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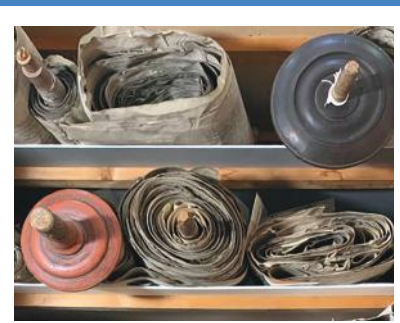
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SOLIDARITY MARCH

WALK TOGETHER AGAINST HATE

Meet October 6 at 3 PM at Ernest and Eloise Werlin Park to walk over the Ringling Bridge in support of Israel

Photo by Shaun Greenspan

Last year, members of the Jewish community and fellow Israel supporters walked over the John Ringling Bridge in Sarasota to show support for Israel and to encourage the return of the hostages taken on October 7, 2023. Join us on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. for a Solidarity March in support of the hostages still inhumanely held by Hamas. Side by side with community members from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and religious affiliations, we will march in memory of those brutally murdered and the fallen since the vicious Hamas attack on Israel, and to raise awareness of the ongoing hostage crisis.

If we don't use our collective voices, others will use our silence!

For other local events in observance of October 7 see page B1.

The Only Way Forward is Together

By Shepard Englander, CEO and Deb Kabinoff, Board Chair

The Jewish people have faced endless threats to our existence over thousands of years. A secret to our unlikely survival has been our ability to recognize, but set aside, internal differences and find a path to safety together. The savage October 7 terror attack, Hamas's inhuman treatment of Israelis since then, and the deplorable

spread of antisemitism around the world has left us disoriented and in the dark. To light a way forward, Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee (JFSM) is launching a Unity Campaign that will keep our community safe, informed, and connected.



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The Unity Campaign will replace

the Jewish Federation's traditional annual campaign with a two-year strategy that will raise the funds needed to reduce our isolation and fear, and help us understand and prioritize the threats facing us and ensure our safety. In addition to raising the needed funds, the Unity Campaign is a movement that will model how to emerge from the darkness with new perspectives, energy and confidence.

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Jewish Wisdom for a New Year of Challenges and Opportunities

By Deb Kabinoff,
Board Chair

As Rosh Hashanah nears, many in our community share with me their apprehension about the coming year. They see a world where public discourse grows ever more divisive, where the hope for the return of our hostages and peace in Israel seem distant, and where antisemitism persists on our college campuses and beyond.

As Jews, we are no strangers to adversity, and our wisdom guides us through challenging times. Two centuries ago, Rabbi Nachman of Breslov offered a timeless lesson: "The world is a very narrow bridge; the most important thing is not to be overwhelmed by fear." This wisdom has become a mantra for our people, inspiring Israeli songs to this day.

To keep fear at bay, we must focus on our power to make a difference. Now more than ever, the Jewish world needs models of safe and thriving communities; and ours is uniquely positioned to lead. We are active, informed, generous, and one of America's fastest-growing Jewish communities. We have unusually strong support from local and state civic and elected leaders, fostered by the work of our Federation's Heller Jewish Community Relations Committee, which together with our community security initiative, SAFE SRQ, enables us to gather, learn, and celebrate safely and confidently.

I am inspired that hundreds of community members have generously

supported the Federation's dream of opening the Larry Greenspon Campus for Jewish Life. This campus is fast becoming an oasis where we can gather, learn, and grow together. As we launch the first full season of The Ora at the Joel and Gail Morganroth Event Center, featuring the stunning Kaplan Ballroom, we anticipate our most relevant and engaging season yet, "Insights and Inspirations."

This winter, we open our new Chai-fetz Holocaust Memorial and Education Center, a vital space for remembrance and education, ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust guide us into the future. Additionally this coming summer, we will complete beautiful camp amenities in time for the first full season of Camp Yonnie, a nurturing environment for our children to explore their Jewish traditions and build lifelong friendships.

During this past difficult year, our community has shown remarkable resilience, unity, and leadership. In the coming year, let us put aside fear and division to take advantage of our unique opportunity to become a model community that can help the entire Jewish world.

Let us all reach out to our neighbors, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Ask for their partnership to make our community better by sharing ideas, educating about Israel and the Jewish people, and combating antisemitism and all forms of hate.

From my family to yours, I wish you a "Shana Tova Umetukah," a good and sweet year. May it be a year of peace, health, happiness, and boundless opportunities for all.

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Jews in our region must be physically safe. If we let fear scare us away from joining together with our community, we reward those who wish us ill. We built the Greenspon Campus for Jewish Life and The Ora at the Joel and Gail Morganroth Event Center to be an oasis for our Jewish community and our friends,



Kabinoff

a place where you will feel safe both physically, and to share your ideas.

The Unity Campaign will strengthen our community-wide security program, SAFE SRQ, the Iron Dome for our community.

SafeSRQ provides life-saving security training and expertise to every synagogue, school, Jewish organization, and community member across our region, every day. SafeSRQ also strengthens our close partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement, who care about our wellbeing. For example, SAFE SRQ has trained literally every police officer in the City of Sarasota on how to identify different types of an-

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tisemitism and how to confront it.

Our Heller Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) educates, advocates, and deepens relationships with an array of Sarasota-Manatee elected, civic, religious, and opinion leaders to ensure our physical and civic safety.

Jews in our region must be safe socially and emotionally. The drumbeat of devastating events starting with October 7 has shaken our confidence and left us isolated in different ways. To rebuild that confidence we must come together, listen to each other, and support each other. We must defeat the unfair anti-Israel and an-

tisemitic discourses roaring around us by validating our realities and lifting up each other.

For example, last winter, our Federation stepped forward to charter a 737 jet to join our community mem-

bers together with 100,000 others at the historic March for Israel in Washington, D.C. We went to advocate for Israel and stand side by side, sharing the same outrage and the same determination to ensure a thriving Jewish future, here, in Israel, and around the world.

In the coming months, we will unveil new opportunities and tools to welcome and connect our ever-widening Jewish

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Photo by Harry Sayer

Right: JFSM chartered a 737 to bring 170 members of the Sarasota-Manatee community to the March for Israel in Washington, D.C., in November of last year. The over 290,000-person march was the largest pro-Israel rally in the country's history!



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community, our friends, and neighbors.

Jews everywhere must be safe strategically. The beliefs we relied upon regarding the safety of Israel and Jews worldwide have been proven wrong by the past years' devastations. To rebuild that confidence, we must be informed about actual threats, how to monitor them, and strategies to manage them.

Our new Insights and Inspirations program season will bring global experts and thought-leaders on key topics, including Israel's recovery from the war, the new antisemitism, and the Jewish future. We will offer you the most diverse and stimulating program season in the Federation's history. In addition to the best insights, we need inspiration to power us forward, so, the Federation will help balance the "oy" with the joy. It will also give you many chances, such as a program about Jewish food and our Klezmer Festival in December, to proudly celebrate our shared Jewish heritage and our Jewish future together. To preview the upcoming season, please go to jfedsrq.org/Events.

None of us can know just when, or how the world will improve, but we know that we cannot stand still or stand by. Fortunately, Federation was built for difficult times like this. The Federation is like a fire station, we are at the ready when our Jewish community is in need. Your support of the Unity Campaign will help us sustain this readiness now and into the future.

To learn more about the Unity Campaign go to jfedsrq.org/Unity.



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Federation Welcomes Two New Staff Members

By Kim Adler,
Chief Operating Officer

We are pleased to welcome two seasoned professionals to our Federation team. These individuals have many years of experience in relevant fields that we feel will benefit our Federation and community, in many ways.

Julie Burton joined our team as the new Senior Director of Event Operations. In her role, she will be responsible for implementing our programs and supervising the program team as well as overseeing operations for The Ora

at the Morganroth Event Center. Julie is a native Floridian and lived overseas for four years. She earned a bachelor's degree in industrial science and a master's degree in management. Julie has worked in the event field since 2000; prior to coming to Federation, she served a similar role with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

Alexandria Yaboujian serves as our new Special Events Manager, specifically working with the devel-



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Yaboujian

opment team to produce donor events and gatherings. She is a Massachusetts native who moved to Lakewood Ranch earlier this year. Her professional experience includes corporate event management at a large-

scale nonprofit as well as employee recruitment, engagement, and human resources. She is passionate about designing events that allow attendees to be inspired and informed while having fun and building lasting relationships.

When you see Julie or Alexandria at any of our upcoming events, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our community!

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Israel's Emergency Services System

Thoughts for the High Holidays at a Turbulent Time

By Dr. Liat Alon,
Chief Learning and
Engagement Officer

What is the Eleventh Commandment?

Numbers 29 tells us about a special day called Yom Teru'ah. In our tradition, this day is identified as Rosh Hashana. In verse one, it says "on the first day of the month hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. It is a day of Teru'ah, (cry)." Our sages and scholars have been trying to understand this verse for centuries. In most translations, "Teru'ah" is understood as a sound made by the Shofar, and the day is described as a day on which one is commanded to blow the trumpets.

However, a translation closer to the origin indicates that the focus of the commandment is not on the act of blowing the trumpets, but rather on listening to the cries of the shofar. So important is the act of listening that our sages said that if you did not hear the shofar cry, you did not meet the requirement of the commandment, even if you were the man who blew the trumpet (Masechet Rosh HaShana, 3, Mishna 7).

The Rambam says that the cry of the shofar is designed to call upon us to better ourselves. Modern scholars argue that the mitzvah focuses on listening, so we will remember that at times it is better to be quiet and actively listen to the sounds, voices, and opinions of others rather than to our own.

If we accept this translation of the text, listening emerges as a central commandment in our tradition, and one that defines what we must do on the first day of the new year. Amidst the heartbreak and controversy around us now, and the expected rising tensions in the months ahead, the words of wisdom offered in the bible seem to be more critical than ever.



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For Heaven's Sake

Judaism has sometimes been called a "culture of argument." Its' key texts: the Bible, Midrash, Mishnah, Talmud, and the nexus of biblical interpretation and Jewish law, are anthologies of arguments, documenting the totality of the conversation among Jews and Jewish traditions.

In the period between the first and third centuries CE, two schools of thought emerged and came to shape Judaism as we know it today. They were named after the sages who founded them, Shammai and Hillel. There were vigorous debates between these two schools of thought on all critical matters of ritual practice, ethics, theology, and community life.

Hillel and Shammai would argue over decisions and opinions in an effort to discover a truth, not out of a desire

to prevail over one another. The sages of the era revered the disputes between Shammai and Hillel so highly that the "Talmud," the compendium of oral Torah, interpretation and Jewish jurisprudence, coined the term "Machloket LeShem Shamayim," a controversy for the sake of Heaven, and viewed it as a value of the highest degree.

Explaining the term, our sages drew a fundamental distinction between two kinds of debates based on the intention behind them. An argument for the sake of Heaven is about the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and verity. An argument which is not for the sake of Heaven, is about the pursuit of status and power, and it is about envy, victory, and vengeance. As such, the former should be encouraged and prevail, but the latter must be heavily discouraged.

In arguments like those between Shammai and Hillel, everybody wins because all are willing to listen to the views of their opponents and thereby the community at large benefits from it. In arguments for the sake of Heaven, embodying a collaborative pursuit of truth, the participants use reason, logic, shared texts, and shared reverence for their values and culture. They do not use ad hominem arguments, abuse, contempt, or disingenuous appeals to emotion. All are willing, if refuted, to say, "I was wrong." There is no triumphalism in victory, and no anger or anguish in defeat.

In our current turbulent times, it seems our sages are reaching out to us

from the past, and extending advice, insight, and inspiration. We should listen to them in our search to expand the tool kit at our disposal as we navigate the high waters ahead.

Sin or Wrongdoing

Ten days after the most celebratory holiday of the Jewish year, "Rosh Hashana," New Year, we mark and celebrate Yom Kippur. While it is often explained as the day of atonement, in which Jews seek to expiate sins and achieve reconciliation with God, a closer reading points to a broader purpose and definition of this holy day.

In our tradition, Yom Kippur is the day on which God decides who shall live and who shall die. However, the decision is based on our actions not only or even mainly towards God, but towards our fellow members of the community. While God can forgive wrong doings against the divine, only our fellow humans can forgive any wrong doings against them.

It is similarly interesting to note that while we use the word "Het" to mean sin, the more accurate definition would be wrongdoing. As sovereign people it is our responsibility, not God's, high priest's, or any other external power to mend our ways; rather it is our responsibility to cease from wrongdoing and choose a better path.

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One Year Later: Our Community's Impact in Israel

By **Hermione Gilpin**,
Chief Development Officer
 and **Liat Alon**,
Chief Learning and
Engagement Officer

This month, we mark a year since the horrific attacks on October 7. We have watched from that moment onward as a nation was tossed into a chaotic war and harsh public spotlight that has been unrelenting, traumatizing, and cruel.

While the days have been long and hard, there have been glimmers of hope especially as our community has come together to support each other, our local Israeli neighbors, and all of Israel. Since October 7, we have raised more than \$2 million (most in the first 6 weeks of the war) for our Israel Emergency Campaign. Together with our partner Federations and Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), we have raised almost \$850 million with a focus on four core areas of: Lifeline Services, Medical and Trauma Relief, Economic Recovery, and Community Resilience and Rebuilding. We were also able to send directed grants to several Israeli organizations providing the essential needs including, medical care, rebuilding relief within a kibbutz, aiding lone soldiers, and mental health.

We are sharing a couple stories of impact and hope that they will fill you with pride for what we have been

able to do in one year. We will continue to support Israel through whatever comes next.

• Nadi, from the Israel Defense Forces, Unit 36, shared about the impact of new night vision equipment, "They enable the soldiers of Division 36 to complete their assignments better and help keep them safe. It was one of Sgt. Major Adi Shani's (who fell in combat in Gaza in December 2023) last wishes that the soldiers be provided with this vital equipment."

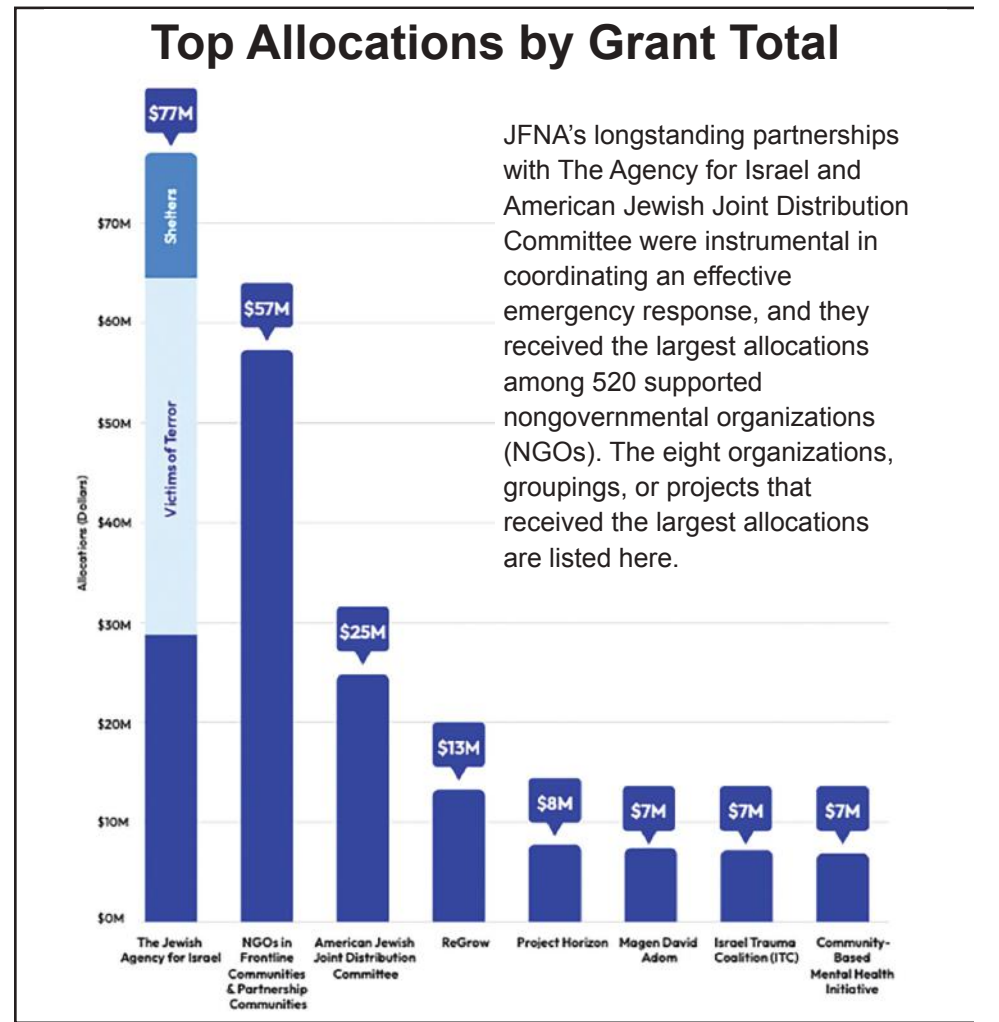
• Shavit, a sixth-year medical student at the Hebrew University who grew up in Ashkelon shared, "As both part of the medical system and as a resident of Ashkelon, I know first hand how vital the aid that Barzilai received was for my community. The federation's assistance supports the teams at Barzilai, Ashkelon's only hospital, in caring for my community during this terrible war that has been going on." In the first 90 days of the war, we sent a relief grant to Barzilai Hospital where they were providing medical treatment for victims from October 7 and continuing their trauma efforts to support civilian and soldier casualties.

• Prof. Mooli Lahad PhD, Founder and President of the Community Stress Prevention Center (CSPC) shared with us, "In the midst of escalating war, constant bombardment, and the pervasive uncertainty and fear, one can only hope to have someone who cares and provides both practical and spiri-

tual support. CSPC's staff are working tirelessly, day and night, to support and care for the many evacuees and those whose homes have been destroyed, burnt, or abandoned. The hands-on activities and emotional support are felt on all levels. As Margaret Mead once

said, "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

To learn more about our impact in Israel and how you can make an impact, please visit our website at jfedsrq.org/Israel.



JFNA's longstanding partnerships with The Agency for Israel and American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee were instrumental in coordinating an effective emergency response, and they received the largest allocations among 520 supported nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). The eight organizations, groupings, or projects that received the largest allocations are listed here.

Chart from JFNA/July 2024

Calling All Volunteers!

By **Lauren Cohen**,
Outreach Coordinator

Want to volunteer with the **Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee (JFSM)**? Here's your chance! Whether you are new or a seasoned volunteer, we invite you to join us at our Volunteer Open House at The Ora at the Joel & Gail Morganroth Event Center on October 22 at 2:00 p.m. to learn about volunteer opportunities and to get details about how to register on our new volunteer gateway.

Our goal is to engage as many volunteers as possible this season to help with event setup, registration, ushering, making calls about upcoming events or to thank donors, office tasks, and much more. Not only will you be helping our Federation, but you'll have the chance to make new friends as you mix and mingle with other volunteers. We are excited to share how the new gateway

will connect you to all the volunteer opportunities that will be tailored to match your interests, abilities, and availability. We will even have iPads set up at the event so we can assist you with registering on the gateway. A light nosh and refreshments will be served. Do not miss this informative social event! Please register in advance at jfedsrq.org/Events.

You'll also have the chance to hear about our newest initiative, a new platform that will help you make social connections with others with similar interests within our Jewish community by attending or hosting gatherings such as book clubs, pickleball, dining out, and more.

If you are unable to attend the Volunteer Open House, we invite you to visit our volunteer page to register as a volunteer at jfedsrq.org/volunteer. The link to the gateway will be available in mid-October.

For more information, please contact me at lcohen@jfedsrq.org.

Statistics from the ADL survey of Antisemitic Attitudes in America, 2023

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73% of Jewish college students have experienced or witnessed some form of antisemitism since the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

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Sarasota Superintendent of Schools: Terry Connor has been the superintendent of Sarasota County Schools since June 14, 2023. The district serves more than 45,000 students. Connor

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Public Opinion War: Israel and Antisemitism

By Kim Adler,
Chief Operating Officer

In these difficult and uncertain times, we may all find ourselves struggling with the “right” way to proudly display our Jewish identity online. The American Jewish Committee’s State of Antisemitism in America 2023 Report revealed that antisemitism online continues to be the place where American Jews experience antisemitism the most. Sixty-two percent of those surveyed reported seeing or hearing antisemitism online or on social media in the prior 12 months, with 56% saying it happened more than once. Among all Jewish

adults who experienced antisemitic content online at least once in the past 12 months, 51% say they experienced antisemitism on Facebook, 47% say they experienced it on X (formerly Twitter), 27% on Instagram, 24% on YouTube, and 18% on TikTok. Sadly, all this data was gathered before October 7, so it is likely that all of these numbers have increased.

As our team worked to select speakers for this year’s program season, “Insights & Inspirations,” our



Mazzig

goal was to provide our community with access to individuals who can help us prepare for uncomfortable conversations, whether they be in person or online. To that end, we are pleased to host Hen Mazzig on Wednesday, November 6, at The Ora at the Morganroth Event Center. We are grateful to Edie and David Chaifetz for stepping up as presenting sponsors.

Hen Mazzig is a globally recognized speaker, educator, author, and digital influencer. Mazzig has gained 600,000 followers across his social media platforms, and over 100 million users have interacted with his content. He has appeared as an expert on Jewish issues on four continents and in media, including: BBC, CNN, *The Washington Post*, SkyNews, *LA Times*, *Ha’aretz*, and more.

He was named in Algemeiner’s Top 100 People positively influencing Jewish Life in 2018 and 2021, the Top 50 online pro-Israel Influencers,

and the Top 50 LGBTQ+ Influencers. For his advocacy, he was awarded by the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), their Portrait in Courage Award. Mazzig’s first book, “The Wrong Kind of Jew” was released in 2022. In 2019, Mazzig co-founded the Tel Aviv Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to using data-driven social media strategies to stand up for Jewish people and other minorities online.

Mazzig’s remarks, “Public Opinion War: Israel and Antisemitism,” will leave us with tools to gain confidence in using social media to express our Jewish identity in the face of rising antisemitism and how we can advocate for Israel in a post-October 7 world.

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear from one of the experts on this topic. Tickets are on sale at jfedsrq.org/Events. For more information, contact Lauren Cohen at lcohen@jfedsrq.org.

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The Evolution of the Chaifetz Holocaust Memorial & Education Center

By **Hermione E. Gilpin,**
Chief Development Officer

From the Greenspon Campus' inception, our leadership recognized the necessity to deepen our longstanding partnership with Sarasota and Manatee County school districts to enhance their Holocaust education programs. The Chaifetz Holocaust Memorial and Education Center will be a vital new resource aimed at educating, engaging, and activating the community.

David and Edie Chaifetz were drawn to the vision for the Holocaust Memorial and Education Center amid growing antisemitism, misunderstanding about Israel, and forgetting the history of the Holocaust. Their initial leadership investment in this center spurred others, including many of their own friends, to join them in making it a reality for the community.

When originally imagined, the center would be a place for thoughtful reflection and remembrance for our community. As we continued to develop the site plan and vision for future programming, we discovered opportunities to create a rich educational and experiential environment. Now, we have a dedicated center to commemorate the

Holocaust and educate the public.

Using experts in Holocaust Education, Museum Engagement, and Public Art alongside Federation professionals, the working team has developed a center that will be filled with original artwork and educational interpretative signage featuring first person stories. With an emphasis on building a connection between the visitor and the past through stories and physical experiences within the memorial, it will move beyond the function of a traditional memorial or museum into that of an education center for people of all ages. It will honor those we lost and those who survived, but are no longer with us, and remind us to never again allow these atrocities.

To experience a sneak peek of this brand-new center, we invite everyone to join us on Sunday, November 10, before the Kristallnacht Commemoration in The Ora at the Joel and Gail Morganroth Event Center. This year, the program's theme is "Bearing Witness" and focuses on the 60th Anniversary of the Memorial Scrolls Trust. Additional details regarding the Holocaust Memorial and Education Center will be shared with those who plan to attend the Kristallnacht Commemoration so please register on our website jfedsrq.org/Events.



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Daroff Will Speak About How to Navigate Politics

By Carol Dierksen
Event Coordinator

Politics in 2024 is confusing at its best, troublesome at its worst. The events of October 7 make it all the more complicated. In the aftermath of that crisis, Jewish leadership faces the critical task of navigating a complex landscape of advocacy for Israel while addressing rising antisemitism. Combating antisemitism effectively, requires a multifaceted approach, addressing both immediate incidents and the prejudices that fuel them.



Daroff

On October 29, William C. Daroff, CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, will be in Sarasota to share his reflections on advocating for Israel and against antisemitism in challenging times.

Daroff's education and background make him uniquely qualified to speak on the subject. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and history, a master's degree in political science, and a Juris Doctorate, as well as studying at Kraków, Poland's Jagiellonian University, where he received a certificate in the history of Eastern European Jewry and the Holocaust.

As CEO of Council of Presidents,

Daroff is the senior professional guiding the Conference's agenda on behalf of the 50 national member organizations that represent American Jewish life.

William Daroff has been working in American politics since the mid 1980s. He worked on three presidential campaign staffs. Daroff also managed campaigns for the United States House of Representatives and for the State Treasurer of Ohio. He served as a political appointee in the U.S. Department of Energy, in the Administration of President George H. W. Bush, as Special Assistant to Ohio Governor George Voinovich, and as Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

William Daroff engages with key policymakers, members of Congress, and the White House, to ensure that antisemitism is recognized as a serious issue and that effective policies are implemented.

Having served with the American Jewish Committee, leadership cabinet for Israel Bonds, and Jewish Federations, his experience gives him insightful knowledge of how to combat antisemitism and work with communities.

This is sure to be an interesting and informative evening. For tickets to the October 29 event, go to jfedsrq.org/Events. Questions? Contact Carol Hochman Dierksen at cdierksen@jfedsrq.org.

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Bearing Witness: A Kristallnacht Commemoration

By Bette Zaret,
Holocaust Education Initiative
and Ellie Levy, Fourth
Generation Holocaust Survivor
and Pine View School Student
Class of 2025

Join us at 3:00 p.m. on November 10, at The Ora at the Morganroth Event Center as we remember Kristallnacht, the November Pogrom in Europe, when Jewish homes, places of business and synagogues were ransacked in Germany, Austria, Prussia and Czechoslovakia on November 9 and 10, 1938. Many scholars consider Kristallnacht to be both the end of the beginning and the beginning of the end of the Holocaust.



Zaret

We will honor the survivors who bore witness to these tragic events, their descendants who continue to share their stories and uphold their legacy, and the Torah scrolls rescued from Czechoslovakia that also bore witness to the atrocities. This occasion is a profound reminder of the importance of remembrance and is especially poignant today as we take solace and receive inspiration from the enduring hope and resilience of the Jewish people throughout history.

Following are the beautiful words of Ellie Levy, Fourth Generation Holocaust Survivor; Pine View School Senior; and an invaluable volunteer for Federation's Holocaust Education Initiative:

The words in the Torah tell the stories of how the Jewish people came to be. They tell of struggle and survival, blights and blessings, pain and promises. They serve as a constant reminder of the prophecy that enemies of the Jewish people would rise up against them in every generation, but that God would deliver them to safety. And, while the words written on every Torah scroll tell these stories, passed down for thousands of years, they sometimes also tell stories of Jewish triumph over evil in the blemishes, the tears in their parchment, their decay, damage, and dirt. Some of these scrolls are also survivors, and they too bear the memories of the evil they witnessed, the abuse they suffered, and hope they represent.

In 1942, when the Nazis were expelling Jews, stealing their possessions and their humanity, taking over their properties and businesses, and deporting them to captivity or death, the Jews of Bohemia and Moravia collected their Torah scrolls and other Judaica and sent them to the Jewish Museum in Prague. Just as these 1,564 scrolls survived the Holocaust, so too did the Jewish people. These scrolls bore witness and can now tell stories both different, but also reminiscent of the ones

November 10, 3:00 p.m.
at The Ora

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Kristallnacht Commemoration
and 60th Anniversary Memorial
Scrolls Trust Gathering



Scrolls rescued from the destruction of Kristallnacht in Europe.

written on them in calligraphy.

On November 10, the **Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee** will host "Bearing Witness: Kristallnacht Commemoration and 60th Anniversary Memorial Scrolls Trust Gathering" in commemoration of the 86th anniversary of Kristallnacht, a night synonymous with the destruction of every symbol of Judaism, and in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Memorial Scrolls Trust, an organization which rescued these Czech scrolls and distributed them to sites all over the world, several of these scrolls will be brought to Sarasota for an extremely meaningful event. This event, co-chaired by Hayley Englander and Agnes Schipper, a second-generation Holocaust survivor, will feature speakers from the Memorial Scrolls Trust, magnificent musical renditions, a tribute to local Holocaust survivors, and a processional of several of the 98 scrolls that now reside in Florida. Many of these scrolls rescued from the Jewish Museum in Prague came from towns to where no Jews ever returned. They witnessed the happiest of times through holidays, Shabbats, Bar Mitzvahs, feasts, and festivals. They witnessed the most devastating of times too. They are symbols of grief and grace, despair and hope, death and rebirth, and the unbreakable spirit of the Jewish people.

Please join us. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required at [jfedsrq.org/Events](https://www.jfedsrq.org/Events).

For more information about this event or about our Holocaust Education Initiative please contact me at bzaret@jfedsrq.org.

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The Netherlands is a beautiful country comprised of 12 provinces, each with a distinct history, culture, and several with unique dialects. A recent cruise of the Dutch Waterways offered a taste of several of the provinces. While we expected to see Jewish historical sites in Amsterdam, we were surprised by a few Jewish experiences elsewhere.



Jewish Journeys

Roz Bokoff

experience Amsterdam. General tours, food tours, Jewish tours, and canal boat cruises are great ways to take in the city.

Jewish Points of Interest in Amsterdam

The Portuguese Synagogue (Esnoga, in Dutch), built in 1675, was Europe's largest synagogue at the time. Still in use, the floors remain sand-covered, and there is no electricity; they light 1,000 candles in four chandeliers for illumination!

The Jewish Museum, Holocaust Museum, and the theater from where Jews were deported to concentration camps are all located near one another. Throughout the area, you'll see "stumbling stones" memorializing the victims.

The Anne Frank House, where the Frank's hid before being transported to concentration camps, is Amsterdam's most famous Jewish site. The experience is moving and highly recommended. Tickets MUST be purchased online; they're released on Tuesdays



Left: Portuguese Synagogue, Amsterdam
Above: Delft artists still hand-paint every piece.

at 4:00 a.m. Eastern for the coming six weeks and sell out quickly.

The Rest of the Country

Day trips from Amsterdam to other areas are possible but confirm your transportation in advance, some areas are difficult to access. Here are some recommendations:

Friesland – this province is known for ice skating, Friesian horses, and Holstein cows. It's beautiful, with inland lakes and extensive agricultural areas. Seeing the beautiful black horses prance and learning about this prized breed is unforgettable.

Gelderland – here you'll find Arnhem, a lovely city that where a major WWII battle was lost by the Allies and memorialized as "a bridge too far." The history is told at monuments throughout the city, the Airborne Cemetery, and the Airborne Museum at Hartenstein.

North Holland – the interactive "living" Zuiderzee Museum offers a comprehensive and engaging way to learn how the Dutch lived before they "conquered the sea" with dikes and dams. It's like Sturbridge Village or Colonial Williamsburg, with costumed interpreters throughout the museum.

South Holland – home of Rotterdam and The Hague. Vermeer's "The Girl with the Pearl Earring," and other beautiful works are at Mauritshuis (The Hague). Rotterdam's

Markthal, is an experience in itself for the awesome architecture, and you can taste food from everywhere while you're gaping at the amazing ceiling! The Keukenhof Gardens are a must for springtime visitors.

Jewish Points of Interest Outside Amsterdam

There are Jewish communities in The Hague and Rotterdam, but few tourist sites. Communities may have repurposed synagogues or monuments, like the beautiful synagogue in Kampen with the Holocaust memorial added to its façade.

The Zuiderzee Museum has a representation of two Jewish families who lived in the region, and we particularly liked sharing the 1916 Shabbat experience of the Kornalijnslijper family.

Despite Jewish contributions to Dutch society, there isn't much left for visitors to see, but there are symbols and stories when you look for them. Enjoy the Netherlands, and share your own Jewish surprises with me at Roz.Bokoff@CruisePlanners.com.

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Sarasota-Manatee and Providence, Rhode Island

Sandy Pankiw lived in four different states before settling in Rhode Island. She eventually added Florida to her list of states when she became a snowbird. Here is how Sandy compares Jewish life in Providence with Jewish life in Sarasota-Manatee. There are almost 19,000 Jews in Rhode Island, 14,200 of whom live in the Providence area. Sarasota-Manatee has over 35,000 Jews.

Sandy's story

I grew up attending a conservative temple in Massachusetts. After graduating from Brown University, I moved to Boston, Houston, Chicago, and Cleveland. My career kept me traveling and I was not actively involved at a temple until I moved to Cleveland. It was there I joined a small Reform congregation with a part time Rabbi and lots of volunteers. Finally, after retiring from my job in Cleveland, I moved to Rhode Island to be near my family. I bought a house in Warwick and searched for a temple to join in Providence.



Pankiw

The east side of Providence has a thriving Jewish community and there are many temple options including Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox. Although one of my oldest childhood



Tales of Two Cities

Kim Sheintal

friends was at Temple Emanuel, the Conservative temple, and my mother grew up there, I ultimately joined Temple Beth El, the Reform temple. After 40 years of attending Reform services, I just felt more at home there and knew my daughter would attend High Holidays services with me. During the time I was deciding where to join, and in light of Covid, I frequently zoomed services at Temple Emanu-El (TEE) in Sarasota with my daughter. We both love the choir and enjoyed the Rabbis' sermons. My two daughters and I had been attending TEE for years with my father, Sumner Alpert, and Joyce Rosenthal, when we came to visit.

The Providence Jewish community is active and thriving. There is a large JCC with a lot of programming. There are people walking all the time in neighborhoods and parks, and on Shabbat, there are many who walk to temple. There are Jewish delis and a grocery store which makes my Passover shopping a breeze. There are even a lot of "Kosher for Pesach" items at the local

supermarket because of the large Jewish population in Providence. After living on the West side of Cleveland, where there was so little available for Passover, Providence is a "mechayeh," delight, and I am happy I moved back to the area.

As for comparing temples, Temple Beth El and Temple Emanu-El have much in common. They both have a beautiful temple building, a large membership, two active Rabbis, an active Sisterhood and many committees, volunteer activities and social events. Both have Rabbis who deliver meaningful sermons and discuss current events in Israel. Both have always made me feel

welcome on Friday nights and I've been greeted warmly at the kiddush. There are some differences. Since Sarasota isn't a walking community, you will likely need a car to get to temple. At Temple Emanu-El, there is always a choir and a full house at Friday night services. I don't know what the secret is ... maybe there is something in the water. I enjoy being Jewish in both places and will always enjoy involvement in both communities.

Are you a snowbird or a full-time transplant from another place? Are you willing to contribute your thoughts to our limited series? If so, please email hhurie@jfedrsq.org.



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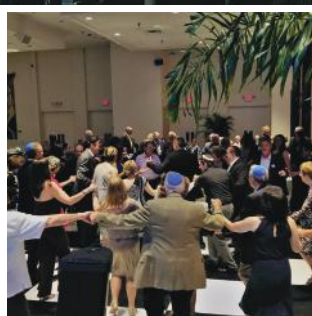
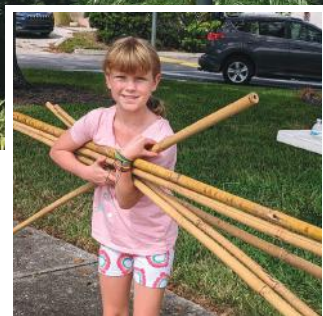
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Bearing Witness: The Story of Harry Zehnwirth

By Lindsay Luberecki,
Pine View School Class of 2025

As Harry Zehnwirth took a seat, I opened my notebook. He and I had already connected, when I learned he was also on his high school's newspaper. The atmosphere turned serious as we began our conversation. Hearing Zehnwirth recount his childhood, it seems almost impossible that all the events he described could have happened to one family. But, all these events make up his family's journey during the Holocaust.

"My parents worked very hard," he said. "My father didn't talk about his family, ever."

Zehnwirth learned later in life that his father's entire family was killed in Poland when World War II began. He was three years old. After losing contact with them, and hearing of the German occupation, Zehnwirth's parents decided to try to leave Antwerp, Belgium.

"We went to Dunkirk [France]," he said. "We couldn't even get a row-boat."

Zehnwirth's family remained in Antwerp for another two years, and by then, the occupation had begun.

"A German general, who was not a Nazi ... told my mother, 'your name is on a list,'" Zehnwirth said, recalling a fateful night. "We literally walked out of Antwerp, heading again

"I wish I sat down with my parents, and spoke, and recorded, and wrote down, and I didn't."

- Harry Zehnwirth



Left: the Zehnwirth family. Right: Harry Zehnwirth, today.

towards Dunkirk."

Unsuccessful again, they began to mail requests for any passports. "We managed to get Bolivian passports ... I thought they were falsified," he said. [He has subsequently learned they were not falsified.]

The family went to Portugal, and from there the family decided to try to get on a boat to Cuba, the last boat Cuba was to allow from Europe.

As he shared stories of his journey, he recalled specific days. One night, Zehnwirth and his family stayed in a hotel. Acquaintances later said to them, "Are you crazy? That hotel was full of German soldiers." Zehnwirth

said, "we were the only civilians. It was just a miracle."

Another day, Zehnwirth's family was in front of a restaurant, when a man insisted they couldn't sit there. "We walked about a thousand yards, and as we turned around, a bomb fell and killed everybody there and cratered the whole place. And we were there, a thousand yards away," Zehnwirth said, astonished.

Zehnwirth lived in Cuba until he was eight. His whole family learned Spanish. Later, when reminiscing about his mother, he recalled her knack for languages. "[She] spoke eleven languages fluently," Zehnwirth

said. "Even though she had no more than six grades of education, she was quite a scholar."

When Zehnwirth was eight, his family moved to New York City. He spent the rest of his childhood in New York and attended the City College of New York, followed by Pace College.

He went on to work in sales, including for *Time* magazine, before retiring and eventually moving to Florida.

Looking back on his journey, Zehnwirth was able to summarize how he and his family made it through the Holocaust: "The will to survive. Most people will do anything to survive."

Multiple times throughout the interview, Zehnwirth stressed a few key takeaways that he wanted the next generation to know. "It's very important for us to know about history ... what has impacted us to make us either better people or more careful people," he said. "The thing to take away, is getting along with others, making sure you can help them out if you can, being honest, and [to] record everything you can so you pass it down to the next generation." He echoed that last point at least three times. He urges us, and anyone else reading, to sit down with your relatives, and record everything you can. "It's too late for me. I wish I had sat down with my parents, and spoke, and recorded, and wrote down, and I didn't," he said. "Family ties are very important, you learn from everyone." 🗣️



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The New Year 5785 is at our door. We usher in the year by observing the High Holidays and celebrating Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. It is interesting to note that in biblical times Sukkot was the most important Holiday of the fall season and was known by several names. In the Book of Leviticus, for example, in one citation, the Holiday is called by its name Sukkot (24:34), but in a different verse Sukkot is called "Chag Adonai," a Festival of the Lord, (24:39). In the Book of Deuteronomy Sukkot is mentioned three times by its name (16:13, 16 and 31:10), and in the Book of Exodus it is mentioned only as "Chag Ha-a-sif," the Feast of the Harvest (23:16; 34:22). Moreover, apparently during the Solomonic era, Sukkot was such an important and popular Holiday that it was sufficient to call it "He-Chag," the Holiday, and everyone understood it to be Sukkot. Thus, we read that it was on He-Chag that king Solomon and the entire community of Israel dedicated the First Temple in "Ye-

ru-sha-lyim," Jerusalem (I Kings 8:65).

The question arises, why was Sukkot so popular and important in biblical times? Why on this Holiday one is ordered to "rejoice in your festival ... and have nothing but joy?" (Deuteronomy 16:14-15) The answer lies in the fact that Sukkot was celebrated during the "a-sif," fall harvest, when the hot summer ended, and "the ingathering of the harvest from the threshing floor to your vat" began in earnest (Deuteronomy 16:13). And indeed, already in the Book of Judges we find a mention to this joyful celebration. Here we read that Chag Adonai, the Lord's Feast, namely Sukkot, was celebrated in Shiloh annually for years, "as the girls of Shiloh came out to join in dances" in the vineyards (Judges 21:21).

The noun a-sif meaning harvest or ingathering is derived from the verb "a-saf," which has multiple meanings in Biblical and Modern Hebrew, and all depending on context. For example, a-saf means to gather be it the harvest (Deuteronomy 11:14), or gathering people to an assembly (Numbers 21:7), to admit (Joshua 20:4), to withdraw light (Joel 2:10), to take away, to remove (Genesis 30:23). The verb a-saf is also the base for the biblical phrases "ne-e-saf el avotav," literally, gathered to his fathers or "ne-e-saf el a-mav," literally, gathered to his kin meaning passed away, or died (Judges 2:10; Genesis 25:8). A-saf is also the base for several nouns which appear only once

or twice in the Bible, but used often in Modern Hebrew. For example, "o-sef," meaning a collection, appeared twice in the Text (Isaiah 32:10; Micha 7:1), "a-se-fah," an assembly or a gathering, (Is 24:22) and "a-saf-suf," meaning mob, or riffraff, (Numbers 11:4) both appeared only once.

In short, chag ha-asif was the biblical name for the lovely holiday of

Sukkot, when the people gathered to celebrate the a-sif, the harvest of the fall crops from the fields and the vineyards. It stands to reason that the larger was the o-sef, the greater was the joy of the a-se-fah. To end our short discussion of chag ha-sif I wish all our readers "chag sa-me-ach," happy holiday. May we never face the wrath of an a-saf-suf, but always enjoy the a-sif of our labor. ☺

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What's COOKING?

By Betty Silberman

BORSCHT (WITH MEAT)

A traditional Borscht with meat... from my mother Esther and the women in her family in Lodz, Poland

L'DOR V'DOR — Recipes passed down from generation to generation

My mom, neé Esther Schwiatlo, was born outside Łódź in 1922. Her family was Orthodox, but she only fostered tradition in our home. In 1939, Esther fled Poland with a few friends from her Zionist group Ha'Shomair Ha'Tzair. She worked in a labor camp in Stalin's

Russia, returned to Łódź to find no one alive. My dad Joseph and Esther met in a displaced persons camp in Lindz, Austria, where my brother was born. The family emigrated to Montreal in 1948, where I was later born.

I used to watch my mom cook her best soups. Her borscht was excellent, and I make it exactly as she did.

INGREDIENTS/DIRECTIONS

1/2 pot water
1 lb. high grade beef stew, cut in chunks
Cook for 1 hour, medium heat (short ribs are also great).
Make sure to remove foam on top.
Add 3 peeled raw beets, diced
1/3 head cabbage, lightly shredded or cut
1 small tin tomato paste
1/4 c. honey or sugar
Raisins to taste; serve hot with a dollop of sour cream.

Betty Silberman is a resident of Sarasota and a member of the Generations After group.

Welcome to
our monthly column celebrating the connection of food with Jewish culture and tradition.
Reach out if you have a recipe or idea you would like to share: hlurie@jfedsrq.org

Sharing Heritage with Secular Jewish Grandchildren

“I’m afraid to interfere,” said Magda, grandmother to interfaith twin girls whose Jewish son and Methodist daughter-in-law are raising their daughters in both faiths. Magda’s friend, “Zayde” Nathan, shares her concerns. Nathan says, “My grandson is almost ten and I haven’t brought up the Jewish thing. His parents are atheists and refer to themselves as cultural Jews, but they don’t do anything Jewish. I won’t be here forever. I want my grandson to know about his Jewish roots.”

With a United States intermarriage rate at nearly 60 percent, and with more than 30 percent of Jews self-identifying as non-observant or secular, it seems that Grandma Magda and Zayde Nathan’s concerns are not unique. For more than one third of American Jewish families, issues regarding how and when to share Jewish traditions are a sensitive part of the grand-parenting experience.

One of the first to describe the joys and challenges facing interfaith grandparents was author Sunie Levin. In her groundbreaking book, “Mingled Roots – A Guide for Jewish Grandparents of Interfaith Children” (UAHC Press, 2003). Levin shares her personal experiences with the topic.

As a rabbi who supports intermarriage and the uniquely rich trove of traditions that characterizes so many interfaith families, I’ve applied Levin’s perspective to encourage Jewish grandparents to share their heritage with the grandkids.

Where to begin? First, some ground rules. Ancient Jewish practice dictates that we Jews do not proselytize, meaning that we don’t actively try to convert others to become Jews. This rule applies to our grandchildren, too. Depending on your family’s Jewish denomination, you may already consider that your grandchildren are Jewish, but modern life demonstrates that Jewishness is less about bloodline and more



Aging Jewishly
What Our Traditions Tell Us About Growing Old

Rabbi Barbara Aiello

about day-to-day behavior.

Respect is also key. You may not agree with the religious climate (or lack of it) in your grandkids’ home, but if you adopt an attitude that demonstrates respect for their choices, interfaith and secular parents may be more open to grandparents’ sharing family history with their children.

The grandkids may understand that mom or dad is Jewish but it’s possible that they have had no experience with the history and traditions of the Jewish people. That’s where the grandparents come in. As bearers of the flame, grandparents are the family members who give the youngest generation a sense of their history. So, it doesn’t matter if the grandkids are part of a shul-going family, or if they are being raised in a Christian or secular environment, grandparents can play an important role in helping their grandkids appreciate who they are and where they come from.

Here are some things that you can do.

The Mini-Museum

Create a Jewish corner in your own home. Shine the Chanukah menorah and buy some Shabbat candles. Find the family kiddush cup and great-grandpa’s “tallit,” prayer shawl. Select a spot for your mini-museum, making sure that it is eye-level for the little ones. Ask your Jewish son or daughter if she/he would like to contribute a personal item to the “museum,” as well. When the grandchildren

visit, show them their family museum, let them explore, touch and ask questions. Personalize the items. “This is my father’s tallit and these were my mother’s Shabbat candlesticks.” Or if these items are no longer accessible, adapt, “This is a tallit like my father wore and these are candlesticks just like my mother had for Shabbat.” Before each visit add an item or two and ask your grandchild if she can find what’s new in the mini-museum. When the kids are familiar with the items, organize a scavenger hunt to foster a personal hands-on relationship with your family’s Jewish treasures.

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Nothin’ Says Lovin’ Like Jewish Cooking

If you are able to spend time with your grandchildren, create a cooking school experience. Use family recipes for brisket, latkes, kugel, or blintzes and teach the grandkids how to become chefs in Bubby’s Jewish Cooking School. While you’re creating, be sure to share family memories of how, when and why these Jewish foods were eaten. Invite the parents to sample the feast.

Jewish Holidays

Passover is the Jewish holiday celebrated by more Jews than any other. Regardless of Jewish persuasion the Passover “seder,” traditional meal with symbolic foods, prayers, and stories, has brought more “Yiddishkeit,” Jewishness, to interfaith and secular families than any other holiday experience. With this in mind, have your grandchildren help you organize the seder by creating

individual seder plates, matzah covers, or book covers for the Haggadah.

Chanukah ranks as the second most popular Jewish holiday, even more special because it has its own unique interfaith meaning. Kindling the candles and placing the lighted menorah in the window demonstrates the basic tenet of the festival, that of religious freedom. An interfaith or secular family is an example of religious tolerance and appreciation of differences. Making

or buying individual Chanukah menorahs for each family member can add to the enjoyment and, if you’ve made your “Mini Museum,” they can be enjoyed year round.

U.K.’s Rabbi Gideon Sylvester puts it well when he discusses teaching about Judaism to anyone, Jewish or not (*Jewish Chronicle* 2010). Rabbi Sylvester references the Torah where it says, “Keep my commandments which a person should perform and through which they will gain eternal life.” (Leviticus 18: 5) The verse makes no distinction between Jews and non-Jews; Torah is there for everyone, including our interfaith and secular grandkids.

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The Joker Sings!; 'SNL' Movie: Where are the Jews?; More

Stars of David

Nate Bloom

Editor's Note: Persons in bold are deemed by Nate Bloom to be Jewish for the purpose of this column. Persons identified as Jewish have at least one Jewish parent and were not raised in, or identify with, a faith other than Judaism. Converts to Judaism, of course, are also identified as Jewish.

“Joker: Folie a Deux” is the latest entry in films inspired by the Batman comic books. It opens in theaters on October 4. A “Folie a Deux” is a French expression that describes a delusion or mental illness shared by two people in close association.

“Folie” is a sequel to “The Joker” (2019), a huge critical and box-office hit. **Joaquin Phoenix**, 49, starred as the Joker (real name, Arthur Fleck). Phoenix won the best actor Oscar (2020) for his (first) performance as the Joker/Arthur Fleck.

As I have noted before, Phoenix is the son of a non-Jewish father and a Jewish mother. Phoenix is not religious and, a few years ago, he said he defined himself as “a secular Jew.”

In case you are not familiar with the Joker character, here’s a capsule description: he’s a mentally ill, nihilistic criminal with a clown-inspired persona. Before turning to crime, he

was a poor party clown and an aspiring stand-up comedian.

As “Folie” opens, the Joker/Arthur Fleck is being held (really imprisoned) in a state mental hospital. He is there because of his crimes in the first “Joker” film.

Lady Gaga co-stars as Harley Quinn, a music therapist at the mental hospital. She meets Fleck and is curious about him. This curiosity turns into obsession and she forms a deadly romantic relationship with Arthur Fleck.

Lady Gaga can certainly sing. So can Phoenix. Just watch “Walk the Line” (2005), an acclaimed film about Country music icon Johnny Cash. Phoenix (as Cash) sang all the songs, quite well, in his voice (not dubbed). Phoenix got a best actor Oscar nomination for this role.

So, here’s the big surprise: “Folie” isn’t just another comic book inspired flick, it’s a full-on musical!

A song list has not been released. But it’s clear that most of the songs are classic hits of the past (c. 1920-80). Advance rumors say one tune used is “That’s Entertainment” (1953), written by **Arthur Schwartz** and **Howard Dietz**.

“Folie” was directed by **Todd Phillips**, 53. He directed the first “Joker” movie, too. He has four Oscar nominations, three of them for “The Joker”. He co-wrote both “Joker” films with **Scott Silver**, 59.

“Saturday Night” is a biographical comedy-drama that is set in 1975. It

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“Joker: Folie a Deux,” theatres 10/4

“Saturday Night,” theatres 10/11

“Disclaimer” Apple+ 10/11

“Before,” Apple+ 10/25

opens in theaters on October 11. It follows the events leading to the premiere of NBC’s Saturday Night (later known as Saturday Night Live or “SNL”). The film was directed by **Jason Reitman**, 46. He co-wrote the script with **Gil Kenan**, 47.

Reitman is the son of **Ivan Reitman** (1946-2020). Ivan directed many comedy film classics, including “Ghostbusters” and “Kindergarten Cop.”

Jason Reitman’s big hits include “Juno,” and “Up in the Air.” He and Kenan co-wrote “Ghostbusters: Afterlife” and “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire.” Reitman directed “Afterlife” and Kenan directed “Frozen.”

This is all “nice,” but I was not happy when I read the “SNL movie character/cast list. This film busts any record I know of in one sense: the number of non-Jewish actors who play real Jews. I counted 27 named characters in the credits and 14 are/were Jewish. Only one (!), minor Jewish role went to a Jewish actor!

I don’t have the space to give you all these names and who they are/were. Here are just five top Jews played by non-Jews. (Contact me if you want

complete list).

The top five Jewish characters played by non-Jews: **Lorne Michaels**, 79, the star character of this film, and the creator/producer of “SNL;” **Rosie Shuster**, 74, Michaels’ first wife and an “SNL” writer; **Gilda Radner** (1946-89), original cast member; **Laraine Newman**, 72, original cast member; **Andy Kaufman** (1949-84), an important guest star.

There is something wrong when only one Jewish actor plays a Jew, and 13 others are played by non-Jews. What if this was a movie with 14 Hispanic characters and only one actor playing a Hispanic was really Hispanic? Today, hell would break out, even if the director was Hispanic.

“Disclaimer” is a 7-episode Apple+ series that premieres on October 11. Premise: Cate Blanchett plays a journalist famous for uncovering others’ misdeeds. She receives a novel by an unknown author. This novel is really a list of all the bad things she’s done. She races to find out who knows her secrets, secrets that could destroy her career and her marriage. **Sacha Baron Cohen**, 52, plays her husband.

“Before” is a 10-episode Apple+ series that begins on October 25. Premise: Eli (**Billy Crystal**, 76) is a child psychiatrist who, after losing his wife, Lynn (**Judith Light**, 75), encounters Noah, a troubled young boy who seems to have a haunting connection to Eli’s past.

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Recovering Family Shoah History as Heritage

By Uzi Baram, PhD
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Heritage can be deeply personal, conveyed by family and friends to the next generation who can continue the chain of remembering, but memories can be lost.

For my family, I knew my father's paternal side was in Haifa during WWII, but there were silences for my maternal side of the family. My mother grew up in Haifa with her parents and her paternal grandfather; she often remarked how unusual it was to have a grandparent while growing up in 1940s/50s Israel. I knew my maternal grandparents, but the Shoah was never mentioned; my clearest memory for my maternal grandmother was the chocolates she always offered, and for my maternal grandfather it was his interest in the Miami Dolphins late in life.

Fast-forward: my parents moved to Sarasota to help me with my three young children. In 2019 after my father's death, I was tasked with cleaning out their house. In a pile of papers and printed out photographs, I saw my maternal grandparents wedding invitation.

There, above the name of my mother's paternal grandfather, Josef Hochberger, was the name of her maternal grandfather: Hermann Neubrunn.

I'm trained in archaeology, I have excavated to recover history and memories in North America and the Eastern Mediterranean and searched through dusty archives as a researcher. The task for my family was simpler.

I googled.

The digitalization of Holocaust records is an impressive scholarly achievement, and it is a socially meaningful one as well. The online

resources provide the information for historians and fills in gaps that the Nazi trauma created in family memory. After searching through databases at the Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names, the Museum of the Jewish People, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, my internet search for Hermann Neubrunn led to holocaust.cz, a Czech-based online resource that carefully documents the Theresienstadt Ghetto.

What came up was not unexpected, but still chilling. The database of victims contained the death notice:

Born: June 15, 1871

Last residence before deportation: Videň 2, Czerningasse 4/29

Transport IV/10, no. 538 (Vienna to Terezín) September 11, 1942

Murdered: January 14, 1943 Terezín
Murdered as a 71-year-old because he was a Jew.

My maternal grandmother's mother, Jetti Neubrunn was on the same transport but survived Terezín.

Born: September 17, 1877

Last residence before deportation: Videň 2, Czerningasse 4/29

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Murdered

She survived Terezín and was sent to Auschwitz as a 66-year-old.

These are two of the six million Jews murdered.

I know of the Shoah from books, films, and survivors' testimonies. The discovery of my maternal great-grandparents' fate connects the catastrophe to my own identity. I dove into the literature of Terezín/Theresienstadt, located north of the Czech capital.

By learning of the fate of my grandmother's parents, Terezín became the entry point for continuing to grapple with the evil involved in the genocide. My commitment to anti-racism and to confronting antisemitism has never wavered, family heritage strengthens my resolve not to accept excuses and erasures.

The lessons from this family archaeology include inspiration. While my great grandparents were murdered, their daughter Finy, who had married Edward Hochberger in 1933, left Vienna in 1935 for the Maccabiah (otherwise known as the Jewish Olympics) held in Tel Aviv and my grandfather followed soon afterward; they reunited and had my mother (and later my uncle). Their survival is why I am on this planet.

Heritage research is an ongoing process, with resources becoming increasingly available for recovering family histories, maintained by committed scholars and supported by kind benefactors. Heritage resources offer avenues for filling gaps in memory to heal the trauma of silence, to share the tales of tragedy and survival of ancestors that strengthen identity and identification for the current and future generations.

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Miller

ber in 2016, serving as board chair from 2017-2020. During that time, she helped lead the food bank response to Hurricane Irma and COVID-19, represented AFFB as a spokesperson in the local press, and acted as a steward of major donors.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October 23, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$18 standard donation with the option of a \$36 sponsorship. All proceeds will benefit the food banks.

Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be distributed to families in need. For reservations, visit tbssrq.org/events, or email info@tbssrq.org for more information.



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Temple Emanu-El's Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center (SSEL) welcomed new and returning preschoolers, including new voluntary prekindergarten student Josilyn Berman, pictured here, for another wonderful year of learning and growth in a safe, nurturing Jewish environment on Monday, August 12. For more information about SSEL, please visit sarasotatemples.org/preschool or call 941-377-8074.

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'Am Yisrael Chai: A Day of Hope' on October 6

By Rabbi Elaine Glickman

As we prepare to mark one year since the horrors of October 7, we are still in shock and mourning. On October 7, the anniversary of this terrible day, we will remember and lament. We will recite "El Malei Rachamim," a prayer for the departed, and the Kaddish to honor those who were slaughtered. We will grapple with the magnitude of the loss and the devastation.

Before the solemnity and sadness of October 7, however, we will remember that hope is mandatory, and we will honor the strength and sacredness of that hope.

With this in mind, the Jew-



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ish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee (JFSM) and Temple Emanu-El will hold a very special gathering entitled "Am Yisrael Chai: A Day of Hope," on Sunday, October 6. The community will come together in the Temple Emanu-El sanctuary from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. for song, prayer, and poetry, including a performance by Temple Emanu-El Religious



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School students of Matisyahu's anthem of hope, "One Day."

We will also welcome keynote speaker Maya Platek, the dynamic and inspirational Columbia University student and IDF veteran who has advocated courageously and forcefully for Israel, and who has just begun her term as the first Israeli elected to serve as Columbia's student body president. Maya's powerful speeches and writings can be found online.

Maya will be introduced and welcomed by Dr. Liat Alon, Chief Learn-

ing and Engagement Officer at JFSM, and will engage with Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman in a conversation about antisemitism, Israel, and hope. This meaningful discussion will end in plenty of time for attendees to participate in the Federation-sponsored Solidarity March: Walk Together Against Hate over the Ringling bridge in Sarasota later that afternoon.

Although "A Day of Hope" is free and open to the entire community, reservations are required, and security measures will be in effect. Please visit sarasotatemple.org/events to register.

Together we continue to say, loudly and strongly and proudly: Am Yisrael Chai!

Women of Sinai Supports Booker Elementary School

By Gail Glickman

The Women of Sinai (WOS) supports a community mitzvah partnership with the Emma E. Booker Elementary School. Booker was one of the first grammar school in Sarasota County for black children and is now the most financially needy elementary school in the Sarasota area. The partnership between the WOS and Booker has been in existence for more than ten years. Each year, Women of Sinai members donate school supplies for all second graders to use at home to provide the materials they need to com-

plete their homework. These donations create a home learning environment where children can be successful and parents may become more involved in their children's education.

In August, the mitzvah committee, coordinated by Program Chair Judy Feldman, met to organize and deliver school supplies. WOS members brought materials and generous contributions to guarantee that each second grader received the school supplies requested by their classroom teachers. Judy shared her thoughts about this Women of Sinai project, saying, "It gives the Women of Sinai so much pleasure to perform the

mitzvah of giving school supplies to the second graders of Emma E. Booker Elementary School."

Judy delivered the supplies to Administrative Assistant Principal Mary Matosky, who thanked the Women of Sinai with her kind expression of appreciation stating, "The synagogue has been a community partner for many years donating school supplies each year. They adopt a grade level and ensure that every student in that grade level has a prepackaged supply packet. Then they go above and beyond and donate any extras to the other grades. We deeply appreciate



Marilyn Katz, Judy Feldman, and Judy Rogovin prepare Booker school supplies

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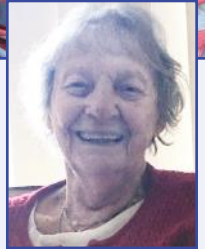
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Judy Honig, left, along with her husband Stephen Robb, right, made a generous donation in honor of Judy's mother, Ernie Kent, center. Ernie, who has been a resident at Aviva for several years, deeply appreciates the staff and enjoys the offerings of the community library. Thanks to their gift, Aviva renovated the staff break room and will soon refresh the library for all residents to enjoy. In memory of their mother, Dorothy Cohen, her children: Margie, Gordon, and Michael, made a heartfelt donation after her passing. This contribution will help revitalize the memory garden and the memory care unit, reflecting their gratitude for the exceptional care Dorothy received while residing at Anchin Pavilion. Inset: Dorothy Cohen, in blessed memory



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New York Museum Keeps Holocaust Memory Alive

Jewish Congregation of Venice member Judy Rapaport has become acting president of the Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum in Oswego, New York. For the past 24 years, she has attended refugee reunions and traveled to other countries to meet former refugees.

Its directors are dedicated to keeping alive the story of the 987 refugees of the Holocaust, as well as, the members of the Oswego community who welcomed them to their city. According to Rapaport, “once you meet the refugees, your life changes

forever. Mine certainly has.”

The Holocaust Museum and “Schindler’s List” both relate a story of hardship and suffering during WWII. But there is another story about the survivors of Hitler’s tyranny that involves

[Refugees] came from 18 different countries as “invited guests” of President Roosevelt.

1,000 refugees and a small community in central New York. As the war raged on in Europe, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill met to address the

refugee problem and decided to create “havens” in the U.S., Palestine, and North Africa for the duration of the war, well after Roosevelt had been informed



Irving Schild, Doris Schechter, Ben Alalouf, and Arnon Finger gathered in Oswego on the 80th anniversary of their 1944 arrival at Fort Ontario’s emergency refugee shelter. They were four of the 987 refugees who lived at Fort Ontario, the only shelter for victims of the Holocaust in the United States during WWII.

Photo by Susan Keeter

of the atrocities at the death camp of Dachau and did not reveal its horrors to the American public.

The War Relocation Authority was designated to organize havens where refugees would be sent to camps in the United States, Palestine, and North Africa.

In June, 1944 the Authority instituted a camp in Oswego, New York for 1,000 refugees. They came from 18 different countries as “invited guests” of President Roosevelt outside regular immigration procedures with the understanding that they would return to Europe at the end of the war. 89% were Jews. They stayed for 18 months.

After the war, many wanted to stay, and then president Harry Truman decided it was inhumane to return them to Europe. Several agencies were charged with their resettling. Many be-

came professionals and a number of their descendants still live in Oswego.

Their individual stories are fascinating. In 1982 Members of the Syracuse chapter of Na-Amat erected a monument at Fort Ontario marking the site where the barracks had stood. A museum opened in 2002, after 14 years of fund raising.

In order to preserve the refugee story, the current project of the Safe Haven Board is to become a member of the National Park Service and ultimately a UNESCO World Heritage site. It remains the world’s only testament to the American effort to provide shelter for refugees during the Holocaust. Safe Haven will ensure that the story is told to future generations who must never forget.

For more information contact Cynthia Greene at cynlgreene@yahoo.com or call 941-218-6915.

First Birthday Celebrated at Ima and Me Gathering



Little ones Sasha, Lucas, and Rina, with their parents, celebrated Lucas’s first birthday and enjoyed cookie decorating at Chabad of Sarasota’s Ima and Me program, held weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

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TEERS Welcomed Families Back to School

By Snait Ben-Herut, MJED
Temple Emanu-El Religious
School Director

The official school year started on August 25, but Temple Emanu-El Religious School (TEERS) was busy long before that with exciting events to welcome students, families, teachers, and staff!

TEERS celebrated the start of the school year with “Welcome Back Shabbat” on Friday, August 16. The evening began with a festive Shabbat service; TEERS staff and families were proud to have students lead prayers during the service and participate in the ceremonial march with the Torah scrolls. After the service, families enjoyed a delicious Shabbat meal as well as Shabbat music, Shabbat crafts for the kids, and ice cream for dessert.

The next day, TEERS teachers and staff gathered for an Israeli brunch at the home of Religious



Left: TEERS “madrichim,” teaching assistants, enjoyed a night of dinner and escape rooms with Religious School Director Snait Ben Herut and Rabbi Michael Shefrin. Center: TEERS student Layla Golen and her dad Mike enjoyed an ice cream treat at the TEERS/Our Jewish Future Open House. Right: TEERS fourth-graders Emily Gordon, Dylan Rose Gates, and Elle Zukas shared crafts and smiles at “Welcome Back Shabbat.”



School Director Snait Ben-Herut. Teachers reviewed the curriculum and brainstormed new ideas. TEERS excitedly welcomed three new teachers to the team, including kindergarten/first grade teacher and TEERS alum Hunter Behrenfeld; Linda Danese,

an experienced Jewish educator; and Hila Shalem, an Israeli teacher with expertise in the arts.

That same weekend was the Teen Madrichim Social. Thirteen “madrichim,” religious school assistants, met for dinner and spent time in an Escape Room. We bonded over fish and chips, and solving mysteries to escape a “locked” room.

On Sunday, August 18, returning and new TEERS families explored their classrooms, met their teachers, and enjoyed time with old and new

friends. The Brotherhood fed everyone with yummy grilled hamburgers and delicious hot dogs. (We even ran out of ketchup!) Young and old picked their favorite treats from the ice cream truck; and parents enjoyed a picnic on the grass and heard the screams of joy of students playing gaga.

The full weekend ended up with a promise of another great year at TEERS. We are looking forward to welcoming students and families to celebrate Jewish life together as a community!

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The Federation is recruiting teens (ages 13-17) to participate in the **2025 JCC MACCABI GAMES**, an Olympic-style sports/dance competition for Jewish teens from around the world. During the games, attendees will participate in opening and closing ceremonies, community service projects, and social gatherings with **more than 1,500 Jewish teens**.

Join us for a **FREE information session** for teens and parents to learn about event dates, eligibility, travel logistics, available sport options, and more. You'll also meet our Delegation Head, Mark Sharff, and our Federation teen engagement team, Shelly DeCesare and Ethan Wolfson. A light dairy dinner will be served.

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Questions? Contact our Delegation Head **Mark Sharff** at **941-374-1107** or **msharff@gmail.com**



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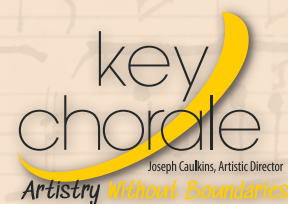
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An Immersive Experience for CDS Educator

By Tracey Bortz,
Director of Early Childhood
Education, Hershoren Schiff
Community Day School

Last spring, Community Day School (CDS) afforded me the incredible opportunity to travel to Kibbutz Ma'ale Hachamisha near Tel Aviv, Israel for a 10-day intensive "Kayitz Kef," conversational Hebrew learning experience, in coordination with Brandeis University and The Jewish Agency for Israel. Although having a Master's Degree in Jewish Studies and previously being the Early Childhood Director of Gross Schechter Day School in Cleveland, Ohio for 20 years, this trip had a profound impact personally and professionally as I trained alongside a cohort of Israeli educators and mentors, learning the most effective ways for second language acquisition in early childhood education.



Bortz

Created as a pilot initiative at Camp Ramah in Nyack, New York in 2013, the program's vision is to support Hebrew comprehension among youth in informal educational outlets at Jewish summer camps. Endorsed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, the initiative also focuses on utiliz-

ing young children's flexible ear and speech muscles to help them detect and absorb the sounds, structures, information patterns, and rules of a second language more easily. CDS was approached earlier last year by Kayitz Kef National Director, Sharon Sharonfeld, as she was impressed by CDS's pluralistic philosophy and diverse demographics where children of all faiths are taught the universal values of "Tzedek," integrity, "Limud," academic excellence, and "Tik-kun Olam," improving the world, and felt their "real life" language program seamlessly connected with our teaching of Hebrew and Judaic studies in an authentic and fun way.

Joined by 50 camp directors and 500 "shlichim," emissaries, similarly passionate about Hebrew, Israeli culture, and Jewish identity, the Kayitz Kef workshop in Israel focused on developing and utilizing different methodologies from full and partial immersion to specialty integration to best engage students using the proficiency approach to second language development, which is premised on acquiring rather than learning. I was able to gain new and invaluable strategies I was excited to bring back to the CDS campus, maximizing the opportunity for our youngest students to interact and connect with Hebrew through real-life activities.

This summer, we implemented a project and play-based, experiential learning schedule with opportunities



Early Childhood Education Director, Tracey Bortz, leading Kayitz Kef activities with students in the classroom.

for the target language of Hebrew to temporarily predominate the classroom environment, impacting our nearly 200 campers, ages eighteen months to five years old. Through full immersion using art, music, reading, and interactive games, campers built a foundation for early Hebrew language learning by making the words come alive and helping them find meaning in their own context.

After the success of the Kayitz Kef curriculum this summer, we have chosen to extend the program into the academic school year. In ad-

dition to our students' weekly Spanish and Judaica enrichment classes, Shabbat services, and high holiday, and special event programming, I will continue to lead Hebrew integration lessons in some of our early childhood classes. I welcome the community to see inclusivity in action through our all-around approach by joining me in a Hebrew lesson or during our school's weekly Shabbat services every Friday morning.

To learn more about Kayitz Kef at Community Day School, please connect with me at tbortz@communityday.org.

Welcome Home for the Holy Days

<p>October 2 Erev Rosh HaShanah 7:30 pm</p> <p>October 3 Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 10 am</p> <p>Family Rosh HaShanah Service at Urfer Park 4 pm</p> <p>Tashlich Together at Urfer Park 5 pm</p> <p>October 4 Rosh HaShanah Morning Service 10 am</p> <p>October 11 Kol Nidre and Erev Shabbat Service 7:30 pm</p>	<p>October 12 Yom Kippur Morning Service 10 am</p> <p>Yom Kippur Family 1:30 pm</p> <p>Yom Kippur Talk Back Session 3:00 pm</p> <p>Yom Kippur Afternoon Service 4:30 pm</p> <p>Yizkor Memorial Service and N'ilah 5 pm followed by Break-the-Fast</p> <p>October 17 Sukkot Morning Service 10:30 am</p> <p>October 24 Shemini Atzeret Yizkor Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Simchat Torah & Consecration Service 6 pm</p>
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We wish all of you a sweet New Year with blessings that fill your homes with health, happiness and the wonder of new beginnings.

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Temple Sinai's Family Service & Smokin' Hot Havdalah

By Gail Glickman

Temple Sinai's JQuest students were welcomed back from camp and participated in the Shabbat Nachas Family Service on August 16 with Bethany Leinweber, Student Rabbi and Director of Youth Education, and Chazzan Cliff Abramson. JQuest members spoke about their camp experience. Aria Engel, fourth grade, loved Camp Tamarack's water sports and spending time without parents. Lucas Wittenstein, sixth grade, said cooking, music, drama, and Maccabiah games

were his favorites at Camp Zeke. Ethan Freeman, eighth grade, said friends and Maccabiah games were the best part of Camp Coleman. Eight-year-old Maddox Fincher liked sports, Maccabiah games, and arts at Camp Coleman. Bethany said, "Jewish children who attend Jewish camps learn life skills, are most likely to identify as strong proud Jews and lead Jewish lives as adults."

On August 24, Temple Sinai held another spectacular program welcoming the entire Jewish community back from vacations, trips, camps, and all

summer experiences at Smokin' Hot Havdalah and Welcome Back BBQ and open house. A beautiful Havdalah service conducted by Chazzan Cliff Abramson, Bethany Leinweber, and JQuest student Lucas Wittenstein was followed by a delicious smokin' hot BBQ of smoked brisket, BBQ chicken, and sides. Bethany and members of SAFETY, Temple Sinai's youth group, coordinated lots of fun activities with prizes for all winners. Bethany created and ran an intergenerational trivia game with participants forming and naming

game teams. There was an incredibly creative combination of musical chairs and scavenger hunt. Everyone enjoyed the music and dancing. This fabulous event was open to congregants and all not-yet-members of the community. It was fun for all.

Laura Freedman, Director of Early Childhood Education, said, "Every year I look forward to the Temple Sinai family coming back together and hearing the stories and experiences of our congregants who attended Jewish camp during the summer."



Left: Bethany Leinweber, left, and Chazzan Abramson, right, welcome back JQuest students. Center: Lucas Wittenstein leads Havdalah Service August 24. Right: Ariel Engel, Lucas Wittenstein, Ethan Freeman and Maddox Fincher tell about camp experiences.

Helping a Teenager Engage with the High Holidays

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Every parent is familiar with the teenage eye roll. It comes when you bring up topics that they absolutely do not want to discuss.

The High Holidays fit nicely into that category. They've been to Hebrew school, had their bar and bat mitzvahs, maybe even went to confirmation. They do not want us lecturing about repentance.

So, how does a parent help a teenager engage with the High Holidays? For that matter, how do we parents use the opportunity improve our own lives?

The best advice I ever heard was from educator Adina Soclof, who specializes in teaching parents.

She writes, "I have realized that repentance – and this time of year altogether – do not have to be as scary as they seem. It's all about self-improvement and taking small steps towards meaningful and reasonable goals."

Her first suggestion is to look in

the mirror and think about your own accomplishments from the past year that you are most proud of.

Next, ask yourself: What do I want to do differently in the coming year?

This approach leads us away from dwelling on mistakes from the past year, and rather to considering ways for self-improvement in the coming year.

Lastly, ask yourself my favorite question for the Jewish new year: If I knew I wouldn't fail, what would I try this year? This gives us a chance to dream big, beyond our everyday lives.

Take that self-awareness with you when you sit down to talk to your kids. Soclof recommends three steps to a successful interaction:

1. Pick a quiet and calm time to talk.
2. Adopt a non-confrontational stance and tone of voice.
3. Talk about yourself.

Her third point is incredibly important. So often, we begin sentences with the word you. "You need to listen to me and put

that phone down," we say, which is definitely going to get a defensive response.

But a sentence that begins with I carries much more weight. "I wish that we were better at listening to each other, and I'd like to work on that with you," is far more likely to elicit a positive response.

Soclof writes, "Kids listen better when we talk about ourselves. They don't feel like they need to de-

fend themselves, or like they're being pushed into doing something that they might not feel like doing."

So start with yourself, and then ask your child the same questions you asked yourself. The answers might come slowly. That's okay. So did yours. Give them time to think.

One way to begin the High Holiday conversation is by saying, "I've been thinking about ways I can be a better person next year." It is almost guaranteed to get their attention.

You might be surprised by what you hear from them. This is a good time to remind yourself that you're not

having this conversation so you can fix things for them. You're there to stimulate the same thoughts that Judaism wants all of to consider at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Instead of lecturing or admonishing your kids about repentance, you'll be modeling a thoughtful and intentional approach to using the Jewish holidays for self-improvement. It's a hopeful, positive way to begin the year.

Good luck, and Happy New Year!

Rabbi Singer has a master's degree in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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Embracing Uncertainty: Courage & Resilience for 5785

As we stand at the threshold of a new Jewish year, our hope for a fresh start is shadowed by the challenging and difficult past year. Many of us may find it hard to welcome the new year with genuine hope and joy because we feel weighed down by a time of heightened uncertainty and fear. The world seems to be speeding up, becoming more divided and polarized, and threatening both our personal and societal well-being. The news, whether from Israel, the world at large, or our own neighborhoods, often leaves us holding our breath, anxious about what comes next.

In such a climate, it is natural to crave certainty, and to wish for a guarantee that everything will be okay. In the absence of such assurances, I invite you to lift your eyes above the abyss of despair and see the possibilities on the edge of this uncertainty. Jews have lived on the edge of uncertainty for centuries, and in doing so, we have stayed together and cultivated resilience through qualities such as determination, curiosity, creativity, ingenuity, and innovation. These qualities can help us not just survive, but grow stronger, even at the edge of the un-



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known.

So, what can we do on this edge of uncertainty to foster strength and resilience? Both personal and communal Jewish practices offer support:

Don't Isolate – You Are Not Alone

In times of uncertainty, it is crucial to remember that you are not alone. Gathering with others is always important, but it becomes essential during times of conflict and uncertainty. Being part of a community offers emotional and spiritual sustenance, allowing us to face challenges with the support of others. With this in mind, we've created my☆TRIBE at Congregation Kol HaNeshama, offering new

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Lean on Tradition and Ritual

Our rich Jewish tradition offers a stable ground beneath our feet, especially during turbulent times. Sharing experiences and rituals with others creates a rhythm in life, offering moments for reflection, gratitude, and connection. The High Holy Days, in particular, are an opportune time to join in the rhythm of the Jewish year, allowing ourselves to be integrated anew into the fabric of community and ritual. These gatherings and rituals do more than mark time; they provide a structure that helps us navigate life's uncertainties with greater ease.

Cultivate Personal Spiritual Practice

On a personal level, practices such as prayer, meditation, and learning offer profound comfort and guidance when living on the edge of uncertainty.

Prayer, for example, provides a sense of connection to something greater than oneself, offering solace and strength. It can be a source of hope, helping us find peace of mind amidst chaos. Through prayer and meditation, many find clarity, purpose, and a renewed sense of direction. These daily practices contribute to well-being, balance, strength, and resilience. Personally I have found that my daily spiritual practice is invaluable, especially during the past year's turmoil in Israel. My daily prayers are an anchor which enable me to face uncertainty with "ometz ve'bitachon," greater courage and trust.

As we enter this new year, may you find your tribe, a community where you are seen, supported, and loved. May you discover communal and personal practices, learning, and rituals that bolster your spirit and resilience. May you find purpose and peace in the face of uncertainty.

"Le'shanna tova u'metukah," may this new year be full of sweet connections and reconciliations, where we meet each other and the unknown with courage, open hearts, and renewed spirits. I end with prayers for peace and calm in our country, in Israel, and everywhere in the world.

'When Will This End?' is a Common Question for the Jews

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we reflect on the events that have shaped us. Last year, Yom Kippur came and went, but the memories of Simchat Torah still resonate deeply within us. With painful clarity, they remind us of our vulnerabilities and the reality of being a nation that often stands alone among the world's nations.

The Jewish people are not the same as we were before, and this year's High Holidays will inevitably carry a different weight. They reflect our collective experiences, struggles, and the profound changes we have undergone.

This leads me to ask: What about you?

Will you remain at home, scrolling through live streams of cantorial concerts? Or will you step into the sacred space of the synagogue, where the holy



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energy of our community can wash over us, and the spirit of G-d can fill our hearts with joy, strength, and a renewed sense of purpose?

Our current situation brings to mind a powerful story from the period of the War of Attrition (1968-70). At that time, Moshe Dayan, the Minister of Defense, spoke to a group of army officers. He shared an encounter with

a group of philanthropists from America, where one of them asked, "Vos Vet Zayn?" When will this end?

This question was posed shortly after the Six-Day War, during a conflict that stretched for over three years with relentless skirmishes, bloodshed, and loss. Many kibbutzim and villages faced continuous barrages of missiles, resulting in the loss of over a thousand lives. Against this backdrop of uncertainty and suffering, the question "When will this end?" echoed the deep longing for peace and resolution.

Dayan responded by recounting the enduring question that has accompanied the Jewish people since the time of our patriarch Abraham. When G-d commanded Abraham to walk through the land with the promise, "I will gift it to you," Abraham faced the daunting task of conquering a land inhabited by ten nations. In his uncertainty, he turned to G-d and asked, "What will be? How will I conquer the land?"

This question persisted through the generations. Isaac, facing adversity and antisemitism, found that no matter where he dug his wells, others would take them. Yet, G-d reassured him with the promise: "I am the G-d of Avra-

ham, your father; do not fear." Jacob, too, endured hardship and uncertainty, and to him, G-d echoed: "Do not fear, my servant Jacob."

Dayan explained that Jewish worry has always been twofold: the fear for the individual and the fear for the Jewish people as a whole, to remain loyal to G-d and our traditions. He emphasized that the only path forward is to continue the fight, and the most superb ammunition a fighter can possess is the courage to "not fear." A soldier may lack weapons, training, or gear: elements that can be replaced or overcome. However, without the right attitude, vigor, and trust that, in the end, we will prevail, victory is impossible.

As it was 3,500 years ago, and as it was 55 years ago, so it is today. When we gather together, united as one people, we send a powerful message to the world: We are steadfast in our belief in our success.

Let us carry this spirit into the High Holidays, entering the synagogue with faith, courage, and the knowledge that our strength lies in our unity and unwavering trust in G-d.

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October Anniversaries

- 20th,** Dr. Daniel & Jill Friedman
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- 25th,** Dr. Alec & Dana Rubin
Temple Emanu-El
- 30th,** Judy & Bruce Gibbs
Temple Emanu-El
- 40th,** Nina Levitt & John Hockenberry
Temple Emanu-El
- 40th,** Gayle & Michael Lewis
Temple Beth Israel
- 45th,** Barry & Wendy Klayton
Temple Emanu-El
- 55th,** Dr. Marvin & Elyse Diamond
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B'nai Mitzvot

- Phinley Bloom,** daughter of Stacey and Ashley Bloom, **October 28**
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- Ari Steinmetz,** son of Rabbi Chaim & Sara Steinmetz, **November 1**
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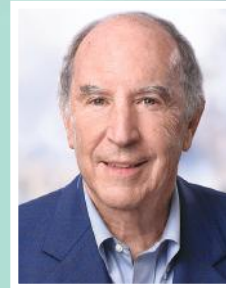
In Memoriam

- Jack Epstein, 91,** of Sarasota, formerly of New Britain, CT, July 27
- Howard Feltman, 97,** of Sarasota, formerly of Oradell, NJ, August 11
- Grace Goldstein, 92,** of Sarasota, formerly of Stamford, CT, August 21
- Jerome Kaye, 90,** of Sarasota, August 21
- Ernest Kretzmer, 99,** of Sarasota, August 24
- Susan Prohofsky, 86,** of Sarasota, formerly of the Bronx, NY, August 11
- Burton Silbert, 91,** of Longboat Key, formerly of Nashville, TN, August 24
- Michael Z. Spiegelman, 81,** of Venice, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, June 5

Submit your life cycle events (births, B'nai Mitzvah, anniversaries) to jewishnews@jfedrsq.org. Photos welcome for births, weddings, engagements and B'nai Mitzvah; please email as JPGs at 300dpi.



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October 6 • John Ringling Bridge, Sarasota • 3 PM-5 PM

Meet at Ernest and Eloise Werlin Park at 3 PM to walk across the bridge in solidarity with our community to show your support for Israel and the hostages.

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Section B

WHAT'S GOING ON IN
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JEWISH **to-do**

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All events and program times listed here are Eastern Time Zone unless otherwise indicated.
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OCTOBER 7 REMEMBRANCE EVENTS (note: some events are on October 6)



These programs are sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

Am Yisrael Chai: A Day of Hope

Sunday, October 6, 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and Temple Emanu-El (TEE) will hold: "Am Yisrael Chai: A Day of Hope" in the TEE sanctuary with song, prayer, and poetry, including a performance of Matisyahu's anthem of hope, "One Day," by TEE religious school students. We will welcome Maya Platek, the inspirational Columbia University student and IDF veteran, who has advocated for Israel, and who has just become the first Israeli to serve as Columbia's student body president.

Free and open to the entire community. Reservations are required. Please visit sarasotatemple.org/events to register.

Solidarity March: Walk Together Against Hate

Sunday, October 6, 3:00 p.m. at the John Ringling Bridge/Ernest and Eloise Werlin Park (adjacent to Hart's Landing), 920 John Ringling Causeway, Sarasota

Join the Federation, area synagogues, and the Sarasota Ministerial Association for a walk across the Ringling Bridge to show our support for Israel in recognition of the anniversary of the October 7 massacre. Meeting at Ernest and Eloise Werlin Park. Bring your Israeli flags and signs. Security will be provided.

For more information or to register go to jfedsrq.org/Events.

Be the Light: Memorial Candle Lighting

Monday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Ackerman Event Plaza in the Milman Kover Garden at the Morganroth Event Center, 578 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota

Join the Federation in a day-long memorial of the massacre of October 7, those who died on that day, and those who have died protecting the state of Israel since. Please stop by at new terrace and light a "Yahrzeit," memorial, candle any time between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Stand with us to show support for the victims of the massacre.

For more information, please contact Liat Alon at lalon@jfedsrq.org.

Chazak! Strength in Every Note

Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. at The Ora at the Morganroth Event Center, 578 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

An evening of prayer and strength commemorating the first anniversary of October 7. Featuring cantorial presentation by renowned cantor Shloime Rabin and guest speaker, IDF hero: Efraim Abrams, "Faith on the Frontlines." Join together to remember the victims, pray for Israel, and "CHAZAK," strengthen, ourselves in unity. Dedicate a letter in a special Sefer Torah written in memory of IDF soldier Yisroel Yudkin. This event is brought to you by all five Chabad centers in Sarasota and Manatee Counties and sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and Toale Brothers.

The event is free. Reservations and information at chazakchabad.com.

RECURRING EVENTS

Bereavement and Counseling Programs

Ongoing

Jewish Connections offers bereavement programs and individual counseling in addition to visiting with loved ones on hospice or at the hospital. We offer financial assistance to those struggling with a rental payment, security deposit, or electric bill. Please reach out to Rabbi Shayndel Kahn 941-366-2224 Ext.-166

For financial assistance reach out to Rebecca Elton our financial assistant at 941-366-2224 Ext.-11.

Mah Jongg at Temple Beth Sholom

Tuesdays in October, 12:30 p.m. at 1050 S Tuttle Ave. Bldg. 2, Sarasota

Join us every Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Sholom (TBS). Beginners, advanced, or interested in learning, everyone is welcome to join the fun. Bring your friends and make new ones! Light snacks will be provided. Space is limited.

Please contact info@tbssrq.org or call 941-955-8121 for more information on how to join TBS' weekly Mah Jongg group. TBS Members: \$3/player, Non-Members: \$5/player (Cash only)

Mourner's Kaddish: Understand and Deepen Your Connection to the Kaddish

Wednesdays, October 30-November 20, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. On Zoom.

Learn about the meaning of the words of Kaddish with interpretive poetry and liturgy with Congregation Kol Haneshama member, Rabbi Melissa Starr Wenig. This contemplative exploration of the texts is a series of four sessions. Learning at

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ORTHODOX SERVICES

Chabad of Downtown SRQ, 332 Coconut Ave. #103, Sarasota

(No charge for seats, but RSVP required)

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 6:45 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Yizkor - 11:30 a.m.,
Mincha/Ne'ilah - 5:30 p.m.

Chabad of LWR/Bradenton, 5712 Lorraine Road, Bradenton

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana: 7:00 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m., CKIDS - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Service - 6:30 p.m., Tashlich - 6:45, Evening Service - 7:45 p.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m., CKIDS - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
October 11, Kol Nidrei: 6:45 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m., CKIDS - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Yizkor Service - 11:00 a.m., Afternoon Service - 5:30 p.m., Ne'ilah - 6:30 p.m.

**Chabad of Sarasota & Manatee Counties,
7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota**

(No membership or ticket required, but please RSVP)

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana: 7:00 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.,
Family Service - 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Mincha & Tashlich - 6:00 p.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 6:30 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 9:00 a.m., Mincha & Ne'ilah - 5:00 p.m.

Chabad of Venice & Northport, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

(There is no charge for seats, but please RSVP)

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana: 7:00 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Shacharit - 9:30 a.m., Main Service - 10:30 a.m.,
Family Program - 5:30 p.m., Shofar & Tashlich - 6:00 p.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Shacharit - 9:30 a.m., Main Service - 10:30 a.m.,
Junior Congregation - 11:00 a.m., Tashlich - 1:30 p.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 7:00 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Shacharit - 9:00 a.m., Main Service - 11:00 a.m.,
Children's Program - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Yizkor - noon & 4:45 p.m.,
Mincha - 5:15 p.m., Ne'ilah - 6:15 p.m.

**Chabad of West Bradenton, 4501 Manatee Ave. W.,
Suite 162, Bradenton**

(All Services at: Tierney Lane 2004 6th Ave. W., Bradenton)

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:00 a.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 6:45 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 9:00 a.m., Mincha/Ne'ilah - 6:00 p.m.

CONSERVATIVE SERVICES

Temple Beth Sholom, 1050 S. Tuttle Ave. Bldg. 2, Sarasota

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana: 7:00 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service: 9:30 a.m.,
Tashlich - 3:00 p.m. (at Arlington Park)

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 9:30 a.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 6:45 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: 9:30 a.m.,
Discussion - 4:30 p.m. Mincha - 5:30 p.m.

REFORM SERVICES

Temple Beth El, 5150 Peridia Blvd., East Bradenton

(There is no charge for seats, but please RSVP online)

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana: 7:00 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana: Service - 10:00 a.m., Tashlich - 6:30 p.m. (at Jiggs Landing)

October 11, Kol Nidrei: 7:00 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Yizkor - 12:30 p.m.,
Ne'ilah/Afternoon Service - 4:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana*: 7:30 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana*: 10:00 a.m.

October 11, Kol Nidrei*: 7:30 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur*: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.,
Afternoon Service - 4:30 p.m., Yizkor & Ne'ilah - 5:30 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana*: 7:30 p.m.

October 3, Rosh Hashana*: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Family Service - 1:30 p.m.

October 4, Rosh Hashana: Study & Discussion - 10:30 a.m.

October 5, Tashlich: 2 Services: 6:30 p.m. (Benderson Park & Downtown)

October 6, Cemetery Service: 3:45 p.m. (Palms Memorial Park)

October 11, Kol Nidrei*: 7:30 p.m.

October 12, Yom Kippur*: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Discussion - 12:15 p.m.,
Family Service - 1:30 p.m., Afternoon Service - 3:15 p.m., Yizkor - 4:30 p.m.,
Ne'ilah - 5:30 p.m.

* These services require tickets to attend in person,
contact congregation for details.

Please check individual websites, times subject to change.

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Congregation Kol Haneshama is free and contributions are welcome.

To register go to khsarasota.org or call 941-244-2042.

Conversational Hebrew at TBS with Cheryl Cohen

Fridays in October, 10:00 a.m. at 1050 S. Tuttle Ave., Bldg. 2, Sarasota

Are you looking to advance your Hebrew knowledge? Do you wish you could carry on full conversations? Cheryl Cohen offers her vast knowledge of conversational Hebrew to students at no cost during her weekly Friday class at Temple Beth Sholom (TBS) in the Idelson Library. Prior knowledge in conversational Hebrew is required.

Free and open to the public. Registration is required; please contact Kelly Nester at 941-955-8121 Ext.-1002 or info@tbssrq.org to reserve your spot.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

A Taste of Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop Lane

Celebrate the first night of Rosh Hashanah with family and friends at Chabad of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch. The Taste of Rosh Hashanah buffet will take place immediately after services and will feature delicious foods customarily eaten on Rosh Hashanah.

Cost: \$18 (suggested donation). Sponsor this event for \$500. For more information, contact Chabad of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch at 941-752-3030 or e-mail info@chabadofbradenton.com.

Being a Chabad Rabbi in the U.S. Air Force

Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Chabad of Venice, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

Chabad of Venice is privileged to welcome Air Force Chaplain Rabbi Elie Estrin as our Chazan for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Currently assigned to MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Rabbi Estrin will share his remarkable journey as a military Chabad Rabbi. His stories are sure to provide a unique perspective on faith and service. After the Rosh Hashanah evening service and Kol Nidrei service, Rabbi Estrin will share the wisdom he has gained from his distinguished military service.

Free of charge. For more information contact Rabbi Sholom Schmerling at 941-493-2770 or RSVP at chabadofvenice.com.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Children’s Pray & Play at Chabad of Sarasota

Thursday & Friday, October 3 & 4, 10:00 a.m. at Chabad of Sarasota, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

On both Rosh Hashanah days, Thursday, October 3, and Friday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, children ages 5-12 will enjoy holiday-themed games, prayer, songs, snacks, races, and more. For children ages 2-4, a babysitting program is available free of charge. All are welcome! No membership is required.

Advance reservations are necessary. To reserve a spot for your child or for more information, call 941-925-0770 or email Sara@chabadofsarasota.com.

Free High Holy Day Family Services at Temple Emanu-El

Thursday, October 3, and Saturday, October 12, 1:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Jewish and interfaith families of all ages and backgrounds are invited to share this holiest season of the year with warm, meaningful, uplifting, and joyous services. On Rosh Hashanah, we’ll greet the new year with a spiritual and upbeat family service as we hear the shofar and share the holiday with a wonderful, welcoming community. On Yom Kippur, in an inspirational family atmosphere, we will reflect on the past year, ask for forgiveness, and celebrate God’s infinite love together. High Holy Day family services are led by Temple Emanu-El’s rabbis and are free and open to all.

Free. Please call Temple Emanu-El, 941-371-2788, or visit sarasotatemple.org for more information.

Rosh Hashanah Family Service at Urfer Family Park

Thursday, October 3, 4:00 p.m. at Urfer Family Park, 4012 Honore Avenue, Sarasota

Join Temple Sinai’s Chazzan Cliff Abramson, Bethany Leinweber, Student Rabbi and Director of Youth Education, and Laura Freedman, Director of Early Childhood Education, for an interactive Rosh Hashanah family service with shofar blowing, music, and movement. Following the service, participate in a fun-filled afternoon of activities, arts and crafts, and more. This awesome event is designed for children of all ages and their families and is free and open to the community!

For information, visit templesinai-sarasota.org.

Temple Sinai Celebrates Tashlich Together!

Thursday, October 3, 5:00 p.m. at Urfer Family Park, Main Pavilion, 4012 Honore Avenue, Sarasota

Temple Sinai’s Chazzan Cliff Abramson and the entire Temple Sinai community welcomes everyone to a ceremonial reflection of the past year and symbolic casting away of regrets. Come together as we cast away our sins at Urfer Family Park. Bring your picnic dinner, shofar, and a chair or blanket. Complimentary Sunny Days ice cream truck, crafts, and activities! All are welcome!

For information, visit templesinai-sarasota.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

“Parent and Me” Fall Session Begins at Temple Emanu-El

Friday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. at Susan Schwaid Early Learning Center at Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road

Little ones ages six weeks to 20 months, and their grownups!, are invited to celebrate “Shabbat” and “Shalom” with music, movement, parachutes, bubbles, and dinosaurs!, at these special Friday morning get-togethers led by beloved teacher Marni Mount. Offering a gentle and embracing approach to exploring and living Jewishly, “Parent and Me” is a fun, stimulating, nurturing, and loving place for children, as well as a warm and supportive community for parents to make friends, build connections, and share the joys and challenges of parenting. Classes continue Fridays through November 22.

Free. Please email bnaimitzvah@sarasotatemple.org or call 941-371-2788 for more information.

A Contemplative Morning Service for Day Two of Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, October 4, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol HaNeshama, 3145 Southgate Circle, Sarasota

At Congregation Kol HaNeshama the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah is a unique, joyful, and friendly gathering to begin the Jewish Year. Rabbi Sigal will lead a series of short gentle yoga movements, continue with meditative songs and prayers, and conclude with a contemplative learning conversation. All are welcome to join my☆TRIBE.

Program is free. Please register. Space is limited. To register go to khsarasota.org or call 941-244-2042.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

“NAMI Walks” with Temple Emanu-El

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Payne Park, 2010 Adams Lane, Sarasota 34237

Temple Emanu-El (TEE) invites the community to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and mark the United Day of Hope by participating in *continued on next page*



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Temple Sinai, 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana*: 7:30 p.m.
October 3, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service* - 10:00 a.m., Family Service (at Urfer Park) - 4:00 p.m., Tashlich (at Urfer Park) - 5:00 p.m.
October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
October 11, Kol Nidrei and Erev Shabbat Service*: 7:30 p.m.
October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service* - 10:00 a.m., Family Service - 1:30 p.m., Afternoon Service - 4:30 p.m., Yizkor Service - 5:00 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SERVICES

IVRIM, Hershoin Schiff Community Day School, 4335 Wilkinson Rd, Sarasota

October 3, Rosh Hashana: 10:00 a.m.
October 4, Rosh Hashana: 9:00 a.m.
October 11, Kol Nidrei: 7:00 p.m.
October 12, Yom Kippur: 10:00 a.m.

Jewish Congregation of Venice, 600 North Auburn Road, Venice

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana*: 7:30 p.m.
October 3, Rosh Hashana*: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
October 4, Rosh Hashana: Tashlich - 10:00 a.m.
October 11, Kol Nidrei: 7:00 p.m.
October 12, Yom Kippur: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Ask the Rabbi - 4:30 p.m., Yizkor - 5:30 p.m., Ne’ilah - 6:00 p.m.

Kol HaNeshama, South Gate Community Center, 3145 Southgate Circle, Sarasota

October 2, Erev Rosh Hashana*: 6:00 p.m.
October 3, Rosh Hashana*: Torah reading & Shofar 10:00 a.m., Tashlich - 12:30 p.m. (South Gate Creek)
October 4, Rosh Hashana: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
October 5, Shabbat Shuvah: 10:00 a.m.
October 11, Kol Nidrei*: 6:30 p.m.
October 12, Yom Kippur*: Morning Service - 10:00 a.m., Yizkor - 6:00 p.m., Ne’ilah - 6:45 p.m.

** These services require tickets to attend in person, contact congregation for details. Please check individual websites, times subject to change.*



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French Connection

Arnaud Sussmann, violin • Michael Stephen Brown, piano
October 8, 7:30 pm • Church of the Palms

French-born violinist Arnaud Sussmann and pianist Michael Stephen Brown have been heard in recitals and with major orchestras across Europe, Israel, and the United States. They have been featured on PBS Live broadcasts as Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center artists. Their program of French music includes sonatas by Debussy and Saint-Saëns.

This project is supported in part by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, The Exchange, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax Revenues, and the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation.

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this walk. Join old and new friends as we walk to achieve the goal of mental health for all, raising awareness, funds, and spirits. All are welcome to join the TEEem; and, in the words of NAMI, there's no limit to what we can accomplish together! **Free. Please register at sarasotatemple.org.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Children's Yom Kippur Pray & Play at Chabad of Sarasota

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. at Chabad of Sarasota 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

On Yom Kippur Day from 10:00 a.m. to noon, children ages 5-12 will enjoy holiday-themed games, prayer, songs, a Yom Kippur carnival, and more. For children ages 2-4, a babysitting program is available free of charge. All are welcome! No membership is required.

Advance reservations are necessary. To reserve a spot for your child, or for more information, call 941-925-0770 or email Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com.

Temple Sinai Family Yom Kippur Experience

Saturday, October 12, 1:30 p.m. at 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road (enter only from Proctor Road)

Temple Sinai Presents "It's better to be better," a Yom Kippur Family Gathering led by Chazzan Cliff Abramson, Bethany Leinweber, Student Rabbi and Director of Youth Education, and Laura Freedman, Director of Early Childhood Education. Children 0-8 years old, siblings, parents and grandparents are welcome to join this song-filled interactive service with take-home projects provided.

The event is free and open to the community. For information, visit templesinai-sarasota.org.

Yom Kippur Break Fast

Saturday, October 12, at 7:38 p.m. at the Grove, 10670 Boardwalk Loop Lane

Join Chabad of Bradenton for a delicious kosher Break the Fast feast of bagels, lox, cream cheese, tuna, fruits, cakes, coffee and more. All are welcome. **There is no charge. Donations appreciated. Sponsor the Break Fast for \$1000. Reservations are suggested. For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 or e-mail info@chabadofbradenton.com.**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Temple Sinai Presents Real Stories About Fake Art, Ten Years as an Art Authenticator

Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. at 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road (enter only from Proctor Road)

Join Temple Sinai for a fascinating presentation by temple member Alyssa Mandel, formerly an art detective for Art Experts Inc., an art-authentication and appraisal company. Currently the Director of Library Services at the Out-of-Door Academy, Alyssa is a former Adjunct Professor at the Ringling School of Art and Design. She holds a B.A. degree from the University of Cincinnati in Early Christian and Byzantine art and architecture and an M.A. degree in Greek art and archeology, and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida. **Free and open to the community. To register, visit templesinai-sarasota.org.**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Sarasota Jewish Singles

Tuesday, October 15, 5:00 p.m. at Rosemary and Thyme, 511 N. Orange Ave., Sarasota

The Sarasota Jewish Singles is an outreach program at Beth Israel of Longboat Key to give Jewish singles in the Sarasota-Manatee area the opportunity to meet other men and women who are single. The group meets once a month, for laughter, and a time to turn acquaintances into lifelong friends. We hope you can join us for our October dinner meeting.

To make a reservation or for more information, call or text Rosalyn Fleischer at 941-915-6631 or email Rozfleischer@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Sukkot Under the Stars - Lakewood Ranch/Bradenton

Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chabad House, 5712 Lorraine Road, Bradenton

Celebrate the Holiday of Sukkot with Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch and enjoy a delicious holiday dinner in the Sukkah!

Suggested donation: \$18 / Sponsor for \$360. For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 or email info@chabadofbradenton.com.

Salad in the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at Chabad of Sarasota, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

How will you be celebrating the first eve of Sukkot? How about fulfilling the Mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah and enjoying an array of salads? The evening service starts at 7:00 p.m., and a children's service will be held simultaneously with the adult services. Eating in the Sukkah under the stars is a Mitzvah and a wonderful experience. All are welcome. Advance reservations are necessary for the children's service.

To RSVP or for more information, call 941-925-0770 or email Sara@ChabadofSarasota.com.

Sukkot Under the Stars - Venice

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at Chabad of Venice, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

You're invited to our annual "Sukkot Under the Stars" Banquet, taking place in our huge Sukkah. Celebrate this beautiful holiday in style and with meaning with friends and family over soups, salads, wine, and challah! Chabad Sukkah is open to all throughout the holiday.

Free of charge. For more information contact Rabbi Sholom Schmerling at 941-493-2770. RSVP to chabadofvenice.com.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Temple Sinai Sukkot Luncheon Sponsored by the Women of Sinai and the Temple Sinai Men's Club

Thursday, October 17, noon at 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road (enter only from Proctor Road)

After Temple Sinai's beautiful Sukkot service led by Chazzan Cliff Abramson with Women of Sinai and Men's Club participants, stay for a delightful time at the Sukkot luncheon.

This is free and open to the community. For more information please visit templesinai-sarasota.org.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Dr. Barry Stein's Birthday Luncheon in the Sukkah

Friday, October 18, noon at Chabad of Sarasota, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota
Enjoy a delightful and festive lunch in Sukkah as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Barry Stein, a staunch supporter of Chabad of Sarasota. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to recite the blessings on the Four Species, also known as the Lulav and Etrog. All are welcome!

Advance reservations are necessary and can be easily made by calling the office at 941-925-0770 or sending an email to info@chabdotsarasota.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Sukkot Tot Shabbat at Temple Emanu-El

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Celebrate Shabbat and Sukkot joyfully and meaningfully at Temple Emanu-El's signature Tot Shabbat program! Families will enjoy outdoor playtime with old and new friends, crafts, snacks, and fun surprises. Explore the sukkah, shake the lulav, smell the etrog, and enjoy a Sukkot story as well as age-appropriate Shabbat songs, prayers, movement, and birthday blessings. Tot Shabbat is designed for families with children up to age 6, but all are welcome.

Free. Please register at sarasotatemple.org.

Sukkot at Temple Beth El

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m., 5150 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton

Join Temple Beth El (TBE), a Reform Jewish congregation for an amazing outdoor Shabbat Morning Service for all. On this very special Shabbat, we will hold our morning service outside near our Sukkah with singing, dancing, and joy! All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair. The service will be followed by an indoor Kiddush light lunch with friends. This will be a day of dancing, shaking the lulav, and live music with the TBE musicians. Meet the temple members and schmooze. Bring the children!

For more information about Temple Beth El Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch, go to bethel-fl.org or call 941-755-4900.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Temple Sinai's Men's Club Blood Drive

Sunday, October 20, 9:00 a.m. at 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road (enter only from Proctor Road)

Temple Sinai Men's Club's annual blood drive will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in support of Adam Swerdlow. Suncoast Blood Centers Mobile will be in the synagogue parking lot. We encourage everyone in the community to perform this mitzvah of saving lives.

For information, please contact Len Swerdlow, swerdlow.syn@gmail.com, or visit templesinai-sarasota.org.

Reproductive Freedom: Where are We Today?

Sunday, October 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key

The Men's Club and Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Israel will jointly sponsor a Sunday breakfast and informational panel. Rabbi Peter Kasdan will pres-

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ORTHODOX SERVICES

Chabad of Downtown SRQ, 332 Coconut Ave. #103, Sarasota

Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m.

Chabad of LWR/Bradenton, 5712 Lorraine Road, Bradenton

Friday Night Services - 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services - Mondays & Thursdays 7:30 a.m.

Chabad of Sarasota & Manatee Counties, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

Friday Evening Services - 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat Morning Services - 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services - Sunday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Chabad of Venice & Northport, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

Friday Night Services - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services - 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services - Sunday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Chabad of West Bradenton, 4501 Manatee Ave. W., Suite 162, Bradenton

Daily Minyan - 8:00 a.m.

CONSERVATIVE SERVICES

Temple Beth Sholom, 1050 S. Tuttle Ave. Bldg. 2, Sarasota

Friday Night Services - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services - 9:30 a.m.

REFORM SERVICES

Temple Beth El, 5150 Peridia Blvd., East Bradenton

Friday Night Service - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services - 10:00 a.m.

Temple Beth Israel, 567 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key

Friday Evening Services - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services - 10:00 a.m.

Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

Friday Night Services - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday virtual Torah study - 11:00 a.m.

Temple Sinai, 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

Friday Night Services - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Morning Services - 10:30 a.m. (certain days, check website)

INDEPENDENT SERVICES

Jewish Congregation of Venice, 600 North Auburn Road, Venice

Friday Night Service - 7:30 p.m.

Kol HaNeshama, 3145 Southgate Circle, Sarasota

Saturday Morning Service & Torah Study - 10:00 a.m. (Oct. 5)

Shabbat Simchat Torah Celebration - 6:00 p.m. (Oct. 25)

Please check individual websites, times subject to change.

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ent Reform Judaism's perspective on reproductive freedom. Dr. Washington Hill, obstetrician and gynecologist, will speak about women's health care and physicians' practices. Ruth Brandwein, PhD will address the content, development, and financial implications of Amendment 4. Note: Temple Beth Israel does not take a position on proposed Amendment 4.

Cost: \$18.00. Reservations are required. Call 941-383-3428 by October 15. Zoom is available on request.

Sliders in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 20 at noon at the Chabad House Sukkah, 5712 Lorraine Road, Bradenton

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Attendance is free. Donations appreciated. Sponsor: \$360. For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 or email info@chabadofbradenton.com.

Sukkot Down On The Farm

Sunday, October 20, 4:00 p.m. at Chabad of Sarasota, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

Join Chabad of Sarasota for a fun afternoon, and an opportunity to connect with other families. Sukkot is a time for community unity, and you can join a holiday meet-up that will include dinner, a petting zoo, pony rides, crafts, and more. Enjoy the opportunity to eat in the Sukkah and recite the blessings with the lulav and etrog.

Free of charge. Reservations are necessary. RSVP by calling the Chabad office at 941-925-0770 or email Info@ChabadofSarasota.com.

Novelist Jami Attenberg to Speak

Sunday, October 20, 1:30 p.m. at the Jewish Congregation of Venice, 600 North Auburn Road (off East Venice Avenue), Venice

Novelist Jami Attenberg will speak about her new book, "A Reason to See You Again." The community is invited to attend her talk and enjoy light refreshments.

Free of charge. Reservations must be made before October 11, email AdultLearning@theJCV.org.

From Earth to the Stars: CKids' Sukkot Space Station

Sunday, October 20, 1:30 p.m. at Chabad of Venice, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

Prepare for lift-off! Sukkot is about to get a galactic makeover, and we're thrilled to invite your family to the CKids Sukkot Space Station! At the CKids Sukkot Space Station, your child's dreams will take flight as they transform into an astronaut for the day. They'll embark on a series of exciting Starship-4 Engineering Missions, craft a unique Intergalactic Space Station Sukkah to take home, enjoy Sukkah-hopping at the Astro-Sukkah Space Colony. We'll also test our gravity skills with the Moonwalk Mashup - a high-energy dance-off that'll have us shaking our Lulavs in all directions!

Free admission. Open to all families. Contact Chaya Rivka Schmerling at 941-493-2770 or chabadofvenice.com.

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Bay Area Jewish Singles Mega Mixer



**This program is sponsored by
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Sunday, October 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at TradeWinds Resort, 5600 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach

The Tampa JCCs & Federation, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast and the **Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee**, is hosting a Jewish Singles Mega Mixer. Jewish singles ages 21 and older from the entire Tampa Bay area are invited to come together for an afternoon of mixing, mingling, and schmoozing. The event will be held outside (weather permitting) overlooking the beach. Attire is casual. After the event officially ends, guests are invited to visit the beach to watch the sunset. Tickets include entry to the event, one drink, and light hors d'oeuvres. Parking is available at the TradeWinds Resort for a discounted rate of \$15. There are also multiple public parking lots available along St. Pete Beach for guests to park off-site.

The cost to attend is \$20 when guests register by Friday, October 11. The cost will be \$30 thereafter and at the door. For more information, please contact Lisa Robbins at 813-769-4723 or lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

"Our Rabbis' Favorite Torah Portions" Begins

Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

As we begin a new cycle of Torah readings, Temple Emanu-El's Adult Education Committee proudly sponsors this unique and engaging learning series. Temple Emanu-El's rabbis will present their favorite Torah portions and offer special insight into the sacred stories and lessons that inspire the rabbis as well as an opportunity to delve into our holy text. The five-part series opens with Senior Rabbi Brenner Glickman's "Introduction to Torah" and includes sessions led by Associate Rabbi Michael Shefrin (Oct. 29); Adjunct Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman (Nov. 7); Adjunct Rabbi Mimi Weisel (Nov. 14); and Rabbi Glickman (Nov. 19). All are welcome!

Free. Please register at sarasotatemple.org.

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Volunteer Open House



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Tuesday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. at The Ora at the Morganroth Event Center, 578 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota

Join the Federation staff to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to register as a volunteer on our new online portal. We are looking for individuals to help with event setup, registration and check-in, ushering, making reminder calls, and more. You can help Federation and get to know other community members at the same time. Light nosh and refreshments will be served. Advance registration requested at jfedrsq.org/events.

For more information, contact Lauren Cohen at lcohen@jfedrsq.org or 941-706-0027.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Simchat Torah Hakafot & Deli Dinner

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. at Chabad of Sarasota, 7700 Beneva Road, Sarasota

Enjoy Simchat Torah at Chabad in a traditional manner. The joyful singing and dancing, along with seeing children enjoying the holiday is truly memorable. Participants will also enjoy a delightful deli-style dinner. Children will enjoy special prizes and dancing with stuffed Torahs and flags. Open to all.

Free of charge. RSVP Info@ChabadofSarasota.com or call 941-925-0770.

Dancing with the Torah Celebration

Thursday, October 24 at 7:15 p.m. at the Chabad House, 5712 Lorraine Road, Bradenton

Come celebrate and dance away with lively hakafot-dances, l'chayim and drinks, lavish Kiddush buffet, flags and treats for the children, and holy Torahs! Bring your family and friends to the celebration that unites Jews of all walks of life.

Admission is free. Donations are appreciated. Sponsorship for \$500. For more information, contact Chabad at 941-752-3030 or email info@chabadofbradenton.com.

We Will Dance Again with the Torah

Thursday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Chabad of Venice, 21560 Angela Lane, Venice

After the events of October 7 last year, there were those who tried to stop us from dancing. This year, let us gather in unity to dance, celebrate our identity, and embrace the Torah with even more joy and strength. Join us for Hakafot, singing, and L'chaim together with the entire community! There will be a special Family Torah Dancing for children at 6:30 p.m. This event is free of charge and open to all. Let's come together and show that our spirit and tradition remain unshaken!

For more information contact Rabbi Schmerling at 941-493-2770, info@chabadofvenice.com.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Shabbat Simchat Torah Celebration

Friday, October 25, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Congregation Kol HaNeshama, 3145 Southgate Circle, Sarasota

Gather for a musical celebration to welcome Shabbat and Simchat Torah. Join our community to sing, dance, pray, contemplate, meet friends, and to be inspired. We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome.

Program is free. For information khsarasota.org or call 941-244-2042.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Celebration at TBE

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m., 5150 Peridia Blvd E., Bradenton

We complete our reading of the Torah by reading the final verses in the Book of Deuteronomy and then we roll the Torah scroll back to start again with the Book of Genesis, Chapter 1; "In the beginning ..." Join the congregation of Temple Beth El (TBE) Bradenton/Lakewood Ranch for a musical Shabbat morning service followed by a Kiddush light lunch and then the Simchat Torah celebration! Don't miss it! There will be teaching, discussion, live music with the TBE musicians and, of course, dancing around the sanctuary with all our Torah scrolls! This is a Shabbat not to be missed and everyone is welcome.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Temple Beth El at the LWR Farmers Market

Sunday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Waterside Place, Lakewood Ranch

The Farmers' Market at Lakewood Ranch (LWR) is home to more than 100 curated vendors of the region's best food and flavors, located at Waterside Place in Lakewood Ranch. Stop by the Temple Beth El booth to say "Shalom," have something to eat or drink, listen to a live musician, and much more. Bring the dog.

To learn about TBE, go to bethel-fl.org.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Venice Hadassah Holds Mah Jong/Games Day

Monday, October 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jewish Congregation of Venice, 600 N. Auburn Road, Venice

Join the Venice Chapter at Hadassah for a mah jong/cards/games day. A continental breakfast and home-made lunch will be served. Bring your own game or we can get you into a game.

Cost is \$32. Send your check made out to Hadassah to 4220 Tennyson Way, Venice 34293. Any questions, call Ruth at 941-716-4172.

"Superintendent Terry Connor: Combating Antisemitism"

Monday, October 28, 7 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El (TEE), 151 McIntosh Road, Sarasota

The Israel Committee and Social Justice Committees of TEE are honored to welcome Sarasota County Schools Superintendent Terry Connor for this important program. Connor will address how Sarasota County Schools work to combat antisemitism as well as discuss how they provide Holocaust education to their students. Other topics include his commitment to keeping student success at the forefront of his tenure, continuing to reduce the achievement gap, and further leveraging resources to drive innovation in both teaching and learning.

Free. Please register before October 25 at sarasotatemples.org.

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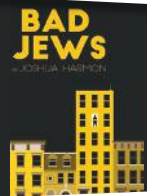


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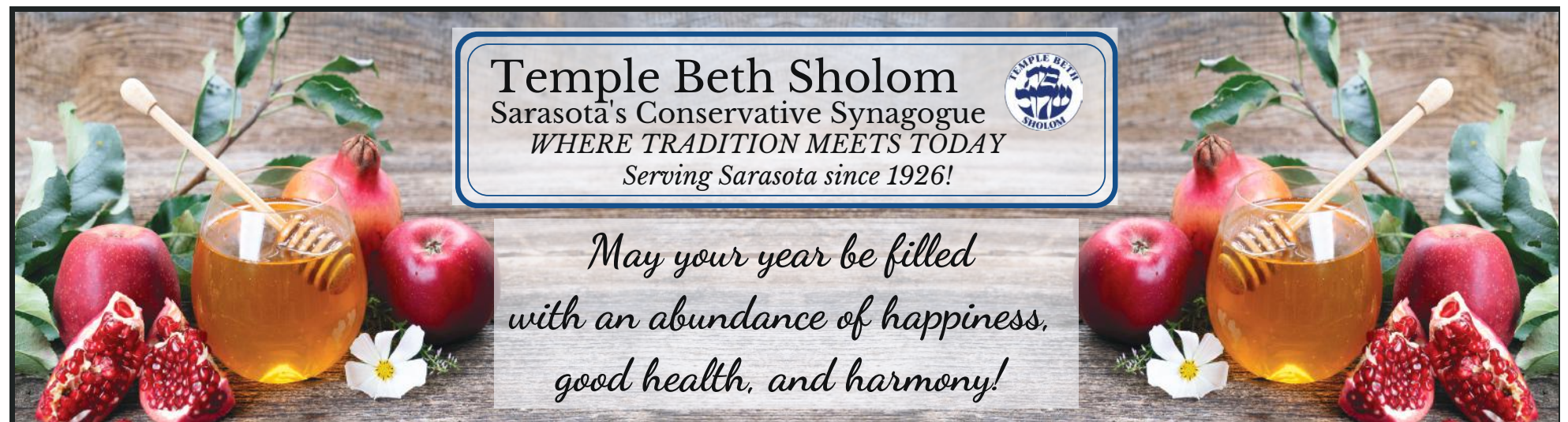
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Friday, Oct. 11 at 6:45 pm

Morning - Oct. 12

Morning Service at 9:30 am including Yizkor Service at approx. 11:00 am

Afternoon - Oct. 12

Rabbi Altshuler Q&A at 4:30 pm

Mincha & Neilah at 5:30 pm

Shofar Blowing at 7:40 pm

Break-The-Fast at 7:45 pm

(registrations required, a FREE takeaway option will be available)

Rosh Hashanah Services

Rosh Hashanah Eve

Wednesday Oct. 2 at 7:00 pm

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Rosh Hashanah Days

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 9:30 am

Friday, Oct. 4 at 9:30 am

Tashlich Service

at Arlington Park

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 3:00 pm

Kever Avot


at TBS' Cemetery

Sunday, Oct. 6 at 10:00 am

For more information and tickets visit our website! www.tbssrq.org or email kelly@tbssrq.org
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Presidential Election: What's at Stake? with William Daroff



This program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Michael's On East ballroom, 1212 S. East Ave, Sarasota

As the 2024 Presidential Election approaches, the stakes for the Jewish community have never been higher. Hear from William Daroff, CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations and engage with a leading voice on the intersection of politics and Jewish interest. Whether you're a community leader, advocate, or simply someone passionate about the future of Jewish American life, this discussion is essential.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

What We Never Like to Think or Talk About: Addressing the Emotional & Medical Issues at the End-of-Life

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Virtually on Zoom. Fill out the form on the homepage of templebethsholomfl.org for the password. Jewish ethics regarding end-of-life issues differs from that of American secular ethics (and Christian ethics) in many respects. In this session Rabbi Dorff will describe a Jewish approach to visiting the sick, preparing an advance directive for health care, removing life support, and organ transplantation, with comparisons to how the American part of American Jews' identity instructs us.

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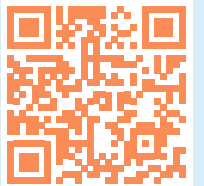
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	1:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah Family Service
October 11	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre Evening Service
October 12	10:00 am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	1:30 pm	Yom Kippur Family Service
	3:15 pm	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
	4:30 pm	Yizkor Memorial Service
	5:30 pm	Ne'ilah Concluding Service

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