Welcome To A Brand New Year
Of Programs And Exciting Activities

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
JCNCF President

If you have noticed the crazy traffic and lines in stores and restaurants, you know that the fall season has arrived in Gainesville (maybe someone could alert the weather!). Fall in a college town means fresh faces, football, and crowds. Fall also means our High Holidays are on their way.

Of all the holidays in the Jewish calendar, I love Rosh Hashanah the most. You take stock of your life over the past year, contemplate what you would like to do better in the coming year, and be grateful that your name remained in the Book of Life for one more year. And you get to eat!

When I consider gratitude, I think of all the truly wonderful people surrounding me. Family, friends, and the wonderful circle of people, who, every day, do the best they can to be good and decent.

I am grateful to my JCNCF Board, who offer sage advice, care about their Jewish community, and perform important service. I also remind you readers that we are here because of you.

Tikkun Olam

Local Jewish Community Raises Funds For Jews And Jewish Communities Worldwide

By Steve Slutsky
JCNCF Campaign Chair

In a year of needs, you responded and the Jewish Council of North Central Florida was able to provide significant support, more than $78,000, to meet urgent overseas needs through our regular campaign, through several special campaigns and through the Emergency campaign.

From our regular campaign, we sent more than $45,500 to the Jewish Federations of North America to help Israel and Jews around the world, especially this year in Ukraine where thousands of elderly Jews are trapped in a worsening civil war.

We sent $10,000 to the Jaffa Institute which has numerous programs to help the poor in Jaffa-Tel Aviv ranging from after school programs for at risk kids to supplying food packages for Holocaust survivors in need.

One special campaign was to support Lone Soldiers in Israel that raised more than $1,500. Please see the “thank you” on page 7 we received from one of the Lone Soldiers. A second special campaign raised $5,000 to support the Beit Ruth home for girls that was established by the Jaffa Institute.

Finally, with the summer came the war in Gaza and the massive dislocations in Israel that made another Emergency Campaign a necessity. You donated more than $16,000 which we divided between the Jaffa Institute and the JFNA Stop the Sirens Emergency Campaign as our part of international Jewry’s efforts to support civilians forced from their homes.

From all of us at the JCNCF, Thank You for your continued support.
New *Chronicle* Policies For The New Year

By Ed Hunter
Editor

Allow me to wish all of you an early *Shana Tovah*, and welcome you to another *Chronicle* publishing year.

As we head into the new year, I wanted to make you aware of a few small changes in our submission policies and some opportunities for you to write for the *Chronicle*.

To make sure as many different articles can be included in each issue, we will be strictly adhering to a 500 word maximum on all articles. Anything submitted greater than that length may be edited to fit.

Also, if your organization is submitting more than one article for an issue, which is perfectly fine, please indicate which article should have the highest priority.

Under most circumstances, everything you submit will be printed, but if there is not room, I need to know which information is the most important.

As always, if something doesn’t make it into print, and it is still relevant, it will be considered for the next issue.

Also, please keep in mind the deadline for the next issue is the 15th of each month. Material submitted after the 15th will be considered on a space available basis only and its inclusion cannot be guaranteed. In other words, if it is getting to be the 20th or later in the month and I receive material, the chances of it being included go down considerably.

Also, we need writers. If you like to read books, go to the movies, see art, and want to write something about it (all in 500 words or fewer), please (Continued on page 14)
JCNCF Grant Brings Faith Speaks Series To Gainesville Community

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
JCNCF President

At a time when our televisions and newspapers are dominated with news of conflict and turmoil, Rabbi David Kaiman has come forward with an idea to get our local community talking to one another about important issues of our day.

Supported by a grant sponsored from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Congregation B’nai Israel’s Rabbi Kaiman has invited three other community faith leaders to facilitate a series of in-depth discussions. The program is called Faith Speaks, and is designed with the goal to bring together people of different religions and cultural identities and explore how our unique perspectives influence our experiences in the larger society.

The possible topics for discussion are flexible, so as to accommodate the most current issues of the day throughout the course of the year. Possible topics for discussion from the perspective of faith include, Setting Community Priorities, Technology, Community and Tradition: Conflicting Values, Faith Responses to Global Crisis and Raising Children in the 21st Century.

Other sessions may also address race relations, women’s issues, and the challenges of an aging population. Various religious leaders and participants will explore the differences and commonalities we all share and bridge gaps with deeper understanding.

Rabbi Kaiman is planning an Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Celebration for our community. Faith Speaks forums will be held at Congregation B’nai Israel and are free and open to the entire Gainesville and surrounding community. Light refreshments will be served.

JCNCF is proud to provide the opportunity for programs that promote learning and understanding to our entire community. This series promises to be interesting, enlightening, and a bridge to understanding in these challenging times. Don’t miss the first Faith Speaks: September 15 at 7 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel.

Report From Hadassah Convention; Interest Groups

It was my honor to represent Gainesville chapter of Hadassah at the 97th National Convention. The theme was “Inspire, Imagine, Ignite” and for three days it did just that.

One of the inspiring stories was presented in a video Shahrar: Dawn of a New Healthy Life.

Following the video presentation we were introduced to Sharhar and her mother and we celebrated Shahars’ call to Torah as a Bat Mitzvah and there was not a dry eye in the house!

It is stories such as these that keep reminding me why I do what I do for Hadassah.

I return to Gainesville inspired by the speakers, videos, activities and the dedicated and talented women (and a few men) in attendance. I was inspired by witnessing the fruits of Hadassah and the good that is done with the funds. I hope that my Gainesville colleagues can imagine how valuable it was to be here; I learned a great deal and hope to Ignite others with the Inspiring experience I had.

- Jo Lee Beaty

Interest Group News

The next Hadassah Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. The book we will be discussing in September is Disobedience by Naomi Alderman. The group has selected books for the remainder of this year and for 2015 through May.

If you are interested in more information regarding the book club, please

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Please call or email the office for instructions on how to donate stock or to make your gift directly to Jewish Federations of North America.
Kid’s Connection

What Gainesville Kids Did Last Summer

by Dawn Burgess-Krop
Photos by Damien Boada

As summer comes to a close, the unanswered question in everyone's mind is, “What did those PJ Library kids do all summer?”

Always the one to bring you hard-hitting news and the latest scoop, our Chronicle Staff infiltrated the B’nai Israel Day School’s Open House to get you this inside story of what these three and four year olds were up to. You won’t believe what we discovered!

Sava Hristov went to Kukulandia, a cool playground, in Bulgaria.

Eli Wasserman went to a camp in Vermont with his family.

Morgan Altschuler learned to ride a bike.

Jack Hyatt admits, “I went to the beach.”

Asher Howard, protecting his future in the CIA, was very secretive about his summer and wouldn’t say.
Rosh Hashana—Yom Kippur 2014/5775
Please contact the individual synagogue/organization for membership/ticket information

Congregation B’nai Israel
Wednesday, September 24
8 p.m.  Erev Rosh Hashana Services

Thursday, September 25
8 a.m.  Rosh Hashana 1 Services
6:15 p.m.  Tashlich
7 p.m.  Minnah, Maariv

Friday, September 26
8 a.m.  Rosh Hashana 2 Services
6 p.m.  Minnah, Maariv

Friday, October 3
6:15 p.m.  Kol Nidrei
Saturday, October 4
8 a.m.  Yom Kippur Morning Service
5:15 p.m.  Minnah
6:45 p.m.  Neilah

Lubavitch-Chabad
No Membership Needed; Donations and RSVP appreciated. All services at Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center:

Wednesday, September 24
7:06 p.m.  Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m.  Erev Rosh Hashanah Service followed by Holiday Dinner

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m.  Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
12:30 p.m.  Shofar Blowing followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch
5:30 p.m.  Student and Family Tashlich Waterfront Service
7:58 p.m.  Candle Lighting
8:30 p.m.  Evening Service followed by Holiday Dinner.

Friday, September 26
10 a.m.  Morning Service
12:30 p.m.  Shofar Blowing followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch

Friday, October 3
6:55 p.m.  Candle Lighting and Fast Begins
7:15 p.m.  Kol Nidrei and Evening Service

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m.  Shacharit Morning Service
12:30 p.m.  Yizkor followed by Mussaf
5:45 p.m.  Mincha
6:45 p.m.  Neilah
7:48 p.m.  Napoleon's March
7:48 p.m.  Break Your Fast

Temple Shir Shalom
Please contact the Temple office at (352) 371-6399 to arrange for guest tickets, or visit us online at www.shirshalom.net for information.

Saturday, September 20
8:30 p.m.  Selichot Reception and Service

Sunday, September 21
9:30 a.m.  Tashlich with Religious School

Wednesday, September 24
8 p.m.  Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m.  Rosh Hashana Morning Service
1:30 p.m.  Rosh Hashana Family Service

Sunday, September 28
11 a.m.  Cemetery Memorial Service

Friday, October 3
8 p.m.  Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m.  Yom Kippur Morning Service
1:30 p.m.  Yom Kippur Family Service
3:30 p.m.  Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m.  Yizkor Memorial Service
5:30 p.m.  Neilah Concluding Service

UF Hillel
All services and meals are at Hillel. Reservations for meals are required. Call (352) 372-2900 to reserve or for more information. Student meals are free with a RSVP; Community Member meals are $18 in advance. Reservations at: tinurl.com/ufsturh2014 (student Rosh Hashana); tinurl.com/ufstuyk2014 (student Yom Kippur); tinurl.com/ ufcommrh2014 (community member Rosh Hashana) and tinyurl.com/ ykcomm2014 (community member Yom Kippur).

Wednesday, September 24
6 p.m.  Holiday Dinner
7 p.m.  Evening Services

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m.  Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative
10:30 a.m.  Rosh Hashana Services: Reform
12:30 p.m.  Lunch

Friday, September 26
10 a.m.  Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative
12:30 p.m.  Lunch

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The Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah invites you to the

Black and White
New Years Gala

Join us as we celebrate 5775. Raise a glass and raise emergency funds for Hadassah Medical Center!
Desserts, Specialty Drinks, and Dancing

Saturday, September 13th, 2014 8:15 pm
Congregation B’nai Israel

The recent violence in Israel reminds us of the crucial need for emergency and trauma care. Hadassah Medical Center needs 14 examination beds ($225.00 each), 72 patient beds ($5,000.00 each), and medical supplies.

Tickets $36 - $54 donation
Queen Size Sponsor - $180 includes one ticket
King Size Sponsor - $260 includes two tickets
Cash Bar - First cocktail included with admission

RSVP by September 4th to Suzanne Chester at halfleft@gmail.com
Rabbi Adam Grossman is the new Executive Director, CEO and Rabbi at the University of Florida Hillel. Formerly Associate Rabbi at Temple Israel in Memphis, Rabbi Grossman takes the reins at a Hillel which serves one of the largest Jewish student communities in the world.

Grossman said one of the things that attracted him to this position was the opportunity to work at such a well known institution serving so many young Jewish individuals.

“The ability to be on a campus with the largest Jewish student population, which is highly intelligent, passionate about making a difference in our world, and primed to be tomorrow’s change agents is inspiring,” Grossman said. “Also, my wife, Amy, and I were excited to be in a ‘college town.’ The exchange of ideas within this campus community provide a wonderful setting to raise our family.”

Rabbi Grossman’s appointment as Executive Director and CEO comes at a time of great promise and opportunity for University of Florida Hillel, said the president of the Hillel Board of Directors.

“Rabbi Grossman is a dynamic, passionate, and energetic leader and we are thrilled to have him at the helm as we grow the University of Florida Hillel to be the premier Hillel in the country,” said Allan Goldberg.

This sentiment was echoed by Eric Fingerhut, President and CEO of Hillel International.

“Rabbi Grossman is the kind of innovative, creative, inspiring Jewish professional who brings a special passion to the job of building the next generation of young American Jews,” Fingerhut said. “Hillel is thrilled he is joining us and that he will be leading one of the most important Hillel’s across our worldwide movement.”

Grossman, whose career before entering the rabbinate was as an entrepreneur and public relations specialist, hopes to engage the UF student population.

“My passion is to engage and inspire young Jewish people to develop their Jewish Identities,” said Rabbi Grossman. “The long-term mission is to use the temporary period of time during college to be the space for students to acquire the skill sets and relationships necessary to ultimately build and sustain the Jewish communities of tomorrow.

“By helping students envision their aspirations, passions and dreams through a Jewish lens, we look to provide students a place to find their home, their purpose and their future in...” (Continued on page 14)

Free Musica classes for families to begin on September 20 at Congregation B’nai Israel

Musica means “music” in Hebrew, and in these classes young children and their parents will be exposed to both music and Hebrew language skills in a playful environment.

The classes will be taught by Karen Cohen, who originated the Baby Musica program and is now adding a Gan Musica class for families with children ages 3-6. The Musica concept is to synthesize music, movement, and language, and to involve the entire family.

In addition, the more advanced class will incorporate Hebrew letter skills and possibly performance opportunities. No prior experience is necessary for either class.

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Some Words Of Thanks To The Community
From A Lone Soldier And Our Friends In Israel

From A Lone Soldier
To the Generous Community of Gainesville, Florida:
Thank you very much for the care packages to all the Lone Soldiers serving in the IDF. As you may know, we serve for years without parents, without financial support, amongst a new language and culture. Every bit of help helps. We are on the front line of the Jewish People’s Defense. I ask you, keep donating. More than that, come visit. And more than that, join us in our Homeland. I, and all the other Lone Soldiers, will be using your gifts. Keep it up, with each year moving closer to “next year in Jerusalem.”

A Lone Soldier

From Mitch Chupak at the Jafa Institute
Thank you all so much and everyone in the Gainesville community. Your help at this time is so needed as we continue to keep children out of harm way from the south.
We are constantly running to the bomb shelters and I know that this has put our children into extreme stress and trauma. The booms are loud and scary and we know that it has affected the lives of everyone especially our children. Some say they are afraid to sleep at night, dream of sirens and especially hear the booms repeatedly in their minds. We have increased the staff hours for crisis counseling and we are dealing with an increased population than usual.
Thank you for being there for us and we all pray that all our soldiers will return home and Israel will be a safer place.
Take care and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.
Mitch Chupak. Jaffa Institute

And From Our Former Gainesville Shlichot
Between the sounds of non-stopping sirens and rockets falling - it warms our heart to see your love and support to Israel. On behalf of all the former Shlichot BIG thank you to The JCNCF and the Jewish community. Shabbat Shalom from Israel. We send our love and hope for better and safe days soon.
Einat Dahari, Avital Velt, Korine Weinstok and Yael Uzan

Email Marcy Brody: MarcyBrody@gmail.com or call 610 529 3050

The Hadassah Garden Club and the Hadassah Art Club had a successful and enjoyable visit to the Harn Museum and Gardens.
Our Hadassah Study Group has an exceptional program planned for September 9. Everyone is invited for Estelle Aden’s program on: Jerry Lewis, The Fabulous Comic Artist of Our Day. Come to B’nai Israel at 10 a.m.
And don’t forget that September 13, 2014 is our Black and White New Year’s Gala – have a most enjoyable evening while helping Hadassah put beds in the new hospital. Black and white pajamas or a black and white tuxedo; dress to have a fun time. Football will be on TV for the die-hards.

‘Sundays The Rabbi Stayed Home’ Is New TSS Program
Rabbi Michael Joseph of Temple Shir Shalom has announced a new program for post-b’nai mitzvah families called “Sundays the Rabbi Stayed Home.” On three Sunday afternoons, post-b’nai mitzvah students, their parents and siblings will be invited to the Rabbi’s home to enjoy a little Jewish learning together -- and some great dessert.
Each session will feature a big tray of Debbie Joseph’s famous chocolate chip cookies along with home-made offerings from some of the parents in the group. The three sessions will be held on Sept. 14, Oct. 26 and Feb. 8 starting at 4 p.m. The topic of the first session is “Some tips on making the High Holiday services less boring” -- something some grownups without teenagers might be interested in, too!
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Harry Krop & Dawn Burgess-Krop

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High Holiday Schedules

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Friday, October 3
6 p.m. Pre-Fast dinner
7:15 p.m. Kol Nidrei: Reform and Conservative
Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Conservative
10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Reform
6 p.m. Concluding Services
7 p.m. Break-Fast

Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages

All are welcome! No membership required. No affiliation necessary. Traditional Services blended with contemporary messages and insights into many holiday prayers. Hebrew/English prayer books. All services (except Erev Rosh Hashana) are at the Chabad Jewish Center. For more information & reservations please visit www.jewishmarion.org, call 352-291-2218 or email info@jewishmarion.org.

Wednesday, September 24
At The Hilton of Ocala, 3600 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala, FL
7 p.m. Rosh Hashana Services
7:45 p.m. Dinner, RSVP required.

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Reading
12 p.m. Shofar Blowing followed by Kiddush
5 p.m. Tashlich Service at the College of Central Florida Campus Pond

Friday, September 26
10 a.m. Morning Service
11:30 a.m. Torah Reading
12 p.m. Shofar Blowing followed by Kiddush
6 p.m. Family Dinner.

At Chabad we consider children an integral part of our High Holiday celebrations. This year we will host a special Rosh Hashana Dinner for families with children. The Children will experience first hand the rich traditions of our Jewish heritage and the many customs associated with our Jewish New Year. All while being among family and friends. The dinner will take place at The Chabad Jewish Center. RSVP required.

Friday, October 3
7 p.m. Kol Nidrei and Evening Services
Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Yizkor
5:15 p.m. Mincha
6:15 p.m. Neilah followed by a light refreshments

Congregation Beth Israel, Ocala

Congregation Beth Israel Ocala is pleased to announce its schedule of services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The services are open to unaffiliated Jews and are free though donations are accepted. All services will be held at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 7171 Southwest Highway 200, in Ocala.

Saturday, September 20
7:30 p.m. Selichot in the choir room followed by a social

Wednesday, September 24
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service. Lunch available at Stone Creek Grill after Tashlich at Shalom Park in Ocala will follow lunch.

Friday, October 3
7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
4 p.m. Afternoon Study Session
4:30 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service
5 p.m. Neilah Concluding Service followed by a covered dish Break The Fast.

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala

Call (352) 629-3597 or visit www.jewishocala.com for more information. For ticket information, call (352) 304-8903 or email bobfri-es1940@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 20
8 p.m. Selichot Program

Wednesday, September 24
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 25
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service followed by Tashlich at Tuscawilla Park

Friday, September 26
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Sunday, September 28
1 p.m. Temple Cemetery Service

Friday, October 3
7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, October 4
9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
4 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor followed by Neilah Service and Break-The-Fast

Temple B’nai Darom, Ocala

For complimentary tickets to High Holiday services, please call 352-789-5617 or e-mail momee3432@aol.com including your name, address, e-mail address, phone number and the number of tickets needed.

Wednesday, September 24
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Thursday, September 25
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Services

Friday, October 3
7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
4 p.m. Mincha, Yizkor and Neilah

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A Few Things You Missed At This Year’s Jerusalem Film Festival

By Jack Kugelmass
UF Center for Jewish Studies Director

For at least ten years now I’ve been spending summers in Jerusalem. I’ve done so mostly because of the Hebrew University and the National Library where I do my research. But there’s a third reason which is only partly work related: The Cinemateque.

For those of you who have visited Israel and spent your time at the Dead Sea, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem’s Western Wall, or in the north, you’ve missed one of the best reasons to spend mid-summer in Israel. For more than thirty years the Cinemateque has been organizing a ten-day long international film festival.

Years ago, when I started attending I saw some pretty interesting films. But I had no idea that there was hidden treasure at the festival, namely, the impressive quality of new Israeli feature and documentary films. So now my first pick at the ticket counter a week before the festival is anything Israeli. Anything. Second pick Jewish. Third something that sounds good—usually foreign or art films. Fourth—just to lighten things up a bit something American.

I assume that the last two categories are not relevant to the Chronicle’s readers so I’ll spare you the details (though if you like martial arts films with a good plot, brilliant sets and lots of gore try to see The Raid II).

But let’s get back to Israeli and Jewish films. The French Jewish entries were two of the best films I saw. 24 Days is a riveting docudrama of the kidnapping and murder of a young Jewish man in Paris. It’s a very political film in terms of its condemnation of the French government’s unwillingness to acknowledge that the kidnapping was, indeed, a hate crime.

Friends from France was a very well done feature film about young French Jews getting involved in the struggle for Soviet Jewry and the emotional entanglements between them and those they set out to help.

I loved both films. The top Israeli feature was Gett: The Trial of Viviane Anselam. It’s the final installment of a trilogy that begins with a marriage and not surprisingly ends in divorce. Though this installment takes place almost entirely inside a courtroom it held my attention for two straight hours. The story is compelling, script great and the acting for the most part wonderful. Also some of the cameos who played Israeli or Jewish types had me rolling. Though it’s not a comedy in the colloquial sense, it has some strong comedic components and it’s ending is a bit of a surprise.

A film that deserves more attention than it will probably get is Suicide. It’s a thriller much in the genre of the American film noir from the thirties. But it plays with, rather than slavishly follows, the genre.

Although a lot of the film takes place at night and the stumped detective and cagey female suspect are all there, it’s in color, takes place in contemporary Jerusalem with great views of the city, features criminals who are unique to Israel (I loved the haredi gangster) and has a great surprise ending. The film’s intellectual value is pretty much zero. But as entertainment it was something I normally associate with Israeli film and that’s really to its credit. One last feature film to mention is Self Made. Beautifully filmed, with an art film sensibility and a take on “the conflict” to match, the film should have strong appeal for film buffs, though at least one Israeli critic dismissed it as somewhat pretentious.

There were some excellent Holocaust films as well including two Israeli made documentaries. A Decent Man, a film on the personal life of Sofer (Torah Scribe) Rabbi Menacham Bialo (right) of Sofer-on-Site examines the Torot at Temple Shir Shalom as Rabbi Michael Joseph looks on. Thanks to a generous gift from Temple member Stanley Jacobson in memory of Lila Jacobson, Rabbi Bialo spent several hours at Shir Shalom evaluating and repairing the congregation’s three Torah scrolls. Photo by Toby Hunter
In 1968 I took a course at the Haifa University titled: How the Muslims in Palestine Viewed the Crusaders in the Middle Ages. Our teacher, Professor Emanuel Sivan, introduced us to Arabic literature on that subject. Most of the students were Israeli Arabs, and a few of us Jews. One day after class a group of us, Jews and Arabs, went to the Cafeteria for coffee.

The conversation there was an eye opener for me. One of the Arab students said to us the Jews: “You Zionist Jews are just like the Crusaders. They invaded our country and conquered it. It took us about a hundred years to defeat the Crusaders. It may take us also a hundred years, but we will defeat you just like we defeated them”.

This conversation which took place about 46 years ago, seems to me like it was yesterday. It revealed to me how my Arab friends viewed the conflict between Arabs and Israeli Jews in our time.

I am writing this in the summer of 2014 as Israel is fighting for its survival. It is the same war that started in 1948 (perhaps even before). The Arabs then wanted to destroy the newly founded Jewish state, and Hamas now is determined to destroy the State of Israel. In order to understand this, one must read the Hamas Charter, written in 1988, when Hamas was founded. I would like to share with you a passage from this Hamas document: In part V – The Testimony of History we read:

“... Multitudes of Crusaders descended on it (Palestine), carrying their faith with them and waving their cross. They were able to defeat the Muslims for a long time, and the Muslims were not able to redeem it until they sought the protection of their religious banner; then they unified their forces, sang the praise of their God and set out for Jihad under the command of Saladin al-Ayyubi, for the duration of nearly two decades, and then the obvious conquest took place when the Crusaders were defeated and Palestine was liberated”.

Reading these words of the Hamas Charter I felt like being back in the Haifa University in 1968. It was King Solomon who said, “There is nothing new under the sun.” Hamas is first and foremost a Muslim Religious Organization. In their eyes the war is between two religions: Islam and Judaism. It is NOT a national war but religious, and for them it means Jihad. In fact, the Hamas Charter does not mention the State of Israel by name at all, but it talks much about the Jews in the traditional Anti Semitic way and calls for killing the Jews. The only way to understand Hamas’ determination to keep fighting for so long is that for them it is a religious war or Jihad fi Sabil Allah – Jihad in the name of Allah! They view Zionism as an imperialistic invasion. The Jews of Israel, in Hamas’ eyes, are the invaders that must be defeated and killed.

Hamas does not understand that the Jews are as determined to fight back, because they fight for their existence. Israel is the one and only Jewish land that we have historical roots in. We go back to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to Kings David and Solomon and the two Temples. The land of Israel is where our roots are. The roots of Islam are Not in Palestine but in Arabia. The Arabs conquered Palestine around (Continued on page 15)
The High Holy Days, that awesome time of the year, is fast approaching. These days should be a time of personal and communal introspection where we examine our lives and how our lives affect our families, our communities, our country and the world at large.

We have an obligation to fulfill our duties as human beings created in the image of G-d. To me, that means that each of us have, within us G-d’s moral essence which teaches us how to interact with others as well as with Him. After all, didn’t the great sage Hillel teach us that we should do unto others as we would have them do to us. If more people would take this teaching to heart there might be fewer wars in the world.

It’s not easy to determine the course of one’s life and what paths will be chosen and where one will end up. That’s why we begin our preparations for these Holy Days a month beforehand at the beginning of the month of Elul. Maimonides, in his Hilchot Teshuvah, The Ways to Repentance, teaches us to search our souls and to improve our ways and our actions.

Some of us view the Ten Days of Awe as a time when we are all on trial before the Heavenly Court. To help us through this time we ask our holy ancestors to intercede for us, hence the custom of visiting the graves of our parents before Rosh HaShanah. The Shofar is blown during the month of Elul to remind us of our past and to awaken us to our responsibilities for the future.

As I have said many times in the past, one of my primary methods for getting into the mood of returning, or repenting, of trying to be a better person, is to listen to some good cantorial singing. When I was a child I would listen to my father’s old 78 rpm recordings of Yossele Rosenblatt, Zavel Kwartin or Mordechai Hershman. Later on I bought LPs of these and many more cantors.

One problem is that these old recording sounded as if the cantors were behind a closed door and it was difficult to hear the beauty of their voices. Now, thanks to modern technology and the efforts of Dr. Mordechai Sobol and his son Ofir, we can listen to these cantors as if they were recorded recently.

Mordechai Sobol, a cantor himself, and his son Ofir, a recording engineer, have removed the accompaniments from these old recordings, enhanced the sound and provided an orchestral and choir accompaniment. As if this wasn’t enough they have made happen what never happened, such as having Yossele Rosenblatt singing a duet with Moshe Koussevitzky and a trio with both Moshe and his brother Simcha.

The cantors represented in the three CDs, all called In Those Days at... (Continued on page 14)
Culture Corner

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Heinrich Himmler based on newly discovered documents won the prize for best documentary. It's a very well made movie that's just been picked up by an American distributor. The film There and Here about young holocaust survivors who became IAF pilots was a treat: great characters on camera, with compelling experiences about survival during the Holocaust, it was also funny in parts and life affirming.

The Argentinean feature film The German Doctor a fictionalized story about Mengele in Argentina and the family he stayed within Bariloche was a very good film as well. It had its flaws in regard to accents, but only the every living thing) prayer said during Shacharit on Shabbos and Yom Tovim.

Some of the most wonderful and meaningful cantorial prayers are found on these three discs in wonderful sound and with a beautiful orchestra and choir accompanying them. The discs were made in Israel and the accompanying booklets give you information on the recording dates of the originals. There are no English translations but a short statement, in English, by Dr. Sobol explaining his intent and hopes for these recordings. I only hope that there will be many more of these forthcoming in the future. All three

Music Maven

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this Time, volumes 1, 2 and 3 are Moshe Ganchoff, Moshe Steern, Samuel Malavsky, Gershon Sirota, Leibele Waldman, Mordechai Hershman, Leib Glantz, Sholom Kaatz, Richard Tucker, three Koussevitzky’s and of course Rosenblatt. You will hear Yossele Rosenblatt and Moshe Koussevitzky in a duet of Rachem Na, Have mercy on us, from the Grace after meals, Yossele along with Moshe and Simcha Koussevitzky in a trio of Ad Hena. Until Now, from the middle of the Nishmas Kol Chai (The soul of lives is forever changed for what they offered us, and by their absence. They are missed and may their loved ones find solace.

As we approach 5775, I encourage you to join us. We have been working hard to offer an interesting and exciting year of programs. Take advantage of all the learning and celebration our unique community has to offer. I can't wait to see you soon! A heartfelt L'shanah Tovah to you all.

JC.NCF Welcome

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and facing threats to their survival. May their New Year bring them greater security and peace, and may we all find it in our hearts to continue our commitment to their needs.

As I reflect back on this year, I must commemorate all those cherished members of the Jewish community we have lost. The fabric of all our

Hillel Rabbi

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a Jewish way,” he said. “At UF Hillel we offer extraordinary experiences such as free Food Truck Friday Night dinners, TED-like talks with our outstanding alumni and free trips to Israel to help students build a personal relationship with the country. Our short-term mission is to increase the number of students participating in these amazing opportunities.”

Rabbi Grossman and his wife Amy have two daughters: Zohara (7) and Lyla (5) and a Dalmatian named Koufax. Rabbi Grossman loves sports, is big fan of college football, and is an avid collector of LPs and 45s.

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send it along, with a picture if you have one. Please include the names of everyone in the photo.

For some ideas of what to write about, check out the Kids Connection and Culture Corner columns in this issue.

Also, don’t forget Community Nachas, we want to know the good news in the community such as B’nai Mitzvahs weddings, engagements, new jobs, promotions, etc.

If you have any questions or comments, call (352) 379-5802 or email me at chronicle@jcncf.org.
Jewish Community Calendar — September 2014

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
Alachua County Schools No Classes

Tuesday, September 2
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3
JCNCF Caregiver Support Group, 7 p.m.; For location and more information call Linda Lewis at (352) 317-4978

Friday, September 5
Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School Neighborhood Shabbat Dinners, times vary.

Sunday, September 7
Temple Shir Shalom First Day of Religious School, 9 a.m.
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood New Member Tea, 3 p.m.
Rich Recht in Concert, 6 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel

Tuesday, September 9
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 a.m.; also on September 16, 23 and 30.
Rosh Chodesh Discussion Group, 10 a.m. with guest speaker Estelle Aden
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10
Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School Open House, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 11
Patriot Day
Congregation B’nai Israel Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 14
Temple Shir Shalom Sundays with the Rabbi, 4 p.m.

Monday, September 15
Faith Speaks, 7 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel

Tuesday, September 16
Jewish Council of North Central Florida Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom

Friday, September 19
Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School Family Shabbat Service and Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School closes at 1 p.m. for Rosh Hashana

Thursday, September 25
Rosh Hashanah I
Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School closed for Rosh Hashana through Sept. 26

Friday, September 26
Rosh Hashanah II
Saturday, September 27
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service and Torah Study, 9:30 a.m.

October Dates
Note: Full Schedules for Sukkot and Simchat Torah will appear in the October Chronicle

Rabbi’s Pen

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650 AD ... and the rest is history! Literally!

Israel is determined to fight because it cannot afford to lose even one round of the on-going war. If it loses once, there will no longer be Israel. The war is NOT about the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. When Hamas uses the word “occupation” it means Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and all of Israel, which Hamas has bombarded with over 3,000 rockets, in the name of Allah.

Golda Meir once said to President Anwar Sadat: “We can forgive you for killing our soldiers, but we cannot forgive you for forcing us to kill your children”. Too many innocent people have been killed in vain. I am deeply saddened.
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