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Mega exhibit on capture, trial of Adolf Eichmann opens in February

A blockbuster exhibit, "Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann" will open at the Florida Holocaust Museum Feb. 10 and its curator, career Mossad agent Avner Avraham, will be the keynote speaker for the museum's annual "To Life" gala the same day.

Operation Finale is the first exhibition in the United States to fully document the pursuit, capture, extradition, and trial of one of the most notorious escaped Nazi war

criminals. The St. Petersburg museum will be just the fourth stop for the exhibit in the U.S. After its original exhibition in Israel, it was adapted for the American audience with showings in Cleveland, Skokie, IL and New York City.

Fifty-six years ago, Eichmann, who had been in charge of transporting millions of European Jews to death camps, sat in a courtroom for a trial that would be among

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1-year birthday party planned for Glazer JCC

After extensive renovations of the long-dormant historic Fort Homer Hesterly Armory in Tampa, the transformed facility opened on Dec. 8, 2016 as the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. Now, it is time for a one-year birthday celebration.

The public is invited to join in festivities that will go on from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Glazer JCC on Friday, Dec. 8. This will be a day for fun, fitness and festivities, including a birthday cake lighting at 10 a.m.

Activities will include speed, agility and power drills for young athletes, class giveaways at the City of Tampa Roberta M. Golding Visual Arts Center, treats at the J Café, GroupEx sample classes, youth volleyball and basketball games, free swimming, tug-of-war competition and arts and crafts.

The Glazer JCC is located at 522 N. Howard Ave. in Tampa. Go to www.BryanGlazerFamilyJCC.com/celebration for more information and a complete schedule of events.

The armory opened on Dec. 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, and for years was a venue for everything from speeches by Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy to professional wrestling matches and concerts by Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, James Brown and The Doors. The armory sat vacant from 2004 until 2016.

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Jewish family's adopted son accused of scrawling Hitler slur on preschool

A Florida teenager who was adopted by a Jewish family is accused of trashing a Jewish preschool and scrawling a statement mentioning Hitler.

Michael Dami, 19, is accused of breaking in the Naples Preschool of the Arts, part of the Chabad Jewish Center, last month, causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage and writing with a red lipstick on a wall inside: "I YOU JEWS NEVER! LEARN!! HEIL HITLER!" CNBC-2 reported. Police said he was caught on surveillance video.

"Once inside, it appears that he used a fire extinguisher to start smashing televisions and bookshelves and other equipment," according to Lt. Seth Finman of the Naples Police Department.

Dami struggles with drugs and mental health, his adopted father said.

Police said the State Attorney's Office could increase Dami's charges because the incident could potentially be treated as a hate crime.

Kuwait Airways can ban Israeli passengers, German court rules

Kuwait Airways may bar Israeli citizens from boarding its planes in Germany, a Frankfurt court ruled.

Jewish and political leaders in Germany criticized the ruling handed down Nov. 16 by the district court. The plaintiff, an Israeli student living in Frankfurt, will appeal, his lawyer said.

"This is a shameful ruling for democracy and for Germany," attorney Nathan Gelbart told the German news agency dpa. Gelbart is the German counsel for The Lawfare Project, a New York-based litigation fund for Israelis who allege civil rights violations.

The student, identified in court documents as Adar M., had sued the airline over its cancellation of his flight to Bangkok in the summer of 2016. The flight was to originate in Frankfurt with a stopover in Kuwait. When the state-owned airline found out the student's nationality, it canceled his ticket, referring to a 1964 law that bars any agreements with Israeli citizens. Adar M. demanded damages.

The court said it was unreasonable to expect an airline to "fulfill a contract if it means going against the laws of its state" and having to face legal consequences at home. The court added that it was not within its jurisdiction to decide whether Kuwaiti law was reasonable.

But Frankfurt Mayor Uwe Becker said in a statement that "an airline that practices discrimination and anti-Semitism by refusing to fly Israeli passengers should not be allowed to take off or land in Frankfurt, or at any other airport in Germany. This Kuwaiti law, that is deeply anti-Semitic and that forbids the transport of Israelis, cannot be legal grounds for the violation of international standards."

In January 2016, Kuwait Airways dropped its 35-year-old route between New York City and London after the U.S. Department of Transportation found the airline was breaking American law by barring passengers based on nationality. The decision followed an appeal by an Israeli citizen against a negative ruling by the department.

In late October, Germany's minister of transport, Alexander Dobrindt, ordered a Transport Ministry investigation into whether Kuwait Airways' discriminatory policy violates German air traffic laws.



Photo by David Bulmavitch/Flash90



An Iron Dome missile defense battery shown in 2014 near the southern Israeli town of Ashdod.

Iron Dome was a key topic when Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak, right, met with US Secretary of Defense Bob Gates, left, at the Pentagon in summer 2010. St. Petersburg native Eric Lynn, seated at the head of the table, served as special advisor on the Middle East in the Defense Department Policy Office, and was a staunch proponent of the Iron Dome system.

Local man's dogged support for Iron Dome helps save lives of Israelis and Palestinians

By **BOB FRYER**
Jewish Press

When Eric Lynn met President Barack Obama in the White House in September 2010 to seek funding the Israel's Iron Dome defensive missile system, he recalled a time two years earlier when he stood with Obama, then a U.S. senator running for president, in Sderot, Israel.

Lynn, a native of St. Petersburg and currently a board member of the Jewish

Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, worked for candidate Obama as a Middle East policy advisor. He and Dan Shapiro, also a Middle East policy advisor and fundraiser for Obama, had put together a trip to Israel for Obama in July 2008. While there, they visited the southern town of Sderot, located less than 9 miles from the Gaza strip. The locals had gathered many of the spent rockets that Hamas had fired from Gaza and stacked them next to the lo-

cal police station.

With the pile of rockets as backdrop, Obama told residents and Israeli officials, "...I can assure you that if - I don't even care if I was a politician - if somebody was sending rockets into my house where my two daughters sleep at night, I'm going to do everything in my power to stop that. And I would expect Israelis to do the same thing."

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Judaism is star at new D.C. Bible museum

By **RON KAMPEAS**
JTA news service

WASHINGTON - As the Burning Bush crackles, God is heard.

"Mow-zes," God says in the mysterious mid-Atlantic accent that Hollywood once trained its actors to use - the one Anne Baxter as Nefertiti used to summon Charlton Heston's Moses in the 1956 blockbuster *The Ten Com-*

mandments. "Mow-zes, Mow-zes."

That epic, earnest and seemingly endless film has much in common with the Museum of the Bible, the \$500 million extravaganza gifted to the National Mall by one of America's leading evangelical families, the founders of the Hobby Lobby chain.

The museum celebrates Jews

and Judaism as the noble, beloved and even feared antecedents to Christianity, and argues that its best modern expression is in the State of Israel. And it makes the case that the Bible is not merely to be studied but to be believed.

Speaking at the dedication Friday, Nov. 17, Steven Green, the president of Hobby Lobby and the **BIBLE MUSEUM continued on PAGE 10**



Hanukkah menorahs and crucifixes vie for space at the Museum of the Bible's gift shop. The museum was a gift to the National Mall by Hobby Lobby.

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Rob Reiner on Judaism, movies and 'home shuling'

By CURT SCHLEIER
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By his own admission, Rob Reiner was not the right person to direct *LBJ*, a film biography of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States. "I had a lot of trepidation," he said in a telephone interview with JTA.

In addition to a successful career as an actor, Reiner is one of the most bankable directors plying the trade today. His films run the gamut from lighthearted fare like *This is Spinal Tap*, *The Princess Bride* and *When Harry Met Sally*, to serious drama such as *A Few Good Men* and *Misery*. But *LBJ*, which opened Nov. 3, was different because he had a personal connection to the subject.

"I was of draft age during the Vietnam War, and I looked at Johnson as the enemy," said Reiner, 70. "I thought he could send me to my death."

But he revised his views of the former president — both as a man and a potential movie subject — when he read Joey Hartstone's well-researched script. Reiner said additional research, especially Doris Kearns Goodwin's illuminating *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream* and Robert Caro's multi-volume Johnson bios, clinched the deal.

Reiner discovered a man far more nuanced than he had imagined. Yes, Johnson expanded and prolonged the Vietnam War. But he also delivered on John F. Kennedy's legacy and bullied a recalcitrant Congress dominated by Dixiecrats to pass the Civil Rights and Voting Rights acts, increase funding for education, and create Medicare, Medicaid and Head Start.

"It was like there were two presidents — one for the Vietnam War and the other with great domestic programs," the actor-director said. "If it wasn't for Vietnam, he'd have gone down as one of the greatest presidents of all time. I wanted to make a film that would reveal who this guy was."

It wasn't just the dichotomy of Johnson's politics that Reiner wanted to capture, but the contradictions of his personality, which informed his career. "What surprised me was his insecurity," Reiner said. "He had this recurring nightmare where he dreamed he was paralyzed."

Johnson also had a complicated relationship with his mother in which "at times he felt unloved. I thought that was interesting," Reiner said.

Also interesting was Reiner's choice for the actor to play the lead: Woody Harrelson, best known as the slow-witted Woody on *Cheers* and for drawling comic roles in *White Men Can't Jump* and *Zombieland*.

"When people heard about the film, they'd ask me who I'd cast for the lead, and when I told them Woody Harrelson, they'd say 'get out of here,'" he recalled. "I'd say, 'wait until you see what he does.'"

The prosthetics change Harrelson into a close approximation of LBJ, but it is Harrelson's subtle yet powerful performance that is transformative. "I told him don't try to imitate Lyndon," Reiner said. "Just give me his essence and that relaxed [Woody]."

LBJ is infused, in part, with the director's personal experiences as a political activist. Nearly two



Photo courtesy of Electric Entertainment

Rob Reiner was director of the new biopic "LBJ." On why Jews are funny, he says, "You have Cossacks. You have Hitler. You have to have a sense of humor or you can't survive."

decades ago, he spearheaded a successful effort to raise cigarette taxes in California and use the money to fund early childhood development programs. Subsequently, Reiner was appointed chair of the commission to oversee the project, a post he held for seven years.

Around that time, he briefly considered running for office. Reiner asked his wife and three children for their opinions and the results were — how to put this? — discouraging. "I only polled 40 percent in my own family," he recalled. "If I couldn't carry my own family, I didn't think I should run."

Nevertheless, Reiner has remained politically active in liberal causes, most recently as a founder of the Committee to Investigate Russia, which he calls "a nonpartisan [organization] that puts the spotlight on what the Russians were able to do, particularly in the last election."

Reiner is not a fan of the current administration, to put it mildly. As he describes it, "without changing a single frame," his film changed between the time it was first screened, when Obama was president, to its release this week with Trump in the White House — meaning a film about a troubled presidency transformed into one about how best to govern.

And, yes, his activism "absolutely" has hurt his career, Reiner said. Even in liberal Hollywood, Reiner's outspokenness has earned him ridicule — not unlike the incessant ribbing he took on *All in the Family* playing the liberal Mike "Meathead" Stivic opposite his arch-conservative father-in-law Archie Bunker.

"There's no question that people have turned away from me," he said. "You should see what some people call me on Twitter. But I have to live on this planet and be who I am."

And who he is the scion of Carl Reiner and the late Estelle Reiner from the Bronx, NY. Dad, of course, is the author/producer/actor/director of such hits as TV's *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and the films *Oh God!*, *Where's Poppa?* and a string of Steve Martin comedies. Mom famously ordered whatever Meg Ryan was having in the legendary *When Harry Met Sally* scene filmed at New York's Katz's Deli.

"My grandmother spoke Yiddish in the house, and my mother and father spoke a little Yiddish, too," said Reiner, who was a bar mitzvah. "They decided to bring a teacher in to teach me Yiddish, too. I learned a little, but he also taught the history of the Jews and it was like having a little shul at home."

"It was home shuling," he quipped.

Reiner's sister-in-law is a rabbi, "and we'll have Passover," he said. "My wife's mother lost her entire family in the Holocaust and my aunt — my father's brother's wife — did also, something we always think about."

"Yes, all this is reflected in my work. It's my sensibility. I'm a Jew. I was raised a Jew. I value honesty and integrity and knowledge and education and all those values I was raised with."

Of course, Reiner was raised with another "Jewish value" as well: comedy.

"Jews are funny," he said. "And there's a reason we're funny. You have Cossacks. You have Hitler. You have a lot of things weighing down on you. You have to have a sense of humor or you can't survive."



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RABBINICALLY — SPEAKING —

November marks significant dates for Israel

By RABBI CARLA FREEDMAN
Congregation Beth Israel of Sun City Center

There are two occasions of great historical significance which are marked in November, events that in fact had a huge impact on life for Jews in the 20th century, and which, taken together, had a large impact on world affairs as well. Oddly, they usually go largely unnoticed, but this year, *davka*, they should receive a lot of attention.

The first is the Balfour Declaration, written in a letter dated Nov. 2, 1917, by Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Lionel Rothschild, announcing British support for the creation of a Jewish homeland in what was then Turkish-governed Palestine. Following the end of World War I, Britain was mandated to govern the area to the benefit of both its Jewish and Arab inhabitants; the latter were greatly disappointed not to receive recognition of their nationhood and the right to self-governance in return for their opposition to Turkey during the war, and were offended by the British endorsement of the principal point of Zionism. Britain obtained the support of France, Italy and the United States in its support of the Zionist cause, despite opposition by Jewish public figures who feared that the declaration would provoke anti-Semitism wherever Jews lived in the Western world.

In May 1939, after years of violence in Palestine, the British government reversed its position, severely limited Jewish immigration to that country, and moved to placate the Arab community. This turn of events undoubtedly decreased the number of Jews who escaped Europe

before and during World War II, and contributed to the urgency attending the second historical event which demands recognition this year.

That was the vote in the United Nations General Assembly by which the State of Israel was created. Terrorism and mayhem had plagued the tiny country since the Balfour Declaration, and Britain was very eager to be rid of its responsibilities there. Because the plans to partition the country into two separate entities were rejected by the Arabs and reluctantly accepted by the Jews, no one was surprised when the Arab nations attacked Israel the moment it technically came into being.

Theodore Herzl had predicted, in 1897, that “within 50 years there would be a Jewish homeland”, and the vote was taken on Nov. 29, 1947, 70 years ago. The world was just beginning to comprehend the events we refer to as the Holocaust. Though the Arab nations argued that the Holocaust was not their doing, and that “their land” should not be awarded to the Jews as a consequence of it, clearly world sentiment had shifted, and the rest is history.

Literally. These “book-end” events in November usually go unnoticed. But as we prepare to celebrate Israel’s 70th birthday (April 19, 2018), it would behoove us to remember how precarious her birth was, by at least marking that historic vote on its 70th anniversary. We are, after all, a people who respect history and remembrance.

We should celebrate these landmarks on the road to Jewish statehood as part of the ongoing story of our people. *L’chayim!*

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Cong. Kol Ami

40 and Fabulous: The congregation will celebrate its 40th anniversary with weekend events on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16. On Friday, Shabbat services begin at 6 p.m. with founding members being honored during services. There will be a dinner following services. RSVP is required by Dec. 1. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 4-12. Those 3 and younger eat for free.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, following 9:30 a.m. Shabbat services, the Howard Kanter z”l Kiddush Fund will host a luncheon open to the Jewish community. There is no charge for this luncheon but non-members are asked to contact the Kol Ami office to RSVP at (813) 962-6338.

A Gala 40th Anniversary Celebration with dinner, a live auction, dancing, and an open bar will be held Saturday evening from 6:30 to 11 p.m. This is a black tie optional event. Reminisce with music, skits and vignettes from the 1970s. Reservations are required by Dec. 1. Contact the Kol Ami office to RSVP at (813) 962-6338. Babysitting is available for \$20 per child with advanced reservation.

Jewish ethics: Rabbi Howard Siegel leads a course in Jewish ethics on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This course will use *Pirke Avot: Ethics of Our Ancestors* as a springboard to discussion and debate on issues of the day in the light of Jewish moral/ethical demands.

L’Chaim: A class, “Sharing Life’s Lessons,” is offered on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Topics, readings and a different leader are chosen for each weekly session.

Knitting time: The Sisterhood Needle Workers hold weekly knitting sessions on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the boardroom. For more information, call the synagogue. The knitters make fabric quilt wall hangings and knitting and crocheting squares to make quilts. These are then donated to a group that provides housing for local teens aging out of foster care, as well as other charities. For more information, call the Kol Ami office.

Talmud: A Talmud study class with Rabbi Siegel is offered on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Jewish law confronts everything from capital punishment to how to make rain. This is open to everyone from beginners through experts. Texts are provided.

Yoga: A yoga class for mindful meditation and stretching will be led by Dr. Tanya Gold on Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10 from 10-11 a.m. Participants of all abilities are welcome. The cost is \$8 per class. RSVP to the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338, the Friday before the class.

Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Talent show: On Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. Congregation Rodeph Sholom will put on “Ro-

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deph’s Got Talent?” show. Competition categories include group or solos in vocal, dancing, gymnastics, musician, comedian, juggler or magician. The contest is open to the community and everyone is invited to attend the free event. Performances are limited to 4 minutes maximum and only 20 groups will be invited to compete. Sign-ups for the competition are being accepted now. A band will be available to accompany the contestants or contestants can provide a CD.

There will be two winners. One will be selected by the audience, who will fill jars with tickets purchased for \$1 each. The contestant that receives the most money will be the winner. The judges will determine the winner of the Judges Choice Award. All contestants will receive a prize.

There will be a fried chicken dinner following the show. For more information and to sign up, contact Cantor Andreas Kornworcel at cantor@rsholom.org or (813) 325-6789.

Movie time: The Latin America Jewish Movies Season 2 begins on Monday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. with a showing of *Autumn Sun*. Clara Goldstein (Norma Aleandro) is a Jewish woman who places a personal ad in the Buenos Aires newspaper requesting the company of an older Jewish man, but her sole respondent, Raul Ferraro (Federico Luppi) turns out to be a Gentile from Uruguay.

Beatles Shabbat: Sing Shabbat prayers to tunes of the Beatles on Friday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Come and feel the spirit of the ’60s. This event is for the whole family.

Hanukkah lunch: The congregation will hold a latke and hot dog lunch on Sunday, Dec. 10 from noon to 1 p.m.

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Congregation B'NAI EMMUNAH — 57 Read St., Tarpon Springs, 34689 • Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1312, Tarpon Springs, 34688 • Rabbi Lynn Goldstein • Services: Friday: 7:30 p.m. • Torah study Saturday, 10:30 a.m. • Telephone: (727) 938-9000 • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

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

Conservative

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

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Rabbi David Wolpe addresses the Tampa Federation campaign kickoff event.

Rabbi focuses on Jewish values during pitch for Annual Campaign donations

Judaism is not just a religion; the Jewish people are a family and have an unspoken responsibility for each other, Rabbi David Wolpe told those gathered at the Tampa Jewish Federation's 2018 Campaign Kickoff.

Rabbi Wolpe, spiritual leader of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, has been named "Number One Rabbi" in America by Time magazine and one of the "50 Most Important Rabbis in America" by *Newsweek* for three years running. He also has been named one of the "50 most influential Jews in the world" by the *Jerusalem Post* and one of the "50 most influential Jews in America" by The Forward.

The featured speaker at the Campaign event on Thursday, Nov. 2, at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, Rabbi Wolpe spoke on the topic of "What Judaism Has to Teach the World."

His speech here focused on four core Jewish values - tolerance, justice, community and tradition - and by retelling a series of humorous anecdotes and life encounters, he shared just how profound of an impact people can make to create a better tomorrow.

In addition to the rabbi's presentation, Laureen Jaffe, the Federation's Campaign chair, made an appeal for donations to the Annual Campaign, highlighting critical programs and services that benefit from Federation funding and stressing the impact the Federation has locally and across the globe.

Alissa Fischel, the organization's chief development officer who also addressed the audience. "I feel very fortunate to have the job I have. To know that each day I am helping to fulfill the Federation's mission because of your support," she said. "We help welcome the stranger, support the needy, remember our past and teach our children..."

Organizations and programs that rely on the support of the Federa-

tion include:

- Tampa Jewish Family Services, which distributes more than 75 bags of food weekly to those in need and provides mental health counseling to more than 1,500 people each year. The agency also offers assessments, care management and ongoing support to more than 120 older adults and their families every year through its SeniorCare Link program.

- Hillel Academy, which receives scholarship funds needed to help families send their children to a private Jewish community day school.

- Hillels of the Florida Suncoast, extending support to help combat the rise in anti-Semitism and the BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) movement on our local college campuses,

- PJ Library, a family program offering social experiences and book deliveries every month to more than 600 children ages 6 months through 8 years.

- Two Tampa JCCs. Both the Bryan Glazer Family JCC and the JCC on the Cohn Campus receive Federation funding so they can offer programs for people of all ages.

- Camp JCC, which receives 20 percent of families' financial aid for their children from the Federation so their children can attend a day camping experience at either JCC campus,

- Two Tampa JCC Preschools. They receive Federation funding for 10 percent of families' need-based scholarships,

The Tampa Jewish Federation also helps fund Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, among other partners across the world.

Community members who have yet to make their 2018 pledge may do so by visiting www.jewishtampa.com/give or by contacting Fischel at (813) 769-4726.

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The Tampa JCCs and Federation obtained the site through a long-term lease. The multi-million dollar facility features the Mezrah Family Aquatic Center with a competition-size lap pool, zero entry recreation pool and kids splash pad.

Inside is a premier events center for plays, large parties and meetings - with a kitchen that can serve

hundreds. There is also a fitness center with indoor track, gym and lots of exercise equipment, an arts center, business innovation center, indoor-outdoor café, and offices for several Jewish organizations. Long range plans call for the addition of a preschool.

The JCCs and Federation also operates a JCC on the Maureen and Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus in northwest Tampa.

Congregations

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from Princeton Theological Seminary, which he says prepared him for a 28-year comedy career. He has written three comedic books and his comedy bits are often played on Sirius/XM satellite radio. His comedy is described as intelligent, sophisticated and clean. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, go to www.bethshalom-brandon.org.

Cong. Beth Am

Celebration of Jerusalem: Earlier this year, Israel marked 50 years since the milestone moment when Jerusalem was reunified during the Six Day War and Jews returned to the Kotel, the Western Wall. **Joy Katzen-Guthrie** will celebrate this moment in history on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. with music and writings of the city from the hearts and minds of Jews through the ages.

Cafe Shabbat: This is a monthly chance for congregants to come together and enjoy food and prayer. The next session, sponsored by the Sisterhood is Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. For more information, email Admin@BethAmTampa.org.

Israeli dancing: Lessons in Israeli dancing are offered every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact **Irma Polster** at Ipolster@TampaBay.rr.com or call the temple office.

Cong. Schaarai Zedek

Introduction to Judaism: **Rabbi Richard Birnholz** and **Rabbi Nathan Farb** talk about the nature of Judaism, God, Torah, worship, life cycle observances and holidays during Introduction to Judaism classes on Wednesdays now through Dec. 20 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for the classes but books for the course are purchased separately. This course is open to everyone who wishes to learn about basic Judaism and Jewish practice. It is required for anyone who is planning to convert. Upcoming topics are: Nov. 29, nature holidays - build a sukkah and have a Tu B'Shevat Seder.; Dec. 6, Hanukah and December Dilemma, conversion; Dec. 13, Passover and Dec. 20, Peoplehood holidays - Shavuot, Purim, Tisha B'Av and Israel's holidays. Call **Ming Brewer** to register at (813) 876-2377, ext. 202

Helping out at Christmas: Volunteers are needed for two Christmas mitzvah projects. Congregant **Debbie Steinfeld** is organizing volunteers to go to the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Town 'n Country to prepare and serve Christmas dinner for those in need. Volunteers will work with church members from 10 a.m. to noon preparing and

setting up at the church, and then beginning at 2 p.m., they will serve and clean up. Contact Steinfeld to help with this project at (813) 995-1394 or wizardexplorations@yahoo.com. The congregation will also send a contingent to Metropolitan Ministries on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to serve a meal so Metropolitan Ministries staff can be with their families. Contact Religious School Director **Donna Wood** at dwood@zedek.org to sign up for that volunteer opportunity.

Movie night: There will be a Brotherhood/Sisterhood movie night on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at Villagio Cinema to watch *Keeping the Faith*, a 2000 romantic comedy about two lifelong friends, a rabbi and a priest, starring Ben Stiller as the rabbi and Ed Norton as the priest. The event is free but RSVPs are mandatory. To RSVP, call the synagogue at (813) 876-2377 or visit www.zedek.org.

Cong. Mekor Shalom

Bunco night: Roll, laugh, throw, chat and repeat at Bunco night on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at Mekor Shalom.

Color and connect: The congregation will hold an adult coloring get together on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. Bring your own coloring book or use pages already at the synagogue. Coloring supplies will be available.

Cong. Bais Menacham Chabad

Practical kabbalah: Enrich the soul and mind with a touch of kabbalah. Learn practical spirituality for everyday life. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7 p.m.

Pause & Affect course offered at 3 locations

The Rosh Chodesh Society - the women's division of the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) - recently launched "Pause & Affect," a new seven-session course for women that is being taught in Tampa, Brandon and Wesley Chapel.

The course offers students at every level of affiliation ways to explore how to enrich their lives through the lessons of Shabbat.

"Shabbat is G-d's gift to the Jewish people. It offers respite from labor and a break from the intrusion of our ubiquitous technologies. It allows family and community the time to connect and reflect without distraction," said RCS Director Shandy Jacobson

In Brandon, the course is being taught by Tzippy Rubashkin of Chabad of Brandon once a month for seven consecutive months. The first session of the course has already been held. For more information on the course, visit jewishbrandon.com/rcs or call (813) 571-8100.

At Chabad of Tampa Bay, Sulha Dubrowski has taught the first session of the course and will continue lessons each month for the next six months. For the dates of the full series, visit ChabadofTampaBay.com or call (813) 963-2317 for more information.

At Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass, 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel, the course began in October and the next (third) session of the class will be on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$18 for class, with an optional textbook for \$15. For course information and to register, go to www.ChabadatWiregrass.com/RCS.

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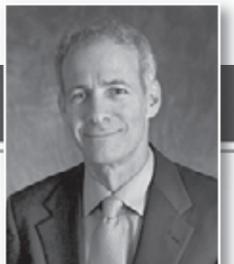
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Hanukkah Happenings

Information received as of press time:

SOUTH TAMPA
Jewish Heritage Night will be celebrated at Amalie Arena on **Thursday, Dec. 7** when the Tampa Bay Lightning take on the Colorado Avalanche. The event, sponsored by the **Tampa JCCs & Federation and Chabad Centers of Tampa Bay**, will include a pre-game menorah lighting ceremony at Ford Thunder Alley at 6:45 p.m. Tickets for the game, which begins at 7:30 p.m., cost \$30 for the upper level and \$100 for the lower level and include a gift and kosher meal on the Bud Light party deck. To buy tickets, visit www.jewishlightning.com and use promo code: Chanukah17. For more information, call Sam Reiner at (813) 301-6814 or email sreiner@amaliearena.com.

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 The **Chabad Jewish Student Union at the University of Tampa** invites the community to celebrate **Hanukkah on the Bay** at Plant Park, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, on **Tuesday, Dec 12** from 5-7 p.m. with Rabbi Levi Rivkin. Bais Menachem Chabad is organizing the festivities, which will include fire jugglers, a giant menorah, gelt, dreidels, music and more. Admission is free for students, \$54 for sponsors. There will also be \$5 boat rides available during the event. For more information, email bmchabad@gmail.com.

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Congregation Scharrai Zedek, 3303 W. Swann Ave., will have a **Hanukkah Shabbat service and Sing-Along** featuring the Koleinu Choir on **Friday, Dec. 15** at 7:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring menorahs for a group candle lighting. The Sisterhood will provide a latke and doughnut oneq after the service. RSVP at (813) 876-2377 or at office@zedek.org.

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 On **Saturday, Dec. 16**, light candles, watch Hanukkah puppets, sing songs, make crafts, eat latkes and see a show at a family **Hanukkah Havdalah Party and Magic Show** at **Congregation Scharrai Zedek**. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (813) 876-2377 or email office@zedek.org.

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 The **Tampa JCCs & Federation** will hold a communitywide **Hanukkah Dinner Extravaganza** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 5:30 p.m. at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, offering an informal and fun way for families to gather and celebrate the holiday. The party will include a buffet dinner, tableside entertainment, menorah lighting, dreidel spinning and festive Hanukkah music. Tickets are available through Friday, Dec. 15 at \$36 per person for those 12 and older, \$18 for children 5-12, \$10 for toddlers ages 2-4 and free for those under 2. High chairs are available by request at the time of reservation. Alcohol will be available for purchase. For tickets, go to www.jewishtampa.com/Hanukkah. The Glazer JCC is at 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa.

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 Twenty- and 30-somethings are

invited to **Congregation Scharrai Zedek** for a **Hanukkah Happening** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Appetizers, doughnuts, latkes, wine and beer will be served. Bring your menorah to light the candles. Toy donations will be collected for Tampa Jewish Family Services. To RSVP, contact Lindsey Dewey at ldewey@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 221.

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NORTH TAMPA
 On **Wednesday, Dec. 13** at 6:30 p.m. light up the Second Night of Hanukkah at **Congregation Mekor Shalom's Fifth Annual Hanukkah Party**. Bring your hannukiah for a communal lighting at the synagogue at 14005A N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa. For more information call the synagogue at (813) 963-1818.

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Congregation Kol Ami will hold its **Hanukkah Party** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa. Light the hanukiah and enjoy latkes, sufganiyot, singing, games, and a family dance party with a deejay. The congregation's youth director will lead a special workshop on juggling and twirling. This is a free family event.

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BRANDON/VALRICO
 Cantor Tanya Greenblatt of Pompano Beach will visit **Congregation Beth Shalom**, 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, for two **Hanukkah musical performances**. On **Sunday, Dec. 3**, she will serenade the congregation with Hanukkah melodies, both ancient and modern. Learn about the texts and tunes that add joy to the holiday. On **Sunday, Dec. 10**, she will perform Music Beyond 'I had a little Dreidel' as she engages the congregation in holiday song. Both performances are at 4 p.m. Bring the family.

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 On **Friday, Dec. 15** at 7 p.m., **Congregation Beth Shalom** in Brandon, will hold a **Hanukkah candle lighting, consecration and Kabbalat HaSiddur**. All are welcome. Call (813) 681-6547 for more information.

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The Hanukkah Chocolate Gelt Factory and Electric Menorah Wiring Workshop will be held **Sunday, Dec. 17**, at 11 a.m. Families are invited to attend the workshop at **Chabad Jewish Discovery Center**, 1578 Bloomingdale Ave, Valrico. Admission is \$8 per child, for families with children between the ages of 3 to 13.

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SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH
Chabad Jewish Discovery Center will hold a **Hanukkah Festival** at the Winthrop Town Centre, 6108 Winthrop Town Centre Ave, Riverview, on **Tuesday Dec. 12** at 6 p.m. The celebration will feature face painting, hot latkes, Hanukkah crafts, Tony the Balloon Guy and the lighting a tall Menorah. This event is free of charge.

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 The Freylach Band will perform at the **Hanukkah Klezmer Festival and Menorah Lighting**, on **Thursday, Dec. 14** at 4:30 p.m. The event, put on by **Chabad of Brandon**, will be held at the Sun City Center Chamber of Commerce, 1651 Sun City Center Plaza, Sun City Center, and will feature New York deli-style sandwiches available for purchase. There is no cost for admission.

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Congregation Beth Israel, 1115 E. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center, will hold its annual Sisterhood and Men's Club **Hanukkah Party** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** at 2 p.m. in the temple's social hall. There will be latkes, doughnuts, signing and fun. The cost is \$7 per person. RSVP by Dec. 12. Call the synagogue at (813) 634-2590 for ticket purchase information.

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Chabad of Brandon will also hold a **Menorah Lighting** at Park Square in Fishhawk Ranch, 16132 Churchview Drive, Lithia on **Sunday, Dec. 17**. The celebration kicks off in front

of Cool Beans at 6 p.m., and features the kindling of a giant menorah, chocolate gelt, hot latkes, Hanukkah music and crafts and more. The event is free of charge. For more information visit www.jewishbrandon.com/hanukkah or call (813) 571-8100.

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PASCO COUNTY
 Join **Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass** for a family Hanukkah stretch limo party and join **Jewish Heritage Night** at a Tampa Bay Lightning game on **Thursday, Dec. 7**. The limo will leave Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass, 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel, at 5 p.m. and return after the game. The cost is \$36 per person and includes tickets to the game. For more information and to RSVP, call (813) 642-3244 or visit www.ChabadatWiregrass.com.

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 Light up the night at the Ninth Annual **Hanukkah celebration** put on by **Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass**. There will be a grand menorah lighting and entertainment. Enjoy the Nerdy Noah Show, a live deejay, strolling magic, balloon making, face painting, a stilt walker, hip hop dancing, a raffle, a caricaturist, kid activities, potato latkes, Hanukkah gelt, music, crafts for kids, prizes and more. This event is free and open to the community. The celebration is **Sunday, Dec. 17** beginning at 5 p.m. at the Shops at Wiregrass (in front of Dillard's), 28211 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel. For more information, call (813) 642-3244.

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 The 13th annual **Chanukah on Ice** will be put on by **Young Israel of Tampa** on **Tuesday, Dec. 19** from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. at Florida Hospital Center Ice, 3173 Cypress Ridge Blvd., Wesley Chapel. The event will feature the lighting of a sculpted grand ice menorah and ice skating to Jewish music. There will be a kosher food stand, arts and crafts, latkes and a raffle. The cost is \$5 and includes skate rental. To RSVP, call (813) 983-9770 or go to www.youngisraeloftampa.org.

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POLK COUNTY
Temple Beth Shalom Reform Jewish Congregation in Winter Haven will hold a **Hanukkah dinner, menorah lighting, and Shabbat service** on **Friday, Dec 15** at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$12.50 for members and \$16 for non-members. The chicken dinner, which will include latkes and other traditional treats, will be held at Temple Beth Shalom, 1029 Bradbury Road, Winter Haven. Call (863) 292-0722 or email sandi@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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Temple Emanuel of Lakeland will hold its annual **Hanukkah party** on **Sunday, Dec. 17** from 5-7 p.m. in the temple's Education Building, 600 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland. There will be lots of latkes and other refreshments, games and fun for all. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own Hanukkah menorah and candles to light. The suggested minimum donation to attend is \$5 per person. The community is welcome to join in the festivities. RSVP by or before Dec. 10 to Tammy Serebin at (863) 682-8616 or (863) 838-2583.

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SHOPPING
Congregation Scharrai Zedek's Sisterhood Hanukkah Bazaar will run from **Dec. 2-16**. The Sisterhood has been busy getting new merchandise for the bazaar. This is an opportunity to get holiday shopping done and get your Hanukkah essentials including candles, menorahs, dreidels, chocolate gelt and wrapping paper. The bazaar is at Scharrai Zedek, 3303 W. Swann Ave., Tampa. RSVP at (813) 876-2377 or at office@zedek.org.

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 The Sisterhood of **Congregation Beth Am**, 2030 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, will open its annual **Hanukkah Gift Shop** on **Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10** at 9:30 a.m.

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New exhibit explores Jewish contributions to Orlando's growth

The earliest Jewish religious services in the Orlando area were held in a citrus grove.

The story of the Orlando Jewish community where only five families were known to live at the turn of the 20th century to a population exceeding 30,000 today, is told in a new exhibition, *Kehillah: A History of Jewish Life in Greater Orlando*.

The exhibit is currently on display at the Orange County Regional History Center through Feb. 20.

The springboard to create the exhibition was the upcoming centennial of Central Florida's oldest Jewish institution, Congregation Ohev Shalom. The Conservative congregation was founded in Orlando in 1918.

The exhibit's name, Kehillah, is Hebrew for community and refers to the entire region including Orange, Seminole, Lake and Osceola counties. The display includes 450 photographs, 75 artifacts and an animated map of merchants to show how pioneering Jews arrived

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Although Jews were first allowed to settle in Florida in 1763, it was not until the end of the Civil War that Jews first arrived in Orlando. In 1875, merchant Jacob R. Cohen helped draft the Town of Orlando Charter and was elected alderman. Dr. Philip Phillips settled in 1897, amassed 5,000 acres to grow oranges and left a lasting philanthropic legacy.

At the turn of the 20th century, only five families comprised the Jewish community in the Orlando area until a migration of Jews from Pittsburgh in 1912 doubled the Jewish population.

Jews organized to preserve their traditions and became pioneers of business and industry entwined in the development of the region. The



Rose Gleibman and Aaron Levy married in the Levy orange grove with the entire Jewish community in attendance, 1917.

Jewish community even produced a Nobel laureate, Dr. Marshall Nirenberg, who received the prize in medicine in 1968.

A catalog accompanies the exhibition.

The Orange County Regional History Center is located at 65 E. Central Blvd. in downtown Orlando. For more information on hours and admission cost, call (407) 836-8500.

For more information, visit TheHistoryCenter.org.

Genesis Prize co-founder denies that award to Ruth Bader Ginsburg was 'consolation prize'

(JTA) – The co-founder of the foundation that awards the Genesis Prize, known as the “Jewish Nobel,” denied a report that Ruth Bader Ginsburg was intended to be the award’s 2018 laureate but instead was given a lifetime achievement award as “a consolation prize.”

Stan Polovets denied the veracity of an article published in *Haaretz*, which quoted unnamed sources



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

saying that the \$1 million award given Nov. 7 to actress Natalie Portman was originally going to the Jewish Supreme Court justice. The foundation then created a new prize, a lifetime achievement award, to give Ginsburg as “a consolation prize,” the article said. The awards were announced a week apart.

The unnamed sources gave *Haaretz* varying reasons for the alleged change of plans, including that Ginsburg had been an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump and that the Supreme Court does not allow its justices to accept such monetary awards.

Polovets, who also serves as the Genesis Prize Foundation’s chairman and CEO, also denied claims made by *Haaretz* that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s office had been involved in the decision

making. The Genesis Prize was established as a partnership between Russian-Jewish philanthropists and the Israeli government.

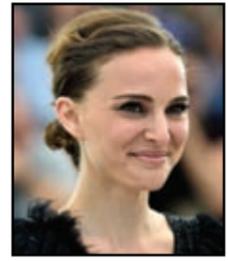
Polovets said the lifetime award was created to honor worthy individuals who could not accept the prize due to work or time limitations.

“This year when we began discussions with Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and it turned out that she would not be able to accept the award, we thought it would be very important to honor her,” he said. “We consulted with the first five laureates and came up with idea for the lifetime achievement award, which they unanimously agreed should go to Ruth Bader Ginsburg.”

The foundation is considering awarding the lifetime award on a yearly basis, Polovets said.

The Genesis Prize was founded in 2012. Along with Portman, the other laureates are former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, actor Michael Douglas, violinist Itzhak Perlman and sculptor Anish Kapoor.

Portman, who was born in Israel but moved to the United States, was chosen for “her talent, her commitment to social causes and her deep connection to her Jewish and Israeli roots,” Polovets said.



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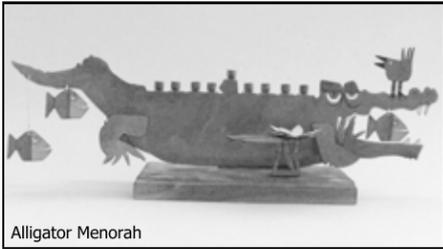
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Jews should support First Amendment

Dear Editor:
The article by Jamie Shapiro on Richard Spencer's appearance at UF is disheartening for several reasons. Why is it "very alarming" that someone is giving a speech on campus? Why is she delighted that protestors "shut down" the speech by drowning it out with chants? Spencer is labeled a "white supremacist" spreading "hate." What has he said or written that makes her feel so threatened? She doesn't tell us. Has Spencer called for the annihilation of 45 percent of world Jewry? Others have. During recent "Anti-Israeli Apartheid" weeks on campuses across the country, the following slogans have been chanted or displayed on signs: "Hamas, Hamas, Jews to the gas," "Nuke Israel," "Jews = Nazis," "All of Israel is Occupied Territory," "Palestine Will be Free, From the River to the Sea." The demonstrations have been accompanied by graffiti: "Gas Jews Die," "Kill all Kikes," and "Holocaust 2.0." Should we ban events sponsored by organizations that appear to endorse or encourage genocidal anti-Semitism? Instead of trying to figure out exactly what constitutes "hate speech," perhaps we can restore the First Amendment. Let's recall it has two parts. Jews have been zealous defenders of the first half: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This erected a "wall" between Church and State. Once upon a time, Jews also welcomed the second half. This

prohibits "abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press" and guarantees "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
Most Jews in the late 19th century lived in Czarist Russia and they did not have these rights. When one of Chaim Weizmann's teachers brought a Hebrew language chemistry textbook to class, the students had to read it aloud in a Talmudic chant, to deceive passers-by. If authorities in the shtetl learned that Western science was being taught, the teacher would have been fired.
Later, when Weizmann was a college student, he spent his summers giving talks on Zionism in small towns across the Pale. These talks had to be held in synagogues, with the audience pretending to pray. If the Czarist police discovered that he was promoting Zionism in public, Weizmann risked jail or deportation.
Jews influenced by the intellectual currents sweeping across Eastern Europe – the sciences, Zionism, socialism – feared both communal authorities and the government, and looked wistfully at countries with long traditions of tolerance. Weizmann chose to pursue an academic career in Britain, not in Russia or Germany.
How broad is the First Amendment's protection of free speech? In 1919, the Supreme Court decided that only speech posing "a clear and present danger" could be prohibited. Fifty years later, the Court raised the bar. Now only speech inciting "imminent lawless action" was to be illegal. It's no coincidence that this decision was drafted by the only Jewish member of the Court, Justice Abe Fortas.
Today, more than ever, Jews should be especially interested in defending the rights the Amendment guarantees. On campuses across the U.S., events sponsored by Jewish organizations have been disrupted and Jewish students intimidated. Pro-Israel speakers like Ben Shapiro have been prevented from addressing audiences. And it's not the "alt-right" that's been responsible.

Jeff Lipkes
Wesley Chapel

Defend free speech no matter how odious

Dear Editor:
I read the account of a Jewish student at the University of Florida and the months leading up to a speech by the white supremacist, Richard Spencer. She painted a picture of impending doom. The university president fed the hysteria by sending messages to students warning and advising them to "stay away" after multiple attempts to cancel the event had failed. The author suggests the First Amendment was a burden and somehow was used "as ammunition against us." Gov. Rick Scott started a dubious precedent by declaring a state of emergency. Is it any wonder why people are in a state of panic with this sort of leadership? Add to this our 24/7 media, which thrives on controversy. Not once were the contents of the speech mentioned or refuted in the story. I watched the speech video and it was highly underwhelming and poorly attended. I've noticed how college students complain of "triggers," "micro-aggressions," or demand "safe spaces." But college should be a place where argument and civility are welcomed. It's a place where you can debate, protest, explore, and establish your own identity. UF is my alma mater, and home to the largest Jewish student population in America. We shouldn't fear

bizarre beliefs held by some white supremacist. We should use this as an opportunity to expose bad ideology and proudly assert our views. Are we afraid to be challenged? Are we conditioning our children to be victims instead of confident and proud American Jews?
Ironically, this pattern of silencing "hate speech" is already turned against us. Numerous Jewish or pro-Israel speakers were excluded or shouted down at public universities (two recent examples are Dennis Prager and Ben Shapiro). But it doesn't end with speeches. Content on Facebook and YouTube is increasingly more regulated, especially on matters related to Israel (interestingly, YouTube does not censor speeches by the white supremacist). We need to remind ourselves of the danger in limiting free speech, otherwise we'll lose it. We must stop behaving like victims and defend the right of the speaker, despite the content of their speech.

Noah Jacobson
Tampa

Editor's Note: The student writer, Jamie Shapiro, was asked to write about the mood on campus in light of the appearance of white supremacist Richard Spencer. Her assignment did not include covering his speech.

Reform leaders pushed and shoved by security at the Wall

(JTA) – Rabbi Rick Jacobs and other Reform Jewish leaders were pushed, pulled and had clothes torn by security guards as they tried to pray at the Western Wall Plaza in Jerusalem.

The guards and haredi Orthodox worshippers tussled with the group Thursday, Nov. 16, as it entered the main entrance to the Western Wall plaza with Torah scrolls. The guards said it was illegal to bring the scrolls into the main plaza. Reform leaders accused the haredi administration of the holy site, which employs the guards, of denying their right to freedom of prayer.

Rabbi Jacobs said that during the clashes, a guard put his finger on the trigger of a bottle of pepper spray, and put it up to Jacobs' face. His suit jacket was also ripped on the side as guards shoved him and pressed their bodies on his.

"The guards were really pushing hard," Rabbi Jacobs told JTA. "The guard who was standing right in front of me took his pepper spray and put it right in our face."

Israeli Reform chief Gilad Kariv, speaking to Israel's Hadasht news, accused the administration of acting like "thugs" and said the violence "will not stop us from fulfilling our right to pray at the Western Wall."

The Reform group began their prayer in Robinson's Arch, a non-Orthodox section of the holy site to the south of the main plaza. They then tried to enter with the Torah scrolls. They ended up finishing the service in the main plaza, in a large tourist area that is removed from the wall but adjacent to the Orthodox areas for men and women. A group of haredi protesters also shoved some of the worshippers then, according to Jacobs.

The group included the entire board of the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, which had just ordained four new rabbis, and members of the Women of the Wall feminist prayer group.

The brief fracas caused no injuries.

Administrators accused the non-Orthodox Jews of flouting the rules of the main plaza, "with the aim of creating a provocation and using it to push public relations."

"This provocative act at the Western Wall plaza, a place of unity, was a physically and verbally violent campaign at the site," the Western Wall Heritage Foundation said in a statement. "We protest this unacceptable behavior, the violence, and strongly condemn it."

The Western Wall's main plaza, administered by the Heritage Foundation, requires men and women to pray separately and bars women from using religious items, including Torah scrolls. It prohibits visitors from bringing their own Torah scrolls in an attempt to prevent women and non-Orthodox Jewish groups from using them in services at the site.

Rabbi Jacobs said that the Reform worshippers "never were aggressive, we never threw any punches, we were very determined."

The non-Orthodox groups have repeatedly challenged the rules, leading to sometimes violent confrontations. They have also criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government for backing out in June from a 2016 agreement to expand and upgrade the Robinson's Arch prayer section at the southern end of the West-



Photo by Noam Rivkin Fenton/Flash 90

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, center, and other non-Orthodox Jews clashing with security guards at the entrance to the Western Wall plaza in Jerusalem, on Nov. 16.

ern Wall. The haredi parties in the governing coalition had demanded the move.

"We belong there, we have a right to be there, and the Jewish people and state of Israel will be strengthened when the country, the Western Wall, is truly welcoming to Jews of all beliefs and practices," Rabbi Jacobs told JTA. "Things are not fine. We're not going back, we're not going to take bread crumbs and say that Robinson's Arch is good enough."

At the Jewish Federations of North America's annual General

Assembly Monday, Nov. 13, in Los Angeles, the board of trustees passed a resolution calling on Israel to reverse its "divisive and damaging" steps to freeze the Western Wall deal.

Netanyahu also addressed the controversy in a speech at the closing session of the conference.

"Israel is the home of all Jews and it must remain so," he said. "I believe that the Jewish people are all one family. I believe that Israel is the home of all Jews and that all Jews should have access and prayer at the [Western Wall]."

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Women share bread and blessings at annual Chabad Challah Bake

Nobody “kneaded” an excuse to come to the Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass. On Oct 26, more than 130 women gathered in a packed room to make challah, marking Chabad at Wiregrass’s 3rd annual Mega Challah Bake.

The local Mega Challah Bake was one of 300 challah bakes that took place simultaneously around the world.

“Challah baking is a time-honored tradition,” said Chanie Yarmush, co-director of Chabad at Wiregrass and the event coordinator. “Our annual Mega Challah Bake provides an opportunity for women and girls of all backgrounds and affiliations to join together and share in this beautiful mitzvah.”

When performing the mitzvah of challah, it is an auspicious time to ask G-d for anything, Yarmush said. “While prayer is usually a personal time, uniting 130 women together in prayer is empowering, beautiful

and a unique experience.” Attendees learned how to mix, knead and shape their own challah while discovering the beauty and spiritual power of this tradition.

“The Mega Challah Bake was an amazing event that combined a girls’ night out with spirituality and hands-on fun,” said Hannah Lamport. “Making Challah with so many women was a transcendent experience; we all felt connected to each other and connected to G-d. The programming, dancing, all contributed to make this an unforgettable evening.”

The women did not have to worry about measuring - all the ingredients, including 150 pounds of flour, were premeasured. They dumped the ingredients in the bowl, under Yarmush’s direction, mixed when necessary and voila – challah dough. The bowls were covered and the dough was left to rise for one hour.



Participants enjoying a hands on learning experience in the art of making challah.

The women then enjoyed a “taste of Shabbat” with delicacies from a traditional Shabbat meal and were entertained by a solo dance performance by Hannah Thompson.

“It was such a joyful experience to be united with women from our community and beyond,” said Mara Brooks. “We came together

in love and devotion to share our stories in the magical art of making challah. These memories will forever be ingrained as a bond of love, faith and community”.

Each participant prepared two loaves of challah to bake at home, and were encouraged to participate in “Loaves for Love,” sharing a

challah with someone else to pay the joy forward.

“It was truly amazing knowing that so many Chabad centers and hundreds of thousands of ladies from around the world were completing our circle and baking Challah together,” said another participant, Ona Podell.

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BIBLE MUSEUM

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museum’s chairman of the board, said museumgoers should come away realizing that the Bible “has had a positive impact on their lives in so many different ways and when they leave they will be inspired to open it.”

It especially celebrates the Bible’s Jewish origins, notably those made manifest in modern Israel. The dedication included a rabbi, Israel’s ambassador to the United States, the Israeli minister of tourism and the director of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

At times, the event seemed like a pro-Israel gala. Ron Dermer, the Israeli ambassador, celebrated the museum as a signifier of the Jewish claim to Jerusalem. The Bible nurtured Jews through 2,000 years of exile until they were able to “rebuild the original DC – David’s Capital,” he said.

Yariv Levin, the tourism minister, read a letter from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who sent “warm greetings from Jerusalem, the eternal and undivided capital of Israel.”

The deference to Judaism is evident in the museum logo, a B flat on its face resembling the tablets of the Ten Commandments, and the museum store, where Star of David pendants glitter next to crucifixes. If you have \$80 to spare, you can choose a crucifix or Hanukkah menorah made from Jerusalem stone facing each other on the same shelf.

The museum also makes the Bible as unmistakably American as someone named, well, Charlton Heston. One permanent exhibit is dedicated to the biblical underpinnings of the abolition of slavery and of the civil rights movement.

The U.S.-born Dermer picked up on the theme of his native land as a nation whose origins were in the Bible.

“Those ideas inscribed in your founding documents and etched on your statues are not merely the values of America, they are the values of the Bible,” he said in his address.

Scholarship at the museum is pervasive, but employed a la Cecil B. DeMille: to prove the Bible is not just compelling but true.

A day at the museum – officials say a thorough tour would take 72 hours – may leave you smarter about the Bible’s origins, the stated agenda of the museum. But you may also suspect that the goal of this newfound knowledge is not to encourage critique but belief. The

Photo by Ron Kampeas

Amanda Weiss, the director of the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem, leading a tour through an exhibit her museum is lending to the Museum of the Bible.

approach is closer to seminary than religious studies department.

Executive Director Tony Zeiss was unambiguous about the museum’s desired effect at the dedication ceremony.

“This is a day to rejoice, it is the Lord’s day!” he said.

Designers of the museum, he added, had two overarching criteria: “Will this lift up the Bible, and will it lift up people?”

The museum employs scholarship to make that case.

“We engaged leading scholars around the country,” Green, the scion of the family that runs the Hobby Lobby chain, said Nov. 15, in a news briefing.

But scholarship alone wouldn’t sell it, so like most contemporary museums, there are plenty of experiential exhibits. “If you put a Bible under a glass case in a language I can’t read, it will only hold my attention for so long,” Green explained.

Judaism as parent suffuses just about every exhibit, including The Hebrew Bible. It’s an immersive 30-minute stroll through animations and special effects illustrated by supple, handsome animated Hebrews. (The Burning Bush, a riot of bright yellow light in a darkened room, was genuinely thrilling.) That’s more than twice as long as the 12 1/2-minute immersive New Testament experience.

On the fifth floor of this six-floor mammoth comprising much of a Washington block are artifacts contributed by Israel’s Antiquities Authority. The exhibit is permanent, but the Israeli authority will rotate the items about 1,500 at a time.

The debt to Judaism is seen in the kosher-style food at Manna, the rooftop restaurant run by a couple who wrote *The New Jewish Table* cookbook. (Two kosher items per meal will be available at the restaurant.)

Judaism and its origins in Israel are evident as well in a temporary exhibit, through May, organized by

Jerusalem’s Bible Lands Museum, which served as a consultant to the D.C. museum.

It is there that one gets to the crux of what makes this museum different from all others. An exhibit offends from Khirbet Queiafa, a village dating to the time when King David is purported to have ruled, begins with a replica of the Tel Dan Stele, fragments of an inscribed stone tablet. The tablet, to a degree, validates the historical accuracy of the battle of Jezreel, where Yoram, king of Israel and Ahaziah, king of Judah were killed, as recounted in 2 Kings 9.

The stele is important because it contains the oldest reference to King David, who lived two centuries or so earlier. It establishes that David was likely a real person. But it also diverges from the Bible, crediting Hazael, an Aramaic king, and not Jehu, the Israeli king, with the victory.

The real stele is at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, where a document will explain how the radically different accounts at once validate the ancient Jewish presence in the land – but undercut the notion that the Bible is less revealed truth than it is a political document written by the ultimate victors.

In this exhibit, the accompanying text refers only to a “different version” appearing in the Bible. MiYoung Im, the museum’s antiquities curator who trained first as a theologian in Korea and then in Israel as an archaeologist, said she appreciated the stele both as a Christian and as someone trained to view artifacts as a scholarly outsider.

Nonetheless, she said, the significance of the stele for the new museum was not in how it differed from the Bible, but how it validated it.

“We want to show how this exhibit relates to the time of David,” she said. “We can’t prove where David lived – we can show that he lived.”



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Obituaries

CONNIE DUGLIN, 71, of Tampa, died Nov. 7. Born in Peoria, IL, she was a graduate of Salem College, NC, after which she moved to New York and worked as an international flight attendant for TWA. In 1978, she and her husband moved to Tampa and founded the Connie Duglin Specialty Linen Company. She was active in the Junior League, Congregation Schaarai Zedek and Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood. Survivors include her husband of 44 years Evan; children and step-children Jeff, Craig, Laurence and Nanette; and five grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Duglin Family Camp Coleman Scholarship fund at Congregation Schaarai Zedek. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

ZOE "CHIPPIE" GOULD, 95, of Tampa, died Nov. 10. She moved to Tampa in 1956 from her native New York. She was a graduate of Syracuse University as an English major. A tireless volunteer for many organizations, she worked in Tampa General Hospital's gift shop for over 35 years and was a long-time member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek and past president of its Sisterhood. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Herb and Joan Gould; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Michael Kushner, and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to The Lighthouse for the Blind in Tampa. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

MICHAEL CHARLES SCHWARTZ, 75, of Tampa, died Nov. 6. Born in Brooklyn, he moved to Tampa in 1978 from Orlando where he had lived for a number of years. Along with his family, he owned the Kartt East Jewelry Store. He later sold automobiles and opened the J. M. Schwartz Deli and Restaurant in Tampa. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Judy; sons, Bob Schwartz and Phil Schwartz; daughters and son-in-law, Dara Schwartz, and Laurie and Carl Rohrs; and his siblings and their spouses; Ron and June Meister, Bob and Merle Schwartz, Joel and Dorothy Schwartz, Barbara and Bob Andrzejewski, Ellen and Larry Kagan; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael and Jan Kartt; and five grandchildren. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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Critics warn House tax reform bill could politicize houses of worship

(JTA)—The U.S. House of Representatives passed major tax reform legislation along party lines that critics said effectively repeals an amendment designed to keep houses of worship nonpartisan.

The vote Thursday, Nov. 16, was 227-205, with 13 House Republicans joining all Democrats to oppose the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Its passage represents the advancement of a key agenda item for President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans.

The Anti-Defamation League said the bill constitutes a repeal of the Johnson Amendment, which bars tax-exempt nonprofits from endorsing or opposing candidates. For decades, the ADL said, the amendment "has protected the integrity of houses of worship and other non-profit organizations by prohibiting them from endorsing or opposing political candidates."

ADL's national director, Jonathan Greenblatt, warned that "undermining the Johnson Amendment's critical protections will politicize the pews and foster inappropriate religious entanglement with politics." ADL

"is deeply troubled and disappointed" by the development, the group said in a statement.

Noting that the Senate's current version of the tax bill does not contain a similar repeal, ADL added that the Senate "must be resolute on this issue by taking a stand to keep divisive politics out of our houses of worship."

While the bill's passage in the Republican-controlled House was largely drama free, the prospects for the measure are more unclear in the Senate, where Republicans hold only a two-seat majority, according to CNN.

The House Republican tax plan, released Nov. 2, condenses the current seven tax brackets to three, nearly doubles the standard deduction and caps the amount taxpayers can write off in state taxes at \$10,000.

The Senate Republican plan, released Nov. 8, eliminates the state and local tax deduction and keeps the current seven brackets but lowers rates. The Senate Finance Committee is expected to vote its version out of committee on Friday, Nov. 17, according to *The New York Times*, with a full Senate vote expected after Thanksgiving.

Dozens of Jewish nonprofits, charitable organizations and religious institutions urged Congress to refrain from passing legislation that compromises the Johnson Amendment.

A letter signed by 55 Jewish groups was sent to the chairman and ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Charitable nonprofits and houses of worship can only be successful if we maintain public trust in our integrity and commitment to mission," the letter reads. "Politicizing them for the benefit of politicians and partisan donors would destroy that trust. Every charitable dollar spent on partisan campaign politics is one less dollar spent on the public good."

In addition to ADL, groups representing all streams of Judaism except the Orthodox communities signed the letter, as did Jewish community relations councils and the Jewish federations of several cities. The Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs also signed the letter, as did the American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith International.

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Organizations

Young adults

Bucs watch party: Enjoy an afternoon watching the Tampa Bay Buccaneers take on the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, Dec. 3. The party, sponsored by #Gather, will be at Blind Goat Food & Drink Co., 4105 Henderson Blvd., Tampa from noon to 4 p.m. The first 20 people to RSVP for the event will receive a free drink. There will be craft beer, cocktails, wings, pizzas and more, with food and drink specials available. There will be a team sports trivia challenge. There is no cost to attend; food and drink at your own cost. #Gather is a new social group for young adults ages 20s, 30s and 40s of all faiths and backgrounds sponsored by the JCCs in Tampa. For more information or to RSVP, go to: www.bryan-glazerfamilyjcc.com/gather.

Whiffleball tournament: on Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., #Gather will host a whiffleball tournament at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC basketball gym. Participants will be assigned to one of the four teams. This is free for JCC members and \$5 for guests.

Active Adults

All programs listed are either at the *Mau-reen & 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.*

Friday movie matinee: Enjoy a classic movie, popcorn and a good time on Friday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon on the Cohn campus. There is no charge to attend.

Yiddish nostalgia: Join Ruth Weston and other Yiddish enthusiasts on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at the Cohn campus to share favorite expressions and reminisce.

Crochet lessons: Learn crochet with Judy Balber in classes every Monday on the Cohn campus from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring yarn, crochet hooks and any pattern you want. Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members with prorating options available.

Biblical literature: This course, which meets at the Cohn campus every other Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., 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 of all faiths and backgrounds. Bring your own Bible so participants can compare different translations. Cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for guests. The next meeting is on Dec. 6.

Trivial pursuit and pizza: Play Trivial Pursuit and enjoy pizza at the Cohn campus on the second Thursday of each month from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations are welcome to cover the cost of the meal.

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.

JetSetters: This social group for adults of all ages meets at both JCCs for an hour-long program followed by lunch. At the Glazer JCC, JetSetters meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. The group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 20 for a program by Mario De Leon on music from around the world. The lunch is free for members but donations are welcome.

The JetSetters group also meets on the Cohn campus on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11 a.m. to noon for a Hanukkah celebration. The lunch is free for members. Reservations are required.

News schmooze: A discussion group, led by Pat Renfro, which explores "hot button" issues, is held at both JCCs. Up-

coming News Schmooze sessions at the Glazer JCC are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The group will discuss NAFTA on Nov. 28, Hate in America on Dec. 5, Florida politics on Dec. 12 and What is possible in 2018 on Dec. 19.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The group will talk about Hate in America on Dec. 8 and What is Possible in 2018 on Dec. 22. There is no charge to attend.

Ballroom dancing: Private ballroom dance lessons are offered at the Glazer JCC on Mondays 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.

Bridge lessons: Anyone wanting to learn how to play bridge or improve their game can take a session of six bridge lessons at the Glazer JCC on Fridays from Dec. 22 through Jan. 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The cost for classes is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Generations After

Seeking members: The Generations After organization, consisting of sons or daughters or an adult grandchild of a Holocaust survivor or Holocaust refugees, recently elected officers. Elected were: Shelly Nadler, president; Leah Davis, director of membership and events; Yael Schauder, director of communications, and Barbara Bergren, Schauder, Diane Mandel and Renee Daniels, publicity. Charlene Wygodski and Bergren are co-chairs of the Witness of the Witness Book club, which meets six times a year. The group holds luncheons on the first Friday of each month. Those who want to join this organization need only become a member of the Florida Holocaust Museum (727) 820-0100. Contact Wygodski at CharleneWyg@mindspring.com. The organization is on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/GATampabay/

Genealogical Society

Lunch and learn: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet for a lunch and learn social on Sunday, Dec. 10 at noon at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon followed by a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m. to elect and install new officers. The program will feature members' "success stories" and "lessons learned" in researching their families. There is no charge to members, \$5 for guests for lunch. Reservations must be made by Dec. 2 to ensure there will be ample food for those attending. RSVP by calling Sally Israel at (727) 343-1652. For further information on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay or directions to the meeting call Bruce Hadburg at (727) 796-7981.

Job-Links

Career counseling: On Nov. 27, the Monday Morning Links topic will be "Keys to Job Search Success - At Every Age." The free program will be 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. Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

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

Support groups

Alzheimer's caregiver group: Menorah Manor offers a support group meeting in the Samson Nursing Center at Menorah Manor, 255 59th St. N., St. Petersburg, on the first Thursday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, call Gwen Kaldenberg at (727) 302-3750.

B'nai Mitzvah

Brilee Taylor Gold

Brilee Taylor Gold, daughter of Brandy and Jason Gold of Land O' Lakes, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Congregation Mekor Shalom in Tampa.

A seventh-grade student at Corbett Preparatory Middle School, Brilee was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. A member of the school's Jr. Thespian Troupe, Brilee is active in musical theater, voice, tap dance and volleyball and is a member of Mekor Shalom's youth group.

Brandy and Jason Gold will host a dinner reception at the Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday Dec. 2.

Special guests will include family and friends from across Florida, Wisconsin, Illinois and New York.



Jackson Vincent McCormick

Jackson Vincent McCormick, son of Michelle and Michael McCormick of Apollo Beach, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Brandon.

Jackson is a seventh-grade student at Franklin Boys Preparatory Academy. For his mitzvah project Jackson is collecting new toys in lieu of gifts to be donated to All Children's Hospital.

Michelle and Michael McCormick will host a celebration at the Sunset Grill at Little Harbor on Saturday, Dec. 2.



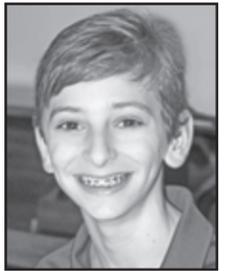
Max Charles Rothburd

Max Charles Rothburd, son of Craig and Diane Rothburd of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Dec. 2 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

A seventh-grade student at Coleman Middle School, Max is first chair trombone in the school's symphonic band. Interested in war history and Star Wars, Max also is a fencer at Tampa Fencing Academy.

Craig and Diane Rothburd will host a celebration at The Hip Room on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Special guests will include family and friends.



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The 5 weirdest kosher foods you'll be eating in 2018

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN
JTA news service

"Caution: Meat and dairy sampling on show floor," read a sign at the entrance to Meadowlands Exposition Center.

That may seem like an unusual warning outside a convention center, but to the crowd attending the food expo there on Tuesday, it made sense: Kosherfest is the world's largest kosher food trade show, where the vast majority of those attending follow the Jewish prohibition against mixing meat and dairy.

More than 4,000 food industry professionals gathered for the annual two-day event, which featured more than 325 vendors showcasing an array of products, from candy to wine.

Naturally, there were lots of samples. Reporting can be a tough job, but somebody had to taste everything. Amid the offerings of many obvious treats (lox varieties and bagel flavors, for example), there were some surprises. These are the five most unexpected foods and beverages JTA sampled at this year's Kosherfest.

Patterned matzah

Matzohgram, which was crowned by Kosherfest the Best Kosher for Passover product, is matzah printed with Jewish-themed patterns, such as Stars of David and Passover greetings. The manufacturer, Independent Ink, uses colorful, edible ink that is kosher for Passover.

Customers placing large orders can also customize matzahs with any image they desire.

"It gives you the ability to be creative for your seder plate," said NK Ranganathan, Independent Ink's chief operating officer. "You can have a variety of designs, and it becomes very interesting for the kids."

Customers can buy Matzohgram online beginning Nov. 20: It's \$10 for a box of mini-matzahs and \$16 for the regular size.

Oxygen-infused water

If Oxigen's claims about its water — that it improves both post-workout and or post-hangover recovery time and mental clarity — are true, then Gatorade may have some serious competition.

A bottle of the oxygen-infused beverage contains 1,000 parts per million of stabilized oxygen, compared to 5 to 40 parts per million in regular water, according to its manufacturer. Those in need of even more O's can take an Oxigen shot, which contains 5,000 parts per million.

"When you drink the water, the oxygen gets into your bloodstream and goes to work immediately to aid in focus, recovery, endurance and stamina," Max Lewis, director of sales for Formula Four Beverages, told JTA.

The oxygen is not in gas form, meaning it won't escape the bottle when it's opened, Lewis added.

Oxigen bottles retail at stores nationwide for \$1.69 to \$1.99, while the shots sell for \$2.79 to \$2.99.

Salted caramel frozen pizza

It's a pizza, it's a frozen dessert — it's a Frizza!

The Salted Caramel Frizza from Elegant Desserts won the trade show's award for Best Frozen Dessert. The dairy-free treat consists of a cookie bottom, salted caramel "ice cream" and caramel sauce.

"Everybody, when they come over, they go crazy about it because it's entertaining, it's fun, it's different," said Benjamin Weisz, president of Elegant Desserts based in Brooklyn.

At Kosherfest, the frizzas were cut into bite-sized squares, but they are meant to be served by the slice, like a pizza. Each pie contains eight to 16 servings, depending on how it's sliced.

Elegant Desserts, which sells frizzas online for \$36.50 each, also sells the pies in flavors such as cookies and cream and strawberry.

Ready-made shakshuka

Craving shakshuka but short on time?

This sauce is perfect for any busy person who loves this Israeli breakfast food, which consists of eggs cooked with spices in tomato sauce. To make this version of the hearty dish, one only needs to open a jar, crack a few eggs and cook the delicious mess on the stovetop or in the oven.



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Elegant Desserts sells frozen pizzas in sweet flavors such as salted caramel, peanut butter, and cookies and cream.



Matzohgram is printing patterns on matzah.



Oxigen water claims to aid in post-workout.



Rabbi Mendel Segal sells Jewish and Southern-inspired barbecue sauce.



Cooks need only add eggs to this sauce to make shakshuka.

"It makes it very quick," said Tami Bezborodko, vice president of marketing for Iron Chef. "In seven minutes, you can have a nice, hot breakfast."

The sauce contains tomatoes and spices and comes in mild and medium spicy varieties. A 24-ounce jar retails in stores nationwide for around \$4.50.

Rabbi-approved BBQ sauce

Want a barbecue with a rabbinic seal of approval? Look no further. Rabbi Mendel Segal, who founded the Kansas City Kosher BBQ Festival, now offers three varieties of his Rabbi-Q sauce. Since launching in 2015, Segal has expanded his line of sauces to include flavors that draw on both his Jewish and Southern roots — the pomegranate honey barbecue sauce, which Segal came up with when making brisket for Rosh Hashanah, is a favorite.

"It sells really well in the non-Jewish market, too, because nobody has a barbecue sauce that flavor yet," he told JTA. "But Jews catch onto it right away."

An 18-ounce jar of sauce retails at select kosher markets nationwide for \$4.99.

Call from fake reporter with Jewish-sounding name, voice seeks dirt on candidate

WASHINGTON (JTA) – A made-up reporter named “Bernie Bernstein” called an Alabama pastor searching for women to provide “damaging remarks” against Roy Moore.

In what sounded like a robocall, the man left a voicemail message with Pastor Al Moore claiming to be a reporter for the *Washington Post*. He offered women money in exchange for allegations, which he said would not be well vetted, the local CBS affiliate WKRQ-TV reported.

The voicemail was an apparent bid to discredit allegations that the Republican Senate candidate had sexual contact with minors many years ago. Given the caller’s Jewish-sounding name and strong, nasally Northeastern accent, many saw the message as anti-Semitic.

“Hi, this is Bernie Bernstein, I’m a reporter for the *Washington Post* calling to

find out if anyone at this address is a female between the ages of 54 to 57 years old willing to make damaging remarks about candidate Roy Moore for a reward of between \$5,000 and \$7,000,” the man said.

“We will not be fully investigating these claims, however we will make a written report. I can be reached by email at albernstein@washingtonpost.com. Thank you,” the caller said.

Marty Baron, the *Washington Post*’s executive editor, who is Jewish (and grew up in Tampa), issued a statement to WKRQ-TV criticizing the call as an attempt to undermine his newspaper. It is not known who made the call. But no staffer at the *Washington Post* is named Bernie Bernstein or Al Bernstein.

“The call’s description of our reporting methods bears no relationship to reality,” said Baron. “We are shocked and appalled

that anyone would stoop to this level to discredit real journalism.”

Last week, the *Post* reported allegations by four women that Roy Moore made romantic or sexual overtures to them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s. One woman said Moore initiated a sexual encounter with her in 1979 when she was 14 years old and he was 32.

Since then more women have come forward with similar accusations and *The New Yorker* reported that many people in Moore’s hometown, Gadsden, AL, recalled him being barred from the local mall for bothering young women, though no direct evidence has been found.

Moore, 70, a former prosecutor and judge, has denied the allegations and threatened to sue the newspaper.

Many observers condemned the call by the invented Jewish reporter as playing

on anti-Semitic stereotypes and canards of Jewish conspiracies and media control. Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt suggested it was an attack both on journalism and Jews.

Atlantic magazine editor Adam Serwer said a Moore supporter seemed to be pinning the blame for his political problems on a “Jewish conspiracy.” Others, including *Toronto Star* Washington correspondent Daniel Dale and the *New Yorker* television critic Emily Nussbaum, found humor in the blatant nature of the call.

The made-up name recalls two prominent Jews: Bernie Sanders was the first Jewish candidate to win major-party nominating contests last year when he ran in the Democratic presidential primaries, and Carl Bernstein was part of the *Washington Post* team that exposed the Watergate scandal in the 1970s.

IRON DOME

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After Obama was elected, Lynn went to work in the Pentagon for the U.S. Department of Defense in early 2009 at the age of 30, as a senior advisor under Defense Secretary Bob Gates. He served as special advisor on the Middle East in the Policy Office, which included being lead on U.S.-Israel defense policy issues.

Shortly after starting his job, Lynn said, “Among other items on my desk was a file on the Iron Dome project, and it was stamped in 2008 as rejected.”

Today, the Iron Dome rocket defense system is hailed as a highly effective defense system that has about a 90 percent success rate of shooting down rockets fired at Israel population centers and blowing them up before they can harm people. But when Lynn looked at the file and began asking why the project was rejected, he said a number of generals and defense officials told him the Iron Dome system – entirely the creation of a company in Israel – was not accurate and too costly.

Lynn’s duties brought him into frequent contact with Maj.-Gen. Benny Gantz, the IDF defense attaché in Washington at the time and later IDF chief of staff. Gantz wanted the U.S. to take a second look at the Iron Dome system, saying since it was tested by U.S. officials earlier and deemed ineffective, vast improvements had been made.

“I encountered a lot of rejections and heard ‘no’ many times,” Lynn said.

But he was finally able to set up a meeting with Defense Secretary Gates. Until then the project had not come to Gates for review and he was not familiar with the full details.

In a recent *Jerusalem Post* story on Lynn’s fight to get funding for the Iron Dome project, Lynn was quoted as pointing out to Gates that “this is a particular system of technology that we don’t have available ... that Israel is on the front lines, that they are taking fire, schools are getting hit and that they have technology which we should check to see if it can save lives.”

Lynn said he won Gates’ support to get a second test of the improved system at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama and the Iron Dome proved to be highly effective.

Later that year, after putting together a funding request, Lynn and his friend Dan Shapiro, who by then was the National Security Council’s senior director for the Middle East (and later became

U.S. Ambassador to Israel), met with Obama at the White House. Also at the meeting in the Situation Room were Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary Gates, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Michele Flournoy and other members of the National Security team, Lynn said.

Lynn and Shapiro told the president that Israel was seeking to build 10 Iron Dome defensive systems at a cost of about \$400 million and needed about half of that funding from the United States.

Lynn reminded Obama of his visit to Sderot two years earlier, saying, “Mr. President, you told us and everyone you wanted to do everything to protect Israeli civilians – just like if it was your daughters; this is something we can do to protect Israeli civilians and other civilians.”

Lynn said Obama immediately embraced the idea. “This is not even a difficult decision. This is absolutely something I want to support. Let’s move forward,” Obama said.

With backing from the president, the Pentagon and pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, Congress quickly approved the funding, and in subsequent years has continued to provide funding, adding on a provision that some of the Iron Dome production be done in the United States, creating jobs for Americans.

The Iron Dome technology determines the trajectory of the rockets, identifies those likely to strike populated areas, and shoots those rockets down before they reach their targets.

Lynn said Iron Dome has about a 90 percent success rate and it was his favorite project during his service at the Department of Defense. In addition to serving as Secretary Gates’ lead on the Iron Dome project, other duties included working on joint U.S.-Israel training exercises, the sale of F-35 stealth fighter jets to Israel, and on the David’s Sling and Arrow anti-missile systems being developed for use in Israel against mid-range and long-range guided missiles. His tenure at the Pentagon also included serving under Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, who succeeded Gates in that position in 2011.

Lynn left his Pentagon job in late 2014 and returned with his family to St. Petersburg.

Since then he has dabbled in politics. He filed to run in the Democratic primary for the congressional seat then occupied by



President Obama and Eric Lynn at the White House

David Jolly, but was persuaded to step aside when former Gov. Charlie Crist entered the 2016 race. He then ran for a state house seat and lost.

Lynn, 39, and Frank Sanchez,

former Under Secretary of Commerce, now run a firm called CNS Global Advisors, a strategic consulting business on national security and defense matters.

It was at a defense conference in Israel last year that he gave some details of his work to get the Iron Dome funded, resulting in a reporter from the *Jerusalem Post* writing the behind-the-scenes story recently about Lynn’s work.

Here is an excerpt from that story:

The final chapter in Lynn’s Iron Dome story came three years later.

On August 26, 2014, the day that Israel and Hamas agreed to a final cease-fire, Lynn was present at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s residence for a small meeting along with then-IDF chief

Gantz and US envoy retired general John Allen.

Netanyahu said, “I want to thank you Eric, and Dan [Shapiro] and Benny that you made sure we have Iron Dome. As prime minister, if I had not had it, we would not be ending the conflict right now. It was a game changer. I would have had to have ordered a full invasion [of the Gaza Strip] if rockets had hit Tel Aviv.”

The prime minister continued, “This not only saved Israeli civilians lives, but thousands of Israeli soldiers’ lives and thousands of Palestinian civilians lives who could have been in danger if we had needed to go in to retake Gaza.”

Lynn said that of all of the work he has done in public service, he was “the most proud” of this accomplishment, because “it worked in combat and it saved lives.”

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Nuremberg prosecutor to give Skype interview at Florida Holocaust Museum

The Florida Holocaust Museum's Lawyers of Conscience invites the community to attend a special interview via Skype with the last living Nuremberg Trial prosecutor.

The museum's Executive Director Elizabeth Gelman will interview Benjamin Ferencz, 97, from his home in South Florida. The program will be broadcast live on a large screen via Skype at the museum in downtown St. Petersburg on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m.

Ferencz was born in Transylvania in 1920. Ten months later, his family moved to the United States, where he grew up in Manhattan. In 1943, he graduated from Harvard Law School and soon afterward joined the Army, landing at Normandy and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Toward the end of the war, he was invited to investigate Nazi war crimes for the War Crimes Branch of the US Army. In that role, he gathered evidence about the horrors perpetrated by the Nazis, visiting concentration camps as they were liberated.

After the war, he was asked to return to Germany to serve on the legal staff of Telford Taylor, who was a principal prosecutor for the Nuremberg Tribunals, conducted by the Allied Forces against the top echelon of the Nazis. The landmark Nuremberg Trials, which began Nov. 20, 1945, established the offenses of crimes against peace, waging a war of aggression, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Ferencz was sent to Berlin with a team of 50 other researchers to investigate official Nazi records where he found records of the so-called "task forces" or Einsatzgruppen, which recorded exactly how many Jews, Gypsies, Communists, and Soviet intellectuals were murdered as they trekked across Eastern Europe. Although he had never prosecuted a case before at age 27, Ferencz was appointed chief prosecutor in Nuremberg's Einsatzgruppen Trial, in what the Associated Press called "the biggest murder trial in history." At the trial's conclusion, the 22 defendants were convicted of murdering over a million people. Four of the defendants were hanged.

In an interview earlier this year with *60 Minutes'* Leslie Stahl, Ferencz said one of the takeaways from that trial was, "War makes murderers out of otherwise decent people."

After the trials, he became focused on negotiating restitution for Holocaust victims and preventing future genocides. Throughout his life, he has spoken and writ-



Photo from United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of Benjamin Ferencz
Benjamin Ferencz, center, in Nuremberg, Germany, during the Einsatzgruppen Trial

ten extensively about the importance of international law as a means of attaining world peace, advocating for the establishment of the International Court of Law, which was finally established in 1998. Ferencz was given the privilege of delivering the closing arguments in the first case brought by that court against Congolese leader Thomas Lubanga Dyilo.

Ferencz is not done yet even at age 97. He believes in "peace not war," and despite the continuing scourge of genocides, he told *60 Minutes*, "It takes courage not to be discouraged ... I'm still in there fighting because I know I'm right."

Cost for the event is a minimum \$75 donation. Attendees are invited to stay and tour the museum after the program. Reservations are required, call (727) 820-0100, ext. 249.

The Florida Holocaust Museum is located at 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg.

About the Lawyers of Conscience

The mission of the Florida Holocaust Museum Lawyers of Conscience is to provide a non-political forum in which to sponsor thought-provoking programs and discussions relating past atrocities and lessons of history to contemporary issues, and to encourage participation of lawyers in order to promote equality of rights and justice under law.



Benjamin Ferencz today

MEGA EXHIBIT

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the first in history to be completely televised. The trial captivated millions of people across the globe and it was the first time that many of them learned the details of the Holocaust.

Avraham, who worked as a communications officer for Mossad, Israel's Secret Intelligence Service, spent seven years researching Eichmann's capture and trial, meeting with thousands of people and collecting and documenting the details of the operation. Avraham was aided by recently declassified artifacts from the Mossad, which helped produce the exhibit along with two museums: Beit Hatfutsot, the Museum of the Jewish People, in Tel Aviv and the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Cleveland.

Besides serving as curator of the exhibit, Avraham has been in Argentina on the set of a new movie about the Eichmann capture, also named *Operation Finale*. The movie stars Ben Kingsley as Eichmann.

During World War II, Eichmann was the key functionary in the Nazis' attempt to annihilate all of Europe's 11 million Jews. After the war he disappeared, but his crimes made him a wanted man. Operation Finale - the code name of Israel's effort to find him - reveals exactly how Mossad agents located Eichmann in his hiding place in South America, and how they abducted and smuggled him safely to Israel to stand trial.

The exhibition includes objects and images made available for the first time - original 1960s-era artifacts, photographs, Telly Award winning films and audio, as well as contemporary design elements and interactive features, to tell a story of espionage, intrigue and, ultimately, justice served.

One of the most dramatic features of the exhibit is the bulletproof glass booth in which the accused sat as the courtroom drama was broadcast around the globe. "Standing in front of the dock, that upright glass coffin familiar from a thousand newsreels, is a humbling experience," the *New York Times* said in its review of the exhibit.

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The Operation Finale exhibit will run from Feb. 10 - July 15 at the museum, 55 5th St. S., St. Petersburg. For more information including hours and admission prices, call (727) 820-0100 or go to flohocaulmuseum.org.

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The "To Life: Honoring the Past; Empowering the Future" gala featuring Avraham as keynote speaker, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. The hotel is located at 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa.

Tickets to attend To Life are on sale now. To purchase tickets, visit: www.TheFHM.org/to-life-annual-benefit or call (727) 820.0100 ext. 276.

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