Patrick Stewart Comedy Kicks Off Fourth Gainesville Jewish Film Festival

*Hunting Elephants*, an Israeli comedy starring Sir Patrick Stewart, has been selected as the kick-off film for the Fourth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival beginning March 9.

The Jewish Council of North Central (JCNCF) and the University of Florida’s Center for Jewish Studies sponsor the annual event in collaboration with the Hippodrome Cinema, Gary Gerson Lecture Series, Dr. Michael and Phyllis Warren, the Norman and Irma Braman Chair in Holocaust Studies, the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica and the UF Center for Women’s Studies. The six-day festival will feature an assortment of children programming, documentaries and feature-length films.

The festival begins with a free red carpet event for PJ Library member families at 3:30 p.m. where children will be able to walk the red carpet, enjoy kid friendly snacks and watch a special screening of Shalom Sesame’s *Be Happy, It’s Purim!* Jiggleman will close the children’s event with his outrageous one-man comedy show.

Following the children’s event, a VIP reception for invited guests will be held, followed by the screening of *Hunting Elephants*, which features Stewart as one of three senior citizens who set out to help a teenager rob a bank in a revenge scheme.

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From left: Moni Monoshov, Sasson Gabai, Gil Blank and Sir Patrick Stewart star in the 2013 Israeli comedy *Hunting Elephants* which will open the Gainesville Jewish Film Festival on Sunday, March 9 at 7:30 pm.

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March Tikkun Olam – Gainesville’s Fifth Annual Mitzvah Day Of Service On March 30

The February Chronicle profiled Norm and Roz Levy’s *Tikkun Olam* efforts to improve Alachua County’s health. The March Mitzvah Hero profile is YOU – the collective Jewish community of North Central Florida! On Sunday, March 30, volunteers will gather at Congregation B’nai Israel for Gainesville’s fifth annual Mitzvah Day. In the five years since the first Mitzvah Day in June 2010, this community has collected tens of thousands of pounds of food, clothing and other essential items, donated hundreds of hours of time, and touched countless lives with our service.

Volunteering has been the Jewish way long before Mitzvah Day. However, the collective effort of organizing a number of projects on one day gives our community an opportunity to highlight the causes that are important to us and to celebrate the joy of repairing the world together. The goal of Mitzvah Day is to encourage community service as a regular practice and to make every day a *Mitzvah Day*.

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Join Chabad For A Purim In India

The Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center is hosting the 14th Annual Purim around the world feast and celebration with the whole family on Sunday March 16, 2014 at the center, 2021 NW 5th Ave. (five blocks north of the stadium).

Megillah Reading and Snacks 4:30 p.m. with the Indian Buffet Feast and entertainment beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Highlights include:
• Dine at Tandoori’s Royal Indian Cuisine Buffet with a variety of Kosher Indian delicacies including meat, chicken and vegetarian favorites, plus dessert table and open bar.
• Live Entertainment
• Jewish Music
• Indian Masquerade (or costume of your choice)
• Free Raffle! Purim fun and entertainment for all ages!

Cost: adults: $16, children and students: $10. Sponsorships at the following levels also are available. Silver Sponsor: $180 and Gold Sponsor: $360.00

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(352) 336-5877
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Four Mitzvos, Commandments, of Purim

More than 2000 years ago in the country of Persia, King Achashverosh took a new bride, Queen Esther, a secret Jewess. With the help of G-d, she saved the Jewish nation from complete annihilation by Haman.

Each year on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar we celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim to commemorate this great miracle.

There are four special Mitzvos we perform on Purim:
1. HEAR the reading of the Megillat Esther (story of Purim) on Purim night and again the next day.
2. SEND Mishloach Manot (food packages containing at least two ready-to-eat items) to at least one friend.
3. GIVE Matanot La’evyonim (charity to the poor) to at least two needy people or put money into charity boxes.
4. EAT a Purim feast during Purim day with family and friends.

This year Purim begins at sundown on Saturday, March 15 and concludes on Sunday, March 16 in the evening.

Beth Israel Invites All To Take A GIANT Step This Purim

The North Central Florida community is invited to share in the joyous celebration of Purim with Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala on Sunday March 16, 2014 at 4:30pm at the Arbor Conference Center (rooms E,F, and G) at On Top of the World.

There will be a retelling of the story of Esther in English followed by a potluck supper.

In keeping with the frivolous nature of the holiday, a special Purimspiel titled Take A GIANT Step will be performed.

The original skit based on the story of David and Goliath was written by Judi Siegal and features members of the congregation.

Those who wish to attend are asked to bring a dish based on the first letter of their last name: A-E, main dish, F-M, dessert, N-Z, side dish or appetizer. Homemade or store bought food is acceptable. Please contact Estelle 352 861-2452 or Lois 352 291-1308 for reservations.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala is a Jewish Reconstructionist Community in association with the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Beth Israel is inclusive, liberal, and progressive. All are invited to join.

Congregation Beth Shalom Ocala Hosts Purim Potluck And Concert

Congregation Beth Shalom in Ocala’s Purim celebration is March 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Events kick off with the annual potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by the temple's always enter-
Hadassah News For March

Hadassah History
Zionism is the belief in the right of the Jewish people to self-determination on their 5,000 year old ancient and legitimately acquired homeland. Hadassah is a Zionist organization that has been working for over 100 years to create a strong, successful nation for our Jewish people.

Hadassah Academic College (HAC) educates the next generation of Israel's skilled professionals. 90% of HAC graduates find employment or are accepted for graduate work in their chosen fields within six months of graduation. Hadassah scholarships support students from every walk of life as they prepare for challenging and gratifying careers in Israel.

The results of the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) research efforts are mandated to be shared with the rest of the world. For this, and other reasons, Hadassah was nominated several years ago to receive a Nobel Peace Prize. To learn more about the important work of Hadassah, please visit www.hadassah.org, www.Facebook.com/Hadassah or www.YouTube.com/Hadassah.

If you want to see photos and learn about us at the local level, go to: www.hadassah.org/Gainesville or www.Facebook.com/Gainesville Hadassah.

Cooking
A new hands-on cooking class, Cooking with Corinne, begins on March 30 at 1 p.m. when Corinne Lipnick teaches us a variety of charoseth recipes. Enrollment is limited. Call Corinne to sign up.

Summer Camp
Time to think about summer camp programs. You won’t find a better experience than Camp Judaea. For more information email info@campjudaea.org or visit www.campjudaea.org.

Upcoming Training
March 23 is a statewide leadership conference. If you would like to meet interesting women and learn important skills, please consider attending. Late reservations can be accepted.

How you can help
You can choose what aspect of Hadassah you want to target for your support. The HMO (Hadassah Medical Organization), the Davidson Tower, Young Judaea, Youth Aliyah Villages for at-risk young people, and the Hadassah Academic College scholarships are all possibilities.

That is why Hadassah is asking us to make an annual commitment of a specific amount. For example, you could join the Chai Society ($180 or $360 or $540 as an annual gift) and the monthly payments can be automatically deducted. Think of it. Instead of spending $15 on a manicure, you could be feeding an abused teen. Contact Suzanne Chester for more information.

Are you thinking of creative ways to use your pushke to support the important work of Hadassah? Share it with us: Gainesville @hadassah.org.
Temple Shir Shalom's world famous Purim Carnival will take place this year on Sunday, March 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Purim Carnival is the highlight of the Religious School year—and a highlight for much of the community, as well.

There will be great food, fun games, fabulous prizes, an exciting silent auction, and a lucky raffle. Hopefully pony rides too! Volunteers are hard at work collecting items for the silent auction baskets, which will include:

- Kids’ basket: games, books, crafts, etc.
- Pet basket: toys, treats, costumes, etc.
- Dessert basket: chocolate, cookies, candies, baking, etc.
- Trader Joes Basket: your favorite Trader Joes items
- Date Night Basket: wine, restaurant gift card, food items, pasta, sauce, etc.

The theme of this year’s Purim celebration at Temple Shir Shalom, both at the Megillah reading on Saturday, March 15 and the Carnival on March 16, is “Broadway by Night; Coney Island by Day”—a great mixture of the elegant and the wacky.

Start working on your costumes today!

100 Daily Blessings?

Rabbi Marcia Prager writes “The Sufi poet Rumi said your depression is related to your refusal to praise…. [which is] the antidote to depression. When I pray the words of praise, the clots of dissatisfaction soften. The flow of energy pulses with vitality. I am re-energized.” Cicero, Roman author, orator and politician wrote: “Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.” A 2003 experiment in the field of positive psychology noted that those who kept gratitude journals…exercised more regularly, reported fewer physical symptoms, felt better about their lives as a whole…compared to those who recorded hassles or neutral life events (Emmons and McCullough, 2003).

The Hebrew term for gratitude is (Continued on page 14)
For the fifth consecutive year, the women of North Central Florida will come together to raise needed funds and continue our support of the Beit Ruth Educational Village in Afula, Israel.

This signature JCNCF event was begun by Dr. Barbara Herbstman to support this joint project of the Jaffa Institute and WIZO (Women’s International Zionist Organization). Once again JCNCF is honored that Mitch Chupak will be visiting us from the Jaffa Institute in Israel to bring us an update.

The brunch will be held at the home of Rosalie Bandyopadhyay, Sunday April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Levels of support are: Sponsor: $100, Supporter: $72 and Friend: $54.

Invitations will be sent in early March or you can RSVP at any time to Virginia@jcncf.org or rosaliemb@hotmail.com. Even if you cannot attend the event, donations to help the girls are needed. Details will be included with the invitations.

In 2006 the Jaffa Institute opened the Beit Ruth Hostel for at-risk girls. The success of this hostel led to the realization that a larger and more permanent residential facility was needed. Thus was born the dream of the Beit Ruth Educational Village which, when completed, will serve over 200 girls. The women of North Central Florida are proud that our support began when the project was still a dream. The first two buildings (of proposed 10) are now open. In addition to the girls in residence, nearly 100 girls for whom it is safe to live at home study at the school.

The facility is designed for at-risk girls and teens who come from troubled homes and whose families are dysfunctional and abusive. This is a safe haven for them where they can develop socially, academically and emotionally. The goal of Beit Ruth Village is to have 10 residential units each housing 15 girls and staff; have professional counseling staff available 24/7 and that each girl achieves academic success and safely integrates into society.

Please join others in our community in supporting the continued development of this exceptional program to educate and empower these at-risk girls and young women.
JCNCF Grants Fund Area Activities

By Rosalie Bandyopadhyay
For the Grants Committee

Since its inception, the mission of the Jewish Council of North Central Florida has been two-fold: 1) support Jewish communities in Israel and around the world and 2) enhance Jewish life in our own community.

A portion of the funds donated by the community during our Annual Campaign has been designated by the JCNCF Board of Directors annually to fund activities in North Central Florida.

The JCNCF Grants Committee will begin evaluating requests for funding shortly.

The committee is looking for creative programs that benefit and engage the Jewish community – both those affiliated with a religious institution and those who are unaffiliated. Any Jewish institution in North Central Florida can submit a grant request.

Entities whose program will bring a greater understanding of Jewish themes and issues may also apply. The activity should be charitable, cultural, educational or religious in nature.

Funding will not be awarded to offset usual budget line items of the organization or for personnel salaries. For specific requirements, please check the JCNCF website and click the link to the grant request.

Grants must be submitted by March 31. Considering the amount of funding available each year from the Campaign, the Grants Committee will forward their recommendations to the full Board of Directors who will make the final decisions.

Notification to grantees will be made by June 15. Final reports are due to JCNCF from grantees by December 31.

JCNCF and Temple Shir Shalom’s Social Action Committee co-sponsored a Shabbat Dinner for Jewish residents at the Village on February 21. Rabbi Michael Joseph and the volunteers led a service and served dinner for over 50 guests. Shown at the Shabbat Dinner are: foreground: Alan & David Geering; Back (left to right) Marcia Phillips, Mickey Goldberg, Lillian Luchinsky, June Mester, and Sue and Al Amar.

The next JCNCF Jewish Senior outreach event will be a Purim brunch co-hosted with the Friendship Circle at Congregation B’nai Israel on March 12. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Damien Boada at engagement@jcncf.org or 352.371.3846.

JCNCF Grants Fund Area Activities

BROADWAY BY NIGHT
Sat. March 15

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER
6:00 pm followed by MEGILLAH READING

CONEY ISLAND BY DAY
Sun. March 16

PURIM CARNIVAL
11:00 am-1:00pm Rain or Shine!

Games, raffles, silent auction, face painting, animals, food, and PRIZES!! Tickets available for presale & at the event.

BYO drinks (adult & other)
RSVP for dinner: office@shirshalom.net or call (352) 371-6399 by March 12.
Costumes recommended

Purim 2014

Happy Purim!
Every other month since June 2010, Dr. David Pawliger has led a dedicated crew in cleaning up 8th Avenue. Congregation B’nai Israel’s Lev Tov group, led by Rebeca Shalom, serves meals at St. Francis House twice a month.

Randy Kraft and Nancy Parks, who lead the Social Action group at Temple Shir Shalom, have been supporting the Pine Ridge After School Program for several years now, and volunteers from across the community support the JCNCF’s monthly project at the Helping Hands Clinic.

The fifth annual JCNCF Mitzvah Day of service to the Gainesville community will be held on Sunday, March 30. Registration, breakfast and a brief program with remarks by Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones will kick off the morning at 9 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel (3830 NW 16th Blvd). Volunteers will then disperse to work on a variety of projects at B’nai Israel, Temple Shir Shalom and other locations throughout Gainesville.

It’s not too late to be part of project planning for Mitzvah Day. Donations of goods, services, time, and/or money are critical and will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the JCNCF office (3835 NW 8th Avenue), Congregation B’nai Israel and Temple Shir Shalom.

To get involved with Mitzvah Day, to donate or to sign up for projects on March 30, please go to www.jcncf.org or contact Community Engagement Associate Damien Boada at 352.371.3846 or engagement@jcncf.org.

Join us for one of the following projects on Mitzvah Day. Volunteers are encouraged to donate the necessary supplies for their specific projects or any other projects. Supplies needed for each project are listed in the project details.

**Mitzvah Day Schedule**

9:00 Registration & Breakfast at Congregation B’nai Israel
9:30 Welcome - Dawn Burgess-Krop, JCNCF President
9:40 Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones
9:50 Depart to Projects

**Projects at Congregation B’nai Israel**

**Bread of the Mighty Food Drive**

- Bring non-perishable food items to help CBI’s ongoing effort for Bread of the Mighty.
- Team Leader: Dr. Eloise Harman

**Feeding the Hungry**

- Team Leader: Elaine Kaplan
- Volunteers will assemble lunches and sort and organize toiletries to be distributed at Bo Diddley Community Plaza. This team needs donations of: peanut butter, jelly, sliced cheese, bread, hard boiled eggs, cookies, bananas, bottled water, toiletries (hotel sized shampoos, conditioners, soaps, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc), Ziploc sandwich bags, socks, batteries, candles.

**Lone Soldier Care Packages**

- Team Leader Needed
- Volunteers will organize and assemble care packages and write letters to send to Lone Soldiers serving in Israel. The care packages will need...
Film Festival

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Ashgichim. The event promises to enlighten movie-goers and explore the beautiful realm of Jewish culture.

"I am so proud and excited to present the 2014 Gainesville Jewish Film Festival selections. These are not just seven Jewish films, they are seven human stories that will entertain you, enlighten you and probably, provoke you. Enjoy the ride!" said JCNCF Executive Director Virginia Brissette.

Jack Kugelmass, Director of the Center for Jewish Studies said the films shown at the Gainesville Festival convey a universal message about Jews and Israel.

"For years now, I've had the pleasure of attending the annual Jerusalem Film Festival. Although by no means restricted to Jewish subjects, the festival features a number of Jewish films made either in Israel or abroad. Many of these are excellent, often informative and even disturbing, or they may tell a compelling story of universal significance even though ostensibly about Jews or Israel," Kugelmass said. "Bringing these films to Gainesville gives members of this community both on and off campus a chance to become familiar with the range of recent films on Jewish and Israeli subjects.

"But the real surprise here is how strong Israeli films have become and why the film world is increasingly paying attention to what that country produces," he said.

This year, the festival will run from March 9, 10 and 11 and March 16, 17 and 18.

Festival feature films are $7 each. Attendees can purchase a Festival Pass and save -- see any 3 films for $18 (Chai Pass) or all 7 for $36 (Double Chai Pass). Reserve tickets and passes securely online at www.jcncf.org.

College students with a valid student ID will be able to access all of the films free of charge thanks in part to UF Jewish Student Union’s Jewish Awareness Month. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at www.jcncf.org.

For more information, please contact Virginia Brissette at virginia@jcncf.org. For information regarding the Hippodrome Cinema, please contact Alisha Kinman, Cinema Director at the Hippodrome Cinema, at Alisha@thehipp.org.

Film Schedules and Descriptions

Hunting Elephants, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Hunting Elephants centers on an Israeli boy whose father is killed while working at a local bank. The bank not only refuses to take responsibility, but also moves to repossess the boy’s home. The boy must find money fast and decides to rob the bank that offended him. But he needs a team. Unfortunately for Jonathan, the only crew he has access to is three senior citizens.

Bethlehem, March 10, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem tells the story of the complex relationship between an Israeli Secret Service officer and his teenage Palestinian informant. The film is a raw portrayal of characters torn apart by competing loyalties and impossible moral dilemmas, giving an unparalleled glimpse into the world of human intelligence.

Wild West Hebron, March 11, 7 p.m.

Wild West Hebron challenges the idea of hero and villain. The journey of one settler defies common preconception. Born to a Protestant family, Yochanan Sharet converts to Judaism then moves and builds a farm near the settlements of Susia. Sharet becomes notorious for his harassment of Palestinians and he soon finds the tales have turned when he is driven off his land, with his life and home in danger.

Mamele, March 16, 4 p.m.

In this restored gem, Mamele (1938) embraces the gamut of interwar Jewish life in Lodz — tenements, unemployed Jews, gangsters and religious Jews all celebrating Sukkot — but the film belongs to Molly Picon, Queen of the Yiddish Musical, who romps through her dutiful daughter role saving siblings, keeping the family intact & singing her way through the stages of a woman’s life from childhood to old age.

Fill The Void, March 16, 7 p.m.

Fill the Void tells the story of Shira who is about to be married off to a promising young man of the same age. On Purim, her older sister dies during childbirth, leaving her husband, Yochay, to care for the child and postponing Shira’s promised match. When the girls’ mother finds out that Yochay may leave the country with her only grandchild, she proposes a match between Shira and the widower. Shira must choose between her

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This exciting program year at Temple Shir Shalom continues, after a very busy February, with several important events.

First on the calendar, on March 19, is an evening workshop in the “Life’s Transitions in a Jewish Key” series, led by Rabbi Joseph, that will focus on our journey, and the journey of our loved ones, from independence to dependence.

Past sessions have focused on questions of life and death: “why is it important that we face our mortality squarely?”; “what intimations have I felt (or not felt) of something beyond life?”; “what happens after I die?”.

This upcoming session will focus on our personal and communal obligations to our beloved dead. This and other events in the “Life’s Transitions” series are supported by a grant from the JCNCF. Also on the schedule in March at Temple Shir Shalom is the second in a series of workshops on leading a Shabbat service. This session, set for Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m., is for people who are interested in adult bar/bat mitzvah, who might like to volunteer to lead a service in the rabbi’s absence, or for people who simple desire a better understanding of Jewish worship. Everyone is welcome on March 25 for a look at the “building blocks” of a Shabbat worship experience.

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**B’NAI ISRAEL SISTERHOOD’S HAMENTASCHEN BAKE**
Sunday, March 9, 2014

**Hamentaschen Order Form**
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**Hamentaschen order pickup**
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For questions contact Elaine Kaplan at elainekaplan@gmail.com or Lisa Cayton at b4useeit@aol.com

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**Community Nachas**

**Ocala Rabbi Ze’ev Harari Engaged To Lynn Dennen**

Congregations rarely get to celebrate an engagement proposal, but that’s what happened at Ocala’s Temple Beth Shalom.

Rabbi Ze’ev Harari delivered a very sweet proposal to Lynn Dennen at Friday evening services January 3. Rabbi Harari surprised everyone, including his sweetheart Lynn, with his proposal of marriage.

Just before welcoming the Shabbat Bride with the singing of *L’Chah Dodi*, Rabbi Harari explained the meaning of the word “Kalah”, which is Hebrew for “Bride”. He went on to say that he hoped to make Lynn a Kalah! He walked to her, and, on bended knee, proposed!

Lynn said “yes.” The date of the wedding has not been announced.

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Temple Shir Shalom members (from left) Adin Richards, Lila Bernhardt and Oona Roberts pose with ribbons and certificates after their projects won at the recent Alachua County Regional Science Fair.
Mitzvah Day 2014

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donations of the following items: hotel or sample sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, shaving gel, razors (male/female), tooth brushes and paste, deodorant (male/female), sun screen, anti-insect bite spray or wipes, sock (black or white standard male and female adult cotton socks, adult large black or white undershirts.

Stone Soup Casserole Brigade
Team Leaders: Dawn Burgess-Krop & CBI Sisterhood

Volunteers will gather ingredients in the tradition of the Stone Soup story and create an assembly line of casseroles (mac & cheese, tuna, faux beffaroni) to be donated to Ronald McDonald House, the Helping Hands Clinic, St. Francis House, etc.

Young Family Mitzvah Day Activities
Team Leader: Sharon Hirshik

The projects are designed for elementary school aged children and their parents. Families will move through 4 kid-friendly project stations:
1) Make no sew fleece blankets for Children's Home Society & Arbor House
2) Design cards for Lone Soldier care packages
3) Create beaded jewelry for the girls and young women at the Beit Ruth home in Israel.
4) Assemble trail mix snack bags for the Pine Ridge After School Program.

Projects at Temple Shir Shalom
Bread of the Mighty Food Drive

Collect non-perishable food items to donate to Bread of the Mighty.

Care Packages for Teens Aging Out of Foster Care
Team Leader: Marcia Storch

This group will organize household goods into move in care packages for young men and women who age out of the foster care system. This project will benefit the Corner Drug Store. Supplies needed: kitchen utensils and linens, bed and bath linens, cleaning implements and supplies, paper products.

Pet Care Supply Packaging
Team Leader: Debra Trione & TSS Sisterhood

Volunteers will take large bags of dog and cat food and break them down into quart and gallon sized bags to be distributed via the St. Francis House Pet Care Clinic.

Supplies needed: dog food, cat food, treats, leashes, collars, flea control, toys, towels

BOLD Rain Barrel Project
Team Leader: Steve Bobroff

This team will be assembling and painting rain barrels to be used by the group, BOLD (Brave Overt Leaders of Distinction). Participants should be comfortable with using tools such as a jigsaw and power drill.

Sort Clothing
Team Leader Needed

Volunteers will sort clothing according to the needs of several area charities: Taccachale, Displaced Home-makers, Reichert House, Pace, St. Francis House, Helping Hands Clinic.

All Mitzvah Day volunteers are encouraged to contribute to this project and may drop off their clothing donations on Mitzvah Day or before. Specific clothing items needed: men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, purses, new and used under-shirts and t-shirts of all sizes, new and used socks, collared shirts, khaki pants, teenage boys and young men, women's clothing for job interviews and work, school uniform appropriate clothes for children and teenagers.

Other Project Sites
Adopt-a-Street Clean Up of NW 8th Ave.
Team Leader: Dr. David Pawliger

This project will clean up a section of NW 8th Avenue between 13th and 22nd Streets. Necessary equipment, supplies and water will be provided.

Pine Ridge Clean Up & Fix Up
Team Leaders: Randy Kraft & Nancy Parks

The Temple Shir Shalom Social Action Committee is sponsoring a cleanup and fix up project at the Pine Ridge After School Program in the Northwood Villas neighborhood.

This team needs cleaning supplies and paint.

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Olympic Challenge

By Rabbi Berl Goldman
Lubavitch-Chabad
Jewish Student & community Center at the University of Florida

It’s almost Purim and for months now, my kids have been discussing and searching for the perfect costume. This year there is an extra month for the excitement to build, since it is a leap year and Purim is celebrated in the second Hebrew month Adar.

The anticipation and enthusiasm is not unlike that which surrounds the Olympics, both by athletes, fans and spectators, before and during the festivities.

I was in London during the last summer Olympics, attending my brother in law’s wedding, and despite not being near the Olympic stadium, I felt the energy it carried through the entire city.

Chassidic masters have taught that everything that happens is Hashgacha Protis, Divine Providence and each occurrence holds an important lesson that we can apply to our lives. Thus, it can be concluded that Purim and the Olympics in Sochi coming so close together must have something in common from which we can learn a spiritual lesson.

A person’s ability to reach beyond his physical limitations, to work hard and strive towards a seemingly unattainable goal through painstaking effort, sheer will and the desire to succeed. This both describes Olympian athletes and the Jews in the time of the Purim story.

Haman convinced King Achashverosh to approve of his evil decree, and put his stamp and seal on the annihilation of the Jewish nation. The future looked bleak and dark, but instead of converting or giving up, they decided to fight back.

Through a combination of Esther’s sacrifice and heroism along with the prayers, good deeds and fasting of the Jewish men, women and children, they displayed a confidence, inner strength and will to rise above the tide and change the inevitable outcome.

Despite the bleak outlook and the very remote possibility that everything would end well, the Jewish nation put extreme effort both in the physical and spiritual realms and had faith that their efforts would help destroy the decree.

Yet, they did not do it alone. Just as an Olympian must be trained by a coach, Mordechai the leader of the Jewish people encouraged and convinced his niece Esther and his people that they had what it took to triumph over evil.

He prayed with the children, encouraged the adults and made them see that the impossible could happen. And so it was. King Achashverosh gave the Jews permission to fight back and, “For the Jews there was light, joy, gladness and honor.”

The Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory pointed out these themes of Purim as they relate to our lives. Everyone faces challenges, difficulties that perhaps at times may seem insurmountable. We are then to remind ourselves of the Jews in the time of Purim. Their very lives were at stake, and yet they had hope, faith and the knowledge that one never despairs, but always attempts to go beyond the known and the natural.

We live in relatively easy times, yet life demands that we reach in our innermost recesses of inner strength and determination to prevail and triumph.

In the spirit and joy of Purim, Chanie and our children wish y’all a very happy Purim and look forward to welcoming you at the Purim in India feast and celebration on Sunday March 16, 2014 – 4:30pm at the Center. Please don’t forget to RSVP.

Note: The articles written or published by the Lubavitch-Chabad Center are primarily based on Chassidic insights, discourses, letters and talks by the Lubavitch Rebbe of righteous memory. Periodically we present articles and thoughts from Chabad.org and its contributing writers. We thank Chabad.org and its staff for allowing us to publish and share its inspiring articles.

Rosh Hodesh Talk Is On Eleanor Roosevelt

Dr. Barbara Oberlander will be the next presenter for Hadassah’s Rosh Hodesh discussion group. Oberlander is a retired professor emeritus, Santa FE College and has a PhD from Brandeis University on History of American Civilization.

Since retiring, she has taught courses introducing the first ladies.

This talk will be in honor of Women’s History Month. Oberlander will speak about “Eleanor Roosevelt, Our Greatest First Lady.”

The event is free and open to the public at Congregation B’nai Israel, 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18th.

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hakarat ha-tov, “recognition of the good”. It is the central enterprise of Jewish prayer and blessing. Gratitude grounds us in a kind of mindfulness that makes life richer, sweeter and more vibrant.

Make time in your life for prayer and blessing. If there were only one gift of Judaism that I could bestow magically it would be the gift of meaningful, soulful and heartfelt prayer that is unfortunately elusive and anything but simple. Nevertheless, we rabbis and teachers want nothing more than to teach the clarity that blessings of gratefulness can bestow in your life. Wishing you prayers for a joyful Purim and satisfying Pesach.

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Temple Shir Shalom
Community Seder Info

Temple Shir Shalom will host its annual Community Passover Seder on the first night of Passover, Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

The menu includes baked apricot chicken, brisket of beef, vegetables and of course matzo ball soup, charoset, gefilte fish and all the traditional fixings. Food will be served family style so there is no need to indicate vegetarian preferences.

Prices until March 28 are: Adults: $45 (members) and $55 (nonmembers), Children 9-12: $20, Children 4-8: $10 and Children under 3 are free.

Prices after March 28 to April 4 are: Adults: $55 (members) and $65 (nonmembers), Children 9-12: $35, Children 4-8: $25 and Children under 3 are free.

Reservations made after April 4th are $75 per person.

For further information, please contact: Temple Shir Shalom, (352) 371-6399. Reservations accompanied by full payment can be sent to Temple Shir Shalom ATTN: Seder, 3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605.

Cantorial Concert Set
For April 3 At Chabad

The Center for Jewish Studies is sponsoring a concert of cantorial music East and West.

The concert will feature two extraordinary Cantorial performers: Yankee Lemmer and Hagay Batzri along with Yair Dalal on violin, Frank London on trumpet and Shai Bachar on keyboard.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. April 3 at the new Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student Center.

The concert is sponsored by the UF Center for Jewish Studies through a grant from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida. It is free and open to the community.

Aftermath, March 17, 7 p.m.

Franek and Jozek, sons of a poor farmer, are from a small village in Poland. Franek immigrated to the U.S. in the 80’s, and cut all ties with his family. Only when Jozek’s wife arrives in the US, without explanation, does Franek finally return to his homeland. He discovers that Jozek has been ostracized from the community, and constantly receives threats. As Franek and Jozek struggle to rebuild their relationship, they are drawn into a gothic tale of intrigue.

The brothers eventually uncover a secret that forces them to confront their family history and hometown.

HaMashgichim, March 18, 7 p.m.

HaMashgichim follows Avi, Kobi and Yaniv, three young men who belong to the Breslev Hassidic community and place themselves in charge of supervising the codes of modesty, without hesitating to use violence to convey the message. When Miri moves into the neighborhood, Avi is torn between his feelings for her and the codes of the gang.

Blessings

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Jewish Community Calendar — March 2014

**Wednesday, March 5**
JCNCF Caregiver's Support Group, 7 p.m. For more information, including location of meeting, contact Linda Lewis at (352) 317-4978 (call or text).

**Friday, March 7**
B'naï Israel Community Day School Pre-K Tea Party, noon.

**Sunday, March 9**
B'naï Israel Community Day School Chai Mitzvah Program, 11:45 p.m.
PJ Library Goes To The Gainesville Jewish Film Festival, 3:30 p.m. at the Hippodrome

**Tuesday, March 11**
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 a.m.; also on March 18 and 25
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 13**
Congregation B’naï Israel Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 15**
Temple Shir Shalom Purim Party and Megillah Reading, 6 p.m.
Temple Beth Shalom Purim Potluck Dinner followed by Purim Spiel concert, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, March 16**

**Purim**
B'naï Israel Community Day School Kindergarten Round Up for Religious School
Temple Shir Shalom Purim Carnival, 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 18**
Hadassah Rosh Hodesh discussion group with guest speaker Dr. Barbara Oberlander, 10 a.m. at Congregation B'naï Israel

**Wednesday, March 19**
Temple Shir Shalom Jewish Transitions: Independence to Dependence, 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 21**
B'naï Israel Community Day School Bubbe and Zaydee Shabbat, noon

**Saturday, March 22**
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service and Torah Study, 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 23**
Temple Shir Shalom No Sunday School

**Monday, March 24**
Alachua County Public Schools Spring Break, no classes through March 28

**Tuesday, March 25**
Jewish Council of North Central Florida Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service Leading Workshop, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, March 29**
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service and Rachel Zumberg Bat Mitzvah, 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 30**
Temple Shir Shalom No Sunday School
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