

Palm Harbor native turns rebuff on 'Bachelorette' into match with JScreen

By RACHEL MINETTI
Jewish Press

Emergency room doctor Grant Hubsher might have been booted from *The Bachelorette* last season on the first night, but he is still quite the eligible bachelor.

The Palm Harbor native recently paired up with JScreen, a genetic testing and screening non-

profit, to offer a chance to win a date with him at Wolf and Lamb Steakhouse in New York City (it's kosher friendly, don't worry.)

The idea to partner with Hubsher was a no-brainer. By the time the contest ended June 1, JScreen had received a few hundred applications from women all over the country looking to dine with

the doctor. While requesting the screening kit was not a requirement to enter the contest, it put the topic of Jewish genetic testing on people's radar.

"He's a Jewish doctor himself and he's in the exact age demographic of who should be getting screened," said Hillary Kener.

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Dr. Grant Hubsher

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Rock & roll at Holocaust Museum? Life of legendary concert promoter Bill Graham makes it happen



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Bill Graham onstage before the final concert at the Fillmore East in New York City on Jan. 1, 1970.

The Florida Holocaust Museum's upcoming exhibit will intersect the Holocaust with the rock & roll explosion that ignited in the 1960s.

Opening in St. Petersburg in August, "Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution" is the first exhibition to explore the extraordinary life of renowned concert impresario Bill Graham (1931- 1991), who helped launch the careers of many music legends of the 1960s at his famed Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco.

Over the years, he worked with such iconic musicians as the Grateful Dead, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Santana, the Who, Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones. He also conceived rock & roll as a powerful force for supporting humanitarian causes and was instrumental in the production of milestone benefit concerts such as Live Aid (1985) and Human Rights Now! (1988).

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Compiled from news wires

Germany boosts funding for Holocaust survivors by \$88 million

Germany has agreed to increase its funding for social welfare services for Holocaust survivors by \$88 million.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in its announcement Tuesday said the increase brings global allocations by Germany for 2019 to \$564 million.

The Claims Conference and representatives of the German government negotiated the increase in Washington, D.C. During the negotiations, the German officials were taken on a tour of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and heard from survivors about their personal experiences.

"The significant increase for social welfare services secured by our negotiating team will lead to more home care, food support, medicine and transportation services for Jewish Holocaust survivors around the world," said Claims Conference President Julius Berman.

Also as a result of the negotiations, 55,000 Holocaust survivors in Central and Eastern Europe will see an increase in pensions and more child survivors who were living in hiding or under a false identity will be eligible to receive payments.

Illinois' Republican governor calls on voters to reject neo-Nazi GOP candidate

The governor of Illinois, who called on a neo-Nazi candidate for a Chicago-area congressional seat to drop out of the race, has called on voters to "vote for anybody" else.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner denounced Arthur Jones, also a Republican and a former leader of the American Nazi Party, advising voters in the 3rd Congressional District to "vote for anybody but Arthur Jones. Nazis have no place in our country and no one should vote for him."

Rauner said that the Illinois GOP and the national Republican Party did everything they could to get Jones off the ballot, for which he ran uncontested. "I called [on] him to get out and he should be out, and we should have somebody run against him," Rauner said, according to Politico. "There is no room, as I said right immediately when he snuck on there, there is no room in our politics for a person like that."

Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, a former presidential candidate, was the first to call on Illinois voters to "write in another candidate, or vote for the Democrat" running against Jones.

Jewish candidate in NJ loses national Republican support after racist post

A Jewish candidate for a New Jersey congressional seat who posted an article saying that black people "are a threat to all who cross their paths" has lost the support of the national Republican Party.

The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) pulled its support for Atlantic City attorney Seth Grossman and called for him to drop out of the race. A day earlier, the website Media Matters for America published a report saying that Grossman has promoted propaganda from White Nationalists on social media and in speeches.

"Bigotry has no place in society — let alone the U.S. House of Representatives," Steve Stivers, chairman of the NRCC, said in a statement, calling for Grossman to drop out of the race.

In response to the report, Grossman responded in a tweet: "Bubba (Grandma) would say 'Only in America!' Where else can the grandson of Jewish immigrants from Russia be a 'Nazi'? Or 'White supremacist' for sharing a post from a black guy (Allen West)..."

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Jewish Dems contend with wave of progressives critical of Israel

By CHARLES DUNST
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NEW YORK— After Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez shocked the political world by defeating longtime New York Rep. Joseph Crowley in a Democratic primary last month, Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez quickly aligned himself with the former political outsider, saying on a radio show that "she represents the future of our party."

If so, that future appears to include the kind of sharp criticism of Israel once considered taboo in both major parties.

Ocasio-Cortez ran on a platform of Medicare for all, fully funded public schools and a universal jobs guarantee. But she has also been critical of Israel, calling its military's killing of Palestinian protesters in May a "massacre."

The Democratic Socialists of America, of which Ocasio-Cortez is a member, sup-

ports the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel. Ocasio-Cortez has remained silent on the issue.

In Minnesota, Democratic congressional candidate Ilhan Omar calls herself an "intersectional feminist" and Israel an apartheid regime. In Virginia's 5th Congressional District, Democratic nominee Leslie Cockburn is the co-author, along with her husband, of *Dangerous Liaison: The Inside Story of the U.S.-Israeli Covert Relationship*, a scathing 1991 attack on the Jewish state.

"It seems to me that some criticism of Israel is part of a package among young progressives along with health care for all and jobs for all," Democratic strategist Brad Bannon told *Newsweek*.

That puts Democrats who are both liberal and pro-Israel in a bind. Whether the result of "intersectionality," which links

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Rabbi Joel Simon, who has assumed duties as senior Rabbi at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, with wife Jacent and their children Eva and Judd.

Rabbi Simon delighted to be back 'home'

By BOB FRYER
Jewish Press

For Rabbi Joel Simon, a return to Congregation Schaarai Zedek is a homecoming of sorts, a return to the same bima where he got married and to congregants he knew for eight years before he left his post as associate rabbi to become senior rabbi at a temple outside Philadelphia.

He and his family are delighted to return to Tampa, but he is keenly aware this time around will not entirely be like his last time here.

This time he is assuming the post of senior rabbi as Rabbi Richard Birnholz retires after 31 years at the Reform congregation and assumes the title of rabbi emeritus.

Rabbi Simon, 37, said he is happy that Rabbi Birnholz — who officiated at his wedding — will still be around in retirement; he considered him a great mentor and expects to still seek his advice.

But now that Rabbi Simon has had three years of experience in being a senior rabbi, he says he knows that role is different from

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Play gives voice to struggles with ritual, legacy

By DOROTHY HERSHMAN
Special to the Jewish Press

The story goes that playwright Joshua Harmon's grandmother asked him to change the provocatively titled *Bad Jews to Good Jews*.

The dark comedy, which has played to mostly enthusiastic reviews around the country since its off-Broadway premiere in 2012, opened July 11 at American Stage in downtown St. Petersburg.

The central dilemma of the play: Who is deserving of a late grandfather's Chai



JOEY CLAY STUDIO

Actors Jenny Lester and Jackson Goldberg play feuding cousins in "Bad Jews," now playing at American Stage.

pendant, an object so dear he hid it in his mouth throughout time in a concentration camp?

Locally, the theater company has been sensitive to the Jewish community's concerns, holding a pre-production panel discussion with director Amy Resnick and six millennial Jews — the

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#Gather group goes on tour of new Armature Works

#Gather took a behind-the-scenes tour of Tampa Armature Works, a fully restored mixed-use building in Tampa Heights, last month. Owner and operator Taryn Bruck and Lauren Moser, director of marketing, led the group through the building, which includes innovative eateries and event spaces.

The event brought together JCC members and guests, many of whom recently moved to the Tampa area. Participants enjoyed free ice cream from Astro and champagne provided by Armature Works.



(L-R) Lauren Moser, Greg Slaton, Liz Khoury, Alex and Kevin Greisman, Jessica Gay, Eric Kahrs, Nadia and Christopher Lunsford, Yoni Haim, Hayley Garron, Hannah Royer, Stacy Malin, Sam Schnapf, Ashley Egan, Michael Hilder, Andrew and Sara Schwartz, Jake Noveck, Solomon Howard, Sloane Bochman and Taryn Bruck.

In Israel to get award, attend film screening, Ginsburg mindful of Jewish tradition, values

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg described how grateful she was for her Jewish heritage during a screening of a new documentary film, *RBG*, about her life and career at the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

“The demand for justice, peace and enlightenment runs through Jewish history and tradition,” she said, describing how she is reminded of this fact every day when she enters her judicial chambers and is confronted with a poster proclaiming the biblical verse “Justice, justice thou shalt pursue.”

“My room has the only mezuzah in the U.S. Supreme Court,” she said, noting that “growing up Jewish, the concept of *tikkun olam*, repairing tears in the community and making things better for people less fortunate, was part of my heritage. The Jews are the people of the book and learning is prized above all else. I am lucky to have that heritage.”

In Jerusalem to receive a lifetime achievement award from the Genesis Prize Foundation, Ginsburg – who is equally well known for her scathing dissenting opinions as for her lifetime commitment to gender equality – was feted by the Jewish state’s political and judicial elites.

Former Israeli Supreme Court President Aharon Barak called Ginsburg “one of the great legal minds of our time; an outstanding Jewish jurist whose fearless pursuit of human rights, equality and justice for all stems from her Jewish values.”

Speaking at the ceremony, Ginsburg evoked the memory of Anne Frank, who questioned common gender roles in her famous diary. “When I became active in the movement to open doors to women, enabling them to enter occupations once closed to them – lawyering and judging, bartending, policing and firefighting, for example – I was heartened by the words of a girl of my generation,” said Ginsburg, 85.

“I am a judge, born, raised and proud of being a Jew. The demand for justice, for peace and for enlightenment runs through the entirety of Jewish history and Jewish tradition. I hope, in all the years I have the good fortune to continue serving on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, I will have the strength and courage to remain steadfast in the service of that demand,” she said.

Initially offered the Genesis Foundation’s annual Genesis Prize, which comes with a cash grant, Ginsburg said she demurred, worried the presence of Israeli politicians on the selection committee would run afoul of the Constitution’s restriction on government officials receiving gifts from foreign powers. She said it was only after the foundation agreed to create a new lifetime achievement award whose selection committee was apolitical that she relented and agreed to be honored.

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How Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh could affect issues that matter to Jews

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN
JTA news service

President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, a Republican establishment favorite who worked in the George W. Bush administration, has triggered reactions from Jewish groups ranging from furious to relieved.



Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh

Progressive groups raised flags about the pick, saying Kavanaugh's record shows he would be a threat to reproductive rights and separation of church and state, while an Orthodox group said it was happy about his record on religious liberty.

Trump announced on Monday evening, July 9, that he was nominating Kavanaugh, a federal appeals court judge in Washington, D.C., to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy upon his retirement at the end of July.

Within an hour of the announcement, the National Council of Jewish Women released a statement saying it was "incensed" by the choice and helped organize an opposition rally in front of the Supreme Court.

Other progressive groups, such as the Workmen's Circle, a Jewish organization with roots in the labor movement, denounced Trump's pick, while the centrist Anti-Defamation League said it was wary that the nominee's judicial record "does not reflect the demonstrated independence and commitment to fair treatment for all that is necessary to merit a seat on our nation's highest court."

Jody Rabhan, who directs NCJW's Washington operations, said that Kavanaugh, like the other candidates considered by Trump, was "terrible on the issues that we care about."

"The assumption based on his record and his ruling is that he would further push the court in the direction of using religion as an excuse to discriminate, not to mention the incredible horrors that could be, should he end up on the court, around reproductive health rights and justice," Rabhan told JTA in a phone interview.

Many on the left are concerned that a Trump appointee could join a conservative majority in taking away abortion rights and overturn Roe v. Wade, which Trump made a campaign promise. CNN legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin has said that there is "just no doubt" that abortion would be illegal in a significant part of the United States within a year-and-a-half of the confirmation of whomever Trump picked to fill Kennedy's seat.

In 2006, Kavanaugh said he would respect Roe v. Wade, but Rabhan said that did not assuage her concern.

"Trump has said that overturning Roe v. Wade is a litmus test for anybody on his shortlist for the Supreme Court, and he has made anti-abortion [views] a litmus test for folks he's nominated to lower courts," she said. "We've seen it, so we believe him."

Rabhan and others cited a case, *Garza v. Hagan*, in which Kavanaugh opposed a detained undocumented immigrant minor's right to obtain an abortion. In that 2017 case, a federal judge mandated that the teen could leave her detention center to have an abortion. Kavanaugh vacated the order, postponing the abortion for another week-and-a-half, until a court ultimately ruled in her favor. Kavanaugh dissented, writing that the government had betrayed its "interest in favoring fetal life, protecting the best interests of a minor, and refraining from facilitating abortion."

Marc Stern, the general counsel of the American Jewish Committee, said most of Kavanaugh's legal record was "unremarkable," but that his opinion in the *Garza* case was "disturbing" and raised questions.

"It's not clear to us what that means exactly," Stern said. "Does he believe that immigrants have lesser constitutional rights than everybody else? Does he think that teenagers don't have a right [to an abortion]? ... Does he mean only that the government has a right not to participate and you're sort of on your own?"

The AJC has not taken a position on the nomination, and Stern said it was studying Kavanaugh's record, specifically with regard to issues of immigration law, religious liberty, separation of church and state, and reproductive freedom. He said that Kavanaugh's opinion in *Newdow v. Roberts*, a case presenting a challenge to prayers at the presidential inauguration and the phrase "so help me God" in the presidential oath, offered "some glimmer of hope" for those supporting separation of church and state. Though the challenge by the plaintiff, an atheist opposing the prayers, was dismissed, Kavanaugh said he did have standing to sue.

Stern does not think Kavanaugh would radically shift the court. Although Kennedy was a swing vote on issues like abortion and same-sex marriage, he often was reliably conservative.

"On separation [of church and state] issues, he will read the principle more narrowly than AJC would like," Stern said. "But from what little he's written, it doesn't appear that he's going to be writing in a whole different vein than where the court as a whole has been - but that's a guess."

Agudath Israel of America, a haredi Orthodox organization, has not yet taken an official position on the nomination, but its Washington director, Rabbi Abba Cohen, called Kavanaugh "a very impressive candidate." Cohen was happy about Kavanaugh's rulings related to religious freedom based on an initial overview of the judge's record. Agudah and other Orthodox groups favor rulings that would exempt religious groups and individuals from generally applicable laws that clash with their beliefs.

"We're gratified that he's given due deference to religious liberty and that he has been supportive of a greater involvement of religious organizations and institutions in society," Cohen told JTA.

Cohen cited Kavanaugh's opinion in a case relating to contraceptive care exemptions for religious groups, *Priests for Life v. HHS*. The appeals court agreed that religious employers did not have to provide contraceptives, but had to file a form telling the government they were not doing so. Kavanaugh in his dissent argued that the filing requirement violated the plaintiffs' religious freedom.

"We support that position, we think that's giving proper deference to religious rights, and we don't think that's in any way a retreat from the rights of others, so that's one area where we are pleased about," Cohen said.

The Reform movement and the Orthodox Union both told JTA that they were studying Kavanaugh's record before deciding whether to take a position on his nomination.

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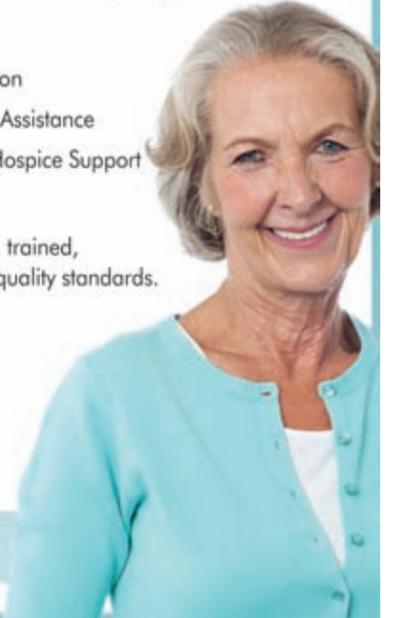
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RABBINICALLY — SPEAKING —

The forgotten Jewish holiday of love

By RABBI NATHAN FARB
Congregation Schaarai Zedek

It's summer, and love is in the air. Young women dance and twirl under the open night sky, arms outstretched. Their shining white gowns seem to shimmer and flicker like pure candle flames in the quiet glow of the full moon above. The shadows of the vineyard play hide and seek with the young men who soon join them, first exchanging silent glances then words of familiarity. From shining lips they sing the virtues of their beauty, their honor, achievements, values, and godliness. They leave the vineyards in pairs and fours, the seeds of love sewn and already sprouting.



This was the scene on Tu B'Av, the forgotten Jewish holiday of love each year in the ancient days. It occurred each summer on the fifteenth day of the month of Av, in the weeks leading up to the High Holidays. The Talmud declared that there was no more beautiful day of the Jewish calendar, and compared it to Yom Kippur.

It was a celebration that transcended class. The white dresses that the young women donned had to be borrowed, and women of stature could only give them to women of a lower status — the daughter of the high priest would give one to the daughter of a lesser priest and so on down the line. In this way, all were included, and all of the women bonded with one another. It was both a celebration of love and sorority. Because of the amazing way the Jewish calendar works, it will always fall on the night of a full moon.

In ancient days, it was celebrated just beyond the gates of Jerusalem. In recent decades, Jews all over the world have been reclaiming this majestic tradition.

This year, Tu B'Av will fall on the night of Thursday, July 26. If you forget the date, just check the sky for the next full moon. You can make this ancient and timeless tradition your own this year in one of several simple ways.

First, in keeping with the celestial romance of the date, you can plan a romantic evening with a loved one. It is a delightful opportunity to go out for that special activity that you have been meaning to do but just didn't seem to get around to yet. Or you can treat your partner to a meal or activity they love but you have been a little reluctant to try.

You could celebrate the day by gathering some friends together to go out dancing. The Talmud describes huge throngs of people engaging in a celebration of life among the vineyards of Jerusalem from all walks of life. Call a few friends and make a plan to dance and celebrate on this joyous day. Create memories that you can cherish together.

You can make it even more memorable by engaging in the old tradition of trading and borrowing clothes. Whether it is an entire outfit, or just a shirt, blouse, hat, or jacket and tie (it need not be just for women), this is a fun and memorable way to bond with an old friend. Of course, if you don't care for dancing, you can get together with friends for any activity that you enjoy together. Extra points if you all wear white!

Whether you are giving fine clothes to someone a little let fortunate or as a gift to a friend, whether you wear white or just what makes you feel great, whether you dance the night away or enjoy a stroll along the moon-washed beach, have a happy and joyous Tu B'Av!

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Cong. Kol Ami

Open house: Kol Ami invites members and the community to an open house to kick off the new season of activities on Sunday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Congregants are asked to bring their friends and enjoy games and festivities. This is a time for signing up kids for one of the four different youth groups and for potential new congregants to meet the Kol Ami members, committee leaders, the rabbi, education director and youth director or to join in a drum program. There will be free hot dogs, fruit, cookies and more.

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 that are donated to charity. For more information, call the Kol Ami office.

Cong. Beth Am

High Holy days prep: A continuing education course titled "This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared," based on a book by the same name, will be taught by Rabbi Jason Rosenberg on Thursdays, Aug. 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. The book is about preparation for the High Holy Days. Come and discuss what this sacred time is supposed to mean and how people can get more out of it. Reading the book is suggested, but not required. Contact Victoria Cain at Admin@BethAmTampa.org for more information.

Book group: The Tuesday reading group is being revived and will meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. beginning Aug. 14. The first book to be discussed is *The Beginning of Desire* by Aviva Zornberg. It is a philosophical look at the book of Genesis, with insights from Jewish tradition and the modern world. Contact Victoria Cain at Admin@BethAmTampa.org for more information.

Cafe Shabbat: This is a monthly chance for congregants to come together and enjoy food and prayer. The next session is Saturday, Aug. 4 at 9 a.m. For more information, email Admin@BethAmTampa.org.

Back to School Night: Join with other congregants for a Back to School Night with the Tampa Tarpons (formerly Tampa Yankees) on

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July 27	• 8:05 pm
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Saturday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Steinbrenner Field. The Tarpons will play the Lakeland Flying Tigers. Contact Victoria Cain at the synagogue to reserve tickets.

Pre Neg: Come to the synagogue on Friday, July 27 at 6 p.m. for a free light nosh before Shabbat eve service at 6:30 p.m.. Contact Victoria Cain at Admin@BethAmTampa.org for more information.

Cocktail conversations: Each month congregants gather for Cocktail Convos, a casual but serious discussion on topics ranging from current events to our lives as Jews [and partners to Jews]. The next get together will be Sunday, July 29 at 7 p.m. For the topic and location call the synagogue office. Everyone is welcome. RSVPs are requested to admin@BethAmTampa.org, but not necessary.

Cong. Schaarai Zedek

Happy hour: The congregation's 20s+30s group will meet at the Green Lemon, 915 S. Howard Ave., on Thursday, July 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to wind down from a hectic work day and partake in happy hour. Come out and connect or re-connect, with Rabbi Joel Simon. The temple will pick up the tab for the first drink and light appetizers. RSVP at www.zedek.org/20s30s. For questions contact Lindsey Dewey at ldewey@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, ext. 221.

Tot Shabbat: Children up to 5 years old, their older siblings and their parents are invited to meet outside the temple on Saturday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. for Shabbat songs and prayers, followed by a Water Wonderland featuring a water pad, sprinklers, and plenty of water toys for tots (and special play area for older kids). There will be pizza and refreshments at no charge. RSVP by Thursday, July 26 online at www.zedek.org/RSVP or email: office@zedek.org.

Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Mini Camp: Arts, crafts, games and other activities are planned for children from pre-k to sixth grade at a mini camp at the synagogue Aug. 6-8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before and aftercare available. This camp is open to the community. To register, go to www.rsholom.org/form/2018-Mini-Camp-Rodeph-Sholom. For more information contact Judy Van Der Stelt at (813)

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837-1911, email educator@rsholom.org.
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Bais David Chabad

Tisha B'Av: On Saturday, July 21 the Tisha B'Av service begins at 8 p.m., with reading of Eicha lamentations at 9:15 p.m. On Sunday, July 22 the morning service is at 9 a.m., video presentation at 6 p.m., Mincha at 7:30 followed by Maariv services and break-the-fast.

Cong. Beth Israel Sun City Center

Learn about us: The congregation will host a prospective member brunch on Sunday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rabbi Carla Freedman and the board of directors will be on hand to talk to prospective congregants about the many activities the congregation offers, including Shabbat services, Jewish learning and social programs. For more information and to make reservations, email [Marlene Spiegel](mailto:Marlene.Spiegel@mspiegel@hotmail.com) at mspiegel@hotmail.com.

Open mic and karaoke night: Take in a musical evening on Sunday, July 29 from 7-9 p.m. at the synagogue. The event will include wine and cheese refreshments.

Cong. Beth Shalom Brandon

Open house: The congregation invites the community to its annual house on Sunday Aug. 5, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This is an opportunity to learn about the educational and spiritual programming offered during the bagel brunch. Come listen to the music and get to know the congregants. This is also an opportunity to learn about the congregation's religious school and enroll children in classes from kindergarten through confirmation. This year there will be a new curriculum specifically developed for the congregation.

Also offered is a Torah Tots program for pre-kindergarten children and their parents and a youth group which is affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY).

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Cong. Mekor Shalom

PJs and bears: Mekor Shalom is hosting PJ Library friends at a Teddy Bear Shabbat on Friday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Teddy bear owners of all ages are invited to celebrate Shabbat in a "beary" joyful way. There will be puppets, story time and snacks.

Temple Emanuel Lakeland

Summer Movie fest: The temple began a Jewish movie festival earlier this month and will conclude the series of shows on Sundays, July 29 and Aug. 5 at 4 p.m., with an optional dinner to follow at approximately 6 p.m. at the temple's educational building. The July 29 movie is *G.I. Jews: Jewish Americans in World War II*. This documentary tells the story of 550,000 Jewish American men and women who fought in the war. Some of the

temple's veterans will also share their stories. The Aug. 5 movie is *Snow in August*. The film is based on the *New York Times* best-selling novel by Pete Hamill about the unlikely friendship between an 11-year-old Irish Catholic boy and a Czechoslovakian rabbi that stirs up the wrath of a local Irish gang in 1947 New York.

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PLAY

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 play's target audience. The panelists talked about what the term "bad Jew" means to them and shared anecdotes relating the term as in-group, self-deprecating humor.

So, it would seem perhaps that the title, *Bad Jews*, is the Jewish playwright's "in joke" with the Jewish community, particularly with the younger generation, intending to ask what sort of behavior constitutes being a "good" or "bad" Jew in the world today.

The characters, through their interactions, beg two questions: Is being a good Jew more about living one's life according to Jewish ethical teachings or one's observance of the rituals? And, what is the relevance of legacy to either?

These were the questions the panelists related to in terms of their own lives. One panelist was the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors; one was married to a non-Jewish man, but devoutly Jewish herself; one had left the faith, but was now finding his way back into the community; one was a deeply devout student of the faith. Some talked about their trips to Israel with beautiful reverence while others explained why they hadn't yet gone. Every one of them felt remembering Jewish history was important. Altogether they represented the very questions the play explores. They also represented the other diverse "voice" this production seeks to relate to - millennials.

Further, the playwright has contended that these questions of identity should resonate with



A scene from 'Bad Jews'

the non-Jewish audience as well: Which of the traditions/legacy and ethical contract of your group will you keep or discard in your quest to become human in today's changing world?

However, as universal as the theme might be seen in this way, Harmon wrote, *Bad Jews* from his own experience as a young Jewish American and that particular perspective enriches the play with its particular voice.

Harmon, 35, said in an interview that the seed for the play – and the title – was a Yom HaShoah ceremony he attended while a student at Northwestern University. Grandchildren of survivors were speaking about their grandparents' experiences. Unlike the emotional response when hearing the stories directly from survivors, Harmon said, the retelling was "just kind of scary and it jarred me."

Kara Goldberg, American Stage's advancement associate, who moderated the panel discussion, talked about how the play's four college-age characters might well represent the "Four Children" story at Passover: (1) "The wise and faithful" would be Daphna (here played by Jenny Lester); (2) "The wicked and mocking," her cousin Liam (Jackson Goldberg); (3) "The simple and vaguely curious," Liam's younger brother Jonah (Matt Acquard); and, "Unable to even ask the questions" would be Melody (Kate Berg), Liam's well intentioned, but clueless *shiksa* girlfriend.

In writing about the play, Rabbi Howard A. Berman of the Central Reform Temple of Boston also pointed out that Harmon's characters are wonderfully three-dimensional: "The wise Daphna is also arrogant and offensive; mocking alienated Liam does have a deep down connection; and, in the end it is the simple inarticulate Jonah and the even more ethereal and clueless Melody that together emerge as the most redeeming and positive forces."

This complexity gives the play life and substance, but also challenges the actors.

Rabbi Berman goes on to note his concern with, "the challenge presented by the figure of Daphna—who embodies much of the biased, narrow minded and exclusionary zeal of 'true believers' of all faiths. Her personal insecurities and inner struggles are cloaked in her holier than thou diatribes..."

Such an unsympathetic Daphna could come off as a tedious caricature and the play just a long irritating family argument. And, what with the set designer's expressed

intention to make the small apartment make us feel "closed in for the long haul," the audience might cower and miss many of the finer points Daphna makes.

Actor Jenny Lester told the *Jewish Press* she had first seen Daphna as "utterly insufferable," and thought, "I must play her."

On further study she has come to see, "both Daphna and Liam as brilliant sparring partners, both totally committed to their beliefs about religion, the importance of tradition and both fiercely devoted to their family."

Lester comes from a Reform Jewish, show business family in Los Angeles and credits her father with instilling in her, "a sense of utter pride in the resilience of our people; the humor of the great Jewish comedians; the importance of carrying out the traditions so they don't die out; and, a fierce love for the pursuit of knowledge." She added to this, "Sometimes the most Jewish thing in the world is knowing how to challenge and ask questions."

One of those questions that remains: Why *Bad Jews*? At the panel discussion, an elderly man, introducing himself as a "Holocaust survivor," said he thinks he has the real answer.

"I have no problem with the play. It's a good play," he said. "But I think (Harmon) should have taken his grandmother's advice. I think he only named it that to sell tickets."

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The play runs Wednesdays – Sundays through Aug. 5. Tickets are \$39 and \$49, depending on the day and time.

A "free Community Conversation Part 2: Jewish & American, Today" & Tomorrow will be held Sunday, July 29 at 4:30 p.m. following the matinee performance. The inter-generational panel discussion will focus on Jewish legacy and family life as millennials grow into adulthood, balancing tradition and progress and how differing perspectives on culture and history impact family dynamics, as well as the fabric of community. Confirmed panelist, as of press time, is Barbara Mazer Gross, executive director of Studio@620, congregant of Temple Beth-El, and member of musical group The Jammin Jews.

There will also be chatback sessions immediately following the performances on Thursday, July 19 and Sunday, July 22. Audience members will have the opportunity to talk with the cast and ask questions about the play, the characters, and the process, plus respond to the story and ideas prompted by the production. There is no charge for ticketholders.

The *Jewish Press* is the Community Engagement partner for *Bad Jews*.

American Stage is located at 163 Third St. N., in St. Petersburg. For tickets, call (727) 823-7529 or email boxoffice@americanstage.org. More information can be found at www.americanstage.org.

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RABBI SIMON

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the one he had here before – that this time he will be the one folks will come to for guidance.

Rabbi Simon said he enjoyed his time leading Congregation Shir Ami in a Philadelphia suburb, but said he when he heard Rabbi Birnholz had announced his retirement, “It was too much to pass up” and he let the leadership at Schaarai Zedek know of his interest in returning.

Rabbi Simon was not the only candidate for the position. Congregation President Richard Eggatz said there were a variety of candidates – young and old, men and women – and there was a multistep process in evaluating and interviewing the candidates. He said for himself, the fact that Rabbi Simon is a family man was a plus, as the congregation under Rabbi Birnholz was very family oriented and multi-generational.

“There is an amazing staff and congregation and it is a dream community to be part of with two small kids. It is the congregation we knew we wanted to be a part of,” Rabbi Simon said.

When he came to Schaarai Zedek in July 2007, it was his first rabbinic job and he stayed here, first as assistant Rabbi, then as associate Rabbi, until June 2015.

“What was great about being Rabbi Birnholz’s assistant was he let us work in all aspects of the rabbinate,” Rabbi Simon said. His focus was with the 20s-30s group. “A lot of what we did with that, in and out of the temple, I hope to apply to other programs, both social and learning. Temple programming can happen in restaurants and parks or in our building,” he said.

When Rabbi Simon left Tampa with his new wife, Jacent, they had no children, and now they have returned with daughter Eva, who will turn 3 in September, and Judd, age 1.

So he now brings the perspective of a parent to the job rather than a single or newlywed. “Before, I offered a lot of advice to parents and grandparents and tried to offer a perspective from my own background and learning, but there is a difference when you have lives that are dependent on you,” Rabbi Simon said.

It will be good not only to renew old acquaintances, but also to learn how those folks have grown and changed and for them to learn the same about him, he said. Rabbi Simon also pointed out that in his absence about 200 new families

have joined Schaarai Zedek, so for them he will be a new face.

In a way, he will be a new face to congregants who knew him during his previous tenure at the congregation, as well. As Rabbi Simon shared with congregants in *Shofar*, the synagogue’s newsletter, he had surgery to correct an underbite problem that caused jaw pain and could have led to digestion problems and loss of teeth. The surgery, he said, gives him less of a Jay Leno type jaw.

Rabbi Simon began his new post on July 1.

One of the big attractions about returning to Schaarai Zedek “is how great things already are here,” Rabbi Simon said. “I do not have to come in and change or re-create things. This is a wonderful congregation and wonderful staff and my first priority is to keep things going as they have been.”

Rabbi Nathan Farb, who was hired as assistant rabbi following Rabbi Simon’s departure in 2015, and all other senior staff members will stay on, he said.

While congregants won’t see any abrupt changes, Rabbi Simon expects over time there will be an evolution at the temple.

“Schaarai Zedek was such an open community before and one of the many things I learned from Rabbi Birnholz is you always need to be adapting and growing and flexibility is really important. I will be starting from where he left things and moving in the same direction.”

Rabbi Simon said an added benefit of returning to Tampa is that he and his wife both have family in Florida – hers in Jacksonville and his in South Florida. Also, he said he missed going to Tampa Bay Lightning games and living in a city with more to offer within a short distance than was available outside of Philadelphia. “That, and bit of Southern charm here” were missed, he said.

Rabbi Simon grew up in Denver, in a large synagogue. “Both my parents taught Sunday school and my dad blew shofar and our synagogue was always an important part of my life. I always wanted to be the guy on guitar playing Jewish music. I wanted all the aspects of what a rabbi does,” he said, adding that he has learned to play guitar and looks forward to incorporating it in some activities at Schaarai Zedek.

“I was one of those kids who by Bar Mitzvah, knew I wanted to be a rabbi,” he said.

He went to the University of Arizona and earned bachelor’s

degrees in Judaic studies and psychology, then to Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where he received a master of arts in Hebrew letters and was ordained.

He was 26 when he landed his first job as assistant rabbi at Schaarai Zedek and said even then there was no resistance from congregants to calling him rabbi or treating him warmly.

“One of the great things about Schaarai Zedek is that the social element is always a focus and it is as important as study and prayer. We think you should know one another and have a good time, and I hope that stays the same,” he said.

Israeli sprinter breaks record set in 1972

JERUSALEM (JTA) – An Israeli sprinter broke her country’s women’s record in the 100 meters set at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Diana Vaisman, who will be 20 at the end of the month, ran the race in 11.38 seconds at the Israel Athletic Championship in Tel Aviv to beat the time of 11.45 by Esther Roth-Shahamorov.

On Facebook, Vaisman wrote: “New national record! After 46 years, it was my turn, my opportunity and finally I did it. It’s hard to express all the feelings and to show how excited I am, but now I’m just looking forward and get-

ting ready for my next challenge.”

Roth-Shahamorov said after the race that “A burden has been lifted off my shoulders,” The Jerusalem Post reported.

She told Vaisman at the finish line: “You chose to do it here. Based on what I see, you can still improve. You have the legs to do it. Now give it everything you have in competition.”

The world record for women in the 100 meters is 10.40 set by American sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner in 1988.

Vaisman, of Ashkelon, is serving in the Israeli army.

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Bay area investors meet 'Oracle of Omaha,' help raise \$80 million for Israel Bonds

Billionaire Warren Buffett recently welcomed investors, including two from Pinellas County and three from Tampa, to an event in his home state of Nebraska in support of Israel Bonds. Each attendee had to agree to purchase at least \$1 million in Israel Bonds.

It is the third event in the past 18 months in which the Berkshire Hathaway magnate has drummed up investment in the Development Corporation for Israel, commonly known as Israel Bonds.

Two of those events, including the one on June 7 in which five Tampa Bay area investors attended, were held in Omaha, where Buffett is based. That event alone helped secure \$80 million in Israel Bonds investments. Among those at the event were Irwin Novack, CEO of St. Petersburg-based Kane's Furniture; Craig Sher, executive chairman of the Sembler Company, also based in St. Petersburg; Dr. Rob Lewenson of Tampa, CEO of Eye Doctor's Optical Outlets; and Stuart and Tyler Lasher, both of Tampa, managing director and president respectively of Quantum Capital Partners, Inc.

The exclusive evening with the famed "Oracle of Omaha," which took place at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, included a dinner reception attended by more than 70 investors from the U.S. and Canada, in addition to Israeli dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps, including Shai Babad, Director General, Israel's Finance Ministry; Ambassador Danny Danon, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations; and Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York.

Buffett, who made Israeli tool company ISCAR Metalworks his first major overseas acquisition in 2006, spoke warmly of the Jewish state.

Calling Israel's independence, "a good day for the world," Buffett said, "I've lived through Israel's entire 70-year history and I believe it is one of the most remarkable countries in the world."

He explained his commitment to Israel and Israel Bonds institution: "I have nothing but good feelings about what I am doing. The United States and Israel will always be linked. It is a good thing for Israel that there is an America, and it is a good thing for America that there is an Israel."

Israel Bonds Vice President of Sales Stuart Garowitz announced sales for all three events – two in Omaha and one in New York – totaled \$290 million, declaring, "This could not have happened without the full support of Warren Buffett."



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Religious School begins Sunday, August 19th, at 9:00 a.m.



The graduates are: (L-R) Naomi Rappaport, Maggie Gamson, Evan Pearlman, Tal Egosi, Madison Fries, Jayden Forman, Ava Nissensohn, Anna Hirschowitz, Adam Tager, Jake Lewis, Raphael Friedman, Benjamin Berger, Seth Smith.

Graduation time for Jewish day school students

Hillel Academy eighth grade graduates enjoy their graduation day after a year that included a visit to Israel together for three weeks.

The graduates were honored at an awards ceremony prior to their graduation. Many of them attended Hillel Academy since kindergarten.

Former student now board president of Hillel school

Dr. Seth Forman was recently elected president of the board of trustees for Hillel Academy in Tampa, completing a journey that began when he was a student at the school and continued when his children became students there as well.



Dr. Seth Forman

Forman succeeds Stanford Solomon as board president.

The selection of Forman is part of a move to select a new leadership team, new board additions and an ambitious strategic roadmap to secure the school's future in the Tampa Bay area, according to a prepared statement from the school.

"It's important for this community, for any major community, to have a thriving Jewish day school, as it helps to prepare and educate the young Jewish leaders of tomorrow," said Forman, adding that he is very enthusiastic about the school's new direc-

tion and focus. Forman and his three brothers are graduates of Hillel Academy. In addition, all of their children are Hillel Academy graduates or are current students at the school.

Forman, who graduated from Hillel Academy in 1986, practices clinical dermatology, and dermatopathology in Tampa. He also is the principal investigator and CEO of Forward Clinical Trials, where he has led multiple research endeavors for psoriasis and other chronic dermatological conditions. He also has served as a regional member of the National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) and as the medical director of the NPF's "Walk for a Cure" in 2015.

In addition, Forman serves the community as a member of the Rays 100, a group of business leaders focused on keeping the Tampa Bay Rays in the region.

Forman and his wife, Hannah, live in Tampa with their three children. Sons Sam and Gabriel attend Hillel Academy, in eighth and fourth grade respectively. Daughter Abigail is a rising junior at Berkeley Preparatory School.

Hillel Academy offers new afterschool Jewish studies and Torah program

A new, optional program in Jewish studies and Torah enrichment will be added to the array of afterschool programs offered at Hillel Academy of Tampa when the school year begins on Aug. 15.

Jewish educator Rebbitzin Devorah Rivkin will teach the class daily from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Allison Oakes, head of school, said she is excited to present this new option for students.

"Hillel Academy is a community Jewish

day school; as such, every denomination of Judaism and those that are unaffiliated with a denomination are invited to make Hillel their choice for their child's education. We work with all families to create a program with which their family feels represented and served," Oakes said.

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Lecture: The monthly “Festive Meal on the New Moon” celebration will take place on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the library with a lecture from **Dr. Gary Ronay**, a child of Holocaust survivors. He will discuss “The History of the Jews of the Carpathian Mountains of Hungary, Slovakia, and the Ukraine.” His presentation includes photographs of his recent trip to the region and will shed light

on the history and present-day efforts to resurrect Jewish life in the area. The lecture is part of an event to celebrate the start of a Jewish month with food, drink, merriment and a special presentation. The cost is \$10, but free for students.

Young Adults

Pie and tart baking: Learn the art of pie and tart baking on Sunday, July 29 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Piquant, 704 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. This event is sponsored by #Gather. Cost is \$20 for JCC members and \$30 for non-members. Space is limited to 20 people.

Wine and cheese party: Enjoy both wine and cheese at a #Gather outing to Cheese Please, 3225 MacDill Ave., Tampa on Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. This is free for JCC members and \$5 for guests. Space is limited to 30 people.

Cocktails by the pool: The #Gather group will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a poolside party with cocktails at the Mezrah Family Aquatics Center at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. This event is free to JCC members and \$5 for guests. There will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by the pool. RSVP by Friday, Aug. 24 and receive one free drink ticket. There will be ice-breakers, pool deck games, prizes and more. For more information, visit: www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather or www.jcccohn-campus.com/programs/young_adults.

#Gather offers a mix of social and interactive activities for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s of all faiths and backgrounds. For more information or to RSVP for #Gather events, visit: www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather or contact **Lisa Robbins** at lisa.robbs@jewishtampa.com or (813) 769-4723.

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, 522 N. Howard Ave. To RSVP or for more information on programs at either center, contact **Pnina Levermore** at (813) 291-2253 or pnina.levermore@JewishTampa.com. All registrations should be completed before events begin.

Men's Club: This group will meet on Tuesdays, July 24 and Aug. 14 and 28 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC for card games, ping-pong, billiards and occasional outings. On Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 2-4 p.m. the club will have a poolside barbecue at the Glazer JCC.

Tampa History series: **Carl Zielonka** leads a series of lectures on the history of Tampa at the Glazer JCC. The next session will be on Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 1-2 p.m. and the topic is the history of the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory, which opened the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941 and in 2016 was transformed into the Glazer JCC.

Plugged in: Learn about web security, map navigation, website design and social media at a session where young tech-savvy professionals share their knowledge on Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. Laptops are available. To register, call (813) 291-2253.

Mah jongg: Folks can play at both JCCs. At the Cohn campus, there is free open play sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

At the Glazer JCC, drop-in sessions are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3

p.m. This is free for all members. All levels of players are welcome.

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 Cohn campus the Thursday, July 26 program is part of a concert series, featuring **Andrie Cheine**, a graduate of the Leningrad Conservatory who has performed often in the Bay area. He sings in six different languages. The group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

At the Glazer JCC, JetSetters will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 8 from noon to 12:30 p.m. to hear the music and history of jazz greats Charlie Parker, John Coltrane and Wes Montgomery.

The lunch at the Cohn campus and the Glazer JCC 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. Sessions at the Glazer JCC are on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Chess lessons: Learn how to play chess on Mondays from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Cohn campus.

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 non-holiday Wednesday of the month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the Cohn campus. There is no charge to attend. The Aug. 1 film will be *Gentleman's Agreement*, the Oscar winning 1947 movie about a journalist (Gregory Peck) exploring anti-Semitism by posing as a Jew.

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 July 23, the topic is “How to Write a Robot-Friendly Resume.” On July 30 the topic is “10 Little Things That Make a Big Difference to Hiring Managers.” On Aug. 6 the topic is “What's in Your Job-Search Toolbox?” On Aug. 13 the topic is “Staying Optimistic During Career Transition.” On Aug. 20, the topic is “Market Yourself Through Business-Networking Cards.”

Job-search aids: There are Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. On Aug. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the topic is “Is Your Network Working for You?” On Aug. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the topic is “Getting Organized and Staying on Track During Job Search.” On Aug. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the topic is “Is Your Brand Helping You Land a Job?” and on Aug. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. the topic is “Preparing for Your Interview.” The workshops are free for Job-Links program participants; \$15 for guests. Reservations required. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org.

Job-search Boot Camp: A day-long job search boot camp will be held on Wednesday, July 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., hosted by the Nonprofit Leadership Center of Tampa Bay, 1408 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 140, Tampa. The workshop is designed to kick your job search into high gear. This is free and open to the public. Lunch is included. Registration is required by calling (813) 344-0200 or email RSVP@TBJL.org.

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Birthright Israel reunion draws crowd to beach

More than 55 young adults turned out last month for the first local Birthright Israel reunion.

The Birthright Beach Bash on Treasure Island brought together Tampa Bay area participants in Birthright during the past 18 years. Those in attendance – many with their young children – enjoyed Israeli food from Meze 119, sharing Birthright Israel memories, and watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico.

The event was sponsored by



the Tampa Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties, in partnership with Hillels of the Florida Sun-coast.

Above, Micah Friedman holds a beach ball during an “ice breaker” game. When the ball was passed to participants, they had to introduce themselves and then answer a question written on the beach ball such as: What’s one word that describes your birthright experience? What do you carry with you from Birthright? What’s your favorite Birthright memory? Favorite Israeli food?

At left, The next generation of potential Birthright Israel travelers have some hoola hoop fun at the reunion of their parents and others.



Rabbi Aaron Lever named chaplain at Menorah Manor

Rabbi Aaron Lever is joining Menorah Manor as chaplain and director of spiritual care.

His responsibilities include the Marion and Bernard L. Samson Nursing Center, Toby Weinman Assisted Living Residence, and community referrals for end-of-life support with partnering organizations.

Rabbi Lever is replacing Rabbi Leah Herz, who for more than eight years served in the roles Rabbi Lever is assuming. Rabbi Herz is moving to California to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law.

Rabbi Lever has resided in the Tampa Bay community for the past 12 years, serving as a chaplain with the Moffitt Cancer Center and several positions of increasing responsibility with Gulfside Hospice and Pasco Palliative Care in Land O’Lakes. In addition, Rabbi Lever is a board-certified chaplain. He is married to Hazzan Jodi M. Sered-Lever, spiritual leader of Congregation Mekor Shalom in Tampa. The couple has one daughter.

Rabbi Lever graduated and received his rabbinic ordination

from Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. Prior to this he received his master’s in Jewish education from the Jewish Theological Seminary and bachelor’s in psychology and political science from the University of Rochester in New York. He has written numerous publications and participated in local and national presentations.

“We look forward to having Rabbi Lever on the Menorah Manor team,” said Rob Goldstein, Menorah Manor CEO.

Menorah Manor, based in St. Petersburg, is a not-for-profit community sponsored organization providing care in a homelike Jewish environment to seniors on Florida’s Gulf Coast. Its services include skilled nursing, assisted living, Alzheimer’s care, rehabilitation and adult day care.

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B. TERRY AIDMAN, 70, of Tampa, died June 20. A native of Cleveland, he moved to Tampa in 1965. He was a past president of Congregation Schaarai Zedek. He attended Southern Methodist University and graduated from the University of South Florida. A past chair of the USF School of Accountancy Advisory Board, a member of the USF President's Council and an honorary member of Beta Alpha Psi, he served on the advisory boards of the Accounting Conferences of both USF and the University of Florida. Recently he was appointed an "Executive in Residence" for the USF School of Business. Previously he served as a member of Vistage International (formerly The Executive Committee), an international organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of CEOs, and as president of DFK/USA an international organization consisting of independent accounting firms. He served on numerous boards and taught, lectured and wrote articles on a variety of accounting topics. He served as an editorial advisor for the Journal of Accountancy, with credits including a weekly tax column, a monthly "Tax Tip" for regional television and a monthly video presentation for a national education program. He received the American Institute of CPAs and Florida Institute of CPAs public service award. He served on the board of governors for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, an advisor to Celestar Corporation and chairman of the Tampa Downtown Partnership. A business consultant, a certified merger and acquisitions advisor and a CPA, he was the managing partner of Aidman, Piser & Company, and previously served as both the director of tax services and as managing partner for the Tampa Bay offices of an international accounting firm. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Leslie; son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Danielle Aidman; daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Shawn Brown; sisters and brothers-in-law, Debbie Landa, Sydney and Mike Camp, Tenley and Wyatt Beazley; and four grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Muma College of Business Dean's Strategic Priorities Fund 200420, USF Foundation, or to Congregation Schaarai Zedek. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

ELLIOTT BUCHMAN, 74, of Indian Shores and formerly of Tampa, died June 16. A native of Tampa, he graduated from Plant High School, where he had been a swimmer. He graduated from the University of Florida and was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a CPA in private practice and was former CFO of the Cohen, Jayson, Foster Law Group. He had an affinity for fishing and scuba diving. Survivors include his wife of more than 26 years Belinda; sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Rhonda Buchman, Jarrod and Meghan Buchman, and Bradley and Amy Buchman; daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Greg Eisen; brother Ralph Buchman; and eight grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Humane Society. (Segal Funeral Homes, Beth David Chapel)

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Tampa joins police agencies in hate crime awareness pledge

Five police departments in Florida, including Tampa Police Department, have joined 50 other departments around the nation that have pledged to promote transparency and increase awareness about hate crime.

The pledges were made to the Police Foundation as part of that organization's national Hate Crime Open Data Challenge.

The Anti Defamation League worked closely with the foundation on that challenge and expressed gratitude to the departments that made the pledge.

In Florida, the departments joining with the Tampa Police Department are the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Orlando Police Department, Wilton Manors Police Department, and Miami-Dade Police Department. They pledged to commit to releasing open data on hate and bias crimes.

ADL Florida Regional Director Sheri Zvi said: "Hate crimes affect entire communities. In light of the spike in extremism and bias-motivated crimes we are seeing locally and nationally, now is a crucial time for law enforcement agencies to send a clear message that hatred and bigotry will not be tolerated. We commend the five Florida agencies that have signed the pledge and encourage all other agencies to follow suit."

"Hate crimes are often underreported and consequently not well documented," the Police Foundation noted in a prepared statement.

"By releasing this information to the public in the form of open data, agencies can help narrow the reporting gap, call more attention to the problem in an effort to better prevent these incidents, and set a foundation for two-way engagement and problem-solving between law enforcement and the community," the statement read. "More accurate reporting will ultimately lead to a better understanding of hate crime in the United States, which in turn will enable informed decision-making around preventing and addressing this type of offense."

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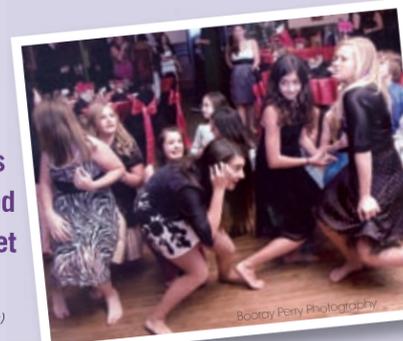


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Israel's treatment of the Palestinians to other left-wing causes, or a willingness to call out its right-wing government, progressive criticism of Israel may make for some hard choices come Election Day.

According to a Pew Research Center survey, the percentage of Democrats saying they sympathize more with Israel than the Palestinians has declined from 38 percent in 2001 to 27 percent in 2018 – the lowest level of support on record. Support for Israel further decreased among self-identified "liberal" Democrats from 48 percent in 2001 to 19 percent in 2018. In the same time period, their support for Palestinians rose from 18 percent to 35 percent.

Although the Pew survey received notable criticism, the general trends it notes have been shown elsewhere.

Some credit Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, with normalizing such criticism of Israel. While the 2016 Democratic presidential candidate defined himself as "100 percent pro-Israel," he recently called on the U.S. to adopt a more balanced policy toward Israel and the Palestinians. In late March, Sanders' office posted three videos to social media harshly criticizing Israel for what he deemed its excessive use of force in Gaza and the Trump administration for not intervening during the border clashes.

Last year, Perez appointed as his DNC deputy Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota, who in addition to being dogged by ties to the anti-Semitic Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan implied that U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East is "governed" by considerations of what is good or bad for Israel. (Ellison, who was the first Muslim elected to Congress, is running for attorney general in Minnesota and is not seeking re-election. Omar is seeking his seat.)

The Republican Jewish Coalition is expected to make the rise of the Democratic left a target of its activism. It already has run ads in a Philadelphia-area congressional district where the Democratic candidate, Scott Wallace, faced heat after a charity he runs was shown to have given to anti-Israel groups. (He said he wasn't aware and is pro-Israel.) RJC spokesman Neil Strauss told JTA that anti-Israel rhetoric has become mainstream in Democratic politics and is a means to securing left-wing support.

"Democrats running in competitive primaries, some in swing districts, are getting left wing, base votes by attacking Israel. For Democratic groups to pretend like this is a made up wedge issue is audacious considering they won't commit to supporting (or denounce) these candidates," Strauss told JTA.

"Make no mistake about it, Scott Wallace, Leslie Cockburn, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and other candidates attacking Israel, one of our closest allies and the only democracy in the Middle East, is bad for U.S.-Israel relations. It is also a bad political strategy," Strauss added. "We will continue educating voters in many other districts about the anti-Israel behavior of Democrats, between now and November," Strauss promised, referencing the midterm elections.

Halie Soifer, the executive director of the Jewish Democratic Council of America, said there is no contradiction between Zionism and Democratic politics, maintaining that the Democratic Party



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Ilhan Omar at the premiere of "Time For Ilhan," a film about her run for a congressional seat in Minnesota, during the 2018 Tribeca Film Festival in New York City in April.

continues to best represent Jewish interests.

"JDCA is supporting Democratic candidates who share our policy platform and values, and we have, in some instances, spoken out against candidates who are not aligned with our views. JDCA is proudly serving as the voice of pro-Israel and socially progressive Democrats," Soifer said.

Although anti-Israel attitudes certainly exist within progressive circles, some liberal Jews believe they are on the margins.

"I believe that support for Israel remains as strong among both Republicans and Democrats as ever," said Rabbi Jack Moline, the executive director of the Interfaith Alliance and the former head of the National Jewish Democratic Council. "With some few exceptions on both sides of the aisle, the notion of a national homeland for the Jewish people is accepted and secure. However, just as people who were formerly on the margins of both parties are now considered part of a big tent, ideas that were once marginal in Israel are being entertained by mainstream leaders."

"For a liberal Zionist like me, objecting to bad policy in Israel is an indication of deeper concern, not lesser support," he said.

Daniel Shapiro, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel under President Obama, said there is no contradiction between liberal values and Zionism, which he described as "the expression of the wholly legitimate right of the Jewish people to sovereignty in their ancient homeland."

"If there are those in the Democratic Party or the progressive coalition who misunderstand that – there may be some, but we tend to exaggerate the phenomenon – it is incumbent on people like me to educate them about Israel's inherent legitimacy," he said.

The larger divide, Shapiro said, relates to the Palestinian issue, not Israel's existence.

"An Israel that is seen as still seeking to keep a realistic two-state solution alive, where its security needs are met and it is recognized as a Jewish state – and even though Palestinian leaders have not yet met their obligations to make that outcome possible – will not have trouble retaining the broad, bipartisan support it has historically enjoyed," he said.

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, the executive director of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, said the Pew study was flawed, insofar as it suggested that support for either Israel or the Palestinians implies a lack of advocacy for the other.

"The question of whether one is pro-Israel or pro-Palestinian is a false dichotomy," Jacobs said. "The only defensible position is one that stands up for the human rights of both – and insists that these are not in conflict. That means working toward two states, and opposing the occupation and the growth of settlements that entrench it."

BILL GRAHAM

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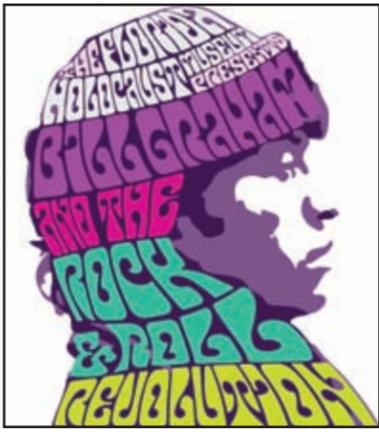
“My grandparents were Holocaust survivors. They always emphasized to me that it is important to tell the story of the atrocities of the Holocaust, but of equal importance is to let the world know that survivors dusted themselves off and changed the world in ways big and small. Bill Graham is the embodiment of this ideal,” said Michael Igel, the museum’s incoming board chair.

“The exhibition also gives us an opportunity to talk about other Holocaust survivors and the impact their lives had on their communities and the world. Some built hospitals, some became noted philanthropists, and some taught generations of students. Being a Holocaust survivor is part of each of their identities, but every person is so much more than that,” he said.

“The exhibition is a way to bring people to the Florida Holocaust Museum who might not otherwise walk through our doors. People will come for the amazing rock & roll story, but they will walk out with an understanding of the consequences of unchecked hatred and bigotry, and with the inspiration that we will always rise above,” Igel said.

The exhibit features 400 pieces of memorabilia, including many from the musicians Graham promoted such as Janis Joplin (a velvet top, bell bottoms, boa fand tambourine from 1968) and Keith Richards (a pair of boots worn during a 1981 tour), some of the performers’ guitars or in the case of Jimi Hendrix a fragment of a smashed guitar, archival concert footage, historical and video interviews. The exhibit also includes letters and gifts from performers and fans and live performance and backstage photos from the Fillmore and other Bill Graham Presents concerts throughout the era.

But what makes the exhibit unique is its illumination of how Graham’s childhood



The Florida Holocaust Museum poster for the “Bill Graham & Rock Revolution” exhibits, opening Aug. 18.



Bill Graham, far right, motions backstage at Live Aid while Tina Turner and Mick Jagger perform. The concert was held in Philadelphia in 1985.

experiences as a Jewish emigrant from Nazi Germany fueled his drive and ingenuity as a cultural innovator and advocate for social justice.

Graham was born in Berlin. Due to the increasing peril to Jews, Graham’s mother placed her son and the youngest of her five daughters, Tanya “Tolla,” in a Berlin orphanage which sent them to France in a pre-Holocaust exchange of Jewish children for Christian orphans.

After the fall of France, Graham and his sister, Tolla, were among a group of Jewish orphans spirited out of France, some of whom finally reached the United States. His sister was among a large number of children who did not survive the difficult journey.

Graham was one of the One Thousand Children – those mainly Jewish children who managed to flee Hitler and Europe and come directly to North America, but whose parents were forced to stay behind. The Reich killed nearly all of these parents, including Graham’s mother, who died at Auschwitz.

Except for Tolla, Graham’s sisters, Rita, Evelyn, Sonia, and Ester all survived the Holocaust. Evelyn and Sonia fled to Shanghai before returning to Europe after the war while Rita and Ester moved to the United States and were close to their brother in his later life.

After arriving in New York at age of 11 as part of the Red Cross effort to help Jewish children fleeing the Nazis, Graham went to

live with a foster family in the Bronx and spent his teenage years in New York City before being drafted into the U.S. Army to fight in the Korean War.

He relocated to San Francisco just as the hippie movement was gathering steam and became the business manager for the San Francisco Mime Troupe, a radical theater company that performed for free in parks.

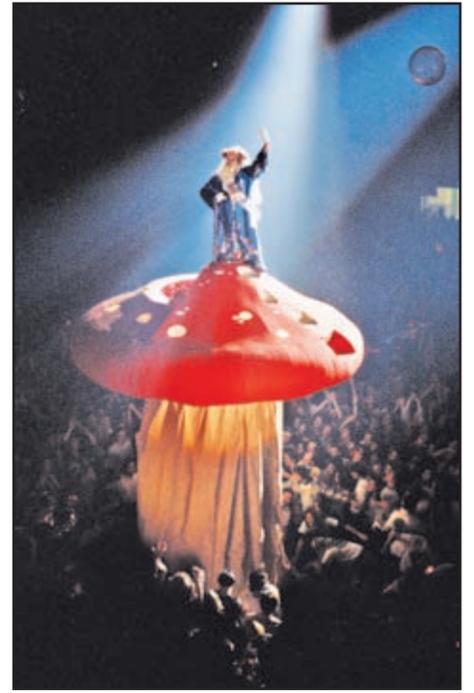
The first show Graham presented was on Nov. 6, 1965: a fundraiser to support the legal defense of one of the Mime Troupe actors. It was a transformative moment for the 34-year-old, who had finally found something he was good at and for which he could also earn a living.

Soon afterward, he took over the lease on the famed Fillmore Auditorium, where he produced groundbreaking shows throughout the 1960s, including sold-out concerts by the Grateful Dead, Cream and the Doors, among many.

Graham’s mastery at promoting, marketing, and managing artists propelled him to become one of the music industry’s most important figures and helped to transform rock music into the highly lucrative phenomenon of rock concerts as eye-popping theatrical events that continues today.

Graham died in a helicopter accident in 1991.

Treasured photos and artifacts from Graham’s early life and career are on loan from



Bill Graham as Father Time on New Year’s Eve 1988 in the Oakland Auditorium

the Graham family, many on view for the first time. Among the items that the public will see for the first time in more than 40 years is the original apple barrel that greeted fans with fresh apples at the entrance to the Fillmore Auditorium.

Ranked by the *Chicago Tribune* as one of 2017’s best, Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution will be at Florida Holocaust Museum from Aug. 18 – Feb. 10, 2019. It follows another blockbuster show, “Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolph Eichman,” which wraps up its five-month stop here on July 15

Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution was organized by the Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, in association with the Bill Graham Memorial Foundation. Besides LA and Chicago, the exhibit has been on tour in San Francisco and Philadelphia.

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Israel to launch moon mission from Florida in December

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Israel will launch a rocket from Florida in a bid to become the fourth country to reach the moon.

Israel Aerospace Industries and the non-profit SpaceIL announced July 10 that they plan a December launch from Cape Canaveral to land on the moon on Feb. 13. The landing would culminate eight years of collaboration on the project.

While famed entrepreneur Elon Musk sent one of his Tesla cars into space earlier this year on top of his SpaceX rocket, Musk also will help deliver Israel's first unmanned lunar spacecraft atop a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, where it will assume a course that will take it to its final destination: the moon.

Ido Anteby, chief executive of SpaceIL, explained that SpaceIL will test the spacecraft through October, and in November, the company will deliver it to the Cape Canaveral launch site.

Private donations mostly paid for the project, including from the American businessman and Jewish philanthropist Sheldon Adelson, the Schusterman Family Foundation and South African-born billionaire entrepreneur Morris Kahn, SpaceIL's president who has provided about \$27 million. Kahn said costs associated with the program hover around \$95 million and emphasized that he will underwrite any gaps in funding, saying "this project will not stop, will not have any problem, because of money."

He also called on the Israeli government to follow through with its pledge to fund 10 percent of the project.

"When the rocket goes into orbit," Kahn said, "I think we will all remember where we were when Israel landed on the moon."

The United States, Russia and China are the only nations to have landed on the moon with the U.S. the only country to send manned missions there.

According to SpaceIL, once the spacecraft disengages from the launch rocket, it will begin orbiting Earth in continuously larger elliptical orbits. This long and complex course will allow the spacecraft to reach the moon with minimal fuel consumption. At a certain stage in its orbit, the spacecraft will reach a point that is near the moon. It will then ignite its engines and reduce its speed to allow the moon's gravity to pull it in, and will begin orbiting it.

The entire journey, from launch to landing, is expected to last about eight weeks.

In addition to taking photos on the surface of the moon, the spacecraft will measure its magnetic field at the landing site, using a magnetometer installed on it. The measurements are intended for research conducted at the Weizmann Institute of Science-UCLA.



Offer Doron, head of IAI's MBT Space Division speaks near the SpaceIL team's spacecraft, during a press conference at the Israel Aerospace facility in Yahud on July 10.

Once it completes its mission, the spacecraft will remain on the moon, proudly displaying the flag of the State of Israel.

The Israeli craft will be the smallest to land on the moon, weighing only 1,322 pounds.

MATCH

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the director of national outreach and communication for JScreen. "So we reached out to him and thought, you know, this would be a really fun opportunity - he's cute, he's a doctor, he's supporting a good cause, and who wouldn't want to win a date with him?"

The JScreen date is tentatively planned for August.

"As an ER doctor, I am keenly aware of the devastating effects that genetic diseases can have on families - and am honored to partner with JScreen to help educate couples on simple things they can do to help plan for their future

families. The test is quick, private and convenient - and the results can change the lives of future generations," said Hubsher, who was traveling through Europe when the *Jewish Press* first caught up with him via email.

Hubsher said his sister, Cher, a dating coach in New York, is

actually responsible for convincing him to take the plunge - so to speak - with *The Bachelorette*. Cher Hubsher was featured on MTV's *My Super Sweet Sixteen*, a show that documents elaborate 16th birthday parties, so reality TV runs in the family.

"My sister thought that I was

single for too long, and her being a fan of *The Bachelorette*, she thought it might be fun to apply for me to be on it," said Grant. "Then when ABC began calling me, I figured why not, could be fun, or will at least be a unique experience."

Hubsher said due to confidentiality agreements, he can't say much more about the 2017 summer season of *The Bachelorette*, which featured the show's first African American bachelorette, Rachel Lindsay. He was one of eight suitors not to get a rose at the end of the first episode.

The 30-year-old is currently an ER doc at a hospital in Brooklyn. He attended Pinellas County Jewish Day School and was active in United Synagogue Youth at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater. In his time as a student at the University of Florida, he was a part of the Jewish Student Union and the AEPi fraternity.

"As a child I learned a lot about the customs of Judaism and the religion itself. While as I matured into college and involved myself in Jewish programs, I became more in tune with what it means to feel culturally Jewish," Hubsher said.

Growing up, some of his favorite memories were doing the hora and the electric slide at friends' Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Hubsher is still active in the Jewish community in New York. It's important to him that he frequents various Jewish social programs throughout the year and especially during the holidays. He still makes time to come back home to Florida several times a year.

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