Tampa’s Festival of Jewish Books & Conversations, will feature both nationally known authors and local writers who have published books on diverse topics including spiritual conversations, our relationship with food and some unbelievable yet true stories.

The book fest opens on Thursday, Oct. 26, and runs through Sunday, Oct. 29, with an “All Day of Authors” that from 10:30 a.m. through 8 p.m.

All festival events are open to the entire Tampa Bay community.

“Guests to book festival events do not need to be book lovers or readers, nor do they need to read the book being discussed,” said Brandy Gold, Tampa JC’s cultural arts director. “Every year our Jewish Book Festival Committee, led by Debbie Dolinow and Barbara Manners, select exciting authors covering amazing topics, always looking for fascinating conversations. Each event is presented in a compelling, entertaining and fun way. Always, we celebrate Jewish themes, authors and literature.”

Reservations are required for the Friday luncheon and are strongly encouraged for all other events. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit: www.jewishstampa.com.

All event programs will conclude with a book signing by the featured authors.

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On Sunday, Sept. 17 Chabad Young Professionals of Tampa and Chabad of USF led 43 volunteers on a relief mission to Naples, a community hit hard by Hurricane Irma.

The team was comprised of students and young adults from north and south Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota. In Naples they met up with teams from Miami and Orlando, forming a convoy of kindness to provide hope and assistance, to the people of the region.

Upon arrival, the volunteers broke into teams based on their skills and were then dispatched to locations across Naples and the Everglades. One team led by Aaron Silberman, an advisory board member of Chabad Chai of South Tampa, called the “heavy hitters,” were sent to the most difficult scenes, including patching a 10-foot hole in the roof of Rabbi Fishy Zaklos of Chabad of Naples.

The group then began driving to the location of someone who needed to be checked on. They arrived to find the home vacant, but the home next door had a huge tree hanging over its roof. The team knocked on the woman’s door, to find her in near desperation. A single mother, Joanne McWilliams, and her children were living in fear that the tree was about to smash through their roof.

A team of volunteers along with Rabbi Perry Backman, Rabbi Mendy Dobrosky, and Rabbi Fishy Zaklos help to remove debris from the home of a World War II hero, Katherine Nolan.

Gravesite visits suspended; damage estimate climbs

Chapel Hill cemetery is open for funerals but closed to other visitors due to damage from Hurricane Irma.

By BOB FRYER Jewish Press

Although Chapel Hill Memorial Park cemetery in Largo is still conducting burials, damage sustained during Hurricane Irma has forced closure of the grounds until further notice for those wishing to make gravesite visits.

The cemetery, owned by the non-profit Jewish Burial Society of Pinellas County, could remain closed to visitors for months, depending on how quickly funds are raised to repair the extensive damage.

Already, community members have contributed $12,000 for repairs, but that does not come close to the $93,000 needed to restore the facility to pre-storm conditions.

Efforts to raise the needed funds got a boost this week when the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties approved money for the Orleans

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Acclaimed rabbi to speak at Annual Campaign Kickoff

Rabbi David Wolpe, touted as one of the most influential rabbis in the world, will be the featured guest speaker for the Tampa Jewish Federation’s Annual Campaign Kickoff on Thursday, Nov. 2.

“Our mission as the Jewish people is so much bigger than any one of us,” Rabbi Wolpe has said. “Why? Because we do sacred, holy work and Federation is the best example of this paradigm: When we care, give, fight and love, we’re not alone.”

Rabbi Wolpe, spiritual leader of Sinai Temple in Los Angeles, has been on multiple lists of top rabbis and Jews. Time magazine named him the “Number One Rabbi” in America in Newsweek and named him one of the “50 Most Important Rabbis in America” for three years running. He also has been named one of the “50 most influential Jews in the world” by Fox News and one of the “50 most influential Jews in America” by The Forward.

Rabbi David Wolpe of Los Angeles

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Community Leadership Awards event set for Oct. 19

The Tampa Jewish Community Centers and Federation will present this year’s Community Leadership Awards ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., Tampa. This annual event recognizes those who have made a significant impact on the Tampa JCCs and Federation and other local Jewish community agencies. Each award is named after a beloved community member that embodies the principles of dedicated leadership, tikkun olam and commitment to enriching the continuity of Jewish life locally and worldwide.

JCCs and Federation award recipients:
- Judy Balaur – Bob Jacobson Memorial Award for Excellence
- Ashley Simon – Hope Cohen Barnett Young Leadership Award
- Kip Goulider – Charles Adler Young Leadership Award
- Betty Shalett – Leonnore Kesslar Women’s Division Leadership Excellence Award
- Pam Levenstone – Alice Rosenthal “It’s More Than Just a Job” Award
- Charlie George – Maril Jacobs Todah Rabah Award
- Rochelle Walk – Leo Levinson Award for Leadership Excellence
- Hillel Academy’s Maker Lab – Steve Marx Innovation Award

Community agencies award recipients:
- The Hattfield Family – Hillel Academy Outstanding Service Award
- Jim Annarelli – Hillels of the Florida Suncoast Appreciation Award
- Debbie Doliner – Tampa Jewish Family Services Sofia Maisler Leadership Award
- Abraham Marcadis – Tampa Orlando Pinellas Jewish Foundation Distinguished Trustee Award
- Jerome Messerman – Weinberg Village Volunteer Service Award

There is no charge to attend the awards ceremony. RSVPs are not necessary, but appreciated for catering purposes. Go to www.jewishtampa.com/CLA to RSVP online or call Michelle Gallagher at (813) 739-1687.

Rosh Hashanah at Weinberg Village

Residents at Weinberg Village applaud a performance by Bridgette Marie Ciccarello of Tampa during Rosh Hashanah celebration at the senior living center recently. Cicarello dresses in various ethnic costumes and travels the state to perform a variety of music to bring senior residents rhythms of the world.

Cantorettes concert to honor ‘Ladies of Jazz’

The Cantorettes, a trio of local female cantorial leaders, will present a tribute to the “Ladies of Jazz” on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. at Congregation Beth Am, 2030 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa. Cantorial leader Joy Katzen-Guthrie of Beth Am and Cantors Deborah Cannizzaro of Congregation Shaarai Zedek and Beth Schlossberg of Congregation Kol Ami, all of Tampa, make up the Cantorettes group.

The group performs throughout the Tampa Bay area. For this jazz show, they will be joined by pianist Robert Jarosh as they “Take the A Train,” and sing “Come Rain or Come Shine,” and many other classics.

There is no charge for this performance, but reservations are requested. To RSVP, call (813) 968-8511.

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For Isrealis, trend of scary clowns lurking after dark is no laughing matter

BY ANDREW TOBIN
JTA news service

TEL AVIV — Israelis aren’t particularly amused by a recent phenomenon in their country: teenagers dressing as clowns and lurking after dark. In fact, the costumed young people have caused a nationwide panic.

Since last week, dozens of the teens have been rounded up for scarfing passers-by in public places, and at least two of the incidents have happened in cities and towns as far flung as Afuha in the north and Beer-sheva in the south.

The phenomenon is reminiscent of the “killer clown” craze that swept the United States last year. In Israel, the trend has been widely attributed to the popularity of the recently released horror movie It, which is based on a Stephen King novel and features a terrifying clown with a ruthless nature.

In a Facebook post Tuesday, Oct. 3, police confirmed that they had detained “many youths who had frightened civilians throughout the country.”

In the central Israeli city of Rishon Lezi- on, four 16-year-old boys were arrested Monday, Oct. 2, for wearing clown masks to frighten visitors to a local park. The previous week, police detained an 18-year-old in central Ramele and four children younger than 12 in the Negev town of Dimona for similar acts.

A number of the detained were released after apologizing for clowning around, a number of incidents reportedly have resulted in injuries. According to a televi- sion report Oct. 3 on Israel’s Channel 10, two young men dressed as clowns pepper- sprayed a 10-year-old girl in Beersheba, while a 17-year-old male in the West Bank was lightly wounded when he fell while chasing a clown with a knife. The clowns, the source said, were well-armed and are generally attuned to the threat of terror- ism. Mix that with a ubiquitous rumor of scary clowns and it’s a potentially danger- ous dynamic.

Case in point: A Dimona resident expressed relief to Channel 2 on Oct. 2 that he didn’t spot a zany clown who had frightened someone dressed as a clown who startled him.

“As I was walking down the street on my way home in the middle of the night, someone jumped behind me with a clown costume and yelled at me — luckily I didn’t have a heart attack,” he said. “I had a pistol. Luckily I didn’t shoot him by mistake. This is really not funny.”

Indeed, both local and national officials are responding to the clown phenomenon as a laughing matter.

In their Facebook post Oct. 3, the Israeli Police voiced that “illegal” clown impersonators would continue to face “strict and uncompromising police enforcement.” At the same time, they urged the public “not to take this phenomenon lightly” and not to harm the youths, most of whom have not caused any harm to people or property.

The police described the scary clowns as part of an “international trend that has gath- ered momentum on social media.”

The United States over the decades has had its fair share of scary clowns. In the 1980s, the.Thomas the Clown case in which a group of teenagers dressed as clowns was found guilty of sexually assaulting children and adults.

In recent years, the phenomenon has spread to countries around the world. But Israel Police spokes- man Mickey Rosenberg told JTA on Oct. 4 that this was the first time the phenomenon had come to Israel in a serious way.

“We’ve seen a case here or there over the last few years but nothing on this kind of major or national level,” he said.

The Israeli news website Ynet reported that teenagers were circulating a list of sug- gested times and places that clowns “should work” across the country. A video of a clown who appears to be holding a knife in Beersheba is making the rounds on Israeli social media.

In response to what it said were reports by students of scary clowns “lying in wait for civilians and children,” the Education Minis- try issued guidelines Oct. 3 for handling the threats, including advising parents to “promote awareness of the issue” and report any encounters to the police.

For educators, the ministry advised, “It is important to emphasize and take into ac- count the age of the students. The conversa- tions must be adapted to their developmen- tal stage, and shouldn’t frighten but rather convey soothing messages and increase their sense of security.”

Meanwhile, many professional clowns in Israel are worried that their image is being tarnished by the impostors.

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“It’s frightening that our image is being tarnished by the impostors. Itzik Ozeri has performed for decades as Itzik the Clown in the local media, at parties and at Schneider Children’s Medical Center in Petach Tikvah. Safety is also a concern, he added. Ozeri said he was nearly assaulted on Oct. 3 — he was parked outside in Beersheba when a group of teenage boys walked by and, see- ing him in costume, one shouted, “It’s the clown!”

“The boys picked up stones to attack him, Ozeri said, but were stopped by a group of peers who explained, “This is Itzik the Clown. He’s a good clown.”

Ozeri said he understood the fear. Even his 25-year-old daughter, who grew up with a clown for a father, is afraid a clown will jump out at her on the streets at night. Still, Ozeri said he has faith that this phe- nomenon — like so many others — will pass.

“I believe in God, I believe everything will be OK,” he said. “Just like this came, it will very soon pass.”

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JCC to hold #GivingTuesday event on Nov. 28

A variety of activities are planned for #GivingTuesday on Nov. 28 to support the Jewish Family Community Centers and Fed- eration’s Annual Campaign.

The theme of the day is “Get Your Tzed-akah On!” and the Jewish community join in the day’s festivities at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 N. Howard Ave., by donat- ing, volunteering or simply showing up.

Activities also planned in conjunction with #GivingTuesday include a chance for folks to decorate their own tzedakah box, storey time for children, a stamp craft activ- ity, a sing-a-long and acting out #TheGivingTree by Shel Silverstein.

Of course there will be a nosh for all to enjoy.

Part of a global movement of giving back for the greater good, #GivingTuesday volunteers are needed to help make phone calls to ask for the community’s support. Volunteers can sign up now for available shifts for the entire family at jewishtampa.com.

#GivingTuesday event at the Glazer JCC, contact Michelle Gallagher at (813) 739-1687 or michelle.gallagher@jewishtampa.com.
The Sukkah at the End of the World

By Rabbi Nathan Farber
Congregation Shaarei Tefila

You may remember a kid decorating a Sukkah with colorful hangings, lights, and toys, taking turns waving the lulav and etrog. Yet far from a children’s playpen, the Sukkah is a powerful symbol of one of the most fundamental principles in Judaism. The Haggadah prayer includes the words, “Ufroh Aleinu Sukkah, Shalom Chamecha, over us the Sukkah” (Bava Batra 10:14a-b). Dating back at least from the 13th century, these prophetesses are identified the order a little differently). Yesod, “majesty,” Joseph is regarded as a great prophet from our forefathers world to come, all of human-kind will be united under a single great sukkah (Bava Batra 75a). At the conclusion of each of the seven days of Sukkot, it is regarded as a great honor to be visited by strangers. The sukkah is the only mitzvah in Judaism, every moment of joy, is interpreted to mean that we receive from God. They represent the seven lower sefirot, “majesty,” Joseph is regarded as a great prophet from our forefathers. According to the famous 16th century Jewish Renewal Rabbi Debrah Shenefelt, “In Judaism, every moment of joy, is interpreted to mean that we receive from God. They represent the seven lower sefirot.” According to the famous 16th century Jewish Renewal Rabbi Debrah Shenefelt, “In Judaism, every moment of joy, is interpreted to mean that we receive from God. They represent the seven lower sefirot.” Every single thing in Creation is regarded as a great prophet from our forefathers, magnified by sharing it with others. In fact without sharing, there can be no joy at all. Every joy shared among a community alone is merely selfish satisfaction. There is a final teaching about the Sukkah that we have the ability to adjoin each other in our world to come, all of human-kind will be united under a single great sukkah (Bava Batra 75a). At the conclusion of each of the seven days of Sukkot, it is regarded as a great honor to be visited by strangers. The sukkah is the only mitzvah in Judaism, every moment of joy, is interpreted to mean that we receive from God. They represent the seven lower sefirot, “majesty,” Joseph is regarded as a great prophet from our forefathers.

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Bunco night: On Thursday, October 27, at 6 p.m. come play bunco. No experience necessary. The rules of bunco are very simple.

Annual meeting: On Sunday, October 29 at 11 a.m. the membership will meet for its annual meeting, which will include voting.

Cong. Schaarai Zedek
Bless the animals: In honor of Parashat Naschach, the story of Noah and the Ark, and Rabbis and the Cantor will bless congregants’ pets on the portico at 11 a.m. October 23.

Filmmaker at Star Event: The Feminist Star Event featuring guest speaker Nancy Spielberg will take place on Monday, October 25, with registration at 10 a.m. and lunch and program at 11 a.m. Spielberg, the sister of filmmaker Steven Spielberg, is an award-winning documentary film producer. Among her films is About A Boy, which is about foreign volunteer amazons who fought for Israel’s independence. She is currently working on a movie entitled, Who Will Write Our History: The Secret Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto, due out in 2018.

The Star event is the Schaarai Zedek’s primary fundraising event. For more information about the event, cost and call, the temple at (813) 876-2377.

Senior luncheon: The Opera Tampa Singers, led by artistic director, John Luecke, will perform on Thursday, October 25 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The performers are from the resident company of the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. The Amy Gail Buchman Preschool Singers will also perform. There is no charge but reservations are requested. RSVP to (813) 876-2377 or email office@zeder.org.

Global problems, Israeli solutions: Some of the world’s most pressing problems are beטרשישץ by Israel. In the past year, Israel has developed technology to solve problems that affect the whole world. RSVP online www.zeder.org/RSPV, or call the temple at (813) 876-2377.

Intro to Judaism: B’nai Richard Birebol and Nathan Farber will lead a 10-part Introduction to Judaism series on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Dec. 20. The lectures cover the basics of Judaism, including beliefs, observances, and holidays. There is no charge for the classes but books for the course are purchased.
Parade of pets: The annual parade of pets and birkat behemoth (Blessing of the Animals) will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the north parking lot at the synagogue. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children, with a maximum family cost of $36. There will be refreshments and dessert.

Kol Ami’s Got Talent: Join in an exciting entertainment featuring performances from Kol Ami’s most talented members on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the social hall. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children, with all proceeds benefiting worthy charities. The Needle Workers will provide floral arrangements, as well as small bags of dog or cat food to be donated to Tampa Jewish Family Services.

Sephardic cooking class: In conjunction with the classes on Sephardic Jewry, Sheila Fishman will present a program about Sephardic cooking on Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. She will discuss the history of Sephardic cooking, share a recipe, and share some insights into this exotic way of preparing foods.

Practical kabbalah: The cost is $18 per class, or $72 for the full series. Participants will ponder the physical, psychological, and spiritual benefits of rest. Course on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. will be offered as part of a new Rosh Chodesh Society.

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Fact:

Israel has an abundance of water and the answers to help the rest of the planet with its growing water crises.

**BOOKFEST**

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Opening night

The festival’s opening night will feature Stephen Tobolowsky, author of *My Adventures with God*, at the Tampa JCC on the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13069 Community Campus Drive, on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 and include cocktails and hor d’oeuvres buffet.

A quintessential character actor, Tobolowsky has appeared in more than 100 movies and 200 TV shows, including unforgettable roles in *Mississippi Burning*, *Groundhog Day* and *Glee*. He turned the lens on himself when he debuted a serial podcast of personal stories, *The Tobolowsky Files*, which became a cult phenomenon for his witty, introspective storytelling.

“My Adventures with God is a funny, autobiographical collection of stories that tells of a boy growing up in the wilds of Texas, finding and losing love, finding and losing himself – told through the prism of the Torah and Talmud, mixed with insights from science, and refined through a child’s sense of wonder. It includes catastrophe and triumph and Tobolowsky’s evolving relationship with the mystery that is God.

Friday luncheon

Stephanie Arnold, author of 37 Seconds – *Dying Revealed Heaven’s Help, A Mother’s Journey*, will be featured at a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 27. Arnold began receiving mysterious but strong premonitions that she would die during the delivery of her second child. Nobody believed her, but Arnold that lined and died on the operating table for 37 seconds, leaving everyone she had told in disbelief. She had suffered a rare and often fatal condition called an amniotic fluid embolism (AFE). Arnold’s story is filled with documentation and medical witnesses. Even a doctor told her that she could give her a medical explanation, but Arnold flatly refused her, believing her, but Arnold flatly refused her recommendation that she “go spiritual on this matter.” Arnold’s life was plenty dramatic during her pregnancy, but he recommended that she “go spiritual on this matter.”

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Saturday, Oct. 28

• Peter Gethers, author of *My Mother’s Kitchen – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and the Meaning of Life*.

**Sunday, Oct. 29

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15 and include coffee and morning nosh.

**Monday, Oct. 30

• Scott Wachtler, author of *And It Rained at Midnight*. Tickets are $15.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31

• Scott Wachtler, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Wednesday, Nov. 1

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Dying Revealed Heaven’s Help, A Mother’s Journey*. Tickets are $15 and include coffee and morning nosh.

**Thursday, Nov. 2

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Friday, Nov. 3

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Saturday, Nov. 4

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Sunday, Nov. 5

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• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Thursday, Nov. 9

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

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• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

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**Thursday, Nov. 16

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**Friday, Nov. 17

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Saturday, Nov. 18

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.

**Sunday, Nov. 19

• Iris Ruth Pastor, author of *Atonement: 365 Days of Living Life to the Fullest*. Tickets are $15. The book will include coffee and morning nosh.
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Donnie Kanter Winokur, an award-winning writer, international speaker and human rights advocate, will give a presentation at 3 p.m. about her book, Chancer: How One Good Boy Saved Another – A Memoir of Family, Hope and a Service Dog. Tickets are $5.

Winokur and her rabbi husband never imagined their heart-wrenching struggle after adopting two infants from Russia. Her fairy tale of becoming a mother weighing and the response of his family. Desperate, she turns to an untested, four-pawed solution: a golden retriever service dog named Chancer.

Accompanying Winokur’s presentation will be local families who have been helped by service dogs and service dogs from Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Local author Bill Sefekar will talk at 4:30 p.m. about his book, American Dreamer: A Look Into the Life of My Father, Joe Baby. Tickets are $5.

Sefekar spent years working with his father, reviewing his personal journey, writings and memora-bilia before he passed away in 2014 at the age of 97. The story features love, courage, humanity and faith, all percolating from an immigrant World War II Bronze Star hero.

Glenn Frankel, author of High Noon, The Hollywood Blacklist and the Making of An American Classic, will speak at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 and include a 5:30 p.m. pre-program dinner buffet and a post-pro- gram showing of the film High Noon.

O ne of Holl-ywood’s most enduring classics, High Noon was a low-budget Western written and produced by two sons of Jewish immigrants and directed by a Jewish man from Vienna. What history has mostly overlooked, until now, is that it was written and filmed during the height of the Red Scare and the Hollywood Blacklist. Jews were the main targets of the Red hunters and Jewish studio heads and community leaders faced a crisis of conscience. The book describes the film’s journey, including the Jewish screenwriter who faced a subpoena to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee during the film shoot, the terrible choices he weighed and the response of his friends, business partners and the Jewish community.

Frankel worked for the Washington Post in London, South Africa and Jerusalem, where he won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting. He has taught journalism at Stanford and the University of Texas, is a past National Jewish Book Award recipient and a past finalist for the Edith Wharton Book Prize.

Featured authors in the Jewish Festival of Books & Conversations are primarily selected from the approximately 250 authors of new books represented each year by the Jewish Book Council, based in New York City. The Council annually select the top new books containing a Jewish theme or written by a Jewish author, as a means of supporting and promoting Jewish literature.

A Jewish Festival Book Store will be open at the JCC on the Cohn Campus throughout the festival. All books being featured in the Festival will be available at the store, as well as $1-$5 unedited pre-published versions of books received from the Jewish Book Council.

The Jewish Book Festival will continue its Book & Conversations with a series of book discussions and wine-tasting Sip & Skype programs in 2018.

The Gemunder Family Foundation is the Jewish Books & Conversations presenting sponsor. Other sponsorships can be obtained by contacting Michelle Gallagher at (813) 729-1687 or michelle.gallagher@jewishtampa.com. For more information about the 2017-18 Jewish Book Festival, contact Gold at (813)769-4725; brandy.gold@jewishtampa.com.
Joy Katzen-Guthrie to perform Yiddish, Broadway and Hollywood tunes

Joy Katzen-Guthrie, a cantorial leader and recording artist, will present “Tradition! A Concert of Yiddish Songs and Broadway & Hollywood Classics” at an event put on by Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m.

The concert, open to the public and appropriate for all ages, will take place at Unity of Tampa, 3302 W. Horatio St., Tampa. Admission is $10 at the door. Children 12 and under will be admitted free.

For more than three decades, Katzen-Guthrie has been a professional composer/lyricist, recording/concert artist and cantorial soloist in the Tampa Bay area. Katzen-Guthrie serves as cantorial leader for Tampa’s Reform Congregation Beth Am.

She has devoted herself to Jewish music and music of many genres and has performed and recorded music from the American Popular Songbook, Broadway, Tin Pan Alley, and America’s historical music in addition to sharing her original music.

With a performance repertoire of some 4,000 songs, she shares a vast knowledge of music history in congregation, classroom, concert hall and in 14 published recordings.

For the last 17 years, she has been a concert artist and instructor for Eckerd College Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) and Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes of Eckerd College and University of South Florida. Her music can be found online at http://joyfulnoise.net.

Humanistic Jews of Tampa Bay is a havaruta affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, which is interested in the history and culture of the Jewish people and in celebrating the holidays and observing lifecycle events with non-theistic ceremonies.

For more information, contact Jeff Lipkes at (813) 701-9685, email Menorah@umanature.net or to www.meetup.com/Humanistic-Jews-of-Tampa-Bay/.

Jewish lawmaker who opposed Iran deal leads push to have Trump abide by agreement

WASHINGTON (JTA) – Rep. Ted Deutch, D-FL and a senior House Democrat who opposed the Iran nuclear deal, is leading an effort to persuade President Donald Trump to abide by the agreement.

“One of us voted for, and some against the Iran nuclear agreement,” said the letter to Trump with signatures from 160 Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives – the vast majority of the caucus. “Nonetheless, we are united in our belief that enforcing this agreement to the fullest extent will provide the United States with more leverage to stop a potential Iranian nuclear weapons program and push back on Iran’s destabilizing activities.”

Deutch, who is Jewish and close to the pro-Israel establishment, is the latest erstwhile critic of the deal to say that quitting the deal would create a solid front among Democrats against other signatories to the deal and U.S. allies – and who would wound attempts to force Iran to stand down on its non-nuclear bad acts. Last week, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-MD – also close to the pro-Israel community and Jewish, forcefully argued against ditching the deal.

ADL urges Floridians to take stand against hate on Oct. 20

The Anti-Defamation League has designated Friday, Oct. 20, as No Place For Hate Day throughout Florida.

The statewide initiative is meant to unite communities in taking a stand against intolerance.

No Place for Hate is already a program the ADL uses to designate schools and religious centers as safe spaces and teaching organizations how to combat intolerance in the workplace. Making it an official day was the ADL’s way to amplify the message in response to the rise in racial, religious and ethnic bias in Florida and across the country.

“This challenges call for a strong response. Our voice is not enough. In the spirit of unity, we will declare as Floridians that hate will be challenged whenever and wherever it manifests,” said ADL Florida Regional Director Sheri Zvi. “The most effective response to hate speech is civil speech, and more of it. Extremist groups have doubled-down on making social media a platform for indoctrinating others.”

The ADL is asking people to participate in four ways:

1) Inviting staff, colleagues, students, or constituents to wear a No Place For Hate pin or sticker. Limited quantities are available from ADL. Contact ADL at floridajadl.org or (561) 988-2990 for more details on how to print them on your own.

2) Amplifying the impact of No Place For Hate Day by taking pictures and posting them on social media using #NoPlaceForHate on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Tweet @ ADL_Florida or ADL Florida on Instagram, and/or mention ADL Florida in your Facebook post.

3) Collecting proceeds to benefit ADL’s work of standing up to bigotry and extremism – with personal or company online fundraising efforts or other innovative ways to spread the message against hate.

4) Using ADL educational and anti-bias resources, including resources for educators, parents, and families, curricula and family “table-talk” guides.

For more information, visit www.ADL.org.
The one thing I learned about achievement

Editor’s Note: Iris Ruth Pastor will discuss her book, Tales of a Bulimic Babe – Simple Wisdom to Live the Life You Crave, on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC as part of the Jewish Festival of Books and Conversations.

Riddle: What’s an annual event that costs money to attend, pits you against the most talented and enterprising, and gives you no more than two minutes to strut your stuff?

Hint: Jewish authors travel near and far to attend, in the hopes of enticing representatives from cities across the nation to invite them to speak in their communities.

Answer: The Annual Jewish Book Council Conference in New York City every spring. Six hundred fifty attend. Two hundred fifty present. I was a presenter.

The first crisis was figuring out what to wear.

A smashingly original outfit? That would be my cheerleading costume?

Something boho and outrageous? That would be my flowing mauve-acquainted robe, cowboy boots and denim skirt.

Boring and innocuous? Black no-wrinkle trousers and a cream colored blouse.

I consulted my sister - more of a fashion guru than me. “Lose the boho - you’re outrageous enough,” she admonished me. “And leave the cheerleading costume home in the closet. For Pete sakes, you’re sixty-nine years old. Can’t you act like a professional for once?”

“Wear the pants and blouse and throw on a strand of pearls,” I took her advice - reluctantly. Well, actually, quite begrudgingly. And in a pissy mood.

I wanted to say more:

That I cried as the needle on the scale inchedin further and further north

That whenever I wriggled into too tight jeans, I vowed to start a diet the very next day

That I started every diet with high hopes and great resolve, only to go off at the first stirrings of hunger

That I wished my mood depended less on how much I weighed and more on my accomplishments, effort and talents

That I got more attention when I was thin and blended-in with the crowd when I was not

There wasn’t time. Instead, I said:

Shedding my story helps me once again realize that people who love you love you in spite of your imperfections

Nobody can make you feel as bad as you make yourself feel

Weight: it’s the battle so many fight - privately and/or publicly

I’ve been there. There’s a way out.

Life is as good as you decide to make it

Life is good because I decided to make it this way

There was silence when I finished. And then resounding applause. And that’s when I realized maybe I had done something pretty awesome after all.

Writing this book set my inner demon free.

I hope reading it will do the same for yours.

Tales of a Bulimic Babe – Simple Wisdom to Live the Life You Crave by Iris Ruth Pastor.

Iris Ruth Pastor

Tales of a Bulimic Babe – Simple Wisdom to Live the Life You Crave. You can buy a book or join us Oct. 29 at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC for a presentation by our author.

The One Thing I Learned About Achievement

Iris Ruth Pastor

Some of the first things I learned about eating disorders came from my own experience...
The Jewish Alliance to End Domestic Abuse (JAEADA), a program of Jewish Women International, along with the Pinellas County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DVTF) are presenting a performance of The Yellow Dress at the St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. This one-woman show is based on the experiences of women who were victims of dating violence or sexual assault.

“The Yellow Dress,” a presentation of Deana’s Educational Theater, is a powerful play that tells the story of a young woman who is involved in a relationship that begins as bonded and insured to meet your quality standards. All caregivers are highly screened, trained, bonded and insured to meet your quality standards. Right at Home offers caregiving services for almost any family and practically any situation.

Today CBS This Morning has served as a commentator on the move of the embassy to Jerusalem since assuming office in January. Trump told Huckabee: “I want to give that a shot because that is a shot before I even think about moving the embassy to Jerusalem,” Trump told Huckabee.

Moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem was a Trump campaign promise, which he has not yet signed to the Jerusalem Embassy Act passed by Congress in 1995, which mandates delaying the implementation of the embassy to Jerusalem for intervention and reinforces the concept that verbal, emotional and physical violence are never acceptable in any relationship,” said Chairperson Ellen Woll. Lissette Campos of ABC Action News will serve as emcee, and The Real Clash Band will perform. The program is free to all students with a valid student I.D. and is especially appropriate for those in high school and college. Other adults are also welcome. Cost is $10 at the door (cash or check made out to JWI). Reservations are requested by Monday, Oct. 16, via email to jaeda1492@brighthouse.com.

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**Scientist who fled Nazis among Nobel Prize in Physics winners**

The play is meant to help view-ers identify the warning signs of abusive behaviors and suggest ways to assist friends and family members who may be in an abusive relationship.

“JAEADA believes that this pow-erful production gives the audi-ence accurate information, tools for intervention and reinforces the concept that verbal, emotional and physical violence are never acceptable in any relationship,” said Chairperson Ellen Woll. Lissette Campos of ABC Action News will serve as emcee, and The Real Clash Band will perform.

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**NYF Federation, Miami WIZO send planes with aid to Puerto Rico; one returns with New Yorker in time for his son’s wedding**

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**WOLFE**

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Rabbi Wolfe offered the benediction at the 2012 Democratic Convention. He has served on the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York, the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, Hunter College, and UCLA.

He is the author of many books and articles, including regular columns for the New York Jewish Week, Washington Post “On Faith,” as well as periodic contributions to the Jerusalem Post, The Los Angeles Times and many others.

He has been featured in series on PBS and A&E, and has served as a commentator on Face the Nation, the Today show, CNN and CBS This Morning.

Rabbi Wolfe is the author of eight books, including the national bestseller Making Loss Matter: Creating Meaning in Difficult Times. Rabbi Wolfe’s most recent book is, David, The Divided Heart, which won a finalist for the National Jewish Book Awards, and has been optioned for a movie by Warner Bros.

**EMBASSY**

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In June, Trump signed a waiver delaying the implementation of the Jerusalem Embassy Act passed by Congress in 1995, which mandates delaying the implementation of the embassy to Jerusalem for one year. The waiver can be signed every six months and has been signed by every president since the law was passed. It will come up again in January 2018.

Trump also said during the inter-view of the yet unannounced plan that his administration is “working on a plan that everybody says will never work, because for many, many years it never worked – they say it’s the toughest deal of all, peace between Israel and the Palestinians, so we’re going to work on that, and if that doesn’t work, which is possible, to be totally honest – some people say it’s impossible, but I don’t think it’s impossible, and I think that’s something that can happen, and I don’t want to make any predictions.”

Trump has called making peace between Israel and the Palestinians the ”ultimate deal.”

During the interview with Huck-abee, which called the Iran nuclear deal “terrible” but did not say whether or not he would pull the United States out of the agreement, “I can tell you I’m very unhappy with the deal. The spirit is not there,” he said.

“You will see what I will be doing… Iran is a bad player and they will be taken care of as a bad player,” he also said.

Huckabee is the father of White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

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Family Field Day to feature games, relays, water play

Tampa Jewish Family Services (TJFS) is partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay to hold its fourth annual Fall Family & Friends Field Day on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 12:15 – 2:30 p.m.

The community-wide event will be held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC and is free to attendees with a donation of a canned food item for the TJFS Community Food Bank.

The event will feature family-friendly games and relay races, entertainment including a photography booth and pet therapy. Kids should bring a bathing suit and/or change of clothes, as the JCC will open its splash pad for water play.

“The Fall Family Field Day is a wonderful way to bring families together to enjoy a day of fun and games. Holding this event is our way of instilling philanthropy and tikvah ofam (repairing the world) in our children,” said Michael Barnett, Tampa Jewish Family Services CEO. “Having it this year at the new Bryan Glazer Family JCC will allow us to reach even more families. It is also an opportunity for Big Brothers and Sisters to bring their little to a fan community event and participate in all the activities we’ll be providing.”

The event is open to the entire community. For more information or to register, contact TJFS at info@tjfs.org or (813) 960-1848.

Obituaries

STEPHEN BRAGIN, 87, of Belleair, died Sept. 12. Born in New York, he grew up in Tampa, later moving to Pinellas County. Active in the community, he served in many organizations, including Temple B’nai Emet in Clearwater, he was a past president, a board member and past president of its Brotherhood. He was an officer for South East Region for Reform Temples and a co-founder and first lay appointee for Union of American Hebrew Congregations Commission on Jewish Education. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, he served in the Korean War. He was an officer of David Bloge & Co. Inc. and trust officer for Bigne Trust Company. He spent 10 years as regional development director for the University of South Florida, and then the development director of the Gulf Coast Museum of Art. Survivors include his children, Jamie and Mark, and his grandchildren. (Curlew Hills Memory Gardens)

ALFRED D. HAUBENSTOCK, 100, of Tampa, died Oct. 4. Born in New York, he spent most of his life in Tampa. He served as a first lieutenant and served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps. He owned several businesses including Southern Furniture Exchange and Carriage House Interiors (Ethan Allen). Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Audrey; sons and daughters-in-law, Mark Haubenstock and Susan Robinson, Steven and Susan Haubenstock, and sons-in-law, Karen Haubenstock and Artie Jacobowitz, Norma Haubenstock and John Estle, and Gal Haubenstock-Alten and Bart Allen; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Congregation Schaarai Zedek. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

JEFFREY W. HYMAN, 56, of Tampa, died Sept. 25. He was an animal lover, spending much of his time at horse shows and in the country teaching young riders to love and care for animals. Survivors include his wife, Nicole; two daughters-in-law, Jamie Glazer; brother and sister-in-law, Rand and Karen Hyman. The family suggests memorials to the Susanoa Animal League in Palm Harbor. (Segal Funeral Home, Both David Chapel)

JEROME “JERRY” JACKOWITZ, 81, of Valrico, died Aug. 22. He moved to Florida 15 years ago from his native New York. He was a film editor. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Sarah Valentino; sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew and Lori Jackowitz of New York; Russell and DIane Jackowitz of West Palm Beach; Matthew and Teresa Jackowitz of Hawthorne, N.Y.; Evan and Renée Jackowitz of Rhode Island; brother, Robert Jackowitz of Livestock, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Big Cats Rescue in Tampa. (Segal Funeral Home, Both David Chapel)

MICHAEL JOHNN JUDELSON, 61, of Tampa, died Sept. 17. He grew up in Patchogue, N.Y. Survivors include his parents, Morton and Elizabeth Judelson; sisters and brothers in-law, Dana and William Rockwell, Judith and Frederick Davies, Dr. Debra Judelson and AJ Willner; son, David Spencer; daughter and son-in-law, Sabrina and Sandy Solomon; four grandchildren. (Segal Funeral Home, Both David Chapel)

JAMES SORRELL, 67, of Clearwater, died Sept. 9. He had been a first responder, serving with the Hillsborough County Fire and Rescue Department for 33 years. For several years he was a member of Aeromedical Transport serving Tampa General Hospital. He was a member of Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa. Survivors include his sister, Diane Hunter; two nieces, Kelly Sapp and Tracy Milosevich.

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Maggie Gamsom
Maggie Gamsom, daughter of Michael and Lorinda Gamsom of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Congregation Beth Am in Tampa.

An eighth grade student at Hil- lert Academy, Maggie is active in school and club sports, including basketball, soccer and lacrosse. An active member of the Bay area Jewish youth com- munity, she has worked professionally on stage as part of Busch Gardens Iceploration show, and appeared in numerous shows around the area. She won a N.A.C.Y. award for starring in the production of "Dance From the Dead," and has been nominated for a Best of the Bay award, and recently took home Best Supporting Actress in the statewide theater competition host- ed in Winter Haven.

Mara Elizabeth Goldberg-Blander
Mara Elizabeth Goldberg- Blander, daughter of Jen Goldberg and Marc Blander of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Congregation Mekor Shalom in Tampa.

A tenth grade student at Hil- lert Academy, Mara was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. She has performed in musical theater and enjoys being a summer camp- er at Camp Ramah Darom for the past five years.

A celebration will be hosted at the JCC Cohn Campus on Satu- rday, Oct. 14.

Mark Cuban considering run for president
(JTA) – The Jewish owner of the Dallas Mavericks of the National Basketball Association said he is "considering" a run for president.

Mark Cuban, 59, who calls him- self an Independent, said in a pod- cast released Tuesday, Oct. 3, that he is "Considering, yes. Ready to commit to it, no."

He said, "I can win because I can convince more people to vote for me. Then, if I don’t win, I won’t run."

A billionaire from Dallas, Cuban regularly appears as an investor on the ABC reality series Shark Tank.
3 teachers visit Eastern Europe to bring Holocaust training to Florida schools

By THAIS LEON-MILLER
Jewish Press

What struck Larry Grimes was the stillness.
He walked through a dense forest outside of Vilnius, Lithuania. As he and the rest of his group walked along a worn trail between the trees, it opened into a broad clearing of green grass covering several hills. A small plaque was the only indication they had reached one of the country’s Holocaust burial pits.

“Walking through the woods, it’s so quiet and peaceful,” said Grimes. “These people took the same walk. When you find them, these small mounds and markers, it’s very powerful. They were just left that way.”

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) selected 19 educators from middle and high schools and Holocaust center educators from 11 states to participate in its 2017 European Study Program. Once those chosen went through training to become Alfred Lerner Fellows, they are eligible to take part in the international trip.

The group, which traveled to Lithuania and Poland, included three educators from Florida: Maureen Carter, Larry Grimes, and Brad Weinberg. The summer program brought the chosen instructors to Holocaust sites to help them gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of the Holocaust. Two groups participated this summer, one traveled to both Lithuania and Poland and the other focusing entirely on the history and destruction of Poland’s Jewry.

Larry Grimes, a former instructor at the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg, said visiting these sites makes it easier for students to understand the history of what happened. Grimes, who had visited various sites of genocide over the years, including Rwanda and Cambodia, said being able to show pictures and tell firsthand stories about personal experiences in these places sticks with the groups he addresses as a museum volunteer.

Grimes, who is not Jewish, said, “It’s one of those things, whether you’re Jewish or not, you have to appreciate the gravity of the situation.”

When Maureen Carter was 11 years old, her mother gave her a copy of The Diary of Anne Frank. She was struck by the horror of Frank, who spent two years in hiding with her family, only to meet her end in a concentration camp. Carter tried to find more books about the Holocaust, but couldn’t find many back then. Instead, she would read books about World War II and find the Holocaust was “hidden under the words.” She never stopped searching for and learning more information about the terrible tragedy.

She became a history major. “I had the nerdy gene,” she said. After she raised her children she became a teacher at age 41 and has been teaching for 23 years. She is the Holocaust studies program planner for the Palm Beach County school system.

Carter is not Jewish, but always felt a strong desire to not only learn about the Holocaust, but also make sure others learned about it as well. She teamed up with JFR in the past to host exhibitions and helped set up events with Holocaust survivors starting in fifth grade and up.

“We have a pretty vibrant program here in Palm Beach,” she said. “We’re 75 years out; you can see the distance [from the events of the Holocaust]. With students, you have to make it relevant.”

Carter said that traveling with
Museum records local woman’s story: Of 96 crammed into boxcar, only 5 survive Holocaust

Holocaust Survivor Judith Szasz was 16 years old when she and her mother Magda and 6-year-old sister Emilia were loaded into a boxcar in Miskolc, Hungary, in 1944 and sent to the Nazi German Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland.

There were 96 people in that boxcar and only five survived the Holocaust. Judith was one of the survivors; her mother and sister were killed at Auschwitz.

The story of Judith Szasz, now Judith Szentivanyi, 89, of St. Petersburg, is one of 25 survivor stories that the Florida Holocaust Museum will be posting on its website in conjunction with the museum’s 25th anniversary.

Here is an excerpt from that story:

After four or five days [in the boxcar], Judith arrived at Auschwitz-Birkenau. “There were German soldiers standing around, and they selected people, some right, some left,” Judith recalls. “The decision was the following: all the mothers with children were sent to one side, also all the old people, and all those people who looked not completely healthy. The rest, including me, were sent to the other side.” Judith was separated from her mother and 6-year-old sister during the selection.

“I wanted so much to go with them but they did not let me know,” Judith recalls. “Somebody told me that they went to ‘H Lager.’ Later I asked a German guard where the ‘H Lager’ was, and he told me that is the Heaven Lager.”

Judith was held at Auschwitz-Birkenau for several days. The prisoners’ heads were shaved and women were given a single striped dress to wear. Judith was soon loaded again onto a boxcar and taken to the Plaszow labor camp near Krakow, where she was held for roughly five months.

The full story can be found at https://www.flholocaustmuseum.org/survivor-stories/story-7.-judith-szentivanyi/.
One of the most memorable moments came when a group visited a nursing home that had been without power for days and was running dangerously low on supplies. The volunteers provided them a truckload of drinks, snacks and clothes, as well as toiletries. The women began to pray in thanks for G-d’s help in the form of the volunteers. One lady told a student, “You’re a beautiful angel.”

Bill Barnett, the mayor of Naples, put it best when he addressed the group. “We needed your help, and you’ve answered the call, and we will not forget the kindness you’ve shown today.”

Rabbi Mendy Dubrowski of Chabad Chai of South Tampa and Rabbi Pinny Backman of Chabad USF commented on how inspired they were by the devotion of so many students and young professionals to help those most in need.

Rabbi Dubrowski, who helped organize the Naples trip, said that in addition to that effort, a U-Haul truck full of supplies was sent to Key West through Caring for the Keys, an organization started by a Chabad USF Alumnus who now is part of Chabad Young Professionals. Chabad Florida headquarters is continuing to send supplies and meals to the Caribbean as well, he said.

“We hope and pray that there be no more natural disasters, it was heartwarming to see our community come together, and give of their time and resources to help out those who need them most,” said Rabbi Dubrowski.

The relief effort to Naples was sponsored in part by Doug and Maureen Cohn.

Cemetery

The cemeteries in the Naples area are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Irma. The Jewish portion of the cemetery was largely untouched, although there are non-Jewish sections that were affected. The caskets of the deceased were left to sit on the ground due to power outages.

One of the key challenges is the irrigation system, which was knocked out and has not been turned on since the storm. The cemeteries now need to manually water the gravesites, which is a time-consuming process.

The cemetery company in 1998. It is a predominately Jewish cemetery although there are non-Jewish sections.

About 8 of its 15 acres are cleared and the rest is undeveloped.

The cemetery is located at 12905 Wild Acres Road in Largo.
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To support and enrich the continuity of Jewish life and values on our community, in Israel and worldwide.

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We provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere for community gatherings and activities.

We reach out to encompass all Jewish constituencies and are the first stop for newcomers.

We actively support and build our connection with Israel and world Jewry.

We fund current needs for our community and the world and, through endowments, provide for the future.

We provide a work environment that recognizes and rewards excellence in staff and volunteers.

The 2016-2017 program and fiscal year was one of the most exciting in our organization’s long and rich history. The primary reason for the excitement this past year was that in addition to the beautiful and dynamic Maureen and Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Center Campus, we opened an extraordinary new facility in 2016. The spectacular Bryan Glazer Family JCC (BGFJCC) began serving our community officially on December 8, 2016 and it truly is transformational in many ways.

The new J finished the program year (June 30th) with more than 4,300 individual members. Also, the event center at the BGFJCC hosted approximately 200 JCC, community and corporate events and the building is very busy every day with a vast array of educational, recreational, fitness, aquatic, arts and cultural programs for people of all ages.

The BGFJCC is also the home for the Tampa JCCs and Federation’s most innovative project, the Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA) and this past year FIBA formed partnerships and is continuing to work closely with eight fascinating Israeli companies that are each trying to break into the U.S. market.

The new J may have captured a lot of attention, but so many other important initiatives that strive to serve and strengthen our community were part of our organization’s story this past year, including the following:

• Ongoing beautification of the vibrant Cohn Campus. The facility continues to draw 1000 people per day and the plan is to continue to enhance this flourishing campus on a continual basis.

• The financial support we offered to our local beneficiary agencies and to a variety of projects in Israel continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many people.

• The Tampa Orlando Pinellas (TOP) Jewish Foundation has established a leadership role within Jewish foundations. We believe the foundation’s ‘anti-terror’ investment policy is unique among Jewish foundations across the country and it has positioned TOP for significant growth in the years ahead. TOP also had great success with its Life and Legacy program.

• Among other activities, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) continued to work with other organizations in efforts to combat the ‘Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions’ campaign against Israel. The JCRC, in partnership with the Tampa Rabbinical Association, also played a role in working with the Hillsborough County School Board to ensure the Jewish community continues to have an effective relationship with the board.

• Weinberg Village continued to provide a superb living experience for its residence and the facility remains financially self-sufficient, with a near capacity consensus.

• Our most visible Young Adult Division program, our Jewish Leadership Training Institute graduated twenty-one talented young leaders this past year and it’s clear that our community will be in very good hands as the future unfolds.

This is just a small sampling of the things going on at the Tampa JCCs and Federation and we encourage everyone to get involved with our organization and our community in as many ways as possible. We also want to thank the approximately 400 dedicated volunteers, 275 staff members and the large number of generous donors who continue to help make our community very robust.

Todah Rabah,

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Chief Executive Officer

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The Tampa Jewish Community Centers and Federation (TJCCF) is the umbrella organization that includes the Tampa Jewish Federation, the JCC on the Cohn Campus, the Bryan Glazer Family JCC and several strategic, community-based committees. TJCCF is governed by a volunteer board of directors that oversees the operation of the entire organization in concert with the professional management staff. The organization also owns the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Assisted Living Facility, which operates as separate Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). We are a binding force that unites Jews and non-Jews across Tampa Bay.

To learn more about the Tampa JCCs and Federation visit us online at www.jewishtampa.com or contact Alissa Fischel at 813-769-4726.

As the major instrument of Jewish philanthropy and engagement in the Tampa area, we are a community-driven organization committed to taking care of the needs of the Jewish people and building a vibrant Jewish future across Tampa, in Israel and around the world.

Through the efforts of our Annual Campaign and the generous support of our community and community partners, the Tampa Jewish Federation is able to provide critical assistance to a significant number of agencies that apply for funding allocations.

During the 2016-17 allocations process, agencies met together to present their compelling needs and accomplishments to the allocations committee, this year chaired by Debbie Taub. Each agency presented a synopsis of their most critical need, which helped to further educate and enlighten committee members and representatives from other agencies present.

Our daily usage average in the fitness center is just over 400 during the week and 250 on the weekends. Additionally, we have people at the J daily for swim lessons, adult & senior programs, drop in Mah Jongg, visiting FIBA, TJFS and the many events. Over 200 events and meetings were held in the BGFJCC. They were made up of social, corporate & not-for-profit and we also provide free meeting room space for community organizations including our neighborhood associations and the Tampa Police Department. The Roberta M. Golding Visual Arts Center averages 46 class participants on a daily basis.

The Cohn campus is signing up new members on a weekly basis. Enhancements to the property are evident to all, on the exterior grounds thanks to the leadership and guidance that Maureen Cohn has provided. On the interior – we have improvements to the GroupEx room and the sauna. Most recently we cleared the additional acreage that we received from our new neighbors and are assessing how this additional acreage can be enhanced to further improve the property both for summer camp and throughout the year. Tennis and swim lessons were added as opportunities for our members and guests this past year. JCC on the Cohn Campus averaged 37 programs for members and guests per month.
Professional Societies

Cardozo and Montefiore Societies

The Cardozo Society is an honorary society for Jewish attorneys and other legal professionals in the Tampa Bay area. The society sponsors programs that integrate Jewish and legal concerns and provide educational, leadership, social and networking opportunities for attorneys.

The Montefiore Society was created this year to augment the reach of the existing professional societies to provide an opportunity for community members to foster and grow professional relationships within the financial industry.

Montefiore Society membership is open to all Jewish accountants, stockbrokers, bankers, financial planners and advisors, insurance brokers, investment consultants, wealth management advisors and others in financial services in the Tampa Bay area.

The Cardozo and Montefiore Societies hosted a joint event this past year in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The event was sponsored by The Bank of Tampa and held at The Bank of Tampa in St. Petersburg.

The Tampa Bay Cardozo Leadership Award was presented to Gary Teblum that evening for his outstanding commitment to the legal community and Federation. Our guest speaker, Lenny Roth, delivered a very well received presentation about the Political and Economic Climate in the Middle East.

The Maimonides Society

The Maimonides Society of Tampa is a fellowship of physicians and dentists and other health care professionals who seek to strengthen the bonds between themselves, Israel and the broader Jewish community.

The Maimonides Society affords health care professionals a unique opportunity to network with their peers and a chance to participate in the work of repairing the world through involvement in the community.

This past year, the Maimonides Society event was chaired by Dr. David Rosenbach who honored Dr. Deborah Roth with the Tampa Maimonides Leadership Award for her outstanding commitment to the medical community and Federation. Dr. Jay Wolfson spoke on Health Policy & Practice: Financial and practice realities for clinicians, patients and taxpayers. This event was generously sponsored by Florida Hospital.

Corporate Giving

During the 2016-17 year, over $370,000 in corporate support was raised by the Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation to support programs and activities. Corporate sponsorships completely or partially funded the following community programs:

- Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival
- Annual President's Dinner
- Jewish Book Festival
- Campaign Kickoff Event
- Women of Distinction
- Israel Independence Day Celebration
- Softball Tournament
- Golf Tournament
- Cardozo Society Event
- Maimonides Society Event
- PJ Library
- FIBA

Beneficiary & Partner Agencies

- American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)
- Birthright Israel
- Bryan Glazer Family JCC
- Ethiopian National Project (ENP)
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)
- Hillel Academy of Tampa Bay
- Hillels of the Florida Suncoast
- Hillel Foundation Statewide
- Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC)
- JCC on the Cohn Campus
- Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)
- Tampa Jewish Family Services
- World ORT

Giving Tuesday

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving after the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season and end-of-year (tax year) giving. The Tampa Jewish Federation participated in this movement to promote and celebrate giving and philanthropy by hosting a phone-a-thon event and day of crowdfunding to raise critical funds for the Federation’s Annual Campaign. Local lay leaders gathered throughout the day as ambassadors of our cause and made thousands of calls requesting financial support to help us serve our mission. Giving Tuesday raised just over $100,000 this past year.

Community Allocations 2016-17

- Israel and Overseas: 25%
- Bryan Glazer Family JCC: 17%
- JCC on the Cohn Campus: 17%
- Tampa Jewish Family Services: 14%
- Hillel Academy of Tampa: 11%
- Other Jewish Organizations: 9%
- Hillels of the Florida Suncoast/Statewide: 6%
- PJ Library: 2%
- Birthright: 1%
Community Leadership Awards
The Community Leadership Awards recognized and honored those who have made a significant impact to our organization or within a local Jewish community agency. Recipients embody the principles of dedicated leadership, tikkun olam and commitment to enriching the continuity of Jewish life locally and worldwide.

Campaign Kickoff
The Campaign Kickoff officially begins the Annual Campaign of the Tampa Jewish Federation to raise essential funds to support an abundance of vital programs and services. This past year's event was chaired by Lynne Merriam, 2017 Campaign Chair. Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, spiritual leader, scholar and acclaimed author captivated the audience with his topic, “Why the Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism.” Over 250 supporters attend this program.

Cuba Mission
Twenty-two individuals participated in a Mission to Cuba and returned invigorated and amazed by the Jewish community in Cuba. There are several different synagogues in Cuba that all work together to keep the approximately 1200 Jews in Cuba engaged in Jewish living. One of the most rewarding aspects was to hear just how much our Federation dollars are helping the Cuba Jewish community through the efforts of the Joint Distribution Committee. Four plus, large suitcases full of needed items were given to the Jewish communities including medicines, toiletries, clothing and children's supplies, from the members of the mission.

Professional Community Connection (PCC)
Professional Community Connection is an endeavor in fostering the development of networks and relationships between Jewish professionals and businesses in the Tampa Bay area. PCC provides a platform for Jewish business people to meet each other, network and provide referrals that would lead to increased business opportunities; increases business professional involvement with the Jewish community and the Jewish Federation and raises awareness and understanding of the Tampa Jewish Federation. Three networking events were hosted this past year at a variety of locations with hundreds of participants.

Women’s Philanthropy
Lion of Judah
The Lion of Judah Society honors women who contribute $5,000 or more to Federation's Annual Campaign. The Lion of Judah is a symbol of a Jewish Woman's strength, a symbol of her caring about the organized Jewish world and a symbol of her financial commitment to repairing the world.

This past year, fifteen Lion of Judah members attended the International Lion of Judah Conference (ILOJ) in Washington, DC. Maureen Cohn was honored with the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award at this year's conference for her tremendous contribution to the Tampa community.

Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction
The Bobbe Karpay (z”l) Women of Distinction Program bears Bobbe's name to honor and inspire women of the Tampa Jewish community to see the simple elements of the community and make life distinctively better. Each honoree exemplify Jewish values and commitment to their organizations and the Jewish community.

Nearly twenty women were honored this past year from Jewish organizations throughout Hillsborough County. Guest speaker, Alina Spaulding, who immigrated to this country in 1979 with the help of many Jewish agencies funded by our Federation dollars addressed the group.

Annual President’s Dinner
The Annual President's Dinner is the Tampa Jewish Federation's premier event held to celebrate our Jewish community, its growth and successes. This event is evidence of our community's shared commitment to tikkun olam (making the world a better place). The Annual President's Dinner has celebrated fourteen years of tradition bringing world leaders and national recognized speakers to address our community on the most pressing issues facing the Jewish people today.

The 14th Annual President's Dinner was chaired by Harry Cohen and Alice Rosenthal and the evening's guest speaker was Ambassador Ron Prosor. Ambassador Prosor is considered one of Israel's most distinguished diplomats, having served as the former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations. This past year, the dinner was held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC with a maximum capacity crowd of nearly 600 and the event raised over $250,000 towards the Federation's annual campaign.

Jewish Community Relationships Council (JCRC)
Over the course of the 2016-17 year, under the steadfast leadership of Jonathan Ellis, the Jewish Community Relationships Council implemented new initiatives to address the concerns that affect our local community and abroad. As the public relations arm of the Tampa JCCs and Federation, our priorities include community outreach and legislative relations measures related to Israel, interfait programming and social action.

Our primary focus during the year was two-part. First, the JCRC continued to play a leadership role in supporting the Hillels of the Florida Suncoast to further implement strategies to combat the BDS movement (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) on the USF Campus. Through Federation allocations, the organization was better equipped to promote Israel in a positive light though speaking engagements, social media efforts and interfaith gatherings. Secondly, the JCRC established new relationships with various religious communities, including those of the Muslim faith. Given the tumultuous political climate and the rise in anti-Semitism and hate crimes worldwide, the council determined it critical to start the dialogue between other minority groups that, too, face discrimination in and out of our local community.

The JCRC continues to collaborate with the Israel Action Network to oversee three task forces to address the BDS problem across Tampa Bay, including the mainline Presbyterian Task Force, the Business Task Force and the Media Task Force.
**Young Adult Division**

This past year, the Young Adult Division (YAD) of the Tampa Jewish Federation, continued its popular initiatives, including: the Jewish Leadership Training Institute, a 10 course leadership development program for emerging young leaders; the annual Vodka Latke, with more than 100 singles and couples gathering on December 24th at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg hosted by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties; monthly happy hours and activities at locations throughout Tampa; a tailgate party & Tampa Bay Buccaneers game with more than 100 people participating; and a trip to the Tampa Bay Lightning Game. YAD also facilitated a series of discussion groups in the spring with Tampa area clergy on topics such as Israel, Judaism and the workplace and social justice.

YAD, a brand which has served the Tampa Jewish Federation well for many years, is becoming IMPACT. As our community’s needs have evolved, so has our need to sharpen our focus on guiding young adults along a continuum towards greater involvement and developing the future leaders of our community.

**National Young Leadership Summer Mission to Israel**

JLTI Graduate Rachel Golden participated in the 2017 National Young Leadership Summer Mission to Israel with Jewish Federations of North America. Along with 100 other young adults from across the United States and Canada who are passionate about Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) and building Jewish community with peers, Rachel visited sites throughout Israel that have been directly impacted by the support and generosity of the Jewish Federations in North America, including the Tampa Jewish Federation. She also participated in a special leadership development track for young adults who are key volunteers in their local communities, participating in best practices roundtable discussions with other young leaders on the mission. When we asked Rachel to tell us about her trip, she stated, “I am so grateful to the Tampa Jewish Federation for giving me the opportunity to go on the JFNA National Young Leadership Summer Mission to Israel. Being in Israel and visiting important places like Yad Vashem and the Kotel reminded me how now more than ever it’s important to have a Jewish state and a place where all Jews feel safe and welcome. This trip helped me find the drive to be even more involved locally and I can’t wait to begin working with our leaders in my community to help get other young Jews more deeply connected and involved and support the Federation’s mission to help people locally, in Israel and around the world.”

**Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA)**

The Florida-Israel Business Accelerator (FIBA) project is one of the most exciting and innovative initiatives in the history of the Tampa JCCs and Federation. The project was honored this past year with a ‘Federation’ Award by the Jewish Federations of North America for its uniqueness and creative approaches to building community. Housed within the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, FIBA seeks to engage a broad spectrum of interest and engagement from among both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities.

Specifically, FIBA is an innovative business development and community engagement program, which operates as a conduit for Israeli entrepreneurs to open a Tampa Bay based (US) headquarter responsible for sales, marketing, tech support, and customer service for their products and/or innovations for the North American market. The program’s mission is three-fold: First, to foster economic growth and stimulate innovation within the expanding business ecosystem in Tampa Bay by attracting high-growth Israeli tech ventures and facilitating their launch and expansion.

The second part of the mission is to engage the entire spectrum of the Tampa Jewish community including high school and college-age students as interns and budding entrepreneurs, millennials – young professionals – adult professionals and serial entrepreneurs as mentors and potential investors, and seniors for mentoring, investing and other coaching services. In doing so, it is our hope that all of Tampa Bay will be exposed to one of Israel’s most renowned commodities – disruptive and life changing technological innovations – and will be better positioned to learn more about Israel and help combat the rising tide of anti-Semitism and disinformation emerging within the BDS movement, as well as the many misconceptions regarding Israel so often put forward in the media and on college campuses.

The final part of the mission is to potentially generate revenue for the Tampa JCCs and Federation to assist the organization in achieving other goals. During the 2016-17 program/fiscal year FIBA operated on a $1,000,000 grant from the State of Florida and some private contributions. The project was very productive and screened approximately 150 Israeli companies. From that group, eight were selected to participate in the first cohort. The JCCs and Federation received equity in five of the companies and a percentage of sales in the other three.

For 2017-18 the state is providing $400,000 and Hillsborough County has allocated $100,000 to support FIBA. The plan is to secure enough funding from grants, sponsorships and private gifts to significantly expand the program and to also explore the possibility of creating a FIBA Venture Fund. Please visit www.fiba.io for more information on this exciting project.

Approximately 330 people attended Innovation Fusion, featuring keynote speaker, Mr. Jeff Vinik. The event was a showcase for the Israeli firms participating in FIBA and it helped to secure a multi-million dollar investment in one of the Israeli companies.
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Thank you to all that have made the Bryan Glazer Family JCC a reality. Donors that have made a minimum gift of $25,000 to the Bryan Glazer Family JCC Capital Campaign are recognized below, in addition to donors that have made donations (of varying monetary amounts) to the 2016-2017 Bryan Glazer Family JCC*

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JCC Preschools
The Tampa Jewish Community Centers and Federation Preschool provides the first steps into Jewish learning and community-building for many young families. At both the north and south locations, the Tampa JCC Preschool had another successful year, continuing a tradition of excellence highlighted by innovative programming. Both preschool branches are recognized nationally (NAC accreditation) and locally (Quality Counts for Kids.) The JCC Preschool welcomed approximately 350 children in 2016-2017.

Problem-solving and inquiry are the cornerstone of the Tampa JCC Preschool curriculum. There is a balance between individualized attention and learning cooperatively within a community. Children explore early literacy, math, social studies, science, and fine arts in ways that are meaningful to them so that they can make connections to the world around them and form deeper understandings of concepts and relationships. Learning opportunities surround the children, from the intentional design of the classroom to the activities explored on the playground. Children learn values and character development through a Jewish lens, while embracing and welcoming the diversity of our community. Families are invited to attend our Shabbat and other holiday celebrations; this school-to-home connection is a powerful component of our preschool.

This year, we opened an infant room at the JCC Preschool North Branch. We quickly filled the class and now have infants on a wait list!

What makes the JCC Preschool unique? In addition to the strong academic foundation, the JCC Preschool is a warm, nurturing, supportive community. From the caring, dedicated teachers to the amazing, active parents, the JCC Preschool is a welcoming place for all families. The JCC Preschool is the place to be for a great early childhood education, Jewish learning, and long-lasting relationships!

Camp JCC
Camp JCC at Bryan Glazer Family JCC
Camp JCC at the BGJFJCC offered a multitude of specialty camps that children were able to develop a range of skills in a fun and supportive environment. Our well-trained staff constantly strived to ensure that children felt at home. The counselors participated in a thorough orientation leading up to camp and were engaged with the campers daily. Each morning started with a Hebrew word of the day and the campers worked hard to use it in a sentence throughout the day.

The first month featured Volleyball, Dance, iMovie, Art, Basketball and a Multi-Sport camp. Campers enjoyed daily swimming, specialty activities, snacks and their free time in J Loft playing games. Our goal is for every child to have a meaningful experience at Camp JCC. Campers make life-long friends, explore new adventures, and create memories they will treasure forever!

Camp JCC on the Cohn Campus
In 2017, Camp JCC welcomed 291 campers and CITs over nine weeks from across Tampa for an unrivaled day camp experience. For the first time, the camp program offered three 3-week sessions over the summer.

This summer was filled with new encounters and adventures. Camp JCC constructed a 12 feet high and 150 feet long zip line complete with a rock wall and new climbing challenges. Each day campers enjoyed daily morning flag ceremonies with the Israeli and American flags, rock climbing, zip line, swimming, archery, arts & crafts, as well as playing Gaga (the Israeli version of dodge ball). We have also acquired 11 acres of land which has been cleared away to provide an area for our new gaga court as well as a new amphitheater style gathering spot for the entire camp to come together next year for camp traditional activities and connection.

In addition to numerous field trips, campers in grades 3-8 participated in overnight sessions at the JCC, while 1st and 2nd graders stayed for “undernights,” extending their day until 8pm. First session campers enjoyed going back to the Wild, Wild, West, dressed in Cowboy garb and participating in a good old fashion sing-a-long. Our second session extravaganza included a trip to the Hawaiian Islands and then off to Israel. Our third session campers participated in an ensemble of songs and talent created by campers and staff that was presented to family and friends.

PJ Library
Through the generosity of our continued partnership with PNC Bank and the ongoing support from the Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation, the Tampa JCCs were able to participate in the nationally recognized and award winning, PJ Library & PJ Our Way programs, offered by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, or our 7th year. The support of the Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation allowed a matching grant from the Grinspoon Foundation.

The PJ Library & PJ Our Way programs offer a free book or CD mailed monthly to families with children ages 6 months through 11 years. Learning programs include story time with PJ books, music and activities highlighting Jewish values that include unconditional love, comfort and the expression of gratitude. Now in its 7th year of operation, the program enrolled and renewed over 320 children in 2016-17, and currently serves 658 children in the Tampa area.

Tampa rolled out the newest program for 9-11 year-olds, PJ Our Way, and currently has 129 active members. PJ Our Way offers the gift of exceptional books with Jewish themes to kids ages 9-11. The children, via the PJ Our Way website, choose the books that they want for the month. The safe website allows kids to visit and choose a book from a selection of four high-quality titles that are reviewed by a panel of PJ educators, parents, and kids; they receive 12 free books per year.

Due to a 52% enrollment increase, we have nearly doubled our program opportunities for the community. In addition to holding bi-monthly programs and PJ Playdates, we kicked off the year with the annual PJ Library kick-off event, themed Touch-A-Truck, in September of 2016 which hosted nearly 400 guests. Some of the most memorable events of the season were the Hanukkah Hop, Challah Twisting and PJ Library Loves Disco! We look forward to rolling out a full and elaborate calendar for the 2017-2018 year.

Club J Afternoon Enrichment Program
Our 2016-17 Club J after school program welcomed 48 children to the JCC in grades K-5. The program staff picked up the children at eight school locations throughout Hillsborough County and transported them to the Cohn Campus for afterschool programming. Their time included homework, study time, dance, soccer, yoga, art, Legos, chess, Shabbat, holiday celebrations and much more. The program also included family participation in various events such as parent vs. children kickball games and a fitness challenge. The year culminated with an awards assembly and talent show.
Bryan Glazer Family JCC Event Center

The first event held at the Event Center within the Bryan Glazer Family JCC was our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony the day we opened on December 8, 2016. That was followed by over 100 non-JCC events including social occasions from wedding ceremonies and receptions to birthday parties and b’nai mitzvah celebrations. The center was also the most utilized venue for the spring social calendar for non-profit events. We estimate that well over $1 million was raised for a variety of non-profits in the Tampa Bay area. These events provided great exposure to the general community to the BGFJCC as they enjoyed delicious food prepared by our Executive Chef Team and seamless events coordinated by our top-notch Sales and Event Coordination team. In addition, we provided use of the meeting room spaces we have free of charge to the neighborhood civic associations that surround the BGFJCC as well as other non-profit and government agencies. As an organization we are committed to providing programs to our members and their guests, as and as result we use the event center and surrounding spaces an average of ten times per week. From ladies playing Mah Jongg to Monday Movie Madness and BBYO meetings, people of all ages are at BGFJCC on a daily basis.

Health & Wellness

As part of Tampa JCC membership and its ongoing fitness initiatives, the JCC continues to offer an expanded menu of fitness programs. Every day there are active adults participating in the huge variety of GroupEx classes at both JCC locations. The BGFJCC offered over 70 classes per week for group exercise, as well as aquatics for all ages. The walking track and pickle ball are two offerings unique to BGFJCC that were popular every day. Adult basketball leagues began this spring and over 70 men have registered for the summer league. Over twenty five fitness classes are offered at the JCC on the Cohn campus with plans to expand that over the next year. Members enjoy the personal touch they receive through personal training sessions. Some choose to expand their wellness with massage therapy.

Active Adults

Our mature adults and seniors continue to enjoy camaraderie and fun through a rich assortment of activities and events.

This past year we introduced several new programs at both JCC campuses. These included an excursion series called Arts About Town (with trips to the Straz Center and the Henry B. Plant Museum); Game Show Thursdays; the News Schmooze discussion group; Ballroom Dancing; Medicare Q&A Seminars; and Dominoes. Other offerings that the community continues to enjoy include Bridge, Mah Jongg (both lessons and open play), Crochet, Biblical Literature, and the Book Club. We have also continued our strong partnership with the USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Continuing Education.

The Phyllis Borell Jetsetters program remains a popular monthly social event at the JCC on the Cohn Campus, and this year we added it to the Bryan Glazer Family JCC calendar as well. This year the program included a variety of musical and cultural entertainment such as the Dixie Cats New Orleans Band, Zazu’s Review, and Klezmer Shpiel.

Several active members at the Cohn Campus have taken the initiative to organize a Program Planning Group. They met weekly to discuss possible program ideas, and have already created a popular new program called Game Show Thursdays. The group organizes and runs the activity themselves.

We successfully launched the Edmond J. Safra National Parkinson’s Wellness Initiative – 54 people registered for fitness classes and 21 for the caregiver support group.

Adults and seniors in our community are active and thriving. We are thrilled to be a cornerstone for the mature adult population in the Greater Tampa area and plan to grow our programming with each coming year.

Teens

BGFJCC is now home to the Tampa chapter of BBYO in the North Florida Region. Tampa teens have been gathering to create programs, engage in Judaic activities and socialize with other Jewish teens across the Tampa Bay Area. We look forward to the continued growth of our Tampa BBYO program.

The JCC Maccabi Games will now be an integral part of our teen programming at the JCC. We have spent this past year informing the community about this great opportunity for Jewish Teens ages 13-16 to participate in an Olympic-style sporting competition held every summer with over 750 Jewish athletes from around the nation and the world. We are thrilled that we will bring 13 athletes to the Games in July 2017.

Membership

Membership is the heart of what drives daily activity at our two JCC locations. We have an excellent sales team that works tirelessly to grow our membership every month. Fortunately, their efforts have generated great results. The BGFJCC has over 2100 Active Memberships and over 4400 Active Members. The Cohn campus continues to see a gain of approximately 10 memberships per week, with the majority of those members as part of the popular Silver Sneakers™.

11th Annual Softball Tournament

More than 200 people from across Tampa Bay formed eight community softball teams to compete at our 11th annual JCCs softball tournament. With teams ranging from the Hebrew Hammers to the Beth Am Swinging Stars of David, all enjoyed a good-spirited day of play at the Ed Radice Complex. After a very exciting playoff game, the Edwin Taylor Corporation team took home the first-prize trophy and the JCC Team (Cohn Campus Crashers) came in second place.
Cultural Arts Programs

The opening of the Bryan Glazer Family JCC provided the opportunity for enhanced cultural arts programs. In January 2017 programs including Culinary Experience, Rhythmic Drum Magic classes, Monday Movie Madness and Reader's Theater were developed. Each offering had a small fee and was open to the community and to members of the JCC at a discounted rate. The classes ranged in the number of participants from 10-20 guests on average with Monday Night Movie Madness hosting as many as 60 guests.

In addition to the ongoing Cultural Arts classes, the Tampa JCCs and Federation also participated in partnerships producing two very well received signature events in 2016-2017. The first event of the annual year was a collaboration between the Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival and the Holocaust Museum for an event called, *Aftermath*. Guest speaker Jan Gross addressed the audience of 150 before the award winning 2014 film, *Aftermath*, was shown. Q & A session followed the film and all enjoyed a lavish dessert reception. In March, the Tampa Jewish Book Festival collaborated with the Hadassah Tampa Ameet Chapter in presenting an intriguing program with Author and guest speaker, Morris Wolff. The program was focused on the book and investigation regarding riotous Christian Raoul Wallenberg. The interfaith program hosted over 200 guests and was widely well received by the community.

Israel Independence Day Community Festival

Approximately 600 people attended this year’s annual Tampa JCCs Israel Independence Day celebration at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. Tampa’s celebration theme, *Experiencing Israel*, showcased a multitude of experiences that included; Israeli food, a Skype session with award winning Israeli Author Gavriel Savit, and Israeli music was heard all afternoon by DJ John Wendeleke. Attendees also had the opportunity to watch the Film Festival movie, *On the Map*, create Israeli crafts, Lego Building, visit the Wailing Wall, enjoy Israeli beer and wine tasting, watch cooking demonstrations, participate in drum circles and visit the photo booth, which featured photo opportunities with the land of Israel.

The community was also invited to register for a mini Triathlon – A Race through Israel! Utilizing the opening of the Bryan Glazer Family JCC which was turned into a magnificent cultural arts center. The most anticipated venue included the Bryan Glazer Family Center and The Hillel House USF Campus.

The 21st Annual Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival

Tampa Jewish Community Centers & Federation along with Jewish Federation of Pinellas & Pasco Counties presented this year’s 21st annual Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival, which opened on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 and ran through the following week. The committee led by Stewart Donnell, Sara Scher and Loni Shlef was proud to announce that the festival was finally legal and the committee set out to accordingly1150 moviegoers over the week with 325 VIP guests at the opening film.

On opening night, 100 guests enjoyed the comic relief of featured guest speaker and were able to write "notes" on postcards that guests had an opportunity to take on the field trip to learn about the Holocaust, and a personal Holocaust survival story from guest speaker and educator, Etti Donnell. After the lecture, students had an opportunity to ask questions directed to the guest speaker and were able to write "notes" on postcards that will be used in future programs. 485 students had the opportunity to engage in this program over the 2016-2017 school year.

The Jewish Book Festival in November of 2016 with a series of community events designed to inspire and intrigue. Over 500 guests enjoyed the festival, which ran for one week. The Tampa JCCs and Federation is a member of the National Jewish Book Council, connecting our community with hundreds of Jewish authors who write on topics ranging from parenting to politics.

Jewish Festival of Books and Conversations

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On opening night, 100 guests enjoyed the comic relief of featured author Kate Siegel, who wrote *Mother, Can You Not!* along with her mother, a popular producer of primetime TV, Kim Friedman. Other highlights from the 11th annual festival included sharing secrets and stories around the game table with Author Betsy Lerner, *The Bridge Ladies*. A foodie/dine night featuring Ina Yaloof; *Food and the City*. Sunday brunch local author panel included Iris Pastor as the moderator, Richard Cohen; *20@60—A Baby Boomer’s Run Across the U.S.*, Alyce Gross; *Widow-Wise* and Golda Brunhild; *The Cantor Sang Off-Key*. The festival wrapped up with 75 guests intrigued by Author Jason Gewirtz; *Israel’s Edge—The Story of the IDF’s Most Elite Unit*, the Taliptol followed by the well-known heart wrenching story by local celebrity writer David Kushner who’s newest book, Alligator Candy, hit the best seller lists in 2016.