Thank You for Supporting JCNCF’s Annual Campaign

By Virginia Brissette Hirshik
President and CEO, JCNCF

The Jewish Council’s Annual Campaign goal for 2017/2018 is $180,000, and so far this year, we’ve raised over $60,000! The JCNCF is incredibly grateful to all of the donors who support our mission to provide Jewish experiences for our local community and to raise funds and awareness for Jewish causes globally.

Every dollar the Jewish Council raises is critical to the continued growth and health of the Jewish people, both here in North Central Florida and beyond.

In addition to supporting international Jewish causes through our partners at Beit Ruth, The Jaffa Institute, and The Jewish Federations of North America, this year’s Campaign has already funded a weekend of talks with Barbara Ribakove Gordon from the North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry, the Ninth Annual Community Mitzvah Day, and a number of grants for local Jewish institutions. In the spring, we’ll head to The Hippodrome Theater for the Eighth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival and we’ll celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel with a community celebration.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Jewish Council, it is my pleasure to wish you and yours a very Happy Chanukah and all good things in the new year of 2018. Thank you for being part of our wonderful community.

We Accomplish More Mitzvahs Together

impact our community throughout the year. It is so uplifting to see generations of volunteers making this a family tradition.

Mitzvah Day provides an opportunity for Jewish community leaders to collaborate. Thank you to the board, staff and volunteers of Congregation B’nai Israel who welcomed community members with breakfast and hosted many projects. Thank you also to the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center and Temple Shir Shalom for coordinating and hosting projects.

Thank you to Team Leaders

By William Alford
Assistant Director, JCNCF

Thank you to everyone who made JCNCF’s Ninth Annual Community Mitzvah Day a great success. We saw many faces that have participated since the first Mitzvah Day in 2010. Dedicated team leaders helped build relationships with local organizations that stretch beyond this single day and

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Steve Bobroff, who is a Board member at both JCNCF and Congregation B’nai Israel, completed a 17-hour Active Shooter Training Course offered by the ALICE Training Institute at the Gainesville Police Department. Steve is now a certified instructor and is available to lead 30 minute workshops in Gainesville and Ocala.

For more information about the online course or the in-person training session with Steve, please contact the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.
Community Trip to Israel in 2018

Celebrate Israel’s 70th Anniversary with a Community Trip to Israel, May 14 - June 2, 2018
Sponsored by The Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Congregation B’nai Israel, and Temple Shir Shalom

**Information Session at Congregation B’nai Israel, Sunday, January 7 at 1 pm**

Tour Highlights:

- Jerusalem Old City and Excavations
- Hadassah Hospital Tour & Chagall Windows
- Bethlehem, Meeting with Rabbis for Human Rights
- Meeting with municipal leaders of Arab towns
- Beit Ruth Educational Village, Afula
- Sea of Galilee Excavations
- Kibbutz Hotel and Dinner
- Golan Heights
- Circassian Village
- Haifa
- Atlit (former British detention camp)
- Caesarea Roman Ruins
- Jaffa Institute, Jaffa
- Tel Aviv
- Musical Performances
- Multiple speakers on political, social and cultural topics
- Individual Shabbat dinners with Israeli families

Tour includes 9 nights in hotels, luxury tour bus, guides, transfers to and from airport, entrance fees, and most dinners. This community trip is open to all and is primarily intended for persons who have been to Israel before, although first timers are also welcome.

Approximate cost: $2,995/per person/double occupancy* (single supplement is an additional $1,040). Please note that this does not include airfare, tips to guide and driver, meals on own, or travel insurance. A deposit of $300 will be due by Wednesday, January 31, 2018

*Assuming a minimum of 20 participants. The cost decreases at 25 or more participants.

For more information or to register for the tour, please contact Stuart or Charna Cohn at 352.378.9821 or stucharna2017@gmail.com.

Visit the tour website and register at http://www.regonline.com/Gainesville2018
Israel in Brief: News and Developments

By Ralph Lowenstein

New Eilat Airport Opens Soon

When Eilat’s new Ramon International Airport opens in April of next year, it will give Israel only its second international airport. Today, Israel is dependent upon Ben-Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv for almost all of its passenger traffic and most of its commercial traffic. When Ben-Gurion closes down, Israel closes down. Eilat’s current airport, within the city itself, can handle only relatively small planes.

Ramon International, 9 miles outside of Eilat, will now be able to take over if Ben-Gurion closes down. The disadvantage: The two airports are 210 miles apart. (Jerusalem Post)

But He Didn’t Win

Israel was a major factor for Eduardo Artes, one of the major candidates in last month’s Chilean presidential election. He contended Israel harmed “world peace,” and was guilty of “genocide” and “ethnic cleansing.” Fortunately, he did not win. Chile is home to about 15,000 Jews, and has what is believed to be the largest Palestinian community outside the Arab world, more than 300,000 members. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

Haley Says UN Agency Anti-Israel

Nikki Haley, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, says that the United States is ready to pull out of the UN Human Rights Council unless the council shows better balance between the Arabs and Israel. The Human Rights Council “will either adopt these reforms or the United States will leave,” Haley said. She especially objected to “Item 7,” a rule of the Human Rights Council that requires a report on Israeli actions in the West Bank each time the Human Rights Council convenes. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

South Korea Planes Get Israeli Upgrade

The Republic of Korea Air Force now employs Israeli designed 2,000-pound glide bombs on its F-16 aircraft. The Spice 2,000-pound bomb, designed by Israel’s Rafael defense industries, gives the F-16s precision capabilities from 37 miles away. The Spice family deploys pop-out wings, and allows for mid-course navigation. India has acquired the longer-range Spice 250 and Spice 1000 weapons. (Aviation International News)

3 Million and Counting

The year 2017 might be a record year for tourism to Israel. By the beginning of November, Israel had its 3 millionth visitor since January 1, 2017. The tourist was Joana Isac, 31, of Bucharest, Romania. She and her companion were whisked away in a limousine to enjoy an upgraded hotel suite, a helicopter flight, and a tour of the Tower of David museum in the old city of Jerusalem, where their guide was Prime Minister Netanyahu. Israel’s record year for tourism was 2013, when it had 3.4 million visitors. (Times of Israel)
Thank you Rabbi Berl & Chanie Goldman of the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Centre, for providing the delicious kosher buffet.

Thank you Becky & David Micha of the Academy of Music and Art for sponsoring pianist, Thomas Royal.

Thank you Steven Slutsky for sponsoring comedian, Aaron Freeman.

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The Jewish Council’s gala to celebrate The Jaffa Institute’s 35th Anniversary was an evening to remember!

Thank you guests, sponsors, and honorees, Stuart & Charna Cohn, and Dawn Burgess-Krop & Harry Krop.

Thank you, Master of Ceremony, Ed Block (right).

At left, Mitch Chupak, Director of Development at the Jaffa Institute, recognizes Barbara Herbstman

Photos by Katherine Artman Photography
A Day of Remembrance for Ocala’s United Sisterhood

By Elaine Morrison
United Sisterhood President, Temple B’nai Darom

On the coldest morning of the year so far, a group of intrepid ladies, and one gentleman, boarded a bus that would take them to a place which they knew would provide them with a painful experience. The trip was to the Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg. Originally scheduled to take place the week of Hurricane Irma, the rescheduled date closely coincided with Halloween, a holiday sometimes symbolized with skeletons and death, which many exhibitions in the collection featured in an attempt to link the story of the Holocaust to our present day life.

Celebrating it’s 25th year, the museum features original artifacts and photos along with a presentation of the history of anti-Semitism. The tour began with a stirring talk by a Holocaust survivor, a man in his nineties, telling his emotional and disturbing memories of being a boy of twelve in Poland in the 1940’s and what his family endured. There were not too many dry eyes in the audience. A remarkable exhibit on display is an actual boxcar, used to transport Jews to the concentration camps.

The museum’s mission statement is to honor the memory of the millions of innocent men, women and children who died in the Holocaust. It strives to teach all races and cultures about the inherent worth and dignity of human life.

The next part of the trip, to Jo El’s Jewish delicatessen for lunch and shopping, enabled many to pick up some delicacies, among which were knishes, halvah, crusty rye bread and sliced lox. The group then moved on to Mazza-ro’s Italian market, quite an experience for those uninitiated with the very large store. An incredible array of Italian food items made choosing something to take home a challenge. From the large bakery department, to the take out foods, the produce, the wine and the cheese areas, not to forget the gelateria, the day ended on a high note of satisfaction and gratitude for our precious lives which will always hold sorrow and happiness.

This trip was made possible, in part, by a micro-grant from the Jewish Council.

Yom Hashoah Updates

The Yom Hashoah committee has received a fantastic response to their request for items for this coming spring’s Yom Hashoah memorial exhibit, to open on April 8, 2018 at the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida. The committee has collected holocaust-related memorabilia from local families and has made contact with relatives of holocaust survivors who have not previously participated in our local commemorations. 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’s Ninth Annual Community

On Sunday, November 19, the Gainesville Jewish Community joined volunteers around the world to make this the largest international Mitzvah Day yet! 731 Mitzvah Days were held in 30 countries with 40,000 volunteers! For more project photos, visit www.jcnch.org/MitzvahDay

9 volunteers served 182 people at GRACE Marketplace for just $132. Visit www.gracemarkeplace.org to learn how you can too.

14 volunteers worked for 6 hours to build a home for a family through Habitat for Humanity.

10 volunteers packaged over 300 pounds of pet food for St Francis Pet Care which serves 800 companion animals.
Mitzvah Day By The Numbers

For the 3rd year in a row, 3 generations of the Storch family came together to prepare breakfast for families staying at Ronald McDonald.

Volunteers also donated supplies that were distributed to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, GRACE Marketplace, Matilda’s Mentionables, and Catholic Charities of Jacksonville’s Refugee Resettlement Program.

These organizations need your support all year long. Please remember them when you make every day a Mitzvah Day!

Volunteers assembled over 36 care packages for Israeli Lone Soldiers.

7 volunteers cleaned 1 mile of 8th Ave and collected 8 bags of trash and recyclables.

11 volunteers baked 48 cupcakes and 4 trays of brownies.

Clothing Sorted for Local Charities:
- ARC: 4 bags
- BOLD: 10 bags +
- GRACE: 10 bags

Helping Hands Clinic:
- 11 bags

Focus on the Future:
- 21 bags

PACE:
- 14 bags

Tachachale:
- 6 bags

9th year

7 volunteers
Before we get ready to light the candles on the menorah, let’s recap how the Day School spent Thanksgiving. The month kicked off with our annual Fiddler’s Fall Festival. We had 160 children and families turnout for an evening of fun dancing, playing games, hayrides and great food. The event made over $2,100 and was a fabulous way for our families to get to know each other. In addition to that, it was wonderful to see so many grandparents.

After the Fall Festival, next was our Thanksgiving program and feast. The 2-3-4-year-old classes each performed songs while the Infants and Ones classes did a “Macy’s Day parade”. While we were eating food made by the children, the Kindergarten strolled through the room giving living histories about famous American figures.

Last, we harvested our fall garden and held a ‘farmer’s market’ with each class making food to be sold by the Kindergarten. Rosemary bath salts, corn muffins with dill, mint chocolate chip cookies, lemonana and more were available to be purchased by the families. November was not only a delightful time for our families to get together and get to know each other and also a great time to be thankful for the many opportunities we have when we come together as a school.
## North Central Florida Chanukah Schedule 2017

**Congregation B’nai Israel**  
3835 NW 16th Blvd, 32605  
Friday, December 9 at 7:30 pm  
Millenial L’Chaim Friday Night  
Oil Tasting and Wine  
Sunday, December 17 at 5 pm  
B’nai Israel Hanukkah  
Community Celebration  
$15 per adult  
$10 per child under 13  
Live music, latke bar, dreidels and more!  
Bring your menorah as we light the candles for the 6th night of Hanukkah.

**Temple Shir Shalom**  
3855 NW 8th Ave, 32605  
Sunday, December 17 at 3pm  
Sock it to You Party,  
Co sponsors TSS Religious School and New Sisterhood  
Everyone welcomed. Fun for all ages.  
Bring your menorahs!  
Bring new socks to give to the homeless. Games, music, latkes, crafts.  
Reservations appreciated  
352.371.6399

**Temple B’nai Darom**  
Sunday, December 10  
Bake sale and Chanukah Luncheon at the Candler Community Center at On top of the World. For more info contact Sonia Peterson @ 352.307.3662.

Hanukkah Programs at 2 pm at Assisted Living Facilities:  
Wednesday, December 13, Centerfield  
Friday, December 15, Brentwood  
Monday, December 18, Brookdale

**UF Hillel**  
Friday, December 8 at 6:30 pm  
Hanukkah Shabat  
Free dinner, latkas, and doughnuts at 7:30 pm

**Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala**  
Friday, December 15 at 5:30 pm  
Tot Shabbat with pizza and fresh doughnuts, followed by services.

**Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center**  
2021 NW 5th Avenue, 32603  
Sunday, December 10 at 1 pm  
Chanukah Factory, Pre-Chanukah Menorah/Dreidal Workshop at The Home Depot, Tower Center, 71017 NW 4th Blvd  
RSVP to Rabbi@jewishGator.com or call 336-5877  
Wednesday December 13 at 5 pm  
Downtown Chanukah Family Festival  
Grand Chanukah Celebration  
Join in the lighting of a Giant Menorah!  
At the downtown Bo Diddley Community Plaza  
Thursday, December 14 at 11 am  
Lox & Latkes  
Chanukah Brunch for Seniors

**Chabad House of Ocala and The Villages**  
13030 County Road 103  
Oxford, FL 34484  
Tuesday, December 12 at 6 pm  
Grand Menorah Lighting in Ocala at Citizens’ Circle  
Live Music, donuts, latkes, entertainment and more!  
Sunday, December 17 at 5:30 pm  
Chanukah Party at The Chabad House  
Fun Activities, live music, delicious kosher Chinese buffet, donuts, latkes and more!*  
Monday, December 18 at 12:30 pm  
Chanukah Party at Ocala / Oak Run - Monday Dec. 18th 12:30pm  
Buffet lunch, Chanukah fun and more!*  
*Please visit www.ourchabad.org to RSVP for these events.
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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.

Mazel Tov!

Andrew and Mercedes Rosalsky are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Kyle Dorsey in Ithaca, New York on October 28, 2017. Rachel is a NY State Licensed Speech Language Pathologist employed as a speech therapist in Ithaca and Kyle is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Physics at Cornell University in Ithaca.

In Memoriam

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

Minette Hendler, Wife of Lenny Heddler, z”l.

Mark Postal, Son of Al and Gloria Postal

Benson Yadgaroff, Husband of Marion, z”l, Father of Leslie (Robert) and Stuart, Grandfather of Lauren, Julie, Michael, and Alexandra

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Community Calendar for November 2017

The JCNCF Office will be closed Monday, December 25, Friday, December 29, and Monday, January 1.

Saturday, December 2
Winter Wine and Cheese at TSS, 6:30 pm.

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

Wednesday, December 6
Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am to 1 pm (Repeated Dec, 13, 20, 27)
Caregivers Support Group at TSS, 7 pm. For more information contact Lori Waxenberg, loribwax@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 12
Hadassah’s Rosh Chodesh at B’nai Israel, 10 am. Guest speaker Ralph Lowenstein.

Thursday, December 14
Community Trip To Israel Information Session at TSS, 7 pm.

Monday, December 18
Yom HaAtzmaut Planning Meeting at the JCNCF Office, 7 pm.
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