewish discovery and meaning," Schevitz said.

Online at www.rebarproject.org there are stories and photos of Bar/Bat Mitzvahs past and even DIY kits, offering ideas on how to reBar

solo, in a small group or as a community event.

ReBar has hosted several storytelling shows in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago where people performed their Bar/Bat Mitzvah stories in front of a live audience.

One performer was illustrator Lisa Brown, who performed with her husband, Daniel Handler, better known by his pen name, Lemony Snicket. The two went through her Bat Mitzvah album channeling how her grandmother would have perceived the event, with Handler acting as her grandmother.

ReBar has also set up booths, where people answered the questions on a poster, and they put up a rebar photo booth, that allowed people to reflect on what was important to them at 13 and what is important to them now, at events.

While the target audience for the Reboot project is for young adults, the project has engaged adults of all ages.

"We want our audience to reflect on their 13-year-old-selves and commit to engaging with their community now and in the future," Schevitz said. "I feel that reBar is a powerful project."



Daniel Schifrin, left, a novelist and short story writer, wrote on the reBar website that one of the things he obsessed over for his August 1981 Bar Mitzvah was his hair.

"I was 13, the girls in my class all loved Parker Stevenson's blow-dried hair (the real star of the Hardy Boys TV show), and I was saddled with a helmet of impractical locks that defied gravity, the curls above my ears pointing sideways like the Steve Martin arrow-through-the-head posters gracing the bedrooms. As I sat in Hebrew school I shuddered to think about being up on the bima, my curls levitating and separating as I sat on the oversized chair next to the rabbi, imagining my friends imagining me being Steve Martinized. I wanted to take the yad and stick it through my ears, ending the horror."



Lessons my son learned during his Bar Mitzvah year

By **RANDI MAZZELLA**
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My son is in the 7th grade, which means he is in the middle of his Bar Mitzvah year. It has been an exciting and busy time for him. In addition to preparing for and having his own Bar Mitzvah, he has been fortunate to be invited to celebrate at the bar and bat mitzvahs of many of his friends.

Of course, he has had a lot of fun attending all the great parties. But beyond that, this year has allowed him to learn valuable life lessons including...

The satisfaction of accomplishing a goal: Many of us take for granted that our children are going to become B'nai Mitzvahs because we know so many children that have already accomplished this goal. But it is still pretty awesome! Our kids learn a foreign language and then speak (and sing) in this language in front of a large audience. My son had doubts when he started this process and voiced concerns over embarrassing himself publicly. But he had nothing to be worried about. With a lot of hard work and the support of a great tutor, he was able to confidently lead the temple service and beautifully read from the Torah. My husband and I were incredibly proud of him, and even more important, he was really proud of himself.

2. Prayers and Blessings: My son has spent more time at Temple Bnai Jeshurun in Short Hills NJ, the past few months than he did in the last 13 years combined. My son has been there almost weekly for his friends' Saturday services as well as a few Friday nights. He also went weekly for his own Bar Mitzvah lessons and studied Torah at home daily. While Hebrew school certainly teaches kids the basics, my son will learn more this year because he is submerged in prayers and blessings on a regular basis. This should make him much more comfortable in temple and willing to participate.

3. Wearing dress clothes: Prior to this year, my son's idea of "dressed up" was wearing his athletic pants that did not have a hole

in the knee. It has been a treat for me to see him get all dressed up, and even he has started to embrace his more formal attire. Trying to figure out what to wear to special occasions can be a challenge even for grown ups. The b'nai mitzvah year has given my son the chance to learn the difference between "cocktail attire," "club attire," and "smart casual" preferred. Dressing up sets the tone for behaving a certain way, which leads us to the next lesson...

4. Manners: The year has been a great opportunity for me to teach my son about manners. We have discussed at length how to be a good guest. When you get an invite, RSVP on time. If you accept an invitation, show up. If you have to arrive at the service late, walk in quietly. In services, pay attention. Don't talk or play on your phone. Congratulate the B'nai Mitzvah and let them know they did a great job. Be an active party guest – dance, eat, and engage with friends (again, stay off the phone). When you arrive or leave, if you can, thank the host for inviting you. And after your own Bar Mitzvah, send timely, handwritten thank you notes.

5. Supporting friends: On the Friday night of my own son's Bar Mitzvah service, a handful of his close friends came to support him. Seeing them in the audience made my son smile. His friends gave up their Friday night, put on dress clothes, and sat in temple for over an hour just because he is important to them. The next day I was pleasantly surprised by the number of kids who attended the service – especially since the party wasn't until the evening and a lot of them missed other events (like sports) to be there. Friendships at this age can change, but throughout the weekend, my son felt truly supported by his friends. It is a feeling he wants to pass on as he attends other Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

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Cousins bridge distance divide to celebrate together

Nothing – not even a 230-mile, four-hour car ride - could keep cousins and best friends, Rehna Halprin and Abrianna Lalle, apart for their Bat Mitzvah.

“The girls basically decided that they were going to do this together and share it, and then they left the adults to handle the logistics,” said Abrianna’s mom, Debbie Halprin.

Debbie and her two girls live in Weston, although her roots are in St. Petersburg where Rehna and her parents, Natalya and Mike Halprin, still reside.

The girls dreamed up plans via frequent text messages, FaceTime calls and during summers at Camp Shalom near Ocala.

It was actually nothing new for the families. Almost 40 years ago, Michael and Debbie fondly recall their sister’s shared her Bat Mitzvah with a cousin.

It also made sense for their large shared family members to come for one big celebration instead of asking them – especially the out-of-towners – to make the trip to Florida twice in a matter of months.

But while it sounded like a great idea, there were complications, particularly when it came to discrepancies in the girls’ Hebrew training.

Rehna had been attending Hebrew school regularly in preparation for her bat mitzvah, but Abrianna, who was used to attending a Chabad center in South Florida, had little to no Hebrew training.

In the months leading up to the big day, Abrianna worked diligently to teach herself Hebrew. With very little outside help, she used some online resources to help her perfect her pronunciation.



Grandmothers share joy at the B’nai Mitzvah of Rehna Halprin, second from left, and Abrianna Lalle. Far left, Rehna’s grandmother who came from Russia for the occasion, Zoya Tatarkina, and far right, Bette Schroeder, bubbe to both girls.

When it came time for the ceremony at Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg, both girls performed admirably, mom Debbie said.

On the big day, friends and family members gathered to support the cousins, including a very special guest, Rehna’s grandmother from Russia. Unfortunately, Rehna’s grandfather from Russia declined to attend, not fully understanding the significance of a Bat Mitzvah. It was a decision he later regretted upon seeing photos of the ceremony and party, according to the family.

As a tribute to mom Natalya’s Russian heritage and her family visiting from Russia, Rabbi Michael Torop incorporated a prayer in Russian into the service.

“It was a lovely thing for the rabbi to do this for us,” Debbie said.

Following the formal B’nai Mitzvah service on Shabbat morning, attended by close friends and family members, there was a luncheon in the temple social hall. Later that night, 200 guests attended the B’nai Mitzvah celebration at a rented mansion in Tampa.

– JAMIE SHAPIRO

Party proves COOL idea

By JAMIE SHAPIRO
Jewish Press

On a sweltering September Saturday during Labor Day weekend 2016, two cousins - Rehna Halprin and Abrianna Lalle - shared their Bat Mitzvah, celebrating afterward amidst snowflakes, icicles, shimmering white trees, and icebergs floating on the water.

While the girls shared the big day, for the most part, the planning was not. Since Abrianna and mom Debbie Halprin live 230 miles south in Weston, and the service was at Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg, and the party was at a rented mansion in Tampa, Rehna’s parents, Natalya and Mike Halprin, were responsible for getting all together.

“I was actively planning the party for only about two months before,” Natalya said. “But we had been brainstorming for well over a year.”

Originally from Russia and wanting to incorporate her heritage into the big event, Natalya won the girls’ OK for a Russian winter wonderland theme.

Shopping for the September event began as far back as nine months before the B’not Mitzvah.

“I would just go to the stores during the Christmas season and buy anything that looked like it would fit,” she said.

This advanced shopping proved to come in handy when the hired decorators discovered it much harder to acquire the winter décor during the summer than they anticipated.

To create the wintery scene, Natalya put up “Christmas” trees, big and small, laced with decorative icicles and lights. Giant, icebergs shaped from Styrofoam were left to float in the mansion’s pool, with dry ice added periodically for effect.

Natalya also commissioned an ice bar for the event, dispensing shots of vodka to the of-age guests.

“What could be more Russian than an ice bar and vodka?” Natalya joked.

A selection of caviar added more Russian flavor to the party.

To keep both adults and children entertained, Natalya came up with the idea to separate the two groups; having a kids’ party on the mansion’s second floor, and a more laid back adult party on the back patio.

“We basically had two different parties in the same place,” said Mike.

The two groups did come together briefly for the cousins’ unique and non-traditional candle lighting.

For the candle lighting the Halprins handed out 200 electronic candles to guests.

“The candles were cool because they turn on when they come in contact with water,” Mike said.

With their 200 guests gathered around the mansion’s patio, Rehna and Abrianna thanked everyone in attendance before each guest threw their water-activated candle into the pool.

“It was incredible,” Mike said. “All those



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(L-R) Abrianna Lalle, her cousin Rehna Halprin and Rehna’s sister Elizabeth are shown in front of their sign-in board. In the background are some of the Russian-inspired winter wonderland decorations.



In keeping with the Russian connection to the party, vodka was dispensed from an ice sculpture.



Guests crowded around the pool, filled with “icebergs,” for the B’not Mitzvah’s unique candle lighting.



The girls’ friends danced the night away in their own nightclub.

candles lighting up at once.”

“I’m really proud of how the party came together,” Natalya said.

While both the Halprins will admit that planning a bat mitzvah for not one, but two, teenage girls had its stressful moments, both agreed all the planning was worth it and created memories for the two cousins that will last a lifetime.

An invitation to change

In a move that countered tradition, the Halprins decided to use electronic invitations, or e-vites, for the B’nai Mitzvah of cousins Rehna Halprin and Abrianna Lalle.

The virtual invitations saved the families hundreds of dollars on paper invitations, the hassle of tracking down the addresses of more than 200 guests and allowed guests to respond in a matter of moments.

The e-vites also allowed much more customizing, according to the Halprins.

“You could add pictures and change the colors” depending on what the girls’ wanted and who was receiving the invitation, explained Rehna’s dad, Mike.

Once the responses were received, it made it easy to send reminders, directions and other invites to specific guests for the Shabbat eve dinner and Sunday brunch.



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A beautiful Bat Mitzvah for a girl with Down Syndrome

By MENACHEM POSNER
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There was barely a dry eye in the room. Standing in the sanctuary before a close-knit group of friends and family who had come from all over the country, Heather Wilde carefully lit a single Shabbat candle and said the appropriate Hebrew blessing. Uncovering her eyes, she smiled at those around her and said, "Good Shabbos!"

A student at the Chabad Hebrew School of the Arts in Peabody, MA, it was only natural that the 12-year-old would celebrate her Bat Mitzvah in a way that was meaningful and personal. The question was just how.

"Heather is a very sweet and positive young woman," said Raizel Schusterman, who co-directs Chabad of Peabody Jewish Center in the northern Boston suburbs with her husband, Rabbi Nechemia Schusterman. "She also has Down Syndrome, which means that she has not been able to master Hebrew reading or deliver a long speech, but I tell the parents of our students – all students, regardless of their abilities – that this is a ceremony that has to be appropriate for the young person."

Working together with Heather's mother, Brenda Wilde, she set a goal for the young girl: to memorize and recite the Shema, and to light a candle and say the accompanying blessing.

Months of regular learning sessions paid off when Heather proudly did just that, late on the afternoon of Friday, June 23.

With his guitar balanced on one robed knee, the rabbi, already dressed in his Shabbat finery, then regaled the crowd with some of Heather's favorite songs from Hebrew school: "Oseh Shalom" and "Alef Bet."



Heather Wilde, who has Down Syndrome, covers her eyes for the blessing over the Shabbat candle.

'Exceeded Our Expectations'

As Shabbat drew near, the women and girls who were present lit candles that had been artfully arranged to spell out "Shabbat." Evening services were followed by a full-course dinner.

The next day, at the Kiddush reception that followed morning services, the Bat mitzvah Girl recited the Hamotzi blessing over the bread.

"Heather was very pleased with herself," said Wilde. "When she was practicing, I was worried like any mother. But she exceeded our expectations, and I found that as satisfying as when her brother had his Bar Mitzvah three years ago."

"It was a beautiful ceremony," said Raizel Schusterman, who hopes that Heather's Bat Mitzvah will encourage other families to think creatively about this milestone for their children with special needs. "Like Heather herself, it was sweet, intimate, loving and full of joy."



Heather Wilde celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Chabad of Peabody Jewish Center in the northern Boston suburbs. Here, she is with Raizel Schusterman, co-director of the center with her husband, Rabbi Nechemia Schusterman.

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