Annual Jewish Film Festival to Run March 11 - 24

The 8th Annual Gainesville Jewish Film festival will kick off on Sunday, March 11 and will run through Saturday, March 24. Unless otherwise noted, most screenings will be held at 7 pm at Gainesville’s historic Hippodrome Theater.

Tickets are $10 each. Passes are $36 for 4 films, $72 for 8 films, and $108 for all 13 screenings. To purchase tickets and festival passes, please visit www.jcnec.org. For all festival inquiries, please call 352.371.3846.

UF student tickets are FREE with valid ID on a space available basis. Students who wish to reserve seats, should contact the JCNCF office to do so.

Community Holocaust Programs in April

By the Yom HaShoah Committee

The JCNCF Holocaust Remembrance program for 2018 will feature three major events. We hope you can join us for all of them!

The first event will be the opening of a special library exhibit on Sunday, April 8 at 1 pm. The Price Judaica Library at the University of Florida and the JCNCF carry on the important work of memory preservation by presenting From Generation to Generation: Gainesville Remembers the Holocaust. The exhibit will fill the entryway of Smathers Library East with artifacts, pictures, documents, and stories from 18 Gainesville families. These items were gathered from survivors and others whose parents, aunts, grandparents, cousins, or spouses experienced the Holocaust.

On Sunday, April 15, Gainesville’s Annual Yom Hasho’ah program will be held at Congregation B’nai Israel starting at 7 pm. The program will feature Arlene Stein, professor of sociology at Rutgers University. Drawing on her own experience and interviews with Holocaust survivors and their children, Dr. Stein wrote Reluctant Witnesses. In her talk, Telling Our Family Stories: Memory Work and the Meaning of the Holocaust, she will show how members of the “second generation” have helped preserve their family memories and expand Holocaust awareness.

The final event will be a panel discussion on Monday, April 16, held at Temple Shir Shalom at 7 pm. Stacey Goldring of Jacksonville, who works with survivors and their family members, will moderate a panel discussion, Living with Holocaust Survivors. As children of survivors, the Gainesville panel members will discuss their experiences growing up in a survivor family. How much did they know about their parents’ Holocaust story when they were growing up? What was their family’s life like in the US (or other countries in which they lived)? What responsibility do they feel to share their family’s experiences with others? All three of these events are free and open to the public.
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Don’t Miss the Community Trip to Israel

Celebrate Israel’s 70th Anniversary with a Community Trip to Israel, May 24 - June 2, 2018
Sponsored by The Jewish Council of North Central Florida,
Congregation B’nai Israel, and Temple Shir Shalom

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

Tour includes 9 nights in hotels, luxury tour bus, guides, transfers to and from airport, entrance fees, and most dinners. This community trip is open to all and is primarily intended for persons who have been to Israel before, although first timers are also welcome. Approximate cost: $2,995/per person/double occupancy* (single supplement is an additional $1,040). Please note that this does not include airfare, tips to guide and driver, meals on own, or travel insurance. A deposit of $300 must be received by Friday, March 23 to secure your reservation.

*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**

**No NRA in Israel**

The school shooting in Parkland, FL, has inevitably turned to the example of gun control in Israel, where civilian defense against unexpected shootings and stabbings is a constant. A Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter, Ben Sales, wrote the following: "Israel's department of public security considers gun ownership a privilege, not a right. With few exceptions, gun owners in Israel are limited to owning one pistol, and must undergo extensive mental and physical tests before they can receive a weapon. Those who have not served in the military or in a government volunteer agency must wait until age 27 to apply for a firearms license. Gun owners are limited to 50 rounds of ammunition per year. West Bank settlers can obtain permits to carry guns for security purposes." (JTA)

**Arabs Desire Jerusalem Vote**

Palestinians have consistently boycotted Jerusalem municipal elections. Yet a new poll by Hebrew University and the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion found that nearly 60% now believe they should participate in municipal elections, while only 14% oppose doing so. Moreover, 97% opposed a re-division of the city along the 1967 lines that would end free access to both sides of the city. (Ha'aretz)

**New Dead Sea Scroll Cave**

Whereas it was believed that there were only 11 caves at Qumran holding Dead Sea Scroll, there now appears to be a 12th. Archaeologists have found a cave that once housed some of the scrolls, although the ancient documents are now missing. Apparently the 12th cave was looted by Bedouins in the 1950s. All that remained in the cave were fragments of a scroll wrapping and a leather tying string. The pottery jars and wrappings were found concealed in niches along the cave walls, and inside a 16-to-40-foot tunnel at its rear. (BBC)

**Arrow 3 Test Successful**

A flight test of the Arrow-3 weapons system has been successfully carried out, according to Israel’s Defense Ministry. The highly-maneuverable system is designed to intercept missiles when they are still outside the Earth’s atmosphere. The interceptor missile does not carry a warhead, but intercepts an incoming missile by crashing into it. The successful test will enable Israel to a series of interception tests on the Alaskan island of Kodiak this year in cooperation with U.S. Missile Defense Agency.
Gainesville Welcomes New Shorstein Professor, Rachel Gordan

The newly-appointed Shorstein Professor of American Jewish Culture and Society, Rachel Gordan, teaches in the University of Florida’s religion department and the Center for Jewish Studies.

At Yale College, Gordan majored in American Studies. That focus on American history, literature, and culture, continues to inform the ways that she approaches both the study of religion and of Judaism.

Her book-in-progress on post-WWII American Judaism, focuses on middle-brow culture, and is titled *How Judaism Became an American Religion*. It draws on film and literature to explain the changing status of Judaism in America.

Gordan is excited about bringing scholars and writers to UF, whose work addresses issues relevant to American Jews. She also looks forward to organizing workshops and conferences related to her areas of research and teaching on Judaism, religion, and American culture. She has already sponsored campus visits by a scholar of religion (Cynthia Baker) and an award-winning Israeli novelist (Ruby Namdar). In March, the Annual Samuel R. Shorstein lecture will be given by UC Berkeley historian, John Connelly, who will speak about the Revolution in Catholic thinking about the Jews.

“It’s exciting to be able to use the Shorstein endowment to develop courses and programs that will interest students and faculty in Jewish Studies and religion – and hopefully, beyond those worlds, too!” Gordan says. This fall, she will teach a course on gender and religion in popular American fiction, with a professor in Gender Studies. Currently, Gordan teaches an Introduction to Judaism and a class on post-Holocaust American Jews.

Gordan earned her Ph.D at Harvard in 2012 and has since held post-doctoral appointments at Northwestern University and the University of Toronto.

Shorstein Lecture: The Revolution in Catholic Thinking on the Jews

John Connelly, Professor of History at the University of California Berkeley, will speak about the revolution in Catholic thinking about the Jews on March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Pugh Hall Ocora. Connelly will illuminate the baffling silence of the Catholic Church during the Holocaust and showcase how the ancient teachings of the church subscribed to the view that Jews were cursed by God. How did an institution whose wisdom is said to be unchanging undertake one of the most enormous, yet undiscussed, ideological swings in modern history?

As he explores the process of theological change, John Connelly moves from the speechless Vatican to a small, but mighty group of Catholics who endeavored to find a new language to speak to the Jews in the shadow of the Holocaust.

The program is sponsored by the Samuel R. “Bud” Shorstein Professorship in American Jewish Culture and Society, the UF Center for Jewish Studies and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.
B’nai Israel Community Day School Celebrates Purim

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

Purim is often seen as a child focused Jewish holiday given the costume parades and cookies. At B’nai Israel Community Day School that would certainly be the case! During Purim, we began our celebrations with a Spirit Week. Each day was a different dress-up day observed by the entire student body, as well as the staff.

This year we had Mismatch Day, Sports Day, Pajama Day, Dress As Your Favorite Character Day and of course Dress As Your Favorite Character From Purim Day. However, that was only the beginning. We also observed the four mitzvot of Purim by having class Purim Pals. For this activity each class drew the name of another class and left them goodies throughout the week. We also had Secret Staff for the staff to draw names of coworkers and then give them treats each day the week of Purim. We also had an ongoing tzedakah program to benefit children with cancer.

On Thursday, the Jewish Student Union came and made masks with our PreK and Kindergarten program. Then on Friday, we had a school wide talent show that began with a play about the story of Purim put on by the veteran staff. After that we had a school wide talent show- where each class performed a song, skit or performance for the rest of the school. We held class feasts with hamantaschen made by Morah Shauna (our Judaics Teacher shown in photo above) and finished the week with a special Kabbalat Shabbat program with Rabbi Kaiman where he told the story of Purim while we cheered for Esther and booed for Haman. It was a fun and interactive week.
Eighth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival

Sunday, March 11 - 7:30 pm

The Museum
2017 / documentary / 74 min
Director: Ran Tal

A surprisingly entertaining and rousing documentary depicting life within and the art of Israel’s foremost museum.

Monday, March 12 - 7 pm

1945
2017 / drama / 91 min
Director: Ferenc Toroc

12 August 1945, 11 AM. Two mysterious strangers dressed in black appear at the railway station of a Hungarian village. Within a few hours, everything changes.

Tuesday, March 13 - 7 pm

Menashe
2017 / drama / 82 min
Director: Joshua Z. Weinstein

Set within the New York Hasidic community, the film follows a kind but hapless grocery store clerk determined to maintain custody of his son after his wife passes away.

Wednesday, March 14 - 7 pm

Invisibles
2017 / drama / 100 min
Director: Claus Rafle

The remarkable story of four Jews who survived the war hiding in Berlin. The film interweaves testimony with dramatization that brings edge-of-the-seat suspense until the very last moment.

Thursday, March 15 - 7 pm

West of the Jordan River
2018 / documentary / 84 min
Director: Amos Gitai

Amos Gitai’s beautiful portrait of soldiers, human rights activists, journalists, mourning mothers, and Jewish settlers all acting in the name of their civic consciences.

Saturday, March 17 - 8:30 pm

The Wedding Plan
2016 / rom-com / 110 min
Director: Rama Burshtein

Blindsided by her fiance’s decision to call off the wedding with only a month’s notice, Michal continues with her wedding plans, believing Mr. Right will appear by her chosen date.

Sunday, March 18 - 2 pm

Israel, Why
1973 / documentary / 185 min
Director: Claude Lanzmann

A fascinating and almost forgotten documentary by Claude Lanzmann, the acclaimed director of Shoah, examining life in a turbulent country twenty-five years after its founding.

Sunday, March 18 - 7 pm

Hagiga:
The Story of Israeli Cinema
2016 / documentary / 73 min
Director: Michael Alalu

The forefathers of Israeli cinema came to cinema from the world of entertainment. These filmmakers stepped into the tiny, emerging film industry with a keen sense for what their audience would like.
Sunday, March 11 through Saturday, March 24

The Gainesville Jewish Film Festival is a partnership between the Jewish Council of North Central Florida and the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida. It is made possible, in part, by these generous sponsors: Alexander Grass Chair in Jewish Studies, Anonymous, Bud Shorstein Professorship in American Jewish Culture and Society, Friends of Jewish Studies Tree of Life Fund, Gary R. Gerson Annual Lecture Series, Harry Rich Endowment for Holocaust Studies, Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Jewish Student Union, Mikki and Morris Futernick Visiting Professorship, and the Norman and Irma Braman Chair in Holocaust Studies.

To purchase tickets and festival passes, please visit www.jcncf.org.

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**Monday, March 19 - 7 pm**

**Operation Wedding**
2016 / documentary / 63 min
Director: Anat Zalmanson-Kuznetsov
In Leningrad, 1970, a group of Jewish dissidents plots to hijack an empty plane and escape the USSR. Fast forward 45 years later, the filmmaker tells the riveting story of her parents.

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**Monday, March 21 - 7 pm**

**A Land Without Borders**
2016 / documentary / 62 min
Director: Michael Alalu
Award-winning writer Nir Baram’s fascinating journey through the West Bank to speak with Palestinians and Israeli settlers. An important film to see for anyone who thinks they have a ready solution to an ongoing conflict.

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**Monday, March 24 - 8:30 pm**

**Holy Air**
2017 / Comedy / 81 min
Director: Shady Srour
With all his business ideas having failed, Adam gives one last try to make it big by selling the very air that the Virgin Mary breathed during her Annunciation. A delightful romantic comedy.

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**Tuesday, March 20 - 7 pm**

**The Testament**
2017 / drama / 88 min
Director: Amichai Greenberg
An international expert in Holocaust research discovers, almost by chance, classified documents which hint to the fact that his mother is living under an assumed identity.

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**Wednesday, March 21 - 7 pm**

**Siege**
1969 / drama / 100 min
Director: Gilberto Tofano
Israeli film legend Gila Almagor stars in the story of a warwidow pressured by her friends to behave like a heroic widow, and the personal journey she makes in a country under siege. This recently digitized and restored classic is considered by some to be the best Israeli feature film ever made.
Noshing with the Romeos and Juliets

By William Alford
Assistant Director, JCNCF

Many people in Gainesville would probably describe themselves as loyal regulars of The Bagel Bakery, but the ladies and gentlemen known as the Romeos and Juliets have us all beat. The group’s commitment to their weekly gathering on Thursdays at 11:45 am has become such a fixture at this community hub that Bagel Bakery owner Ken Rembert personally built them their own long wooden table so that everyone in the group could sit together.

The group has been meeting for so many years now that no one was sure exactly how long. What we can confirm is that the men’s group formed first, developing from a group working on the B’nai Israel Library committee. The men on this committee enjoyed their lunch breaks together so much that they decided to officially form the group we now know as the Romeos (Retired Old Men Eating Out). These gentlemen undertake their weekly meetings not only for the enjoyment of a good nosh and fine company, but as they made clear to me they also make a lot of progress on important international issues of the day. At one time, their ranks included fourteen dedicated diner-discussants. Now, Phil Slater, Dick Barkin, Alex Sherman, and Al Postal constitute the Romeos. Al has assembled a booklet chronicling some of their exploits that is on display on The Bagel Bakery bulletin board. It is a treat to browse through while you enjoy your bagel and beverage of choice. They would enthusiastically welcome anyone interested in joining their group. If you think you are a good candidate please contact Phil Slater at sphsrgcs@aol.com.

Their counterparts in the Juliets (Just Us Ladies Enjoying Eating Out) were originally a group that attended exercise classes at Gainesville Health and Fitness together and would often join their husbands in the mens’ group afterwards for lunch. This group currently consists of thirteen regular members and the occasional guest. As this social club grew and their regular presence at the Bagel Bakery was established, bakery owner Ken Rembert and his staff made them feel deeply welcomed with fresh flowers and a custom sign reserving the table for them at their regular meeting time on Thursday mornings.

Beyond their weekly lunch meeting, the members of this group enjoy regular outings together to the movies, theater and various other events. The Romeos made it clear to me that the Juliets are the driving force behind planning such excursions. Al Postal stressed to me “If it involves a lot of standing up...” the guys aren’t usually interested. As secretary for the Juliets Roz Slater keeps a list of all members and their birthdays so that they can celebrate together. It was Roz’s birthday the day that they welcomed me to sit in on their meeting. At the end of February the group joined Juliet member Honey Newman and her family to celebrate her ninetieth birthday at Leonardo’s 706.

In my meeting with the Romeos and Juliets one thing that really stood out to me was how much each member wanted to tell me special memories they have had with each other. No one wanted to talk about themselves very much but all wanted to tell me about close friendships and lasting memories they have made together. I hope that as the Gainesville Jewish community continues to grow and evolve, this group that has become such a fixture, and such a source of connection for the people who have been a part of it will continue for many years to come.
Community Enjoys Combined Purim Event

By Adela Beckerman, President of Temple Shir Shalom &
Connie Stern, President of Congregation B’nai Israel

During the last few months a committee of members of Congregation B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom collaborated to plan the very successful Purim Carnival that was held on Sunday, February 25 at Jordan Glen School and Summer Camp.

The idea of having a joint Purim Carnival came about unexpectedly. Members from each congregation found themselves chatting casually at different events in the community that they both happened to be attending, and decided to form a committee to explore the possibly of having a joint Carnival. A lot of enthusiasm was generated when committee members realized that they could join forces to find sponsors, order gifts, design booths and fun activities, and engage members of each congregation, as well as both congregation’s religious school teachers, as volunteers.

The Purim Carnival was clearly an over-the-top, great event. Everyone who came enjoyed themselves, the good food, and camaraderie. A peacock that lives at Jordan Glen served as one of the greeters. Many of those at the Carnival had never been to Jordan Glen before and were offered informal tours of the impressive school. The children who came to the carnival, and many, many of the adults wore costumes. The children enjoyed a variety of different games and activities, such as bounce houses, laser tag, the cake walk, and hay rides. Many, many sponsors supported the event, including the Jewish Council and KISS 100.5, who provided music. We couldn’t have asked for more.

We look forward to continued collaboration between Congregation B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom. We hope to plan other events that strengthen the Gainesville Jewish community, offering opportunities for children, youth and families from both congregations to share fun-filled spiritual and celebratory activities.

The giant sling shot was a popular attraction.

Volunteers from Cong. B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom were on hand to answer questions, paint faces, and to make sure everyone had a good time.
North Central Florida Passover Seders

*Passover begins at sundown on Friday, March 30. Please confirm times, pricing and RSVP details with individual congregations. Community contact information is included on page 10.*

**Congregation B’nai Israel**
Friday, March 30 at 7 pm  
Member Price: $60 Adults, $15 for Children  
Non Member Price: $75 Adults, $25 Children  
Free for children 5 and under  
RSVP to Caroline.bnaiisrael@gmail.com

**Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center**
First Seder Night:  
Friday, March 30 at 7:30 pm  
Second Seder Night:  
Saturday, March 31 at 8:45 pm  
All are welcome, No experience necessary. Donations for Seder appreciated, prior to Passover. For reservations or to help sponsor a student’s Seder, please contact Rabbi Berl or Chanie Goldman at 352.336.5877 | Rabbi@JewishGator.com

**Chabad of Marion County**
First Seder  
Friday, March 30 at 7:30 pm  
Second Seder  
Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 pm  
Adults $35, children $25  
Enjoy the holiday of freedom at an inspirational Seder, complete with a gourmet Passover dinner. Our Seder is English friendly with Hebrew/English Hagaddot so everyone will feel welcome.

**Congregation Beth Israel**
Friday, March 30 at 6 pm  
at the Enrichment Room of the First Congregational Church.  
Rabbi Allen will lead the service. The cost for members will be $30 per person and for nonmembers, $35 per person.  
RSVP to Sonia Peterson at 352-307-3662 by March 27th. Send checks to Congregation Beth Israel 9147 SE 135th Place Summerfield, FL 34491

**Temple Shir Shalom**
Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m.  
Adults: $66 (members) and $76 (nonmembers),  
Children 9-12: $30, Children 4-8: $20  
and Children under 4 are free.  
There is a $2 fee for credit card payments  
Reservations made after March 14 are $81 per person and $80 for children.  
Reservations accompanied by full payment may be sent to Temple Shir Shalom ATTN: Seder, 3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605.  
PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR. PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION IS REQUIRED.

**Temple Beth Shalom**
At 6:00 P.M. on March 31, 2018  
At the Stone Creek Grille  
Admission is $36.00 per person (double cha’i), including gratuity.  
Rabbi Ze’ev Harari will conduct the service, followed by a traditional seder meal including wine  
For reservation, call Michele Kolsky 873-3995 or mkolsky9679@gmail  
Before March 20 to insure seating. Checks made out to Temple Beth Shalom  
And marked “seder” must be recieved by March 25 in order to confirm your reservation  
Mail Checks to Temple Beth Shalom  
P.O. BOX 6117  
Ocala, Florida 34478  
Attention Bob Fries, Treasurer

**UF Hillel**
Friday, March 30 at 7 pm  
Celebrate our people’s freedom in a unique way with the UF Hillel Seder. We are having brisket, matzah ball soup and of course, lots of matzah for all from our favorite caterer, Ibt.  
Sponsored in part by the Marvin Sheldon Memorial Fund, NJOP and PASSOVER ACROSS AMERICA, the kosher meal is free to students and the community.  
Please visit UFHillel.org to RSVP for Seder.

**Temple B’nai Darom**
First Seder  
Saturday, March 31 at 6 pm  
at 49 Banyan Course, Ocala  
$30 per person,  
Contact 352-624-0380 for reservations.
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:

Mollie Blank,
Mother of Rochelle and Leonard Gutter

Evan Greenstein,
Nephew of Toby and Ed Hunter

Dr. Nathan Cohen,
Father of Jonathan and Karen Cohen

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Jake Stalvey celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on February 17 at Temple Shir Shalom. Jake is the son of Carolyn Stalvey, the brother of Ann Stalvey, and grandson of Leonard Fontana and Adela Beckerman. As a mitzvah project, Jake collected donations of dog and cat food, and old towels and blankets for the Haile’s Angels Pet Rescue
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**Volunteers Needed**

**Israel at 70 Planning Meeting**

Wednesday, March 7 at 1:30 pm
JCNCF Office

Individuals interested in planning or volunteering on the day of the event should contact the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846, office@jcncf.org.
# Community Calendar for November 2017

**Tuesday, March 6**
Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph is cancelled for March 6 and 13. It will resume March 20 and 27 at TSS, 9:30 am.
Hadassah’s Rosh Chodesh at B’nai Israel, 10 am. Guest speaker Robin West presents “March for Memory.”
Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm. (Repeated March 13, 20, and 27)

**Wednesday, March 7**
Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am to 1 pm (Repeated March, 14, 21, and 28)
Israel at 70 Community Celebration Planning Meeting at the JCNCF Office, 1:30 pm.

**Sunday, March 11**
*Oy Vey! What did the Dr. Say?, Parent Edition* at TSS, 10 am.
PJ Library Story Walk at CBI, 11 am.
Eighth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival, Runs Through Saturday March 24, The Hippodrome.

**Monday, March 12**
Florida Free Speech Forum, Aaron Sharockman, *For Facts’ Sake: Fight back in the “post-truth” world*, 11:30 am

**Friday, March 16**
Bubbe & Zadey Day Family Shabbat! Dinner $ 20 per family, $5 per guest at CBI, Dinner 5 pm, Services 5:30 pm
RSVP to familyprogramming.3830@gmail.com by March 14.

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

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**PJ Library Passover Story Walk**
**Sunday, March 11**
11 am at Cong. B’nai Israel

PJ Library families are invited to an interactive story walk exploring the holiday of Passover.

This event will take place outside on the walking trails at B’nai Israel, so please wear appropriate shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray.

For more information and to RSVP, please call Debby Kinman-Ford at 352.376.1508 ext 101
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