Beit Ruth Brunch Set for Sunday, February 18

By Virginia Brissette Hirshik, President & CEO, JCNCF

Save the date for JCNCF’s Annual Brunch to Benefit Beit Ruth on Sunday, February 18 when the Gainesville Jewish community warmly welcomes Danielle Burenstein, Executive Director of the Beit Ruth Educational & Therapeutic Village in Afula, Israel. Ms. Burenstein will speak about the brand new school that is opening in January 2018 at the Beit Ruth Village and the amazing impact of Beit Ruth’s programs. This year’s brunch is generously sponsored by Joanne Hirschtritt Licht and Jonathan Licht at their home in the Estates at Wilds Plantation.

The Jewish Council has been fundraising on behalf of Beit Ruth since their inception in 2006 and the completion of the school is a major milestone for the organization. On-site academic programming at the Beit Ruth Educational & Therapeutic Village is a key element of a specialized and coordinated curriculum that combines an intensive remedial formal education program with unique and highly-effective therapies and enrichment programs. The school will feature 6 classrooms, administrative offices, a teacher’s common room and kitchenette, a safe-room, a computer room, library, laboratory and medical clinic. We will feature the full story in the February Chronicle.

Community Honors Ralph Lowenstein

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
Past President, JCNCF
(Reprinted from the May 2016 issue of The Chronicle)

How does one condense the mitzvot of Dr. Ralph Lowenstein? One can only scratch the surface and start by expressing appreciation for his interesting monthly Chronicle column, “Israel in Brief,” a sampler of current news from Israel.

Our Jewish community is also grateful for his dedication to expanding and beautifying our local Jewish cemetery, which Ralph’s research suggests is the oldest stand-alone Jewish cemetery in Florida.

Dr. Lowenstein served as Dean of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida for 18 years. He is one of only two Jewish deans ever appointed at UF. He was a leader in the transition from print to digital media and led UF to be recognized as one of the top five schools of journalism in the country. During his tenure, he helped found WUFT-FM, an NPR station. As if that were not enough, he is the author or co-author of six books, including a novel about Israel’s War of Independence.

Ralph grew up in Danville, Virginia, the youngest of three brothers, in a congregation of 25 Jewish families. He describes himself as having been “very lucky” and cites his goal orientation as a force behind his achievements. He became an Eagle Scout at age 15 and went on to attend Columbia University. While an 18-year-old college sophomore and exchange student in England, Ralph went to Paris and volunteered for the Israeli army. While living with false papers in a displaced persons camp in Marseilles, he made his way to Israel on a ship for displaced persons and was smuggled into Israel. Ten days after his arrival, he saw combat in Israel’s War of Independence while serving as a halftrack driver with the 79th Armored Battalion. In October 1948, this unit secured the North Central Galilee for Israel by defeating forces from Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria.

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ALICE Training To Be Offered at On Top of The World

Thanks to a generous gift from Dr. Norman and Roslyn Levy, JCNCF has contracted with the ALICE Training Institute to offer additional opportunities for community members to take an Active Shooter Training Course online from their homes or offices. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. JCNCF will be offering this 45 minute online course for free on a space available basis to anyone in the Jewish community who is interested.

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.

On Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm, Steve will be presenting an ALICE workshop in Cypress Hall at On Top of The World in Ocala. For more information or to sign up for this class visit www.MasterthePossibilities.org

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
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**Information Session at Congregation B’nai Israel, Sunday, January 21 at 1 pm**

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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

Saving the Undersea Oil and Gas Wells

The Israeli Navy, in cooperation with the U.S. and French Navies, recently conducted underwater exercises focusing on naval sabotage and anti-terror operations. The back-story is Israel’s increasing dependence for revenue and its own fuel needs on the huge gas deposits now being exploited in the Mediterranean near Israeli shores.

U.S. Army Testing Israeli Tank Weapon

The U.S. Army has purchased an Israeli-developed tank protection system. The technology gives combat vehicles an opportunity to destroy rocket-propelled grenades in a matter of milliseconds. Called the Trophy Advanced Defense System, it was developed by Israel’s Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and can be mounted on tanks or other armored vehicles. (Business Insider)

Foreign Investment in Israel Rises

Investment in Israel by foreign companies totaled $12.6 billion in 2016, 7% more than in 2015, according to Israel’s Ministry of Economy and Industry. Some 320 multinational companies operate in Israel. (Globes)

Israeli Drones Delivering Food in Iceland

Shoppers in Reykjavik, Iceland, will now be able to receive food and other goods direct to their doors via Israeli-made drones. AHA, Iceland’s largest online marketplace, reports a 60% reduction in delivery costs and up to 20 minutes reduced delivery time during peak hours using Israel’s Flyrex drones. (CNBC)

Helping Kenya End Food Shortages

Some 102 Kenyans are completing a 12-month internship program at Israel’s Arava International Center for Agriculture and Training. Established in 1994, the center exposes students from developing countries to the sophisticated agricultural technologies used to produce crops in the Arava, Israel’s hottest area in the Negev. Despite this heat and lack of normal water supplies, roughly 500 Israeli families are engaged in agriculture in this area, and produce 60% of Israel’s fresh vegetable exports and 10% of its cut-flower exports. GreenArava is an Israeli company currently managing an irrigated farming operation in Kenya, where farming largely relies on erratic rains, and three million people require food relief. Former Israeli ambassador Yahel Vilan says the Kenya project will be a “game changer. In five years there won’t be a food shortage.”
PJ Our Way Comes to North Central Florida

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

JCNCF, in partnership with the B’nai Israel Community Day School, is excited to officially announce the expansion of the very popular PJ Library program to now include PJ Our Way. PJ Library was previously offered to children six months old through eight years old. With the addition of PJ Our Way, children in our community can now receive books through age 12.

Different from PJ Library, PJ Our Way subscribers pick the books they want to receive from a selection of books from PJ Library national. Books are chosen by the tenth of each month and then mailed to the child. There are also special events just for PJ Our Way kids!

The PJ Our Way kick off event was Mitzvah Day, when preteens baked brownies and treats for several local area charities. The next PJ Our Way event was in partnership with the B’nai Israel Teens Group. On December 10, the two groups came together for DOUGHNUT WARS! This event was modeled after popular TV cooking competitions. Kids divided into two teams to construct the most creative doughnut masterpiece. Using icing, doughnut holes, doughnuts and decorations, the teams competed against each other with the winning team getting doughnuts.

For more information about PJ Our Way, please contact Debby Kinman-Ford at 352.376.1508 ext. 101 or email her at debby@bnaiisraelcds.org.

On Sunday, January 21 at 3 pm, PJ Library families will visit the Ronald McDonald House to bake brownies for families and learn about real life mitzvah heroes. Please RSVP with the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.
Cups of kindness were the order of the day when members of the United Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Israel and Temple B’nai Darom met to assemble care packages for residents of senior care facilities in Ocala. The Chanukah themed gifts were mugs filled with dreidels, Chanukah gelt, magnifying glasses and personalized cards written by each of the volunteers offering words of hope and blessings for a good New Year. The back of each card contained a message explaining that the gift was sponsored by a grant from the Jewish Council. The members all agreed that doing something meaningful for others less fortunate was a mandate of Sisterhood and looks of satisfaction on their faces was in evidence throughout the room.

Following up, during the week of Chanukah, Sisterhood members delivered the special gifts to Jewish residents of several assisted living and rehabilitation facilities. These kindness boxes brought expressions of gratitude and delight and warm feeling from those recipients. Particularly memorable in our conversations with the recipients was Maria who was wearing a Jerusalem shirt and greeted us with both smiles and tears, expressing her delight at being remembered by fellow Jews at this time of year. The activities directors of each facility expressed their appreciation as well, one even noted that because of our programs (we also do Chanukah programs as an activity at facilities) she has learned so much and last year made matzoh ball soup for her Jewish residents.

This was a heartwarming experience for those who received the gifts but also for our members who took part in putting these boxes together and those who delivered the boxes to the recipients. We hope to make this an annual activity for our Sisterhood.

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.jcnkf.org
Community Honors Ralph Lowenstein

Upon returning to the United States, Ralph completed his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Columbia and then served in the U.S. army for two years during the Korean War. He jokes that he is likely the only soldier who served in two armies without ever having to undergo basic training. In Israel, his driver’s license immediately won him his position as driver, while his typing skills resulted in being quickly made a supply clerk in the U.S. army.

Ralph went on to work as a newspaper reporter for the El Paso Times and wrote a significant series of stories that effected major changes in immigration and naturalization policy, not only reuniting families separated by the U.S.–Mexico border, but also influencing policy for opening the path for refugees from Central Europe.

Upon completing his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, Ralph took his family to Israel and served there as a visiting professor. Upon his return to the University of Missouri to join its faculty, he established a program for graduate students to study in Israel.

From teaching Sunday school as a youth to his five terms as president of the Gainesville Jewish Appeal (which evolved into JCNCF), the common threads in Ralph’s many accomplishments and honors are his devotion to supporting and sustaining Israel, promoting Jewish causes, and advancing his profession of journalism. His dedication has earned many awards and honors, from a Freedom Forum Journalism Administrator of the Year” to the American Jewish Historical Society’s “Emma Lazarus Statue of Liberty Award,” which recognizes outstanding commitment and leadership in strengthening the American Jewish community.

No story about Ralph is complete without an account of how he met his wife of 61 years, the former Bronia Levenson. While on a double date with Bronia’s cousin, Ralph became smitten with Bronia, but could never get her alone to learn her last name. Only knowing that she lived in the tiny town of Mesa, New Mexico, and armed with a map, Ralph set out to find his beloved. With no information, he drove slowly through the one-street town without seeing a soul. He drove up and down the main street three times in what seemed a futile quest and was ready to declare defeat when he saw a car coming from the opposite direction. It was Bronia with a girlfriend, and Bronia recognized his car! When asked by her friend who Ralph was, Bronia replied, “He wasn’t my date, but I met the man I’m going to marry.” Sixty-three years later, Bronia and Ralph have a son in Gainesville, a daughter in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and six grandsons.

While it’s a worn cliché to say “The rest is history,” our entire community is grateful that Ralph and Bronia’s path brought them to Gainesville. Their contributions have enriched our community and their kindness, service, and friendship are the model of tikkun olam.
B’nai Israel Cemetery, A Labor of Love for Ralph Lowenstein

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
Past President, JCNCF

One of the most sacred obligations of Jews is the assure the proper burial of fellow Jews. When Ralph Lowenstein received the call in 1996, to serve on the Cemetery Committee at Congregation B’nai Israel, he willingly accepted. One year into his retirement as Dean of the UF College of Journalism and Communications, he wanted to serve the Jewish community. He had no idea of the enormity of the commitment ahead of him.

The first person to be buried in the Jewish Cemetery on East University Avenue was interred in 1871, and in 1872, the Jewish Cemetery was established. The acre of land was purchased for twenty dollars. As the Jewish community of Gainesville area grew, space became a mounting concern. Ralph is quick to credit the B’nai Israel Sisterhood for making the cemetery expansion possible by funding the purchases of land and observes that Florence Fox Vendeland Elliott, then chair of the Cemetery Committee, was unflagging in her efforts to push the process forward. Noted historian, Professor Sam Proctor (1919-2005) was instrumental in gathering early history and assisting the local Jewish community in understanding their roots.

In addition to securing surrounding land for the expansion, much planning was required to integrate and upgrade the existing space and develop a vision for the future. No doubt, Ralph’s experience as a college dean was useful in coordinating such a large project. He has served as essentially a project manager and supervisor throughout the years of this process. B’nai Israel now owns the entire city block and the cemetery will be integrated as one. Thanks to a key gift from Mike and Phyllis Warren, the existing wall will be extended to cover the street frontage on East University Avenue. More than 100 member-families of B’nai Israel contributed a total of $300,000 to the current expansion campaign. The three-year project should be completed by the end of 2018.

The Holocaust Memorial in the center circle is a vision of which Ralph is most proud. After conceiving the idea, Ralph designed the memorial and set about to fund-raise for the project. In a quest for the memorial to belong to the entire Jewish community, he solicited donations with a $100 cap from any family. The community responded with a multitude of donations. Ralph’s vision for the design is unique. The memorial contains a traditional Jewish star, but one-third of the star is unfinished. Ralph explains that the incomplete star is in proportion to the loss of Jews during the Holocaust. In 1939, there were 18 million Jews in the world, and by the end of World War II, there remained 12 million. The unfinished portion of the star symbolizes the third of the Jews, the six million, lost during the Shoah. The Holocaust Memorial is a profound statement and a sober reminder. The circle surrounding it is a place for remembrance and contemplation. Visitors can place memory rocks on the ledge surrounding the base of the memorial.

Ralph, Stuart Cullen and Barry Baumstein have alternated as chairs of the Cemetery Committee during the past 20 years, but Ralph has been in charge of three expansion projects, including the current one. He supervises maintenance of the cemetery and sells all cemetery plots.

The Gainesville Jewish Cemetery symbolizes a community commitment. The current expansion has been many years in the making, and there have been many committed people, especially the members of the Cemetery Committee. Ralph Lowenstein is being honored for his exhaustive commitment on Saturday night, January 13, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at a dinner in the Social Hall of B’nai Israel. Reservations can be made at jenifer@bnaigainesville.com, or by calling Jenifer Petrescu at (352) 376-1508, Ext. 103.

Ralph never fails to thank the many dedicated participants in this latest lengthy expansion process, which has now taken three years. Ralph Lowenstein is the classic definition of a mensch, and our debts to him are a thousand-fold.
The month of December was amazing! The B’nai Israel Community Day School hosted its annual Hanukkah Party and enjoyed a super fun celebration with Friendship Circle that included latkes, doughnuts and the musical talents of Mr. Yossi on his accordion. In addition to celebrating Hanukkah the school was busy on field trips. Kindergarten students travel to The Village of Santa Fe where they performed a program, with Rabbi Kaiman. They also performed at the Day School Hanukkah party, where they sang several Hanukkah songs, one was even in sign language!

Also in December, our Pre-K class got to attend a beautiful performance of the Nutcracker ballet at the Center of Performing Arts. It was a fun month!

In January, we begin registering for the 2018-2019 school year. The school will be adding First Grade and invite you to come and take a tour now if you are considering the preschool or day school for the coming year. We’d love to show you around!! For more information, or to schedule a tour, please call Melanie Gonzalez at 352.376.1508 ext.110.
Hadassah Returns to Ocala Area

By Judi Siegal, President
Ocala Hadassah Chapter

The Florida Central Region of Hadassah announces with pride the reinstatement of the Ocala Chapter of Hadassah. The newly formed group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 10 am at the Bank of the Ozarks, 8375 SW Highway 200. The next meeting will take place on February 5th. Attendees should take the elevator to the left as you enter the building to the second floor and are asked to park in the back as to not disturb bank business.

The following officers have come forward to lead the group:
President: Judi Siegal
VP Membership: Michele Garelick
VP Fundraising: Margo Young, Teresa McCabe, Roz Shapiro, Sandra Shafkowitz, and Julie Sachs
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Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy and Jewish continuity.

New and former members of Hadassah are cordially invited to join and support our worthy causes. For further information, contact: Judi Siegal: 352.237.8277, morrobay03@embarqmail.com or Michele Garelick: 352.854-0725, myshell7174@gmail.com.

Gainesville Hadassah Activities

Wednesday, January 31 at 2 pm at the home of Michelle Jensen
Garden Club Celebrates Tu B'Shevat! Come to Michelle’s home for kumquat picking and jam making!
For more information and to RSVP, please call Michelle at, 352.375.3003

Tuesday, February 13 at 10 am, at Congregation B’nai Israel
Rosh Hodesh: “Loot”, a talk by Estelle Aden
For more information call 352.505.6600

Friday February 23 at 7 pm, at Temple Shir Shalom
Shabbat Zachor is the Shabbat before Purim!
Join us for services celebrating the birthday of Hadassah and the power of Women in Action!
Call Meredith Bacharach for more information 352.256.7631
UF Chabad’s Fourth Annual Mega Challah Bake

On Wednesday, November 29, the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center hosted a Mega Challah Bake.

For the fourth year in a row, over 200 students turned 200 pounds of flour into freshly baked Challah!
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.

In Memoriam

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

Natalie Berger,
Mother of Jerry and Sandy Berger.

E. Bruce Hoch,
Sister of Diane Hoch.

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Mazel tov to Dr. Desmond and Nadine Schatz, whose daughter Megan wed Eric Boritz on December 16 in Fort Lauderdale.
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JCNCF’s Community Relations Group Meeting
Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm

The next meeting of JCNCF’s Community Relations Group will be held on Thursday, January 11 at 7 pm. This will be a focused meeting with the African-American community. Representatives of the African-American community in addition to our committee members will be in attendance. Representatives from local congregations are also invited. This meeting is open to anyone with interest in deepening and sustaining the dialogue and mutual support between the Jewish and African-American communities. If you are interested in attending, please contact the JCNCF office for more information and the address.
352.371.3846, office@jcncf.org.
Community Calendar for November 2017

Tuesday, January 2
Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph at TSS, 9:30 am. (Repeated Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30)
Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm. (Repeated Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30)

Wednesday, January 3
Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am to 1 pm (Repeated Dec, 10, 17, 24, and 31)
Caregivers Support Group at TSS, 7 pm. For more information contact Lori Waxenberg, loribwax@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 9
Hadassah’s Rosh Chodesh at B’nai Israel, 10 am. Guest speaker Howard Rothman presents “ 3 Russian Violinists.”

Wednesday, January 10
First session of the Institute for Learning in Retierment series The Jewish Life: A Short Introduction to an Old Civilization,
Jewish Life 101: Dr. Ken Wald, at Oak Hammock, The Oak Room, 10 am. $10 per person.
Israel at 70 Community Celebration Planning Meeting at the JCNCF Office, 10 am.

Sunday, January 14
Society for Humanistic Judaism Meeting at the JCNCF office, 2 pm.
For more information, contact Rick Gold, at 571-337-8018 or goldrickus@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 21
Community Trip to Israel Information Session at Congregation B’nai Israel, 1 pm
Cantor Kim Komrad in Concert, at First Congregational United Church of Christ,
7171 SW Highway 200, Ocala, FL 34476. 4 pm. For more information and tickets call Rita Lewison Singer at 352.854.8408 or 954.471.6894

Save the date: Wednesday, May 2 UF Chabad 18th Anniversary Celebration
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