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The Maimonides Society is a group of Jewish health care professionals and others from the community who seek to strengthen the bond among themselves, Israel, and the community through philanthropic, social action, and educational initiatives.

Through various programs and projects, members seek to enhance the quality of life for individuals in the community and to address some of the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of our seniors, disabled, and chronically ill and their families.

Programs include Shabbat dinners in senior residential facilities, holiday gift bags for seniors, caregivers' support group, a bi-annual women's retreat, and healthcare re-

lated speakers and educational programs.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us provide these services to the community. Maimonides Society membership is open to the entire community, from Jewish healthcare professionals to anyone who wishes to support the valuable work Maimonides does. Dues are \$36 per year for an individual; \$72 per family.

Family and Children Social Programs include Chai Tots, a series of events for Jewish families with young children, Kids Konnect, exciting programming for children in grades 3-5, Shalom Baby bags for newborns and their families and activities to welcome newcomers to the community.

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many of JCNCF's events and programs. Mitzvah Day is our keynote social action program, and brings the Jewish community together for activities to benefit the greater Gainesville area.

Last year, Mitzvah Day participants took part in various activities around Gainesville, including assisting at Helping Hands, serving lunch to the homeless, making greeting cards for U.S. troops, outdoor cleanup activities

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175 volunteers gathered together at Temple Shir Shalom prior to heading out into the community to do mitzvot during the first JCNCF Mitzvah Day on June 6. Please See Article on Page 9.

First Mitzvah Day a Huge Success; Josh Lipshitz Is New JCNCF Program Director

Welcome back to those of you who have been away for all or part of the hot North Central Florida summer. The JCNCF has been experiencing some major changes as we begin our fiscal year and the start our new annual fund-raising campaign.

The beginning of summer proved what so many of us have been aware of for some time now. This community is rich in individuals who care and are willing to volunteer for an activity in which they believe.

Our first Mitzvah Day on June 6

had a turnout of nearly 200 volunteers (when some locals were already away on vacation). This confirmed the willingness and desire of a large number of members of our community to get involved.

This highly successful and volunteer-intensive activity reinforced our decision earlier this year to hire a Program Director to further expand our programs and impact.

After the search committee reviewed all of the applications and then interviewed six candidates for the posi-

tion, the Board of Directors was introduced to the two outstanding finalists, and asked to make the difficult final decision.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce our new Program Director, Joshua Lipshitz.

Josh comes to us from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston where he has been the Senior Development Officer for several years after completing a dual Master's degree program (M.B.A Human

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News articles are about events, awards, promotions, shows, etc. that have already taken place. Please include a photograph whenever possible. Upcoming Events are programs, classes, shows and such that have yet to occur. These events must be open to the entire community and the article should indicate this, include complete information regarding location, time, date, and costs if any, and a contact number to call for more information.

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To carry out this purpose, The Chronicle will adhere to the tenet of our sage Hillel "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

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Gainesville Dedicates Holocaust Memorial at B'nai Israel Cemetery Sept. 12 at 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars for 10 a.m. Sunday, September 12. That's when the long-awaited dedication of the Gainesville Holocaust Memorial will take place at B'nai Israel Cemetery, corner of University Avenue and Waldo Road.

And don't be late. Parking might be a problem – a large crowd is expected – and the ceremony will be short, no more than half an hour to 40 minutes, according to Stuart Cullen, chairman of the B'nai Israel Cemetery Committee, which conceived and spearheaded the project.

Participating in the brief ceremony will be representatives of all seven Gainesville Jewish organizations that co-sponsored building of the Memorial – Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Congregation B'nai Israel,

Temple Shir Shalom, P'nai Or, the Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah, Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Center and the University of Florida Hillel.

Speaker will be Dr. Alice Freifeld, UF associate professor of history, who is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors.

Her father was interned at Dachau and her mother at Auschwitz. Both survived the war as slave laborers. Her mother, Vera Freifeld, is buried in B'nai Israel Cemetery, only a dozen yards away from the site of the Memorial itself. Master of ceremonies will be Rabbi David Kaiman of Congregation B'nai Israel.

More than 340 families and individuals contributed funds to the Memorial project. Donors to the \$36,000

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Participants in the September 12 dedication of the Gainesville Holocaust Memorial will include (from left to right) Dr. Alice Freifeld, speaker, Stuart Cullen, Rabbi David Kaiman and Dr. Jaquie Resnick. *(Photo by Jeff Gage)*

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and assisting at Reichert House.

Bins are available throughout the year to collect donations, such as clothing, household goods and products, furniture and toys to distribute on Mitzvah Day.

JNET Gainesville is a socializing and networking group for professionals, business men and women, community leaders, and anyone else with a product or service they wish to share or who would like to meet other professionals in the community.

Monthly networking events take place the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Dues are \$18 per year. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Check out our website and online directory of local Jewish owned businesses and professionals: www.jnet.giving.officelive.com.

Local Grants: JCNCF provides grant moneys to local synagogues and organizations, including Temple Shir Shalom Religious School, Congregation B'nai Israel's Chavaya Program, B'nai Israel Community Day School, University of Florida Hillel and Center for Jewish Studies, so that they can create programs that benefit and engage the broader Jewish community.

The Chronicle is a monthly publication that has become a major vehicle for communication in the Jewish Community. *The Chronicle* highlights the activities of JCNCF as well as all the other Jewish organizations. JCNCF also sends out a monthly email newsletter to provide a community update and central calendar.

JCNCF organized events include the Annual Campaign, Community Hanukkah party and other holiday celebrations, annual programs commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day and Israeli Independence Day and a series of Israel- and Jewish-themed speakers, programs and events throughout the year.

Overseas allocations are made to the Jaffa Institute in Israel and the Jewish Federations of North America.



Harriet Pawliger sits next to a table of merchandise as she handles cashier duties during Temple Shir Shalom's recent Garage Sale

The Institute for the Advancement of Education in Jaffa ("The Jaffa Institute") was established in 1982 as a private, non-profit, multi-service social agency to assist severely disadvantaged children and their families, providing over 35 educational and social support programs.

The Jewish Federations of North America distribute the allocated funds principally to the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). This enables us to do our part to support our Jewish brothers and sisters in need in Israel and around the world. This funding does not support the Israeli government or military, but rather allows us, as a community, to support the people of Israel and those in need.

As the world's major global Jewish partnership organization, the Jewish Agency (JAFI) funds programs that support the rescue of Jews in distress, immigration to Israel and initial absorption; Jewish Zionist education and identity; and the global Jewish community.

For more than 90 years, the JDC has embodied the principle that all Jews are responsible for one another. Operating in 60 countries, JDC rescues Jews in danger, provides relief for Jews in need, rebuilds Jewish communities, and helps Israel address the social challenges of its most vulnerable groups.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in the North Central Florida Jewish Community. All of these wonderful and necessary programs and events are only possible with your generous support. Your gift to JCNCF is an investment in your Jewish Community! To all past donors, thank you for your previous generosity to JCNCF and for your support of your Jewish community.

We hope we can count on your support again this year. If you have never made a gift to JCNCF before, there is no time like today to make your first donation. Every dollar we can raise is so important to the continued growth and health of YOUR Jewish Community.

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Thanks so much for your generosity and support! Feel free to contact us with any comments or questions.

Maurice Levy, Executive Director (office@jcnf.org)
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Klezmer Katz Entertain At Jewish Newcomers

The Jewish Newcomers and Friends will begin their new year meeting programs on Sept. 15 at 7:30 pm at Temple Shir Shalom.

In a first for the newcomers, the popular Klezmer Katz Band will perform. Their repertoire includes traditional klez-

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Rosh Hashana—Yom Kippur 2010/5771

Please contact the individual synagogue/organization for membership/ticket information

Congregation B'nai Israel

Saturday, September 4

9 p.m. Selichot Evening Program

11:30 p.m. Selichot

Sunday, September 5

10:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Cemetery

Wednesday, September 8

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services

Thursday, September 9

9 a.m. Rosh Hashana 1 Services

5:45 p.m. Tashlich

6:30 p.m. Minhah-Maariv

Friday, September 10

9 a.m. Rosh Hashana 2 Services

5:45 p.m. Minhah

7:15 p.m. Neilah

Friday, September 17

7:15 p.m. Kol Nidrei

Saturday, September 18

9 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service

5:45 p.m. Minhah

7:15 p.m. Neilah

Lubavitch-Chabad

No Membership Needed; RSVP appreciated. All services at Chabad: 2021 NW 5th Avenue. For more information: 352.336.5877 or www.jewishgator.com.

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Service followed by Holiday Dinner

Thursday, September 9

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service f

12:30 p.m. Shofar Blowing followed by Mussaf and Kiddush

5:30 p.m. Student and Family Tashlich Waterfront Service, Campus Baughman Center - Lake Alice at corner of Museum Road

8:30 p.m. Evening Service followed by Holiday Dinner.

Friday, September 10

10 a.m. Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Shofar Blowing followed by Mussaf and Kiddush

Friday, September 17

7:15 p.m. Candle Lighting and Fast Begins

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei and Evening Service

Saturday, September 18

10 a.m. Shacharit Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Yizkor followed by Mussaf

5:30 p.m. Mincha

6:45 p.m. Neilah

7:45 p.m. Napoleon's March

8:07 p.m. Break Your Fast

Temple Shir Shalom

Guest tickets are available. Childcare available at morning services. Please contact the Temple office at (352) 371-6399 or visit us online at www.shirshalom.net for information.

Saturday, September 4

9 p.m. Selichot Reception and Service

Wednesday, September 8

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services

Thursday, September 9

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service

1:30 p.m. Rosh Hashana Family Service

Friday, September 17

8 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 18

10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service

1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service

3 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

4:30 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service

5:30 p.m. Neilah Concluding Service

P'nai Or

For more information call (352) 325-1818

Friday, September 3

7:30 p.m. Selichot Service at United Church of Gainesville, 1625 NW 5th Avenue. Followed by potluck snacks and drinks.

Thursday, September 9

3 p.m. Rosh Hashana Services led by Chanah Zimmermann, Aleph Rabbinical Student at the home of Jacquie and Eric, 3619 NW 30 Blvd. (Rock Creek) followed by vegetarian potluck feast. Call (352) 373-4331 for more information or directions.

Friday, September 17 and Saturday September 18

Yom Kippur plans are TBD, please call Marilyn at (352) 376-1208 for more information

UF Hillel

All services and meals are at Hillel unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, September 4

Midnight Selichot

Wednesday, September 8

7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox

9 p.m. Holiday Dinner, \$25

Thursday, September 9

Rosh Hashana Day 1

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox

1:30 p.m. Lunch, \$14

7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative and Orthodox

9 p.m. Holiday Dinner, \$25

Friday, September 10

Rosh Hashana Day 2

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative and Orthodox

1:30 p.m. Lunch, \$14

Friday, September 17

Erev Yom Kippur

6 p.m. *Shabbat and Kol Nidre dinner*

7:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur

10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services: Reform, Conservative and Orthodox

2 p.m. Afternoon of Learning

6:30 p.m. Yizkor

7 p.m. Neilah

8:17 p.m. Break-Fast

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala

Wednesday, September 8

8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services

Thursday, September 9

10 a.m. Rosh Hashana I

Friday, September 10





The Rabbi's Pen

Words from Guest Columnist
Rabbi David Kaiman
 Congregation B'nai Israel

The scene opens with a discreetly delivered tape recorder and soon we hear the voice from the recording instruct "Your task, if you choose to accept it... ". Of course, most of us will recognize this as the opening scene for numerous "Mission Impossible" episodes.

And it seems to me, as we approach these High Holidays, that we are also being given a discreetly delivered package and buried somewhere in that package are many tasks that we may choose to accept in our lives.

Now, more than ever, the Jewish world has been broadening its awareness and motivation to accept upon itself the broad "mission impossible" of doing what we call "tikkun olam" or "repairing the brokenness of the world".

The past few years have seen remarkable growth in authentic Jewish efforts to reach around the world – and into our own communities as well – to provide assistance to those who are in desperate need.

American Jewish World Service (AJWS) has truly come upon the world scene as a remarkably active force to reach out to the world in pursuit of global justice. According to its literature AJWS concentrates its efforts in four areas:

1. To fight disease, hunger and poverty in the developing world
2. To offer service volunteer efforts

Your High Holiday Mission

- with meaningful Jewish content
3. To advocate for global change and
 4. to educate the American Jewish community about global issues.

With an annual budget of over \$30 million dollars, AJWS sends more than 500 volunteers annually to more than 38 countries around the world where the Jewish community can make a difference in the local lives of those in need.

A recent press release explains: "Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community."

Jewish Funds for Justice (JSFJ) is a national public foundation that "is guided by Jewish history and tradition." JSFJ has a wide range of programs focused on making a difference throughout areas in the United States that need investment, repair and involvement.

The Tzedec fund has provided investment for low and moderate income communities interested in rebuilding, and its service corps has mobilized thousands of volunteers--mostly young Jewish college students--to reach out in rebuilding efforts in New Orleans, Baltimore, Los Angeles and other areas where our young people can go to make a difference in the community.

Our own UF Hillel has participated in JSFJ sponsored social action trips that bring Jewish students together to visit communities with des-

perate need and provide relief and rebuilding.

The Good People Fund is a unique small charity also inspired by the concept of Tikkun Olam, that seeks to distribute financial and volunteer help throughout the United States and Israel in small, quiet and yet meaningful ways. Operating as a micro-fund, The Good People Fund finds unique projects that have meaningful impact on those who are donating their funds as well as those who are the recipients of aid. For example, The Good People Fund recently helped coordinate a synagogue expedition to McRoberts, Kentucky where members of the Jewish community brought food to students whose sole subsistence nutrition was through school-based programs and who, as it turns out, did not have food to eat on the weekends.

Full details and information on each of these fine organizations, and many others, are available on the internet for your investigation and participation.

The loud, clarion call of the shofar is meant to awaken us during these days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Perhaps, as we rouse from the slumber of indifference we can rise to hear the call of the mission impossible that plays to us from the tape recording of generations past.

"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it (Pirke Avot 2:21)."

Shana Tova Tikateivu,
 Rabbi David Kaiman

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JCNCF's First Mitzvah Day a Huge Success!

Local Agencies Amazed at Huge Turnout

By Virginia Brissette

Jewish wisdom says that "the world is built upon kindness" (Psalms 89:15). On June 6, the Jewish Council of North Central Florida helped build a foundation of kindness in Gainesville by holding its first-ever community Mitzvah Day.

Drawing from all the congregations in Gainesville as well as many unaffiliated and even non-Jewish participants, Mitzvah Day attracted 175 volunteers aged two through seniors, who spent the morning doing service projects for a dozen charitable organizations. This one day event was the culmination of months of hard work by many volunteers.

Led by Maurice Levy, JCNCF Executive Director, Randy Kraft, and Mandy Kaiser-Blueth, Maimonides Society Co-Directors, the Mitzvah Corps put in countless hours designing the projects, recruiting volunteers, and soliciting and organizing donations of clothing, household goods, toiletries, school supplies, food and cash.

Inspired by the philosophy of Tikkun Olam, "to repair the world," Mitzvah Day activities were dedicated to the memory of Rafi Lehmann (z"l), a rabbinical student who passed away tragically and unexpectedly in September 2009.

Rafi spent his formative years in Gainesville when his father was the Rabbi at Congregation B'nai Israel. Rafi embraced so much of what Mitzvah Day accomplished, the Jewish community coming together to do Gemilut Chassidim -good deeds- and those who attended felt that it was an honor to do acts of kindness in his memory.

Volunteers began the day at 9 a.m. with a breakfast and brief program at Temple Shir Shalom. Rabbi Michael Joseph reflected on the importance of doing mitzvot and Rabbi David Kaiman of Congregation B'nai Israel spoke of Rafi Lehmann's devotion to doing good deeds.

A group of girls from the JCNCF's Kids Konnect program, led by Laura



(From Left) Oona Roberts, Holly Forest, Laura Cousin, Rena Cohen and Cara Levin sign and sing a song in honor of Mitzvah Day.

Cousin, performed a song accompanied by American Sign Language that they learned especially for this occasion.

Then everyone broke out into their volunteer groups and started working on their projects, either at Temple Shir Shalom or at various locations in the Gainesville community.

Because of the high level of pre-planning and organization, the participants were incredibly productive and completed their assignments in record time! The Gainesville Harvest couldn't believe the amount of food sorting their group of volunteers accomplished in a few hours.

Meals were prepared and delivered to feed more than 100 people at the Gainesville Downtown Plaza and families at the Ronald McDonald House. Volunteers organized a room filled to the brim with clothes to donate to a number of organizations, including the Displaced Homemakers Program at Santa Fe College, Tacachale, Peaceful Paths and Helping Hands Clinic, a program which provides health care and other services to the homeless.

Clothing and books were organized for the Reichert House, a program that mentors middle and high school aged

young men. Summer backpacks filled with books and art supplies were assembled for needy children.

About half of the participants returned to Temple Shir Shalom around noon for lunch prepared by Marilyn Eisenberg. As volunteers shared their experiences, thoughts and feelings on the day, it was clear from their enthusiastic and often emotional comments that their eyes had been opened to the needs, and frequently harsh, existences of some of the residents of the Gainesville community.

Debbie Boada, who fed the homeless with her son, Elias, remarked that the day "was very well organized and gave us a chance to help out and to connect with other members of the community."

For Debbie, helping out the less fortunate in Gainesville was "a positive experience, but definitely, a reality check." Elias felt "good about helping, but was a little shocked and surprised to see how many people showed up

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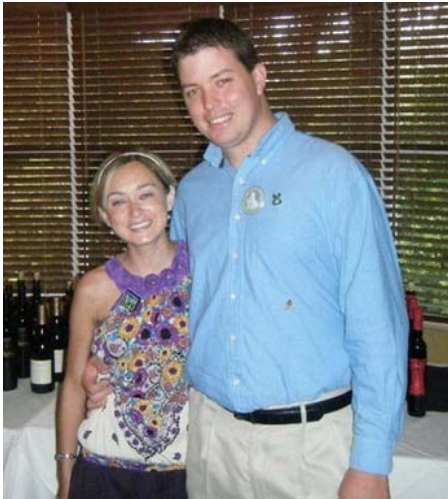
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Ashley Gets New Lungs

Ashley Kennen had a rebirth day thanks to all those who help her with



Ashley and Jonathan Kennen

support and prayers.

Early on June 19 she got a call from Tampa General to say there was a set of beautiful lungs, less than six weeks after being placed on the list. Then her husband, Jonathan, called her father, Gary Audet, with the greatest Father's Day gift ever.

The Audets and Kennens were on the way for two, two week stays in Tampa. Ashley left the hospital the first time July 2 and returned on the 6th for some "final touches."

It has been seven weeks and she is walking, talking, driving, and most of all *Breathing Effortlessly*. The picture is from a fund raiser at the Embers on 34th street just six weeks later.

A Huge Thank You To All Who Helped With Support And Prayers.

Please make sure you are an organ donor so you can share the gift of life at www.donatelifeflorida.org.

The registry is named after another Gainesville resident who lost his life, Josh Abbott. Follow Ashley's progress on her blog at <http://giftofbreathing.blogspot.com>.

Meditate at Shir Shalom Sept. 4 to Prepare for High Holy Days

Selichot is a reflective, deeply spiritual observance, a late night meditation to help us prepare for the High Holy Days.

But like most Jewish customs, it is not meant to be observed in solitude, but rather in the supportive company of friends. In fact, the custom has developed for a quiet social reception to

be held before prayer, to allow us to experience the feelings of communal solidarity before we venture into the privacy of our own hearts.

Join us for Selichot at Temple Shir Shalom on September 4 from 9 to 10 p.m.

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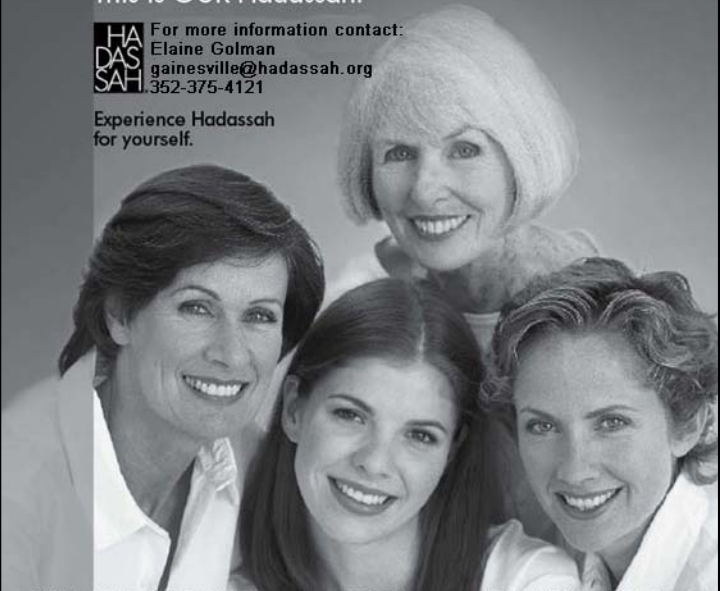
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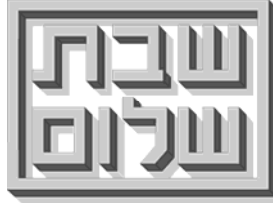
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A Personal View of Hadassah

By Elizabeth Ziffer
Hadassah Vice President of Education

I just returned from Hadassah's 95th National Convention. Hadassah was born long before the Holocaust! This fact alone made me pensive, for me Israel has always existed. Facing this history and milling among the hundreds of attendees, my mind was also busy figuring out how I fit in.

I received a life membership to Hadassah when I converted to Judaism 18 years ago.

Until recently, reading Hadassah Magazine was the extent of my involvement. I didn't know how else to participate in Hadassah, and I wondered if it made sense to spread my energy beyond my synagogue.

Since the Convention, I am inspired to do more for Hadassah, or rather, with Hadassah. I discovered that Hadassah builds coalitions with other organizations. This is important in a world where the media often cast negative spotlight on Israel and our connection to it.

What is Hadassah? Hadassah is generations of hard working female

volunteers doing do good for our people and the world. Our leaders founded Hadassah Hospital, one of the best medical institutions internationally.

Hadassah is also the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States, over 300,000 members strong! In North America, Israel and

throughout the world, Hadassah promotes health care, youth programs, environmental projects, leadership training and more. It's a philanthropic organization that rallies Jewish women (and men as Associates) as well as sympathizers of any other background.

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Cantor Asaf Nagel from Israel Joins B'nai Israel for High Holy Days

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.

Congregation B'nai Israel wishes the Jewish community a happy and sweet New Year! Once again, all are welcome to observe the high holidays at B'nai Israel. This year, the congregation and Rabbi Kaiman will be joined by Cantor Asaf Nagel, who will be coming from Israel. Cantor Nagel has performed throughout Israel and Europe and has served as High Holiday Cantor in synagogues in London and New York.

Please note that advance tickets are required for Rosh Hashanah and

Yom Kippur. A suggested donation of \$100 per ticket is greatly appreciated. As always, free tickets are available for those with student or military ID. Babysitting and children's programs are available as well. Please contact the B'nai Israel office at 376-1508 x100 to request tickets.

Additionally, all are invited to break the Yom Kippur Fast at B'nai Israel on Saturday, September 18. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child, free for children under 5. Make your reservation with payment to the B'nai Israel office by September 14.

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The Purpose of Creation

By: Rabbi Berl Goldman

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Rosh Hashanah, "the head" of the Jewish year, is approaching. Besides the obvious advantages of holiday dinner with family and friends, replete with apples and honey and many other special treats, Rosh Hashanah is significant as the day when we solidify our relationship with G-d, crowning Him as king and G-d in turn transcribing us for a sweet New Year.

The intrinsic connection between G-d and man is fundamental to the day, as our Sages explain that Rosh Hashanah marks not the beginning of G-d's creation of the universe, but His creation of man.

The anniversary of the first day of creation is the 25th of the Hebrew month of Elul; Tishrei, the date observed as Rosh Hashanah, is the sixth day of creation, the day on which the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, were created.

It would seem that the head of the year should be a commemoration of the creation of man and not the creation of the whole world. The creation of the world powerfully demonstrates G-d's absolute power within His unique ability to create something from nothing, while on the following days, G-d merely made new entities from existing substance.

Our sages categorize the entirety of creation as consisting of four kingdoms: inanimate/mineral kingdom, vegetable kingdom, animal kingdom; and the speaker kingdom/human beings.

ings.

Among these four kingdoms, only man can choose to accept G-d's sovereignty. A human being is the sole creation whose relationship with G-d stems from conscious decision and free will. Though G-d creates and regulates all the other beings in the universe, their link with G-d flows from G-d's creativity and does not result from their own decision.

When G-d created man, He initiated the potential for voluntary acceptance of His unity and active consent to His will. The Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory, demonstrates the difference between G-d's relationship with man and His relationship with the remainder of creation by contrasting two forms of absolute rule, tyranny and sovereignty. A tyrant forces dominion by virtue of his might and without his subjects' consent.

Conversely, the subjects of a king, even an absolute ruler, may willingly accept his authority and seek his sovereignty. Through the creation of man, G-d established a new classification of existence, which caused the world's prior creation to be considered unfinished. Thus, anniversary of man's crea-

tion can therefore be considered the anniversary of creation as a whole.

In the Prayers of Rosh Hashanah we read, "Zeh hayom techilat ma'asecha"--"This day is the beginning of Your works." For, although man is the last chronologically in the order of creation, he is first in terms of function and purpose because only human beings possess free will, which gives meaning and purpose to G-d's creation.

The world created on the 25th of Elul is a manifestation of G-dliness as G-d chose to express Himself, yet veil Himself in His creation. It is the ongoing task of people, gifted with a mind that can perceive beyond the ego of self that the divine reality can unequivocally reside.

Only in our choices and actions defined by our free will, can G-d be revealed in our world. When we devote our minds to seek His truth, open our hearts to love and fear G-d, and dedicate our lives to implementing His will, we make our souls and the world a dwelling for G-d. So this Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of man is the day to affirm our role in enabling this world to be a better place.

On behalf of my wife Chanie, our children, Mendel, Mushka, Rochel, Levi, Shmuel and Meir, we share our

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Shir Shalom Students to Explore Communities Around the World

By Debbie Boada

What's for dinner is something we all hear daily in our homes. That little statements parked my curiosity as to what people eat on special occasions in different countries and that thought led to another and you know how that goes.

Temple Shir Shalom Religious school will journey around the world this coming year to see how the Jewish communities celebrate the different holidays. We may

learn that all meals are the same but I have a feeling that there will be some surprise twists on certain dishes. With the help of special guests, books and the Internet we hope to learn as much as we can about the different countries.

Students will of course continue with their Jewish and Hebrew studies, always building from what they learned the previous year. The exciting Hebrew Happens program will continue with Debbie Joseph planning very lively activities.

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Holocaust Memorial

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cost included a number of non-Jewish families. Ralph Lowenstein, Dean emeritus of the UF College of Journalism and Communications, coordinated the Memorial project and designed the stone.

The Memorial is made of Georgia Blue granite and weighs seven tons. Conceived as a symbolic tombstone for 6 million Holocaust victims, it is crested by a Jewish star, one-third of which is unfinished, representing the one-third of world Jewry murdered between 1940 and 1945.

All persons in attendance will be invited to be among the first to place a small stone on the base of the memorial as a sign of remembrance of the 6 million victims. The names of all families and individuals contributing to the project will be sealed inside the Memorial.

In addition to the Memorial project, the cemetery has a broad new walkway contributed by B'nai Israel Sisterhood. The walkway terminates

at a new central gate built as a memorial to the late Sidney and Dorothy Friedlaender by their children, Roslyn Levy and Mitchell and Bob Friedlaender. Dedication of the gate will take place later this fall. The Emmer Family contributed a memorial bench, as did the family of the late Irvin Robbins, who had been a member of the Cemetery Committee. An explanatory stone next to the Memorial is a gift of the Lowenstein family.

Welcome Josh

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Services Management / M.A. Jewish Communal Service) from Brandeis University.

His resume is rather extensive, but rather than bombarding you with a list of degrees, titles and achievements, I will allow you the privilege and pleasure of getting to know this bright, energetic, warm person on your own.

Needless to say, Josh is quite capable of handling the position that he began on August 1st, and has already hit the ground running. In addition to

The redesigned and newly-walled Friedman Garden next to the Memorial is named for the late Helen Friedman, mother of Adele Goldfaden.

All artwork and engraving on the stone, plus construction, landscape design and landscaping of the site was done by Gainesville area firms.

The cemetery was established in 1872, and is the burial place of two Jewish Confederate veterans who were early residents of Gainesville.

being heavily involved with meeting and getting to know the members of our community, Josh has been writing articles, and involving himself in the planning of our numerous activities. We are all looking forward to growing this organization with the help of Josh's abilities and leadership, as well as his infusion of new ideas. We expect Josh to be in Gainesville for at least the next two to three years, and look forward to getting to know Josh and his wife, Shari Greenberg as we welcome them with into our local Jewish community.

In addition to the surging support of the local community, I am also very proud and excited about the makeup of our current Board of Directors. Our Board is loaded with a dedicated, capable, diverse group of hard-working individuals.

With continued support and ideas from all of you, we are excited about the opportunity to make a difference for the local Jewish community, our community at large, and for Jews around the world. Please join us as we succeed in making a difference.

Thank you.

L'shana Tova
Steve Bobroff
 JCNCF President

Friendship Circle Resumes Weekly Meetings September 1 at B'nai Israel

Friendship Circle is a community wide opportunity for older adults who are young in spirit and heart.

Come have fun, meet new and old friends, hear music, join in discussions on travel experiences, the political scene & local happenings, participate in various mitzvah programs, exercise your body and mind, enjoy snacks and even play Bingo.

We meet Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Congregation B'nai Israel Social Hall, 3830 NW

16th Boulevard.

Our season begins on September 1 welcoming all participants as we share High Holiday songs and stories.

Sept. 8 - **No Meeting** Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 15th- Friends through the Ages

Sept. 22nd-Erin Lang: Behind the Scenes at B'nai Israel, lunch in the Sukkah

Sept.29th- Ralph Lowenstein:

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Mitzvah Day

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for free food." Both said that they would volunteer for Mitzvah Day again in the future.

Other volunteers also stressed the importance of learning how to care for the community by doing an activity such as Mitzvah Day with their entire family. Lisa Zumberg, who participated with her husband, Marc, and their children, spoke of their lesson learned from Mitzvah Day, "not taking basic things, like having kitchen utensils and other household goods, for granted."

While Marc, Jacob, Rachel and Ben fed the homeless downtown, Lisa and Amy Storch helped coordinate a small army of volunteers who were faced with the daunting task of sorting a massive amount of household necessities for children who "age out" of foster care. These donations were organized into baskets that were donated to **CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services.**

CDS is an agency that provides a wide array of educational and personal support services for foster children who turn 18 and must acquire and furnish apartments of their own. Frequently turned out of their foster homes with nothing more than a garbage bag of clothing to their name, these young people and the organization that services them were incredibly grateful for the generosity of the Mitzvah Day organizers.

A quote from a "thank you" email from Rhonda Lockwood, a CDS coordinator and advocate, captured the

Newcomers

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mer as well as Latin rhythms and some original pieces.

The Jewish Newcomers and Friends is an organization started originally to provide the opportunity for newcomers to Gainesville and the surrounding community to meet each other and to learn about their new area. It has grown to include friends as more longer time residents learned of the group and asked to be included. The community is invited to join the Newcomers for this evening of festive music. Light refreshments will be served as usual.



(From left) Linda Bobroff, Ervene Katz and Jan Snyder assemble care packages during the JCNCF Mitzvah Day

sentiment of the day, "OH MY! I was so overwhelmed by your generosity and organizational skills!!! WOW!! ... Your group is amazing, and your energies are awesome and appreciated! I am hoping our partnership can carry into the future as we try to improve the lives of our community's children one kind act at a time."

Mitzvah Day was truly a day of kindness, love, cooperation and inspiration, all qualities of the late Rafi Lehmann and the Gainesville Mitzvah Corps!

Carrying on into the future ... how can you help?

"Mitzvah goreret mitzvah," Rafi's father, Rabbi Alan Lehmann, said in a letter about Mitzvah Day sent to Randy Kraft, Mitzvah Day Co-Organizer. One mitzvah brings along the next. And with that idea in mind, Mitzvah Day did not end with the activities of June 6 and the JCNCF is planning for another day of service next spring.

But you don't have to wait until then to get involved with the year round initiatives that have already been established by the JCNCF, its divisions and their community partners.

With the High Holy Days quickly approaching, now is the time to make a Rosh Hashanah resolution to get involved! The Maimonides Society has been doing mitzvot for the people of Gainesville since its inception, provides a number of community service opportunities you can contribute to or participate in.

Harriet Pawliger is looking for a group of people to get together and

regularly feed the hungry and homeless downtown. Additionally, Harriet's husband, David, is spearheading JCNCF's "Adopt a Street" program and a community clean up of Northwest 45th Avenue will take place every other month. Congregation B'nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom generously contributed items left over from their recent rummage sales to JCNCF for donation to many of the programs serviced from Mitzvah Day and you can too!

Clean out your clothes or linen closet and donate anything you have not worn or used in a year. Community members who wish to volunteer or to donate clothing, household goods, school and cleaning supplies for these ongoing Mitzvah Projects should contact Josh Lipshitz, the new JCNCF Program Director, to get involved.

The JCNCF and the Mitzvah Day committee would like to thank those volunteers who graciously and tirelessly donated to, planned and carried out Mitzvah Day. A huge thank you also goes out to the organizations mentioned above for their daily service to the Gainesville community. And last, but not least, thank you to the following community partners for their generously donated goods, services and gift cards: Dr. Gary Altschuler, Dr. Phillip Ankrim, Dr. Brian Decker, Dr. Jay Garlitz, Dr. David Roshkind and Dr. Israel Winikor.

Special thanks to Amy Blanchard, Manager of the Butler Plaza Publix for her "above and beyond" support, and our thanks also go out to: Border's Bookstore, Michael's, Sam's Club and Target.

Hadassah

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Due to my misgivings with nationalism, no matter whose, I had doubts about working under the banner of the largest Zionist organization in the United States.

I have always felt more strongly about contributing locally and being a world citizen than about supporting Zionism. I questioned, "Did I really belong in Hadassah?"

I attended one workshop and knew the answer is yes. Professor Gil Troy of McGill University spoke passionately about the need for different expressions of Zionism. Without historical Zionism, Israel would not exist, but today's Zionism needs renewed idealism inspired by the views and values of many American Jews; there needs to be zeal for balance and respect for alternate views in Middle Eastern affairs.

A fresh Zionist dream must take hold. It must remain rooted in our tradition of disputation and moral rigor. It must encourage our support of Israel, but also acknowledge the rights of other peoples in the Middle East. Our Zionism(s) must wrestle with the

issues of today.

Hadassah is multi-faceted and inclusive. Nearly a century old, Hadassah is also as young and fresh as your passion for growth and healing, your yearning for community and peace, and your belief in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

Feel welcome and get involved!

Shir Shalom to Use Kushner's *Book of Words* in Current Adult Ed Class

Rabbi Michael Joseph and Temple Shir Shalom are pleased to announce a follow-up to *Back to the Basics*, the Rabbi's highly popular adult education series from last spring.

This new series, set to begin on Wednesday, September 15, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, will focus on the vocabulary of Jewish prayer and spirituality. The basic text in use by the class will be the modern classic by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, *The Book of Words*.

As the previous classes which were so well attended, each session will be divided into two components: first, an exposition and discussion of

Hadassah offers many opportunities for initiative and connection.

We need your special perspective and your talent! October 20, 2010, Hadassah's next meeting will be co-sponsored by the Sisterhoods of B'nai Israel and Shir Shalom and the League of Women Voters. We hope to see you there.

several of the key "concept words" from Rabbi Kushner's text, and second, study, discussion, and practice of familiar prayers that embody the concepts under consideration.

In the series' first session, for example, the class will first learn about and discuss the concepts of teshuvah (repentance) and tefillah (prayer). Then the class will study prayers from the High Holiday liturgy that focus on these concepts.

Back to the Basics: The Vocabulary of Prayer and Spirituality will be held on five alternate Wednesday evenings starting on September 15, from 7 to

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Sukkot, Simhat Torah Schedules

Temple B'nai Darom, Ocala

Wednesday, September 22

8 p.m. Erev Sukkot

Thursday, September 23

10 a.m. Sukkot

Wednesday, September 29

8 p.m. Erev Atzeret-Simchat Torah

Thursday, September 30

10 a.m. Atzeret-Simchat Torah

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala

Friday, September 24

6 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner and Sukkot Service

Thursday, September 30

7 p.m. Simchat Torah Service

Temple Shir Shalom

Wednesday, September 22

6:30 p.m. Sukkah decoration and service

Wednesday, September 29

6:30 p.m. Simhat Torah Celebration

P'nai Or

Friday, September 25

3 p.m. Torah Journeys

4 p.m. Sukkot celebration with decorating, etc.

5:30 p.m. Vegetarian potluck.

All at the home of Bahira and Rabbi Shaya Isenberg. Call (352) 331-5672 for more information or directions.

Congregation B'nai Israel

Thursday, September 23

9:30 a.m. Sukkot 1

Friday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Sukkot 2

Wednesday, September 29

7 a.m. Hoshanna Rabba

Thursday, September 30

9:30 a.m. Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor

6 p.m. Mincha

6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah

Friday, October 1

9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah

Lubavitch-Chabad

Wednesday, September 22

7:30 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service followed by holiday dinner in the Sukkah under the stars.

Thursday, September 23

10:30 a.m. Morning Service followed by Musaf and Kiddush

8:30 p.m. Evening Service followed by holiday dinner

Friday, September 24

10:30 a.m. Morning service followed by Musaf and Kiddush

Sunday, September 26

10:30 a.m. Brunch in the Hut, Sukkot for Seniors

Tuesday, September 28

5 p.m. Sukkot Family Celebration, Adults \$10, Children \$7, Family, \$36

Wednesday, September 29

7:30 p.m. Shmini Atzeret Evening Service followed by Haka-fot, dancing with the Torah and dinner.

Thursday, September 30

10:30 a.m. Shmini Atzeret Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Yizkor Service followed by Mussaf and Kiddush

8:30 p.m. Simchat Torah, grand Simchat Torah celebration; Dance with the Torah! Refreshments and L'chaim served all night. Flags and treats for kids!

Friday, October 1

10:30 a.m. Simchat Torah Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Hakafot followed by Kiddush and Mussaf

Chabad Jewish Center

Ocala - Marion County

Thursday, September 23

10 a.m. Morning Service followed by Lulav shaking and Kiddush in the Sukkah

Friday, September 24

10 a.m. Morning Service followed by Lulav shaking and Kiddush in the Sukkah

Sunday, September 26

5 p.m. Community BBQ

Friendship Circle

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Holocaust Memorial

\$1 donation appreciated Call Suzy at 373-0508 or Dorothy at 373-9134 if you have a question.

New this year: Friends Through the Ages Monthly programs with the Day School children on the third Wednesday of each month.

Join us every week or whenever you can. We hope to see you at Friendship Circle Friends...Exercise... Programs...Bingo

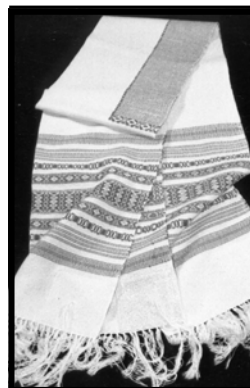
Bring lunch (no meat). Drinks and snacks are provided.

Creation

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heartfelt blessings and wishes to everyone for a Shanah Tova – a happy, healthy and sweet new year!

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High Holiday Schedules

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9:45 a.m. Rosh Hashana Children's Service (Reservations Required)
 10 a.m. Rosh Hashana II, Tashlich service will follow at Tuscawilla Park

Saturday, September 11
 10 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Service

Friday, September 17
 8 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 18
 9:45 a.m. Yom Kippur Children's Service (Reservations Required)
 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
 2:45 p.m. Yom Kippur Children's Service (Reservations Required)
 3 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service.

**Chabad Jewish Center
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Rabbi Yossi and Chanie Hecht

All services take place at the Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County unless otherwise noted. For more information, or to RSVP visit www.JewishMarion.org, call 773-806-9421, or e-mail Rabbi@JewishMarion.org.

Wednesday, September 8
 8 p.m. Evening Service followed by traditional apples and honey; Rosh Hashanah dinner available by RSVP only

Thursday, September 9
 10 a.m. Morning Service
 11:30 a.m. Shofar Sounding followed by Musaf and Kiddush
 5 p.m. Tashlich Service at the point by the College of Central Florida campus entrance on SR 200.

8 p.m. Evening Service
Friday, September 10
 10 a.m. Morning Service
 11:30 a.m. Shofar Sounding followed by Musaf and Kiddush

Friday, September 17
 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service
Saturday, September 18
 10 a.m. Morning Service
 Noon Yizkor Memorial Service
 5:45 p.m. Afternoon Service
 6:45 p.m. Neilah Closing Service. Fast ends at 8:06 p.m., followed by light refreshments

Temple B'nai Darom, Ocala

Wednesday, September 8
 8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana
Thursday, September 9
 10 a.m. Rosh Hashana

Friday, September 10
 8 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah
Sunday, September 12
 11 a.m. Memorial Service at Temple Memorial Gardens
Friday, September 17
 8 p.m. Kol Nidre, Erev Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 18
 10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
 4 p.m. Yom Kippur Mincha, Yizkor, Neilah followed by congregational break-the-fast.

Community Rabbis Lead Prayer to Close Holy Days Sept. 27

As the Jewish High Holidays draw to a close, what could be more precious than an hour of peaceful prayer and unity? Join the rabbis of Alachua County for a meditative program designed to draw our entire community together for a healthy and happy year.

May this be the year we achieve true justice in our community and peace and prosperity throughout the world. Wherever in the world we see violence and oppression, may we have the courage to be pursuers of peace.

Please join us Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m. in the downtown Public Library. The entire community is welcome -- please bring your friends!

Vocabulary of Prayer

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8:30 p.m. The course is free and open to the public; participants should plan to buy *The Book of Words*, which is widely available in paperback in bookstores and online.

For more information, call the Temple at (352) 371-6399 or e-mail rabbijoseph@shirshalom.net.

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Jewish Community Calendar — September 2010

Wednesday, September 1

Friendship Circle, 10:30 a.m., also on September 15, 22 and 29

Thursday, September 2

JNET Gainesville Networking Event Featuring guest speaker Gator Basketball Coach Larry Shyatt, 5:30 p.m. at Leonardo's 706, 706 West University Avenue, cost \$7.

Congregation B'nai Israel Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 3

Congregation B'nai Israel Day School Neighborhood Shabbat Dinners

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

University of Florida, Santa Fe College, Alachua County Schools, Congregation B'nai Israel Day School – No Classes

Maimonides Society Holiday Gift Bag Distribution, through September 7

Tuesday, September 7

Torah on Tuesdays, noon at Congregation B'nai Israel, also on Sept. 14, 21 and 28.

Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Chai Tots Rosh Hashanah Meals at host families, through September 10

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Day School closes at 1 p.m.

Thursday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Day School, closed through September 10

Friday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah

45 Seconds from Broadway opens, 8 p.m. at the Vam York Theater, through Sept. 26. Shows Wed-Sat at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. www.gcplayhouse.org for more information.

New Season of Opera Circle Kicks Off on September 26

B'nai Israel's Men's Club is pleased to announce the schedule of the Seventh Season of its Opera Circle. Operas, with full English subtitles, will be screened on our giant screen on Sundays at 3 p.m. sharp following a brief introduction by Sam Decalo, and usually last three hours. Members and non-members are most welcome to attend. Light refreshments are provided. A \$10 contribution to the Men's Club would be appreciated.

Upcoming screenings:

Sept. 26: Verdi, *Don Carlos*

Oct. 3: Bellini, *I Puritani* (With Netrebko)

Oct. 24: Saint-Saens, *Henry VIII*

Oct 31: Verdi, *A Masked Ball (Un Ballo In Maschera)*

Nov 28: Donizetti, *Daughter Of The Regiment (La Fille Du Regiment)*

Saturday, September 11

Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Worship and Torah Study, 9:30 a.m.; also on September 25

Sunday, September 12

Temple Shir Shalom, First Day of Sunday School
Unveiling of Community Holocaust Memorial, 10 a.m. in the Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery.

Tuesday, September 14

Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15

Temple Shir Shalom Adult Education – Back to the Basics with Rabbi Joseph, 7 p.m.

Jewish Newcomers, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom with guest performers the Klezmer Kats.

Thursday, September 16

Chai Tots Parent Night Out, Location TBD

Friday, September 17

Erev Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 21

Jewish Council of North Central Florida Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom

Wednesday, September 22

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Day School, build class sukkahs, 9 a.m.

Thursday, September 23

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Day School, closed for Sukkot through September 24.

Friday, September 24

Congregation B'nai Israel Shabbat B'Bayit – The Sukkot Edition

Sunday, September 26

Congregation B'nai Israel Men's Club Opera Circle, Verdi's *Don Carlos*, at 3 p.m.

Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood Dinner in the Sukkah, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 29

Temple Shir Shalom Adult Education – Back to the Basics with Rabbi Joseph, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 30

Congregation B'nai Israel Community Day School, Closed for Simchat Torah through October 1.



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Donations for the Brunch are \$36 per person. Sponsorship for this event is \$100. Checks should be made payable and sent to the JCNCf office with Beit Ruth written in the memo line.

Please save the date and join us for Brunch. Our motto is "Eat For Beit Ruth."

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