PJ Library to Celebrate Tenth Birthday in September

By Virginia Brissette Hirshik
President & CEO, JCNCF

PJ Library, created 12 years ago by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, delivers 500,000 books to Jewish children each month. That’s over 24 million books to families--of all backgrounds, family make-up, and observance levels--raising Jewish children around the world.

Here in North Central Florida, PJ Library launched in 2008 through grant funding from the Jewish Council and a partnership with the B’nai Israel Community Day School, and has delivered over 13,000 age-appropriate books and music to nearly 500 children--and counting. PJ Library serves children ages 6 months to 8 years, and when children age out of PJ Library, they move onto a PJ Library offshoot called PJ Our Way for older children.

PJ Library can mean different things to different people. For some parents, it’s a chance to add on to their collection of Jewish books; for some parents who have grown up in another faith, it’s a way to learn about Jewish traditions, folktales and values; for some grandparents it’s a way to pass on their Jewish connection and heritage from generation to generation. For all families, regardless of Jewish background or knowledge, PJ Library ensures that parents have the necessary tools and feel equipped to have thoughtful conversations with their children about Jewish holidays, traditions and rituals.

In addition to receiving books in their homes, families can attend innovative programs and activities every year that are planned and implemented by PJ Library North Central Florida and take place in bookstores, playgrounds, parks and in collaboration with the B’nai Day School and local synagogues. PJ Library’s goal is that families have many choices to walk through a Jewish gateway that will make them feel welcomed and at home.

PJ Library consistently reports that its program has an influence in connecting families to Jewish life. “In our 10 years of PJ Library in Gainesville and Ocala, families continue to share how reading the books have inspired them to become more connected to Jewish life and help mold their families’ Jewish identities,” said Debby Kimmel-Ford, PJ Library’s Coordinator at the B’nai Community Day School.

And PJ Library families are connecting to Jewish life in increasing numbers. Families who were surveyed in national PJ Library surveys in both 2013 and 2016 reported higher levels of influence from PJ Library in 2016 in questions about Jewish connection. Nearly every family--99 percent--reported in the most recent survey that PJ Library has somehow added value to how their family thinks about or practices Judaism.

PJ Library will hold its 10th Birthday Party Celebration on Sunday, September 23 from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Gainesville Woman’s Club. The event is free to attend, but an RSVP is requested to plan accordingly. All attendees are encouraged to participate in the PJ Library used book collection and a mitzvah project. Please check the September edition of The Chronicle for more details.

Even for PJ Library households with parents who didn’t grow up with strong Jewish backgrounds, the survey found that the program is influencing their children Jewishly. In fact, the survey reported that PJ Library is more likely to influence intermarried families than in-married families. For instance, 83 percent of survey respondents said that PJ library has increased their confidence in engaging their kids on Jewish topics. That number spikes to 94 percent when looking exclusively at intermarried families.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating PJ Library’s 10th birthday,” said Rosalie Bandopadhyay, JCNCF Board Vice President and PJ Library grandparent. “We are even more excited about providing nearly 500 Jewish children in the Gainesville/Ocala area with Jewish-themed books and music CDs. PJ Library provides the opportunity for parents to enrich their children’s lives with Judaism starting from a young age and is an amazing way to connect the next generation to their Judaism. This program would not be possible without the support and generosity of the North Central Florida Jewish community,” she added.
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The Board and Staff of the Jewish Council wish to acknowledge all those who made this year’s Community Holocaust Remembrance Programs possible. Thank you to the members of the Yom HaShoah Committee (listed below) for your dedication to this most important work. Thank you to guest speaker, Dr. Arlene Stein and panel facilitator, Stacey Goldring of The Searching for Identity Foundation. And many, many thanks to Dr. Robin West and Drs. Rebecca Jefferson and Katalin Rac of The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida for organizing and curating the special exhibit, From Generation to Generation: Gainesville Remembers the Holocaust, which remains on display in Smathers Library East until the end of June.

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JCNCF Micro Grants Program

By Sharon Hirshik, Chair, JCNCF Grants Committee

As we continue to adapt to community needs, the JCNCF Board and Grants Committee will be revising our grants program. Instead of offering three Chai Grants of $1800 each once a year, we have increased the amount of our monthly Micro Grants. We will be offering one Micro Grant of $360 each month from September through June of each year. Micro Grant Requests should be submitted by the first day of the month before it is needed from August 1st through May 1st. (For example, submit by August 1st for a September event.)

The Grants Committee will accept Micro Grant applications for projects and activities which further the mission of JCNCF: To operate and engage in philanthropic, cultural, charitable, educational and religious activities that contribute to the welfare of the Jewish community of North Central Florida and other Jewish communities located throughout the world. The goal of a grant must reflect one of the three areas specified in this passage from Pirkei Avot “The world is built on three things: Torah (Jewish law & learning), Avodah (service to G-d & Jewish community) and Gemilut Chassidim (acts of loving kindness”).

The Micro Grant must be submitted on the official Micro Grant Request Form and submitted to JCNCF via email, as an attached document. Forms are available on the JCNCF website (jcncf.org). The Grants Committee looks forward to receiving your Micro Grant Requests.

Ocala Sisterhood Practices the “Art of Craftiness”

By Elaine Morrison, Congregation Beth Israel

The “art of craftiness” rose to new heights when Congregation Beth Israel’s Sisterhood members got together on March 22 to create centerpieces for some of their upcoming events.

Creative juices flowed when the members, under the artful guidance of Mary Chang, President of the Congregation, and Judy Donnenberg, President of Sisterhood, were introduced to an enormous array of materials from which to compose their works of art.

Vases of various shapes and colors were the starting point to which could be added flowers, glitter paper, stickers, cards, ribbons, lighting devices, etc. For some of the events, like Mother’s Day, Israeli Independence Day and Passover, Mary had already created special materials, in the form of hearts and symbols of the plagues and special cards. Judi Siegal talked about the ten plagues at Passover and Mary explained the origins of the Israeli flag.

Once everyone collected the particular materials they wanted to use for their individual creations, the room became a buzz of activity. Pictures were taken of the completed masterpieces and it will be fun to see them on the tables at the events they were prepared for. This project was sponsored, in part, through JCNCF’s monthly Micro Grant program.
**Israel in Brief: News and Developments**

By Ralph Lowenstein

**Portman to Get Honor, Anyway**

The Genesis Prize Foundation, whose award is nicknamed the “Jewish Nobel,” said it will not rescind its honor to Natalie Portman even though she will not attend the award ceremony in Israel. A day after the foundation announced in May that the ceremony would be cancelled because of Portman’s decision to skip the ceremony, she issued a statement saying she did not want “to appear as endorsing Benjamin Netanyahu, who was to be giving a speech at the ceremony.” The foundation criticized Portman’s decision and said it had informed her before the award announcement that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would present the prize. They also claim that they offered her the opportunity to share her political views during her address. The Genesis directors said they, not Portman, would distribute the $2 million prize money this year. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)

**Gazans Destroy Own Gas Lines**

Several weeks prior to Gaza citizens attempted to storm the fence separating Gaza from Israel, dozens of Palestinian rioters broke into the Gazan side of the Kerem Shalom goods crossing between Gaza and Israel, causing damage estimated in the millions to infrastructure, mostly to pipes providing gas and fuel to Gaza. Hamas officials in charge of security at the site pulled back and allowed rioters to do as they pleased. The damage will very likely cause delays in the transfer of goods into Gaza, particularly in the supply of fuel. (The Times of Israel)

**UAE, Bahrain Send Teams to Israel**

Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates both sent cycling teams to participate in the 101st Giro d’Italia cycling competition, held in Jerusalem in June. The 21-day race continued from Haifa to Tel Aviv and from Be’er Sheva to Eilat. The event, which featured 176 cyclists from 22 teams, continued in Italy, concluding in Rome. Palestinian officials condemned the Arab cyclists for their “disloyalty.” (Al Jazeera)

**The Profit in Killing Israeli Targets**

The Israel Defense Ministry has released figures saying that some terrorists who killed Israelis will be paid more than $2.7 million throughout their lifetimes by the Palestinian Authority, which lists them as “martyrs.” Some figures indicate that about 6% of the annual Palestinian budget goes toward monthly payments to the families of “martyrs,” individuals who have been killed while murdering Israelis or while attacking Israeli targets. (The Times of Israel)

**Jerusalem and the US Embassy**

The average reader or viewer does not understand why so many nations refuse to place their embassies in Jerusalem, the western area of which has been a part of Israel since 1948. The original UN resolution recommending a two-state solution, adopted in November 1947, designated Jerusalem as a corpus separatum, or a city with no sovereign affiliation to the proposed Arab and Jewish states. But the Arab world rejected the resolution in its entirety and declared war on Israel. Five Arab states invaded Israel, but Israel prevailed, and after the war placed offices of the president, prime minister, Knesset, Supreme Court and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Western Jerusalem, which it had always controlled, even during the War of Independence. The Congress of the United States passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995, calling for the US President to establish the US embassy in Jerusalem, giving each President the right to delay this order for 6 months at a time. Every President since President Clinton has promised the Jews of America, during their election campaign, that he will move the embassy, from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, once elected, and every President through Barak Obama has reneged on this promise. President Trump made the same promise, and fulfilled it. (David Harris, CEO, American Jewish Committee)

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A view of the US Consulate in Jerusalem’s Arnona neighborhood, February 24, 2018. (Yonatan Sindel, The Times of Israel)
Connie Stern Ends Her Term as B’nai Israel President

By Connie Stern, Past President, Congregation B’nai Israel

As I end my tenure as the President of Congregation B’nai Israel, one of the things I am most proud of is our social action work in the community. Our congregation does many projects throughout the year, but I am most proud of the work of the B’nai Israel Community Day School.

When I take my grandson, Oliver, to the store, we stop and get him a cookie, and as we see a coin box for donations Oliver doesn’t say money or coins, he says in his two-year-old voice, ‘tzedakah’. I know he knows this from our school. Every month the school chooses a different organization to collect items or money for. To date this year, they have worked with thirteen different organizations and raised close to $6,500 in monetary and in kind donations.

Each month, Day School classes take turns providing a meal for hungry and homeless women at the Helping Hands Clinic, a mitzvah project that they share with the JCNCF. Families donate clothing, diapers and formula for mothers in the Meridian MIST program. The children make birthday cakes for sick or homeless children, and parents donate leftover party supplies to create birthday boxes. The children made sun catchers for children’s hospitals all over the country through the organization, Rainbows for Benjamin. Parents purchased gardening supplies for the Gainesville Opportunity Center and collected money for Hurricane relief for Jewish Day Schools in Houston, as well as for the local Boys and Girls Club. I was so proud of our Kindergarteners taking the canned goods collected by our congregants and day school parents to their last field trip at Bread of the Mighty.

What amazing lessons to be teaching our children! I am so proud to be a part of Congregation Bnai Israel and happy to know we are working to raise the next generation of social activists.

Ocala’s Temple B’nai Darom Constructing New Building

By Shelly Lebowitz, Fundraising Chair and Temple Trustee, Temple B’nai Darom

The construction of our new Temple B’nai Darom building, on SW 38th Street, just up-the-road-from Ocala’s West Port High School, is moving right along. The concrete slab is down, the cinder block walls are up and the roof is installed. Also, all interior and exterior doors and windows have been ordered and colors have been selected for all walls, doors and floors. Our new Temple is expected to be ready for occupancy next fall. Can you tell we’re a little excited?

Temple B’nai Darom is the second oldest Jewish congregation in Florida and the oldest in Marion County. What is really special about B’nai Darom is our members and our Rabbi. B’nai Darom is, and will remain a small to medium sized congregation and facility, with warmth and friendliness remaining as a primary benefit for all members. An example of this internal warmth can be found in our holiday dinners and services (such as Passover and Chanukah) and in our special events.

Of course, the real warmth comes from our members and Rabbi and the way we interact with one another. Temple B’nai Darom’s Rabbi for the past three decades is Rabbi Harold Jaye, who not only serves as our religious leader but is also a Professor of Humanities at Ocala’s College of Central Florida. Rabbi Jaye not only leads B’nai Darom’s religious services, but is there for our members’ personal needs, such as weddings, funerals, religious and, at times, personal guidance, as well as, when serious illness leads us to seek our religious leader’s attention. Rabbi Jaye has also indicated his desire to begin leading small class groups, once we have moved into our new facility, classes such as the Jewish view on death and dying, celebrating our holiday tradition in the home, the real heroes in Jewish history and other topics that both the Rabbi and members may suggest.
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On Sunday, April 29, over 250 people gathered at Gainesville’s Depot Park to remember and honor those who gave their lives defending Israel and to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State.

Rabbi David Kaiman and Rabbi Michael Joseph led the guests in a Yom HaZikaron service with Elaine Jacobson singing HaTikvah while the Klezmer Katz played along. Canadian singer/songwriter Batsheva also entertained guests with selections sung in English, Hebrew, Ladino and Yiddish. A group of folk dancers organized by Dalia Stein and Andrew Weitzen performed a dance to the song “Israel Sheli.”

Volunteers from the JCNCF Board served up hundreds of falafel complete with pita, hummus, salad, and Israeli snacks. Representatives from Congregation B’nai Israel, Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah, PJ Library, the Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center, and Temple Shir Shalom hosted tents where guests could learn more about their organizations and take away snacks, drinks, and Israel themed items.
Central Florida Celebrated Israel at 70

The Jewish Community of North Central Florida Celebrated Israel at 70

The Jewish Council thanks the following individuals, businesses and organizations for making this event possible:


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Updates from Temple Shir Shalom

By Rabbi Michael Joseph, Temple Shir Shalom

Among the new and returning Board members elected at the congregation’s Annual Meeting on May 6 are (from right to left): Kim Feigenbaum, Nancy Bitton, Julia Egan, Alyssa Zucker (2nd vice-president), Lee Schwartz, and Henry Luban (treasurer). Not pictured are incoming and returning Board members Adela Beckerman (president), Marcia Storch (secretary), Mark Werner (past president), Kay Linden, Keith Spencer, Amy Carson, Margaret Efron, Craig Gorme, Arnie Sair, and Dan Wernecke.

The Temple Shir Shalom Religious School concluded an excellent academic year on Sunday, May 6. The Religious School has been both innovative and well-organized under the direction of second-year principal Ross Van Boven (top right), who has introduced new instructional and classroom management techniques.

The Religious school has also worked hard to integrate community service and social action into its curriculum through its commitment to Mitzvah Day and special programs on immigration. Next year’s Open House and first day of school are already set for August 19 and 26, respectively.

Rabbi Michael Joseph and the Temple Shir Shalom Ritual and Religious School Committees will be hard at work this summer creating a comprehensive new program, called “Tiny TSS,” designed to help young children and those who love them learn about and develop a commitment to synagogue life.

The program, which is free and open to the entire community, will feature enjoyable learning experiences of Friday night worship, Saturday morning worship, Religious School, and holiday celebration.

The first program will begin at 11 am on Saturday, August 25. Please contact the Temple office (352-371-6399) if you would like to be put on a Tiny TSS email list.

Tiny TSS

a monthly introduction to synagogue life
for toddlers and the grownups who love them

starts Saturday, August 25, 11:00 am
stay tuned for more information!
Chavaya Celebrates Together

By Shauna Sikron, Chavaya School Director, Congregation B’nai Israel

This year was full of celebrations, mitzvah projects, and a challenging new Hebrew program for Congregation B’nai Israel’s Hebrew school, known as Chavaya. From Mitzvah Day in the fall, when students painted images of gratitude, to the Jewish Food Festival in May, for which students fermented truly delicious kosher dill pickles, the Chavaya community had an amazing year.

On April 29th, Chavaya held its annual final program. Students were joined by their parents, grandparents, and siblings for a ceremony that celebrated their growth and the joy of our community this year. The final ceremony included the acknowledgment of five students who reached their B’nai Mitzvah in the fall and spring - Elliott Horwitz, Amelia Altschuler, Alex Gross, Asher Lidsky and Raquel Sokol. B’nai Israel also recognized our 2nd and 3rd grade students as they begin the intensive study that leads to their B’nai Mitzvah by presenting each with a personalized siddur from the synagogue.

Following the closing ceremony, each class in Chavaya prepared an interactive program that gave their parents an opportunity to “go back to Hebrew school.” The K-1st grade students and their parents made foam mosaics of their Hebrew names. The 2nd-3rd grade students built a faux Western Wall and led their parents on a “trip to Israel” complete with brochures and a prayer-writing opportunity. The 4th-5th grade students challenged their families to compete in a dynamic Jewpardy game that included such categories as Hebrew, Holidays, Customs, Celebrities and Israel. Lastly, the 6th-7th grade class wrote, produced and starred in two films that portrayed a modern retelling of the Hanukkah and Purim stories.

Chavaya’s final program was particularly special because it showed just how close our students and families had become over the year. Everyone dined on a delicious lunch of Israeli dishes, and the B’nai Israel social hall was lit up by the smiling faces and chatter of our lively multi-generational community. As Chavaya looks to the next school year, we intend to provide even more opportunities for our students to develop their Jewish identity within such a strong and vibrant community.

Join Congregation B’nai Israel for the 6th Biennial Junque to Jewels Rummage Sale

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Cong. B’nai Israel Social Hall
Mazel Tov to Graduates!

High School

Peyton Acosta, daughter of Samone Gilbert and Rick Acosta, graduated from PK Yonge and Santa Fe College. She will be attending Jacksonville University.

Aryil Bechtel, son of Bethany Bechtel and Stewart Thomas, graduated with highest honors from the IB program at Eastside High School. He will be attending Duke University.

Aviva Bush, daughter of Charles and Michelle Bush, graduated from Buchholz High School.

Rena Cohen, daughter of Karen and Jonathan Cohen, graduated from Eastside High School. She will be attending Harvard University.

Rachel Exelbirt, daughter of Michele Gutierrez and Joseph Exelbirt, graduated from PK Yonge and Santa Fe College. She will be joining the Coast Guard.

Cara Levin, daughter of Linda Lewis and Cliff Levin, graduated from Gainesville High School. She will be attending Appalachian State University.

Leah Locasio, daughter of David and Patti Locasio, graduated from Gainesville High School. She will be attending the University of Florida.

David Sobel, son of Lynne and Eric Sobel, graduated from PK Yonge. He will be attending the EMT/paramedic program at Santa Fe College.

Andrew Storch, son of Jason and Amy Storch, graduated from Gainesville High School. He will be attending Washington University in St. Louis.

Ben Vogel, son of Sharon and Ken Vogel, will begin his studies at City College in Gainesville.

Evan Vogel, son of Sharon and Ken Vogel, graduated from Buchholz High School and will be attending the University of Utah.

College

Abigail Eisenstadt, daughter of Ann and Bill Eisenstadt, earned a B.A. in English from Johns Hopkins University. She will be attending Boston University’s graduate program in Science Journalism.

Edie Joseph, daughter of Rabbi Michael and Debbie Joseph, graduated from New York University Law School.

Amaleah Mirti, daughter of Rose Koenig and Tom Mirti, earned joint B.A. and B.S. degrees in History and Chemistry from the University of Florida.

Josh Pincus, son of Joan Pincus and David Pincus, has earned his Master’s Degree in Humanities from the University of Chicago.

Andrew Sugrue, son of Stephen and Michele Sugrue, graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government with a Master’s Degree in Public Policy.
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:

Dr. Libby Brateman,
Teacher and friend to all who knew her.

Nita Corré,
Mother of Giselle Corré & Jon Mukand

Dalia Grozobinsky Lehavy,
Mother of Ophir Lehavy & Lior Busel

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Damien Boada and Gracey Klettner! Their daughter Juniper Lee Boada Klettner was born May 6.

Mazel Tov to Pessie and Rabbi Aharon Notik on the birth of their son Kehos Notik.

On Monday, May 21, JCNCF vice president Rosalie Bandyopadhyay was named Outstanding Democratic Woman 2018 by the Democratic Women’s Club of Alachua County. From left: Paula Stahmer, Awards Committee Chair, Rosalie Bandyopadhyay, Linda Williams, President, DWCAC.

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**Society for Humanistic Judaism**

**Sunday, July 1, 2 to 3 pm**

**The JCNCF Office**

To celebrate the life of Philip Roth, the Gainesville Humanistic Judaism Community will discuss the early short story, “Defender of the Faith,” by this secular author who challenged Jewish religion, culture and institutions.

All atheistic, agnostic, secular humanistic and questioning North Central Florida Jews are invited to join us at the JCNCF office at 3835 NW 8th Ave on Sunday July 1 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. For a copy of the story, contact Rick Gold at 571.337.8018 or goldrickus@gmail.com.
Community Calendar for June 2018

Summer Hours
Starting Friday, June 1,
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Saturday, June 2
Circle Minyan at CBI, 10 am

Tuesday, June 5
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting

Friday, June 8
TSS Breakfast at the 43rd Street Deli, 9:30 am
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