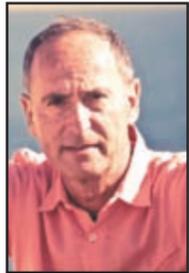


Campaign Kickoff to feature longtime Israel observer



Martin Fletcher, a former NBC foreign correspondent

The Tampa Jewish Federation will launch its 2019 Annual Campaign – “Give Today, Secure Tomorrow” – at this year’s Campaign Kickoff with guest speaker, veteran broadcast Middle East correspondent turned author, Martin Fletcher.

The program will be held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

Fletcher has spent more than 40

years covering world events, mostly for NBC news. He covered Israel for the network for 26 years, the last 15 as bureau chief. Of his five Emmys, three are for his reporting from Israel: one for the first Palestinian uprising, one for the second uprising, and the third for coverage of Israel’s war with Lebanon in 2006. He also has won the du Pont, considered the TV Pulitzer; several Overseas Press Club Awards, and

the Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence.

Among his other reporting exploits: He walked for three weeks across the Hindu Kush mountains from Pakistan into Afghanistan with the Mujahideen, today’s Taliban, to report on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. He was the only television reporter to join the Khmer rouge in Cambodia. He was the only

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The pomegranate: From the Promised Land to the Sunshine State

By BRUCE LOWITT
Jewish Press

ZOLFO SPRINGS – There’s a bit of the Middle East here in the middle of Florida, where pomegranates – one of the seven fruits named in Deuteronomy as representing the bounty of Israel – grow in abundance.

It’s called Green Sea Farms, 31 acres, six devoted to 130 varieties of pomegranates, two more acres to a pomegranate nursery, some of the rest open to cattle they breed, chickens

and vegetables. David and Cynthia Weinstein bought the property in 2004 after 25 years of living and working on boats and cruising the Caribbean, when St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands was their home port.

“We were in our 50s and didn’t know anything about land life, farming, anything,” David said. “We bought a conversion van, lived in that and leased out the property to a farmer for cattle grazing while trying to decide what we could do with it. Animals? Solar? Windmills? Fruit trees? In 2011 we decided on pomegranates.”

Cynthia is 61 and manages the farm. David is 67 and owns a mobile marine service business in Punta Gorda, installing electronic gear on yachts. She is not Jewish; he is, but he’s not religious.

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JCCs offer new program to engage families with young kids in Jewish life

The Tampa JCCs and Federation is expanding its offerings for young families with the addition of Family Gan, a program that connects children and parents in Jewish life and learning.

Family Gan is designed to engage families with young children (suggested ages 2-4 years old) – whether or not both parents are Jewish – as they learn about Jewish values, traditions and practices through fun, hands-on activities.

Families meet once a month and programs will be offered simultaneously at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC and the JCC on the Cohn Campus. Families of all backgrounds are welcome.

“Family Gan is part of our efforts to grow our offerings for young families in the Tampa Bay community,” said Heidi Shimberg, chief operating officer at the Tampa JCCs.

Other programming for families with young children includes PJ Library, which sends free books on Jewish

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Monica Lewinsky to keynote Tampa event

Anti-bullying ambassador, social activist, and writer Monica Lewinsky, whose name will forever be linked to a White House scandal, will be keynote speaker at the 17th annual Franci Golman Rudolph Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood Star Event.

The Monday, Oct. 15 luncheon and presentation

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Clearwater temple mourns loss of rabbi

BY BOB FRYER
Jewish Press

He was a kid in a grown-up’s body and a walking trivia resource who loved to wear costumes. He was also a man of God, a loving husband and father, a lover of the Torah, and a rabbi beloved by his congregation and so many more who considered themselves lucky to have known him.

At age 46, when he should have been in the

prime of his life, with so many more adventures in store, so much more to teach his congregants and his children, Rabbi Daniel Treiser died in his sleep on Friday morning, Aug. 17, leaving a void in the hearts of so many who knew him.

Since 2008 Rabbi Treiser had led Temple B’nai Israel in Clearwater, and in spite of a lengthy battle against cancer, as recently as June he led congregants on a tour of Israel and a week later

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Rabbi Daniel Treiser



Compiled from news wires



Watch belonging to Russian Jew who died on Titanic sold at auction

A pocket watch with Hebrew letters on its face that belonged to a Jewish Russian immigrant who died aboard the Titanic sold at auction for \$57,500.

Heritage Auctions offered the pocket watch in a public auction of important Americana memorabilia.

The watch, which features Moses holding the Ten Commandments on its back, was purchased by John Miottel, a collector of timepieces relating to the Titanic disaster, who operates a museum. “It will take one of the primary spots in our collection,” Miottel said.

The watch’s original owner, Sinai Kantor, was an immigrant from Russia bound for New York with his wife, Miriam, who survived the accident aboard the Titanic when it sank during the cruise ship’s maiden voyage in 1912. Dozens of Jews were among the 1,503 passengers who died. The Kantors were among 285 Second Class passengers and boarded the ship together in Southampton, England. The British liner had a kosher kitchen.

The pocket watch was sold by a direct descendant of Miriam and Sinai Kantor, who provided a letter of provenance and who does not wish to be identified. The couple, who paid 26 pounds sterling (approximately \$3,666 today) for their ticket, were among 285 Second Class passengers and boarded the ship together in Southampton, England.

Kantor, a furrier who wanted to study dentistry or medicine in America, was 34 when he and his wife, 24, also an aspiring doctor, boarded Titanic. They hailed from Vitebsk, today a city in northwest Belarus.

Miriam Kantor received her husband’s clothing, Russian passport, notebook, telescope, corkscrew, “silver watch and strap,” and Russian, German and English currency on May 24, 1912.

Chew on this

NEW YORK — New York City subway riders are used to all sorts of delays — but not usually those caused by wandering goats, which wreaked havoc on Brooklyn line last week. Subway staff and police were able to get the goats away from the tracks unharmed, but it wasn’t clear where they had come from.

The fate of the goats might have been in jeopardy afterward, but an unlikely hero showed up to save them: former *Daily Show* host Jon Stewart.

With the assistance of the farm animal rescue organization, Farm Sanctuary, the Jewish comedian and his wife, Tracey, picked up the goats in Brooklyn and took them to a Watkins Glen shelter run by the group. The couple have supported the upstate shelter since 2015, and even help run one of its locations in New Jersey. Tracey Stewart is on the Farm Sanctuary board of directors as well.

US fighter pilot who made history for Israel's fledgling Air Force to be buried in Arlington

(JTA) – Gideon Lichtman, an American fighter pilot who as a volunteer during Israel's War of Independence scored its nascent air force's first aerial kill of an enemy fighter, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in suburban Washington, D.C.

Lichtman, who died in March at 94, was originally buried in Hollywood, FL. He fought for the United States in the Pacific during World War II.

He was a member of the Machal 101 squadron, a unit of American volunteers – many of them non-Jewish – who came to fight for the fledgling Jewish state in 1948 and helped stop the Egyptian army's advance on Tel Aviv. He was the unit's last surviving member.

After the war he returned to the U.S. and subsequently fought in Korea. In the 1960s he again returned to Israel, spending a stint there as a test pilot.

"I was risking my citizenship and possibly jail time," he said in *Above and Beyond*, a 2015 documentary by Nancy Spielberg. "I didn't give a s**t. I was gonna help the Jews out. I was going to help my people out."

According to the *Miami Herald*, Lichtman, a high school teacher, spent more than 30 years working under an assumed name because, according to his son Bruce, "he was told by Ezer Weizman, president of Israel and former minister of defense, that Israel had intercepted Arab intelligence that they were intent on targeting foreign pilots who served in Israel."

Young professionals invited to join social action program

This fall, the Tampa Jewish Federation is launching a new initiative for Tampa area young professionals who are interested in volunteerism and social action.

The initiative, called "Volunteer with Impact" aims to engage young adults in meaningful service opportunities in the greater Tampa community for six consecutive weeks.

"We know that young adults are looking for high-quality, meaningful opportunities to get involved in the Tampa community," said Lisa Robbins, director of Young Adult Engagement for the Tampa JCCs & Federation. "Volunteer with Impact will give them an ongoing chance to give back to the community with other young professionals who share the same Jewish values of repairing the world."

The initiative is based on a program the Boston Jewish Community Relations Council runs called Reach Out.

Participants must be between the ages of 21-49 and commit to attending all six sessions of the program.

The program kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 7 and there will be "volunteer visit" events on Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30 and a closing event on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Participants can sign up to volunteer at one of these sites on each of the Tuesday "visit" dates in October:

- **LifePath Hospice** – Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at 3010 W. Azelee St., Tampa. Volunteers will work with the Children's Grief Center, engaging with children ages 3-17 through activities geared for their age levels while their parents attend a support group meeting to work on grief issues. Opportunities will also be available to make meaningful bereavement calls as well as assist

participants of the suicide survivor support group. Application, training and background checks (to be completed prior to volunteering and paid for by Hospice) are required.

- **Metropolitan Ministries** – Tuesdays, 5-7:30 p.m. at the Volunteer Engagement Center, 120 E. Ross Ave., Tampa. Volunteers will take part in all the aspects of providing meals for Metropolitan Ministries residents and clients, from meal preparation in the kitchen and serving food in the dining facility, to stocking shelves, washing dishes, mopping or emptying the trash. Max volunteers: 10.

- **Sweetwater Organic Farm** – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 6942 W. Comanche Ave, Tampa. Volunteers will be working on maintaining Sweetwater Organic Farm's native plants trail. Participants will take part in planting, weeding, labeling and maintaining the outdoor teaching tool and educational lab for local school children. Max participants: 10 people.

- **Weinberg Village** – Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at Weinberg Village Assisted Living Residences, 13005 Community Campus Drive, Tampa. Volunteers will spend time with the residents creating arts and crafts projects, playing trivia, staging a karaoke or talent night, and discussing current events.

The deadline to register to participate is Friday, Sept. 21. Spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To register, go to www.jewishtampa.com/IMPACT

Volunteer with Impact is an initiative of Impact, a community of young adults who share a passion for *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and building a strong Jewish community with the Tampa Jewish Federation.

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- **CONTINUED from FRONT PAGE** themes to children monthly, and the JCC Preschool, which operates in both north and south Tampa and this year opened an additional class at the Hillel Academy.

We want to present opportunities for young families to grow together while exploring concepts, ideas and traditions that are the foundation for family life. And we want families to come together and become part of a community that celebrates Jewish life," said Shimberg.

Although Family Gan is open to and appropriate for families with a wide range of backgrounds, the program was designed with interfaith and unaffiliated Jewish families in mind. The Tampa JCCs and Federation received a grant for this innovative program from the National Center to Encourage Judaism. Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), announced that 10 Federations have received

inaugural grants for work with non-Jews who are part of Jewish families or otherwise engaged with Jewish life.

Dr. Beth Cousens, associate vice president of Jewish Education and Engagement at JFNA, said, "Each Federation has demonstrated – through the grant process and through their ongoing engagement work – vision, a careful understanding of 21st century engagement structures, creativity, and diligence in program execution and is worthy of the grant award."

These grants will contribute toward innovation in working with interfaith families by testing a new idea or by expanding an existing idea that was recently developed. For program details and dates, contact Jen Goldberg, executive director of education and special projects, at jennifer.goldberg@jewishtampa.com.

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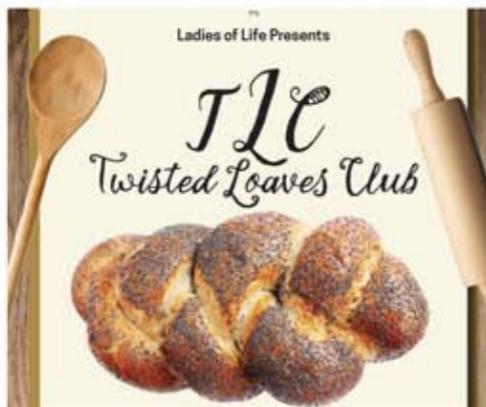


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PepsiCo to acquire Israel's SodaStream for \$3.2 billion

JEUSALEM (JTA) – PepsiCo will acquire the Israeli home soda maker manufacturer SodaStream for \$3.2 billion, the soft drink giant announced Aug. 20.

PepsiCo plans to maintain the Israeli company's current base of operations in the Negev. SodaStream will continue to operate as an independent subsidiary.

The American multinational agreed to acquire all of the outstanding shares of SodaStream International Ltd. for \$144 per share.

"PepsiCo and SodaStream are an inspired match," PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi said in a statement.

SodaStream CEO Daniel Birnbaum "and his leadership team have built an extraordinary company that is offering consumers the ability to make great-tasting beverages while reducing the amount of waste generated. That focus is well-aligned with performance with purpose, our philosophy of making more nutritious products while limiting our en-

vironmental footprint. Together, we can advance our shared vision of a healthier, more-sustainable planet."

SodaStream, which manufactures home carbonation machines that work with its own line of soda flavorings, has long been a target of advocates of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel because it was based in the West Bank.

In October 2014, SodaStream announced it would close its Mishor Adumim industrial park factory and move to southern Israel in the face of international pressure from the BDS movement, which seeks to hurt Israel's economy over its policies toward the Palestinians.

The movement claimed that SodaStream discriminated against Palestinian workers and paid some less than Israeli workers.

Israeli politicians framed the significance of the SodaStream acquisition in national terms that went beyond the purchase of one

company. "I welcome the purchase of SodaStream," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu posted on Twitter. "The recent large acquisitions of Israeli companies demonstrate not only the technological capabilities but also the business capabilities that have been developed in Israel. I welcome the huge deal that will enrich the state coffers as well as the important decision to leave the company in Israel."

Oded Revivi, who manages foreign relations for the Yesha Council, a group representing the settlement movement, called the news a "day of darkness for the #BDS and its supporters" and a "day of light for the Israeli economy."

"Worth remembering: PepsiCo boycotted Israel until 1991. Today it bought an Israeli firm for \$3.2B and pledged it will continue to operate from Israel. The story of Israel's economy in a nutshell," tweeted Israel's consul general in New York Dani Dayan.

Report: US to take Palestinian 'right of return' off the table

(JNS) – The administration of U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to soon unveil new policy that will cancel the Palestinians' demand for "right of return" for its refugees and the refugees status of most of the Palestinians classed as such by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency UNRWA), *Hadashot News* reported Saturday evening, Aug. 25.

The report said that the new policy is slated to be introduced at the beginning of September in a few phases.

First, a U.S. report on the number of Palestinians to be defined as "refugees" will be published. The report is expected to declare that there are 500,000 refugees, approximately one-tenth of the UNRWA figure on the number of Palestinian refugees.

The U.S. is also expected to reject the UNRWA definition of refugee status, which is inherited by the descendants of the Palestinians who left Israel in 1948, inflating the number of Palestinians classed as refugees worldwide, many of whom have never even seen the land in Israel or the Palestinian territories where their parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents lived.

The rejection of the UNRWA definition of Palestinian refugedom is also slated to include a cut off

of funds the U.S. supplies to UNRWA in Judea and Samaria. Moreover, according to *Hadashot News*, the Trump administration plans to ask Israel to reconsider the mandate it gives the UNRWA to operate in Judea and Samaria, thus ensuring that Arab countries will not be able to take the place of the U.S. in funding the organization in those areas.

The U.S. National Security Council said in response to the Israeli report that the U.S. would announce its policy on UNRWA "at the appropriate time."

Last month, a number of U.S. congressional representatives demanded that the State Department publicize a report detailing the precise figures on the number of Palestinians who became refugees in the 1948 War of Independence.

Sources who have seen the report say that the State Department's assessment was that only 20,000 of the 700,000 Arab refugees who fled Palestine during the War of Independence are still alive and displaced from their homes.

The report was compiled and classified during the administration of former President Barack Obama.

The lawmakers said the report would demonstrate that the number of Palestinian refugees is much smaller than the 5 million figure cited by UNRWA.

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reporter to enter the American embassy in Tehran when Iranian students held American diplomats hostage for 444 days.

CNN's Anderson Cooper has praised Martin Fletcher as the "gold standard of TV war correspondents" for several decades.

He retired from NBC in 2010, although he continues to work as a special correspondent on occasion. Since then his main focus has been on writing, both fiction and non-fiction.

His 2010 non-fiction work, *Walking Israel, A Personal Search for the Soul of a Nation*, won him a National Jewish Book Award. Based on his years of reporting, he makes the case that Israel has gotten a raw deal from the rest of the world.

In his new novel, *Promised Land*, scheduled for release Sept. 4, Fletcher again draws on his experiences in Israel to paint a searing, intimate portrait of a struggling family set during the tumultuous founding of Israel.

Along with Fletcher's speech,

community members will get their first opportunity to support the Tampa Federation's 2019 Campaign.

Lauren Jaffe, campaign chair, described the connection between the Jewish values of *tzedakah* – charitable giving – and *tikkun olam* – repairing the world.

"When Hashem commanded 'Tzedek, Tzedek...', what did it mean? To do 'Justice, Justice,' to live rightly, and recognize that all humanity should be treated with dignity, and so we provide for those in need around us, not out of charity, but because it is just and right to extend dignity and life."

A dinner reception for all major donors to the Tampa JCCs and Federation, designated as those who made a \$5,000 minimum gift to the 2018 Annual Campaign or a minimum gift of \$25,000 to the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, starts at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the main program and dessert reception are \$18 until Sept. 21; \$36 thereafter. Admission for young adults up to age 35 is \$18. For more information, or to register, visit www.jewishtampa.com/kickoff or call Loni Lindsay at 813-769-2802.

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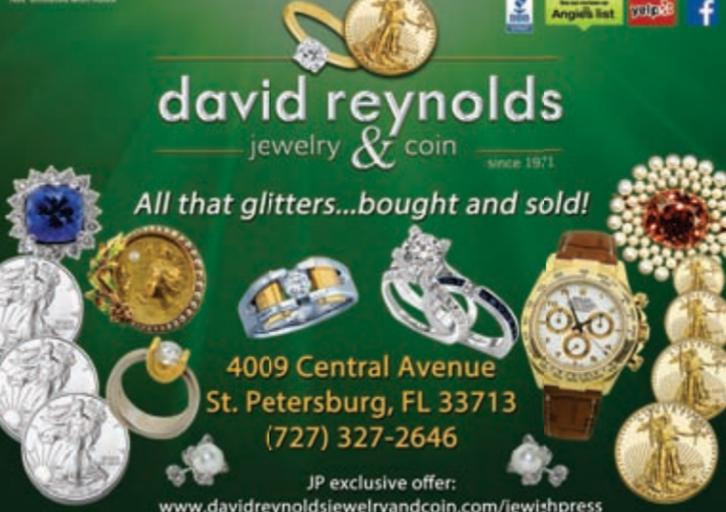
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Itzhak Perlman to give klezmer performance in Sarasota

The Perlman Music Program/Sun-coast has announced the Florida West Coast premiere of "Itzhak Perlman – In The Fiddler's House – A Night of Klezmer" on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota.

Almost 23 years have passed since internationally-acclaimed violinist and conductor Itzhak Perlman made his iconic album of klezmer music, "In the Fiddler's House." In this upcoming live performance, Perlman revisits this meaningful, personal project, featuring the world-renowned Klezmer Conservatory Band, with members from the original recording, released in 1995. The repertoire will include songs from the album, along with a few surprises.

Joining Perlman on stage will be Hankus Netsky, music director, saxophone and piano; Andy Statman, clarinet and mandolin; members of the Brave Old World and Klezmer

Conservatory Band; and other special guests.

"Quick-witted and humorous, Perlman's charming demeanor facilitated an evening of pure enjoyment for all, representative of the klezmer's purpose of bringing people together in celebration," wrote the Santa Barbara Independent following a sold-out show in 2017.

This only area "Fiddler's House" performance will have the audience singing and dancing in the aisles.

Perlman is no stranger to audiences in Southwest Florida. In addition to an active concert career, he and his wife Toby Perlman, founder of the Perlman Music Program (PMP), along with their gifted young string students, faculty and staff, have called Sarasota their wintertime home for the past 14 years.

Tickets range from \$43 to \$152 and



Itzhak Perlman during a previous performance of his "In the Fiddler's House."

are available through the Van Wezel PAH box office beginning Friday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. The hall is at 777 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The box office number is (941) 953-3368 or can be reached online at www.vanwezel.org. For groups of 10 or more, all (941) 363-2025.

The event is sponsored in part by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax Revenues, the Kessler Foundation, and in partnership with the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.

Webinar set to explain interest-free student loans

A free webinar explaining the Jewish Educational Loan Fund (JELF) program that offers interest-free loans to Jewish students will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 10-10:40 a.m. program.

JELF provides need-based, last dollar loans to Jewish students for college, graduate and/or vocational students from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Students can apply Sept. 1 – 30 for the 2019 spring and/or summer terms. The application for loan assistance for the full 2019-2020 academic year (fall 2019, spring/summer 2020) will be available March 1 – April 30.

The application for loan assistance for the full 2019-2020 academic year will be available March 1 – April 30.

The webinar is suggested

for high school and college students and their parents as well as Jewish professionals, synagogues, Hillels and educators who would like to learn who should apply and how to apply for JELF's interest-free loans.

Since its inception in 1961, JELF has awarded more than \$12 million in loans to 4,000+ students. It has a 99 percent repayment rate for more than 10 years. J

ELF, based in Atlanta, partners with local agencies to administer the loans: in Pinellas, Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services (727-479-1806) and in Hillsborough, Tampa Jewish Family Services (813-960-1848)

To sign up for the webinar, go to www.jelf.org and click on the events tab. For more information, contact (770) 396-3080.

Menorah Manor hosts annual dinner to honor new Founder's Association members

The annual Founders Association dinner was held at the Marion and Bernard L. Samson Nursing Center on Wednesday, August 8th. The new Founders honored were Nancy and Alan Bomstein, and Gerald Klein.

In addition to a major financial commitment, Founders are also committed to providing leadership and to taking an active role in future planning.

The beautiful and delicious meal was prepared and served by Menorah Manor's very talented Dining Services staff.

Menorah Manor is proud to honor its new Founders Association members. Mazel tov and thank you for being such important partners in Menorah Manor's mission of providing the best possible care in a warm, homelike, Jewish environment.



(L-R) Rob Goldstein, Menorah Manor Chief Executive Officer; Barry Kanner, Menorah Manor Chair; Nancy Bomstein and Alan Bomstein, new Founders; and Judy Ludin, Menorah Manor Chief Development Officer.



(L-R) Rob Goldstein, Barry Kanner, and Gerald Klein, new Founder.



(L-R) Marilyn Benjamin, Founder and Menorah Manor Foundation Trustee; Bonnie Berman, Menorah Manor Director of Volunteer Services; Judith Alpert, Founder; Judy Ludin, Barbara Baughman, Menorah Manor Guild President.



(L-R) Founders Association Members Doris Rosenblatt, Nancy Linsky, David Linsky, and Frank Rosenblatt.



Founders Marilyn LeVine and Morrie LeVine, with Sharon LeVine Rosenthal and Rob Goldstein.



(L-R) Terri Gross and Jane Silverberg, Founders Association Member.

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USF student's photo exhibit evokes Holocaust horrors

By BOB FRYER
Jewish Press

When University of South Florida student Avi Davidson travelled with other college students on spring break this year to Poland, the group toured a number of sites connected to the atrocities of the Holocaust, and one was, he said, "haunting beyond doubt."

It was a room in a barracks for Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. "As you walk in you are face to face with hundreds and hundreds of prosthetics ranging from braces, artificial legs and crutches," Davidson wrote in describing his trip. "This room was particularly meaningful due to my circumstances of needing both a prosthetic limb as well as a wheelchair in order to maneuver through life. Since I live with multiple handicaps, knowing I would have been led straight away to be killed due to either one of these conditions alone was horrifying and disturbing."

Davidson, who has been an avid photographer for years, was age 16 in 2009 when he came in contact with a high voltage line atop a utility pole while trying to photograph the sunset. He fell from the pole and suffered multiple burns, was paralyzed from the waist down



Photo by Avi Davidson

Guards at Auschwitz were ordered to shoot on sight any prisoners who crossed past this sign to halt. This is one of Avi Davidson's photos that will be on display at USF.

and had to have his left arm amputated.

Now a senior at USF majoring in behavioral sciences, Davidson's spirit remains undaunted, along with his interest in photography.

To document his experience in Poland and share it with those who want to learn more about the Holocaust, he will host an exhibit titled, *To Bear Witness* at the Centra Gallery on the second floor of the University of South Florida Marshall Student Center. The exhibit will

contain 13 images from Davidson. It will be open to the public from Sept. 4-14 at no charge. There will be an opening reception on Sept. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. and a closing reception on Sept. 15 from 7-9 p.m. The gallery is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Davidson, of Tampa, was among a group of 54 students from a variety of universities on the spring break trip set up through the Chabad on Campus affiliated program called Living Links.



Photo by Chabad on Campus

USF student Avi Davidson, a paraplegic, shoots a photo at the Auschwitz death camp of a room filled with 470 prosthetics, braces and crutches, taken from prisoners upon their arrival.

He hopes his exhibit will help combat anti-Semitism and counter those who deny the Holocaust.

The group travelled from Frankfurt to Kraków with stops in Warsaw, Lublin, Majdanek, Markowa, and Auschwitz.

In addition to the storage room of prosthetics that belonged to prisoners sent to their deaths during the Holocaust, he was touched by a visit to the Warsaw Jewish cemetery, a Warsaw Ghetto Heroes monument and a visit to the Radegast train sta-

tion where many Jews were transported to death camps. Another memorable experience occurred in the Zbilatowska Gora forest, the site of a children's mass extermination grave with more than 850 lives lost as they were lined up in a row and gunned down.

"This trip was an instrumental part in furthering the education of the students who wish to remember the past as well as to fight future atrocities," Davidson wrote of his experience.

Suncoast Hillels to host first gala to support its marine environment programs

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast will host "Bubbles & Bubbly" – the organization's first-ever gala fund-raising event – to benefit our Tikkun HaYam™ and Scubi Jew™ programs – on Saturday Nov. 10 at the Florida Aquarium in Tampa.

Tikkun HaYam and Scubi Jew are initiatives created by Hillels of the Florida Suncoast to explore the marine environment through Jewish eyes and help improve the ocean locally and around the world. The efforts of Suncoast Hillel's students include coral restoration, marine debris removal, conservation education, and shark and manatee awareness.

The Hillel gala will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a VIP cocktail reception for sponsors featuring an intimate gathering with world-renowned underwater photographer, Israeli-born Amos Nachoum, the guest speaker for the Bubbles & Bubbly event (www.amosphotography.com).

Starting at 7:30 p.m., the main event will take place against the backdrop of the Florida Aquarium's 500,000-gallon Coral Reef

exhibit where guests will enjoy an open wine and beer bar, appetizers and dessert buffet as sharks and rays calmly cruise. The evening will begin with Havdalah, and will include calypso music and a presentation by Nachoum, known for his photography of large marine animals from great white sharks to polar bears.

In addition, there will be a live auction with some of the items, including a catered dinner cruise for four on Ally's Way – Suncoast Hillels' official Scubi Jew vessel; concierge scuba diving lessons for two; and an evening of Cabernet & Kabbalah for up to 20 guests with Suncoast Hillels' Executive Director Rabbi Ed Rosenthal. Hillel also will offer a chance drawing for a pair of pearl and diamond earrings.

"This is an exciting time for Suncoast Hillels and we can't wait to share the excitement with our local Jewish communities," said Suncoast Hillels' board President, Sara Ingber.

"With the recent hiring of Shayna Cohen, our Tikkun HaYam and Scubi Jew program coordinator,

the growth of these programs has been phenomenal, both on campus and off. This event will allow us to feature the amazing things Shayna and our students are doing and will give us the opportunity to continue to raise awareness in our community about the marine environment," said Ingber. "We also are very pleased to host our event at the spectacular Florida Aquarium as both our organizations share these very important and impactful goals of marine conservation and education."

Advance individual tickets for the event are \$125 per person and may be purchased at www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly, or by contacting Suncoast Hillels directly. RSVPs are requested no later than Oct. 26.

Suncoast Hillels also is offering several one-of-a-kind corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities which include unique benefits like an ice cream party for up to 25 people with custom flavors made by Hillel, or a champagne brunch cruise for six on Ally's Way. More specific details about sponsorships can

be found at www.suncoasthillels.org/bubbles-and-bubbly sponsorship or by contacting Linda Wolf, Suncoast Hillels' assistant director, at (813) 899-2788 or shalom@suncoasthillels.org.

For more information about Tikkun HaYam, visit www.repairthesea.org or contact Shayna Cohen, Tikkun HaYam Program Coordinator, at Shayna@repairthesea.org.

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast supports Jewish life on five col-

lege campuses along the West Coast of Florida, including the University of South Florida (Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses), the University of Tampa, Eckerd College and Florida Southern College.

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast is a beneficiary agency of the Tampa Jewish Federation, the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties and the Florida Statewide Federations.

Portman to portray Jewish twins, advice columnists

(JTA) – Israeli-born actress Natalie Portman has been hired to play Jewish twin sisters Pauline Esther Friedman and Esther Pauline Friedman, the authors of the famed Dear Abby and Ask Ann Landers advice columns, *Variety* reported.

Born in 1918 in Iowa, the sisters went on to become pop-culture icons, writing under the pseudonyms Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren and competing professionally for the rest of their careers.

Portman also will direct the film, which is being produced by Oscar nominee Peter Saraf. She previously directed the 2015 film *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, based on Amos Oz's novel about his childhood in prestate Israel.

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Elul: A Jewish time of opportunity, growth, and spiritual reparation

By RABBI AARON M. LEVER, BCC
Director of Spiritual Care, Menorah Manor

We have entered the Jewish month of Elul – the month before Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In its wisdom, the Jewish tradition sets aside the entire month of Elul as a time of self-reflection to help us prepare spiritually for the High Holidays. Indeed, Judaism is a thoughtful and intentional religion.

As we think about the promise of a New Year, Elul is a time to take stock of the last year and our lives in general: Who am I? Where am I in my life? What were my greatest successes and failures during the last year? Am I pleased with the direction of my life? What are my regrets, and what do I wish to change? Am I facing difficult life challenges, and how am I coping with them? What have been meaningful experiences this past year, and what has brought me joy? What are my failings, and how do I wish to grow as a human being in the coming year? This process of self-exploration and soul-searching is called *Heshbon haNefesh* – “an Accounting of the Soul.”

For some, this kind of intense soul-searching may not be an easy or natural process. Many of us lead busy, fast-paced lives and may not feel we have the time to do *Heshbon haNefesh*, but this is an important opportunity we must not miss.

The first step is to give yourself the time and space to think, even if just for a few minutes. You may find it helpful to pull yourself out of your regular, daily routine to find the peace and solace needed to embark on a process of self-reflection. For me, I find that going to the beach at sunset is a spiritual time and place. Going for a walk along the beach and watching the sun set over the ocean helps me create the space I need to do *Heshbon haNefesh*. This is my spiritual practice. I encourage you to find what works for you. At our core, we are truly spiritual beings, and – just like physical exercise – we all need this kind of time, whether we realize it or not.

You may discover that journaling may assist you in doing your *Heshbon haNefesh* this Elul. To journal, you might start by answering the questions listed above. You might find it meaningful to maintain a journal dedicated to these annual reflections.

I also have found that reading something meaningful and spiritually thought-provoking



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is another way to initiate this process of self-reflection during the month of Elul.

Along these lines, I would like to recommend the book *How Then, Shall We Live? Four Simple Questions that Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of Our Lives* by best-selling author Wayne Muller, who is a minister and psychotherapist. In this book, which is an ecumenical piece that draws upon the wisdom of many different religious traditions, Muller focuses on four spiritual questions that shape our lives: (1) Who am I? (2) What do I love? (3) How shall I live, knowing I will die? (4) What is my gift to the family of the earth? Throughout the book, Muller includes spiritual practices and exercises that assist the reader in engaging in a process of *Heshbon HaNefesh*. I find the reflections and stories in *How Then, Shall We Live?* to be particularly meaningful, and I offer this book to you as a spiritual tool.

During the High Holidays, we recite the prayer *Unetaneh Tokef* which contains what I would consider to be the most haunting passages in all of Jewish liturgy:

“On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed: How many shall leave this world, and how many shall be born; who shall live and who shall die; who in the fullness of years and who before ...” As a child, I remember being frightened by these words. And then the prayer continues: “But *T’shuvah* (Repentance), *T’fillah* (Prayer), and *Tz’dakah* (Deeds of Kindness) can remove the severity of the Decree.”

And what is the decree? It is our mortality – our coming to grips with the fact that we will not live forever. While we all must face our morality, Judaism teaches us to find hope through our infinite potential to live a richer, more meaningful, purposeful, and joyful life through acts of *T’shuvah*, *T’fillah*, and *Tz’dakah*. Judaism believes that these three spiritual acts help us to make each day count.

It is because of the penetrating depth of these words from the *Unetaneh Tokef* that we need the entire month of Elul to prepare. Elul presents us with an exciting opportunity. I wish you well in your spiritual preparations this year. *Shanah Tovah*.

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Congregations

Cong. Schaarai Zedek

Selichot: Begin the High Holiday season on Saturday, Sept. 1 with a deli dinner at 5:30 p.m., a showing of the movie *Come Sunday* at 6:30 p.m., and Selichot service at 8:30 p.m. *Come Sunday* is based on the true story about Pastor Carlton Pearson’s excommunication after he questioned the church’s doctrine on hell. Following the movie, the temple’s clergy will lead a brief discussion of High Holy Day themes in the movie. There is no charge for dinner but an RSVP is requested at www.zedek.org/RSVP or by calling the temple at (813) 876-2377.

Get happy: The 20s+30s group will celebrate an Apples & Honey Happy Hour at the Cask, 208 S. Howard Ave., Tampa on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. Enjoy an after-work drink and early Jewish New Year celebration with craft apples and honey cocktails. Light appetizers will be served and, as always, the first drink is on us.

For more information, contact **Lindsey Dewey** at ldewey@zedek.org or call (813) 876-2377, ext. 221.

Break-the-Fast: A special 20s+30s Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast event will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Metro Diner, 4011 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa. Reservations have been made for anyone who would like to join in around the table. Everyone gets free appetizers upon arrival and dinner (or breakfast) is up to you.

For more information, contact **Lindsey Dewey** at ldewey@zedek.org or call (813) 876-2377, ext. 221.

Introduction to Judaism: A 10-part Introduction (or re-introduction) to Judaism lecture series on the nature of Judaism, God, Torah, worship, life cycle observances, and holidays will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 3 through Dec. 19. This is for Jews, non-Jews, intermarried couples and singles and will be taught by **Rabbis Joel Simon and Nathan Farb**. It is required for anyone who is planning to convert.

Call clergy assistant **Ming Brewer** to register at (813) 876-2377, ext. 202.

A taste of Hebrew: Hebrew for Adult Beginners, taught by **Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro**, will be offered on most Wednesdays from Oct. 10 through March 20 from 6-7 p.m. This 20-lesson course is designed

Shabbat and High Holidays Candle Lighting Times



Aug 31	•	7:34 pm
Sept 7	•	7:26 pm
Sept 9	•	7:24 pm
Sept 10	•	8:17 pm
Sept 14	•	7:18 pm

for English-speaking adults who are primarily interested in learning how to read Hebrew prayers and blessings. It is a refresher course for adults who know some Hebrew and is appropriate for those with no Hebrew skills. The course textbook is available for purchase for \$13. This class is a prerequisite for an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Call **Sherry Stein**, director of membership and programming, at (813-876-2377, ext. 212) to enroll.

Cong. Rodeph Shalom

Adult education: Rabbi **Josh Hershman** 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. Kol Ami

Coffee time: The Brotherhood and Sisterhood will offer coffee and a light breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10-11 a.m. to welcome new and returning members and to outline plans for the coming year. RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com or Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com.

Youth golf event: The USY youth group will go on a joint outing with kids from Congregation Rodeph Shalom to Top Golf Tampa, 10690 Palm River Drive, on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$20. RSVP to youth@kolami.org by Sept. 7.

L’Chaim: Take in a program of sharing life’s lessons on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. A different topic, readings and different leader will be chosen

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Religious Directory

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY Reform

BETH ISRAEL/ JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SUN CITY CENTER — 1115 E. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center • Mailing Address: P. O. Box 5203, Sun City Center, 33571 • Rabbi Carla Freedman • Shabbat Services: Friday 7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m., Torah Study: noon • Telephone: (813) 634-2590 • Web address: www.jccsc.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation BETH AM — 2030 W. Fletcher Ave, Tampa 33612 • Rabbi Jason Rosenberg • Joy Katzen-Guthrie, Cantorial Leader • Shabbat Services: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; 2nd and 4th Fridays, 6:30 p.m., potluck dinner to follow; Saturdays, 9 a.m. • Torah study 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m. • Telephone (813) 968-8511 • Website: www.bethamtampa.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation BETH SHALOM — 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, 33511 • Rabbi Bryan Mann • Cantor Moshe Friedler (visiting) • Shabbat Service: Friday 7 p.m., • Telephone: (813) 681-6547 • Website: <http://bethshalom-brandon.org> • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation SCHAARAI ZEDEK — 3303 W. Swann Ave., Tampa 33609 • Rabbi Joel Simon, Rabbi Nathan Farb • Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro • Services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Torah study, 9 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 876-2377 • Website: www.zedek.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Conservative

Congregation KOL AMI — 3919 Moran Road, Tampa 33618 • Rabbi Howard Siegel • Cantor Beth Schlossberg • Services: Friday 6:30 p.m. (Family Service first Friday of the month); Saturday 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9:15 a.m.; Monday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. • Torah study every Saturday, 8:30 - 9:25 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 962-6338 • website: www.kolami.org • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Congregation MEKOR SHALOM — 14005A N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, 33618 • Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever, Spiritual Leader • Services: Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Telephone: (813) 963-1818 • Website: www.mekorshalom.org • Unaffiliated

Congregation RODEPH SHOLOM — 2713 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 33629 • Rabbi Josh Hershman • Cantor Andres Kornworcel • Services: Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday service, 9:30 a.m.; Mon. – Fri. 7:15 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 837-1911 • Website: www.rsholom.org • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Orthodox

BAIS (TEMPLE) DAVID CHABAD — 2001 W. Swann Ave., Tampa 33606 • Rabbi Lazer Rivkin • Shabbat Services and meal: Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 9:45 a.m., 7:30 p.m. • Telephone: (813) 966-8770 • Website: www.chabadofcentralflorida.com • Email: Drivkin52@gmail.com

CHABAD LUBAVITCH of TAMPA BAY — 14908 Pennington Road, Tampa

33624 • Rabbi Yossie Dubrowski, executive director • Telephone: (813) 963-2317 • Website: www.chabadoftampabay.com

CHABAD of BRANDON / JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER — 1578 Bloomingdale Ave., Valrico, 33596 • Rabbi Mendel Rubashkin • Services: Saturday, 10 a.m. • Call for location, Telephone: (813) 571-8100 • Website: chabadbrandon.org.

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Congregation BAIS TEFILLAH — 14908 Pennington Road, Tampa, 33624 • Rabbi Yossie Dubrowski • Shabbat Services: Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. • Sunday Shachrit, 9 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 963-2317 • Website: www.chabadoftampabay.com

YOUNG ISRAEL of TAMPA - 13207 N. 52nd St., Tampa, 33617 • Rabbi Uriel Rivkin • Services: Monday - Friday 7 a.m., Friday, 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. • Sunday, 9:00 a.m. • Evening services every night at sunset • (813) 832-3018 • Website: www.youngisraeloftampa.org

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Campus

CHABAD HOUSE JEWISH STUDENT CENTER at USF — 13287 Arbor Point Circle unit 102, Tampa, 33617, Mailing address: USF Marshall CTR. Box 310, Tampa, 33620. • Rabbi Levi Rivkin • Shabbat Services and meal: Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. • Housing Available • Telephone: (813) 504-4432 • Website: www.chabadhouseusf.org • Email: bmchabad@gmail.com

CHABAD JEWISH STUDENT CENTER at UT — 401 W. Kennedy Blvd. Box P., Tampa 33606 • Rabbi Levi Rivkin • Telephone: (813) 504-4432 • Website: www.chabadut.org

HILLELS OF THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST— 13101 Sycamore Drive, Tampa, 33620 • Rabbi Ed Rosenthal • Shabbat Services: (during academic year) Friday 6:30 p.m. • Telephone: (813) 899-2788 • Website: www.suncoasthillels.org.

USF CHABAD of CAMPUS — 4506 Sweetwater Lake Drive, Tampa, 33620 • Rabbi Pinny Backman • Website: www.USFChabad.com • Telephone: (813) 978-8723

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CITRUS COUNTY Conservative

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

PASCO COUNTY Orthodox

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.

Unaffiliated

Congregation BETH CHAVARIM – Shabbat services: third Friday at a member’s home. Telephone: (813) 957-1269 • Email familyfriendlytemple@yahoo.com

NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY Reform

Temple AHAVAT SHALOM — 1575 Curlew Rd., Palm Harbor, 34683 • Rabbi Gary Klein • Cantorial soloist, Allison Rosoff • 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 • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

POLK COUNTY Reform

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

Conservative

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

Orthodox

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

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

Cong. Beth Am

Selichot: The congregation's Selichot service, followed by a potluck dessert, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m.

Family game night: Bring your favorite board game or learn a new one at Family Game Night on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 6:30-9 p.m. All ages welcome; bring a nosh or BYOB if you are so inclined. The evening will also include a Havdalah service to celebrate the end of Shabbat and the beginning of the new week. This event is free. For more information, contact **Victoria Cain** at Admin@BethAmTampa.org.

Talmud Study: Learn the ins and outs of the ancient Jewish legal system during a study of the Tractate Sanhedrin on Thursdays, Sept. 6 and 13 at 9:30 a.m. Drop-ins and "just want to try it out's" are always welcome.

For more information, contact Admin@BethAmTampa.org.

Pre-neg: Instead of rushing at home to eat before coming to Shabbat services on Friday, Sept. 14, come at 6 p.m. for a free light nosh.

For more information, call **Victoria Cain** at (813) 968-8511.

Cong. Mekor Shalom

Religious school: The first day of religious school will start on Friday, Sept. 23 at 9:15 a.m.

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.

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. Beth Shalom Brandon

Candidate forum: Local political candidates will make short presentations about themselves and their platforms at the synagogue on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. during a program put on by the Lifelong Learning Committee. There will also be a representative of the League of Women Voters on hand to explain the constitutional amendments on the ballot.

Federations seek 18 young adults to cultivate their leadership skills

Are you a young Jewish adult ages 25-40 with a passion for making a difference? Want to take a leadership role in making the Jewish community stronger?

Experience the Jewish Leadership Training Institute (JLTI), starting this October.

The Tampa Jewish Federation and the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties invite emerging young adult leaders from the Tampa Bay area to participate in this 11-program, leadership development experience.

Now in its 14th year, JLTI is designed to inspire young professionals to get involved and take on leadership roles in the Tampa Bay Jewish community. Throughout the years, graduates have held leadership positions on boards and committees of local Jewish organizations and agencies on both sides of the Bay.

The cost to participate in JLTI is \$99, which includes course materials and dinner during each session. Space is limited to 18 people.

Special highlights of JLTI include guest admission to the Tampa Jewish Federation's Annual President's Dinner on Sunday, Feb.

25 and an exclusive tour of One Buc Place with philanthropist Bryan Glazer, co-chairman of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, on Monday, Nov. 19.

The group will also connect to Israel as the "Start-Up Nation" by visiting the Florida-Israel Business Accelerator on Monday, Nov. 27, learning about its efforts to help Israeli entrepreneurs grow into the U.S. market.

Class dates are: Thursday, Oct. 25, orientation; Monday, Oct. 29; Monday, Nov. 5; Monday, Nov. 19; Thursday, Dec. 6; Monday, Dec. 17; Monday, Jan. 7; Tuesday, Jan. 22; Monday, Feb. 4; Monday, Feb. 18, and the graduation date to be determined.

Most classes start at 6:30 p.m. Meetings locations will be announced.

To apply for JLTI, visit www.jewishtampa.com/JLTI or jewish-pinellas.org. Deadline to apply: Friday, Oct. 5, 2018. Applicants will be notified by email about the status of their applications by Wednesday, Oct. 12. For more information, contact Lisa Robbins at (813) 769.4723 or email lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com

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Sunday, October 21 - 10:00 AM | JCC on the Cohn Campus

Maddie the Mitzvah Clown

*Please RSVP by Friday, October 19th.

Sunday, November 11 - 10:00 AM | Old McMickey's Farm

9612 Crescent Drive, Odessa, FL 33556

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Sunday, December 9 - 12:00 PM | Gator Fred's

5360 Erlich Road, Tampa, FL 33624

PJ Annual Hanukkah Hop

\$5 for PJ Friends and FREE for accompanying adults

*Please RSVP by Friday, December 7th.

Sunday, January 20 - 12:00 PM | Hillel Academy

2020 W. Fletcher Avenue, Tampa, FL 33612

A Snowy Tu B'Shevat

*Please RSVP by Friday, January 18th.

Sunday, February 10 - 10:00 AM | JCC on the Cohn Campus

PJ Library: The Shabbat Box

*Please RSVP by Friday, February 8th.



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Sunday, March 10 - 10:00 AM | Bryan Glazer Family JCC

PJ Library Purim Party

*Please RSVP by Friday, March 8th.

Sunday, April 14 - 10:00 AM | JCC on the Cohn Campus

PJ Passover Pillows and Yoga

*Please RSVP by Friday, April 12th.

Sunday, May 5 - 12:00 PM | JCC on the Cohn Campus

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Sunday, June 2 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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Friday, July 20 - 6:00 PM | Congregation Mekor Shalom

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Friday, October 19 - 5:30 PM | Congregation Schaarai Zedek

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Friday, November 2 - 6:00 PM | Congregation Rodeph Sholom

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Saturday, February 23 - 5:00 PM | Congregation Beth Am

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Organizations

Hadassah

Catskills-style gala: The Tampa Ameet Hadassah Chapter is planning a gala dinner dance called "Catskills Revisited – A Night to Remember" for Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. The evening will include special guests, a silent auction of goods and services, gourmet dining, a Catskills-style show, music, dancing and more. Sponsorships are available. Proceeds from the event will be earmarked for breast cancer research at Hadassah's famous Jerusalem hospitals.

For more information, contact event co-chairs: **Michele Norris** (813) 352-8765, michelen.hadassah@gmail.com or **Anita Greenberg** at (813) 254-3454 at anita33558@gmail.com.

Genealogical Society

Enhancing the family tree: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will host guest speakers **Jo Anne Spatz De Vargas** and **Marty Lazar** of Vu Documentaries on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. as they discuss "How Video Can Enhance a Family Tree." The meeting will be held at Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Com-

munity Services; 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater. A pre-session social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 p.m. Those attending will learn about personal documentaries with videos that help you share your family story. De Vargas is a market research interviewer and video storyteller. Lazar is a multi-media, technology and audio/video professional. Everyone is invited.

For more information, call **Bruce Hadburg** at (727) 796-7981

Young Adults

Torah on Tap: Young professionals, Gen X, Gen Y and millennials – singles and couples – are invited to **Rabbi Michael Torop's** monthly Torah on Tap event on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pour Taproom, 225 Second Ave. N., St. Petersburg. Torah on Tap is a monthly invitation to have a drink or a nosh and let a little Torah flow from the tap in wide-ranging conversations with the rabbi. This event is sponsored by Temple Beth-El, but open to all. For more information, email Rabbi Torop at rabbitorop@templebeth-el.com.

Party of 8: Break bread together with seven new friends on

Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. during a dinner party and sweet treats #Gather event. Participants will be seated with one of multiple parties for eight at Datz, 2616 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa. All participants will pay for their own meal, then meet next door at the Dough bakery for dessert.

Bowling: Enjoy an afternoon of bowling at Pinarama, 5008 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, with #Gather on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests.

#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.bryanglazer-familyjcc.com/gather or www.jcccohn-campus.com/programs/young-adults or contact **Lisa Robbins** at lisa.robbins@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 **Pinna Levermore** at (813) 291-2253 or pinna.levermore@JewishTampa.com. All

registrations should be completed before events begin.

Silver night out: Seniors are invited to the Silver Night Out Dance on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 6 -10 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. The event will feature live music, a full dinner, a photo booth, cash bar and red carpet. The cost is \$25 per person.

New book club: Book lovers are encouraged to drop by the Glazer JCC on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 5-6 p.m. for the start of a new book club. Input from participants is sought.

Men's Club: This group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC for card games, ping-pong, billiards and occasional outings.

Scrabble: Enjoy open play Scrabble on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. All levels are welcome. Cost is free for members and \$10 for guests.

Bridge lessons: A series of six lessons in bridge will be offered on Fridays, Sept. 7 through Oct. 12 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC. The cost is \$50 for JCC members and \$60 for non-members. This is for players at any level.

History of surrealism: University of South Florida history professor **Joseph McAuliffe** will offer a historical background of surrealism and provide an over-

view of the cultural climate of the Surrealist Movement on Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 1-2 p.m. at the Glazer JCC.

Plugged in: Learn how to create a journal of your memories, insights, photos, videos, favorite songs, special moments and more in a three-part series of lessons at the Glazer JCC. Thanks to a recent donation of 10 laptops, this is an opportunity for anyone who wants to get their hands dirty to learn new skills. The workshops are on Wednesdays, Sept. 12, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21 from 4-5:30 p.m. To register, call (813) 291-2253.

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

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.

JetSetters: The Phyllis Borrell JetSetters social group for adults of all ages meets at the Cohn campus for an hourlong program followed by lunch. The next program will take place on Thursday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to noon and is a Sukkot special event. The lunch is free for members, though a donation of \$5 is suggested.

Yiddish nostalgia: Join **Ruth Weston** and her group of Yiddish enthusiasts at the Cohn Campus on Thursday, Sept. 27 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. as they chat and reminisce.

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 Sept. 5 film will be *West Side Story*.

Do the Dali: Sign up for a docent-led tour of the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at noon. The tour includes a lunch at Café Gala. The cost excluding lunch is \$19 and registration is required. The special exhibit of "Visions of Dali's Spain" by photographer **Clyde Butcher** will be on display.

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 Sept. 17, the topic is "12 Keys to a Productive Career Transition." There will be no sessions on Sept. 3 and 10.

Job-search aids: Success workshops to aid with job-search skills will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Sept. 6 topic is "Mastering Change and Transition." The topic for Sept. 13 is "Transferring Your Skills and Re-Careering." The workshops are free for Job-Links program participants; \$15 for guests. Reservations required. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org.



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Ben Kingsley carried photo of Wiesel while filming 'Operation Finale'

By NAOMI PFEFFERMAN
JTA news service

LOS ANGELES — Ask Ben Kingsley about why he was keen to portray Nazi criminal Adolf Eichmann in the new film *Operation Finale* and he describes the traumatic childhood incident in which he first learned about the Holocaust.

The 74-year-old British actor was then in grammar school and at home alone when he turned on a documentary about the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

"I remember my heart stopped beating for a while," Kingsley, who is not Jewish but believes he may have some Jewish relatives on his mother's side, said in a telephone interview. "I nearly passed out. And I have been indelibly connected to the Holocaust ever since."

His connection was even more enhanced when he asked his grandmother about the atrocities, and she said that "Hitler was right" to have killed Jews.

"I went into deep shock and was unable to counter her," Kingsley



Photos courtesy of Metro Goldwyn Mayer Pictures

From left, facing the camera, Mélanie Laurent, Oscar Isaac, Nick Kroll and Michael Aronov in a scene from "Operation Finale."



Ben Kingsley stars as Adolf Eichmann in "Operation Finale."

said. "But something must have clicked in my innermost soul that said 'Grandmother, I will make you eat your words. I will pay you back for that. You have not distorted or poisoned my mind.'"

Kingsley went on to portray the Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal in the HBO film *Murderers Among Us*; the Jewish accountant Itzhak Stern in *Schindler's List*, and Anne Frank's father in a 2001 ABC miniseries. He also won an Academy Award for his turn as the titular Indian independence leader in 1982's *Gandhi*.

During research for his Shoah-themed films, Kingsley became close friends with Holocaust survivor, activist and author Elie Wiesel. Not long before Wiesel's death in 2016, the actor vowed to him that "the next time I walk onto a film set that is appropriate to your story, I will dedicate my performance to you."

So when Kingsley was offered the Eichmann role in *Operation Finale* after Wiesel's death — a film now in theatres focuses on the Holocaust architect's capture — the actor jumped at the chance. Just as he famously carried a picture of Anne Frank during the filming of *Schindler's List*, he carried a photo of Wiesel during the filming of *Operation Finale*.

"[E]very day as promised, I looked at a picture of Elie that I carried in my pocket and said, 'I'm doing this for you,'" Kingsley said.

Operation Finale tells the story of Peter Malkin and other Mossad agents who covertly hunted and captured Eichmann hiding in Argentina and brought him to Israel for trial in 1961, where he was ultimately executed. The heart of the story is the cat-and-mouse game between Malkin (played by Oscar Isaac) and Eichmann, both of whom were master manipulators, according to the film's director, Chris Weitz (*About a Boy* and *A Better Life*).

(An exhibit by the same name as the film, containing many original artifacts related to the hunt for and capture of Eichmann, recently concluded its run at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg.)

"Each one is trying to convince the other of something," Weitz said in a telephone interview. "Malkin wanted to convince Eichmann to sign a paper indicating that he was willing to go to trial in Jerusalem. And Eichmann is trying out various defenses that he will eventually use in Israeli court. So, in that regard there is the subterfuge of the escaped war criminal and also the

subterfuge of the spy as he's trying to turn a source."

As for Eichmann, Weitz said, "I think the evidence shows a very chameleon-like figure who is constantly trying to serve his own ends and ambitions."

Kingsley unabashedly sees his character as evil.

"What other adjective can you use?" he asked. "Not only did he commit these crimes as an architect of the Final Solution, he went to his grave proud of what he had done — utterly unrepentant."

Yet Kingsley said he chose not to portray Eichmann as "a B-movie, cartoony, comic strip villain."

"That would have done a terrible disservice to the victims and the survivors I know and love," he said. "It's important for us to accept, to stomach and to swallow that the Nazis were men and women — 'normal' people. Twisted people, but they didn't come from Mars."

Weitz, 48, had his own personal connection to the material. His father, the fashion designer John Weitz, escaped Nazi Germany in 1933 at the age of 10. Nine years later he arrived in the United States and later became a spy for the OSS, the precursor of the CIA. He interrogated Nazi war criminals and helped liberate Bergen-Belsen, "which forever changed him," his son said.

The filmmaker grew up with his father's war stories and ultimately helped the patriarch write multiple books about Nazi war criminals.

As research for the film, both Weitz and Kingsley relied in part on the expertise of former Mossad agent Avner Abraham, who the curated the museum exhibition about Eichmann. (Avner was guest speaker at this year's annual To Life dinner put on by the Florida Holocaust Museum)

Weitz eschewed photographing the famed glass booth in which Eichmann spent his trial — a part of the exhibition — because he feared that might be "blasphemous."

The director also said he had "endless trepidations" about depicting images of the Holocaust, and so chose to do so through the lens of the Mossad agents' memories.

"The agents' memoirs indicate that they all found it deeply unsettling to be so near the person who had taken part in the murder of their families," Weitz said. "Some of them were disappointed that all this evil could have the face of this rather unprepossessing man, which felt terribly out of scale to all the damage that had been done."



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Rabbi Treiser with Andrew Maxwell during the Simchat Torah service last year.

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joined in the St. Pete Pride parade. Earlier in the spring, he traveled with youths from across the Tampa Bay area to participate in the anti-gun violence March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C.

“It isn’t fair. I miss my best friend ... and my partner in mischief,” said Rabbi Michael Churgel during funeral services for Rabbi Treiser on Sunday, Aug. 19, before a crowd of about 800 mourners. Rabbi Churgel, who was in the same rabbinic class as Rabbi Treiser, called him “A mensch, through and through.”

Likening Rabbi Treiser’s life to one of the greatest pieces of music, Franz Schubert’s *Unfinished Symphony*, Rabbi Churgel said, “It leaves us sad at the thought of unfinished years, but grateful for the life that was, nevertheless, a masterpiece,” reminding family, friends and colleagues that Rabbi Treiser will live on in the inspiration, vision, kindness and laughter that he instilled in others.

Many wept during the service and several speakers choked up, but there were smiles when Rabbi Churgel shared a tale of his friend’s romantic side.

Years ago, Treiser took his future wife, Rachel, to a taping of the television show *Mad About You*. Before the taping began a man warming up the audience came up to them and said, “You look like a happy couple.” Treiser replied that they were very much like the characters in the show, then got down on one knee and proposed. Helen Hunt heard what was happening, stopped the production crew and got the audience to help celebrate the proposal. After the taping, the newly engaged couple was invited backstage to visit with Hunt and co-star Paul Reiser.

Rabbi Steven Kaye, who had mentored Rabbi Treiser, told mourners that his friend was larger than life in stature but “a kid at heart” who was proud to be NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) regional rabbinic advisor and to serve on the rabbinic faculty at Camp Coleman, a Reform summer camp in Georgia.

“He loved Torah and teaching Torah ... He was much more than a rabbi.” Rabbi Kaye said before looking at Rabbi Treiser’s family – wife Rachel, and their children, Elana, 16, and Ethan, 13, – and telling them, “He was a loving husband and father. Rachel was the love of his life.” He said the rabbi deeply loved his children and delighted in the fun times they shared.

Barbara Bloom, Temple B’nai Israel’s director of engagement who was on the temple staff for Rabbi Treiser’s entire 10-year tenure, reminded mourners of the



Rabbi Daniel Treiser, second from left, uses his culinary skills to prepare food with others for Temple B’nai Israel’s annual Casino Night fundraiser.

rabbi’s well-known sense of humor, then quipped, “You know, if the rabbi were here right now he would say, “This is what I had to do to get you all here?”

Bloom had everyone laughing when she told a story about a day when Rabbi Treiser went to visit the preschoolers and the director asked some of the children if they knew who he was. “He came back to the office so excited to tell us that the kids thought he was GOD!”

Rabbi Treiser’s daughter Elana recalled the time her dad surprised her with tickets to *Wicked*, and how much he enjoyed her Bat Mitzvah and NFTY trips with her and how two months ago she was in Israel with him – all before “the worst day of my life.” In tears and a cracking voice she said, “I lost my role model and the best dad I could ever ask for.”

Elana said that unlike her dad, “I do not know every line from every movie,” but said she loved that her dad used to quote lines all the time.

Jody Treiser Greenspoon, the rabbi’s sister, said her brother loved to dress in costume and loved telling stories – winning several storytelling awards in elementary school.

She also spoke about his empathetic side. As a proponent for a bone marrow project she talked him into giving a cheek swab and joining the registry. Then just as his wife Rachel was about to give birth to Elana, he was told he was a match for a woman with cancer and he flew to Atlanta to donate bone marrow – an act that saved her life. Later, he got to meet the woman.

Rabbi Treiser was born on Dec. 21, 1971 and raised in Queens.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in communications from Queen’s College in 1993. He received a master’s in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and was ordained from HUC – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2000. Prior to joining Temple B’nai Israel, he was associate rabbi at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El in Plantation.

A fund is being set up for Rabbi Treiser’s family. Those wishing to contribute should send checks made out to the Rabbi Daniel Treiser Family Assistance Fund, c/o Temple B’nai Israel, 1685 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33764.

Caren Treiser, the rabbi’s mother, told the crowd of mourners: “The world lost a mensch on Friday. Rachel, Elana and Ethan lost their husband and their father. You lost your rabbi, spiritual leader and friend, and I lost my son and most of all, my heart. But now it is time for you to learn how much he loved each of us. Tell him anything great about any of us and he would beam. Tell him of one of us in trouble and he would be there to help. ... You loved him, but he adored you.”

Tampa rabbis lend support

In the wake of Rabbi Treiser’s death, Temple B’nai Israel announced plans for a visiting rabbi to lead the congregation for the upcoming High Holy Days and rabbinic assistance for upcoming B’nai Mitzvah.

Rabbi Rachel Sabath Beit-Halachmi of Cincinnati, who studied with and knew Rabbi Treiser, will conduct services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Additionally, Rabbi Joel Simon



Photos from Facebook, the Temple B’nai Israel website

Rabbi Treiser, far right, traveled with youths from throughout the Tampa Bay area for the March For Our Lives protest against gun violence in Washington, D.C. in March.

and Rabbi Emeritus Richard Birnholz, both of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa, and Rabbi Betsy Torop of Pinellas County will lead B’nai Mitzvah services at the temple as needed.

Rabbi Torop stepped down from the bimah at Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon earlier this year to serve as CCAR’s director of rabbinic support, engagement and growth.

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will take place at the Renaissance Hotel at Tampa's International Plaza.

"At the Star Event, Monica plans to address such societal issues as survival, resilience, digital reputation, and equality – all issues being confronted today by women in the 'Me Too' movement," said Star Event Chair Faith Alexander. "Her lens for these societal issues is based on her myriad unique and profound experiences in the White House, the Pentagon, and the investigation that resulted from her time in Washington, DC; as well as her involvement in media projects as both producer and subject; in education; and as an entrepreneur and designer."

Lewinsky became known to the public in 1998, when it was revealed as part of a federal investigation that while a young White House intern and staffer she had an intimate relationship with then President Bill Clinton who publicly and derisively referred to her as "that woman." Subsequently, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Clinton, claiming he had given false testimony and allegedly influenced Lewinsky's testimony. He was acquitted of the charges following a Senate trial.

Overnight, at just 24 years old, she went unwillingly from being a private individual to a public figure on the global stage. Being at the center of a legal, political and media maelstrom nearly destroyed her; her survival – despite the odds – is a compelling and inspiring story.

The investigation unfolded against a backdrop of a changing media landscape with the advent of both competing 24-hour news networks and the Internet.

In June 2014, after a decade-long, self-imposed retreat from public life, Lewinsky authored an essay, titled "Shame and Survival," for *Vanity Fair* in which she overlapped personal experiences and cultural observations regarding the shift toward what Professor Nicolaus Mills calls, a "Culture of Humiliation" (June, 2014). In it, she wrote that after the story of her presidential affair broke, "I was arguably the most humiliated person in the world. Thanks to the Drudge Report, I was also possibly the first person whose global humiliation was driven by the Internet."

Later that year Lewinsky gave a speech about the Internet's reputation shredder at the *Forbes* 30 Under 30 Summit from the perspective of what she termed "Patient Zero" – the first person to have her reputation completely destroyed online.

The acclaimed magazine piece, which received over 2 million views online and was nominated for a National Magazine Award, was an entry point for Lewinsky to begin a process that she describes as "taking back my narrative and giving a purpose to my past" while the well-received speech served as a catalyst for her present day speaking career.

Writing again in *Vanity Fair* earlier this year, Lewinsky reflected on 20 years since the Clinton scandal blew up her world. In the article, Lewinsky said she no longer feels

alone and is re-examining her perspective on her own trauma, writing "I – we – owe a huge debt of gratitude to the #MeToo and Time's Up heroines. They are speaking volumes against the pernicious conspiracies of silence that have long protected powerful men when it comes to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and abuse of power."

The 45-year-old was born in San Francisco. She was raised Jewish and attended Sinai Akiba Academy in the Los Angeles area in her younger years. A graduate of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR, with a degree in Psychology, Lewinsky also studied abroad at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she earned a master's degree in social psychology.

"In this era of the 'Me Too' movement, the 2018 Star Event will be an opportunity to listen to and learn from Monica Lewinsky's anti-bullying message about confronting the effects of social media and the internet on one's reputation and about the importance of investing in education and the development of women," said Star chair Alexander.

About the Star Event

The Oct. 15 event will begin at 10 a.m. with registration and social hour, followed by lunch and the program at 11 a.m.

Because Lewinsky has spoken to sold-out audiences around the country, Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood suggests purchasing your tickets early. Invitations are not being mailed, only emailed this year. Luncheon tickets are \$118 and are available online at www.zedek.org/starevent or by sending your check addressed to Faith Alexander, c/o Congregation Schaarai Zedek, 33030 W. Swann Ave., Tampa, FL, 33609.

Patron and sponsorships range from \$360 to \$10,000 and include an invitation to the "Mingle with Monica" Patron Party on the Sunday evening prior to the event. Details about this party will be provided to confirmed contributors. Those interested in sponsorships can sign up online on the Star Event website or can contact Alexander, at novalaw97@yahoo.com.

The Star Event celebrates the memory of Franci Golman Rudolph, a beloved former Sisterhood president who also played an integral part in previous Star Events as the emcee of the segment where she interviewed the Star Event headliner. Rudolph was dedicated to tikkun olam, to changing the world, and received wide praise from the Tampa community for her work for various charitable organizations.

As Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood's annual fundraiser, the Franci Golman Rudolph Schaarai Zedek Sisterhood Star Event provides funds for its many projects. These include donations to local, national, and international agencies, such as Tampa Jewish Family Services Food Bank, Florida Holocaust Museum, Camp Coleman, URJ's Emergency Relief Fund for natural disasters, Weinberg Village Assisted Living Facility, Women of Reform Judaism's many worldwide projects and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. In addition, the Star Event funds allow Sisterhood to provide financial assistance to the religious school, and Schaarai Zedek youth groups.

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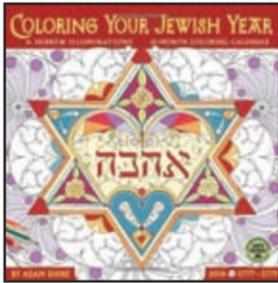
By MY JEWISH LEARNING STAFF
JTA news service

Invited to someone's house for a Rosh Hashanah meal and looking for an appropriate gift? In addition to the always appreciated flowers or bottle of wine, here are some other must-have (or must-give) items for the Jewish New Year.

Jewish calendars

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year after all, and every year needs a calendar. While many, if not most, people rely on digital calendars for day-to-day scheduling, a pretty wall calendar makes a nice decoration and can help keep the household organized. Most Jewish calendars sold in the United States list secular dates as well as Hebrew ones (including all the holidays, of course), and run through the end of the next Gregorian year. (So one that starts with Rosh Hashanah in 2018 will last you until December 2019.) You can find a wide selection online and in Judaica stores and bookstores.

Someone with an artistic bent or who enjoys the stress relief that comes with coloring might enjoy this coloring-book calendar featuring intricate Judaic motifs such as Jewish stars and Hanukkah menorahs. Or the one from New York's Jewish Museum, which showcases a variety of paintings, sculptures and ceremonial objects from its collection.



Jewish cookbooks

If your host invited you over for a home-cooked meal, he or she probably likes to cook. The four books listed here were published within the last couple of years, so there's a good chance your host doesn't yet own them – and what better than a cookbook to subtly convey to your host that you'd love more holiday meal invitations?



Modern Jewish Baker: Challah, Babka, Bagels & More is written by Shannon Sarna, the editor of The Nosh food blog, part of the 70 Faces Media family that includes My Jewish Learning. In this gorgeous book, she pays homage to Jewish baking traditions while reinvigorating them with modern flavors and new ideas.

The mother-daughter team of Gabrielle Rossmier Gropman and Sonya Gropman in *The German-Jew-*

ish Cookbook: Recipes and History of a Cuisine features recipes for German-Jewish cuisine as it existed in Germany prior to World War II, and as refugees later adapted it in the United States and elsewhere. The dishes are a departure from better-known Eastern European Jewish fare and focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Israeli baker Uri Scheft's *Breaking Breads: A New World of Israeli Baking* offers sweet and savory recipes for European, Israeli and Middle Eastern favorites.

For vegan cooks – or those who often have a vegan family member or guest at their table – *The Superfun Times Vegan Holiday Cookbook: Entertaining for Absolutely Every Occasion* by Isa Chandra Moskowitz offers meat- and dairy- and egg-free recipes for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (break-the-fast), as well as dishes for a variety of other Jewish and non-Jewish holidays.

Honey dishes

It is traditional to dip apples in honey on Rosh Hashanah, and a special honey dish can add extra beauty to the practice. We like the stainless steel and glass one by Art Judaica that says "shana tova umetuka" (a good and sweet year) in Hebrew and Rosh Hashanah apple plate and honey dish set



with a pomegranate design available in red, blue and gray from Quality Judaica.

Assorted items

Barbara's Gifts is based in Israel but ships to the United States. Its Rosh Hashanah gift box contains a pomegranate hand towel, pomegranate challah cover, Jewish calendar tea towel, pomegranate-shaped trivet, pomegranate fabric placemats, a pomegranate notepad and set of Rosh Hashanah greeting cards.

If your host likes scented candles, try an apples-and-honey one from DW Home. You can also find a variety of pomegranate-scented candles.

Off the beaten path

Who doesn't need a Rosh Hashanah-themed smartphone cover/case? These Luxlady ones come in various sizes for popular iPhone and Android models.

Children and adults alike will enjoy accessorizing with High Holiday-themed nail decals from Midrash Manicures.

Nothing quite right? Try searching for Rosh Hashanah on Etsy or visit The Sabra Patch, an Etsy-like online store for Israeli artists.

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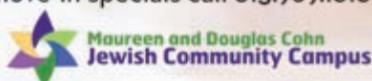
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POMEGRANATE

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He knows, though, that the pomegranate is a traditional part of Rosh Hashanah, and that “in biblical times (in the Middle East), apples didn’t exist.” David conjectures the apple in the story of Adam and Eve was actually a pomegranate.

Jewish tradition tells us that the pomegranate has 613 arils (seeds), representing the 613 commandments in the Torah.

Well, maybe. Depending on the variety of pomegranate, there can be a few hundred to more than a thousand seeds.

There are several references to the fruit in the Bible and pomegranate symbols have been found on artifacts dating back to biblical times.

When Moses was leading our ancestors through the desert, he asked God, “And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? It is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates.” (Numbers 20:5)

The pomegranate are part of what is known as the Seven Species, the seven fruits and grains singled out in the Torah as examples of the Holy Land’s fertility.

It is also a symbol of fertility, which is another reason why we eat them as part of our new year’s celebration.

Images of women pomegranates adorned the hems of priests’ robes (Exodus 28:33) and were on ancient shekels. An ivory pomegranate, believed to have been the head of a scepter from King Solomon’s temple, resides in a Jerusalem museum. Pomegranates are praised by King Solomon in the Song of Songs (4:3) and it is the only fruit with a top shaped like a crown.



A parfianka pomegranate

But the pomegranate isn’t just a Jewish thing, so to speak. For starters the first pomegranates can be traced back to about 3000 B.C.E. in what is now Basra, Iraq. King Tut was buried with pomegranates, hoping he would be reborn, and in Islam they symbolize wealth and health. The Chinese consider it, along with the peach and citron, to be blessed fruit.

Pomegranates came to the United States thanks to Dr. Gregory Levin, a botanist born in Leningrad in 1933, who had devoted 40 years to research of the plant in Turkmenistan. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, funding dried up and the Turkmenistan government uprooted the pomegranate trees and replaced them with vegetables – but Levin had the foresight to send cuttings to Ben-Gurion University in Israel and the University of California, Davis.

California has more than 32,000 acres of pomegranate farms, and trees have made their way to the Carolinas, Alabama and Georgia. Here in Florida, about 50 small farms, 300 acres’ worth, grow pomegranates but none of them is a commercial operation.

Florida pomegranates can’t be sold for human consumption, only for animal feed and decorative purposes because the state has yet to complete the testing of pesticides on them and approve them for labeling.

“To get approval,” David said, “you first have to identify what critters you’ve got, working in petri dishes, to establish which chemicals will work, then work on plants to see what controls the problem. That’s the efficacy stage. Then in the residual stage you grow fruit and spray them again, then test the fruit. That’s a fairly expensive proposition.

“Normally chemical companies do it for bigger crops,” he said. “They’re not interested in smaller



Photos by Bruce Lowitt

David and Cynthia Weinstein, who grow pomegranates on their farm in Zolfo Springs, 50 miles east of Bradenton.



The Weinsteins’ pomegranate orchard

ones like ours. . . . The chemicals we use now are approved for use on blueberries but we don’t have approval (to use them on pomegranates).”

The Weinsteins – she is president of the 100-member Florida Pomegranate Association, he’s the treasurer – have about 10,000 pomegranate plants. They’d have to at least double that to become commercially viable. Now they donate most of their crop to the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center near Lake Alfred, which is endeavoring to create a pomegranate industry in the state.

The couple met in the Florida Keys; she was vacationing with a friend and he was on another boat, two slips away. While in ports in the Caribbean they’d take any job to make money – pumping gas, cleaning boats and so on. They had a canvas shop on their boats where she made sail covers, seat covers and awnings.

“We bought the property as an investment,” he said. “We drove all over the states, narrowed it down to Florida – we spent a lot of time in the tropics – and decided anything north of I-4 was too cold.” They chose Zolfo Springs because it was between their parents’ homes in Sebring and Sarasota.

“We don’t like cities,” Cynthia said. “We like our space and peace and quiet that we were used to on the boat. This reminded us of the sea, vast and open, so we named it Green Sea Farms.”

They closed on the property in August 2004, the day before Hurricane Charley came through. It destroyed much of Punta Gorda, 45 miles to the south, but the Weinsteins were still living on a boat in Sarasota and escaped the worst of Charley by sailing up the Caloosahatchee River.

Once they decided on pomegranates, they contacted the research center at UF, Cynthia said. “They were starting a pomegranate project and were looking for people to take on a study to develop a market.” They imported their first plants from gene banks in California and Georgia.

“Most of the rest of the world grows them in what’s called a Mediterranean climate,” David said, “and we have the opposite, so our issue is we get into the humid and rainy season when they’re fruiting and flowering. The rest of the world doesn’t have that.

“We have some varieties (from southern states) that seem to have a natural resistance to our problems but most of them, unfortunately, don’t have big fruit, red fruit. They’re seedy, they’re sour, so right now we have a grant from the university on cross-breeding.”

Basically, the Weinsteins have gone from learning how to grow a pomegranate to trying to learn how to grow an industry.

“We like the farm life,” David said. “It’s a great learning experience. We didn’t realize how long a road to hoe it would be at our age. We’re thinking, ‘Well, just about the time we’re ready to retire is when this’ll be prolific and doing good.’”

They have three daughters and a son, all grown, plus four grandchildren and three great grandchildren – none of whom is interested in a pomegranate life. “Hopefully we’ll find someone who’ll love it as much as we do,” Cynthia said.

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7 p.m.
*Community dinner to follow
RSVP required

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.
Shofar, 11:30 a.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.
Shofar, 11:30 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9:30 a.m.
Yizkor, noon (approx.)
Mincha /Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.
Final Shofar, 8 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, 8:05 p.m.

BAIS MENACHEM CHABAD

1319 West North B St., Tampa (813) 504-4432

*at University of Tampa

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service & dinner, 7 p.m.*

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar & Tashlich 4 p.m.*
(Hillsborough River)

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.*

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Mincha & Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, 8:05 p.m.

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar, noon

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7:20 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Evening service, 6 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, 8:05 p.m.

CHABAD OF TAMPA BAY

14908 Pennington Rd., Tampa (813) 963-2317

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Community dinner to follow,
RSVP required

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar, noon

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar, noon

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Yizkor, noon
Afternoon service, 5:30 p.m.
Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, 7:52 p.m.

CHABAD OF BRANDON/ JEWISH DISCOVERY CENTER

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7 p.m.
Dinner to follow RSVP required

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar, 11:30 a.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Shofar, 11:30 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Yizkor, noon
Mincha /Ne'ilah, 6 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, to follow

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 1

Service, 8:30 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 9 a.m.
Tashlich/Maariv, 6 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9 a.m.
CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 16

Gan Shalom, noon

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 6:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9 a.m.
Yizkor, to follow

Mincha, 6 p.m.
Ne'ilah, 7 p.m.
Final shofar, 8:10 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, 8:15 p.m.

CONG. RODEPH SHOLOM

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SELICHOT *at Cong. Kol Ami

Saturday, Sept. 1

Service, 8:30 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Shacharit service, 9 a.m.
Youth services, 10 a.m.

Tashlich, following service

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Shacharit service, 9 a.m.
Youth services, 10 a.m.

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 16

Beth Israel Cemetery, 10:30 a.m.
Rodeph Shalom Cemetery, 11 a.m.
Myrtle Hill Cemetery, noon
Tampa Jewish Memorial Gardens, 12:45 p.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 6:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Shacharit, 9 a.m.
Mincha, 5:45 p.m.
Ne'ilah, 7:10 p.m.
Havdalah & Shofar, 8:20 p.m.

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 1

Service, 9 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 6:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day*

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 9 a.m.
Tashlich, 1 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 9 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR*

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 9 a.m.*
(including Yizkor)
Mincha, Ma'riv & Ne'ilah 5:30 p.m.
Final Shofar, 8:12 p.m.
Break-the-Fast, to follow

Reform

CONG. BETH AM

2030 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa (813) 968-8511

SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 1

Dinner program, 6 p.m.
Selichot service & dessert, 8 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 8 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Jr. Cong., 11:30 a.m.

Tashlich, immediately following services

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 16

Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 8 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Jr. Cong., 11:30 a.m.

Yizkor and Ne'ilah, 4:30 p.m.
Final Shofar 7:30 p.m.

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EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 7:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Tashlich immediately following service

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Morning service, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Yizkor, approx. 1:15 p.m.

Concluding service, 5 p.m.
Final Shofar, 7 p.m.

Break-the-Fast, after final Shofar

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 1

Deli dinner, 5 p.m.
Film, Come Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

Selichot service 8:30 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

First service, 6 p.m.

Second service, 8:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

First morning service, 8:30 a.m.

Second morning service, 11:30 a.m.

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

Tashlich, 4 p.m.
(Ballast Point)

CEMETERY SERVICES

Sunday, Sept. 16

Woodlawn Cemetery, 9 a.m.
Myrtle Hill Cemetery, 10 a.m.

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, Sept. 18

Kol Nidre, first service, 6 p.m.

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

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, Sept. 19

First morning service, 8:30 a.m.
Second morning service, 11:30 a.m.

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

Afternoon service, 4:15 p.m.

Yizkor, 4:45 p.m.

Ne'ilah, 5:15 p.m.

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

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SELICHOT

Saturday, Sept. 1

Service, 7 p.m.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, Sept. 9

Evening service, 8 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 1st Day

Monday, Sept. 10

Morning service, 10 a.m.
Children's services, 4 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH – 2ND Day

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Trump tells rally Israel will have to pay a 'high price' for embassy move in peace deal

JERUSALEM (JTA) – President Donald Trump said Israel will have to pay a “high price” in peace negotiations with the Palestinians over the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, raising consternation in the Jewish state.

Addressing supporters at a rally in West Virginia, Trump praised himself for moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, saying it “should have been done years ago.” He said the decision would help facilitate a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians because it took the issue of Jerusalem “off the table.”

“And you know what, in the negotiation Israel will have to pay a higher price because they won a very big thing, but I took it off the table,” he said. The Palestinians “could never get past the fact of Jerusalem becoming the capital, but they will get something very good next because it’s their turn next.”

Amid the concerns in Jerusalem over the remarks, National Security Adviser John Bolton, who was in Israel at the time for discussions related to Iran, qualified his boss’ remarks. Speaking to reporters, he denied that the embassy move was part of a “quid pro quo,” stating that “as a deal-maker, as a bargainer, he would expect, you would expect, I would expect that the Palestinians would say ‘OK, great, so we didn’t get that one and now we want something else.’ And we’ll see how it goes.”

However, he added that “the fundamental point is that ultimately this is something that the parties are going to have to agree on. When the parties talk about it and agree, they’ll decide between themselves what the price of that, if anything, was.”

Responding to Trump, Israeli Agriculture Minister Uri Ariel told Army Radio that “this isn’t a terrible morning, but there is cause for concern regarding Trump.” Regional Cooperation Minister Tzachi Hanegbi took pains to reassure Israelis, asserting that the U.S. leader “has not turned on us.”

“And I can say as someone who has intensive contacts with the White House – I was there only three weeks ago – that he will not turn on us,” he said.

Such reassurances follow months of euphoria following the embassy move and general relief on the Israeli right that Trump shares its views. Following the 2016 election, Education Minister Naftali Bennett famously boasted that “the era of the Palestinian state is over.”

Politicians on the left were more welcoming of Trump’s remarks. Knesset member Amir Peretz, a former defense minister, was quoted by the *Jerusalem Post* as saying that “when dealing with a president who thinks like a businessman, it was clear it would only be a matter of time until he asked for something in return.”

“No one can claim that this is a hostile president with demands that are not legitimate. Netanyahu cannot deny the need to make courageous decisions. Solving the dispute and dividing the land into two states for two peoples is not a deal with the U.S. but an Israeli interest that will allow our state to remain both Jewish and democratic.”

According to Ynet, the PLO harshly denounced Trump’s remarks, saying they

indicated “the continuation of a biased policy in Israel’s favor, and the continued illusion of the American administration that it is possible to achieve the ‘deal of the century’ without Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state.”

Hamas, likewise spoke out against Trump, stating that his “declarations, according to which Jerusalem is off the negotiation table, are audacious and dangerous and the right response would be to cancel the Palestinian Authority’s recognition of the state of Israel, and cease all security coordination with Israel. The authority should also break all contacts, including security contacts, with the American administration.”

Speaking with *The Times of Israel*, Majdi al-Khaldi, a senior adviser to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, said that “the American administration made a major mistake when it recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and moved its embassy there.”

“There is no compensation the administra-

tion could offer for those moves other than recognizing the state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital and clearly defining the two-state solution as the sole solution.”

The Trump administration has yet to reveal its much-touted Middle East peace plan, which is being developed by Jared Kushner, his son-in-law and senior adviser; Jason Greenblatt, a special representative for international negotiations; David Friedman, the U.S. ambassador to Israel; and Nikki Haley, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations.

The team released a joint statement saying that “no one will be fully pleased with our proposal, but that’s the way it must be if real peace is to be achieved. Peace can only succeed if it is based on realities.”

It is possible that Trump’s latest statement was intended to bring the Palestinians to the table following Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas’ statement that he would not consider the Americans’ proposals.

“We were the first to fight against it and we will continue to fight against it until it falls,” Abbas said of the administration’s plan last week during a session of the PLO Central Council. “This is the ‘slap of the century.’”

Obituaries

JANICE MARILYN CANTOS, 85, of Tampa, died Aug. 19. She was born in New York and moved to Tampa more than 50 years ago from New Jersey. She was a life member of Hadasah, a former congregant at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater and volunteered for numerous organizations including Hospice. Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Barry Cantos, and Alan and Paulette Cantos; sisters, Renee Roberts and Sharyn Brookins; two grandchildren and one great-grandson. The family suggests memorials be made to LifePath Hospice. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

SCOTT W. MOUDY, 60, of Tampa, died Aug. 12. A native of Boston, MA he moved to Tampa over 20 years ago. A talented chef, he had an affinity for sports, especially his Boston Red Sox. Survivors include his parents, Boyce “Bill” and Barbara Moudy; brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Abigail Moudy; sister and brother-in-law, Karyn and Steve Walters. The family suggests memorials be made to Congregation Beth Am. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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Prolific playwright Neil Simon, whose comedies often revolved around Jews from New York, dies

(JTA) — Playwright Neil Simon, known for such Broadway hits as *The Odd Couple*, *Barefoot in the Park*, and *Lost in Yonkers*, has died.

Simon, who earned a Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award, died Aug. 26 in New York City from complications with pneumonia at the age of 91.

Simon began his career in television, on the writing staff for Sid Caesar for *Your Show of Shows*, working with Mel Brooks, Carl Reiner and Larry Gelbart, and later wrote for *The Phil Silvers Show*.

In 1961, his first play *Come Blow Your Horn*, hit Broadway. In 1966 he had four plays running on Broadway at the same time.

During his career he wrote more than 30 plays and about the same amount of movie screenplays, some original and most adaptations of his plays. Most of his plays revolved around middle-class Jews from New York, and the family issues that plagued them. The themes of his plays include romance, adultery, divorce, sibling rivalry, cancer and fear of aging.

In the 1980s, he wrote his semi-autobiographical trilogy: *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (1983), *Biloxi Blues* (1985) for which he won a Tony Award, and *Broadway Bound* (1986).

He won both the Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize for another autobiographical comedy, *Lost in Yonkers* in 1991. He also won a Tony Award for the *Odd Couple*, which also was made into a movie and television series.

Simon was born in New York to Irving Simon, a garment salesman, and Mamie (Levy) Simon, a homemaker. His parents had what he described as a “tempestuous marriage,” in which his father left the family at least eight times, and he said took refuge in movie theaters to escape his troubles at home. Those troubles also inspired him to become a writer, which he said helped him to become independent of emotional family issues.

He was married five times: to dancer Joan Baim, who died of cancer (1953–1973), actress Marsha Mason (1973–1983), twice to actress Diane Lander (1987–1988 and 1990–1998), and to actress Elaine Joyce (1999–2018).

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Nazi camp guard Jakiw Palij deported from US to Germany

(JTA) – A former guard at a Nazi concentration camp has been deported to Germany from the United States, where he had lived for decades.

Jakiw Palij, 95, had lived in Queens, NY. He served as a guard at the Trawniki concentration camp near Lublin, Poland, during World War II, and may face prosecution in Germany for his actions.

Members of New York's congressional delegation last year urged the Trump administration to deport Palij, whose citizenship was revoked in 2003 based on his wartime activities, human rights abuses and immigration fraud, NBC reported. A federal court also ruled that he had assisted in the persecution of prisoners at the camp, though it stopped short of finding him responsible for deaths.

A statement released by the White House after Palij landed in Germany early Tuesday, Aug. 21, commended President Donald Trump and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for "removing this war criminal from United States soil."

"Despite a court ordering his deportation in 2004, past administrations were unsuccessful in removing Palij," the statement said. "To protect the promise of freedom for Holocaust survivors and their families, President Trump prioritized the removal of Palij."

Palij was born on former Polish territory, an area now located in Ukraine. He immigrated to the United States in 1949 and became a citizen in 1957, but concealed his Nazi service saying that he spent World War II working in a factory on a farm.

Palij told Justice Department investigators who showed up at his door in 1993, "I would never have received my visa if I told the truth. Everyone lied."

He later admitted to officials that he attended a Nazi SS training camp in Trawniki in German-occupied Poland and then served as an armed guard at its adjacent forced-labor camp.

According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Trawniki camp was part of Operation Reinhard, the Nazi operation to murder the approximately 2 million Jews residing in German-occupied Poland.

Because Germany, Poland, Ukraine and other countries refused to take him, he continued living in limbo in the two-story, red brick home in Queens he shared with his wife, Maria, now 86.

Germany's Foreign Office said its decision to accept Palij showed the country was accepting its "moral responsibility." And Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told the German tabloid Bild that those who "committed the worst crimes on behalf of Germans" would be held accountable.

A reporter from ABC News who was present when Palij was removed by ICE described him as "looking frail with missing front teeth visible through his white beard. The only noise he made was a pained howl as agents hoisted him from his wheelchair onto the ambulance stretcher."



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Now there is another reason to go shopping – to support the Tampa JCCs

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“The Tampa JCCs have so much to offer. From a plethora of arts and cultural experiences, summer camp programming, activities for active adults to young adult social engagements, we offer the full gamut of programs,” said Heidi Shimberg, Executive Director of the Tampa JCCs. “After all, we’re more than a fitness center, we’re a community.”

Harness was created by two Tampa residents Miraj Patel and Andrew Scarborough to assist nonprofits like the Tampa JCCs in fundraising.

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Soccer federation suspends Palestinian for threats against Argentinian star

(JTA) — The FIFA soccer federation suspended the head of the Palestinian soccer body for threats against Argentinian star Lionel Messi.

Jibril Rajoub, who has long lobbied for action by FIFA against Israel, was suspended for a year on Friday, Aug. 24 by the body’s ethics committee in Switzerland, Ynet reported.

In June, he urged supporters to burn photos and player jerseys if Messi or his Argentinian national team were to show up for a scheduled friendly match against the Israeli national team in Jerusalem. Messi subsequently pulled out of the game and his team stayed away in what was widely seen as a major victory for the effort to boycott of Israel.

FIFA, which last year rejected indefinitely Rajoub’s repeated requests to discuss sanctions against Israel, opened an ethics hearing into his conduct, which the organization deemed an incitement to violence. Rajoub was also fined to the tune of \$20,000.

Tampa community is invited to make a big impact for the Tampa JCCs with just a little small change.

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“We are excited two new opportunities – Harness and Ama-

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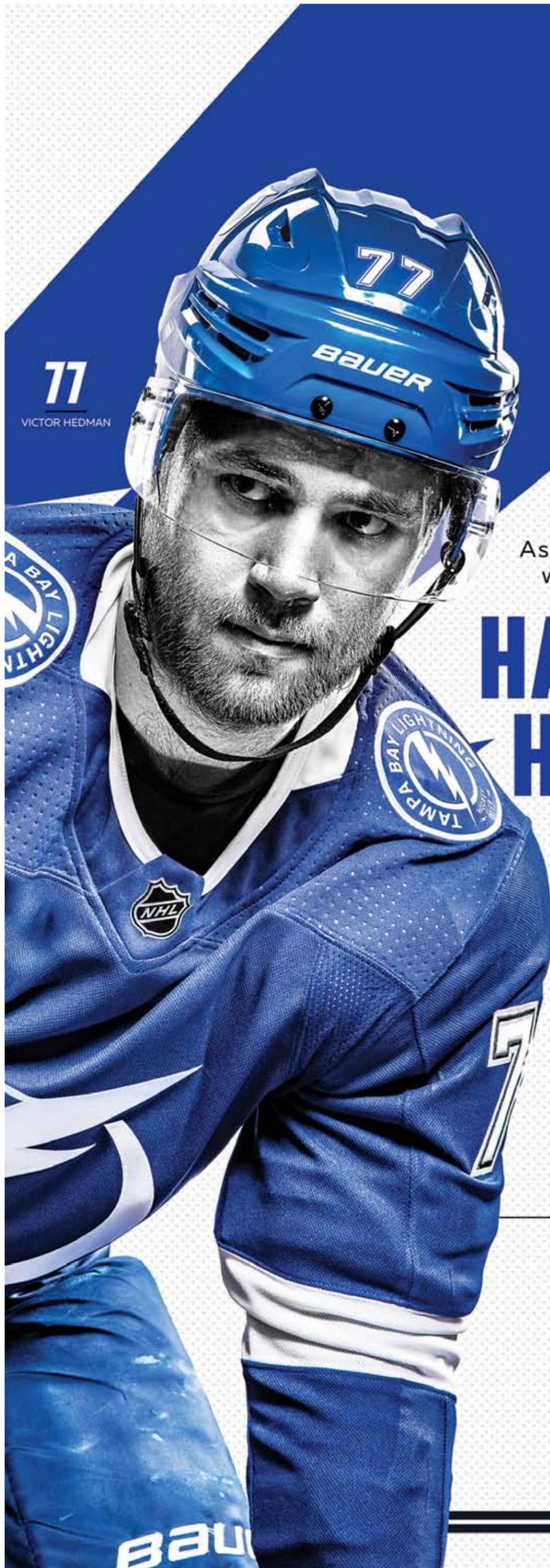
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