There is No Place For Hate in Our Community

By Virginia Brissette Hirshik
President & CEO, JCNCF

Our country has witnessed violent, racist, anti-Semitic and hate-filled activities and rhetoric that are a sad and jarring wake-up call to many Americans, and certainly the Jewish community. The scabs have been torn off the festering wounds of our nation’s unfortunate past, which never fully and truly healed, and we are now facing the painful reality that white nationalism is no longer a mostly hidden force operating on the societal margins and under the anonymity of social media. We have seen the consequences of unchecked hatred: injuries, loss of life, attacks against the people of Charlottesville, Virginia and trauma that continues to echo loudly through targeted communities.

Here in Gainesville, we are still preparing for what may come our way. The Board and Staff of the Jewish Council of North Central Florida are deeply concerned about the possibility of a Gainesville area event sponsored by those groups responsible for the recent "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville and other cities around the country. While the University of Florida has denied a permit to use the Phillips Center for an event headlined by The National Policy Institute’s hatemonger-in-chief, Richard Spencer on September 12, it is unclear as to what these groups have planned other than their determination to make Florida one of their next "battlegrounds."

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Tikkun Olam with Stuart and Charna Cohn

By William Alford
Assistant Director, JCNCF

In this month’s Tikkun Olam spotlight we are featuring members of the community whose time in Gainesville has been integral to the development of many of our cherished institutions. Stuart and Charna Cohn have called Gainesville home for many years and they have spent those years enriching their home and ours with their participation in building Gainesville’s Jewish community’s spiritual and secular institutions.

Having known Stu and Charna for the better part of two years now, I was aware of their current enthusiasm for seeking out new opportunities for community engagement through their work with the Jewish Council of North Central Florida. It was not until I sat down with them to discuss writing this article, that I fully appreciated that this spirit for community was not something they had adopted late in life. In fact, I saw a definite pattern emerge as they answered my many questions about their early life together, what brought them to Gainesville, and what work they had found the most fulfilling.

Stu and Charna met at the University of Illinois. Charna was studying education and Spanish, when in her junior year, Stu left to study Law at Oxford as a Marshall Scholar. He and Charna married upon his return in 1964. They moved to New Haven where Stu attended Yale Law School while Charna taught elementary school. It was during their time in New Haven that their first child was born.

The young Cohn family’s next move was to Virginia and Fort Lee where Stu had a two year military obligation to fulfill. While stationed at Fort Lee, Stu and Charna became involved with the congregation on base. It was here that they welcomed their second child.

Following the completion of Stu’s military service, the family settled in Chicago for the next decade where Stu worked in a law firm. In Chicago, the Cohens lived very near a Jewish Community Center. It was during this time that they found a home in the Reconstructionist Movement and became involved with the Evanston Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation. While they had built a family and found a strong sense of Jewish com-

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We know that the Governor, the City of Gainesville, the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office and the Gainesville Police Department are treating this scenario with the utmost priority and seriousness. The Secure Community Network (SCN) of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) is consulting with local and state law enforcement agencies and working closely with Jewish community groups to assess the situation and the possible threats.

The Jewish Council is committed to working with SCN, our local law enforcement organizations and our Jewish community partners to ensure that the events that occurred in Charlottesville are not repeated here in Gainesville. We want to do all that we can to make sure our community is properly informed, prepared, and safe.

Beyond this specific event, for the security of the Jewish community and in solidarity with other targeted communities, we must take a leading role in combating anti-Semitism, white nationalism, and intolerance in all its forms. JCNCF’s Jewish Community Relations group is a crucial component of these efforts. We should:

• Ensure that public officials, ethnic and religious leaders, and business people stand up against hate. The more that mainstream voices on both sides of the aisle express their opposition, the more likely that such hate will remain in the shadows.

• Ask public officials to go beyond mere condemnation. We should, for example, support the Anti-Defamation League’s call for the President to develop a plan of action to combat white supremacy and all forms of hate, including investing funds in countering violent extremism.

• Remain active leaders in our interfaith and intergroup coalitions. We can partake in collective campaigns to hold individuals, companies, and media outlets accountable when they express intolerance or give license to hatred. Now more than ever, we must be fully engaged in our relationships with diverse partners, putting our principles of acceptance into action and showing that our vision for America can prevail.

• Push for policies that promote inclusivity and justice, drowning out hatred in the process. By reforming our criminal justice system, mobilizing for racial equality, and continuing to combat anti-Semitism, our positive aspirations for America can supplant the type of society that hate groups seek to bring about.

• Monitor extremist groups and speak out against their rallies when they are planned. Share your concerns with local officials and urge them to speak out against Islamophobia, xenophobia and all forms of bigotry.
Tikkun Olam with Stuart and Charna Cohn

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In Chicago, Stu always wanted to be a teacher and in 1977, he was offered a position at the University of Florida’s School of Law that put the Cohens once again on the move.

When the Cohens were first settling in to Gainesville, they did not find their spiritual home as quickly or easily as they had in Chicago. After six months in town and having made many new friends, who were also searching for a similar community, the Cohens and many others formed the Gainesville Chavura. Stu and Charna led it for 6 years and the group lasted for 20.

The Cohens have had a profound impact on many of Gainesville’s institutions. Stu has served as a board member and an officer at Congregation B’nai Israel and Charna was a member of the education committee that established the B’nai Israel Community Day School. Stu was a member of the “Gainesville Lay Council,” a group of lay members of different religious groups that took turns meeting in different houses of worship to engage in Q & A’s about each other in order to build deeper understanding. Through similar efforts Charna and Pastor Earl Young started “The Black Jewish Dialogue” which resulted in the original Freedom Seder. Stu and Charna were again involved in 2016 when JCNCF revived the Freedom Seder to again reach out to members of the black community and foster dialogue and understanding.

The Cohens have also been an integral part of the Jewish Council long before its current incarnation. Their continued involvement has shaped the structure and direction of the organization in ways that have enriched our community. During JCNCF’s first phase as the Gainesville Jewish Appeal (GJA), Charna and Stu both served as the Annual Campaign Chair and Co-Chair for several years. Charna served as the organization’s president following Mickey Smith. During her tenure as president, Charna was approached by Steven Slutsky with the idea of investing more of the funds raised by the GJA back into the local community. At that time, approximately 90% of the funds raised were passed directly to Israel with little in the way of local programming for the North Central Florida Jewish community.

Stu and Charna’s legacy of involvement in Gainesville’s civic life stretches beyond institutional development. Their spirit for engagement is a warm and fun loving sort. Some of the fondest memories they shared with me were from the community softball team they helped found. Players from the Jewish community and beyond gathered and kept this game going for 25 years.

In 2005 the Cohens lead a group of 33 people from the Gainesville Jewish Community to Israel for a two week journey. The tour group visited many memorable sites, but one that has left a lasting impression on many who were there was their visit to the Jaffa Institute. This organization was established in 1982 as a private, non-profit, multi-service social agency to assist the city of Jaffa’s severely disadvantaged children and their families. Over the years the relationship between The Jaffa Institute and the Gainesville Jewish Community has grown closer as we have supported their ever expanding efforts to help those in need in their community. On October 29, JCNCF will celebrate this relationship and The Jaffa Institute’s 35th birthday with a celebration dinner and fundraiser. Stu and Charna Cohn, along with Dawn Burgess-Krop and Dr. Harry Krop will be the evening’s guests of honor in recognition for all they have done to foster this connection.

All of Stu and Charna’s children have shared their parents connection with Israel. Their daughter Jennifer and son Wylie both spent time in Israel before going off to college, while their son Bradley lived there for a time between graduating college and attending law school. Their son Wylie went on to serve in the Israeli Defense Force, get his masters degree in Israel and start a family while there.

To the Cohens, who have brought their spirit to each community they have called home we would like to express to you how fortunate we feel that you are part of the Gainesville Jewish Community. We look forward to continuing working with you, learning from your expirence, and building new memories together.
JCNCF Celebrates the Jaffa Institute’s 35th Anniversary

Sunday, October 29
at The Gainesville Woman’s Club
2809 W University Ave, Gainesville

Honoring
Charna and Stuart Cohn
Dawn Burgess-Krop and Harry Krop

Join us for a festive celebration of the Jaffa Institute when we will honor the Cohns and the Krops for their love and support of Israel and the Jewish people and the Jaffa Institute.

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Jewish Community Outreach Continued Over the Summer

By Lee Schwartz, Board Member
Temple Shir Shalom

On Saturday, July 29, my wife Ann-Marie and I had the pleasure of helping welcome congregants of the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church to our Sabbath service and Oneg Shabbat. Rabbi Joseph invited everyone to approach the bima and observe the unique and beautiful writing in the Torah. The Q&A that followed was vigorous and “spirited.” Afterwards we sat at tables and chatted, getting to know one another.

The next day we, along with Rabbi Joseph and about a dozen other members of the Jewish community, returned the favor by attending the Sunday morning service at their church. Located in the Pleasant Street Historic District of Gainesville, it was founded in 1867. We were wholeheartedly welcomed by Rev. Dr. Geraldine McClellan and members of the congregation as soon as we entered the vestibule. Everyone admired the beautiful stained glass windows and was impressed by the history of the church. The service was uplifting and enthusiastic, including many hymns and a sermon focused on gratitude.

I have attended other religious services over the years and learned that each denomination has their own unique way of expressing devotion to God. We are all praying to the same God and generally for the same reasons.

Mount Pleasant Church, along with many synagogues and churches across the country, definitely have at least one similar problem: a lack of younger members, and children in particular. The church had only two children in attendance that morning. One was a local boy and the other was from out of town, visiting his grandmother.

Our visits with each other may not make us best friends after only two meetings, but it’s a start. It also allows, in time of emergency or a common effort, to be able to pick up the phone or send a text message to someone you have an acquaintance with. These very “Pleasant” experiences allowed us to expand our spiritual community. We are no longer strangers.

This photo was taken at a previous outing organized by Rabbi Michael Joseph and JCNCF’s Community Relations Group at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on June 11. Community members interested in participating in future activities, should contact the JCNCF office.
Israel in Brief: News and Developments

By Ralph Lowenstein

Efforts to Stop Rewards for Killers

Committees in both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives have approved proposed bills that would cut off a majority of direct American funding for the Palestinian Authority if it continues to give that money to Arab “martyrs” or their families as a reward for killing Israelis or visitors to Israel. Called the “Taylor Force Act” in both houses, it is named for the 28-year-old American West Point graduate, Taylor Force, who was stabbed to death last year in Tel Aviv. The Palestinian Authority regularly gives handsome monthly “pensions” to families of those who have died while trying to kill Israelis, or lifetime pensions to the attackers themselves after they have served time in jail. Last year this amounted to almost $350 million, more than half of America’s direct assistance to the Palestinian Authority. (Algemeiner)

Overseas Volunteers Join Israeli Military

The Israeli Defense Forces has reported that 122 male and 31 female volunteers from 12 countries arrived in Israel during the summer to join Israeli military units. Some 45% are from the U.S., 38% came from France, and others are from South Africa, Belgium, Mexico, Australia, Canada, Austria, Honduras and Thailand. (Jerusalem Post)

Japanese Might Need Israeli Missile

Japan, nervous about the increasing threat of a North Korean missile attack, might be eyeing the Israeli Arrow 3 missile defense system. The United States has several excellent missile systems – the THAAD system, the Patriot PAC-3 and the Aegis naval BMD – but the Arrow 3 is the only ballistic missile system that has ever shot down an enemy rocket hundreds of miles from where it has been launched. According to experts, Israel’s Arrow 3 is the only missile system that currently is likely to be able to knock out North Korea’s test flights, perhaps one strategy for containing North Korea on this issue. (Asia Times)

Japanese Drug Firm Buys Israeli Company

Japan’s Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corp has agreed to buy Israeli drug maker Neuroderm for $1.1 billion. The Japanese company said it was especially attracted by Neuroderm’s Parkinson’s disease drug that is in advanced clinical trials. (Reuters)

Minister of Aliyah and Integration MK Sofa Landver (Yisrael Beiteynu) poses with new IDF volunteers.

Photo credit: DEFENSE MINISTRY - From The Jerusalem Post, Aug 7, 2017.
JCNCF’s Annual Campaign Supports Jewish Life Globally

The Jewish Council of North Central Florida (JCNCF) functions as the umbrella organization for the varied Jewish communities of Gainesville, Ocala, and surrounding areas. Our mission is to serve the cultural, and educational needs of the Jewish community locally and regionally and the philanthropic needs of Jewish causes worldwide.

Our goals are to offer fun and compelling educational and social opportunities for the Jewish community of North Central Florida and to support Jewish humanitarian causes locally and globally. We achieve that by our Annual Campaign and other targeted fundraising efforts and by collaborating with community partners to provide a wide range of activities and celebrations.

JCNCF is proud of the many educational programs, social gatherings and humanitarian initiatives that we are able to fund through your donations. Thank you for being our partner in building Jewish community locally and globally.

JCNCF Allocations for World Jewry

The 2016/2017 Annual Campaign raised over $160,000 with an additional $26,000 in specially earmarked funds. Your gift to the Annual Campaign supports our brothers and sisters in Israel and wherever there are Jews in need around the world.

Your dollars helped Jewish refugees, like the family in the photo at left, who fled their home in Yemen for fear of anti-Semitic violence and discrimination. The Annual Campaign also supports the elderly Jews of Tbilisi, Georgia who struggle to preserve their Jewish pride and personal dignity while facing unimaginable hardship. Hesed Eliyahu in Tbilisi brings food, hom care, medical care and winter relief to nearly 1,400 individuals.

- Over $40,000 went to the Jewish Federations of North America, which distributes funds through the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).
- JCNCF sent $10,000 to the Jaffa Institute, which has numerous programs to help the poor in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, ranging from after school programs for at-risk kids, “welfare to work” guidance and mentoring for women entering the workforce, to supplying food packages for Holocaust survivors.
- Over $10,000 went to the Beit Ruth Educational and Therapeutic Village, a supportive home and innovative community for abused and neglected girls and young women in Afula, Israel.
- Over $1,100 was raised for the Lone Soldier Program. Our community also sent more than 50 care packages to Lone Soldiers - young men and women who move to Israel to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Hundreds of hand-made cards and notes were lovingly created by grateful community members who participated in JCNCF’s Annual Mitzvah Day.

Through the Jaffa Institute’s therapeutic after-school centers, at-risk children from Tel Aviv-Jaffa receive a hot meal, scholastic enrichment, help with their homework, as well as additional content intended to enrich, empower them, and develop their social skills.
JCNCF’s Annual Campaign Supports Jewish Life Locally

The Jewish Council operates entirely on the contributions of generous community members. Every dollar JCNCF raises is critical to the continued growth and health of our community. Please consider a gift to this year’s Annual Campaign. Together we create the foundation for our children and their Jewish futures.

JCNCF Community Programs and Local Grants

These JCNCF Signature Programs were made possible by your generous gifts to the Annual Campaign. We thank you for your investment in our Jewish community.

- The Eighth Annual JCNCF sponsored Mitzvah Day engaged more than 150 people who worked on 20 projects at 7 different sites.
- Over 70 people attended a meet and greet with Israeli Deputy Consul General, Mr. Guy Gilady.
- Hate Crimes: Elements, Impact & Offenders: A Talk with David Barkey of the Anti-Defamation League attracted more than 50 guests.
- 125 mishloach manot bags were delivered for Purim.
- Over 100 people heard Professor Tudor Parfitt speak at 3 venues about The Jews of Africa and the Complexity of Origin.
- Nearly 500 tickets were sold for 10 screenings at the Seventh Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival.
- Nearly 200 people remembered the Holocaust together at JCNCF’s annual Yom HaShoah program featuring Dr. Mark Wygoda, editor of his father’s memoir, In the Shadow of the Swastika.
- More than 150 people celebrated Israel at JCNCF’s Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut gathering at Sholom Park of Ocala. Guests enjoyed music from the Chutzpah Band, delicious treats from a local food truck and fun and games for all ages.
- Volunteers from the B’nai Israel Community Day School, Temple Shir Shalom’s Social Action Committee and the general community served over 400 meals to hungry and homeless women through JCNCF’s monthly mitzvah project at the Helping Hands Clinic.

JCNCF’s Mitzvah Makers Distributed Nearly $12,000 in Anonymous Micro-Grants

Individuals received aid through these partner agencies: ACORN Clinic, ARC of Alachua, Child Advocacy Center, Displaced Homemakers, Family Promise, Guardian Ad Litem, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands Clinic, the Home Van, Peaceful Paths, and Three Rivers Legal Services.

PJ Library Gainesville & Ocala

PJ Library is a partnership between JCNCF and the B’nai Israel Community Day School. Each month, nearly 175 children and their families received PJ Library books and CDs featuring Jewish content to enjoy together - that’s 2,100 mailings for the year!

Additionally, PJ Library families gathered for Jewish enrichment programs like a Selichot Shabbaton with musician, Sam Glaser; a Young Family Chanukah Dinner (seen in the photo above); PJs, Pizza and Havdalah and a Passover tasting program.

JCNCF Awarded $9,000 in Local Grants

Local grants allowed area congregations and organizations to supplement their educational and social program offerings. Grant funded offerings from this past year include:

- JCNCF awarded the Center for Jewish Studies $5,000 for their Playing for Peace concert, which was attended by approximately 350 people.
- Congregation Beth Israel and Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala and Congregation B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom of Gainesville all received grants of $1,000 each to upgrade their institutional security systems.
Together we do extraordinary things.
The Jewish Council of North Central Florida supports Jewish life locally and operates entirely on donations.

Year after year, the individuals listed on this Roll of Honor help build our community. Through their gifts to the JCNCF Annual Campaign, we make a difference in the Jewish community of North Central Florida and around the world, whenever there are Jews in need.

Thank you to all who make our work possible!

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Introducing PJ Our Way

By Debby Kinman-Ford, Coordinator
PJ Library North Central Florida

This year, PJ Library celebrates its 10th anniversary in our community. When we adopted the PJ Library, we were the third participant in the entire state. Today, there are more than 15 programs in Florida alone! We will continue to offer PJ Library books to children from 6 months old through age 8 and are excited to announce that we are now offering PJL subscriptions up to age 12 through the PJ Your Way program!!!

PJ Library is a partnership between the B’nai Israel Community Day School and the Jewish Council of North Central Florida and is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

Beyond the beautiful books, PJ Library offers a monthly newsletter with great parenting tips and local monthly programs. This year in our community you can look forward to a Rosh Hashana program, a trip to Duddly Farm, a scavenger hunt, a Story-Walk, our annual Hanukah party and more. Stay tuned for more specifics on this year’s programming. If you would like to enroll your child in PJL, go to www.pjlibrary.org or call Debby-Kinman Ford, PJL Coordinator at 352.376.1508 ext. 101.

Yom HaShoah Committee to Collect Artifacts

By Robin West, Rebecca Jefferson and Katalin Rac

The JCNCF Holocaust Remembrance program scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2018 will feature Arlene Stein, author of Reluctant Witnesses. The child of survivors, Stein will discuss how members of the “second generation” have helped to preserve their family memories and expand Holocaust awareness. For next year’s commemoration, the Yom HaShoah committee is also planning an exhibit and a panel discussion with local second generation members.

If you are a survivor or a relative of a survivor, we need your help! The committee hopes to create a memorial exhibit, to open on April 8, 2018 at the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida. We intend to identify and display Holocaust-related memorabilia from local families. We would consider any items with historical relevance to the Holocaust: pictures, documents, small artifacts or objects, short films, letters, memoirs, or diaries.

An example of a recent donation to the Judaica Library is the Irgang-Entenberg-Kushner Family Collection. Hersh Wolf Irgang and Sura (née Entenberg) Irgang lived in Poland before World War II. In 1940, they were deported to the Soviet Union for forced labor and were released in 1946. Their daughter, Molly Kushner, who donated the family collection, was born in a Displaced Persons (DP) Camp.

The collection includes documents dated prior to their immigration to the U.S., as well as correspondence testifying to their efforts to gain compensation for property left behind in Jaroslaw, Poland. This collection enables researchers to learn more about the experiences of Holocaust survivors -- in this case, to learn about forced labor camps, DP camps, and the difficulties involved in obtaining reparations for lost or stolen property.

We hope that many people in the local community will be interested in donating to the exhibit! All exhibited items will be returned to donors. The library staff can help families preserve personal items, and may be able to tell you more about the history related to your family’s memorabilia. If you think you might have some Holocaust-related materials to include in our exhibit or if you have questions, please contact Robin West at YomH2018@gmail.com or the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.
JCNCF to Host Ethiopian Jewry Advocate in October

RESCUE: A Weekend of Talks by Barbara Ribakove Gordon Executive Director of the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry

Friday, October 20 at 10 am University of Florida

Saturday, October 21 Time TBA Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center

Sunday, October 22 Time TBA Temple Shir Shalom

Sunday, October 22 at 3 pm Oak Hammock, in the Oak Room

This weekend is made possible by Judge Karen Miller and the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, with support from the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Oak Hammock, the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center, the Isser & Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida, and Temple Shir Shalom. This event is free and open to the public. A shuttle has been reserved for residents of The Village for the Oak Hammock Talk. For more information contact the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846
Bunnies, Yoga and Mindfulness at Day School

By Debby Kinman-Ford, Director
B’nai Israel Community Day School

What do Bunnies and Yoga have in common, you ask? Both are new additions to the B’nai Israel Community Day School this year. Beyond our chickens, Bim, Golda, Rachel and Rivka, we are adding bunnies to our Outdoor Environmental Program. We are tickled to add more animals to our school program. We feel it is important for our children to learn to care for animals and beyond all our class pets, our chickens and bunnies are part of our family.

In addition to expanding our gardening program, we are adding yoga and mindfulness classes to our curriculum. The awareness of our actions and introspection are intertwined into the major concepts of Judaism and are a valuable tool for all people. When we discussed where we wanted to move the programming of the school for this year, adding mindfulness to our curriculum was an easy choice. Children will attend mindfulness classes twice a week for half an hour a week. They will continue weekly gymnastics and/or soccer classes as well.

The philosophy of progressive education is a cornerstone of the B’nai Israel Community Day School. We work to develop children mentally, physically, and emotionally. Gardening, yoga, animal care and sports, as well as academics and learning through play, all move our school toward this goal. We can’t wait to share the progress of this year with you!

It’s Great to be Young at Cong. B’nai Israel!

By Shauna Sikron, Coordinator of Jewish Learning
Congregation B’nai Israel

Congregation B’nai Israel’s youth will be busy this year! From the start, the coming year will be full of exciting educational and social opportunities for our young Jewish community.

With a new curriculum and many joyful festivities on the horizon, we are happy to welcome back our Chavaya students and staff to a bright new year of Hebrew school. Chavaya will continue to embrace experiential learning activities in our studies of Jewish ritual, holidays, history, culture and art while intensifying our students’ Hebrew knowledge through the Mitkadem program. Thanks to generous support from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, we will be able to implement a digital version of this curriculum for our older students to engage in their Hebrew studies even outside the classroom.

In September, our talented community member, Cyd Robbins, will visit Chavaya to lead us in Israeli Dancing. Later in the month, Chavaya students will celebrate Rosh Hashana with the traditional apples and honey and look towards another year as we reflect on Yom Kippur. During High Holiday services, B’nai Israel will also host special youth programming to offer a guided reflection of these Days of Awe specifically for our young teens.

The B’nai Israel youth group will see a burst of activity in the coming months. Our teens will bring in the High Holidays with a special Mitzvah mission to bake apple pies for those in our community who could use a sweet start to the year. We encourage Jewish youth throughout North Central Florida to take part in our youth programming and connect with their Jewish peers.

In addition to these events and programs, B’nai Israel is so proud to celebrate with six youth from our community as they reach their B’nai Mitzvah this year. It will surely be a year of celebration, learning and great joy.
Transitions: Community Life Events

Do you have a life cycle event you would like to share with our JCNCF community? Please submit items to chronicle@jcncf.org. Submissions may be edited as space allows. Pictures are welcome and encouraged! Transitions may include birth, engagement and wedding announcements, bar and bat mitzvah, graduations, promotions and honors, and memorials.

Shalom, Baby!

Mazel Tov to the Price Family! Ava Cali Price was born on May 30, 2017. She is welcomed by dad Matt, mom Jenna, and big brother, Dylan Price.

In Memoriam

Our community mourns the passing of these beloved friends and family members:

Elizabeth Pactor, wife of John Charles Jones, daughter of Sid and Barbara Pactor.

Judith Cohen Wilson, mother of Debby and Gregory Wilson.

Arlene Goldberger, wife of Bruce Goldberger, mother of Sarah and Jacob Goldberger.

Marti Schaffer, wife of Gerald Schaffer, mother of Daniel and Sara.

Peter Bergmann, husband of Alice Frielfeld, father of Max, Ben and Sophie.

Marion Yadgaroff, wife of Benson, mother of Leslie Roseman, grandmother of Lauren and Julie, Michael and Alexandra.

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

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High Holiday Schedule 5778

Rosh Hashanah, September 20, 21 & 22
Yom Kippur, September 29 & 30

Sukkot, October 4, 5 & 6
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah
October 11, 12 & 13

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2021 NW 5th Avenue, 32603 ~ 352.336.5877
www.jewishgator.com

Wed, Sep 20  Candle Lighting: 6:55 pm
Erev RH Service & Holiday Dinner - 7:30 pm

Thur, Sep 21  RH Morning Service - 10 am
Shofar Blowing, Mussaf, Lunch - 12:30 pm
Student & Family Tashlich at Lake Alice - 5:30 pm
Candle Lighting after 8:02 pm
RH Evening Service & Holiday Dinner - 8:15 pm

Fri, Sep 22  RH Morning Service - 10 am
Shofar Blowing, Mussaf, Lunch - 12:30 pm
Shabbat Service Followed by Dinner - 7:30 pm

Fri, Sep 29  Candle Lighting and Fast Begins - 6:59 pm
Kol Nidrei and Evening Service - 7:15 pm

Sat, Sep 30  Shacharit Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor followed by Mussaf - 12:30 pm
Mincha Afternoon Service - 5:30 pm
Neilah Closing Service - 6:30 pm
Napoleon’s March - 7:45 pm
Holiday Ends - 7:51 pm

Wed, Oct 4  Candle Lighting - 6:53 pm
Evening Service followed by dinner - 7:30 pm

Mon, Oct 2  Build the Sukkah - 11 am - 1 pm

Sun, Oct 8  Sukkot Family Celebration with Kosher BBQ, music and entertainment - 12:30 to 2 pm
(Adult $10, Children $8, Families $36)

Wed, Oct 11  Candle Lighting - 6:45 pm
Evening Service, Hakafot and Dinner - 7:30 pm

Thur, Oct 12  Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor Service followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah - 10 am
Candle Lighting after 7:45 pm
Evening Service followed by Dinner - 8 pm

Fri, Oct 6  Morning Service followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah - 10 am
Evening Service followed by Dinner - 7:30 pm

Sun, Oct 8  Sukkot Family Celebration with Kosher BBQ, music and entertainment - 12:30 to 2 pm
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Wed, Oct 11  Candle Lighting - 6:45 pm
Evening Service, Hakafot and Dinner - 7:30 pm

Thur, Oct 12  Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch - 12:30 pm
Candle Lighting after 7:37 pm
Simchat Torah Evening Service, Hakafot followed by Grand Torah Celebration - 7:45 to Midnight

Fri, Oct 13  Morning Service - 10 am
Hakafot, Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch - 12 pm
Candle Lighting - 6:43 pm
Eventing Service followed by Dinner - 7:30 pm
North Central Florida Congregations

~ L'Shanah Tovah ~
The Board and Staff of the Jewish Council of North Central Florida Wish All Our Family and Friends a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County & The Villages Center for Jewish Life and Learning
Rabbi Yossi & Chanie Hecht
13030 CR 103, 34484 ~ 352.291.2218
www.jewishmarion.org

Wed, Sept 20     Erev RH Service - 7 pm
Candle Lighting - 7:09 pm
Dinner, RSVP required - 8:15 pm
Thur, Sept 21     RH Morning Service - 10 am
Torah Reading - 11:45 am
Shofar Blowing & Kiddush to follow 12:30 pm
Tashlich Service at the pond alongside Walmart on CR 446 - 4 pm
RH Service - 8 pm
Candl Lighting - 8:01 pm
Dinner, RSVP required - 8:45 pm
Fri, Sept 22     RH Morning Service - 10 am
Torah Reading - 11:45 am
Shofar Blowing & Kiddush to follow 12:30 pm
Fri, Sept 29     YK Morning Services - 10 am
Torah Reading - 12:30 pm
Yizkor Service - 1 pm
Mincha - 6 pm
Neilah - 6:45 pm
Services are followed by light refreshment
Sat, Sept 30     Kol Nidre - 7 pm

Temple Beth Shalom
Rabbi Ze’ev Harari
1109 NE 8th Avenue, 34470 ~ 352.629.5837
www.jewishocala.com

Wed, Sept 20     Erev Rosh Hashanah - 7:30 pm
Candle Lighting - 7:09 pm
Dinner, RSVP required - 8:15 pm
Thur, Sept 21     Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - 9:30 am
Torah Reading - 11:45 am
Shofar Blowing & Kiddush to follow 12:30 pm
Tashlich Service at the pond alongside Walmart on CR 446 - 4 pm
RH Service - 8 pm
Candl Lighting - 8:01 pm
Dinner, RSVP required - 8:45 pm
Fri, Sept 22     Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - 9:30 am
Fri, Sept 29     Erev Yom Kippur & Kol Nidre - 7 pm
Sat, Sept 30     Yom Kippur Morning - 9:30 am
Afternoon Service & Yizkor - 4 pm

Cong Beth Israel and Temple B’nai Darom
All services will be conducted by Rabbi Harold Jaye at Temple B’nai Darom
49 Banyan Course ~ 352.624.0308
www.bethisraelocala.org

Wed, Sept 20     Erev RH Service - 7:30 pm
Thur, Sept 21     Morning Service - 10 am
Fri, Sept 29     Kol Nidre - 7:30 pm
YK Evening Service
Sat, Sept 30     YK Morning Service - 10 am
YK Afternoon Study Session - 4 pm
followed by Break the Fast - 5 pm

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North Central Florida Congregations & Organizations

**Gainesville**

B’nai Israel Community Day School (DS)
Debby Kinman-Ford, Director
www.bnaiisraelcds.org
352.376.1508, ext 101

Center for Jewish Studies
at the University of Florida (CJS)
Dr. Jack Kugelmass, Director
Sandra James, Office Assistant
web.jst.ufl.edu
PO Box 118020, Gainesville, FL 32611
352.392.9247

Congregation B’nai Israel (CBI)
Rabbi David Kaiman
Jenifer Petrescu, Executive Director
Shauna Sikron, Coordinator of Jewish Learning
Casey Leopold, Programs
Denise Thompson, Administrative Assistant
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Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director
cms.uflib.ufl.edu/Judaica/Index.aspx
George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611
352.273.2865

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Ann Eisenstadt, Office Manager
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3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
352.371.6399

UF Hillel (HLL)
Rabbi Adam Grossman
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352.372.2900

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352.291.2218

Congregation Beth Israel (CBI-O)
Rabbi Karen Allen
www.bethisraelocala.org
7171 SW Hwy 200, Ocala, FL 34476
352.450.2056

Congregation Beth Sholom (CBS)
www.bethsholomcitrus.org
102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL 34464
352.746.5303

Temple Beth Shalom (TBS)
Rabbi Ze’ev Harari
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1109 NE 8th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34470
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Temple B’nai Darom (TBD)
Rabbi Harold Jaye
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49 Banyan Course, Ocala, FL 34472
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Temple Shalom of Central Florida (TSCF)
Rabbi Mel Glazer
www.templeshalomcentralfl.org
13563 County Road 101, Oxford, FL 34484
352.748.1800

**JCNCF Micro-Grant Program**

The Jewish Council is pleased to offer three monthly "Micro Grants" of $180 each. Micro Grants will be awarded from September through June. Micro Grant Requests should be submitted by the first day of the month before it is needed. (For example, submit by September 1st for an October event.) For more information and to download a grant application please visit the JCNCF grant page on our website at www.jcnmf.org
Community Calendar for September 2017

Please note that the JCNCF Office will be closed in observance of the Jewish Holidays
Rosh HaShanah: Thursday, September 21, Friday, September 22
Sukkot: Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6,
Thursday, October 12 and Friday, October 13.

Tuesday, September 5
• Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph at TSS, 9:30 am. (Repeated Sep 12, and 26)
• Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm. (Repeated Sep 12, 19 and 26)

Wednesday, September 6
• Caregivers Support Group at TSS, 7 pm. For more information contact
  Lori Waxenberg, loribwax@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 13
• Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am to 1 pm (Repeated September, 20 and 27)

Thursday, September 28
• Helping Hands Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 2 pm.
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