A New Year, A New Look

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
JCNCF President

As we shake our heads in disbelief that another year on the Jewish calendar is drawing to a close, there is also excitement about the renewal embodied in the New Year. Judaism offers a delicious juxtaposition of the ancient and the new, of honoring history and tradition, while embracing with open arms the opportunity for new beginnings, opportunities, and ideas. Isn’t change just as much a part of life as breathing?

Doesn’t familiarity with tradition and custom ground us so that we may be open to the new? As we contemplate the complexity and meaning of ancient texts, don’t we also take a moment to update our Facebook page? Isn’t Israel the country of layers of ancient civilizations while also renowned for being the start-up nation?

Our past year at JCNCF has also been one of growth and change. We are ever evolving to better meet the needs of our community and to respond to needs abroad. We are brimming with excitement about our upcoming year. You may notice that the Chronicle looks somewhat different. JCNCF has decided to bring the Chronicle "in house" as an extension of our community engagement. We are striving for a fresh look and content that embraces the diversity of Jewish life in north central Florida.

We are a busy community, and keeping our readers abreast of the opportunities surrounding them is an important mission.

You can help by letting us know what interests you and what you want to read. We want this to be a community newspaper with fresh and interesting content. If you have been on an interesting trip, read a great book with a Jewish theme, or simply want to share Mazel Tov or memoriam, please let us know! As we evolve, and seek to adapt to the changing needs of our community, we need and welcome your help.

To our entire beloved community - L'Shana Tova!

Tikkun Olam with Dr. David & Harriet Pawliger

By Dawn Burgess-Krop

On the first day of her freshman year of college, Harriett Kitchner met David Pawliger, a first-year medical student. Soon they were attending Rosh Hashanah services together, and they have sustained their romance through courtship and 53 years of marriage.

Together Harriett and David form a powerful force for good throughout our Jewish community. For instance, in 1999 a forum of community members developed ideas to better serve the local needs of the Jewish community. Prior to that time, the Gainesville Jewish Council was primarily a pass-through organization for funds to Israel, with minimal local programming. Harriett, then a practicing occupational therapist specializing in adult and aging issues, was charged with assessing the needs and programs that met the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of seniors and the chronically and terminally ill. From her assessment, the Gainesville version of the Maimonides Society was conceived.

Harriett wanted JCNCF Maimonides to be a service program and expanded it by adding associate memberships that reached beyond the traditional fund-raising focus of medical professionals. An outreach program was developed, with volunteers driving people to medical appointments and assisting those in need with shopping, meals, and respite care. Shalom Baby Bags, Jewish Holiday Bags for Seniors, Shabbat dinners at senior centers, and the Caregivers Support Group are all programs conceived through Harriett's... (continued on page 15)
In Appreciation of Ed Hunter

Ed Hunter has faithfully edited the JCNCF Chronicle for eight years. He patiently reminded us of deadlines and worked to accommodate those who missed them. Through thick and thin, the Chronicle landed in the mailboxes of our Jewish community 10 months every year.

Ed teaches honors and AP level sciences at Gainesville High School, and you may sometimes see him performing in plays at the Gainesville Community Theater, where he was recently awarded the President’s Cup he is proudly displaying in the photo with his daughter, Caitlyn.

He has served on the Boards of JCNCF and Temple Shir Shalom, as well as serving as the Marketing Director for the Gainesville Community Theater.

As the Chronicle transitions to an internally produced publication, the Board expresses their deep gratitude to Ed for his many years of service to JCNCF and our Jewish community.

Toda Rabah, Ed!

Submissions Policy

News and announcements of events that are of interest and open to the entire Jewish community will be included as space allows. The times and places of regular and special Jewish religious events, as well as Jewish organizational events, will be placed in the Chronicle’s monthly community calendar.

Please submit original material of 500 words or less, not published or to be published elsewhere, along with photos of interest to the community. Submissions may be e-mailed in Word document format to chronicle@jcncf.org; or dropped off at the Jewish Council of North Central Florida office. Please submit photos in high resolution with a caption identifying the subject and all people depicted. JCNCF reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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By Rabbi Michael Joseph

Thanks to a grant from the JCNCF, Temple Shir Shalom’s Rabbi Michael Joseph led a group of teenagers and their parents on a journey—a pilgrimage of sorts—to Atlanta, Georgia, in early June. The journey was meant to honor the more or less 50th anniversary of many of the seminal events of the civil rights and voting rights movement of the 1960s. The group visited a variety of sites, some of them focused on Jewish attitudes and involvement in the civil rights movement, most notably The Temple, Atlanta’s oldest Reform Jewish congregation, which was bombed in October 1958 as a result of the outspoken pro-civil rights stance of its rabbi, Jacob Rothschild. Other sites visited were the Breman Jewish Heritage Museum, where the group viewed an exhibit detailing the history of Jewish Atlanta. Also on the schedule were the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center—which includes Dr. King’s childhood home and the Ebenezer Baptist Church—and the Center for Human and Civil Rights.

The trip was meant to show how close we are to historic events that might seem far away to today’s teenagers and to demonstrate how ordinary people working together for a righteous cause can bring much positive change to the world. Our trip was followed only a few weeks later by the church murders in Charleston, South Carolina. It was clear that we were not simply honoring accomplished history but also engaging in the ongoing sacred struggle for human rights and liberties in this country and around the world. Events this very summer, both good and bad—the Charleston shootings, President Obama’s eulogy, the Supreme Court’s ruling on same sex marriage—made it abundantly clear that we are still up to our necks in the same struggle for freedom that brought our Jewish ancestors out of Egypt.

One of the things noted by trip participants was the Jewish language of idealism and obligation that was used to such great effect by the leaders of the civil rights movement. Virtually all of the famous speeches that are recorded or displayed at the various museums and historical sites are filled with Old Testament phrases and cadences, and many of them used language that is familiar from the Jewish prayerbook.

As a result of this trip, teenagers and parents alike feel a new pride in their Jewish heritage and a new hope for the possibilities of effecting positive changes in Gainesville and around the world.
By Steve Slutsky, Campaign Chair

JCNCF supports Jewish life in a variety of ways. It organizes programs in our community such as the Yom Hashoah observation and the annual community picnic. It gives grants to local organizations to enhance their activities. One of its most important roles is to support overseas Jewry.

As a member of the Network of Independent Communities of Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), JCNCF joins forces with nearly 300 smaller Jewish communities to support three special projects.

One is Lunch and Learn in Dimona, Israel. This program helps nearly 500 at-risk elementary school students by funding programs that extend the school day while providing them with a nourishing hot lunch. This program helps break the cycle of poverty by enhancing the education of the young and freeing up the parents to return to full-time employment.

A second special project is PACT in Lod, Israel, which provides comprehensive educational and community services to Ethiopian-Israeli families transitioning to new and complex realities in a modern state.

The third special project, Hesed Eliyahu in Tbilisi, Georgia, helps more than 1,300 impoverished elderly Jews with food, clothing, medication, and basic human contact. Last year, JCNCF sent over $40,000 to JFNA to support these and other humanitarian programs.

In addition, JCNCF and generous members of our community sent $20,000 to the Jaffa Institute to support many programs in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv area to help at-risk children. In particular, JCNCF has adopted as a special program, Jaffa Institute’s recently established Beit Ruth Educational Village which provides services to several hundred at-risk girls and young women between the ages of 14 and 24.

We are proud of what our community has accomplished in helping those in need around the world. With increased support to our upcoming annual campaign, we will be able to continue and indeed to increase what we are able to do.

Healing the world locally and globally!

Beading for Beit Ruth on Mitzvah Day 2014. Linda Lewis (left) and Roz Okun (right) work with Jack and Grace Okun (right) to make beaded bracelets to send to the girls and young women of Beit Ruth in Afula, Israel.

Background - Rachel Silver (left) and son, Daniel (right) make no-sew fleece blankets for local charity, the Children’s Home Society. Photo credit: JCNCF
Israel in Brief: News and Developments

By Ralph Lowenstein

King David Era Writing. A rare inscription from the time of King David was recently found in the Valley of Elah, 45 minutes southwest of Jerusalem. A 3,000-year-old ceramic jar had the inscription “Eshba’al Ben [son of] Bada.” It is now one of only five such inscriptions that have been found from the tenth century BCE.

Israeli Drones Rule. Israel introduced its military drones (unmanned aerial systems) to the world market 30 years ago. At the recent 2015 Paris Air Show, Israeli medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) drones dominated the market in that category. Israel Aerospace Industries and Elbit Systems Group are two of the world’s largest producers of drones.

More French Immigrants. According to Ynet News, the number of French Jews immigrating or planning to immigrate to Israel in the first eight months of 2015 has increased 25 percent over last year’s number. The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption in Israel estimates that the total number of immigrants from France this year will reach 9,000, compared to 7,200 in 2014. The increase reflects rising anti-Semitism in France, much of it attributed to the sharply increased number of immigrants entering into France from Arab countries in North Africa. U.S. Jewish federations typically aid government and nongovernmental organizations in Israel with this type of unusual immigration.

Winning Nobel Prizes. Israel, with one of the smallest populations in the world (8 million and counting), has been ranked fifth-best in the world for overall Nobel performance in the first 15 years of the 21st century, according to a recently published Times of London Higher Education Supplement. In a separate table ranking global academic institutions by number of Nobel Prize winners, the Technion–Israel Institute of Technology came in eighth, ahead of Harvard and every British university—and coming just one place after MIT.

Extending the Fence. Israel will soon begin building a 16-foot-high fence along its eastern border with Jordan. The 19-mile segment, costing $500 million, will stretch from the southern port city of Eilat to Timna, where a new airport will be built, and will connect with a similar fence already built along the border with Sinai. It is intended to prevent radical Islamists from entering the country. Israel said the new fence will not in any way infringe on the sovereignty of Jordan or Jordan’s national interests.
**The High Holy Days: Memories and Music**

By Howard Rothman

The Awesome Days of Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are the time each year when God sits in judgment of Jews. We turn inward, reflect on the year gone by, and strive to return to the ways of God. It is difficult to go along with one's daily life and to suddenly engage in retrospection in order to get ready for returning to God—one has to prepare for it. A passage in the *Song of Songs* reads, “I (Israel) am my Beloved’s (God) and my Beloved is mine.” The first letter of the four words in Hebrew—Aleph, Lamed, Vov, and Lamed—spell Elul, which is the month preceding Rosh HaShanah, a month for preparation, for asking ourselves if our lives have been worthwhile, if we are going in the right direction, if we are contributing to the betterment of our families, our communities, our world.

Our memories help us with this endeavor. Memories can be genetic, emotional, conscious or unconscious. They can arise spontaneously or can be stimulated by some association with community or with music. Aaron Copland, the great composer, said that “we are born to certain inherited sounds.” Ernest Bloch, another great composer, felt that the soul and vigor of the Patriarchs, the love of justice taught by our sages, the sorrow of Job, and the sensuality of the *Song of Songs* are in all of us and are the better part of us. For me, and for these composers, it is music that instantly arouses a sense of Awe and Wonder. For Rosh HaShanah, the traditional opening melody of the first evening service instantly gives me a feeling of peace, a feeling of the profoundest spirituality, and a feeling of kinship with my fellow Jews. I’m conditioned to this response from years of hearing it, working up to it, and going forward from it.

As iconic as this melody is for me, the most iconic melody for Ashkenazi Jews is *Kol Nidrei*, which has been called the “Stairway to Heaven” of Jewish liturgical music. Franz Rosenzweig, the Jewish theologian and philosopher, considered converting to Christianity in the early years of the twentieth century. Before doing so, he attended what he thought would be his last Jewish service. After hearing the *Kol Nidrei* prayer, Rosenzweig said, he underwent a mystical experience that resulted in his remaining a Jew. Such is the power of the *Kol Nidrei* melody and of other traditional melodies that can evoke unconscious memories from our past traditions.

I recommend that you listen to some of these beautiful melodies as performed by great cantors. You can listen, for free, to complete recordings of our liturgy by going to the FAU Jewish Sound Archives at http://faujsa.fau.edu/jsa/home.php. Listen to Yossele Rosenblatt, Gershon Sirota, Zawel Kwartin, Zvee Aroni, and many others. You can order Richard Tucker’s *Kol Nidrei Service* and The Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir’s *Sound of Prayer* from amazon.com. Give yourselves a chance to connect to and return to a long and cherished tradition.

**Did you know that ...**

Thanks to the Jewish Council’s partnership with the B’nai Israel Community Day School, 125 North Central Florida children receive Jewish content books and CDs through the PJ Library every month! That’s 1,500 mailings a year!
Community Education & Social Opportunities

**Congregation B’nai Israel**

The first of three live webcasts of SMART CONVERSATIONS WITH THE 92ND STREET Y will be open to community viewing on Sunday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m., in B’nai’s Social Hill. The exclusive video feed will feature Dennis Ross and Ethan Bronner speaking live about the U.S.–Israel relationship during the presidencies of Harry S. Truman to Barack Obama. These webcasts, partially funded through a generous grant from the JCNCF, will allow our audience in Gainesville to interact with the speakers as they present live in New York City.

Future live webcasts include Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sachs presenting a live address entitled “Not in God’s Name—Confronting Religious Violence,” on Sunday, November 8, at 8:00 p.m. NBC newsman and Meet the Press moderator David Gregory, along with the religious scholar Erica Brown and Peter J. Rubenstein, discussing issues of faith, identity and leadership, will present on Wednesday, December 16 at 8:15 p.m.

**Friendship Circle**

It’s time to get ready for the New Year. Rosh HaShanah reminds us of new beginnings and opportunities.

Do you enjoy music, art, speakers on many subjects? Do you like to read to or watch the preschool children play and sing? Do you want to exercise with L’Tanya, our ZUMBA leader who comes once a month? How about BINGO? Cards? Mah Jongg?

Join Friendship Circle to meet new friends, schmooze, nosh, learn, and so much more. Although not every activity occurs each week, there is something for everyone at Friendship Circle. Our schedule is available on a monthly basis.

Our group meets on most Wednesday mornings in the social hall at Congregation B’nai Israel from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. We are a community organization for the Young at Heart and open to all who wish to join us.

For more information about this group, please contact Suzy Miller at suzy630@gmail.com or Dorothy Melker at dmelk4546@gmail.com.

**JCNCF Security Committee Update**

By Esther Mauffray

Mark Genatempo, from the Secure Community Network (SCN) of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), came to Gainesville in August to speak to the JCNCF board and other community members about various safety and security measures.

At JFNA Mr. Genatempo is responsible for information technology management, systems integration support, project oversight, and community outreach and training. He also oversees SCN’s National Alert Notification System, the SCN website, and the SCN Online Homeland Security and Preparedness Training Center.

Mr. Genatempo’s visit included two security workshops and a dinner presentation. Local law enforcement agencies were included along with representatives of various local Jewish organizations. His presentation was very informative and well received. His closing workshop included steps to follow to ensure a more secure Jewish community. The Security Committee plans ongoing coordination with the SCN in the next few months.

**Temple Shir Shalom**

Tuesday morning TORAH STUDY resumes on Tuesday, September 8, 9:30 am. This long-running group welcomes new members for its relaxed, digression-friendly journey through Torah. Sometimes the group covers a single verse in one session, sometimes an entire weekly portion; the group’s own level of interest and engagement sets the pace. No Hebrew or prior Torah knowledge is required, and the group welcomes Temple members and non-members, Jews and non-Jews.

Six evening classes continue Temple Shir Shalom’s continuing concentration on BACK TO BASICS. The focal text is a beautiful and concise publication by Rabbi Arthur Green, Judaism’s Ten Best Ideas: A Brief Guide for Seekers (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2014). Rabbi Joseph expects the text to inspire an animated discussion. All community members are welcome at no charge other than purchase of the book. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (October 14 & 21, November 11 & 18, December 9 & 16).
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Mon, Sept 14  RH Morning I - 8 am
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Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center ~ 2021 NW 5th Avenue, 32603
352.336.5877 ~ www.jewishgator.com
Rabbi Berl Goldman & Rabbi Aharon Chaim Notik

Sun, Sept 13  Erev RH Service & Holiday Dinner - 7:30 pm
Mon, Sept 14  RH Morning Service - 10 am
Shofar Blowing, Mussaf, Lunch - 12:30 pm
Student & Family Tashlich at Lake Alice - 5:30 pm
Evening Service, Holiday Dinner - 8:30 pm
Tues, Sept 15  RH Morning Service - 10 am
Shofar Blowing, Mussaf, Lunch - 12:30 pm
Tues, Sept 22  Kol Nidrei - 7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 23  YK Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor, Mussaf - 12:30 pm
Mincha - 5:45 pm
Neilah - 6:45 pm
Napoleon’s March - 7:50
Break Your Fast - 8:00 pm
Sun, Sept 27  Sukkot Service & Dinner - 7:30 pm
Mon, Sept 28  Morning Service, Mussaf, Lunch - 10 am
Sukkot Service & Dinner - 8:30 pm
Tues, Sept 29  Service, Mussaf, Lunch - 10 am
Wed, Sept 30  Sukkot Family Celebration, Music, BBQ and fun for everyone under the Sukkah - 5 to 7 pm
Adults $10/Children/S7 Family $36/Sponsor $180
Sun, Oct 4  Shmini Atzeret Service, Hakafot,
Dancing with the Torah, Dinner - 7:30 pm
Mon, Oct 5  Shmini Atzeret Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor, Mussaf, Kiddush 12:30 pm
Grand Simchat Torah Celebration - Service, Buffet & L’chaim, flags and treats for kids - 8:30 pm
Tues, Oct 6  Service - 10am
Hakafot, Kiddush, Mussaf - 12:30 pm
Sukkot
September 27, 28 & 29
Hoshanna Rabba
October 4
Shemini Atzeret
October 5
Simchat Torah
October 6

Temple Shir Shalom ~ 3855 NW 8th Avenue, 32605
352.371.6399 ~ www.shirshalom.net
Rabbi Michael Joseph
Sat, Sept 5 Selichot Reception & Service - 8 pm
Sun, Sept 13 Tashlich w/ Religious School - 11:30 am
Erev RH Service - 8 pm
Mon, Sept 14 RH Service - 10 am
RH Family Service - 1:30pm
Sun, Sept 20 Cemetery Memorial Service - 11 am
Tues, Sept 22 YK Morning Service - 10 am
Wed, Sept 23 YK Afternoon Service - 3:30 pm
Yizkor Memorial Service - 4:30 pm
Neilah Service - 5:30 pm
Sun, Sept 27 Sukkot Service & Potluck - 6:30pm
Sun, Oct 4 Simchat Torah Celebration - 6:30 pm

Ocala Congregations

Congregation Beth Israel ~ 7171 SW Hwy 200, 34476
352.450.2056 ~ www.bethisraelocala.org
Rabbi Karen Allen
Sun, Sept 13 Erev RH Service - 7:30 pm
Mon, Sept 14 RH Morning Service - 10 am, with lunch at Stone Creek Grill, followed by Tashlich at Shalom Park
Tues, Sept 22 Kol Nidre - 7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 23 YK Morning Service - 10 am
Afternoon Study Session - 4 pm
Yizkor Memorial Service - 4:30 pm
Neilah Service, followed by a covered dish Break the Fast - 5 pm
Sunday, Oct 4 Sukkot Celebration 3 pm

Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County & The Villages ~ 3500 SW 34th Avenue Circle, 34474
352.291.2218 ~ www.jewishmarion.org
Rabbi Yossi Hecht
Sun, Sept 13 Erev RH Service - 7:15 pm
Dinner, RSVP required - 8 pm
At Klein Conference Center at Central Florida College
Mon, Sept 14 RH Morning Service - 10 am
Torah Reading - 11:45 am
Shofar Blowing & Kiddush 12:15 pm
Tashlich Service at the College of Central Florida Campus Pond - 4 pm
Tues, Sept 15 RH Morning Service - 10 am
Torah Reading - 11:45 am
Shofar Blowing & Kiddush - 12:15 pm
Tues, Sept 22 Kol Nidre - 7:15 pm
Wed, Sept 23 YK Morning Service - 10 am
Yizkor - 12:30 pm
Mincha - 5:30 pm
Neilah - 6:30 pm
Break Your Fast - 7:59 pm
Mon, Sept 28 Sukkot Morning Service - 10 am
Shaking the Lulav & Etrog, followed by Lunch
Fri, Oct 2 Pizza in the Hut - Sukkot for Children - 3:30 pm
Mon, Oct 5 Simchat Torah Celebration with Service,
Hakafot, Buffet & L’Chaim - 7:30 pm
Tues, Oct 6 Children’s Simchat Torah Event - 5 pm
Adults also welcome!

Temple Beth Shalom ~ 1109 NE 8th Avenue, 34470
352.629.5837 ~ www.jewishocala.com
Rabbi Ze’ev Harari
Sat, Sept 5 Selichot Program - 8 pm
Sun, Sept 13 Selichot Service - 10:30 pm
Mon, Sept 14 Erev RH Service - 7:30
Mon, Sept 14 RH Service, followed by Tashlich at Tuscaloosa Park - 9:30 am
Tues, Sept 15 RH Morning Service - 9:30 am
Sun, Sept 20 Cemetery Service - 1 pm
Tues, Sept 22 Kol Nidre - 7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 23 YK Morning Service - 9:30 am
YK Afternoon Service with Yizkor, followed by Neilah & Break the Fast - 4 pm
Mon, Oct 5 Sukkot Service & Yizkor - 10 am
Simchat Torah Celebration & Dinner - 5:30 pm

Temple B’nai Darom ~ 49 Banyan Course, 34472
352.624.0380 ~ www.facebook.com/TempleBnaiDarom
Rabbi Harold Jaye
Sun, Sept 13 Erev RH Service - 7:30 pm
Mon, Sept 14 RH Morning Service - 10 am
Tues, Sept 22 Kol Nidre - 7:30 pm
Wed, Sept 23 YK Morning Service - 10 am
Mincha, Yizkor & Neilah - 4 pm
The Mitzvah Minute

The Mitzvah Minute is a brief monthly inspiration on how easy it can be to do good deeds every day, if you look for the opportunities. It only takes a minute and you can help heal the world!

Do you remember the excitement, as the summer draws to a close, of shopping for school supplies? The heady aroma of a new box of crayons, tips precisely sharp, and the inevitable search for all the supplies on that wrinkled list you clutch in your hand?

In Alachua County, too many children are unable to enjoy this yearly rite of passage. Nearly 25 percent of children in our county live below the poverty line, and school supplies are beyond the reach of their parents. You can help these children and even sneak a whiff of new crayons! Take advantage of all the sales and fill your basket with markers, paper, notebooks, pencils, and glue.

B’nai Israel has had a school supply drive until the end of July, and Temple Shir Shalom regularly supports the Pine Ridge After-School program. You can leave supplies at either location, or get them to the JCNCF office and we will make sure they get delivered.

Please help as much as you can. Your mitzvah will allow children to start their school year with the resources they need.

Did you know that ....
Once a month, Jewish Council volunteers serve a meal to hungry and homeless women at the Helping Hands Clinic! Thank you to the B’nai Israel Community Day School Ones class for sponsoring the August dinner.

JCNCF 2015/2016 Campaign Kick-Off Event

We Are Responsible One For Another:
Millenials Do Care - My Journey to
Jewish Community Leadership

Samantha Dubrinsky is the Director of Community Impact & Special Projects at The Birmingham Jewish Federation

Sunday, October 11, 2015
Temple Shir Shalom
3855 NW 8th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Sponsored by
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The Birmingham Jewish Federation, and
The Jewish Federations of North America
Gainesville Hadassah Update / Fall 2015

By Meredith Whittington-Bacharach, Gainesville Hadassah President

Gainesville Hadassah wishes all a sweet and meaningful Rosh Hashanah holiday with the hope that we can each find within us more insight and clarity and a renewed sense of purpose. Our chapter membership has grown in the last year, and we always welcome new members. We also thank everyone for their commitment and contributions to Hadassah’s mission to support Israel. With your dedicated contributions, we are able to send critical monetary support to the Hadassah Medical Organization for care and research that benefit all persons regardless of religious or cultural affiliation.

Our Hadassah interest groups are very successful! Rosh Chodesh, led by Beverly Sherman, meets at the Congregation B’nai Israel Social Hall. On Tuesday, October 13, at 10 am, Estelle Aden will give a presentation entitled Lincoln and the Jews. On Tuesday, November 10, at 10 am, Barbara Oberlander will discuss the influence of women leaders throughout American history. For more information, please call Beverly at 352.377.6966.

Michelle Jensen continues to lead our Garden Interest Group. Please contact her at 352.375.3003 or mwjensen@cox.net if you are interested in participating in this green and growing group!

Our Art Interest Group is led by Diane Brody. For more information, please contact her at 352.226.7195 or dartist1@att.net.

Marcy Brody leads our Book Interest Group. For more information, please contact her at 616.529.3050 or marcybrody@gmail.com.

Ann Heft continues to coordinate our Cards and Certificates effort. Please call or email Ann at 352.376.8145 or aheft@gmail.com if you would like to join “Cards on Account,” which enables you to prepay for a number of cards—that’s a simple and easy way of sending thoughtful and lovely messages, handwritten by Ann!

Our next Hadassah general meeting will be announced shortly. Please contact Meredith Bacharach, Gainesville Chapter President, at mwbacharach@gmail.com or 352.256.7631 with questions or concerns.

We are also in the process of accepting nominations for several board positions. If you are interested in serving Hadassah, please contact Meredith Bacharach at mwbacharach@gmail.com or 352-256-7631.

Please save the date for Hadassah’s Fall Gala, which we are hosting at 8 pm on October 24, at the Congregation B’nai Israel Social Hall! Our goal is to have a great time, dance, and raise funds for Hadassah’s Heart Health Institute and cardiology initiative.

Did you know that ....

JCNCF’s Caregivers Support Group meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month?

This free service to the community is facilitated by Lori Waxenberg, Ph.D., and Nancy Kanter, Ph.D.

Please contact Lori at loribwax@gmail.com prior to attending a first meeting.

Seniors in the Sukkah

Wednesday, Sept 30
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Congregation B’奈 Israel
3830 NW 16th Blvd
32605

JCNCF & Friendship Circle invite you to Brunch in the Hut!

Enjoy music by the fabulous Klezmer Katz and fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah with a delicious bagel and lox brunch!

Please RSVP by Friday, September 25 call 352.371.3846 or email office@jcnf.org
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. We begin this month with the following announcements and regret any oversights.

Mazel tov to Jake Melker, son of Amy and Jeremy Melker, on his Bar Mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom on July 18, 2015. Jake loves to swim and is a whiz at Legos and puzzles. Jake loves music and plays the piano as well as the bells at Kanapaha Middle School, where he was awarded the title of Outstanding Band Member.

Mazel tov to Jodi Mansfield on her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom on July 25, 2015.

Mazel tov to David Rich, son of Elana and Joel Rich, on his Bar Mitzvah on August 29, 2015 at B’nai Israel. David has been dedicated to the COACH (Combating Obesity for Alachua County Health) program spearheaded by Dr. Norman Levy and Roslyn Levy, which seeks to help Alachua County residents exercise and improve their diets. David assists in greeting walkers and creating social media for the program. David is celebrating his 13th birthday by attending a Gator football game with his father.

Mazel tov to George Otto and Diane Baruch Otto, who welcomed the arrival of Emma Carolyn Chaviva on July 29, 2015.

Mazel tov to JCNCF’s own Executive Director, Virginia Brissette, on her marriage to Russell Hirshik on Tu B’Av - July 30, 2015. Russ is the Director of New Media Strategies for Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Trend Realty. Friends and relatives came from near and far to celebrate the joyous occasion. The 5 days of festivities included a Shabbat Dinner as well as a 60th Birthday party for Virginia’s brother, David, who traveled down from Northern Maine. The happy couple plan to take a romantic honeymoon in Paris and Rome next winter.

L-R: Eric, Andy and Sharon Hirshik (from left), gather with Dr. Gary Brissette and Arthur Canter (at right) to say HaMotzi with the newlyweds Russell Hirshik and Virginia Brissette Hirshik (center). Photo credit: Rob Witzel Photography

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

Kelvin Abbott, Sharon Bonds, and Rhoda Chester

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Save the Date for Mitzvah Day 2015
Sunday, November 22!

Did you know that ....
Since the first JCNCF community Mitzvah Day in 2010, Dr. David Pawliger and his team of volunteers have cleaned up a section of NW 8th Avenue every other month!
Many thanks to David and his crew for helping to keep Gainesville beautiful!
Jewish Community Calendar for September 2015

Tuesday, September 1
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi David Kaiman at Congregation B’nai Israel, 12 pm

Wednesday, September 2
JCNF Caregivers Support Group, 7 pm; for location and more information contact Lori Waxenberg at loribwax@gmail.com
Cong. B’nai Israel Day School Open House 7:30-9:00 pm

Monday, September 7 ~ Labor Day
CBI & Day School, JCNF & TSS offices are closed

Tuesday, September 8
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi David Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday, September 9
Friendship Circle at Cong. B’nai Israel, 10:30 am to 1 pm
CBI Day School Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting, 8:30 am
CBI Day School Young Couple Cooking Class, 7-9 pm

Thursday, September 10
Congregation B’nai Israel Board Meeting, 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 13 ~ Erev Rosh Hashanah
Temple Shir Shalom First Day of Religious School, 9 am

Monday, September 14 ~ Rosh Hashanah I
CBI & Day School, JCNF & TSS offices are closed

Tuesday, September 15 ~ Rosh Hashanah II
TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am

Wednesday, September 16
Friendship Circle at Cong. B’nai Israel, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday, September 17
JCNF Board Meeting at Temple Shir Shalom, 7 pm
Mr. Kaplan at The Hippodrome Cinema, 7 pm

Sunday, September 20
CBI Men’s Club Meeting, 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 22 - Erev Yom Kippur
TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi David Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm

Wednesday, September 23 ~ Yom Kippur
CBI & Day School, JCNF & TSS offices are closed

Friday, September 25
CBI Day School Sukkah City Event, 9-11 am

Monday, September 28 ~ Sukkot I
CBI & Day School, JCNF & TSS offices are closed

Tuesday, September 29 ~ Sukkot II
CBI & Day School, JCNF offices are closed

Wednesday, September 30
CBI Day School Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting, 8:30 am
JCNF Seniors in the Sukkah Brunch with Friendship Circle, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Tikkun Olam
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David is as busy as Harriett. A JCNF-sponsored class on klezmer music offered by Lisa Johnson in 1999 renewed his interest in music. He became inspired to learn to play the baritone horn, having been a drummer keeping rhythm for other instruments. The well-known and entertaining Klezmer Katz grew out of that class. In 2002, David joined the Gainesville Community Band and now serves as its musical librarian and vice president. Every year we hold our breath and exhale in appreciation as David expertly blows the shofar for the High Holidays at both Congregation B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom, where the Pawligers maintain dual family memberships.

David’s service to our community includes as president of B’nai Israel and a member of many boards. Many of us also recognize David as the man with the trash bag, as he solicits volunteers for monthly trash cleanup along city roadways, an outgrowth of JCNF’s Mitzvah Day.

Between their busy lives, Harriett and David have found time to have three wonderful daughters and to enjoy two grandsons. Their inspirations, ideas, and dedicated service have sustained our community for many years. We honor them because they inspire us to do mitzvot, to love our community, and to leave it a better place through kindness and good deeds.

Thank you, David and Harriet!
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