LSTA APPLICATION
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TYPE (check one): □ Public □ K-12 × Academic □ M L C □ Special □ State Library
Public Library has implemented an Internet Safety Education Program? □ Yes □ No

CATEGORY (check one)
□ Access for Persons Having Difficulty Using Libraries
× Library Technology Connectivity and Services

PROJECT NAME Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project
PROJECT × New □ Continuing If continuing, specify year: ______
LSTA FUNDS REQUESTED $36,000

PRIORITY# #3 OF 3 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

LIBRARY SERVICE AREA POPULATION 18,537,969 statewide population through University of Florida Digital Collections, Interlibrary Loan, and Cooperative Extension locations; and geographically in Northeast Florida (Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties)

NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE SERVED BY PROJECT 614,000 (2009 Census: Florida’s Jewish Population)

TARGETED USER GROUP (Check all that apply)
□ Children □ Youth □ Adults □ Older Adults × Mixed
□ Other, specify________

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Introduction

The University of Florida Libraries

The University of Florida is located in Gainesville, the county seat and the largest city in Alachua County. According to the US Census Bureau Alachua County’s 2009 population estimate was 243,574 and the total land area in 2000 was 874.25 square miles. Besides the main public library headquarters there are nine satellite public library locations, eight of the nine are in the outlying communities. Alachua County, created in 1894, contains nine municipalities and is located in the heart of northern central Florida. The County is surrounded by eight other counties. According to the 2009 North Central Florida Regional Planning Council’s Annual Report, the north central Florida region contains 11 counties, 33 municipalities and covers over 7,000 square miles.

As both the largest public and academic library in the state, the University of Florida (UF) Libraries’ collections are located at nine libraries across campus and at many of the remote Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) research stations. As a land grant and state funded institution, UF makes every effort to assist the citizens of Florida in addition to the researchers, staff, and students of the university community. The Libraries house more than four million books. The Special and Area Studies collections include the internationally recognized Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature, the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History, the Latin American, African, and Asian collections, the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica, and the University archives. The Libraries have significant holdings in social, political, and community history, and are a member of depository document programs for the United States, the European Union, and the state of Florida. Employed at the UF Libraries are 260 fulltime staff, 229 part-time staff and 8 volunteers. In addition, there are 70,555 registered borrowers, a figure which does not include daily visitors using materials in the Libraries. There are 11 service points for the libraries on campus, and library service also is provided to IFAS Cooperative Extension Offices in each of the 67 counties of Florida, which have 12 Research and Education Centers, and Research and Demonstration Sites. The Libraries’ total budget for the financial year 2010-2011 is $36,452,985.

The UF Libraries are organized through shared governance; there is collaborative participation of administrators and faculty in the decision and policy making process. The purpose of shared governance is to provide avenues for University improvement and productivity through the creation of a partnership based upon mutual respect and collaboration. Administration and the Faculty Assembly work together following the principles of collegiality, collaboration, transparency, representative participation, and mutual accountability. Bylaws and Standing Rules provide structure and clarity of roles.

The University of Florida Digital Collections

The University of Florida Digital Collections (UFDC) hosts more than 100 outstanding digital collections, containing over six million pages of unique manuscripts and letters, antique maps, rare children’s literature books, newspapers, historic photographs, oral histories, and more. The UFDC enables users to find unique and rare digitized materials held at the University of Florida and partner institutions.

With UFDC, remote and local researchers have free, open access to the full content of the resource. The UFDC's Florida Digital Newspaper Program is the most visited of all of the University of Florida’s digital archives. In the last year alone, it received 2,127,507 views from 2,585 visits. The Digital Military Newspaper Library, a project that appeals to scholars and family genealogists alike, received 93,159 views from 3,124 visits.

The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica

Widely considered the foremost Jewish studies research collection in the southeastern United States, the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica boasts in excess of 90,000 fully cataloged volumes. In terms of many of its scarce late 19th to early 20th century imprints, the Price Library of Judaica ranks among the
top 20 academic libraries in the world; in the case of its Hebrew and Yiddish resources, many thousand of its holdings are shared with just ten other leading US libraries.

Today patrons will find in the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica a Jewish studies collection of notable depth, scope and singularity. Its diversified holdings of uncommon research materials in English, Hebrew, and other languages support scholarship in virtually every aspect of the Jewish experience. The Price Library of Judaica is comprised of significant holdings in social, political and community history, Hebrew and Yiddish linguistics, literature, and translations into English, Palestinography, and modern Israel, Zionism, Hebrew Scriptures, Judaism and rabbinics, reference tools, and more than 500 serials and newsletters currently received on subscription. Along with inactive older titles, the majority of these serials are not held in other libraries in Florida or neighboring states.

Context for the Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

This proposal’s primary goal is to digitize, from microfilm, 128 reels of The Jewish Floridian newspaper. Since its inception in the 1820s, the American Jewish Press has served as an important tool in promoting social cohesion and integration. As well as sharing serious local, national and international news, Jewish newspapers across the United States have provided an outlet for Jewish voices to be heard and a means by which to protect the community from outside attacks. These ethnic newspapers have provided a portal through which Jewish customs can be disseminated, and a central point where the gamut of religious, organizational and ideological Jewish groups can be represented; they have provided a place for mainstream community goals to be enunciated, and a means by which new immigrants can get acculturated. The Jewish newspapers of America have both recorded history and mapped and directed social change. In this regard, they are an unparalleled primary resource.

Florida’s first statewide English language Jewish newspaper was The Jewish Floridian founded in 1927 by J. Louis Shochet and published weekly until it was disbanded in 1990. The Jewish Floridian was Florida’s first ethnic newspaper of note. Yet, this weighty, long-standing broadsheet, covering over 60 years of Jewish life in Florida, is a virtually hidden and untapped resource. Information pertaining to its history is not available in any publication or to be found on the Internet, and the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida Libraries is one of just two institutions to hold a complete copy on microfilm.

Organizationally, the University of Florida Libraries now is positioned to undertake this unique and important endeavor, especially considering that UF hosts the largest number of Jewish university students in the country, and one of the most highly regarded Judaic Studies programs in Florida. In 2010, after a four year search, the Libraries achieved its goal of retaining a librarian and scholar in the field of Judaic studies, with expertise in Judaic languages, to continue developing the Judaica Library. As a result of Dr. Rebecca Jefferson’s collection review and discussions with the Jewish Museum of Florida, she has determined the absolute priority of digitizing the newspaper runs of The Jewish Floridian as the primary means for serving the citizens of Florida.

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### LSTA Outcomes Plan

**Project Name:** The Jewish Floridian Newspaper Digitization Project  
**Project Summary/Program**

**Purpose:** Provide freely available global access to the Jewish Floridian newspapers  

University of Florida Libraries in partnership with the Jewish Museum of Florida, Broward County Library, Miami-Dade Public Library and Palm Beach County Library will: 1) convert The Jewish Floridian microfilm to digital format; 2) expose the collection through the Florida Newspaper Library with links to partner webpages; 3) publish electronically an index for researching newspapers; 4) create and upload an online tutorial video for using this collection; 5) promote broadly the availability of the collection throughout the state of Florida.

### INPUTS

**UF Libraries Staff:** 1) Judaica librarian, principal investigator; 1) History librarian; 1) Digital Library Center (DLC) interim director; 1) DLC project supervisor; 1) DLC newspaper processing expert; 1) preservation expert; 1) public relations officer  

**Partners:**  
1) UF Libraries  
2) Jewish Museum of Florida - Jewish Museum of Florida: 2 curators, 1 registrar, 1 education coordinator  
3) Broward County Public Library System  
4) Miami-Dade County Public Library System  
5) Palm Beach County Public Library System

### ACTIVITIES

**Newspaper Microfilm Reels:**  
1) Pull reels and ship to vendor  
2) Vendor digitizes reels  
3) Vendor ships reels to UF  
4) Vendor transmits electronic files  
5) UF DLC bears copyright material; OCR functions; Quality Control  
6) Develop landing page, metadata and publishing history, cataloging  
7) Files loaded to UFDC - Florida Digital Newspaper Library  
8) Upload links to Project Newspapers in Catalog of Digital Historical Newspapers

**Digital Newspaper Files and Metadata:**  
The Jewish Floridian 1928-1990 (see list in INPUTS)

### OUTPUTS

**1. Public uses technology to access information (academics, faculty, students, historians, genealogists)  
2. Public learns to use technology**

**Web Presence:**  
1) Create landing page for collection  
2) Create individual histories and bibliographic record for each newspaper title

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### OUTCOMES

**1. 2,000 views within 5 months of completion March 30, 2013**

### EVALUATION INDICATORS

**SOURCES/METHODS**

- UF system generated statistics to be collected when complete collection is available
- UF system generated statistics for collection use
- YouTube statistics for number of tutorial video views
- Post-presentation evaluations for presentations
- Post-instruction evaluations for faculty presentations
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Need

The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida Libraries, along with its partners, respectfully requests LSTA funding to digitize The Jewish Floridian newspapers for uploading to the Florida Digital Newspaper Library. The complete set of The Jewish Floridian is preserved on 128 microfilm reels and held by just the University of Florida and the Jewish Museum of Florida, which means that current access to this key primary resource is extremely limited. Jewish people have been present in Florida since the 18th century; they have played a significant role in shaping the state legislature and have engaged in all levels of state life, and yet no comprehensive history of this vibrant ethnic community has been written. Resources like The Jewish Floridian newspaper are a vital component of this type of research, but in its present state it remains virtually hidden.

A digital version of The Jewish Floridian newspapers will provide researchers, genealogists, teachers and students everywhere with easy access to important information about Florida Jewry. It also will help preserve the newspaper content in perpetuity. A collection of this nature will complement the Florida Digital Newspaper Library. One of the UF Libraries’ primary goals is to digitize and preserve all of Florida’s newspapers and to offer remote and local researchers free and open access to all of its resources.

Summary list of unmet need

1. The history of Florida Jewry is still unwritten.
2. The history of Florida’s ethnic groups is incomplete
3. The history of a long-standing ethnic newspaper in Florida is unwritten
4. A major primary resource is virtually hidden

Discussion of unmet need

1. The history of Florida Jewry is still unwritten

To date, no comprehensive history of the Jewish community of Florida has been written; yet this comparatively small section of the general population has made a significant impact on the state. First allowed to live in Florida in 1763 after it was acquired by the English, Jewish people were soon actively engaged in developing this territory. In 1820, Moses Levy, purchased 100,000 acres in North Central Florida and founded Micanopy. In 1841, his son, David Levy Yulee, was sent as a territorial delegate to the U.S. Congress to argue for statehood. In 1845, Yulee became Florida’s first Senator as well as the first Jewish man to serve in the U.S. Congress. Yulee developed Florida’s first cross-state railroad, and Levy County and the town of Yulee are named for him. The Levys were the first of many Jewish developers in the state of Florida.²

The number of Jewish residents in Florida increased during Florida’s boom period in the 1920s. The Jewish population moved out of rural areas and into cities like Jacksonville. Distinct Jewish communities began to form; their members grew in prominence, and they made significant contributions to the growth of real estate, industry, government and farming.³ Jewish immigrants also began to pour into Florida from Latin America and the Caribbean, along with other northern transplants. Many of the migrants to Florida were sent from New York by the Jewish Agricultural Society.

² Rachel B. Hemowicz and Marcia Zerewitz. Florida Jewish Heritage Trail. (Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, 2000).
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By the 1930s, following the land bust of 1926, Miami had replaced Jacksonville as the Florida city with the largest Jewish population. By the end of the 20th century, the majority of the Jewish population was to be found in the South of Florida. In recent times, the core population of Florida Jewry has shifted slightly northward to Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Today, there are 13 Jewish community centers and more than 300 synagogues across the state. Florida currently has the third largest Jewish population in the United States with over 614,000 self-identified Jews. The history of late 20th century American Jews will be of growing interest in the coming decades, and the resources by which to construct a definitive history of such an important Jewish community like that of Florida will be keenly sought.

2. The history of Florida’s ethnic groups is incomplete
Interest in the ethnic groups of Florida is rapidly growing, yet primary resources for research into the early history of these communities are limited. The Jewish Floridian is one of the few ethnic resources available from a key period of economic growth and population change in Florida starting in the 1920s. Other ethnic newspapers, like the ones later produced by the Hispanic community, did not surface before 1950.

3. The history of a long-standing ethnic newspaper in Florida is unwritten
The Jewish Floridian was the first ethnic newspaper of note to be published in Florida. Founded in 1927 by J. Louis Shochet, its editorship was taken over by his son Fred K. Shochet until the paper was disbanded in 1990. The newspaper’s headquarters were in Miami, but by the late 1970s The Jewish Floridian was being published weekly around the state under additional titles such as The Jewish Floridian: The Voice of the Jewish Community in Palm Beach County - 1970-1990, The Jewish Floridian of Pinellas County - 1980-1986, The Jewish Floridian of North Broward - 1971-1975, The Jewish Floridian of South Broward - 1984-1987, The Jewish Floridian of Tampa, The Jewish Floridian of Tampa - 1979-1988, The Jewish Floridian of Greater Ft. Lauderdale - 1974-1990, The Jewish Floridian and Shofar of Greater Hollywood - 1970-1983, The Jewish Floridian of South County - 1979-1990. Beyond the above-listed basic historical information, nothing more is known about this long-standing and far-reaching ethnic newspaper.

4. A major primary resource is virtually hidden
A substantial broadsheet such as The Jewish Floridian provides a key resource for charting the development of a major ethnic group in Florida. Yet, in their current state as a microfilm resource, The Jewish Floridian newspapers remain virtually hidden. Researchers wishing to mine the wealth of information contained in thousands of pages will have to engage in the painstaking and time consuming process of trawling through the microfilm page by page, issue by issue. This frustrating method of research has already been encountered by the Jewish Museum of Florida in their attempt to create an index for The Jewish Floridian which they have been working on since 1998.

The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida Libraries and the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami hold the largest and most complete collection of The Jewish Floridian microfilm in the country. The University of Miami library, the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, and the New York Public Library all hold just one title in this serial. However, its location also poses a problem for researchers given that this large set of 128 microfilm reels is only available to patrons who are actually

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aware of the collection and physically able to travel to the University of Florida in Gainesville or to the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach to use it.

Some examples of hidden material

1. **Local history:** *The Jewish Floridian* newspapers include notices of births, marriages and death, as well as announcements concerning synagogues and local groups, shared sermons and traditional recipes all of which facilitate research into local community life.

2. **International history:** articles in *The Jewish Floridian* feature, among other things, the Nazi war crimes trials, the plight of Soviet Jews, the birth and growth of the State of Israel.

3. **Immigration:** *The Jewish Floridian* reported on various immigrant issues, including the influx of Cuban immigrants to Florida and the position of the Jewish community in Cuba. One article from February 12, 1960 stated that Cuba’s Jewish population of 12,000 had not reported any rise in anti-Semitism. It stressed the integral role Jewish people played in Cuban society. Articles like this show the close connection between Florida and South America, even among its Jewish citizens.

4. **Economics:** advertisements in *The Jewish Floridian* pertaining to products and housing provide a glimpse into the economic status of Florida and its Jewish residents.

5. **Ethnic issues:** early editions of *The Jewish Floridian* record Jewish reactions to discrimination and segregation such as the Gentiles only policy held by hotels along Miami Beach in the first half of the 20th century.  

6. **Leading figures:** a lead article in the *Jewish Floridian* of 1949 features the winner of a national fraternity award, Stanley C. Myers. Myers was not only an important figure in Florida Jewish history (he founded the Greater Miami Jewish Federation), he was also a key figure in the history of the Florida law profession, being one of the founders of the Dade County Bar Association. (See the image in appendix B).

7. **Columnists:** A weekly column on contemporary and historical events “I’ll Say” began in the 1948 editions of *The Jewish Floridian*. This column was written by Harry Simonhoff, a trustee of Miami’s Mt. Sinai Hospital, and author of four major books: *Under Strange Skies* (1953), *Jewish Notables of America, 1776-1865* (1956), *Saga of American Jewry, 1865-1914* (1959), *Jewish Participants in the Civil War* (1962), and *The Chosen One* (1963).

8. **Culture:** An article in *The Jewish Floridian* from 1961 demonstrates the forces of both assimilation and community building for the Jews of Florida. Menasha Skulnik, a Yiddish actor at the Grove Playhouse in Coconut Grove, tells how he had switched his plays into English due to the growing Jewish population removed from Eastern Europe who could no longer understand Yiddish. The plays retained their Yiddish flavor but were able to reach a broader audience.

Summary list of target audience for the Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

1. Scholars, historians and writers researching Jewish life in Florida or the history of the Jewish press.

2. Educators or students looking for information about Jewish life in Florida

3. Museums needing to do research into the Jewish experience in Florida.

4. Floridians or other individuals curious about their family genealogy or background.

5. Any individual looking for the type of information included in articles, advertisements, obituaries, society pages or general historical, political, or cultural information.

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7 Rachel B. Hemowicz and Marcia Zerewitz. *Florida Jewish Heritage Trail*. (Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, 2000).

8 See *The Inventory to the Harry Simonhoff Papers; Manuscript collection no. 27*, of the American Jewish Archives (http://americanjewisharchives.org/aja/FindingAids/simonhoff.html).
Discussion of target audience for the Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

1. The digital collection of *The Jewish Floridian* newspapers is aimed at a broad range of researchers, historians, scholars and writers who want to learn more about the cultural, social, historical and political life of Florida’s Jewish population throughout the 20th century. It will likewise prove an important resource for those interested in the history of the Jewish press in general, and Florida Jewish newspapers in particular.

2. A digital newspaper collection of this nature can similarly benefit teachers and students. As a teaching aid, this online resource can be used for course materials, classroom projects, or web quests, and to demonstrate the importance and mechanics of using primary source material in their Jewish Studies and Florida history classes.

3. An online resource of this kind also will be of great benefit to museums around the state of Florida and museums elsewhere that wish to conduct research into Florida Jewry in order to mount related exhibits.

4. Included in the project’s main targets are genealogists and families who wish to research local and family history. There are six active Jewish genealogical societies in Florida who will benefit from this digital archive, as well as the large numbers of Jewish individuals living in Florida who do not have easy access to either the University of Florida Libraries in Gainesville or the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach.

5. Although the collection will be of the highest interest to the users outlined above, all Floridians (17 million) who can view the internet personally, at work, or in their public libraries and/or schools will have access to this collection which, though Jewish in focus, is set against the backdrop of Florida history, society and culture.

Part of the UF Libraries’ mission

A digital version of *The Jewish Floridian* will open this important newspaper to the widest possible audience and will enable content searches, text highlighting, and other time-saving aids to research.

This project will complement the mission of the UF Libraries’ Florida Digital Newspaper Library, whose goal is to offer remote and local researchers free and open access to all of its resources. The Florida Digital Newspaper Library (FDNL) builds on the work done by the Florida Newspaper Project, part of the United States Newspaper Program (USNP), a cooperative national effort among the states and the federal government to locate, catalog and preserve on microfilm newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present. This National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) funded initiative has existed in various phases for over 20 years in all 50 states, with thousands of titles cataloged and millions of images microfilmed as a result.

In 1993, the state of Florida, with coordination provided by the University of Florida Libraries, joined the USNP. Initial efforts in 1993-94 centered on compiling a database of all extant newspaper titles held in the state and a survey was conducted of 1,000 likely newspaper repositories. A total of 716 Florida newspaper titles have been digitized for preservation (including 77,266 issues and 1,119,780 pages) as well as cataloged and the bibliographic records made accessible in the University of Florida’s online public catalog, as well as in WorldCat, an international cataloging database.

Inputs

1. **Volumes.** A complete set of *The Jewish Floridian* newspaper on 128 reels of microfilm is owned by the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the UF Libraries and by the Jewish Museum of Florida.
2. Key Project Personnel - University of Florida

Rebecca Jefferson, Associate University Librarian, Head of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica, has come to the University of Florida from Cambridge University Library, England where she worked for 12 years developing and publicizing a large collection of medieval Hebrew manuscripts known as the Cairo Genizah. Jefferson has a PhD from the University of Cambridge in medieval Hebrew. She is now the curator for the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida and is responsible for managing, developing and publicizing the collection. During this her first year at the University of Florida, Jefferson has created a new Price Library brochure, revised and updated the Price Library website, created a Jewish Studies Library Guide, revised and updated the Price Library’s digital collections, partnered with the Klaui Library at the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati to create a digital collection, and is the PI on a Libraries’ mini grant to digitize a set of world Jewish newspapers. Jefferson has also made three public presentations on the collection, organized a large, public event to celebrate the Price Library’s 30th anniversary, and arranged an anniversary exhibit of the Price Library’s treasures. Project role: Jefferson will be the PI for The Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project. She will be responsible for transferring the reels of microfilm to and from the Preservation studio. After the digitization process is complete, she will create a landing page for the website of The Jewish Floridian, and she will be responsible for the production of publicity materials about the digital archive, as well as the creation of flyers and announcements and links to the partner websites. Jefferson will be in charge of the outreach for the project and will make presentations on the digital archive and produce an article to be published in an accredited journal. She will be responsible for the partnership communication, the creation of teaching tools with Shelley Arlen at the UF Libraries and with staff at the partner institutions. She will review and edit the index created by the Jewish Museum of Florida, and prepare it for mounting on the database. Jefferson will also produce regular reports for the funding body and the partner institutions.

Shelley Arlen, Associate University Librarian, has worked in multiple capacities, including library management, in research libraries at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Florida for over 35 years. She is now U.S. and British History Librarian in the Humanities & Social Sciences Department, University of Florida Libraries. With degrees in Library Science, Anthropology, and English, she is currently creating online digital tutorials to help undergraduates learn the difference between primary and secondary sources as students begin their research projects. Project role: will work with Rebecca Jefferson on the creation of an online video tutorial for The Jewish Floridian newspapers. Arlen will participate in instruction sessions for UF students and the subsequent evaluation of the tutorial’s effectiveness.

Barbara Hood is the sr. information specialist for the libraries where she generates and coordinates public relations efforts on behalf of the libraries as a whole and individual programs, events and initiatives. She works closely with the library administration, faculty and staff, UF News Bureau and UF Foundation, Inc. to disseminate information and promote the libraries to the academic, library and general public communities at the local, state and national levels. She describes library projects, especially those receiving external support, in news articles and with the university’s News Bureau to assist in releasing the information to the media. Hood also organizes programs and grasps opportunities for developing library education and social events in conjunction with specific development efforts, educational campaigns or academic events. She earned her bachelor’s degree in visual arts from the University of South Florida. Project role: will promote the project to the appropriate media outlets, both internal and external to the University of Florida.

James Clifton, Main Imaging Queue Coordinator, holds a BA in anthropology at the University of Florida. Clifton began working for the Smathers Libraries in 1993 as a part-time microfilm camera operator in the Preservation Department, and went full-time in 1996. He moved to the Text Unit in the
Digital Library Center in 2003, later spent three years as a computer programmer with the Florida Center for Library Automation, and returned to Smathers back in the DLC in 2010, this time in the Imaging Unit. He develops and supervises workflows, and automating processes. **Project role:** will ingest the vended materials into the University of Florida Digital Collections and archive the materials to the Florida Digital Archive at the Florida Center for Library Automation.

**Randall Renner, Project Manager for Operations & Digital Projects,** holds an MFA in Creative Photography, UF. Before coming to the Digital Library Center in 2002, Renner taught college level courses on computer art and montage, mixed media studio classes, black and white photography, training seminars on various computer applications, and worked as a photographer, photographing rare books, artwork, and 3-D models, in a studio environment and on location. His experience in photography spans the entire process, from image capturing via digital or analog methods to the printing and display of the captured images. Renner is an imaging expert for two and three dimensional objects. He supervises all of the production units in the DLC including copy control/ingest; main, newspaper, and large format imaging; A/V digitization; quality control; text processing and archiving, to ensure quality control of all production in regards to preservation and presentation. **Project role:** Renner will supervise all digital production units, provide oversight for the digitization of workflow between digitization units, track production schedules, and facilitate communication and trouble-shooting between units.

**Laurie Taylor, PhD, Interim Director of UF Libraries’ Digital Library Center**
Taylor has served on a review panel for the Digital Humanities Start-up grants for the NEH. Her current projects include continued development of the UF Digital Collections (UFDC): existing projects and initiating discussions for potential new projects and partners. She is the technical director for the *Digital Library of the Caribbean*, technical director for the *Florida Digital Newspaper Library*, and Co-PI for *America’s Swamp: the Historical Everglades*, a project to digitize six archival collections. Her current research explores methods to digitally represent and contextualize archival materials, as well as other issues related to digital collections from cultural heritage institutions. She has published refereed articles on collaborative international digital libraries, digital media, library and information science, open access, and literature; and she co-edited a collection on digital representations of history and memory, *Playing the Past: Video Games, History, and Memory*. **Project role:** will provide oversight of the digital collection online presence and be responsible, in conjunction with Digital Library Center staff, for the archiving of the TIFF masters with the Florida Center for Library Automation.

### 3. Partner Organizations

Making the collection known is a crucial component of the digitization effort. Partnering with organizations in South Florida, where much of Florida’s Jewish community lives, will make it possible to disseminate information about the *The Jewish Floridian* newspaper and how to use it. Partnering organizations, including the Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward County Public Library systems, have agreed to create awareness of the collection by adding a link to their websites, actively referring groups to the collection, hosting a presentation(s) by the Head of the Price Library of Judaica for interested groups in South Florida, or using it in presentations to genealogical societies at partner libraries.

A key partner in making *The Jewish Floridian* newspapers widely available is the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF). The JMOF has been working on *The Jewish Floridian* project since 1998 to make the paper more accessible and easier to search. JMOF is very eager to continue to participate in this project with the University of Florida Libraries. In 1998, JMOF received a grant from the U.S. Newspaper Program and the Florida Newspaper Project, which allowed it to use its microfilm. Dorothy Jenkins, on the staff of the UF Libraries, picked up the originals and the LSTA office produced the microfilm, with a copy for JMOF, which it still has.
The primary challenge in making *The Jewish Floridian* useful for research has been the lack of indexing to facilitate the search capability. One of the JMOF volunteers, Betti Dulberger, has been at the forefront of indexing the content. Initially, she digitized the 10,000 photos JMOF received along with the original issues of the newspaper, labeled them, and entered them into the JMOF collections database. Now, she is in the process of reading each issue and indexing the subject matter. JMOF has created a database with the following subject category fields: congregations, organizations, education, anti-Semitism, business/profession, life cycle events, editorials, advertisements, cultural, volunteers. The other fields are: volume #, issue #, publication date, photo, publication name, city, page #, title of article, content summary of article, theme key word (based on our collections themes), persons named in article, notes, date entered, date modified, and by whom. This index will be published electronically alongside the digital archive of *The Jewish Floridian*.

The JMOF will promote *The Jewish Floridian* digital archive to its constituents and colleagues through its current marketing program using the JMOF website, JMOF *Tiles* Newsletter, e-mail blasts to its database and press releases to the relevant local, state, and national organizations that will publish news of this project.

4. **Key Partner Personnel - Jewish Museum of Florida**

**Marcia Jo Zerivitz, Founding Executive Director and Chief Curator of the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF),** has been a community organizer and leader in the Florida Jewish community for 50 years and specifically with Florida Jewish history for 25 years. From 1985-1994, Zerivitz traveled more than 250,000 miles around Florida to research and retrieve the state’s unknown Jewish history. She created a collection and a storyline of Jewish life in Florida and helped develop the MOSAIC exhibit that traveled to 13 cities from 1990-1994. In 1995, under her direction, this project evolved into the Jewish Museum of Florida, which she continues to manage. She has produced 56 exhibits in 16 years and the archival collection grows daily. Her research has been published internationally. Zerivitz initiated the legislation for both the Florida Jewish History Month (January) and the Jewish American Heritage Month (May) to increase awareness of the contributions by the Jewish community to the state and nation and takes a leading role in creating the educational resources associated with these commemorations. **Project role:** Zerivitz will direct the indexing, activities and promotion related to this project.

**Jo Ann Arnowitz is the Associate Director and Associate Curator of the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF).** Arnowitz has been with JMOF since 1998 and is knowledgeable in soliciting new funding sources including grants, planning events and directing the membership program. She is informed and involved in the planning and operations of all areas of the Museum including education programs, personnel, strategic planning, and budgeting. She also works on the development, research, production and installation of exhibitions. Arnowitz has been in the museum field for more than 30 years, including 14 years with the Israel Museum, Jerusalem. **Project role:** will be involved in the marketing efforts of the project, including circulating the information to our members via e-mail blasts.

**Todd Bothel is the Registrar for the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF) and is responsible for all aspects of the collections including accessioning new items, inventory, exhibit research and preparation, digitizing of materials, and monitoring environmental conditions.** He has a Master's degree in Museum Studies from John F. Kennedy University in California and has been a working museum professional since 1996. At all five of the institutions that Bothel has been employed, one of his main responsibilities has been the updating and upgrading of the museum's computerized collections database system. He has worked closely with volunteers on various collections projects including data entry of collections information. Bothel is the author of *Fort Lauderdale Memories: A Postcard History 1900-1960*. **Project role:** will direct the technical database collection activity at JMOF.
Rabbi Cheryl Weiner, PhD, is the Education Coordinator for the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF) and serves as its liaison to the Florida educational community. Ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion, CA, she also graduated from the University of Oregon, Eugene with a PhD in Education, majoring in the Design and Analysis of Instruction. Weiner serves on the Board of Trustees for the Jewish Publication Society (JPS) and was the Editorial Advisor for their online initiative JPS Interactive. In addition, Weiner contributed to a white paper on The Impact of Emerging Technologies on 21st Century Jewish Learning sponsored by the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) under the auspices of the Lippman Kanfer Institute. She has been a VP at McGraw Hill and has served as a publisher, writer, game designer, and leader in the educational technology industry, having published over 25 award winning products ranging from books to computer games. **Project role:** will serve as the Educational Coordinator for the Project, acting as the liaison with JMOF educational constituents and colleagues and as developer of the educational activities and training for the Project.

5. **Grant Funds.** The LSTA grant will be used to convert the 128 reels of microfilm to a digital format. The resulting online database will be freely available to everyone through the University of Florida Digital Library and through links on the partner websites.

**Timeline**

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| November 2011      | • Master negative microfilm sent to vendor for digitization  
                      • Develops schedule with vendor for digital files conversion from vendor                                                                 | Backstage Library Works pulls and ships reels to Creekside Digital                                |
| Dec – June 2012    | • Vendor digitizes files to meet National Digital Newspaper Program specification and standards.  
                      • As runs are completed, digital content will be sent to UFDC on portable drives                                                          | Creekside Digital                                                                               |
| March 2012         | • UF Librarians will research and create a storyboard for an online video tutorial for The Jewish Floridian digital newspapers  
                      • UF Librarians will produce the tutorial using Camtasia software  
                      • The Jewish Museum of Florida and Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward County Library systems launch outreach and publicity program  
                      • UF Libraries receives digital files  
                      • Adds all digital newspaper issues to UFDC production system for tracking                                                                   | UF Librarians                                                                                   |
| May – June 2012    |                                                                                                                                                  | UF Librarians and partners                                                                      |
| June 2012          |                                                                                                                                                  | UF DLC                                                                                           |
| July 2012          |                                                                                                                                                  | UF DLC                                                                                           |
| Aug – Sept 2012    | • Performs OCR processes  
                      • Loads digital files to UF Digital Collection  
                      • Archives digital files to UF Florida Digital Newspaper Library                                                                 | UF DLC                                                                                           |
| Aug – Sept 2012    | • UF and the Jewish Museum of Florida will mount the Museum’s index online  
                      • UF and partners continue outreach and publicity program                                                                                   | UF, Jewish Museum, DLC  
                                                                                UF Librarians and partners                                                               |
Video Tutorial on *The Jewish Floridian* Digital Newspaper

Long term access also will be secured through the creation of a teaching tool centered on the collection. Rebecca Jefferson and Shelley Arlen will create a two minute tutorial on *The Jewish Floridian* which will help users wishing to search the newspaper for class assignments or for their own education. The presentation will cover:

1. The years available online from the UFDL
2. How to access the newspaper from the UFDL website
3. How to search the online digital newspaper
4. Brief history of the newspaper

The brief history will include an overview of some of the regular columns, a summary of the important issues confronted, and some glimpses into the life and times of the various Jewish communities in Florida.

This tutorial will be created on Camtasia software utilizing excerpts and images from the newspaper. It will be available online with links from the UF Libraries tutorials and newspaper sites and the UF Digital Libraries homepage. With publicity, other Jewish institutions and organizations as well as Florida public, college, university, and school libraries will be encouraged to link to the tutorial. The Camtasia presentation will be utilized in history and Jewish Studies classes on campus, special Price Library events, and presented at functions sponsored by the UF Libraries’ grant partners. UF Librarians will participate in instruction sessions for UF students and the subsequent evaluation of the tutorial’s effectiveness.

The following narrative describes all of the activities required to carry out the digital conversion, hosting and preservation required for the project.

**Microfilm Retrieval**

Backstage Library Works, the cold vault storage facility for the University of Florida’s master microfilm negatives, will pull and ship the Brooksville newspaper reels of polyester film to Creekside Digital, specialists in microfilm scanning services, for vended digitization. The UF Libraries will send portable drives to the vendor on which to load the digitized files as the digital images are created from scanning the microfilm. Once the digitization is completed, Creekside will return the reels to Backstage Library Works to refill at the storage facility.

**Specifications**

All vended imaging will be completed in accordance with established professional standards. Imaging methods depend on object characteristics, and follow principals and guidelines established by the Library of Congress’ National Digital Newspaper Program, *Moving Theory into Practice: Digital Imaging for Libraries and Archives* (Anne R. Kenney and Oya Y. Rieger [Mountain View, CA : Research Libraries Group, 2000]), and Cornell University's *Digital Imaging Tutorial*. Specifications for imaging (i.e., scanning, text, and metadata) are based on digitization specifications previously established by UF and other partners for the statewide Florida Digital Newspaper Library cooperative (http://ufdc.ufl.edu/fdnl1/digit/), the Digital Library of the Caribbean cooperative (http://dloc.com/dloc1/digit), and the PALMM cooperative (http://fclaweb.fcla.edu/node/590/). These specifications are optimized for data exchange with or harvesting by other digital libraries such as the NewspaperCat (http://newspapercat.org), U.S. National Science Foundation’s National Science Digital
Library, the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services’ National Leadership Grant collection, and OAIster at the University of Michigan.

Scanning: Ribbon scanning
Creekside Digital uses next-generation microfilm digitization hardware and software from nextScan. Their staff has been trained on this equipment by nextScan employees. These scanners incorporate fiber optic lighting sources and proprietary microprocessors into their design, providing top-quality scans and ensuring that digitized images represent the frames on the film as accurately as possible.

The NextStar software produced by nextScan takes an innovative approach to rollfilm digitization. Rather than performing frame detection “on-the-fly” and outputting images as the film passes through the scanner, the NextStar software captures the entire roll of film as a contiguous “ribbon.” The microfilm operator is then able to visually “audit” this ribbon to ensure that the frame detection software has correctly defined image boundaries. This eliminates the chance of misfiring frame detection algorithms cropping or skipping images due to changes in image density on the film – a common problem when dealing with older materials on microfilm of often dubious quality. All ribbons are initially captured in 10-bit grayscale, regardless of the final output’s color depth (e.g., 8-bit grayscale or black & white).

Once setup (lamp/gamma and focus) is complete, the operator actually scans (“captures”) the roll, creating a ribbon. Each ribbon represents the entire roll of film – leaders, targets, every single frame, and all the black space between each frame. No images are actually output as the film passes through the scanner – instead, the ribbons are stored as raw binary image data on servers until they are audited during a QA session.

Scanning and Auditing
Once capture of a ribbon is complete, the NextStar software will perform initial frame detection upon the ribbon and automatically identify the frame boundaries for each roll of film. A human operator visually QA’s 100% of the images created by Creekside Digital using this tool. For NDNP-specification projects, the operator will ensure that images have sufficient overscan for the required downstream processing (e.g., de-skewing, cropping, 2-up splitting).

Shipping and Processing
Once the vendor has created the digital files and loaded them to the portable hard drives provided by the UF Libraries, the hard drives will be shipped to UF as runs are completed. The UF Libraries’ Digital Library Center (DLC) will then add all of the individual newspaper issues by publication title and date to the UF Digital Collections’ system (SobekCM). The images will then be separated into individual issue-level packages images and will be processed by the DLC, as described below.

Metadata
Once objects are received by the DLC, Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard (METS) metadata will be created in the UF Digital Collections’ system (SobekCM), and enhanced both automatically and manually as objects move through the workflow. The UF Digital Collections’ system (SobekCM) assigns a unique Bibliographic Identifier (BibID) to each title-object processed, and that BibID is used to track the item (see UF Metadata Information) and contains the issue-objects which are assigned a unique Volume Identifier (VID). This title and issue level metadata allows for proper serial hierarchy, allowing users to search and browse within a particular title and by date and issue. The METS files include technical and structural data about each image, as well as descriptive and administrative information. Any pre-existing metadata (e.g., from catalog records) will be imported into the UF Digital Collections’ system (SobekCM) before beginning the process of ingesting the vendor digitized files.
Quality Control & Derivative Creation
After the vendor digitized files are received, all aspects of image control and digital package creation will be controlled by the University of Florida Digital Collections (UFDC) Toolkit, an integrated software package that controls derivative image formation, quality control review at the package level, and deployment to UFDC servers within the Florida Digital Newspaper Library. DLC staff will derive JPG, JPG2000 and JPG thumbnail images. JPG2000 files with zoom features are used in the display of large-format items like newspapers. A Quality Control tool displays thumbnails of each image in sequential order for staff review. Errors will be noted and returned for re-imaging of items. At this point, an object’s METS file will contain basic structural and administrative metadata, as well as any pre-existing descriptive metadata imported at the start of the process.

Digital Package & Text Processing
After quality control, the digital package moves to text conversion, mark-up, and METS file validation. Staff will ensure that all package-level metadata conforms to the national METS, to local extension schemas, to UFDC requirements, and for long-term digital preservation in the Florida Digital Archive (FDA) (see “Digital Preservation” below). Staff will implement Optical Character Recognition (OCR) processing to produce searchable text from digital images. The DLC currently uses Prime Recognition's PrimeOCR software, which bundles six OCR engines from multiple vendors. PrimeOCR is governed by a voting engine that typically yields 99% accuracy. It includes automatic image zoning, and can process English, Spanish, and French.

All objects will go through OCR processing. Metadata can be created during imaging, and project staff and partners will be able to create or revise metadata after the objects are available online (see Online Metadata Editing below). With final package approval, staff will use the UFDC Toolkit to transfer the package to the UFDC server for public access and metadata harvesting and send the package to the FDA for preservation archiving.

Deployment
Project staff will create a project homepage, including all project documentation and resources, and a biography outlining the full history of the newspaper. Discovery of The Jewish Floridian Newspaper digital collection will occur in several ways: 1) A project homepage made available as part of UFDC; 2) MARC records with linked 856 fields in online catalogs of UF, WorldCat, etc.; 3) MARCXML record feed available for download and ingest into any catalog by any institution; 4) Open Access Initiative (OAI) compliant metadata harvested by digital repositories; and 5) complete electronic packages contributed to other online collections.

Discoverability of the digital objects will be enhanced by a variety of search and browse options. Researchers will be able to conduct keyword and subject searches of all of the newspapers for this project and all of the newspapers in the Florida Digital Newspaper Library simultaneously from the main Florida Digital Newspaper Library page. Alternatively, they will search each newspaper title individually or combine two or more newspapers in their search scope. All of the newspapers for this project will be searchable together through the Miami-Dade, Palm-Beach and Broward County Public Library system websites, and through the Jewish Museum of Florida website, which will be linked from the “Partners” page of the Florida Digital Newspaper Library (http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers/partners). In addition, all digital objects will be discoverable via the UFDC homepage, so researchers can search them in combination with all the other digitized materials held by UF and its partner institutions. Because the entirety of the UF Digital Collections is indexed and searchable through commercial search engines like Google, all of these resources will also be available through any general web search.
Functionality of digital newspaper content

The Jewish Floridian newspapers will be fulltext searchable to the page level. That is, after entering a search, the pages on which the search term appears will be displayed in a list, each newspaper page from this list may be separately displayed. Searches may also be conducted by newspaper title, location or from the citation information. Advanced searching allows even further refinement. The map browsing and searching for the Florida Digital Newspaper Library allows users to view, browse, and search all newspapers on a map. All of The Jewish Floridian newspapers will display in the correct geographic position and context, alongside other Florida newspapers (http://ufdc.ufl.edu/newspapers/map)

Each newspaper page may be displayed as a page image (a static JPG image), a zoomable image (JPEG2000), and a thumbnail overview showing all of the pages for ease of browsing (JPG images). The page or pages may be printed or downloaded (functions not currently available in the Google News Archive) using the easy “print” button at the top of every page. Each newspaper title and all issues can easily be linked to via a permanent URL.

Copyright

As explained in Cornell’s “Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States 1 January 2011” (http://copyright.cornell.edu/resources/publicdomain.cfm):

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The newspapers selected for this project have been reviewed by the Subject Specialist Librarian serving as the PI and the selected titles do not bear a copyright notice or symbol for issues through 1977. Given that these newspapers do not bear the copyright symbol and are in the public domain as full collective works, they are to be processed in the same manner as all newspapers through the UF Libraries unless they are found to have an excessive portion of content in the form of syndicated news. The Subject Specialist Librarian will review all issues and if any issues are found to have excessive syndicated content, then those select issues will be noted, reviewed, and queued for any additional processing as necessary.

Issues published after 1977 will be digitally restricted to a single-user check-out system at any given time to comply with the needs of copyright, preservation, and access. When items are in use, they will be checked-out by a single user and other users will see a message to check back for the item later. The check-out system automatically checks-in materials, and makes them available for another to check-out, after 15 minutes with no activity. As the post-1977 issues were published by corporations or companies that no longer exist, and permission is therefore unable to be obtained, the Libraries must limit accessibility in this manner. These measures, imposing reasonable limitations on access, support a fair use argument. (See Appendix C)
Project Publicity
The project will be promoted both internally to the University of Florida and externally through news releases to media outlets. News of this important digital collection will be passed on to Florida genealogical societies. The link to the database of The Jewish Floridian newspapers also will be provided to the following organizations, agencies and institutions for placements on their websites:
1. The Jewish Museum of Florida (its website has 2,000 members and 2,000,000 hits per year).
2. The Miami-Dade, Palm-Beach and Broward County Public Library system websites.
3. Jewish synagogues around the state of Florida (317).
4. Jewish genealogical societies (6).
7. Jewish educational agencies associated with Jewish Federations, including the various Bureaus of Jewish Education.
8. Jewish educational leadership organizations, such as the Jewish Education Society of North America (JESNA) and the Lipmann-Kanfer Institute.
9. Jewish educational publishers, such as Behrman House, NJ or Torah Aura, LA.
10. Jewish Studies Programs across the US.
11. Jewish teacher organizations, such as the National Education Association (Conservative), the National Association of Temple Educators (Reform), and the new Center for Advancement of Jewish Education (Trans-denominational).

A sample list of Jewish community organizations in Florida can be found in Appendix D.

Sustainability Plans
Sustained access to this digital archive will be enhanced by the electronic publication of the index to The Jewish Floridian being produced by the Jewish Museum of Florida. This index will be published online as part of The Jewish Floridian digital archive. The index will have subsections listed on the left of the web page, and the full index/guide/source material on the right. The source text on the right will then be linked to digital objects. This structure allows for full interaction with the digital objects in relation to the rich contextual information provided by the index. It also allows for ease of cross-referencing with multiple index terms and primary source documents. The online index will thus enhance the user experience, facilitate ease of data retrieval and help ensure the longevity of this resource.

Digital Preservation Plan
The digital archive of The Jewish Floridian will be maintained in perpetuity. In practice consistent for all UF digital projects, all digital archives (including redundant archives) are maintained. Currently the two primary archives are maintained by the UF Libraries and the Florida Digital Archive. UF maintains an internal ready-access archive of all files in UFDC. Files are saved to a tape archiving system and tapes are retained in environmentally controlled storage. Information about tapes and their contents are logged in the UF Digital Collections’ system (SeobekCM), with MD5 checksum numbers and file format and version information, in association with administrative and bibliographic metadata. The Databases queue disks and files for inspection every three years and migration every ten years or upon format obsolescence.

The Florida Digital Archive (FDA) is administered by UF and is a digital preservation partner with the UF Libraries. The FDA was initially funded in part by a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, and is now supported through the State University Libraries of Florida. Physically, all digital information is stored in off-line systems under FDA administration at UF’s NorthEast Regional Data Center on IBM Magstar 3590 extended length cartridges (i.e., magnetic tape). Cartridges are inspected routinely, refreshed as necessary, and periodically migrated to replacement media. All electronic data is
stored with MD5 checksum for verification of data integrity. Metadata is maintained in METS-compliant data structures. Bibliographic metadata, including cataloging, is also retained in FDA maintained and archived bibliographic systems. The software programmed to support the FDA is modeled on the widely accepted Open Archival Information System. It is a dark archive and no public access functions are provided. It supports the preservation functions of format normalization, mass format migration and migration on request. The process of forwarding original uncompressed TIFF images to the FDA is the key component in UF’s plan to store, maintain and protect this project’s object data.

**Building a Digital Jewish Newspapers Archive of the Future**

The digital archive of *The Jewish Floridian* newspapers will serve as an example of a successful first project to digitize a major Florida Jewish newspaper. This project will demonstrate what can be achieved through partnership efforts, and will form the first important stage in a long-term plan to create a comprehensive Florida Jewish Digital Newspapers Collection. A database of this nature, containing all of the Florida Jewish newspapers, will provide the first open access to a major primary resource tool for research into an important section of the American Jewish community.
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**CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

- Microfilm Conversion: $36,000

**TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**: $36,000

**LIBRARY MATERIALS**

**TOTAL LIBRARY MATERIALS**: $-

**SUPPLIES**

**TOTAL SUPPLIES**: $-

**TRAVEL**: $-

**EQUIPMENT**

**TOTAL EQUIPMENT**: $-

**OTHER (specify)**

- CNS/Storage for 128 reels: $12,346

**TOTAL OTHER**: $12,346

**TOTAL**: $48,346 + $18,104 = $66,450
Budget Narrative
October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012

UF Libraries - Key Personnel

The following cost share totaling $18,104 will be contributed to the project:

Rebecca Jefferson, Head, Price Library of Judaica, University of Florida Libraries (12% FTE totals $10,315 in salary and benefits) will serve as Principal Investigator for Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project. Jefferson will be responsible for transferring the reels of microfilm to and from the Preservation studio. After the digitization process is complete, she will create a landing page for the website of The Jewish Floridian with a bibliographic record describing its history. Jefferson will lead the production of publicity materials about the digital archive in coordination with Barbara Hood, the creation of flyers and announcements and links to the partner websites. She will be in charge of the outreach for the project and will make presentations on the digital archive and produce an article to be published in an accredited journal. She will be responsible for the partnership communication, the creation of teaching tools with Shelley Arlen at the UF Libraries and with staff at the partner institutions. She will review and edit the index created by the Jewish Museum of Florida, and prepare it for publishing online. Jefferson also will produce regular reports for the funding body and the partner institutions.

Shelley Arlen, Associate University Librarian, (3% FTE totals $2,153 in salary and benefits) will work with Rebecca Jefferson on the creation of an online video tutorial for using this important primary resource, The Jewish Floridian. Arlen will participate in instruction sessions for and the subsequent evaluation of the tutorial’s effectiveness.

James Clifton, Main Imaging Queue Coordinator (8% FTE totals $3,988 including benefits) will ingest the vended materials into the University of Florida Digital Collections and archive the materials to the Florida Digital Archive at the Florida Center for Library Automation.

Barbara Hood, Senior Information Specialist (.5% totals $337) will promote the project to the appropriate media outlets, both internal and external to the University of Florida.

Randall Renner, Project Manager for Operations & Digital Projects (1% FTE totals $605 including benefits) will supervise all digital production units, provide oversight for the digitization of workflow between digitization units, track production schedules, and facilitate communication and trouble-shooting between units.

Laurie Taylor, Interim Director of the UF Digital Library Center, (1% FTE totals $706 including benefits) provide oversight of the digital collection online presence and be responsible, in conjunction with Digital Library Center staff, for the archiving of the TIFF masters with the Florida Center for Library Automation.
The following expenses relate to the **LSTA funding request totaling $48,346** for UF Libraries:

**Microfilm conversion** will be completed by Creekside Digital/Lyrasis (**$280/microfilm reel**) and Backstage Library Works (cold vault storage) will release the master microfilm reels from storage and receive them when conversion is complete (**$1.25/reel**) for a total cost for 128 microfilm reels of **$36,000**.

**Data storage** will be provided by the University of Florida’s Computer and Networking Services to set up the collection for long-term and redundant storage for digital content of 128 digitized microfilm reels, for a total cost of **$12,346**. UF’s existing open access servers have the necessary memory and storage to support and deliver all of the digital images and metadata created during the project. As the project continues to grow beyond the grant period, DLC can easily scale if needed because UF has commodity storage and hosting supported through the Open Systems Group at UF which has a state of the art data center and bills for commodity-based storage services on a monthly basis. The UF Open Systems Group costs are dramatically lower than any commercial services and their services are offered to UF entities at costs. As their costs fall, which is a gradual process for enterprise level storage, the annual costs to the UF Libraries will similarly reduce. However, the annual costs will be nearly the same for the immediate future. The storage costs included in this grant are based on the actual costs the UF Libraries will incur for handling these files for the grant year.
Partnership Agreement
Library Services and Technology Act Grant

An agreement should be completed between the library and each partner. If another agreement or contract is already in place, it can be substituted for this form as long as the conditions listed below are included.

Library/Organization Name: University of Florida Libraries
Partnering Agency Name: Jewish Museum of Florida
Partner Mailing Address: 301 Washington Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139
Project Name: Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

We, the undersigned agree to provide the following programs, services, or activities:
1. Broadly promote the availability of The Jewish Floridian digital newspaper collection to JMOF constituents
2. Provide link to JMOF website and request the same from other affiliated organizations
3. Utilize the digital collection for exhibition development and other educational resources
4. Provide index for increased online access

We further agree to each of the following:
☑ To implement the project as presented in the project application and any project revisions.
☑ If the partner organization is a faith-based community organization, that the support received through the project will not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.
☑ That funds or services received will be used in accordance with the application and any applicable laws and regulations.
☑ Services will be provided at no charge and will be available to the target population.

Signature of Authorized Library Official
Judith C. Russell

Name of Authorized Library Official (print or type)
Dean of University Libraries
Title of Authorized Library Official
March 10, 2011
Date

Signature of Authorized Partner Official
Marcia Jo Zerivitz

Name of Authorized Partner Official (print or type)
Founding Exec. Director & Chief Curator
Title of Authorized Partner Official
Date
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Partnership Agreement
Library Services and Technology Act Grant

An agreement should be completed between the library and each partner. If another agreement or contract is already in place, it can be substituted for this form as long as the conditions listed below are included.

Library/Organization Name: University of Florida Libraries
Partnering Agency Name: Broward County Library
Partner Mailing Address: 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Project Name: The Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

We, the undersigned agree to provide the following programs, services, or activities:

- Add a link to the The Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project to the Broward County Library website
- Promote and demonstrate the service/collection through genealogy programs

We further agree to each of the following:

X To implement the project as presented in the project application and any project revisions.
X That funds or services received will be used in accordance with the application and any applicable laws and regulations.
X Services will be provided at no charge and will be available to the target population.

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Signature of Authorized Library Official
Robert E. Cannon
Name of Authorized Library Official
(print or type)
Director, Broward County Libraries Division
Title of Authorized Library Official
3/3/2011

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Signature of Authorized Partner Official
Judith C. Russell
Name of Authorized Partner Official
(print or type)
Dean of University Libraries
Title of Authorized Partner Official
03/04/2011
Date
Partnership Agreement
Library Services and Technology Act Grant

An agreement should be completed between the library and each partner. If another agreement or contract is already in place, it can be substituted for this form as long as the conditions listed below are included.

Library/Organization Name: University of Florida Libraries
Partnering Agency Name: Miami-Dade Public Library System
Partner Mailing Address: 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, 33130
Project Name: The Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

We, the undersigned agree to provide the following programs, services, or activities:

- Linking the digital collection and other available resources to our website
- Promoting availability and access to the collection
- Provide training to users of the digital collection
- Co-sponsoring workshops by Price Library of Judaica, for local users

We further agree to each of the following:
☑ To implement the project as presented in the project application and any project revisions.
☑ That funds or services received will be used in accordance with the application and any applicable laws and regulations.
☑ Services will be provided at no charge and will be available to the target population.

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Dean of University Libraries
Title of Authorized Library Official
March 2, 2011
Date

Signature of Authorized Partner Official
Raymond Santiago
Name of Authorized Partner Official
(print or type)
Director
Title of Authorized Partner Official
2/25/11
Date

LSTA Application
Chapter 1B-2.011(2)(d), Florida Administrative Code, DLIS/LSTA01, Effective-11/20/2001
Partnership Agreement
Library Services and Technology Act Grant

An agreement should be completed between the library and each partner. If another agreement or contract is already in place, it can be substituted for this form as long as the conditions listed below are included.

Library/Organization Name: University of Florida Libraries
Partnering Agency Name: Palm Beach County Public Library System
Partner Mailing Address: 3650 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach, 33406-4198
Project Name: The Florida Jewish Digital Newspaper Project

We, the undersigned agree to provide the following programs, services, or activities:

Establish a link to the collection in the Government Research Service section as a separate menu option within The Library System’s Genealogy Research webpage

Promote and demonstrate this service/collection through “Genealogy Research: the Next Generation” programs

We further agree to each of the following:
☑ To implement the project as presented in the project application and any project revisions.
☑ That funds or services received will be used in accordance with the application and any applicable laws and regulations.
☑ Services will be provided at no charge and will be available to the target population.

Judith C. Russell
Name of Authorized Library Official

John J. Callahan III
Name of Authorized Partner Official

Dean of University Libraries
Title of Authorized Library Official

February 24, 2011
Date

Signature of Authorized Library Official

Signature of Authorized Partner Official
Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

CERTIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

(Complete this form only if your library entity does not receive State Aid to Libraries or Multitype Library Cooperative grant funding.)

The University of Florida
(name of library governing body)

governing body for the George A. Smathers Libraries
(name of library/organization)

hereby certifies that the incumbent library administrative head,

Judith C. Russell
(name of incumbent)

has completed a library school program accredited by the American Library Association and is thereby eligible to apply for and administer a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

Signature

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Type name and title of authorized representative below:

Joseph Glover
Name

Provost
Title

There has been no change in the leadership of the UF Libraries.
March 9, 2011

Dr. Rebecca J. W. Jefferson
Head of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica
Department of Special & Area Studies Collections
George A. Smathers Libraries
PO Box 117010
Gainesville, FL 32612-7010

Dear Dr. Jefferson,

The Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF) enthusiastically supports the request for funding to digitize The Jewish Floridian, a newspaper that was published 1928-1990. In 1998, JMOF received a grant from the U.S. Newspaper Program and the Florida Newspaper Project (USNP/FL), which allowed it to put its original issues of The Jewish Floridian on microfilm. Since that time, JMOF has worked continuously on various aspects of digitization.

The primary challenge in making The Jewish Floridian useful for research has been the lack of indexing and digitizing to facilitate the search capability. One of the JMOF volunteers has been at the forefront of indexing the content. Initially, she digitized the 10,000 photos JMOF received with the issues of the newspaper, labeled them, and entered them into the JMOF collections database. Now, she is in the process of reading each issue and indexing the subject matter into our database.

The digitized Jewish Floridian will be an invaluable resource for exhibit research and planning, scholarly papers, families doing genealogical research, film producers, tour guides, authors and more.

The Jewish Museum of Florida, opened in 1995, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the Jewish history in Florida since 1763, when Jews were first allowed to settle here. The Museum is housed in two historic buildings that were formerly synagogues, which we renovated. A skylighted bistro connecting the two buildings and a Museum Store enrich the experience of exhibits and films.

The Museum’s mission is to examine how Jews form part of a dynamic mosaic of ethnic groups, all seeking to balance the traditions of their heritage with the values and customs of a larger society. The Museum is an institution committed to education and to raising public awareness in our diverse cultural community.

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305-672-5044 • fax 305-672-5935 • www.jewishmuseum.com
We serve as a role model for every ethnic group to preserve the heritage, history, culture, life and art of its people to insure continuity.

The 56 exhibits and 600 (to date) programs of the Museum are aimed at deepening the understanding between cultural groups, fostering tolerance and diminishing bigotry. Visitors have the opportunity to learn about Jewish contributions to the development of the State through visual and interactive displays, permanent and changing exhibitions, film documentaries and year-round public programming. The AAM Accredited Museum, opened in 1995, reaches students and adults and tourists from all over the state, nation and world. In one week, our visitor log reflects visitors from 30 different countries.

JMOF perceives that the Digitized version of *The Jewish Floridian* can serve JMOF and its constituents and the larger Jewish community in the following ways:

1. As a data source for JMOF to search in the mounting of exhibits based on its collection.
2. As a data source for other museums interested in doing research on the Jewish experience in Florida.
3. As a data source for educators or students, who are looking for information about Jewish life in Florida for course materials, classroom projects, or web quests.
4. As a data source for historians, who are doing research on Jewish life in Florida.
5. As a data source for Floridians or others, who are curious about various aspects of their family genealogy or family background.
6. As a data source for any professional who is looking at the types of information that can be found in newspapers, including feature stories on specific topics, advertisements for products and services, classified advertisements, obituaries, society pages or general historical, political, or cultural information.
7. As a data source for anyone in publishing, who is interested in including this content in publications.
8. In addition, JMOF agrees to serve as a trainer for the Digital Project for its constituents and colleagues.

JMOF is confident that it can successfully promote the Project to its constituents and colleagues through its current marketing program using the JMOF website, JMOF Tiles Newsletter, Email blasts to its database and press releases to the relevant local, state, and national organizations that would publish news of this project. In addition, it will work with the LSTA to support social media marketing and the creation of a Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Marcia Jo Zerivitz
Founding Executive Director & Chief Curator
February 24, 2011

Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director
Price Library of Judaica,
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611

RE: ‘The Jewish Floridian’ Digitization Project

Dear Dr. Jefferson,

The Palm Beach County Library System supports the goal of the Price Library of Judaica and the University of Florida (UF) to obtain LSTA funding for the digitizing of “The Jewish Floridian” newspaper collection as part of the UF Libraries’ mission of digitizing and preserving all newspapers in the State of Florida.

Our Library System serves a diverse community which includes a Jewish population of more than 250,000 residents. According to a recent study by the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, more than one-fifth of Palm Beach County residents are Jewish, putting the county behind only New York, Los Angeles and Chicago as the fourth largest Jewish community in the nation.

Allowing public access to “The Jewish Floridian” through the digitization project will provide an important historical resource for both our Jewish community and all persons interested in the history of our state. Through the use of public access computers in all our 15 branch locations, and future interconnecting web site links with the digital version of “The Jewish Floridian,” our trained staff of librarians is prepared to provide this valuable information resource to the public.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with the Price Library of Judaica and the University of Florida in “The Jewish Floridian” digitization project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John J. Callahan III
Library Director
March 3, 2011

Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director
Price Library of Judaica
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611

RE: “The Jewish Floridian” Digitization Project

Dear Dr. Jefferson:

The Broward County Libraries Division supports the Price Library of Judaica and the University of Florida (UF) in their efforts to obtain LSTA funding to digitize “The Jewish Floridian” newspaper collection as part of the UF Libraries’ mission of digitizing and preserving all newspapers in the State of Florida.

Allowing public access to the “The Jewish Floridian” through the digitization project will provide an important historical resource for those interested in the history of our state. Through a link on the Broward County Library website to the digital version of “The Jewish Floridian” and public programs, Broward County librarians will provide information on this valuable resource to our community.

We look forward to our partnership with the Price Library of Judaica and the University of Florida on “The Jewish Floridian” digitization project.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Cannon, Director
Broward County Libraries Division

REC:kcc
February 25, 2011

Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director
Price Library of Judaica
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611

RE: The Jewish Floridian Digitization Project

Dear Dr. Jefferson:

The Miami-Dade Public Library System is pleased to lend its support to the University of Florida’s LSTA proposal for digitizing the pre-1977 The Jewish Floridian newspapers.

As a partner in this project, we agree to:
- Link the collection to our website.
- Promote its availability and access.
- Host for local users.

We consider this collection to be an extremely valuable resource not only to those researching Florida history in general but especially for those people looking for specific insights into the legacies and milestones set by the South Florida Jewish community during the critical years between 1928-1977 when they made major contributions to the area’s growth. The Jewish Floridian will have important information about Jews who participated in the hotel, banking and construction industries and who also helped start Miami-Dade College and Florida International University.

As the ninth largest public library system in the country, Miami-Dade Public Library System prides itself in serving more than eight million visitors each year. Our patrons have access to more than 2000 public computers and a wide range of digital resources. We offer over 150 databases.

We look forward to being able to make this unique information available to the public as a partner of the The Jewish Floridian digitization project.

Sincerely,

Raymond Santiago
Library Director
Appendix A: Bibliography


Inventory to the Harry Simonhoff Papers: Manuscript collection no. 27, American Jewish Archives (http://americanjewisharchives.org/aja/FindingAids/simonhoff.html).

The Jewish Floridian, ed. Fred Shoctet.


Appendix B: The Jewish Floridian, 1949
Appendix C: Online Single-use of Newspapers Published After 1977

http://ufdc.ufl.edu/sobekcm/architecture/restrictions/singleuse

SINGLE-USE ACCESS RESTRICTION

NOTE: This feature is currently in beta testing and subject to change.

GENERAL CONCEPT

It may be desirable to restrict access to certain digital resources to only one user at a time. Restriction for single-use essentially checks out the material to an online user, making it unavailable for a period of time before it is returned to the "stack" for the next user.

Checking material back in is somewhat difficult in an online presence, since the user could view an image or page in their browser and then navigate away or spend some time comparing the image with other images. This is due to the fact that your computer does not notify the server when you are done viewing a web page.

Due to the issue discussed above, items are considered checked out for a period of time since last use. When the item is first accessed by a user, it is checked out to that user (via IP address). Each time the user interacts with the item, this fifteen minute clock is restarted. An item is returned to the digital stack when fifteen minutes have expired since the last request by the user who checked out the material.

USER INTERACTION

When a single-use item is viewed, a message appears below the item indicating it is single-use. This message is provided to ensure anyone expecting the material to be accessible via multiple machines in the future will be adequately forewarned. (view example)

If a user tries to view a checked out item, only the citation will be available for display. Any other images or material will be restricted and the user will receive a message indicating that the current item is checked out and to try again shortly. (view example)
Appendix D: Jewish Organizations in Florida

Synagogues

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

AVENTURA

AVENTURA TURNBERRY JEWISH CENTER - BETH JACOB
20400 NE 30 Avenue Aventura, FL 33180 | 305-935-0666 Fax: 305-931-2233 Rabbi Jonathan Berkun, Cantor David Munchnick.

BEIT DAVID HIGHLAND LAKES SHUL
2601 NE 205 Street Aventura, FL 33180 | 305-935-4140 Fax: 305-935-4155 Rabbi Moshe Rothchild

CONGREGATION AHAYAS
YISROEL CHABAD LUBAVITCH
21001 Biscayne Blvd, Aventura, FL 33180 | 305-933-0770 Fax: 305-933-0165 Rabbi Casriel Brusovskin

THE SAFRA SYNAGOGUE
19275 Mystic Point Drive Aventura, FL 33180

YOUNG ISRAEL OF AVENTURA
Upstairs at the Waterways
3575 NE 207th B-16 Aventura, FL 33280 | 305-931-5188 Fax: 305-457-0252

COCONUT GROVE

CHAT OF THE GROVE
3713 Main Hwy, Coconut Grove, FL 33133 | 305-445-5444 Fax: 305 445-5264

Rabbi Yakov Fellig

CORAL GABLES

TEMPLE JDEDA
5500 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33146 | 305-667-5627 Fax: 305-665-5834 Rabbi: Edwin C. Goldberg Rabbi: Judith Siegal Cantorial soloist: Jodi Rozental

GOLDEN BEACH

CHAT OF GOLDEN BEACH
19201 Collins Ave. Ramada Plaza Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160 | (786) 326-4770 Rabbi Chayy Amar

HOMESTEAD

TEMPLE HAITIKHVA/HOMESTEAD JEWISH CENTER
183 N.E. 8th St. Homestead, FL 33030

Rabbi 248-5724 Rabbi: Dr. Jack L. Sparks Cantorial soloist: Eilat Schmaibach

KENDALL

CHAT OF THE CENTER OF KENDALL
(College Park Shopping Center)
8700 South West 112 Street Kendall, FL 33176 | (305) 234-5654 Fax: (305) 230-2136 Rabbi Yoav Harlig

YOUNG ISRAEL OF KENDALL (O)
7880 S.W. 112 Street Kendall, FL 33156 | 305-232-6883 Fax: 305-232-6418 Rabbi Hershel Becker

MIAMI

ANSHES MESES CONGREGATION
2533 S.W. 19th Ave. Miami, FL 33133 | 305-834-7623 Fax: 305-670-5023 President: Milton M. Sarno Cantor: Sidney Samole

BET SHIRA CONGREGATION
7500 SW 120 Street Miami, FL 33156 | 305-238-2601 Fax: 305-238-5706 Rabbi Brian Schuldenfrei, Cantor Mark H. Kula Rabbi Emeritus: David H. Auerbach

BET DAV DAVID CONGREGATION
2625 SW 3rd Ave. Miami, FL 33129 | 305-854-3911 Fax: 305-285-5841 Rabbi Hector Epelbaum

CONGREGATION BETREIRA
9400 S.W. 87th Ave. Miami, FL 33176 | 305-593-1500 Fax: 305-279-4147

TEMPLE BET OR (RECONSTRUCTIONIST)
11715 SW 87 Avenue Miami, FL 33176 | 305-235-1419 Fax: 305-251-8262

TEMPLE BET OHAVAH SHALOM
6483 S.W. 8th St. Miami, FL 33144

Rabbi Nathan Byn, Spiritual Leader: Michael Klein

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF GREATER MIAMI
137 NE 19th St. Miami, FL 33132

Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz Cantor Karina Zilberman

TEMPLE SAMUEL-EL OR OLOM
10680 SW. 113 Place Miami, FL 33176

Rabbi Nathan Rose

HOLY SHUL DOWNTOWN
145 E. Flagler St. 3rd Floor Miami, FL 33131

Rabbi Faivel Daflin

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ADAS DEJ
225 37th St. Miami Beach, FL 33140

Rabbi 673-9428 Rabbi Judith Paeneth

ALL PEOPLES SYNAGOGUE
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Rabbi 673-5664 Fax: 305-532-9820 Rabbi Abraham Korr

BETH HAMIDRASH MAGEN AVRAHAM
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Rabbi Abraham Rabah Biton

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION
770 West 40th St. Miami Beach, FL 33140

Rabbi 651-1251 Fax: 305-532-0161 Rabbi Neal Turk

BETH JOSEPH CHAIM
CONGREGATION
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Rabbi 651-2150 President: Yoseph Shapiro

BETH-EL CONGREGATION GREATER MIAMI HEbrew ACADEMY
2400 Pine Tree Drive Miami Beach, FL 33140

Rabbi 652-6421 Fax: 652-6191 Rabbi Shimon Azulay

CONGREGATION BET JACOB
311 Washington Ave. Miami Beach, FL 33139

Rabbi 672-6150 President: Harold Edelstein

CONGREGATION BET TEFILAH
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Rabbi 658-1521 Rabbi Sholom Blank, Rabbi Lazer Rivkin

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Rabbi 673-5493 Fax: 305-531-7885

Rabbi: Sholom Blank

CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM
7055 Bonita Drive Miami Beach, FL 33141

Rabbi Pinchas Weiberman

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Rabbi Yosef Galimid

TALMUDIC UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
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200 178th St. Miami Beach, FL 33160

Rabbi Michael Alony Cantor David Lebovic

TEMPLE BENARROCH SEPHARDIC CONGREGATION
18101 Collins Ave. Miami Beach, FL 33160

Rabbi 931-4161 Rabbi Marc Benaroch

TEMPLE BETH SHMUDEL CUBAN HEbrew CONGREGATION
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Rabbi Shimon Dudi Cantor Moshe Buryyn

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM
4144 Chase Ave. Miami Beach, FL 33140

Rabbi 538-7231 Fax: 305-531-5428 Rabbi Gary Glickstein Rabbi Robert Davis

TEMPLE EMANUEL OF GREATER MIAMI
1701 Washington Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139 | 305-538-2503 Fax: 305-535-3134 Rabbi Leonid Feldman Cantor: Yehuda Shifman

TEMPLE MENORAH
620 75th St. Miami Beach, FL 33141

Rabbi Elliot Pearson

TORAT MOSHE-SEPHARDIC CONGREGATION OF FLORIDA
1200 Normandy Dr. Miami Beach, FL 33141

Rabbi 863-6308 Fax: 305-868-6124 Rabbi Abraham Benzaquen

YESHIVAH GEDOLAH OF GREATER MIAMI
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Rabbi 673-5664 Rabbi Shapiro, Rosh Yeshiva"n
Fax: Rabbi Abrams Massiah

YOUNG ISRAEL OF MIAMI BEACH
4221 Pine Tree Drive Miami Beach, FL 33140

Rabbi 538-4714

Rabbi Donald Bixon

MIAMI LAKES

CONGREGATION TIFERETH JACOB
5091 NW 151 St. #100 Miami Lakes, FL 33014 | 305-557-2651 Rabbi Marvin Rose

NARANJA LAKES

BN'AI ISRAEL AND GREATER MIAMI YOUTH SYNAGOGUE
16260 SW 288th St. Naranja Lakes, FL 33033

Rabbi 264-6488 Rabbi Ralph Glickman

NORTH BAY VILLAGE

KOLEL HARAMBAM CONGREGATION
7800 Hispanola Ave. North Bay Village, FL

CHABAD OF EAST BOCA RATON 120 N.E. First Avenue Boca Raton, FL 33432 (561) 417-7797 Fax: (561) 338-5274 Rabbi Ruvi New CONGREGATION B’NAI ISRAEL 2200 Yamato Road Boca Raton, FL 33431 (561) 241-8118 Fax: (561) 241-171 Asst. Rabbi: Robert Silvers Rabbi Richard D. Agler CONGREGATION BETH ADAM (H) P.O. Box 2579 Boca Raton, FL 33427 (561) 433-1769 President: B. D. Saul CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM 21301 Powerline Road Suite 300 Boca Raton, FL 33433 | 561-470-6226 Rabbi Yaakov Gibber CONGREGATION SHAAREI KODESH 19785 Hampton Dr. Boca Raton, FL 33434 561-852-6555 Rabbi: David Baum President: Nicole Katz CONGREGATION SHIRAT SHALOM PO Box 971142 Boca Raton, FL 33497 561-488-8079 Fax: 561-488-1947 Rabbi David Degani Cantor Lee Degani CONGREGATION TORAH OH B’RIDGE Villages 19164 Lyons Road Boca Raton, FL 33434 (561) 479-4049 Rabbi Chaim Shapira ERUV: North: North Gate, South: South Gate, East: Enclosed community, West: Enclosed.
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