

# Israeli adds to Eckerd team's global spirit

By BRUCE LOWITT  
Jewish Press

Yarden Danan's major at Eckerd College is International Business. Truth be told, her international business is basketball and has been for much of her life. After her final two seasons as a shooting guard with St. Petersburg's Tritons of the Division 2 Sunshine State Conference, the 5-foot-10 junior prob-

ably will leave to play who-knows-where professionally in Europe, or head back home to rejoin the Israeli national team. "I've played in the European championships and for Israel since I was 12 years old," Danan said, seated in the Starbucks at the Eckerd College James Center. "I've been in a lot of countries. It was really great, a lot of fun to

play for the national team. We were always like in the middle of the pack, but it's a great experience and hopefully we're going to get better and better." The 20-year-old from the Tel Aviv suburb of Rehovot was born to the game. "Since I can remember, there was a basketball in my hands," she said.

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Yarden Danan hopes to play basketball professionally one day.

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A makeshift memorial erected in front of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

## Honoring the victims: Amid grief, calls to act

JTA news service and Jewish Press staff report

They volunteered. They played soccer. They went to camp. They were sweet, mature and easygoing. They were just beginning their lives, or helping others on their way. And one died so that others could live.

Jewish students and staff were among the 17 people killed when a gunman entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland on Feb. 14, and began shooting. The Jewish victims were freshmen Jaime Guttenberg, Alyssa Alhadeff and Alex Schachter, senior Meadow Pollock and Scott Beigel, a geography teacher who is credited with saving students' lives. Nikolas Cruz, 19, who had been expelled from the school, is accused of using an automatic rifle during the killing spree.

Jaime Guttenberg

Jaime Guttenberg, 14, and her brother Jesse were both students at the school. While her brother managed to escape the school, Jaime was killed.

Jaime and Jesse were volunteers at The Friendship Initiative, a program that pairs neurotypical students like them

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## Jewish Film Festival announces hectic, eclectic schedule

The 22nd Annual Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival (TBJFF) will pack more movies into more venues in fewer days this year.

This year marks the inauguration of a partnership of the TBJFF with the Suncoast Federal Credit Union Gasparilla International Film Festival. Organizers see this as an opportunity to expand the offerings and widen the reach of the Jewish Film Festival.

"The evolved festival is now showcasing over 20 films across the Bay," said committee Co-Chair Sara Scher. What hasn't changed is the variety of films chosen by the 25-member screening committee.

The five-day long festival, March 21 - 25, is packed with films that truly merit celebration, said committee Co-Chair Loni Shelef with co-chair Stewart Donnell describing this year's lineup as "the most eclectic that we have seen in years."

The schedule includes documentaries, dramas and comedies featuring stories of complex and discreet family situations, love stories, heroic Holocaust survival, Jewish values and traditions, Jewish humor and entertainment. As always, the films will have an international flavor

The Opening Night film, "Bye Bye Germany" is a drama set in post-war Frankfurt.



with a cacophony of languages from Hebrew and Yiddish to Arabic and German (with English subtitles, of course).

This year's festivities also feature several community events paired with the films to create an enhanced experience including a chance to meet some of the people featured in two of the documentaries, *Heather Booth and Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel*.

The festival opens on Wednesday, March 21, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa with festivities starting at 6 p.m.

Opening night will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail hour. The opening night ceremonies will include the STARR Award presentation to this year's recipients: Anita and Herm Greenberg and Myra and Robert Sann.

Following the opening night film, *Bye Bye Germany*, the evening will culminate with a gourmet coffee and dessert reception in the Hesterly Salon.



The family-friendly documentary, "Heading Home: The Tale of Team Israel," will be followed by a Q&A with special guests, including an American major leaguer who played on Team

For a complete rundown on the TBJFF lineup, see Pages 18-19.



Former Mossad agent Avner Avraham stands before a display in the "Operation Finale" exhibit showing Lothar Hermann, whose tip led to Adolph Eichmann's capture, and Hermann's daughter Sylvia, who was wooed by Eichmann's son Klaus in Buenos Aires.

## New museum exhibit documents Adolph Eichmann capture intrigue

By BOB FRYER  
Jewish Press

Adolph Eichmann, a monstrous war criminal whose hate for Jews was legendary, was done in by young love.

That is just one of the compelling elements in the story of how Eichmann was captured in 1960 and tried for helping send millions of Jews to their deaths. The story is told in a special exhibit - Operation Finale - at the Florida Holocaust Museum in downtown St. Petersburg.

The exhibit's title was taken from the name that agents from Mossad, Israel's Secret Intelligence Service, gave to the real-life spy thriller project to bring Eichmann to justice. Since Eichmann played such a key role in Nazi Germany's "Final Solution" plan to exterminate all Jews, they felt the word "fi-

nale" was appropriate for their plan to seize him in Argentina and bring him to Israel to stand trial.

Career Mossad agent Avner Avraham curated the espionage artifacts featured in the exhibit and came to St. Petersburg recently to educate museum docents on the exhibit so they can share the story with museum visitors. He is also consulting on a movie about Operation Finale, starring Ben Kingsley as Eichmann, which is set to come out later this year. Avraham said he will play a role in the movie.

The exhibition, previously in Cleveland and New York before stopping here through July 15, is the first time that the recently declassified Mossad materials from Operation Finale have been seen outside of Israel.

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## Business accelerator picks 4 new Israeli companies to spread wings here

Following a successful inaugural year when the Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA) brought eight companies from Israel to Tampa to meet potential investors and customers, FIBA has selected four new Israeli companies to help get established here.

The new companies are in the field of digital health, ecologically conscious construction, cyber security, and the medical device industry.

FIBA, which has office in the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa, is becoming a leader in ushering innovative Israeli companies into the U.S. market, with many of the first group of eight companies finding local investors and some planning to open offices in the Tampa Bay area.

All four of the Israeli companies are innovators in their industries. With goals of improving patient care, protecting coastlines

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On a tour of the University of Tampa, (L-R) Andrew Rella, CEO of EConcrete US; Naomi Rubinstein, founder and CEO of BetterCare; Roy Heller, sales director at Nucleo; and Amit Safir, sales director at UC-Care



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The location features Spanish architecture, Mexican art décor and dinner seating by candlelight.

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Amar'e Stoudemire showing one of the wines in his collection of Israeli kosher wines, in New York, Feb. 20, 2018.

## Former NBA star Amar'e Stoudemire just launched a line of kosher wines

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN  
JTA news service

NEW YORK — Six-time NBA All-Star Amar'e Stoudemire has launched a line of kosher-for-Passover Israeli wines.

The 6-foot-10 former player, who returned earlier this month from a trip to the Jewish state, spoke glowingly about the wines and his connection to Israel at a news conference.

"It's a blessing for me and my family to be able to produce such great wines from a land like the land of Israel, so we're constantly counting our blessings for that," Stoudemire told reporters at the Jewish National Fund House on the Upper East Side.

Stoudemire, 35, said he had been in talks with the Israel Wine Producers Association for three years about making an Israeli wine and realized the opportunity when he relocated to the country in 2016 to play for the Israeli team Hapoel Jerusalem. He retired from basketball last year after helping lead Hapoel Jerusalem to the Israeli Basketball League Cup.

"Once I moved to Israel, it was the perfect connection to meet with the vineyards and go to the tastings and figure out the different blends for each bottle," said Stoudemire, a part-owner of Hapoel Jerusalem.

Stoudemire played for the New York Knicks and Phoenix Suns among other teams in a 16-year NBA career. Although raised Christian, he began exploring a spiritual connection to Judaism on a trip to Israel in 2010.

"I feel spiritually Jewish, culturally Jewish," he said at the time.

Stoudemire's line includes two red wine blends and one Cabernet Sauvignon, all produced in limited quantity by the Tulip Winery on its vineyards in Kfar Tikva, in Israel's north.

The winery produced only

100 bottles of the high-end wine, Stoudemire Private Collection, with each bottle retailing at \$244.99. It produced slightly larger quantities, 1,680 each, of the Stoudemire Reserve and Stoudemire Grand Reserve wines, which are retailing for \$59.99 and \$99.99, respectively. The kosher beverage giant Royal Wine Corp. is distributing the wines, which are currently only available for purchase in stores in New York and New Jersey.

Stoudemire, who continues to speak about his connection to Israel, said he's open to producing additional wines, but that he would not produce them outside the Jewish state.

"I prefer to keep the wines strictly from the grapes in Israel," he said. "It's my way of giving back to the land. I try to do what I can to stay rooted."

Making sure the wine was kosher was important to the basketball star. Stoudemire identifies with the Hebrew Israelites, African-Americans who believe they are connected to the biblical Israelites and adhere to some Jewish customs.

"A kosher wine is always important for us because you can drink those during the High Holy Days," he said.

His fans may also wonder if Stoudemire will be using the wine for purposes other than drinking: In 2014, the athlete shared a photo of himself soaking in red wine. He later said that he had been engaging in the practice — known as vinotherapy — for months in order to relax and rejuvenate his body.

At the press conference, Stoudemire said the whole deal had been exaggerated "It was a birthday gift," he recalled. "So I went and tried it out. It was great, so I took a picture, then I posted on Instagram, and it just kind of was blown out of proportion. That's a luxury deal, red wine baths."

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Sipora, a Jewish refugee from Iran, looking out the window of her daughter's Netherlands home, Feb. 15, 2018.



Photo by Cnaan Liphshiz

## Jewish grandmother sentenced to death in Iran hopes for salvation in Holland

By CNAAN LIPSHIZ  
JTA news service

UTRECHT, Netherlands – To the dozens of revelers of this city's main Purim party, a Jewish grandmother who cooks the event's annual Persia-themed holiday feast is a rare communal asset.

Since she immigrated to the Netherlands in 2012 from her native Iran, the soft-spoken newcomer has been volunteering with the local Chabad House, preparing delicious traditional dishes with exotic spices, such as saffron-flavored yellow rice and chicken, for Utrecht's celebration of the holiday.

Her contribution has added prestige to the event, which has been featured in regional and national media thanks to the authentic touch she adds. (After all, the story behind Purim is set in Persia, celebrating the rescue of that country's Jews from a communal death sentence.)

But only a few of the locals who know Sipora (not her real name) are aware that she is both an illegal alien in the Netherlands and a refugee with a death sentence hanging over her own head in Iran for political offenses.

Sipora, 60, was sentenced in absentia to death by public execution in 2013 by a Tehran court that convicted her of "violating Islamic rules [of the] Islamic Revolution" and "anti-regime activity." Her crime: running an underground organization that found housing solutions for women with abusive husbands who could not obtain a divorce.

Luckily for Sipora, she had already left Iran a year prior to her sentencing to help with the pregnancy of her daughter -- herself a political refugee who has been living in the Netherlands since fleeing her native land in 2010. Sipora's daughter, Rebecca, fled in connection with her involvement in the making of a documentary film about the fight for democracy in Iran.

"A few weeks after I came to Holland, I called my husband on the telephone. He asked me to go on Skype. I knew something was wrong," Sipora recalled.

Sipora's husband of over 40 years, a Jewish building contractor with a heart condition, told her online that Iran's dreaded secret police were looking for her and other members of her group.

"In that moment I knew there is no going back," Sipora recalled.

Unfortunately for her, Sipora's legal troubles back home coincided with a toughening of immigration policies in the Netherlands, where the center-right ruling party is bleeding votes in favor of the anti-Islam Party for Freedom, which favors a shutdown of immigration from Muslim countries.

Rebecca received a temporary residency permit and later citizenship without delay even though she had no death sentence against her in Iran. Meanwhile, the Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service has consistently declined requests by Sipora two years later. Instead, she is in legal limbo -- neither granted asylum nor deported,

despite her whereabouts being known to authorities.

The Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service did not reply to a query from JTA about Sipora's status.

A teacher of Persian who speaks neither Dutch nor English, Sipora lives with her daughter and grandson in relative social isolation and uncertainty. Her eyes well with tears as she explains through an interpreter that she is getting used to the thought of never again hugging her husband.

Yet Sipora has no regrets over helping the abused wives for whom she found shelter -- sometimes inside nearly finished apartments constructed by her husband, a building contractor.

"I would do the same thing all over again," Sipora said. "For all my problems now I have family who care for me. These women have no one, only enemies hounding them, and no rights before the law."

Following the latest crackdown on alleged opposition activists in Iran, Sipora's husband told her he is under close watch and unlikely to be allowed to leave the country. This is part of the reason that Sipora does not want to immigrate to Israel, or make aliyah, though she is eligible for it.

"I could leave for Israel tomorrow, but then my husband's fate is sealed," Sipora said. "For a Jewish family to flee for Holland is one thing, but if I go to Israel he will pay the price for what will be seen as collaboration with the enemy."

Even her involvement with Chabad did not go unnoticed in Tehran, Sipora said.

Secret police in 2016 confronted Sipora's husband with pictures featuring Sipora from the Chabad Purim feast, he told her. They demanded he explain why his wife is "working with a Zionist organization. He answered that she was representing Persian Jewish culture in Holland and that Iran should be proud of it.

Trapped in her predicament, Sipora's only comfort is being with her 5-year-old grandson and her daughter. But this is no remedy against sleepless nights and a constant sense of foreboding, she said, especially before reporting to Dutch authorities as she must do periodically. She could be deported as an illegal alien at any moment. Sipora's next appearance before an immigration service judge is scheduled for March 2.

Outwardly, though, Sipora puts on a brave face, according to Erik Veldhuizen, who also volunteers at the Chabad House where Sipora is preparing the annual feast.

"She's a positive and polite person," he told JTA. "A few of us are of course aware of her situation, but you'd never know that she's in dire straits by her demeanor."

Back home, Sipora is discussing her grandson's Purim costume options with him as a welcome distraction from the fears and doubts surrounding her.

"Just like in Purim, it will all work out in the end," her daughter tells her. "It just has to."

## U.S. Embassy to move in May, Israel's 70th birthday

By RON KAMPEAS  
JTA news service

WASHINGTON – The Trump administration will formally move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv in May to coincide with Israel's 70th anniversary.

"We're planning to open the new U.S. Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem in May," a State Department spokesman told JTA in an email. "The Embassy opening will coincide with Israel's 70th anniversary."

The spokesman did not reveal a specific date, but May 14 would mark 70 years since Israel's establishment.

The spokesman said the embassy would be located in a southern Jerusalem neighborhood on the side that Israel held before 1967 but running along the seam of what was then the border.

"The Embassy will initially be located in Arnona, on a compound that currently houses the consular operations of Consulate General Jerusalem," he said.

Building a new embassy will take at least three years, and the spokesman suggested that at least for now, much of the daily operation of the embassy would remain in Tel Aviv.

"At least initially, it will consist of the Ambassador and a small team," the spokesman said of the Jerusalem operation.

Trump administration officials had said previously that the embassy move would take place in 2019. President Donald Trump has heralded his Dec. 6 recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital as one of the highlights of his administration.

Another source apprised of the move provided JTA with a timeline for the move: In the first phase, starting in May, Ambassador David Friedman and some staff will begin working out of the consular section at a cost of about \$300,000 to \$500,000.

In the second phase, by the end of 2019, an annex on site will be constructed for a more permanent working space for the ambassador, staff and a classified processing site. That will cost \$10 million to \$15 million, and the security arrangement will cost at least \$45 million.

The third phase, the site selection and construction of a new embassy, will take up to nine years.

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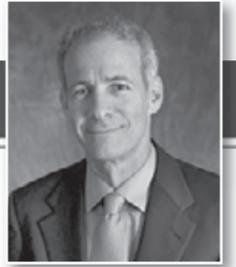
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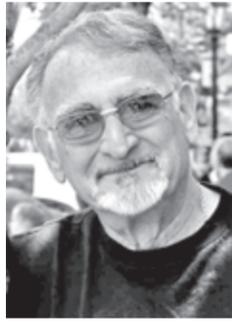
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while preserving marine life and securing companies' systems and data, FIBA officials say they believe these companies will lead the way with their groundbreaking technologies.

On Feb. 12, the companies brought key management representatives to Tampa for four weeks. The entrepreneurs will study the U.S. market, identify business opportunities, receive coaching on sales and marketing, and immerse themselves in the Tampa community and business environment. They will return in June for two weeks to prepare for and present at FIBA's second annual Innovation Fusion event.

The next group of Israeli companies will be chosen in March.

Meanwhile, FIBA celebrated the recent success of two of the eight companies that participated in 2017.

Last month, WeissBeeger, a beverage consumption analytics company, was acquired by Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV, the world's largest beer brewer, for a reported \$80 million. WeissBeeger developed a unique mixture of hardware, software, and data analysis for the beverage industry. With the acquisition, WeissBeeger is set to become Anheuser-Busch InBev's research and development center in Israel.

"The sale of Weissbeeger to InBev illustrates the caliber of companies that FIBA is attracting to its program and the possibility for investment opportunities and establishing a Florida presence for these exciting companies," said Rachel Marks Feinman, executive director of FIBA.

In December, StemRad, an Israeli company that makes a personal radiation shield to protect troops, first responders, and nuclear power plant workers, landed a \$6 million investment led by Tampa's investor Jeff Vinik.

Other companies from FIBA's 2017 cohort continue to gain traction in the Tampa Bay market, and FIBA anticipates additional successes for these companies.

FIBA negotiates individual agreements with each of the companies in the program. There are some companies in which the JCC and Federation or its affiliates has a small equity stake.

The new companies are:

### BetterCare

This company develops a real-time communication and care management platform for caregivers, nurses and professional staff in order to improve care at skilled nursing facilities. The platform is simple, user-friendly, customizable and comprehensive. It enables standardized reporting and a continuum of care.

"We are excited to bring BetterCare to Tampa and expose them to the Florida market, where skilled nursing facilities are abundant and the BetterCare product can significantly improve patient care. We were introduced to BetterCare through our partnership with CDI Negev, an established Israeli accelerator program in partnership with Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva," said Rachel Marks Feinman, executive director of FIBA.

The company's web address is [www.bettercare.co.il](http://www.bettercare.co.il)

### ECONcrete

This company provides science-based construction solutions that are designed to decrease the ecological footprint of concrete structures like ports, breakwaters and piers, while improving their structural performance. They have developed a revolutionary approach to eco-engineering of coastal and marine infrastructure, providing cost-effective concrete solutions for the ever-growing global climate-change threats such as sea-level rise and superstorms.

CEO Shirmrit Perkol-Finkel, says "ECONcrete is excited to work with FIBA on business development, networking, and market penetration in Florida."

The company web address is [www.econcretetech.com](http://www.econcretetech.com)

### Nucleon

This company's focus is on identifying and analyzing cyber threats. With those threats growing every day and cyber attacks becoming more common and more powerful, Nucleon hopes its innovative technology – with tools built to work autonomously on the Internet, 24/7 – will be the solution to Internet security.

"With so much activity in the cyber security space these days, we continue to pursue companies that bring unique solutions to the cyber threat that applies to all industries. We selected Nucleon because they have shown some early traction and are exploring Florida as their base for their U.S. operation," Feinman said.

The company web address is [www.nucleon.sh](http://www.nucleon.sh)

### UC-Care

This company develops, manufactures, and sells two products aimed at improved detection and treatment of prostate cancer. UC-Care created the Navigo System, a fusion MRI navigation system for prostate biopsies, and the SmartBx System, a prostate biopsy preserving download device. With prostate cancer being the most common cancer in men in the U.S. after skin cancer, the unique, patented and FDA-approved systems by UC-Care improve visibility and accuracy and reduce risk. UC-Care CEO Shaike Schatzberger said, "We hope for close cooperation with the FIBA team and the Tampa community and we are very happy to start the program."

The company web address is [www.uc-care.com](http://www.uc-care.com)

### About FIBA

The Florida-Israel Business Accelerator is a Florida-based business development and community engagement project designed to establish and grow successful Israeli tech ventures in the Tampa Bay area. FIBA identifies Israeli technologies that can solve business problems and fill challenge-gaps for Florida corporations and provides a soft landing for companies that are ready to enter the U.S. market. FIBA offers entrepreneurs strategic alignment with corporate partners, consults on product localization and expansion and provides guidance on developing go-to-market strategies. FIBA also facilitates introductions to prospective customers, strategic partners and investors and assists with sales and development of customer leads. FIBA encourages the Israeli companies to establish operations in the Tampa Bay area. For more information, go to [www.FIBA.io](http://www.FIBA.io)



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The Parkinson & Movement Disorder Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of people impacted by Parkinson's by providing opportunities to learn, live more fully, and connect to community.

## Suncoast Hillels shines twice in annual college guide

In the most recent issue of the *Hillel College Guide*, Hillels of the Florida Suncoast, for the first time in its history, was featured in the publication – and not just once but twice.

*Hillel College Guide* magazine, produced annually by Hillel International, provides prospective college students with an overview of the world's largest Jewish campus organization. Typically, the magazine focuses its stories on some of the most unique and innovative programs brought to life by the more than 550 Hillel chapters at college campuses around the world.

In one article, "Students Lead in Creating a Welcoming World," the University of South Florida Hillel was highlighted for its students' commitment to inclusivity, specifically among the local LGBTQ community. In the second article, "Diving Deep with Special Needs," Eckerd College Hillel was highlighted for its unique Alternative Spring Break trips to the Florida Keys where members of the Scubi Jew group dive with quadriplegic and paraplegic adults.

The magazine also listed the top colleges that Jews choose.

In the top 60 public colleges, seven of those schools are in Florida. Their rankings on the list are: 1 - University of Florida; 3- University of Central Florida; 16- Florida International University; 18 - Florida State University; 29 - Florida Atlantic University; 49 - University of South Florida; 51 - Broward College.

In the private college category, Florida schools that ranked were: 8- University of Miami; 37- Nova Southeastern University; 53-University of Tampa; 58- Stetson University.

To view the most recent edition of the *College*



Megan Warrenbrand Photography

This photo with Eitan Quitoriano, USF Hillel president, on right, was used to illustrate a story about the chapter creating a welcoming environment for LGBTQ students.

*Guide* magazine, visit <https://issuu.com>, or contact Hillels of the Florida Suncoast at (813) 899-2788 or [shalom@suncoasthillels.org](mailto:shalom@suncoasthillels.org) to obtain a hard copy of the publication.

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast supports Jewish life on six college campuses along the Suncoast of Florida, including the University of South Florida (Tampa and St. Petersburg), the University of Tampa, Eckerd College, Stetson University College of Law and Florida Southern College.

## Gulf Coast receives funds for Holocaust survivor care

Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services has been awarded a grant from the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) through the Center for Advancing Holocaust Survivor Care.

When combined with matching funds, this award will enable \$42,500 in new programming for survivors. This is the second year of this grant, for a combined total of \$127,500 in trauma-informed care training for those working with survivors.

"Support intended to help survivors may actually trigger memories of Holocaust horrors. A simple thing like trying to encourage a client to throw away moldy food could evoke memories of the severe hunger. People often assume that over time, trauma fades away, but survivors actually tend to be more easily triggered as they age, especially with an increasing lack of control over their bodies and their lives," said Dr. Sandra Braham, Gulf Coast JFCS CEO.

With this grant, Gulf Coast's Holocaust Survivor Program staff created a special training program for homecare workers in providing trauma-informed care to Holo-

caust survivors. Although caregivers are trained to meet the needs of elderly clients, many do not understand the unique trauma many Holocaust survivors endured.

This is the second year of the program, and administrators of homecare agencies have been enthusiastic about incorporating cultural competency into their policies, procedures and training requirements. Gulf Coast also reports that thus far, the training outcomes have been significant in increasing knowledge of the Holocaust and understanding trauma.

Gulf Coast's Holocaust Survivor program serves Pinellas, Pasco and Hillsborough counties.

JFNA launched the survivor care center in 2015, following an award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$12 million over five years to advance innovations in what is known as "person-centered, trauma-informed services" for Holocaust survivors in the United States. This is a holistic approach to providing service that promotes the dignity, strength, and empowerment of trauma victims by incorporating knowledge about

the role of trauma in victims' lives into agency programs, policies and procedures.

Of the more than 100,000 Holocaust survivors in the United States, nearly one-quarter are age 85 or older, and one in four lives in poverty. Many live alone and are at risk for social isolation, depression, and other physical and mental health conditions stemming from periods of starvation, disease, and torture.

"It is critical that we deliver these lifesaving and life-enhancing services to Holocaust survivors. The past two years of this federal grant program have shown the deep impact that person-centered, trauma-informed services can have on Holocaust survivors. We are grateful to partner with the government to augment this work," said Mark Wilf, chair of JFNA's National Holocaust Survivor Initiative.

The grant money is a combination of federal dollars and philanthropic dollars raised by Jewish Federations as part of JFNA's National Holocaust Survivor Initiative, which has raised \$45 million to support the survivor community.

## Interest free loans available to bridge the financial gap to higher education goals

From future dancers to cantors to podiatrists and everything in between, the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) endeavors to help Jewish students find their path through academic life a little easier.

Applications for interest-free loans for higher education (college, graduate school and vocational programs) are available for the 2018-2019 school year.

JELF loans are need-based and offer "last-dollar" financing, meaning that JELF provides the final dollars that bridge the gap between a student's total financial resources and the cost of attending school.

"Say you need \$20,000 for school, and your family is giving you \$10,000," said Gail Allen, administrator and applicant advocate for JELF at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services in Clearwater. "And let's say you have a \$3,000 scholarship and a \$5,000 federal loan. JELF would consider that last amount (\$2,000) to help students get the total funds they need to graduate."

In the 2017 school year, JELF has provided over \$1 million dollars to students in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Since its inception in 1985, JELF has provided financial help to 113 Florida students with monies totaling \$368,351. Those students are enrolled in schools all over the state, including the University in Tampa and University of South Florida.

JELF offers students a repayment plan that starts six months

after graduation and required repayment of 5 percent of the loan in the first two years, giving students a chance to land their first job without crushing loan payments. Besides that the loans are interest free, this is one of the things that makes them so attractive to so many different types of students, said Allen.

"There is a current student, a daughter, whose father was a JELF recipient," she said. "Another student went to the School of Fine Arts in Cincinnati. She's an incredible musician and dancer, Hannah Zazzaro."

Allen said a podiatrist, an undergrad engineer, an attorney and an artist have also taken out JELF loans.

To qualify for the program, applicants must be enrolled in a program leading to a degree or certificate at an accredited U.S. institution, a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status, maintain a 2.0 gpa and be able to demonstrate financial need (A 2018 FAFSA application is required). Applications are available from March 1 through April 30, and again from Sept. 1-30.

Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services handles loans for students in Pinellas County. For more information for those students, email Gail Allen at [gallen@gcjfcs.org](mailto:gallen@gcjfcs.org).

In Hillsborough County, contact Chanita Moore with Tampa Jewish Family Services at (813) 960-1848. For general information, visit [www.JELF.org](http://www.JELF.org).



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### Purim nourishes the 'eternal youth' of our souls

By RABBI HOWARD SIEGEL  
Congregation Kol Ami, Tampa

At what point does one just admit that Purim is for kids? Answer: Not as long as there is still some "kid" inside each of us!

The holiday of Purim is a reminder of the ancient teaching in *Pirke Avot (Ethics Of Our Ancestors)*: "Do not look at a flask of wine but at its contents. You can find a new flask containing old wine and an old flask that does not hold even new wine." Or, on a more contemporary note, "Don't judge a book by its cover."

In truth, only the body ages, the soul remains the bastion of eternal youth (if one lets it).

Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin, in her book *The Tapestry Of Jewish Time*, notes that at its root the Book of Esther "is a serious story with lofty ideas about roles of bravery, sacrifice, luck and hope, a story about our ability to overcome fate, a story about believing in ourselves even though we were never taught how. And it is a story about our romantic desires to be rulers — just and benevolent rulers — and to be desired for our beauty as well as for our wisdom, to save those we love, to command fealty, to root out evil, to throw ourselves into danger and emerge victorious, to be hailed a hero."

As one ages, it is not uncommon to fill a lonely moment with dreams and visions of what could have been and what still may be. One dose of Purim is capable of whisking away the cynicism and skepticism of adulthood, if for only a moment, and returning one to the world of imagination and make-believe. A world of villains and heroes, princes and queens, good prevailing against evil, a time when in the words of the Book of Esther, "For the Jews there was light and happiness, joy and honor."

Rabbi Cardin asks, "Beyond the genesis of the book, what does it mean that this tale, of the thousands of tales that were told over time, was canonized by the Jewish people and is cherished to this very day?" It means Purim nourishes the "eternal youth" of our soul when it is most needed.

This year we celebrate Purim on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, and Thursday, March 1.

Be happy. . . not only is it the month of Adar, but time for Purim!

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## Congregations

### Chabad of Wiregrass Wesley Chapel

**Entebbe rescuer to speak:** Israel Defense Forces veteran **Sassy Reuven** will be the guest speaker at Chabad at Wiregrass on Sunday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at a program to honor Israeli soldiers.

During the terror-filled years of 1973-1976 Reuven served in the IDF's elite "Red Beret" paratrooper unit. He participated in several covert operations in Israel's struggle against Arab terrorism. In July 1976, Reuven participated in the famed Entebbe rescue mission code named "Operation Thunderbolt," flying thousands of miles over enemy territory to rescue Jewish hostages being held by terrorists in Entebbe, Uganda. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information and to RSVP, visit [ChabadatWiregrass.com](http://ChabadatWiregrass.com).



Sassy Reuven

### Chabad of Brandon

**Mega challah bake and concert:** Women are invited to participate in a huge challah baking party, with each participant baking one challah for herself and one to give to someone in need of extra love and care. Make dough from scratch and pick from a variety of recipes. Participants will discover the secret to great tasting challah and explore the beauty of this tradition unique to Jewish women. The program will also feature workshops on braiding challah, a Shabbat-themed light buffet, and live musical performance with Israeli singer **Naama**. The event is on Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Discovery Center, 1578 Bloomingdale Ave. in Valrico. Reservations are required to attend; admission is \$18 per person.

RSVP to **Tzippy Rubashkin** at (813) 571-8100, email her at [Tzippy@JewishBrandon.com](mailto:Tzippy@JewishBrandon.com), or log on to [www.Jewishbrandon.com/rsvp](http://www.Jewishbrandon.com/rsvp).

### Cong. Beth Israel Sun City Center

**50 Shades of Talmud:** The Beth

Israel Sisterhood will host a coffee and conversation with author **Maggie Anton** on Thursday, March 8 at 11 a.m. A distinctive feature of *Talmud* is that the sages debated all sorts of subjects in great detail, so it should come as no surprise that they also discussed every aspect of intimate relations — how, when, where, with whom — often in startlingly explicit fashion. Surprised and impressed at how Jewish tradition is progressive in many respects more than one might think, Anton decided to share the best of what she'd learned in her newest book, *Fifty Shades of Talmud: What the First Rabbis Had to Say about You-Know-What*. Contact **Rochelle Lafer** for more information at [Rlafer@gmail.com](mailto:Rlafer@gmail.com).

### Cong. Beth Am

**Author to speak:** The Beth Am Brotherhood will present a program, "Escape from Nazi Austria" with author **Robert Josef Konig** on Sunday March 18 at 3 p.m. in the temple sanctuary. The 90-minute program will include a screening of the documentary film, *Haven - The Dramatic Story of 1000 WWII Refugees and How They Came to America*. Konig will also discuss his novel *Of Good and Evil: Prelude to the Holocaust*, the first in a two-volume set of historical fiction about his family and the Holocaust. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. Complimentary light fare and refreshments will be provided and there will be a full bar with setups with suggested donations for adult beverages. After the presentation there will be a meet and greet and book signing with Konig. A portion of sales of his book will go to the congregation.

**Band Concert:** The Sisterhood of Beth Am will present an encore performance of the Tampa Community Band on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Once again, **Conductor John Van De Putte** will share his knowledge of music along with his sense of humor as he conducts "Tampa's Musical Treasure" in a diversity of musical styles. As a member of the band since its inception 30 years ago, congregant **Maxine Gourse** will be featured on the bass clarinet. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Contact **Victoria Cain** at (813) 968-8511 or [Admin@BethAm-Tampa.org](mailto:Admin@BethAm-Tampa.org) for more information.

**Tot Shabbat:** Every third Friday

## Shabbat Candle Lighting Times



March 2	•	6:14 pm
March 9	•	6:18 pm
March 16	•	7:22 pm
March 23	•	7:25 pm

of the month there is a Tot Shabbat service at 6:30 for tots up to age 5 and their families as they welcome in Shabbat with music, prayer and a story. This casual service is followed by an oneg Shabbat.

**Talmud study:** An ongoing group is now deeply into *Tractate Sanhedrin*, where they are learning the ins and outs of the ancient Jewish legal system. It is fascinating stuff, and drop-ins and "just want to try it out's" are always welcome. The next session is on Thursday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue. For more information Contact [Admin@BethAmTampa.org](mailto:Admin@BethAmTampa.org).

**Continuing Education:** On Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. dive into the prayer book with **Rabbi Jason Rosenberg**. He will walk through the service, prayer by prayer, exploring what these prayers mean, and trying to understand what they can mean to us, personally.

**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](mailto:Ipolster@TampaBay.rr.com) or call the temple office.

### Cong. Rodeph Sholom

**Interfaith gathering:** The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Zack Interfaith Gathering will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 11 a.m. This will be an interfaith celebration of music and praise. A complimentary lunch will be offered. Seating is limited. RSVP required before March 7.

**Movie time:** Season two of the Latin America Jewish Movies series will feature the film, *The Tenth Man*, a film by Daniel Burman, on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn, cookies and refreshments will be offered. The cost is \$5 per person.

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**Congregation BETH SHOLOM** — 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills • Mailing address: Beverly Hills Jewish Center, P. O. Box 640024, Beverly Hills, FL 34464-0024 • Shabbat services: Friday, 6 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Telephone (352) 746-6258 • Website: [www.bethsholomcitrus.org](http://www.bethsholomcitrus.org)

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**CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE at WIREGRASS** — 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel, 33544 • Rabbi Mendy Yarmush • Services: Saturday, 10:30 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 642-3244 • Website: [www.ChabadatWiregrass.com](http://www.ChabadatWiregrass.com).

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**Temple AHAVAT SHALOM** — 1575 Curlew Rd., Palm Harbor, 34683 • Rabbi Gary Klein • Services: First Friday: 6:00 p.m., All other Fridays: 7:30 p.m., call for Saturday service time • Telephone: (727) 785-8811 • Website: [www.ahavatshalom.org](http://www.ahavatshalom.org). • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

**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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#### Reform

**Temple BETH SHALOM** — 1029 Bradbury Road, • P.O. Box 313 Winter Haven, 33882-0313 • Rabbi Garson Herzfeld • Shabbat evening services: (usually 2nd and 4th Shabbat of the month at 7:30 p.m.) Torah study-Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. • Telephone: (863) 292-0722. • Website: [www.templebethshalompolk.org](http://www.templebethshalompolk.org). • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

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**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](http://TempleEmanuelLakeland.com). • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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

# The accusations against Benjamin Netanyahu: What you need to know

By **BEN SALES**  
JTA news service

Benjamin Netanyahu is in trouble. Maybe. The Israeli prime minister is engulfed simultaneously in four separate scandals, and each day seems to bring him more bad news. Netanyahu could be indicted or pushed out of office – or both.

Whether this is the beginning of the end of the Bibi Netanyahu era, or just the latest challenge to a seasoned political survivor, is the hot topic in Israel.

First, Netanyahu was accused of accepting hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal gifts from a wealthy American. Then he was accused of making a shady deal with a newspaper publisher. Then he was accused of trying to quash an investigation of his wife. Then came news of another shady deal with another newspaper publisher.

At least one of Netanyahu's friends has turned on him, and the police have recommended that he be indicted. His opponents have put up a billboard on a major highway suggesting he step down. His allies have hemmed and hawed.

All the while, Netanyahu has maintained his innocence, claiming the media and police have conspired against him.

Will it all mean the end of Netanyahu's nine-year rule? It's too soon to tell. But here's a quick guide to the biggest corruption scandal to rock Israel in years and what it means for Jews outside of Israel.

## The accusations

Netanyahu is facing an array of allegations that are hard to follow, even for those who

follow Israeli politics. Here's a rundown of the four main accusations:

- Accepting a bribe from Israeli Hollywood producer Arnon Milchan in the form of champagne and cigars totaling about \$200,000. The prime minister allegedly returned the favor by pushing for a U.S. visa for Milchan, as well as a beneficial tax break.

- Illegally negotiating for more favorable media coverage by agreeing to back legislation hurting a newspaper that supports his government in return for favorable coverage from a newspaper that usually opposes it.

- Trying to obstruct an investigation of his wife, Sara. A senior aide to the prime minister allegedly offered the post of attorney general to a judge if the judge agreed to stop the probe. Sara Netanyahu was indicted last year for improperly spending state funds on fancy cooking.

- Illegally negotiating for more favorable media coverage – again. This time, he allegedly supported regulations favoring Bezeq, an Israeli telecom giant, in return for favorable coverage on a news website owned by Bezeq's majority stakeholder.

Earlier this month, the Israel Police recommended that Netanyahu be indicted in the first two cases. The third and fourth emerged this week, turning up more heat on the beleaguered leader.

## Is this time for real?

The prime minister has been accused multiple times of illegally charging the state for personal expenses, along with other allegations, but none of them has ever resulted in an indictment.

This time could be different. Along with the recommended indictments, in the cases that emerged this week, a close confidant has agreed to become a state witness in return for avoiding prison time.



Photo courtesy of Flash90

**Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and wife Sara attending the inauguration ceremony for the new emergency ward at the Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon, Feb. 20.**

If Israel's attorney general decides to indict Netanyahu, it would be an unprecedented legal threat to his leadership.

Will Netanyahu have to resign? Other prime ministers facing corruption scandals have quit before this point in the process. Ehud Olmert, who went to prison for bribery, announced his resignation a couple months before the police recommended that he be indicted.

But it's unclear whether Netanyahu will leave his post. According to a Feb. 21 poll on Israeli Channel 2, half of Israelis

say Netanyahu should step down, as opposed to 33 percent who think he should stay. But none of his political allies are calling for him to resign (something that did happen with Olmert), saying they'll wait to see if he is actually indicted.

Through it all, Netanyahu has remained defiant, denying the allegations and attacking the police and the media for seeking to topple him. He's even adopted the term "fake news," a favorite of President Donald Trump.

"What's happened over the past two days is simply madness," Netanyahu said in a video posted to Facebook. "A scandal. False claims are brought, lies, as part of a hunting campaign against me and my family that's gone on for years... And we know the goal: to forcibly create a public cloud over the prime minister. Simply unbelievable."

If Netanyahu does resign, it will be the end of a defining era for Israel. He has served as prime minister for nearly a decade, representing Israel pugnaciously on the world stage – opposing Iran, picking fights with (or, as many would have it, standing up to) the Obama administration, courting the Trump administration and taking a (usually) hard line on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Even if he does resign, that does not mean the Israeli government will lurch to the center or left. Netanyahu stepping down would likely trigger an election, and polls show his right-wing Likud party again winning the most votes. His main rivals, centrist Yair Lapid and Avi Gabbay, the head of Israel's center-left Labor Party, have consistently lagged behind him in surveys.

## Congregations

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### Jammies and Jeans Shabbat and dinner:

Parents and children are invited to this Shabbat service on Friday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m., featuring a Teeny Tiny Seder.

### Celebrating 9 decades:

The congregation's third annual "Our Nineties Are Nifty" Shabbat will take place on Saturday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m. Join in this celebration with members who have completed nine decades of rich Jewish life. Come and receive a special blessing from the Rabbi and the Cantor. RSVP to (813) 837-1911.

### Adult education: Rabbi Josh Hearshen

will teach Torah study on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Talmud study on Thursdays at noon. At 7 p.m. on Thursdays he teaches a class titled "Embracing Judaism."

### Cong. Schaarai Zedek

**Purim Carnival:** Games and other fun activities are in store at the congregation's Purim Carnival, organized by the temple youth group on Sunday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for lunch and unlimited games. Brotherhood will serve a hot dog lunch. For more information, call the temple office, (813) 876-2377.

### Interfaith study:

Congregation Schaarai Zedek will join with Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church to engage in an interfaith study program with a series of talks on "Jesus and His Jewish Influences." Pastors **John DeBevois**, **Nicole Abdenour**, and **Will Wellman** along with **Rabbis Richard Birnholz** and **Nathan Farb** will participate in the weekly sessions on March 7, 14, 20 and 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. We know that Christianity arose out of Judaism, but we know little about the way Jesus' Jewish background might have contributed to this progression. On March 7 at Schaarai Zedek the session will be Was Jesus a "Son of Light?" The son of a virgin? The sessions at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 W. San Jose St., on March 14, 20 and

28 will deal with Jesus' arrest and crucifixion and who was to blame; What the ancient rabbis had to say about Jesus; the kind of Messiah Jesus considered himself and his teachings in context." Register online at [www.zedek.org/rsvp](http://www.zedek.org/rsvp) or call the temple office.

**Deli night:** The Brotherhood will hold its ninth annual Deli Night on Saturday, March 24 at 6 p.m. at the temple. The evening will feature deli brought in from "Ben's Deli" of New York and Boca Raton. There will be an open bar, dessert buffet and live entertainment. Individual tickets are \$49 per person for Schaarai Zedek members; \$59 for non-members. Sponsorship levels are also available. For more information, call the temple office.

### Passover Tot Shabbat:

Little ones will learn about the seder, Moses, matzah and more through songs, stories, and blessings at a Passover Tot Shabbat on Friday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. This is for families with children 5 and younger and their siblings of all ages. The program will be followed by a complimentary child-friendly Shabbat dinner. RSVP by Thursday, March 22 by going to [www.zedek.org/passover](http://www.zedek.org/passover) or emailing [office@zedek.org](mailto:office@zedek.org)

### Senior luncheon:

**Mark Sforzini** and performers from the St. Petersburg Opera will present selections following the theme "Tenors and Villains and Maids... Oh My!" at the senior luncheon on Thursday, March 15 at 11:15 a.m. The congregation's preschool singers will also perform. There is no charge, but reservations are needed so the staff can prepare. RSVP to the temple office.

### Sisterhood Happy Hour:

The Sisterhood invites folks to join them for happy hour on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at Cru Cellars, 2506 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa. The event is a Dutch treat.

**Book Club:** The Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Monday,

March 19 at noon to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. For more information, call the temple office.

### Young Israel of Tampa

#### Guest poet and a meal:

Acclaimed poet **Yehoshua November** will read selections from his two volumes of poetry, *God's Optimism* (a finalist for the *L.A. Times* Book Prize) and *Two Worlds Exist* (a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award and the Paterson Poetry Prize) at the next Festive Meal and New Moon event. His presentation will be at Young Israel of Tampa, Norman Jewish Center, 13207 N. 52nd St., Temple Terrace, on Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m. November will also share some of the experiences and teachings that inspired him to choose a life rooted in the unlikely combination of contemporary poetry and Orthodox Judaism.

His poems have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Sun Magazine*, *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, *VQR*, and on National Public Radio. November teaches writing at Rutgers University and Touro College. The poetry will be accompanied with food, drink and song. Suggested donation of \$18 will help defray the expenses of the evening.

For more information, and to RSVP, call Zev at (917) 439-5888 or email [youngisraelatampa@hotmail.com](mailto:youngisraelatampa@hotmail.com)

### Cong. Kol Ami

**Family Shabbat:** Families are invited to celebrate Shabbat during Friday night Family Shabbat Services on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Sing family friendly melodies along with your children while enjoying guitar music. Join as they dance in the aisles and play tambourines and shaker eggs. Bring bubble and zayde too.

**Save the date:** The Rabbi Joel S. Wasser Memorial Scholar-in-Residence weekend, April 13-15, will feature **Rabbi Hayim Herring**, Ph.D. Rabbi Herring is

an author, presenter and nonprofit organizational futurist who specializes in congregations and Jewish nonprofit organizations. Rabbi Herring will present the D'Var Torah Friday evening, April 13 and at Shabbat morning services, April 14 at 9:30 a.m. On Sunday morning, April 15, Rabbi Herring will present a workshop.

**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.

**Talmud:** A Talmud study class with Rabbi Howard 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.

**Jewish ethics:** Rabbi 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.

**Knitting time:** The Sisterhood Needle Workers hold weekly knitting sessions on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the boardroom. 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.

### Cong. Bais Menachem Chabad

**Torah class:** Join a weekly Torah class on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Tampa. The class explores contemporary issues through a Torah perspective. For more information, contact **Rabbi Levi Rivkin** at (813) 504-4432 or email [bmchabad@gmail.com](mailto:bmchabad@gmail.com).

**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.

### Cong. Mekor Shalom

**Color & Connect:** An adult coloring get-together will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. Come over for coloring, connecting, coffee and calm. Bring your own coloring book or use pages already at shul. Coloring supplies will be available at shul.

**Teddy Bear Shabbat:** Calling all teddy bear owners of all ages for a teddy bear Shabbat on Friday, March 9 at 6 p.m. Celebrate Shabbat in a "beary" joyful way. There will be an oneg Shabbat right after the service.

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# Bar Mitzvah

## Jordan Howard Lasky

Jordan Howard Lasky, son of Jen Lasky of Lutz, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 10 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa. Jordan is a seventh-grade student at Berkeley Preparatory School. Jordan plays basketball, baseball and swimming. For his mitzvah project, Jordan is a volunteer at Florida's State Basketball Championship Tournament for Special

Olympics. Jen Lasky will host a celebration at Congregation Schaarai Zedek on Saturday, March 10. Special guests will include grandparents Patty and Bill Kalish, Tampa; and other family and friends from New York, Texas, Georgia and Florida.



# Community Passover Seders

Information received as of press time:

### TAMPA First Night

**CHABAD CHAI OF SOUTH TAMPA** will host a First Night Seder, Friday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave. Cover: adult \$40; young adult, \$36, child, \$25; sponsor, \$360. The Seder, led by Rabbi Mendy Dubrowski, will include special activities for the children designed by Dina Dubrowski. A five-course meal will be served. To RSVP to 813-922-1723 or go to; [www.chabadchaicenter.com/Seder](http://www.chabadchaicenter.com/Seder).

**CHABAD JEWISH STUDENT CENTER** at the University of Tampa, 1319 W. North B. St., will hold a First Night Seder on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The Seder is free for students. Contact Rabbi Levi Rivkin at (813) 504-4432 or email [bmchabad@gmail.com](mailto:bmchabad@gmail.com) to RSVP or more information.

**CONGREGATION OR AHAVAH** will hold a First Night Seder on Friday, March 30. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and the Seder begins at 7 p.m. The meal is vegetarian friendly with fish available. Members and seniors, \$18; \$36 for adult guests, free for those under 18. The address will be given with RSVP. For questions and

to RSVP by March 26, email [oraha-vahtampa@gmail.com](mailto:oraha-vahtampa@gmail.com).

### First Night & Second Night

**YOUNG ISRAEL OF TAMPA**, 13207 North 52<sup>nd</sup> St., will hold a First Night Seder on Friday, March 30 at 8:30 p.m., and Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31 at 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$25 per person per Seder, USF students are free. For more information call Rabbi Uriel Rivkin at (813) 832-3018.

### Second Night

**BAIS DAVID CHABAD**, 2001 W. Swann Ave., will hold a Second Night Seder for the community on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. RSVP to Rebbetzin Devorah Rivkin at (813) 770-3855.

**CONGREGATION SCHAARAI ZEDEK**, 3303 W. Swann Ave., will host a Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m. Member prices: \$33 per adult, \$18 per child (ages 3-12), toddlers free. Non-member prices: \$55 per adult, \$35 per child (ages 3-12), toddlers, free. Paid advanced reservations are required by Monday, March 26. Call the office at (813) 876-2377 or email, [office@zedek.org](mailto:office@zedek.org).

**CONGREGATION BETH AM**, 2030 W. Fletcher Ave., will hold a Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Cost had not been set as of press time. RSVP by March 23 to Victoria Cain-Stull at [Admin@BethAmTampa.org](mailto:Admin@BethAmTampa.org) or call (813) 968-8511.

The **20S/30S CONNECTION** group will hold a multimedia interactive Seder experience on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, 3303 W. Swann Ave. The cost is \$20 per person and reservations are a must. This event is for those 21-39 years old. For questions, contact Lindsey Dewey at [ldewey@zedek.org](mailto:ldewey@zedek.org) or (813) 876-2377, ext. 221, RSVP at [www.zedek.org/20s30s](http://www.zedek.org/20s30s).

**THE GREATER SEDER** – The 13th Annual musical comedy Greater Seder will be held on the second night of Passover, Saturday, March 31, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. This year's production is *The Music Mensch*. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the Seder will begin at 7 p.m. The Seder is open to anyone 21 and

older. Tickets are \$55 per person, or after March 16 \$65 per person. Proceeds go to the Tampa Jewish Family Services Community Food Bank. For more information or to buy tickets online, go to [www.greaterseder.com](http://www.greaterseder.com).

### BRANDON First Night

**CHABAD OF BRANDON/JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER**, 1578 Bloomingdale Ave., Valrico, will host a First Night Seder on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m., led by Rabbi Mendel Rubashkin. Open to the community, space is limited. Cost is \$36 per person, \$118 per family and sponsorships are available. However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information or to RSVP: call (813) 571-8100, visit online: [www.jewishbrandon.com/rsvp](http://www.jewishbrandon.com/rsvp), or email: [discoveryrabbi@jewishbrandon.com](mailto:discoveryrabbi@jewishbrandon.com).

### Second Night

**CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM**, 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, will hold a Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Cantor Moshe Friedler will lead the Seder. Cost for adults is \$36, and children 5-12, \$18. Children under 5 are free. Seating is limited and reservations are required by March 16. To RSVP, call (813) 681-6547, email to [cbsadmin@hotmail.com](mailto:cbsadmin@hotmail.com).

### PASCO COUNTY First Night

**CHABAD JEWISH CENTRE AT WIREGRASS**, 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel, will host a First Night Seder on Friday, March 30 at 8:15 p.m. led by Rabbi Mendy Yarmush. All are welcome. Suggested donation, \$30 per person; \$100 for family; \$250 sponsor. For more information and to RSVP, call (813) 642-3244 or go online to [www.ChabadatWiregrass.com](http://www.ChabadatWiregrass.com).

### POLK COUNTY Second Night

**TEMPLE BETH SHALOM**, 1029 Bradbury Road, Winter Haven, will hold a Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Open to the community, the cost is members, \$35 per person, non-members, \$50 per person. Reservations required by March 19, your check is your reservation. Mail to Temple Beth Shalom, P. O. Box 313, Winter Haven, FL 33882.

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## Save for the date: Tampa JCCs & Federation annual golf tournament April 29

The Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation is inviting the Tampa Bay community to its seventh annual golf tournament at the Westchase Golf Club on Sunday, April 29.

The tournament registration starts at noon and includes a Bloody Mary bar and a welcome brunch. A shotgun start will take place at 1 p.m. and the format is an 18-hole scramble. Those wishing to participate can register as a single golfer, foursome or as a sponsor.

The entry fee is \$100 per player. The entry fee includes 18-holes of golf, entry to the Bloody Mary bar and brunch, drinks on the course,

dinner and dessert and a gift bag with t-shirt.

There will be many prizes and raffles, including a chance to win the \$10,000 hole-in-one contest.

You may register online at [jewishtampa.com](http://jewishtampa.com). Deadline to register is Monday, April 16.

Sponsorships are available for interested companies at the following levels: Gold (\$1,000): includes two foursomes and signage on a hole; Silver (\$500): includes one foursome and signage on a hole and Blue (\$250): includes two players and signage on a hole.

All sponsors will have exposure on the Tampa JCCs & Federation's website and on all advertising as time allows. The golf tournament is presented by TTS Outdoors Landscaping and Irrigation.

Westchase Golf Club is located at 11602 Westchase Golf Drive, Tampa. For more information contact Pam Cotner at (813) 769-4748 or email [pam.cotner@jewishtampa.com](mailto:pam.cotner@jewishtampa.com).

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## Two honored for legal and financial community contributions

The Cardozo and Montefiore Society event held on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC honored two instrumental community members for their involvement within the legal and financial communities across Tampa Bay.

Barry Kanner was the recipient for the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties Cardozo Society Leadership Award and the Tampa Jewish Federation's Montefiore Society Leadership Award was presented to Sam Linsky.

In his acceptance remarks, Kanner shared his passion for senior rehabilitation center Menorah Manor and said what an invaluable resource the facility has been to his family, while Linsky highlighted the impact the Bryan Glazer Family JCC has had within the community. Linsky said that he is honored and privileged to have participated in the building's overall development.

Following the award ceremony, an experienced panel of Jewish professionals offered a diverse perspective on ethical behavior contending with economic, social and cultural issues, all through a Jewish lens. Emilie Socash, the executive director of the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, moderated the discussion.

The evening's panelists included: David Abelson, wealth management advisor and senior portfolio management director at the Abelson Group of Morgan Stanley; Joe Probasco, a shareholder and partner at Bush Ross and currently serves as president of the Tampa JCCs and Federation's board of directors; and Rochelle Walk, president and owner of Walk Law Firm and immediate past president of the Tampa JCCs and Federation.

"When we think of Jewish ethics, our belief system, we know that it is our duty to play our part in tikkun olam, repairing the world," said Alissa Fischel, chief development officer of the Tampa JCCs and Federation, in asking attendees to consider a gift to the Federation's 2018 Annual Campaign.



(L-R) Honoree Sam Linsky, event co-chair Hal Hershkowitz, and honoree Barry Kanner



(L-R): Panelists Joe Probasco, president of the Tampa JCCs and Federation; Rochelle Walk, immediate past-president of the Tampa JCCs and Federation, and David Abelson, a financial planner and Pinellas community leader.

"We are obligated to give tzedakah and when we give we are implementing a just vision for our world and the future," she said.

For more information about the Cardozo and Montefiore Societies, visit [www.jewishtampa.com](http://www.jewishtampa.com) or [www.jewishpinellas.org](http://www.jewishpinellas.org).

### Letter to the Editor

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### Jewish Press plays crucial role in creating community

Dear Editor:

With all the depressing conversation in our Jewish community, generated primarily by the results of the recent study that our community commissioned, I think it is essential that we also focus on some of the positive aspects of living in this Jewish community. One of those aspects is that each us benefits from a wonderful resource, our *Jewish Press*. The Pinellas County and Tampa editions of the *Jewish Press* both play a significant positive role in creating community among the Jewish people who live in the Tampa Bay region. They do this despite the fact that we are Jews of diverse backgrounds, that we live not in one neighborhood, but are scattered throughout the region, and in many cases, have resided here for just a short while.

Our *Jewish Press* creates community through its conscientious and sensitive coverage of regional and local news that is of interest especially to the Jewish community. During my 31 years as a rabbi in this community, I have been amazed time and time again, by the outstanding work of our *Jewish Press*.

Most recently, staff member Bob Fryer's coverage of the tragedy that befell Drs. Leslie and Mitchell Weiss and their children Hannah and Ari, as well as Bruce Lowitt's coverage of the current opioid addiction crisis have touched me deeply. Regarding the Fryer piece, Bibby Weiss, the mother of Mitchell Weiss, of blessed memory, told me that our *Jewish Press* coverage of the tragedy that befell her family, brought her comfort. What an achievement for a newspaper story!

While I mentioned these two recent articles, I also want to make it clear that other pieces over the years that have been done by Lowitt, Fryer, Jim and Karen Dawkins and other members of the staff of our *Jewish Press* have also been outstanding. I believe that the work of our *Jewish Press* has played a significant

role in my efforts and in the efforts of my colleagues and the efforts of the lay-leaders of our respective congregations to nurture the development of a caring Jewish community whose members exhibit a commitment to utilizing the tools that Judaism provides for improving their own lives and for creating a more just and compassionate world. I am confident that members of our community will also use our *Jewish Press* in the future in our efforts to create a less violent society through our advocacy on behalf of sensible gun control legislation.

While I wish we had a Jewish day school and Jewish Community Center in Pinellas County, I am so grateful that we have such a wonderful newspaper for our Jewish community.

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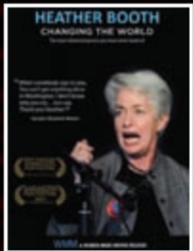


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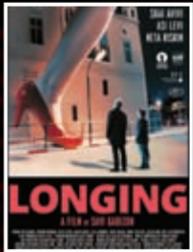
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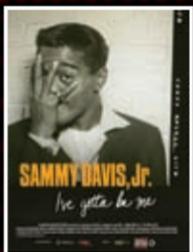
Thursday, March 22 | 6:30 PM  
Bryan Glazer Family JCC – Theater 1  
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**Running Time** – 60 minutes | **Genre** – Documentary  
**Year** – 2017 | **Language** – English  
**Admission \$10**



### **LONGING**

Thursday, March 22 | 8:00 PM  
Bryan Glazer Family JCC – Theater 2  
**Running Time** – 104 minutes  
**Genre** – Narrative | **Year** – 2017  
**Language** – Hebrew with English Subtitles  
**Admission \$10** | **Mature Audience**



### **SAMMY DAVIS JR.: I'VE GOTTA BE ME**

Thursday, March 22 | 5:00 PM  
AMC Classic Centro Ybor 10  
**Running Time** – 100 minutes  
**Genre** – Documentary | **Year** – 2017  
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### **THE LAST SUIT**

Thursday, March 22 | 7:00 PM  
Central Park Performing Arts Center  
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**Running Time** – 86 minutes  
**Genre** – Narrative | **Year** – 2017  
**Language** – Spanish, German, Polish,  
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**Admission \$10** | **Dessert Reception following the film**



### **AND THEN SHE ARRIVED**

Thursday, March 22 | 11:00 AM  
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Friday, March 23 | 11:00 AM  
AMC Classic Palm Harbor 10

**Running Time** – 104 minutes

**Genre** – Romantic Comedy, Family

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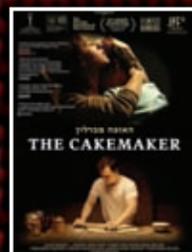
Thursday, March 22 | 1:00 PM  
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**Running Time** – 90 minutes

**Genre** – Documentary | **Year** – 2017

**Language** – English

**Admission \$10**



### **THE CAKEMAKER**

Friday, March 23 | 1:30 PM  
AMC Classic Palm Harbor 10

**Running Time** – 105 minutes

**Genre** – Narrative | **Year** – 2017

**Language** – German, Hebrew with English Subtitles

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### **BUDAPEST NOIR**

Friday, March 23 | 4:00 PM  
AMC Classic Palm Harbor 10

Friday, March 23 | 5:00 PM  
AMC Classic Centro Ybor 10

**Running Time** – 95 minutes

**Genre** – Narrative | **Year** – 2017

**Language** – Hungarian with English Subtitles  
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### **THE TESTAMENT**

Saturday, March 24 | 7:30 PM  
AMC Classic Centro Ybor 10

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**Admission \$10 | Adult Content**



**ITZHAK**

Sunday, March 25 | 2:30 PM  
 Bryan Glazer Family JCC – Theater 1  
**Running Time** – 83 minutes  
**Genre** – Documentary | **Year** – 2017  
**Language** – English, Hebrew with Subtitles  
**Admission \$10**



**AN ISRAELI LOVE STORY**

Saturday, March 24 | 9:30 PM  
 AMC Sundial 20  
**Running Time** – 96 minutes  
**Genre** – Narrative | **Year** – 2016  
**Language** – English, Hebrew, Arabic with Subtitles  
**Admission \$10 | Adult Content**



**HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL**

Sunday, March 25 | 4:00 PM  
 Bryan Glazer Family JCC – Theater 2  
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Sunday, March 25 | 10:45 AM  
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**Running Time** – 78 minutes  
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**Language** – English  
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Sunday, March 25 | 6:00 PM  
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# TEAM

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Her father, Miko Danan, was the first Yeshiva University basketball player recruited directly from Israel, in 1990. His college career was interrupted – and his legend at Yeshiva grew – the next year when he decided to rejoin his Israeli Defense Forces unit at the start of the first Gulf War.

He returned to get his degree in 1994, finishing with 1,256 career points, among Yeshiva's all-time leaders, "but in his senior year he tore his ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) and things went sort of downhill," said Danan, the oldest of Miko and Liat's four children.

"He played two years in the men's league in Israel but couldn't do what he'd done in college and that was it." Miko is a director of basketball programs and camps in Rehovot. Danan has two brothers, ages 17 and 14, and a sister, 11, "and they all play basketball," she said.

When she was five, her father, Miko, said in an e-mail from Israel, she already was into soccer, tennis and judo, "and when she was 8 she started to come to work with me when I would coach, and she started practicing basketball with boys teams older than she was. She was very talented and when she was 10

years old I asked her to choose to continue with tennis or basketball. She was practicing each of them. She chose basketball."

Danan spent several teen years in Israel's multi-level pro league; athletes can go from there to U.S. colleges if they haven't played for pay. Several colleges scouted her. Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, offered her a full scholarship. She spent two years playing for the Division I Wildcats.

"It was tough leaving home but I knew it was a good step for me," she said. "My father did it when there were no cellphones, no Internet, so I knew I could do it. They come every year for two or three weeks and we FaceTime a lot. And I was back home for Christmas break, too."

She averaged 5.3 points a game coming off the bench as a freshman at Weber State in 2015-16 and 8.9 points mostly as a starter the following season. But she didn't like the Utah weather. "It was snowing pretty bad and it was cold," Danan said, "and I didn't really fit right with the chemistry of the team. I wasn't enjoying the game the way I wanted to."

Enter Miriam Hannoun. "She was an Israeli player on our team last year and she and Yarden were good friends. Both played on the

national team," said Eckerd coach Paul Honsinger. "That's kind of how we were introduced to Yarden, 'cause they were always talking through social media."

"Miriam (who graduated and plays professionally in Israel) had a great year and we did, too," Honsinger said. "On the flip side, Weber State wasn't having a great deal of success and I think Yarden was looking for greener pastures."

She asked for and was granted her release from Weber State, transferred to Eckerd, and is on full scholarship again. And because she moved from Division 1 to Division 2 she didn't have to sit out a year as players often are required to do when switching among D1 schools.

"She's been great for us," Honsinger said. "Her basketball IQ is very good and she's a perfect fit in terms of understanding the game and what we're teaching. I think her adjustment has been very good." She has started every game and is averaging 10.5 points.

"She's very talkative, very friendly, very outgoing," her coach said. "She has a big personality. Sometimes it's tough for transfers to fit in. I think Yarden's done a great job coming in, sitting back at first to find what her role is. Now she's just fun to be around."

Danan still misses home, but not the way she did when she first left Israel. "That year was hard. I wanted to go back, but now it's okay. The weather is nice and the people here are really nice."

The tournament-bound Tritons are pretty good, too, among the leaders in the Sunshine State Conference.

At Weber State, Danan found it necessary to occasionally defend Israel. "There were some incidents, confrontations with Saudi students in my class," she said. "But not here. There are a lot of Jewish people on campus - 60, maybe 80. So I don't need to protect Israel. So many people say, 'Omigod, I want to be there.' 'I want to go visit there.'"

She has prepared Shabbat and Hanukkah dinners with friends in the Jewish community and will be hosting a seder when her family visits from Israel.

And being on what amounts to an "international" team at Eckerd makes life interesting. She has teammates from Finland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Turkey as well as Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, New York and Orlando.



Yarden Danan is currently a starting guard for the Eckerd College Tritons women's basketball team, but is shown here when she played for Israel in European championships. Her coach at the St. Petersburg schools says her "basketball IQ is very good."

"We love it. We have such great chemistry between all of us," Danan said. "It's so fun being around each other. It's like, 'Oh, you have an accent.' Each one of us has an accent. In the locker room we laugh with each other. 'Oh, you don't know how to say that word.'"

Her roommate is one of her best friends, senior guard Ada Yalcin from Turkey, who transferred to Eckerd after two years at Casper (Wyo.) College. "Ada visited me at home last summer," Danan said. "She loves Israel. She always protects Israel."

Israel hasn't sent a men's basketball team to the Olympics since its only appearance, in 1952, and hasn't sent a women's team since they debuted in 1976.

"The Israeli national team is trying to reach the Olympic Games," her father wrote in his email, "but it is very difficult because only six national teams from Europe can participate in every Olympics and the odds are small" Israel can make it.

"That's something I hope will change" for 2020 in Tokyo or 2024 in Paris, Danan said. "After that (2028 in Los Angeles) I don't know if I'll still be able to play basketball."

Israel generally doesn't send many basketball players, men or women, to American colleges – or elsewhere – after graduation from high school. Just as a bat or bar mitzvah is a rite of passage at age 13, so is entering the military at 18. It's mandatory, men serving

for three years, women for just under two.

There are exemptions for, among others, married women, religious men studying Jewish law, religious women who choose national service, or people with certain physical conditions. "I did not do Army; I got a release," Danan said. "I have Crohn's Disease," a chronic inflammation of the digestive or gastrointestinal tract. It has no impact on her ability to play basketball.

The women's game, both college and pro, is popular in Israel but, as it is here, it is mostly overshadowed by the men's game.

"When I finish (at Eckerd) I want to turn professional," Danan said. "I'll probably play a few years in Europe and then finish my career in Israel. I don't see myself playing in the WNBA. I love traveling the world, seeing different countries. Hopefully Europe will be a great experience for me."

She said she didn't expect to study international business at Eckerd. "I majored in physical therapy back at Weber State but they don't have that here and that's something I look forward to getting back to, maybe with a master's degree. But whenever I stop playing basketball I want to be a coach," she said.

"I'm taking international business because I kind of can do something with that in the future, maybe help me be the manager of a team, like my father. I love basketball. I don't know what I'd do without basketball."

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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

On Wednesday, February 7, Menorah Manor recognized more than one hundred active volunteers at the 33rd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

The event began with a heartfelt welcome from Barry Kanner, Menorah Manor Chair. Other speakers included Robert Goldstein, chief executive officer; Doris Rosenblatt, Menorah Manor Resident Council president; Barbara Baughman, Menorah Manor Guild president; Bonnie Berman, director of volunteers; and Dr. Steven Warren.

Dr. Steven Warren established the Gail S. Warren Volunteer Education Endowment Fund in 2009 in memory of his late wife, Gail. For many years, Gail was Menorah Manor's director of volunteers and made an extraordinary impact on the community and the seniors Menorah Manor cares for. Each year in memory of Gail, a volunteer is honored with the Gail S. Warren Volunteer of the Year Award.

This year's Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Lore Lynn. Lore, a Samson Nursing Center volunteer, has been involved with Menorah Manor for more than a decade. Lore works closely with staff members to assist with many activities, including bingo, Baking Buddies, Yiddish Lotto, and delivering flowers to new residents. Lore, who also serves on the Guild board, has contributed more than 16,000 hours of service.

Outstanding Service Awards were presented to Lillian Pessis, Richard McKee, Daniel Eldridge, and Hilda Colick for each contributing 1,000 hours of service. Jackie Kanner was honored for contributing over 2,500 hours of service, and Barbara Baughman was honored for contributing 5,000 hours of service.

The Menorah Manor Family would like to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to our residents. Thank you for everything you do!



(L-R) Dr. Steven Warren; Bonnie Berman; Lore Lynn, winner of the Gail S. Warren Volunteer of the Year award; Barry Kanner; and Robert Goldstein, chief executive officer of Menorah Manor.



(L-R) Bonnie Berman; Lillian Pessis, winner of an Outstanding Service Award; and Robert Goldstein



(L-R) Bonnie Berman; Barbara Baughman, winner of an Outstanding Service award; and Robert Goldstein



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(L-R) Lore Lynn, winner of the Gail S. Warren Volunteer of the Year award; and Iris Salzer



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## EICHMANN

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Included in the exhibit are original 1950s and '60s 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.

While Avraham worked for Mossad he came across boxes of long-forgotten artifacts from Operation Finale, including some original letters, a fake passport created to smuggle Eichmann out of Argentina, and the original letter that first alerted authorities that a man suspected to be Eichmann was in Buenos Aires.

The more he dug into the Mossad archives, the more he realized there was an untold story, and in time he created an exhibit in Mossad headquarters. The exhibit was closed to the public until 2011 when it was placed on open display to mark the 50th anniversary of Eichmann's trial. It made it to the U.S. two years ago.

A highlight of the exhibition is a replica of one of the most iconic objects of the century – a bullet-proof glass booth in which the accused sat as the courtroom drama was broadcast around the globe. Because Israel had no televisions at the time, Israelis flocked to cinemas to view film of the trial.

The capture and trial were the dream of then-Israeli Prime Minister Ben Gurion, who in 1957 told Mossad agents he wanted them to find one very high-profile Nazi War criminal suspect and bring him to Israel to stand trial.

### Blind man's suspicions

They say love is blind, and in Operation Finale's love story, it was literally a blind man – a Holocaust survivor who escaped death

### If you go

The Florida Holocaust Museum is located at 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, but the last admission is 4 p.m.

Admission to Operation Finale is included with regular admission; \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors

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at Dachau and eventually fled to Argentina – who did Eichmann in. It was the suspicions of that blind man, Lothar Hermann, that led to the unmasking of the man responsible for transporting millions of Jews to death camps.

Hermann lived in Buenos Aires with his wife and their beautiful daughter, Sylvia, who became the object of affection from Klaus Eichmann, eldest son of Adolph Eichmann. For some reason, perhaps pride, Eichmann allowed his sons to retain their original last name while he took on the false identity of Ricardo Klement.

Klaus Eichmann visited Sylvia's home and her father heard the young man make anti-Semitic remarks and express regret that the Nazis could not complete the extermination of the Jews. He also mentioned that his father served in the war.

The words of Sylvia's suitor stuck with Hermann and even after he moved his family hundreds of miles from Buenos Aires, when the name Eichmann came up in reports of a Nazi trial in Germany



A replica of the bullet-proof glass booth Adolph Eichmann testified from during the world's first televised trial is on display at "Operation Finale" exhibit at the Florida Holocaust Museum. The exhibit includes the television telecast of the trial, with witness testimony.

in 1957, Hermann began to suspect Klaus Eichmann's father was Adolph Eichmann. He sent a letter about his suspicions to Fritz Bauer, a prosecutor of Nazis who took the suspicions seriously (A movie about Fritz Bauer is being shown as part of the upcoming Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival. See pages 18-19)

A photo of Sylvia and that original letter to Bauer are among artifacts on display at the museum. So too is the same Leica camera a Mossad agent used to take photos of the suspected war criminal – photos that confirmed the man was Eichmann. The original photos and negatives are on display, along with SS documents concerning Eichmann, including one praising his work in Hungary and documents that helped agents confirm Eichmann's identity.

### Mossad had doubts

At one point after getting the tip about Eichmann being in Buenos Aires, Mossad sent an agent who took a look at the house. The agent reported back that such a high ranking former Nazi would never live in such a humble place.

Before Mossad became convinced that Eichmann was the man posing as Ricardo Klement, Hermann learned of a \$10,000 reward for Eichmann and was frustrated that his work to unmask the war criminal was being ignored. He wrote an angry letter to Nazi hunter Tuvia Friedman and Friedman passed that information along to Mossad. (It took about 10 years after the capture, but in time the reward money was split among



Adolph Eichmann, right, in full Nazi officer uniform.

Hermann and others in the Argentinian Jewish community.)

Not long after the angry letter, Mossad sprang into action, sending agents to Buenos Aires, finding Eichmann's new home and spending months learning his daily routine before they kidnapped him on May 11, 1960 and hid him for 10 days before they were able to smuggle him onto an El Al plane.

The exhibit shows an original Hertz receipt for rental of one of the cars used in tailing Eichmann, the same mask they used to blindfold Eichmann when they captured him, and silhouette figures with information about the 11 agents sent to Argentina for the capture. The original kit that Mossad agents used to make keys and fake license plates for the cars that tailed Eichmann is also part of the exhibit.



A Mossad agent took this photo, which was used to confirm the man posing as Ricardo Klement was Eichmann.

El Al had never flown to Argentina, so the flight to Buenos Aires was passed off as a one-time mission of Israeli delegates to help celebrate Argentina's 150th birthday. Documents relating to the anniversary celebration are on display, as well as original tickets used by the agents to fly on different airlines to Argentina to track and capture Eichmann.

Mossad agents planned to pass off Eichmann as an El Al flight crew member if Argentinian authorities challenged his boarding at the airport. They also feared authorities might get suspicious once Eichmann was on the plane, so they built a hidden compartment next to the airplane's bathroom in which to hide him, a detail Avraham said is not in the exhibit.

Since agents knew Eichmann would be drugged before boarding – to keep him ambulatory but lessen the chance he would alert police – they created a cover story that the flight crewman was woozy from an illness.

A Mossad agent went to a local hospital the night before the El Al flight back to Israel and faked an illness so they could have hospital papers, bearing the same fake name on Eichmann's passport, if stopped for questioning. Argentinian authorities did not challenge the boarding, however, and days after Eichmann was brought to Israel, news of his capture was announced on May 23.

Eichmann's trial, the first ever to be televised, began April 11, 1961 and though he claimed he was just following orders, he was convicted on all 15 counts and was hanged on May 31, 1961. The museum exhibit carries film of the trial with tearful testimony by witnesses to Eichmann's atrocities and graphic footage of some of the dead at Nazi death camps. The execution of Eichmann remains the only time that Israel has enacted a death sentence. The case sent a clear message to Nazi war criminals that they would be hunted.

On display at the museum is a comment from Eichmann: "To sum it all up, I regret nothing."



The original copy of the fake passport used to smuggle Adolph Eichmann out of Argentina is on display in the Operation Finale exhibit.

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## Organizations

### Hadassah

**Sex in the Talmud?:** Author **Maggie Anton** will speak about her newest book, *Fifty Shades of Talmud: What the Rabbinic had to Say About You-Know-What*, at a meeting of the Tampa Ameet chapter of Hadassah on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 2713 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa. Anton's program is called "Talmud After Dark." Her book takes 50 Talmudic discussions, mixes in pithy quotes from comedienne Mae West and Amy Schumer to historical figures George Washington and Gandhi, adds a few cartoons, and produces a light-hearted, in-depth look at what the ancient Jewish sages say about our most intimate relationships.

After Anton's Hadassah presentation there will be a question and answer period. Books will be available for purchase and there will be a dessert buffet. Tickets are \$25; \$100 for patrons, which includes two tickets and a cocktail reception with the author. Proceeds will benefit Hadassah Hospital. For more information, call **Michele Norris** (813) 352-8765 or **Jane Strom** (813) 334-6812.

### B'nai B'rith

**Horsing around fundraiser:** Greater Tampa Bay B'nai B'rith will be going to Tampa Bay Downs on Sunday, March 25 at 11 a.m. for its annual fundraiser. A full brunch will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person and includes admission to the track, racing program, brunch and gratuities. RSVP to **Arlene Berger** by Mar 11. For RSVP information, call Berger at (727) 726-9579.

### Genealogical Society

**Immigration research:** The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will offer the second of a two-part seminar titled: "The JGSTB 2018 Guide to Immigration Research: "Why You Can't Find Your Bubbe's Immigration Record" on Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m. at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. This seminar will enable participants to discover their family's immigration records. The presentation will concentrate on both traditional and recently available internet resources. **Dr. Emil H. Isaacson**, who will lead the seminar, has more than 33 years of experience in genealogy. The seminar is free to members; non-members \$25 for individuals or \$35 for a family, which will include an annual membership. To pre-register for the class or for more information, call **Bruce Hadburg** at (727) 796-7981.

### Job-Links

**Monday Morning Links:** Free sessions of Monday Morning Links are offered at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa from 9:30 - 11 a.m. On March 5 the topic is How to Write a Robot Friendly Resume; the March 12 topic is 7 Keys to Take Charge of Your Interview; the March 19 topic is Linked-in From a Recruiter Perspective and the March 26 topic is Staying Motivated During Career Transition. Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

**Job-search aids:** There

are Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. On March 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the topic is PeopleMap - Understanding the Fort Personality Types; on March 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the topic is Is Your Network Working for You and on April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the topic is Customize Your Resume for the Job You Want. The workshops are 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](mailto:RSVP@TBJL.org).

**Special event:** On March 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., photographer **Allie Serrano** for be on-hand for a photo shoot for job seekers.

### Jewish War Veterans

**Volunteers needed:** The Jewish War Veterans Post 373 is seeking members who would like to help ill and disabled veterans. Contact **Commander Jack Rudowsky** at (813) 598-8061 or email [rochelletrs@gmail.com](mailto:rochelletrs@gmail.com).

### Young Adults

*#Gather offers a mix of social and interactive activities designed to help young adults connect. It is open to young adults of all faiths and backgrounds. For more information or to RSVP for any #Gather events, visit: [www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather](http://www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather) or contact **Lisa Robbins** at [lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com](mailto:lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com) or (813) 769-4723.*

**Wearable art:** Take your rummaging skills to the next level at a "Junk Box Jewelry" event on Wednesday, March 7 from 6-9 p.m. at the visual arts center in the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa. Choose from a variety of unsuspecting items to combine, alter, fabricate and recombine into wearable jewelry. Dig through a treasure trove of metal, parts, pieces, leather, hinges, springs, zippers and other found and recycled options to create your very own piece of original jewelry. Bring snacks and wine to share during social hour. The cost is \$10

### Active Adults

*All programs listed are either at the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, or at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC at 522 N. Howard Ave. To RSVP or for more information on programs at either center, contact **Prina Levermore** at (813) 291-2253 or [pnina.levermore@JewishTampa.com](mailto:pnina.levermore@JewishTampa.com). All registrations should be completed before events begin. Advance registration is also required through the USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for Osher classes offered at either JCC. For more information on those classes, contact the institute at (813) 974-8036.*

**Discover Opera:** Experience Discover Opera at the Straz Center for Performing Arts' Morsani Hall on Sunday, March 18 from 12:30-4 p.m., preceded by lunch in the Sono Café. Discover Opera is an interactive forum designed to enrich the public's opera experience. It features the opera's managing director, choral master, stage director and principals who will perform arias from Opera Tampa's production of *Macbeth*. The event is free, but the cost of lunch is not included. Transportation is available.

**Bridge lessons:** Those who

want to learn how to play bridge or improve their game can take six-session bridge class at the Glazer JCC Fridays from March 2 through April 6. This is for players at any level and sessions are from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 for members; \$60 for non-members.

**Florida's forgotten heroes:** Learn about some of the state's little known luminaries in a class at the Glazer JCC, led by **Lynne Mormino**, on Wednesdays, March 21 and 28 from 10-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for the two sessions. This is an Osher class offered through USF.

**The other four questions:** **Rabbi Jason Rosenberg** of Congregation Beth Am will lead lunch and learn classes at the Cohn campus to explain the background and significance of the holidays. The next class on Wednesday, March 7 at noon will focus on Passover. Additional classes will be held in April and May, with topics to be announced later. The program is free, but a donation of \$5 is suggested to cover the cost of lunch.

**Canasta:** Meet in the senior lounge at the Cohn campus every Friday from 3-4:30 p.m. for friendly games of canasta.

**Movie matinee:** Enjoy a classic movie and popcorn on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon on the Cohn campus. There is no charge to attend. On March 7, the movie will be *Driving Miss Daisy*.

**Yiddish nostalgia:** Join **Ruth Weston** and other Yiddish enthusiasts on Thursday, March 22 from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at the Cohn campus to share favorite expressions and reminisce. This program is free.

**Crochet lessons:** Learn crochet with **Judy Balber** 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.

**Mah jongg:** Folks can play at both JCCs. At the Cohn campus, there will be open play sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Also, at that location there will be guided instruction to learn the basics on Mondays from 1:30-3 p.m. at a cost of \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

At the Glazer JCC, drop-in sessions are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. This is free for all members. Novices and experienced players are welcome. Also at the Glazer JCC, lessons will be offered on Sundays, March 18 through April 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members, with advanced registration required. Call the Glazer JCC for more information.

**JetSetters:** The Phyllis Borrell JetSetters social group for adults of all ages meets at both

JCCs for an hour-long program followed by lunch. At the Glazer JCC, JetSetters meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. The lunch is free for members, but donations are welcome. On March 14 there will be a Touch of Irish presentation by the Treble Clefs.

The JetSetters group also meets on the Cohn campus on the fourth Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. On March 22 meeting will feature singing along to vaudeville tunes with **Joy Katzen-Guthrie**. The lunch is free for members, though a donation of \$5 is suggested.

**News talk:** This discussion group, meeting at both JCCs, is led by **Pat Renfro** and explores "hot button" issues of the day. Upcoming News Talk sessions at the Glazer JCC are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. These sessions are free.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Topics are: March 9, political parties, and March 23, voting in America. There is no charge to attend.

**Tampa history series:** Learn about Tampa's history during free sessions led by **Carl Zielonka** at the Glazer JCC. On March 7 from 1-2 p.m. the topic will be on Hyde Park, Tampa's first suburb west of the Hillsborough River.

**Culture Café:** Get a behind the scenes look on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. as University of Tampa dance students and faculty show how they create choreography and prepare for performances. See pieces performed live and join in a question and answer session. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

**Men's Club:** This group will meet on Tuesdays, March 13 and 27 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC for men to gather in relaxed and friendly surroundings. Potential activities include poker, billiards, ping-pong, sporting events, fishing or camping, community volunteering or discussions.

**Bingo:** Enjoy bingo games with pizza at the Cohn campus on Thursday, March 8 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**All that Jazz:** The Culture Café at the Glazer JCC will offer a Beginner's Guide to Jazz on Wednesday, March 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 for members and \$15 for guests.

### 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.

## Polish official: Holocaust law will not lead to criminal charges

(JTA) — The newly passed Polish Holocaust law will not lead to criminal charges, according to a government minister.

The law, which takes effect at the end of the month, criminalizes claims that the Polish nation or state are responsible for Nazi crimes.

Deputy Foreign Minister Bartosz Cichocki said in an interview on Polish television that no criminal charges will be brought against offenders, but Poland will require some remedy for untrue statements, The Associated Press reported.

Poland will "react, demand clarifications, argue against them, but no means of prosecution will be implemented," Cichocki said on TVN24.

The law, which has been sent to the country's Constitutional Court for review, provides for jail sentences of up to three years for violations, such as using the term "Polish death camp."

Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki spurred more Israeli and Jewish upset over the law with remarks he made recently in an interview at the Munich Security Conference. "Of course it's not going to be punishable, [it's] not going to be seen as criminal to say that there were Polish perpetrators, as there were Jewish perpetrators, as there were Russian perpetrators, as there were Ukrainian; not only German perpetrators," Morawiecki told an Israeli reporter.

## Missouri governor indicted in fallout from affair

(JTA) — Eric Greitens, the first Jewish governor of Missouri, has been indicted for felony invasion of privacy after allegedly black-mailing a former lover.

Greitens, a Republican, has resisted bipartisan calls to step down after news emerged he had an affair in 2015, and allegedly threatened to release a photo of the woman in a compromising position if she ever revealed it. Greitens has admitted to the affair but says he did nothing illegal.

The grand jury indictment accuses him of photographing the woman, then transmitting the photo "in a manner that allowed access to that image via a computer," according to the *Kansas City Star*.

Greitens, a former Navy SEAL has seven military awards include the Bronze Star. He was elected in November 2016.

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# Obituaries

**LAWRENCE JACK FLEISCHER**, 93, of Tampa, died Feb. 13. Born in New York, he was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, where he was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He lived in San Antonio, TX, and worked as a civil engineer on military installations and later earned a law degree and practiced law. Survivors include his daughters; Jeanette Fleischer, Bethina Fleischer, and Michelle Fleischer; brother and sister-in-law, Murray and Norma Fleischer and a granddaughter. The family suggests memorials to University of South Florida, Department of Pediatrics. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

**BEVERLY "LAVEV" (FRIEDMAN) LEVINE**, 91, of Cincinnati, OH, died Feb. 17. Survivors include her children; Iris (Steven) Pastor, Steven Levine, and Lori (Jeff) Luckman; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal ([www.cincymuseum.org](http://www.cincymuseum.org)) or National WWII Museum ([www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org)) or Innocence Project ([www.innocenceproject.org](http://www.innocenceproject.org)). (Weil Funeral Home)

**ROSA MILLER**, 88, of Tampa, died Feb. 4. Born in Salonica, Greece, she and her immediate family survived World War II and the Holocaust. She was a master linguist receiving many awards with the CIA and NSA. Retiring in 2001 she and her late husband Sheldon moved to Tampa. Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Anne Miller-Ramée and Michael Ramée, and Joan Miller-Caramalis and John Caramalis. The family suggests memorials to The Florida Holocaust Museum or Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Research.

**DR. ARTHUR WALTZER**, 81, of Tampa, died Feb. 17. A Tampa native, he was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Medical School and was a member of AEPi fraternity. He completed his chief surgical residency at the University of Cincinnati and served as a MASH surgeon in Vietnam as a captain in the U.S. Army. Returning to Tampa he practiced general and vascular surgery for more than 35 years, served as chief of surgery at University Community Hospital and taught surgical residents at USF college of Medicine. He was a past president of the Florida Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and a former member of Congregation Rodeph Shalom and member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek. Survivors include his wife of 37 years Rose (Ree) Waltzer; sons and daughter-in-law, Garrett Waltzer, Adam and Shige Waltzer, Dr. Joel Waltzer; daughter Megan Waltzer; and seven grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the charity of one's choice. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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# The Jewish sheriff leading the response to the Florida school shooting quotes the Talmud

By **BEN SALES**  
JTA news service

As he leads the police response to the school shooting in Parkland, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel is likely enduring some of the toughest days of his career. And he's probably looking to his Judaism to guide him through it.

Israel is the county's first Jewish sheriff, and it's an identity he has embraced. A 2016 campaign flier reported on that year by the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* centers on the role that faith in general, and Judaism in particular, plays in his life.

"My Jewish faith is a central part of my entire life," the flier quotes Israel as saying. "My late father Sonny Israel fought in the Korean War and became a police officer because he believed in the call from the Talmud that 'Whoever saves one life saves an entire world.' Those words guided my brother and I, as we also became police officers."

Israel is the sheriff in charge of the area that includes Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 faculty and students were killed by a gunman on Feb. 14.

"This is a terrible day for Parkland, Broward County, the state of Florida and the United States," he told reporters that day. "My very own triplets went to that school and graduated, in Stoneman Douglas. They played football and lacrosse at that school. It's just catastrophic. There really are no words."

Israel graduated from what is now the State University of New York at Cortland in 1977 with a degree in political science, and subsequently took a variety of courses on law enforcement, including a course of study at the FBI National Academy. He joined the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 1979 and served on the narcotics unit and the SWAT team.

A Democrat, he was elected sheriff in 2012 and re-elected four years later. The



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**Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel speaking at a news conference near Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland the day after 17 people were killed there by a lone gunman.**

county is home to a large Jewish population. In the 2016 campaign flier, he mentioned fighting gun violence as one of his top issues.

In speeches, Israel is known to quote the Bible. A 2013 *Sun-Sentinel* article about him quoted a speech in which he referenced "Eishet Chayil," the Jewish poem about a

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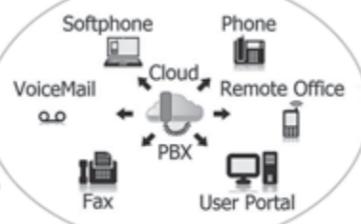


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with special needs kids. Another volunteer at the center, Gina Montalto, also was killed in the shooting. Jeb Niewood, president of The Friendship Initiative, remembered Guttenberg as a genuine person who loved helping others.



Jaime Guttenberg

In her free time, Guttenberg also loved to dance, and she was involved with a local dance studio, according to Facebook posts.

Of all the Jewish victims of the shootings, Jaime's family has perhaps been the most outspoken about the need for legislation to prevent another school massacre.

Jaime's father, Fred, spoke at a CNN town hall in Sunrise on Feb. 21 and told Sen. Marco Rubio that his comments since the shooting and the need for gun control are "pathetically weak."

"My daughter was hunted last week ... She was massacred. ... I am enraged," he told Rubio. "Look at me and tell me that guns were the factor in the hunting of our kids in this school this week."

Rubio responded that guns were a factor but said the issue of gun control is a complicated one, and when pushed by a student, refused to say he would not stop accepting contributions from the NRA.

The Feb. 18 funerals for Jamie and another victim, Alex Schachter were moved to a Fort Lauderdale hotel to accommodate more than a thousand mourners.

### Alyssa Alhadeff

Alyssa Alhadeff, 14, was a mature, laid-back girl who loved soccer and made friends easily. She played midfield for the school soccer team, earning newspaper coverage for her achievements on the field.



Alyssa Alhadeff

"She's the sweetest, Alhadeff's grandmother, Vicky Alhadeff, told Miami's

Channel 7 News. "She's a big soccer player, very smart, she's in track. She's very popular, a very beautiful girl. Oh my God, she's my life. How could I not love her? She's my granddaughter."

"Honor her legacy with positive actions and be her voice," Rabbi Shuey Biston of the Chabad of Parkland told those who came to remember her son, according to the *Florida Sun-Sentinel*.

Mourners spilled onto the sidewalk of Star of David Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Funeral Chapel in North Lauderdale on Feb. 16. They included fellow students who remembered Alyssa as an excellent student and athlete who spoke of attending law school, according to the *Sun-Sentinel*.

Her mother, Lori Alhadeff, who in an interview with CNN, begged President Donald Trump to take action to prevent future mass shootings. At the CNN town hall a few days later, she expressed anger and frustration. "I am tired of people doing nothing," she said. "This horrific incident has to be the catalyst that finally puts things in action."

Alyssa had attended Camp Coleman in Georgia, a Reform Jewish camp, for one summer, and was planning on returning this year. Staff there remembered her as being "like an angel," always happy to help out and quick to adjust to a new environment.

A soccer scholarship has been set up in her memory through GoFundMe.

### Meadow Pollack

Meadow Pollack, 18, a senior, had planned to go to Lynn University in nearby Boca Raton next year.



Meadow Pollack

Her father, Andrew Pollack, attended a listening session with President Trump at the White House on Feb. 21 and told Trump that it must be the last school shooting.

"My daughter is in King David Cemetery," Pollack said. "Never, ever will I see my kid, it's an eternity."

Pollack, surrounded by his three sons, asked the president, "How many schools, how many children have to get shot?"

Pollack called for increased security at

schools, noting that the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001 triggered immediate enhanced protections for airliners, while despite a succession of school shootings these facilities remain vulnerable. He advised against litigating gun laws for now, saying the issue was too divisive.

"It's not about gun laws right now - that's another fight, another battle," Pollack said.

At Meadow's funeral Feb. 16 at Temple K'ol Tikvah, her dad talked about the thoughts that haunt him.

"You killed my kid. 'My kid is dead' goes through my head all day and all night. I keep hearing it over and over," he said, according to a *Sun-Sentinel* report. "I have always been able to protect my family. Our kids should be safe but my princess wasn't safe."

Rabbi Bradd Boxman called on those who were present to do an act of kindness in Meadow's memory. "We must carry Meadow's love forward and not let it die in a pine wood box," Rabbi Boxman said, according to the Associated Press.

### Alex Schachter

Alex Schachter, 14, was a member of the school's marching band and orchestra, playing baritone and trombone.



Alex Schachter

"I felt he really had a bright future on the trombone," Alexander Kaminsky, director of bands at the Parkland high school, told the *Sun-Sentinel*.

The *Miami Herald* reported that remembrances at the Feb. 18 funeral focused on his love for movies, his humor and his passion for the high school's marching band as well as the secret ingredients in his special smoothie.

A Go Fund Me page was set up by Alex's family for a scholarship.

"In an effort to continue his memory, this scholarship is being created to help other students experience the joys of music as well as fund increased security at schools. Please help keep Alex's spirit alive," the page said. "The money raised will be sent to the Stoneman Douglas Marching Eagles."

Alex's father read a poem at the CNN town hall meeting that his son had written

that likened life to a rollercoaster ride, with the rider never knowing when it would stop.

### Scott Beigel

Scott Beigel, 35, was a geography teacher and cross country coach at the school. He was also a longtime counselor at Camp Starlight, a predominantly Jewish camp in Pennsylvania.



Scott Beigel

Beigel is credited with sacrificing his own life to save students by opening his classroom door to students looking for a place to hide. He was shot while closing the door behind them.

One of the students, Kelsey Friend, recounted how Beigel let her and other students into his classroom and then attempted to lock the door. Friend said she would likely not be alive had Beigel not opened the door for her and called Beigel "a really amazing teacher."

Linda Shulman, Beigel's mother confronted the NRA's Dana Loesch at the CNN town hall, demanding to know: "Why are my son's unalienable rights not protected as fiercely as the right to bear arms?"

Hundreds of family, friends, students and colleagues attended the Beigel's funeral on Sunday, Feb. 18, at Temple Beth El in Boca Raton.

His fiancé, Gwen Gossler, who he met at Camp Starlight, recounted a chilling conversation when they were watching coverage of another school shooting. If he ever was the victim of a school shooting, Beigel said he didn't want Gossler to talk about the "hero stuff," Gossler related at the funeral. Nevertheless that was the word being used to describe Beigel.

In a Facebook post, Camp Starlight, called him a "beloved friend and hero."

"I am not at all surprised to hear that he endangered his own life to save others," wrote Liza Luxenberg, a friend from the camp. "He has always been a hero to me as a friend and now unfortunately the rest of the world gets to learn of his heroism in this tragedy."

A Scott Beigel Memorial Fund has been set up to fund scholarships to the camp.

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valorous woman excerpted from Proverbs and traditionally sung on Friday night, as well as Ecclesiastes.

"As Broward's first Jewish sheriff, I carry a heavy burden knowing I am making history," the campaign flier said. "That is why I always strive to do what is right, what is best, what will help people. This is why this message is impor-

tant - regardless of your personal faith - because I want my children and grandchildren to always be able to look back with pride someday at my legacy as they continue to pass down our faith and legacy of public service."

Israel told the *Sun-Sentinel* that he attends the Parkland Chabad, and he is comfortable in churches as well as synagogues. His wife, Susan, is Christian, and they raised their

children in both religions.

"I am Jewish," he told the *Sun-Sentinel*. "Susan is Christian. Like most families with parents of different faiths, we raised our children with extensive exposure to both our faiths. The triplets were all bar/bat mitzvahed. Now that the triplets are adults, they each have the free choice to decide their own faith."

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# Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival Schedule

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**  
OPENING NIGHT

**Bye Bye Germany**  
Bryan Glazer Family JCC  
Cocktail hour 6 p.m.,  
Theater opens 7 p.m.



*Bye Bye Germany* is an award-winning film that has been screened across the U.S. and internationally in more than 50 film festivals. The film stars Moritz Bleibtreu, who plays a defiant Holocaust survivor looking to strike it rich in postwar Frankfurt by selling bed linens door-to-door to make money to immigrate to America. But the smooth-talker meets his match when an attractive U.S. officer interrogates him about his wartime past. The film is a brisk drama tempered with bittersweet humor.

Opening night admission: \$36 per person.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**And Then She Arrived**  
Villagio Cinema of Carrollwood,  
11 a.m.



Dan Freilich is 30 and has ev-

erything he could ever hope for and then some: the perfect job at his father's law firm, the perfect loving family and the perfect girlfriend. But a chance encounter with a waitress in Jerusalem makes him realize something was missing after all – true love. *And Then She Arrived* is the new charming romantic comedy from Israeli director Roei Florentin (TBJFF 2017 *Mr. Predictable*), with guest appearances from Einat Sarouf and Orna Banai, stars of the film *The Women's Balcony* (TBJFF 2017).

Admission: \$10

**Bombshell:**  
**The Hedy Lamarr Story**

Villagio Cinema of Carrollwood,  
1 p.m.



*Bombshell* goes behind the public persona of a deeply misunderstood Hollywood starlet to reveal the thwarted ambitions of a brilliant inventor. An Austrian Jewish émigré who fled her Nazi sympathizer husband, she pursued a future in show business while patenting a secret WWII communications system that is the foundation of today's wireless technology. Lamarr narrates her trailblazing story through never-before-heard audio recordings, augmented by interviews with surviving family, friends and luminaries.

Admission: \$10

**Sammy Davis Jr.:**  
**I've Gotta Be Me**

AMC Classic Centro Ybor, 5 p.m.



A rousing tribute to the iconic song-and-dance man in all his complexities and contradictions, *Sammy Davis Jr.: I've Gotta Be Me* remembers the entertainer who blazed a trail across the shifting tides and flashpoints of 20th century America.

Admission: \$10

**Heather Booth:**  
**Changing the World**

Bryan Glazer Family JCC, Theater 1,  
6:30 p.m.



Heather Booth, a renowned organizer and activist, began her remarkable career at the height of the Civil Rights movement. Looking at Booth's life, work and personal relationship with respected leaders such as Julian Bond and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the film explores the most pivotal moments in progressive movements that altered our history over the last 50 years.

*Heather Booth will lead an open discussion immediately after film.*

Admission: \$10

**Longing**

Bryan Glazer Family JCC,  
Theater 2, 8 p.m.



A middle-aged bachelor's world is upended when he learns he has lost a son he didn't know existed, in the affecting Israeli tragicomedy *Longing*. The bombshell propels Ariel on a surreal journey into the unknown, as he travels to the boy's gravesite and seaside home, desperate to know more. Through a series of eccentric encounters and winding revelations, Ariel goes out on an emotional limb, belatedly discovering fatherly love and devotion, as well as personal catharsis about his own troubled childhood.

Admission: \$10

PINELLAS COUNTY

**The Last Suit**

Largo Central Park  
Performing Arts Center,  
7 p.m.



Eighty-eight-year-old Holocaust survivor Abraham Bursztein (Miguel Ángel Solá) is about to be put out to pasture by his children, who have booked him into a retirement home. Refusing to bow to family pressure, he sets off on an adventure from which he doesn't expect to return. Abraham decides that the moment has come to fulfill a promise and seek out an old friend.

*A dessert reception will follow the movie.*

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Admission: \$10

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**The Cakemaker**

Villagio Cinema of Carrollwood,  
1:30 p.m.



The emotionally distant Tomas (Tim Kalkhof) leads a lonely life as a Berlin coffee shop pastry chef, until starting a passionate tryst with Oren (Roy Miller), a married Israeli businessman. When his lover is killed, Tomas seeks solace in Oren's hometown, Jerusalem, taking a job at a struggling café run by his dead lover's unsuspecting wife Anat (Sarah Adler). As business flourishes with Tomas' kitchen talents, the bereaved pair forges a bond that blurs lines of nationality, religion and sexuality.

*Cake and coffee will be offered after the film.*

Admission: \$10

**Budapest Noir**

AMC Classic Centro Ybor 10,  
5 p.m.



A hard-boiled reporter investigates the brutal murder of a prostitute, leading him into the dark underworld of 1930s pre-Nazi Hungary, in the stylish thriller *Budapest Noir*. When the young Jewish woman is found beaten to death, no one is interested in solving the bizarre crime, except for Zsigmond Gordon (Krisztián Kolovratnik), who feels things are not what they seem. The murky clues eventually lead to a shadowy world of pornographers and brothels, crime syndicates and communist cells, and the highest echelons of power, just as Hungary's fascist-leaning government prepares to align with Hitler.

Admission: \$10

PINELLAS COUNTY

**And Then She Arrived**

AMC Classic Palm Harbor 10,  
11 a.m.

See synopsis above  
Admission: \$10

**Budapest Noir**

AMC Classic Palm Harbor 10,  
4 p.m.

See synopsis above  
Admission: \$10

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**The Testament**

AMC Classic Centro Ybor 10,  
7:30 p.m.



Investigating the cover-up of a wartime massacre of Jews in Austria, Holocaust researcher Yoel Halberstam (Ori Pfeffer) stumbles upon highly classified evidence that suggests his mother (Rivka Gur) is not the woman she claims to be, a thunderbolt that undermines everything that defines him. Yoel secretly pursues the lead, risking everything – career, wife and son, even his own beliefs – to solve the historical mystery about his identity. *The Testament* was Best Film winner at the Haifa International Film Festival.

Admission: \$10

PINELLAS COUNTY

**In Between**

AMC Sundial 20, 7:30 p.m.



Three independent young Palestinian gal pals choose a life of freedom in the heart of Israel while straining under societal expectations, in this taboo-breaking dramedy. Fighting for the right to live on their own terms, with very singular personalities, the women share a Tel Aviv apartment away from their home villages. Struggling to be true to themselves while finding the right romantic partners, the developing sisterhood negotiates being Arab-Israeli in a predominantly Jewish society.

Admission: \$10

**An Israeli Love Story**

AMC Sundial 20, 9:30 p.m.



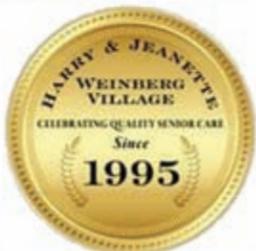
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# FESTIVAL

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The year is 1947. Eighteen-year-old Margalit lives in a settlement in northern Israel. One day she meets 24-year-old Eli Ben Zvi. She tries to get close to him, but things don't go so smoothly. He has a girlfriend and is busy with the dramatic events preceding the birth of Israel. Slowly the barriers come down, Eli discovers Margalit and they move in together. They set up a date for their wedding, but Israel's harsh reality intervenes.

Admission: \$10

## SUNDAY, MARCH 25

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

### Scandal in Ivansk

Glazer JCC, Theater 1  
10:45 a.m.



In the small Polish town of Ivansk, most of the Jews were killed by the Nazis, and the headstones in the Jewish cemetery were plundered for construction purposes. A group of descendants of Ivansk Jews restore the town's cemetery, retrieving what headstones they can. When they commission a plaque that includes the word "collaborator," a national scandal is unleashed. This eye-opening documentary strives to understand why much of the nation won't accept "collaborator" to describe Polish people who aided the Nazis and benefited from the genocide of Jews.

Admission: \$10

### Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

Glazer JCC, Theater 2,  
1:30 p.m.



In an irony of ironies, it was Jewish immigrant outsiders – Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé and many others – who redefined Christmas as a secular and inclusive cultural phenomenon. Penning such yuletide classics as "White Christmas," "Let It Snow" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," these artists amplified the spirit of the holidays through musical merriment. A panoply of performers delivers renditions of these beloved melodies, amusingly set in a Chinese restaurant, while musicologists, religious leaders, comedians and others add insights into the contradictory and poignant relationship American Jews have with "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (also written by a Jew).

Admission: \$10.

Kosher Chinese buffet lunch before the film, noon to 1 p.m. Cost: \$12. Tickets for lunch must be bought in advance.

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### Itzhak

Glazer JCC, Theater 1  
2:30 p.m.



Itzhak examines the life and glorious music of Israeli-born Itzhak Perlman, widely considered the greatest living violinist. Archival materials and performance clips, including a breakthrough appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* at age 13, combined with behind-the-scenes moments of the venerated artist. Perlman's musical discipline contrasts with an intimate view of his home life, as a modern Jewish family embraces its heritage in a changing world.

Admission: \$10

### Heading Home:

#### The Tale of Team Israel

Glazer JCC, Theater 2, 4 p.m.  
Heading Home charts the under-



dog journey of Israel's national baseball team competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic. After years of defeat, Team Israel finally ranks among the world's best in 2017, eligible to play in the prestigious international tournament. Their line-up included several Jewish American major league players, most with a tenuous relationship to Judaism, and never having set foot in Israel. Their odyssey takes them from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem where they are greeted as heroes, to Seoul where they must debunk their has-been, wannabe reputations.

A Q&A with special guests from Team Israel and Israel Baseball including Arizona Diamondbacks scout (and architect of Team Is-

rael's roster) Alex Jacobs after the movie. The Q&A will be moderated by Jonathan Mayo, MLB.com's draft and prospect expert.

Admission: \$5 for kids, \$10 for adults

### The People vs. Fritz Bauer

Glazer JCC, Theater 1, 6 p.m.



Its economy flourishing in the postwar 1950s, Germany grows increasingly apathetic about confronting its recent past. Against this backdrop, the implacable Attorney General Fritz Bauer (Burghart Klaubner) is committed to holding leaders of the Third Reich to account. He is stymied at every turn by authorities with Nazi ties, now in top government positions. While slandered in the court of public opinion by foes

seeking to silence him, the tenacious Bauer pursues a forbidden alliance with Israeli spy agency Mossad to apprehend Holocaust mastermind Adolph Eichmann.

This film is being held in partnership with the Florida Holocaust Museum, where the exhibition, *Operation Finale*, about Eichmann's capture and trial, is currently on display.

Admission: \$10

### About the TBJFF

Many of the films are expected to sell-out this year, so pre-purchase of festival tickets is suggested at [www.tbjff.org](http://www.tbjff.org). For more information about the films, see the ad on Pages 10-11 or go to the website.

The 2018 festival is co-produced by Tampa sponsored by the Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs, Bank United, Herman Forbes Charitable Trust and Sara and David Scher. To become a corporate sponsor or patron of the Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival, call (813) 769-4725 or visit the website.

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**I made my wedding dress into a tallis**

By JOANN ABRAHAM  
 Kveller via JTA news service

I had tallis envy. Seriously. “How come,” muttered my feminist self, “I can’t swash around the synagogue wearing one of those?” “What,” scoffed my skeptical self, “do the guys get from wearing one?”

So I asked the rabbi of my very inclusive, egalitarian Conservative synagogue.

She said the act of wrapping the tallis, or prayer shawl, around you concentrates your mind on prayer, which is what you’re supposed to be thinking about in synagogue. Plus, much like a mezuzah, it separates the private you from the public you.

All this really sounded neat. So I borrowed my husband’s old tallis, the small one he got for his bar mitzvah that had been replaced during a trip to Israel by a large, blanket-sized one.

It worked, sort of. Wearing the prayer shawl did quiet my mind, helping me focus more on praying and contemplation than on the

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# Fall: It's the most wedding-ful time of the year

By Nola Sarkisian-Miller  
CTW Features

Along with adversely impacting our planet, global warming is influencing a less-serious activity: weddings. According to The Knot's 2016 wedding statistics, fall has overtaken summer as the most popular wedding season with 40 percent of couples planning fall ceremonies. Fall's warmer months and cheaper fees are a huge selling point.

So, if brides want to lock in a special date during this busy time, they shouldn't wait, especially if looking for a destination with fall foliage as the backdrop.

"The number one thing to do is plan ahead," says Jaclyn Watson, who owns an eponymous wedding planning firm in Hyde Park, VT, catering to \$250,000 to \$1 million weddings. "Book at least eight months out to ensure you get your preferred date, venue, planner and photographer secured."

Another thing to consider is how much work a couple wants to invest in the wedding. Would the duo prefer to research everything or book a package complete with catering and wedding vendors and coast through the planning process?

"Brides tell me that they like the flexibility of a wedding where they control the details," says Mandy Connor, owner of Hummingbird Bridal and Events, in Boston. "Others say that it can cost more than they realize so make sure the venues are upfront about all of that."

For those who are DIYers and call Pinterest home, places like Overbrook House in Cape Cod, MA, are a favorite option where couples are responsible for everything from catering to the music. At Overbrook House, brides can realize their dreams of a rustic, yet modern wedding at this Insta-worthy site featuring a 1920s era home with spacious grounds covering 250 acres.

Another option to consider is how long you want that wedding celebration to last. If couples would love a marathon of events, finding a locale that can comfortably suit you and guests for a weekend or more can help edit down your search.

"If you're considering a destination wedding, find a place that can really tell your story and offer activities that you would all like," Watson says.

Outdoor activities abound at the Bee and Thistle Inn in Old Lyme, CT. Built in 1757 when the area was a shipping colony; the grounds include a colonial-style inn and a sunken



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botanical garden along the Lieutenant River. For a festive weekend, book a ride on a steam locomotive or a riverboat cruise in between some mountain biking and golf.

Often finding that crimson fall foliage and that serene wedding setting means traveling out of the way. Still, for Florida brides, it doesn't have to mean traveling a thousand miles or more with little accessibility.

One such spot is Vecoma at the Yellow River, Inc. in Snellville, GA, which offers picturesque wedding sites including those by the river and the front lawn. It is about 35 miles northeast of Atlanta and offers plenty of nearby lodging for out-of-town guests.

Vecoma owner and president Judith Warren understands the stresses and neuroses of wedding planning, especially for couples that do not live in the area. So bring on the phone calls and emails, Warren says.

When it comes to planning outdoor fall weddings, couples naturally worry about the remote chance of inclement weather, so make sure venues offer Plan B contingencies. October is apparently the driest month in Atlanta, according to Warren. For fall color fanatics, Oct. 14 to Nov. 18 guarantees the most "brilliant" hues in her neck of the woods. (Of course, keep in mind that farther north the colors peak earlier).

"We don't even utter the four-letter word that starts with R," Warren says. "If it does, we have our covered deck or inside the lodge in front of our stone fireplace."



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## Whisk your wedding to the islands without leaving home

By RENEE LEE  
CTW Features

What screams tropical wedding more than a colorscheme filled with bright pops of pink, luscious green and tan (reminiscent of sandy beaches, anyone?)

The Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas specializes in tropical-themed weddings, and to achieve that aesthetic, it's all about decor, said Michelle Goldberg, Tropicana's marketing projects manager. "Whether you choose to get married indoors or outdoors, you can always add exotic foliage, a bright color scheme and Chivari chairs to achieve a tropical setting for your wedding."

### The lush floral

For that exotic feel, it's all about bringing the tropics to your theme with the right floral choices. Create an island aesthetic by decorating with palm leaves and bright, colorful flowers such as orchids, birds of paradise or ginger flowers.

Hala Tropical Flowers, a 10-acre tropical flower farm on the island of Hana, Hawaii, specializes in helping bring the abundance of lush floral of the island to any bride

and groom. "For a bride planning a tropical themed wedding, I recommend using some of my favorite pink flowers like orchids, pink ginger and King Protea," said Hala's florist and designer Jessica Keay.

Adding whimsical flowers like white torch ginger and tubarose can add to the fun island vibe, while garden roses can add a touch of romance, she added. Eucalyptus and heliotrope plants are also some of Keay's favorites for adding tropical greenery.

Aside from obvious floral elements like bouquets, many tropical-themed weddings also feature orchids and greenery in other decor elements – palm leaves are especially striking as escort cards or as part of tablescapes, while they can also adorn tropical wedding cakes.

### Fun, pineapple-filled decor

What's the hottest wedding decor trend of the year? For Tropicana's Goldberg, it's definitely the pineapple. Use the quintessential tropical fruit to add a pop of the islands or a pop of color (think attention-getting gold or bright yellow-painted pineapples) and think beyond pineapples by including other on-theme



fruits like bananas, mangoes, papayas or eye-catching Buddha's hand.

For even more tropical flair, include decor elements like flamingo



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gos, colorful leis, sand dollars (great for escort cards or table cards), seashells or candles. For fun while striking a pose, set up a photo booth with tropical props like sunglasses, straw hats and coconut bras.

## Wedding / Engagement Announcements

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## DRESS

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grocery list or the errands yet to be run. But it felt wrong for me.

That's when I decided I wanted my own. This began a strange journey I looked in all the usual places: the temple gift shop, a local Judaica store, and many online sites. Nothing looked like something I'd really love to wrap myself in.

Eventually, the idea got put on hold. With the kids gone, we started to talk about downsizing. I'd really only begun to think about paring our possessions when the house sold. Suddenly, we were at warp speed, shedding trophies and treasures with abandon. My to-do list had sub-lists.

And then, while clearing out a

closet, I found my wedding dress, from 40 years ago. I'd kept it, thinking I'd have it dyed, so I could wear it to someone else's wedding. Then life got in the way, and it had gotten shoved deeper into the closet.

Nervously, I tried it on, and was stunned that it sort of fit. But my body, thanks to the triple threat of kids, life and gravity, has a different shape now. Wearing it as a dress was clearly out of the question.

However, when I put that dress on, I felt love — the love my husband and I share as well as that of all the others I loved who were at our wedding and no longer alive. It was a feeling I really didn't want to let go of.

I wondered: Could this, my wedding dress, be made into a tallis?

Online, I found a woman who does just that. I mailed her the dress, told her what I'd like, and several weeks later she sent me exactly what I'd been looking for.

No, I'm not more observant now. But when I'm in synagogue and wrap myself in my very own tallis, my wedding dress tallis, I feel that I'm wrapping myself in love.

And I know why I'm there.

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# 7 things (you may not have thought much about) to do before the wedding

By JORDANA HORN  
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### Premarital counseling

As a prerequisite to marriage, the Catholic faith requires a course of premarital counseling set by the church called *pre cana*. No equivalent really exists in Judaism, but I did appreciate it very much when our rabbi offered an opportunity to sit and meet with him a few times to discuss how we wanted our lives to look as a married couple. (I would also love to go back in time and see what we said, since I am sure we didn't really think we would have six kids, but that's another story.) Ask your rabbi if you can do the same. It's a good way to talk about things you may not have already discussed, like how religious you want your life to be, how you want to raise any kids, how you want to handle money and so forth.

### Genetic screening

Here's another one you may not have discussed: genetic screening. Before marrying, get tested for Jewish genetic diseases. Most people get reassuring results, but even if you both test positive as carriers, there are options to help you have healthy children. It's super common to be a carrier for some kind of genetic disease: One in three Jews is a healthy carrier. The crazy part is you have no idea without testing.

The national nonprofit JScreen offers those with Jewish lineage subsidized testing for more than 200 genetic diseases. Their testing is meant for anyone with Ashkenazi, Sephardic or Mizrahi backgrounds, as well as interfaith couples. You can do the test at home and register online.

### Consider the paperwork

You're probably going to want a ketubah, a Jewish marriage contract. While I have a rabbi friend who refers to it somewhat pejoratively as an "Aramaic document of acquisition," I see it as an opportunity to frame your marriage and mutual Jewish future. In the secular world, you may be considering a prenup.

As a Conservative Jew, I am a tremendous advocate of the Lieberman clause, in which both parties to the marriage agree



The ketubah, the Jewish marriage contract, is often created as an original artwork and displayed in the home.

not to withhold a "get" – the Jewish instrument of divorce – should the marriage not hold. Including this clause in your ketubah is a statement on behalf of women's rights. There are many websites with ketubah options.

### Talk to each other

This often gets lost in all the meetings with the florist, the band, etc. No one is actually going to recall what card stock you used for the thank you notes or how big your centerpieces were. Take time every day to talk about something not wedding-related. You know, like why you like each other, or a movie you saw. If you can, write a letter to your partner (offer them the chance to do the same for you, but this is optional, not mandatory) to be opened on your first, or 10th, anniversary.

On the flip side, if there are warning spots of trouble between you, don't sweep them under the rug. Talk about the problem. Do you differ on fundamental issues, like whether to send kids to Hebrew school or what you believe, spiritually and politically? If you've got concerns, it's not "just jitters" – and even if it were, this is a litmus test for how you deal with stress (and this is just the good kind of stress). If you don't like the answers, you may need to have a more serious discussion that yes, could include postponing or calling off

the wedding. Don't compromise your future because you already paid for the caterer.

### Plan the ceremony

The core of the wedding is the ceremony, not the party (I know – shocking), so take time to focus on that element. What would make the ceremony more meaningful to you and your partner? When I asked the cantor at our synagogue for traditional wedding music, he gave us a CD of music performed by our synagogue's band, and I chose a song and sang it with them as I circled my groom. I will never be able to think about that without simultaneously smiling and crying.

### Think beyond yourselves

Use the kiddush cup your partner's great-grandfather brought over from Russia, even though you think it's hideous. Use the tallis the entire family has been married under rather than the floral chuppah of your dreams. At the end of the day, you're not making a wedding for Pinterest – you are making it for your family, past and future. Honor those people.

And, for that matter, honor your guests by making the registry easy to navigate (and easily refundable), the seating comfortable and the food plentiful.

### Be kind

Figure out ways to pay your happiness forward. Write thank yous not only to those who gave you gifts, but to those who are giving their time: your officiant, the photographer. Be kind to everyone. Give your centerpieces to a nursing home or hospital. Donate a portion of your gifts, if they are monetary. Make sure you tell people how thrilled you are that they took the time to come and be with you to celebrate this milestone in your life, and how you hope they will be there for every special day to come.

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## Who said the '70s is out of style? Boho is back

By KRISTEN FISCHER  
CTW Features

Integrating bright reds, greens and yellows popular in the era can be a splashy way to create a Bohemian-themed affair. Just think more in jewel tones and less in the bright colors that defined the *Brady Bunch*. From the venue to the flowers, it's easy to fuse these colors into a one-of-a-kind wedding without going overboard. Even better, an elegant look can still be attained when it's done right – and this unique palette can work in any season.

"Bohemian is effortless cohesion," said Lindsay Parrott-Masiewicz, owner of P3 Events in Connecticut. "In addition to all the upbeat hues, add a little gold into the color palette for a distinctive look."

### An unforgettable atmosphere

Start with textiles to make tables take on the motif.

"To achieve an effortless bohemian vibe, I would start with a patterned tablecloth, something bold and bright with hints of gold throughout," said Parrott-Masiewicz. She recommended picking a blue or green square charger, then topping it with a round red dinner plate and a gold- or yellow-inspired menu on top.

Taper candles, submersible LED lights and linens can be the perfect accents to add the color without overwhelming guests with the theme, said Audrey Issac of 100 Candles based in California.

"If you're looking for a subtler touch, look to your candle and floral vessels – consider colored and textured glass votives and vases for the eclectic look often associated with bohemian inspired celebrations," she says.

### Boho chic

What the bridal party wears can also be incorporated into the color palette.

Dresses can also tie into the theme, and Issac suggests letting bridesmaids choose their own outfits – just make sure they fit the



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Channel your inner flower child by donning a floral crown made out of wildflowers.

Megan Velez,

Destination Weddings Group

tone of the big day, such as upscale or rustic. Some bridesmaids will be fine in a sundress for a beach wedding, while a more classic wedding requires a formal dress.

"Give them one or two colors and allow them to take the lead on the hue and overall style," she says. "Blues and greens in particular work well with most skin tones; save the brighter colors, such as yellow and oranges, for accents and accessories."

Encouraging bridal party members to incorporate a pattern will add to the eclectic vibe.

As for the bride, adorning locks with fresh flowers as to the aesthetic and theme.

"Channel your inner flower child by donning a floral crown made out of wildflowers," said Megan Velez of Destination Weddings Group, a network of wedding planners across the globe. "Prefer a traditional veil? Then, see if your wedding party is on board with donning natural blooms, instead. And for the dress, aim for light fabrics, flowy sleeves and a touch of lace."



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"Texturizing your floral arrangements and bridal bouquet will add interest and natural playfulness," says Dawn Stafford of the event planning firm Gathering Souls in Washington D.C. "Berries are plentiful and come in an array of hues from pale pinks and deep reds to bright greens and icy blues. Succulents and greenery provide lushness and complimentary monochromatic tones."

Your flowers and invitations can also incorporate colors, while ribbons can accent just about anything while featuring engaging patterns.

From there, it's simple to adopt trends like a candy bar or photo booth – just stick to the same hues and you're set.

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## Second-time brides share what to wear

Second-time bride Shari Klein with her husband, in what she called her "Cinderella moment."

Shari Klein, 50, seconds that notion. When she remarried in New York, she ended up with a white bridesmaid dress deeply emblazoned with silver beading. She says that for two months, she went searching for the perfect ensemble. Her married daughters helped, sending her pictures and suggestions.

"I needed something that was a little atypical and that fit my personality – sexy and flirty and fun, but I didn't want to look like a grown-up trying to be a kid," says Klein, whose dress ultimately gave her that "princess feel" she desired, effusing a combination of modesty, sophistication, and beauty. She found the dress two days before her wedding.

In contrast to Klein's white, Michel's dress was a blush pink. She says she knew the closest she would get to white was ivory, and in her searches she explored the gamut of colors, considering navies and burgundies if she were to have a winter wedding, and later a series of summer hues.

Nicole Borsuk says second-time brides often opt for their favorite colors or ones they know look good on them. Fair-skinned brides should go with pastel colors so that they don't become washed out by their dress. Olive-skinned brides can go more vibrant, Borsuk says, noting, "Orange is really in. So is fuchsia."

Another way to consider your wedding gown is based on venue. Michel was married in a historic inn in Baltimore that she says had the feel of an English barn. The dress lent itself to the venue.

Finally, accessorize. Michel says what she found in her exploration is that one can go with a simpler dress and then accessorize with the right bridal belt or shoes. Borsuk recommends that if going with a simpler dress add some fun and tasteful costume jewelry.

In Klein's case, the shoes were the highlight. She selected high heels with sequins, silver straps and rhinestones.

"When you get married the second time around, you need to know this person is always going to be your prince charming," says Klein. "There is a picture when he is putting the shoe on me. It is a Cinderella moment and a Cinderella picture – the shoes, that picture, captured it all."

Of course, by the end of the evening, Klein's shoes were off and she was living it up, dancing with her new husband. The dress was comfortable enough to move so she could enjoy the night – something first-time brides sometimes forgo for beauty.

"To your first wedding, you invite the world. To your second wedding, you are very choosy in who you share it with. It also a celebration of who you are," says Klein. "That was the day. That was the dress. ... It was perfection."

By MAAYAN JAFFE-HOFFMAN  
JNS.org

Every bride wants her wedding day to be special, whether it's her first or second nuptials.

There are many more considerations the second time around. Often, there are children involved. Usually, the couple is paying for the ceremony on their own, so finances can factor in more. There's also the question of what was done the first time and how you want to make wedding No. 2 the same – or totally different.

But there's one topic that every bride-to-be considers: what to wear. When a woman gets married the first time, it's traditional to wear a white bridal gown. Of course, there's a variety of dresses, but generally she knows – within a range – what she's looking for.

For wedding No. 2? The message from second-time Jewish brides and their stylists is that anything goes.

"The bride should wear what she feels most comfortable in," says Nicole Borsuk of Nicole Borsuk Personal Shopper in Atlanta. "It all depends on the bride."

Melinda Michel of Baltimore remarried at the age of 48. "I thought it was really fun shopping for wedding dresses, and Pinterest was like virtual window shopping," Michel says, noting that when she explored the virtual photo shop she discovered wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, and cocktail attire in a variety of colors and cuts. She would pin the dresses she liked and then try to find them in a local bridal or department store.

"I think [second-time] brides should consider bridesmaid dresses," says Michel.

For one, bridesmaid dresses are significantly cheaper – usually as much as 50 percent less expensive than a bridal gown. They still have that "bridal party feel," without the virgin princess look. "I don't know that my taste was as defined at 23 as it is now," says Michel of the difference between shopping for her dress the first and second times around.

## Step into a fairytale wedding

By CATHY CASSATTA  
CTW Features

If you've always dreamed of an over-the-top fairytale wedding, from your venue to your dress and everything in-between, your dream can come true. Make your day as magical as you envision with these tips.

### Delight with décor

Just like fairytales are different, so are décor options, says Maksym Podsolonko, owner of Magic Day Luxury Experiences. "Choose between tender pastel colors for dark overstated venues and colorful combinations for 'blank space' venues with lots of natural light. Go for grand tall centerpieces in spaces with lots of volume but choose numerous smaller compositions where you want to create a cozy atmosphere. Always use lots of candles and dim the lights for extra 'wow,'" Podsolonko says.

Also, ensure you have enough space to execute your vision. "The ceilings should be high enough and sturdy enough to hang chandeliers," says Ani Hovhannisyian, founder of couture bridal styling agency, Through The Veil. "When I walk into a reception, the first place my eyes go is up. Chandeliers add drama and opulence even in the most derelict of spaces."

### Flowers can do wonders, too.

Caroline Bailly, owner of the floral and event design company, L'ATELIER ROUGE, notes that lush arrangements and over-growing nature give a "Sleeping Beauty" look while placing flowers under cake plates, clear glass whimsical vases and clear glass cloches can remind guests of "Beauty and the Beast."

In fact, incorporate accents related to any fairytale that you desire, says Sukh Grewal, style director of Shields Flowers & Events. "An antique teapot on some of the tables with flowers designed within, old fairytale books adding to some of the tablescapes, a glass slipper as another table accent, giant vintage mirrors and small pastel blue bird accents," she says. Options abound.

### Look the part

Your dress can take you and guests into a world of allure. Pick a style that's best for your shape and that's full of fairytale details. Then accessorize.

"Going for luxury combined with glitz, choose a crystal-encrusted cape for a signature statement," suggests Dawn Stafford, founder of event planning company Gathering Souls.

Gloves can also add elegance. They can be wrist length, over the elbow, satin, lace or even sheer, Stafford notes. "For lovers of Romeo and Juliet, your season has arrived. Romantic wedding dresses with cinched waists, voluminous shoulders, flowing fabrics and 3D floral embellishments are all unforgettable," Stafford points out.



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