A New Year Welcome To JCNCF’s 30th Year Serving Our Community

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
President of JCNCF

There is a feeling of renewal in North Central Florida, as the lazy days of summer give way to fall. Stores are filled with harried parents clutching school supply lists and a different set of parents accompany their teenagers to outfit dorm rooms as they begin a new life in college. In a few weeks, we will relish the sound of the shofar as we welcome the year 5774.

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, the Jewish Council of North Central Florida (JCNCF) is excited to begin our 30th year as an organization, fresh with new ideas and perspectives.

JCNCF was created to knit together the fabric of our local Jewish communities, and, through the Jewish Federations of North America, JCNCF overseas allocations help our brothers and sisters in need in Israel and around the world. Our commitment to the Jaffa Institute and Beit Ruth provides essential social services to disadvantaged children and their families in Israel. Connecting the thread between Jewish life in the world and our diverse local community is a commitment of JCNCF.

As we begin our 2013-2014 campaign year, we welcome you to participate in the richness of Jewish life that is available in our community. Our Maimonides outreach offers Shabbat and special holiday programs for seniors.

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Author Stuart Eizenstat To Discuss Challenges Jews Face At Graham Center

Former ambassador and author Stuart Eizenstat will present his provocative analysis on how major geopolitical, economic, and security challenges are reshaping the Jewish world and its relationship with the United States.

The event will be on Monday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Bob Graham Center in Pugh Hall. A book signing will follow Eizenstat’s talk. The event and parking are free and open to the public.

The lecture will explore themes from Eizenstat’s latest book, The Future of the Jews. The book traces how shifting global power away from the United States and Europe to the emerging powers in Asia and Latin America poses particular challenges for the Jewish community, and raises particular issues for the relationship between Israel and the U.S.

Eizenstat’s public lecture will inaugurate the Samuel R. "Bud" Shorestein Professor of American Jewish Culture & Society at the University of Florida. The professorship was established in the Center for Jewish Studies to encourage public discussion about the future of the Jewish community in the United States.

Longtime UF Jewish Studies Professor Ken Wald was appointed the first Shorestein Professor. He praises the choice for the first Shorestein Lecture.

“Stuart Eizenstat is the perfect choice to start a conversation about the issues facing Jews in American life,” Wald said. “He has been deeply involved in Jewish affairs for decades, leading the struggle to restore looted Holocaust assets to rightful owners, advocating the interests of Israel and the Jewish people, and helping to negotiate sanctions against regimes in Libya and Iran.”

During a decade and a half of public service in three US administrations, Ambassador Eizenstat held a number of key senior positions, including chief White House domestic policy adviser to President Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Under Secretary of (Continued on page 14)
Temple Shir Shalom Holds Food Drive

It may seem early but the summer is flying by, and Sharon and Andy Hirshik are already planning Temple Shir Shalom's Fifth Annual food drive for Bread of the Mighty Bank. As Shir Shalom has done the past four years, grocery bags will be distributed on Rosh Hashannah for our congregants, friends and visitors to return filled with food on Yom Kippur. Stu Bilsky will again graciously make his trailer available to transport the food to the Bread of the Mighty.

We wanted to give you advance opportunity to watch for "BOGOS" (Buy One, Get One Free) and sales.

Here is a list of the most needed items:

PROTEIN: Canned tuna, chicken or other meats, peanut butter, baked beans, canned beef stew, chili & other meat based fixings
FRUITS & VEGETABLES: Canned vegetables & fruits, 100% juice in boxes or cans
DAIRY: Canned, evaporated or powdered milk, shelf-stable regular & soy milk
OTHER: Boxed pasta, rice and cereals, canned soups, macaroni & cheese, jelly

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: Soaps, shampoo, deodorant, feminine items

Please avoid glass containers to limit the risk of broken glass. If you will not be attending services at Shir Shalom but would like to contribute, please feel free to leave your donations with Cori (if the office is open) or by the main door if not. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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TEMPLE SHIR SHALOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL students cook hot-dogs over a fire pit during Lag B’Omer, April 28, 2013.
Friendship Circle resumes meetings for the 2013-2014 year Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Congregation B’nai Israel Social Hall, 3830 NW 16th Blvd. Meetings generally last until 1 p.m.

The first meeting will be a joint effort of the B’nai Israel Friendship Circle and JCNCF who invite you to Seniors in the Sukkah at B’nai Israel.

A Prayer For Life

By Rabbi David Kaiman
Congregation B’nai Israel

Can you feel it? The change of season that is about to arrive? It is difficult for us to imagine during the heat of the Florida summer but we know that the holidays are soon upon us and we will stand together in worship marking the start of another year. We will gather with family and friends, dipping apples into honey and wishing with our whole hearts for a sweet year ahead.

I’d like to share with you my adaptation of a prayer that was originally composed by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg, a well-loved orator and teacher for more than 50 years of pulpit life. May these words infuse your New Year with a sense of soulful meditation:

A Prayer for Life

Source of all life, we pray for life. Bless us, once more, with a year of life so that we may be privileged to complete the year we have just begun.

Despite the burdens and the heartbreaks, the pains and perils, we appreciate our lives and we ask to be inscribed in the Book of Life.

But even as we pray that years may be added to our lives we ask, too, that true life may be added to our years.

May the New Year be for us a time for enhancing the quality of our lives, enriching their content, deepening their meaning.

Help us to keep our minds alive. May we be open to new ideas, entertain challenging doubts, reexamine long-held opinions, nurture a lively curiosity, and strive to add to our store of knowledge.

Help us to keep our hearts alive. May we develop greater compassion, be receptive to new friendships, sustain a buoyant enthusiasm, grow more sensitive to the beauty which surrounds us.

Help us to keep our souls alive. May we be more responsive to the needs of others, less vulnerable to consuming greed, more attentive to the craving for friendship and more devoted to truth and justice.

Help us to keep our spirits alive. May we face the future with confidence, knowing that every age has its unique joys and satisfactions, each period in our lives a glory of its own.

Help us to keep our faith alive. May we be sustained by the knowledge that you have planted within us a sense of the eternal and have given us love that will live beyond our physical years into eternity.

Whether our years be few or many, help us to link our lives to generations past and generations future, to touch this world in some small way and to maintain ourselves with courage, conviction, humility and love in the year to come.

L’shana Tova Tikvatevu

May you be Inscribed for a year of Good.

Friendship Circle Resumes Meetings With Seniors In The Sukkah Sept. 18

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for a Sukkot Brunch! Enjoy delicious food with good friends! To RSVP, please call the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or email Virginia Brissette at virginia@jcncf.org.

We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 18th and throughout the year.

Call Suzy at 359-5501 or Dorothy at 373-9134 if you have a question or need more information about this event or Friendship Circle. Bring a Friend! A $2 donation is appreciated at each meeting.

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- Saturday, August 31
  11:30 p.m. Selichot
- Sunday, September 1
  10:30 a.m. Memorial Service at Cemetery
- Wednesday, September 4
  8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services
- Thursday, September 5
  9 a.m. Rosh Hashana 1 Services
  6:15 p.m. Tashlich
  7 p.m. Minah, Maariv
- Friday, September 6
  8 a.m. Rosh Hashana 2 Services
  6 p.m. Minah, Maariv
- Friday, September 13
  7 p.m. Kol Nidrei
- Saturday, September 14
  8 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
  5:30 p.m. Minah
  7 p.m. Neilah

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- No Membership Needed; Donations and RSVP appreciated. All services at Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center: 2021 NW 5th Avenue. For more information: 352.336.5877 or www.jewishgator.com.
- Wednesday, September 4
  7:31 p.m. Candle Lighting
  7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service followed by Holiday Dinner
- Thursday, September 5
  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, Campus Baughman Center - Lake Alice at corner of Museum and Radio roads

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- Saturday, August 31
  8:30 p.m. Selichot Reception and Service
- Wednesday, September 4
  8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services
- Thursday, September 5
  10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service
- Sunday, September 8
  11:30 a.m. Tashlich at Sunday School
- Saturday, September 14
  8 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

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- Thursday, September 5
  10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative
  10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Reform
  1:30 p.m. Lunch, $25 community/parents; $10 Students
  2:15 p.m. Tashlich, Meet at Hillel
  8:15 p.m. Conservative Services
- Friday, September 6
  10 a.m. Rosh Hashana Services: Conservative
  1:30 p.m. Lunch, $25 community/parents; $10 Students
  7:30 p.m. Candle Lighting
  8:40 p.m. Shabbat Dinner $25 community/parents; Students Free
- Friday, September 13
  5:30 p.m. Pre-Fast dinner, $25 community/parents; $10 Students
  7 p.m. Candle Lighting
  7:15 p.m. Kol Nidrei: Reform and Conservative
- Saturday, September 14
  10 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Conservative
  10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Services Reform
  2 - 5 p.m. Yom Kippur Conversations
  6:45 p.m. Yizkor

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Community Day School Kicks Off 40th Anniversary Year With Record Numbers

With their highest enrollment ever, B’nai Israel Community Day School is preparing for an exciting year! Not only will the school open the academic year with more than 75 children but it will also celebrate its 40th anniversary.

With a continued commitment to offering students a quality early childhood education, the school offers daily classes in gardening, Judaics, computers and a strong language rich curriculum.

B’nai Israel also offers social, educational and spiritual programs throughout the year. Currently, the Day School partners with the Jewish Center of North Central Florida to bring the PJ Library, a national Jewish program that provides free books monthly, to families across Alachua and Marion counties. Last year, 100 children received PJ Library books in our area and over 400 people attended PJ Library events.

Beyond its commitment to young Jewish families in North Central Florida, the parents and staff also spend a large portion of their time in local philanthropic endeavors. Last school year, B’nai Israel Community Day School was the recipient of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare’s Choice, Hope, Recovery Award for its ongoing partnership with its Mother’s Intensive Substance Treatment program (MIST).

Day School families have sent thousands of dollars worth of clothing, toys, diapers and baby formula to the MIST participants.

They also held a blanket and pajama drive to benefit Peaceful Paths, created toiletry bags for the Ronald McDonald House, prepared cole slaw from cabbage the children grew in their garden to Gainesville’s local homeless shelter and made organic baby food for another local program for teen mothers and their babies.

To celebrate the Day School’s 40th anniversary, the school is hosting a community event on October 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. The celebration will showcase the Day School’s recent renovations and will showcase alumni, staff and students.

The theme for the 40th anniversary celebration is ‘Wonderland’. The evening will include an open house of the school along with food and drink. Throughout the building, guests will be able to explore the eight classrooms, the youth moadon (community room), and the two outdoor environmental gardens.

The cost of tickets to the event is $25 per person and is hosted by the school’s Parent Teacher Partnership. The school is seeking current photos from alumni as well as pictures of when they attended B’nai Israel.

The Day School has also started an alumni Facebook page – Bnai Israel Community Day School Alumni and an alumni club.

For more information about the celebration, contact the Day School office at 352-376-1508 ext. 110.
Sukkot, Simchat Torah Schedules

Temple Shir Shalom

Wednesday, September 18
6:30 p.m. Sukkot service and potluck supper
Friday, September 27
6:30 p.m. Shabbat & Simchat Torah

Congregation B’nai Israel

Thursday, September 19
9:30 a.m. Sukkot 1
Friday, September 20
9:30 a.m. Sukkot 2
6 p.m. Mincha
Wednesday, September 25
7 a.m. Hoshanna Rabba
Thursday, September 26
9:30 a.m. Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor
6 p.m. Mincha
6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah
Friday, September 27
9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah

Lubavitch-Chabad

Wednesday, September 18
7:14 p.m. Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service followed by holiday dinner in the Sukkah under the stars.

Thursday, September 19
10:30 a.m. Morning Service followed by Musaf and Kiddush
Lunch
8:06 p.m. Candle Lighting
8:30 p.m. Evening Service followed by holiday dinner in the Sukkah under the stars.

Friday, September 20
10:30 a.m. Morning service followed by Musaf and Kiddush
Lunch

Sunday, September 22
4:30 p.m. Sukkot Family Celebration. Glatt Kosher BBQ Dinner, Music, Entertainment, Clown Hands-on Show, Nosh in the Sukkah, Sukkah Craft. Come celebrate in the largest Sukkah in NC Florida! Adults $10, Children $7, Family $36, Sponsor $180
7:30 p.m. Jazzukah Student Sukkah Fest. Join the celebration and enjoy bbq and sides, live jazz music in the Sukkah, under the stars. There will also be surprise games and great prizes. Bring your friends to the largest Sukkah in North Central Florida and enjoy Sukkot to its fullest. Suggested donation: $5. For students only.

Wednesday, September 25
7:05 p.m. Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m. Shmini Atzeret Evening Service followed by Hakafot, dancing with the Torah and dinner

Thursday, September 26
10:30 a.m. Shmini Atzeret Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Yizkor Service followed by Mussaf and Kiddush
8:30 p.m. Buffet Refreshments and L’chaim served all night until midnight. Flags and treats for kids!

Friday, September 27
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Hakafot followed by Kiddush and Mussaf

Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages

Thursday, September 19
10 a.m. Sukkot Morning Service
11 a.m. Torah Reading including shaking of the Lulav and Etrog followed by lunch with “Salads in the Sukkah”

Friday, September 20
Children’s Sukkot celebration - making “Sweet Sukkahs” and more

Saturday, September 21
10 a.m. Morning Service
11 a.m. Torah Reading followed by Kiddush lunch in the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 24
11:30 a.m. Lunch in the Portable Sukkah at the Lake Public Library and make a blessing with the Lulav and Etrog

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The Gainesville Jewish Kids Club is an education and enrichment program where learning is fun!

The Jewish Kids Club offers children the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Judaism while surrounded by their peers, in a stimulating and joyful environment. Special highlights of the program include Jewish history, Jewish music and art, holiday workshops, knowledge of Israel, Hebrew reading and writing.

Jewish Kids Club is all about being Jewish and being proud of it. A child who grows up with a strong Jewish education and identity is a child who will make Judaism a very real part of their adult life. At Jewish Kids Club, the richness and beauty of our traditions come to life.

Our dynamic program will educate, stimulate and excite your child. From lively interactive discussions to exciting hands-on learning programs, our unique learning experience will inspire young minds and hearts. We welcome every Jew regardless of religious background, level of observance or previous knowledge. The Jewish Kids Club does not require membership or affiliation as a condition for enrollment.

A link from the past … a bridge to the future. Registration is now open.
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8:37 p.m. Break-Fast, free but reservation required.

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Wednesday, September 4
At The Hilton of Ocala, 3600 SW 36th Avenue, Ocala, Fl
7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashana Services
8:15 p.m. Community and Family Dinner, RSVP for dinner required.

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

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

Friday, September 13
7:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei and Evening Services

Saturday, September 14
8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashana Services
10:30 p.m. Slichot Program
11:30 p.m. Slichot Service

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala
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Wednesday, September 4
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 5
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashana Morning Service followed by Tashlich at Tuscawilla Park
10 a.m. Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Yizkor
6 p.m. Mincha
7 p.m. Neilah followed by a light Break-Fast Buffet, fast ends at 8:11 p.m.

Temple B’nai Darom, Ocala
For complimentary tickets to High Holiday services, please call Dorothy Howard at 352-687-1799 or e-mail tbdvp1@centurylink.net including your name, address, e-mail address, phone number and the number of tickets needed.

Wednesday, September 4
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Thursday, September 5
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Services
11:30 a.m. Shofar Blowing followed by Kiddush
5 p.m. Neilah Concluding Service followed by Break The Fast.

Friday, September 13
7:30 p.m. Kol Nidrei and Evening Services

Saturday, September 14
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 Break The Fast.

Congregation Beth Israel, Ocala
Please contact Sonia (352.237-8277), email bethisraelocala@embarqmail.com or visit us online at www.bethisraelocala.org for information. All services are held at the Collins Center, 9401 SR 200 in Ocala, except for Rosh Hashanah day which will be held at the Stone Creek Grille. Membership in the congregation is required to attend services and a limited one-month option is available for $100.00 per person.

Wednesday, September 4
7:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 5
10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service at Stone Creek Grill followed by a light lunch, Reservations required. Tashlich at Shalom Park in Ocala will follow lunch.

Friday, September 13
7:30 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 14
10 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
4 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor followed by Neilah Service and Break-The-Fast

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The King Above, Royalty on Earth

By Rabbi Berl Goldman
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The summer is coming to a close and Rosh Hashanah is upon us (quite early this year!). There are many special foods, prayers, customs and concepts intrinsic to the High Holiday season, all associated with the fundamental theme of the New Year, re-anointing G-d as King of kings, connecting to him and requesting a blessed year.

Royalty in modern times barely exists, yet its small presence in the world still fascinates people, as proven this summer with the much anticipated birth of Prince George of Cambridge. When a baby is born, there is always so much excitement and joy brought to his/her family and community. When a child of royalty is born, that happiness is extended to the entire nation and around the world.

What is it about that royalty that evokes so much excitement in people? When was the last time an event was so anticipated that reporters stood waiting for days and news anchors speculated on all details of the expected baby for weeks? Perhaps, it is that monarchies are almost extinct, thus the few that remain cause great excitement or maybe it has to do with Princess Diana.

Yet, Judaism has a deeper reason for our fascination with monarchies. The Talmud states, “Royalty on earth reflects royalty in Heaven.” In fact, there is a blessing to be said upon seeing a king of any religion. When we see a king or queen, read about it in the papers etc, it elicits a deeper subconscious yearning to connect to G-d, the King of all kings.

How apropos that this new birth in the royal family happened so close to Rosh Hashanah. The main theme of the New Year is anointing G-d our King. The first word the Chazan begins the prayer service with is “Hamelech,” “The King.” The prayer, “We are your people and You are our King,” is just one of the calls to G-d, confirming our desire for his Kingship.

In fact, one of the reasons for the blowing of the Shofar is that its sound is reminiscent of the blast of a Shofar with which a human king took his throne.

The Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory expounds on this concept, explaining that the coronation of G-d as our king is not merely a mechanical process, not just a Prayer service that we all recite together in synagogue in addition to the Shofar’s cry. Rosh Hashanah is the time for each of us to reflect on our personal relation-

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JCNCF, B’nai Israel Team
Up For Jewish Living Course

Congregation B’nai Israel will offer a Foundations for Jewish Living Course offered this Fall free of charge with generous support from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida.

Foundations of Jewish Living is a new adult learning curriculum that provides a thought-provoking encounter with the core values of Judaism. This course was developed by the renowned Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning which is a project of the Hebrew University. This curriculum brings to life the master stories from our tradition and the profound messages they convey.

Congregation B’nai Israel, with support from JCNCF, is pleased to bring this course to Gainesville. This course is open to the entire community without charge and regardless of affiliation.

This rich learning experience for adults will provide an opportunity for you to bring the Jewish conversation home to share. Although the course is free, participants will purchase their own texts for use in the course (subsidies may be available).

One hour classes begin on September 17th at 7 p.m. in the social hall of Congregation B’nai Israel and will continue weekly on Tuesday evenings. Register by calling 352-376-1508 ext.100 or visiting www.bnaigainesville.com.

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Learn About Your Jewish Heritage By Participating In Hadassah Study Groups

By Charna Cohn

"Not to grow is to die" is something I learned my freshman year in college. When Professor Koch, my biology teacher, said those words, I’m sure he could never imagine the ripple effects of his comment. It influenced my continuous study of my Jewish heritage.

If you are reading this, you probably have graduated high school, maybe college and more. But, as a bi-cultural American Jew, I’ll bet your secular education far exceeds your knowledge of our 3,000 year old history and Jewish civilization.

The foundation of the western world as we know it today consists of ideas that were first presented by the Jewish people. When you study, you learn that the moral principles and the recognition of the importance of personal responsibility were initiated by the Jewish people.

I have learned that there is so much to be gained from exploring the many facets of our Jewish civilization. It has greatly enhanced my personal and secular life.

Henrietta Szold was keenly aware of this division between being secularly educated and Jewishly unenlightened when she started the Hadassah study group over 100 years ago. Education remains an integral part of Hadassah’s program while the organization continues to evolve, to grow and change.

I hope that you will contact Suzanne Chester (Education Vice-President) or me if you are interested in growing Judaically. Among our formal learning opportunities we have a Rosh Chodosh and an Art study group. We are in the process of developing more. Join us.

Check out our Facebook page (Gainesville chapter of Hadassah) and our website (Hadassah.org/Gainesville) to keep growing.

Finally, mark these dates on your calendar:
October 20, 2013 – Torah Kitchens
November 14, 2013 – Triple Chai Luncheon
November 16, 2013 – Organ Donor Sabbath
November 17, 2013 – Art Study Group
Cards, Trees And Certificates
Ann Heft and Linda Lewis are waiting to hear from you. Hadassah cards and certificates are a great way to remember and honor someone.

December 7, 2013 – Potluck Dinner Election and Installation

It is an opportunity to grow when we support and are involved with the work of Hadassah. It is also enjoyable and satisfying. Therefore, I hope you will join me in making the coming year our best ever. I wish you and your loved ones a meaningful and joyful New Year.

Shir Shalom Holds Tashlich And Cemetery Memorial On Sept. 8

Temple Shir Shalom will hold both its annual Tashlich service and its annual Cemetery Memorial Service on Sunday, September 8, providing a day of spiritual refreshment and loving memory for its members and friends.

Tashlich will begin at approximately 11:30 am at Temple in conjunction with the Religious School. The Cemetery Memorial Service will begin at 12:30 pm at the Forest Meadow Cemetery on 43rd Street at 39th Avenue.

The essence of a Tashlich ceremony is to symbolically cast one's sins into a body of water, something that participants will do, with a modern twist, on September 8.

The custom of visiting the cemetery at the High Holiday season is also of ancient origin. Remembering the love of our departed ones can be an inspiration for the spiritual work of repentance. In our transient times, we also give the honor and gift of remembrance to those whose descendants no longer live in the Gainesville area. All are welcome to join the members of Temple Shir Shalom at these two beautiful observances.
Getting Ready

By Howard Rothman, The Music Maven

Although I am writing this column in July, I feel more pressed for time than usual while preparing for the upcoming High Holy Days. No matter when they come, I always feel that they come too soon and this year they are really coming to soon. In fact, everything is coming too soon.

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah will coincide for the first and last time for thousands of years. I've been fantasizing about latke stuffed turkey. Erev Rosh HaShanah is just two days after Labor Day! So I'm starting now.

I've been listening to Cantor Benjamin Muller's CD, Selichot, a live recording where he is accompanied by the choir of the Great Synagogue of Antwerp. Selichot are the penitential prayers that, in the Ashkenazic tradition, are recited on the Saturday night preceding Rosh HaShanah. Sephardim begin reciting the Selichot on the second day of the month of Elul. Listening to this CD with solos by members of the choir, both adult and children, brings back memories of singing in the Oscar Julius choir with Cantor Ben Zion Kapov-Kagan at the Concourse Center of Israel, Bronx, N.Y. or taking my parents to Brooklyn to hear Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky on Selichot night.

The solemnity of the occasion and the emotion that it inspires puts one in the mood for introspection which should be a part of the Days of Awe. The CD is available at music.com.

A second CD that I've been listening to is titled Moshe Schulhof Sings the Classics. Cantor Schulhof, unfortunately, died of cancer on June 24, 2013 at the young age of 66. Cantor Schulhof was regarded as one of the top cantors of the past two or three decades. Schulhof was born in New York and began singing in a choir at a Selichot service when he was six years old. He was the cantor of several synagogues in South Florida and lived in Aventura. The CD contains nine prayers and they are true classics. Compositions by Yossele Rosenblatt, Mordechai Yardeini, Jacob Rappaport, Pierre Pinchik and A.L. Schlossberg and others are sung magnificently.

Some of my favorites are: Eilu Devorim (These are the things for which no limit is prescribed), a prayer found in the early part of the daily morning service, R'tzei (Be pleased) which is found in every Amidah, K'vakoras (As a Shepherd examines his flock) from the U'netaneh Tokef High Holy Day prayer, Tiher Rabbi Yishmoel (Rabbi Yishmoel purified himself) from the Yom Kippur Martyrology service and Roso D'Shabbos (The Mystery of the Sabbath).

These and the other four compositions are true cantorial classics. Some of these pieces are closely associated with a particular cantor who either composed the piece of made it his own through their performances. For example, Roso D'Shabbos and Pinchik, Tiher Rabbi Yishmoel and Kwartin, K'vakoras and Rosenblatt, Eilu Devorim and Hershman.

Schulhof was a mentor to many young aspiring cantors and did much to bring chazzanut to the former Soviet Union, Rumania and Poland under the auspices of the American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Art. His singing is accompanied by the Yuval International Philharmonic Orchestra under Mordechai Sobol.

This is a wonderful CD and tribute to a marvelous cantor and a wonderful human being. Perhaps, as you listen to Moshe Schulhof sing these classics you might wonder how he compares to some of the Golden Age cantors who made these compositions famous. You will not be disappointed.

The CD is available at amazon.com (shame on Jewish music sites for not carrying it). Enjoy and be blessed for a healthy and happy New Year.
Royalty
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The true meaning behind the words we say and connect in an ultimate way with the King of all Kings. On behalf of my wife Chanie, our children, Mendel, Mushka, Rochel, Levi, Shmuely, Meir, Shternie and Boruch we share our heartfelt blessings and wishes to everyone for a Shanah Tova – a happy, healthy and sweet new year!

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A warm L'Shanah tovah to you all!

Sukkot, Simchat Torah Schedules
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Thursday, September 26
6:30 p.m. Evening Services and Hakafot. Come and dance with the Torah. Followed by a delicious hot buffet and L’chaim as we rejoice and dance with the Torah.

Friday, September 27
11 a.m. Morning Service
Noon Hakafot - rejoicing with The Torah and Torah Reading.

Saturday, September 28
10 a.m. Morning Service
11 a.m. Torah Reading

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala

Friday, September 20
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Celebration

Thursday, September 26
10 a.m. Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor
Friday, September 27
7:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration

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- August 4th at 10:00 am - Pool Party
- September 23rd at 6:00 pm - Sundaes in the Sukkah at Temple Shir Shalom
- November 17th at 9:00 am - Global Day of Jewish Learning & International Mitzvah Day at Congregation B’nat Israel
- December 4th at 6:00 pm - Family Hanukkah Party at Congregation B’nat Israel

PJ Library Gainesville Fall 2013 Activities
Jewish Community Calendar — September 2013

**Monday, September 2**
**Labor Day**
No classes for B’nai Israel Community Day School, Alachua County Public Schools, UF, SFC

**Tuesday, September 3**
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 4**
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Please See Complete High Holiday Schedules on Page 5
B’nai Israel Community Day School Closed for Rosh Hashanah through Sept. 6

**Thursday, September 5**
Rosh Hashanah

**Tuesday, September 10**
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 11**
Patriot Day

**Thursday, September 12**
B’nai Israel Community Day School Parent Teacher Partnership meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Congregation B’nai Israel Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, September 13**
Erev Yom Kippur

**Saturday, September 14**
Yom Kippur

**Jewish Kids Club**

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Tuition: $525 for the year (includes books and materials) Location: Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center 2021 NW 5th Avenue.

For more information and registration packet please visit www.JewishGator.com or contact Pessie Notik at: Pessie@JewishGator.com or Rabbi Berl Goldman at: Rabbi@JewishGator.com.

**In Memoriam**

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

*Min Ha’shamayim T’nuchamu*
May your solace come from heaven.

**Marsha Savelewitz Insler,** mother of Toby Hunter (Ed) and Ellen Greenstein, and grandmother of Scott and Caitlin Hunter and Matt and Evan Greenstein on Aug. 5.

**Marjorie Lindauer,** mother Joanne McIlhenney (Francis), and grandmother of Ruth Gorme (Craig), and the great-grandmother of Nathan and Noah Gorme on July 12.

**Joseph Lipsig,** husband of Roberta, the father of Chuck (Patti), and the grandfather of Derek on June 20.

**Joel Joseph,** father of Rabbi Michael Joseph (Debbie) and grandfather of Edie and Ben on June 14.
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