Trouble in the Tribe
The American Jewish Conflict Over Israel

By Shelby Nicole Taylor
Communications Director, Bob Graham Center

On Monday, February 15, at 6 pm, Dov Waxman, a professor of political science, international affairs, and Israel studies at Northeastern University, will discuss his new book, *Trouble in the Tribe: The American Jewish Conflict over Israel* (Princeton University Press, March 2016) in Pugh Hall Ocora on the University of Florida campus as part of the annual Shorstein Lecture Series. The free event is open to the public and will be streamed live at www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu.

During his public address, Waxman will present the central thesis of his book: a new era of divergence has emerged among American Jewry and has replaced the age of solidarity that once existed with regard to Israel.

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Tikkun Olam with David and Jean Chalmers

By Dawn Burgess-Krop
JCNCF President

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once stated, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." These words have surely guided the life path of David and Jean Chalmers, who together, have worked for social justice in our community for more than 50 years.

The story begins when David left his teaching position at City College of New York to accept a position teaching history at University of Florida in 1955. During the summers, he continued to teach at City College in New York, and it was there he met Jean.

Jean was a Canadian, who experienced a peripatetic life after the death of her father, and ultimately went to England as a young woman, procuring a job with Reader’s Digest. She left England in 1956 on a boat full of refugees coming to America and arrived in New York City with nine dollars in her purse.

With the kindness of strangers, and her own resourcefulness, she worked a variety of jobs from modeling to bartending, and met David.

David and Jean married in 1958 and she returned with him to Gainesville. Jean reports that she was confronted with the conditions of the "Jim Crow south" when she was walking in front of a store in downtown Gainesville during a terrible rainstorm and an elderly black couple stepped off the sidewalk into the pouring rain to allow her, a white woman, to pass. She states she returned home to tell David, "I just can't live here!" to which David responded, "Well, you can either leave or you can change it."

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What’s New at the JCNCF

The Sixth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival will run from March 13 through March 22. Specific dates and times are:
- Sunday, March 13, 7:30 pm (festival opening)
- Monday, March 14 through 17, 7 pm
- Saturday, March 19, 8:30 pm
- Sunday, March 20, 3 pm & 7 pm
- Monday, March 21 & Tuesday, March 22, 7 pm

Show times are tentative and subject to change. The final schedule will be published in the March Chronicle and will be posted to www.jcncf.org.

For more information about festival passes and/or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.

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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As set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, the JCNCF has been formed to operate and engage in philanthropic, cultural, and other group activities for charitable and educational purposes that shall contribute to the welfare of the Jewish community of North Central Florida and other Jewish communities around the world.

Your support of the JCNCF Annual Campaign surpassed $124,000 in January — thank you! If you have not yet made your gift for this year, please help us reach our goal of $160,000 by making a donation now.

Every dollar can make a difference and together we do extraordinary things. Thank you for supporting our work!

The Jewish Council Board said, “Farewell and thank you for your service,” to Dr. Reba Bandyopadhyay, Larry Hartfield, and Dr. Dick Sadove, who recently left the Board. Additionally, the Board welcomed new members, Nadav Katz and Adam Smith, who joined in January. We wish our departing Board members well and look forward to working with the new ones!
The Jewish Council Provides Grants for Community Wide Programs

By Sharon Hirshik
JCNCF Past President

The mission of the Jewish Council of North Central Florida is to operate and engage in philanthropic, cultural, and other group activities for charitable and educational purposes which shall contribute to the welfare of the Jewish community of North Central Florida and other Jewish communities located throughout the world.

One of the critical ways that the JCNCF Board achieves this goal in North Central Florida is through its community grants program. Every year, a portion of the donations from the annual campaign is allocated to grants, so that local Jewish institutions can provide new or supplemental enrichment programs that the whole community can enjoy. JCNCF has provided funding for many projects since its inception over 30 years ago. Some successful grant projects have gone on to become long term or permanent community program offerings.

PJ Library in Gainesville began as a grant to the B’ni Israel Community Day School in 2008. Three years later when the beloved children’s literacy and engagement program was no longer eligible for continued JCNCF grant funding, the Jewish Council Board voted to partner with the Day School and to fund PJ Library as an ongoing program. Today, nearly 150 children in North Central Florida receive Jewish content books each month, that’s 1,800 each year!

Similarly, the Gainesville Jewish Film Festival started as a grant to UF Hillel in 2010. When Hillel decided to discontinue the festival in 2013, the Jewish Council “adopted” it in collaboration with the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida and made it a JCNCF Signature Program.

The Center for Jewish Studies’ wildly popular East and West Cantorial Concert Series, recently hosted at Congregation B’nai Israel on Wednesday, January 27 (photo above), is a wonderful example of a community event made possible, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Council.

Other recent grant funded projects include:
- Zumba for Seniors at Friendship Circle
- A talk and exhibit on Jews of the Civil War at Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala
- Smart Conversations with the 92nd Street Y at Congregation B’nai Israel
- Chavaya’s Israeli Art & Culture Fair
- A Civil Rights Tour of Atlanta for Temple Shir Shalom’s Post B’nai Mitzvah Students
- Trips to the Florida Holocaust Memorial in St. Petersburg by Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala and the High Springs Community School

Jewish community institutions are invited to submit applications for the next round of grant considerations, which will begin after March 31, 2016, which is the application deadline. After careful review, the committee will present their recommendations to the JCNCF board and applicant will be notified by June 15, 2016.

Grant application guidelines and other information is available on the JCNCF website at www.jcncf.org. All of the information and necessary documents can be found by clicking About and going to the Grants section. Grant requests should reflect the mission of the Jewish Council and the Grants Committee is especially interested in ideas that are creative, innovative and new to the community. Because grant monies are limited, they may not be used for regularly budgeted operating expenses of the organization and special consideration is given to those organizations who provide partial funding for their requested project.

The Board of the Jewish Council is proud to support local Jewish organizations through their grants, without which many of these special programs and events might never have taken place.
The Brunch to Benefit Beit Ruth Raises Over $10,000

Thank you Beit Ruth donors!
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By Virginia Brissette Hirshik
JCNCF Executive Director

On January 31, over 50 women gathered for a Sunday brunch and a talk by Mitch Chupak, Director of Development for Beit Ruth and the Jaffa Institute, hosted at the home of Dr. Ronald Cohen and Kim Sandler Cohen. More than 70 women contributed to the fundraiser to raise over $5,000 and a very generous matching gift by Dawn Burgess-Krop and Dr. Harry Krop doubled that amount to just over $10,000.

Event co-chair, Burgess-Krop, who is serving her third year as President of the JCNCF Board, welcomed the women and spoke passionately about her family’s December 2014 visit to the Beit Ruth Village in Afula, Israel. Dawn’s comments focused on the universal experiences of all girls and the miraculous work that Beit Ruth does at rescuing and healing young women who frequently have nowhere else to go. Beit Ruth is the only program of its kind in Israel.

After Dawn’s introduction, girls from the community (show in photo with Mitch from left to right), Amanda Malnik, Lauren Cohen, Eva Okunieff and Ruth King read profiles of 4 successful Beit Ruth clients. Brunch guests were visibly moved by the stories of girls whose lives have been transformed by the warm, loving and supportive environment at Beit Ruth.

From left, brunch guests Sonya Salkin, Eve Ackerman and Amy Melker

Featured speaker, Mitch Chupak reported on the current status of the capital campaign and the newest phase of construction of the Beit Ruth Therapeutic and Educational Village. Chupak emphasized that while Beit Ruth is currently housing 45 girls and seeing great progress and growth, the Village has plans to take in as many as 200 girls at a time and that there are always unmet financial needs. Chupak wrapped up by thanking the guests for their long term commitment to the Jaffa Institute and Beit Ruth, noting that this is the 18th year of fundraising with the Jewish Council.

From left, brunch guests Marilyn Eisenberg, Marcia Storch and JCNCF Board member, Joann Block

Event hostess, Kim Sandler Cohen, at right, with friend, Patricia Heilman
By Ralph Lowenstein

Instead of news items about Israel, this month I want to focus on books about Israel. If I could select only four books that give the best understanding of why a Jewish state should exist, and the best background to confront those who think otherwise, it would be these:

*The Balfour Declaration*, by Leonard Stein (Simon & Schuster, 1961, 681 pages). Stein was an Oxford graduate, a British attorney, and veteran of World War I, serving in Palestine. He does a masterful job of condensing the history of Zionism and describing the genesis of the 64-word historic document that gave legitimacy to the Jewish State in 1917, leading directly to Arab–Jewish Palestine becoming a mandate of the League of Nations and part of it Israel in 1948.

*Ben-Gurion*, by Anita Shapira (Yale University Press, 2014, 273 pages). Shapira is a professor emerita of Tel Aviv University. This book closely follows the chronological path of David Ben-Gurion, the “Moses” of modern Israel who did double-duty as prime minister and defense minister during Israel’s most crucial wars. His psyche had one foot in the shtetl culture of Europe, one foot in his American

experience, but always two feet in Palestine-Israel. One cannot know Israel without knowing Ben-Gurion. Of the many books written about his life, this is the most readable.

*The World Reacts to the Holocaust*, David S. Wyman, ed. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996, 981 pages). Don’t be misled by the title. This is actually an encyclopedia of Jewish history of every country in Europe and several others, including in North America and South America. Written by 28 eminent scholars—each an expert on the migrations and experiences of Jews during the Holocaust and postwar years—this is a heavily footnoted tome, not easy to read but not easy to ignore, especially when so many of the countries included now tout how marvelously they treated their Jewish residents. This expensive book ($55) belongs on a prominent shelf in every Jewish

home, because it describes the political and social atmosphere that most of our grandparents or great-grandparents experienced before coming to this country, and what happened to those relatives they left behind.

*Doomed to Succeed, the U.S.-Israel Relationship from Truman to Obama*, by Dennis Ross (Straus and Giroux, 2015, 471 pages). A distinguished professor at Georgetown University, Ross has been an advisor on Middle East policy to three American presidents. Three sentences in his preface say it all: “Unfortunately, too often our policy makers did not understand the fundamental realities in the region—and seemed unwilling or unable to learn lessons. We not only made basic mistakes, but we repeated these over time. Those past mistakes, and their underlying rationales, continue to echo today.” The rest is insightful and revealing commentary about how U.S. presidents and their administrations have dealt with Israel and the Middle East for the last 68 years.

All four of these books are available for reference or checkout from the library at Congregation B’nai Israel.

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Kenneth D. Wald, Shorstein Professor of American Jewish Culture and Society at the University of Florida, asserts that Waxman’s book is a compelling account of the growing conflict over Israel within the American Jewish community. “When puzzled friends ask me why the American Jewish community is now so divided over Israel, this is the book I will recommend,” he said.

Waxman will also explore how the increasingly contentious place of Israel in the American Jewish dialogue is impacting Jewish communities, national Jewish organizations, and the pro-Israel lobby. Offering a balanced account of how this tension has developed, Waxman will explain what this discord

means for the future of American Jewish politics. Waxman’s research focuses on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israeli foreign policy, U.S.-Israel relations, and American Jewry’s relationship with Israel.


The program is sponsored by the Samuel R. “Bud” Shorstein Professorship in American Jewish Culture and Society, the UF Center for Jewish Studies and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service.
Thus, their journey began, starting with meetings of the Human Relations Council, which met monthly at the Negro Library. Jean went on to become president of the Southern Regional Council of Human Relations, the only bi-racial organization in the south at the time. Julian Bond was the vice president and travelled around the south with a sleeping bag for times when he could not find accommodations as a black man. Jean offers that the NAAACP was necessarily a secret organization during this period. With Rosa Williams, Jean went on to form the Gainesville Women for Equal Rights and had a membership which was half white and half black. "We were big trouble makers!" observes Jean.

David has a long history of studying the Ku Klux Klan, beginning with a UF fraternity bringing jazz musician, Louis Armstrong, to perform and the Klan holding a protest rally about his presence. David began attending Klan rallies, complete with burning crosses, that were held out on Hawthorne Road and studying their activities in the context of the history of contemporary violence. He cites the march in Selma as a pivotal point when blacks, whites, rabbis, priest and nuns worked together for civil rights. He notes the role of Jewish leaders and students in forming the organization, Students for Equal Rights, and advocating for voting rights and integration. David was also active in training Peace Corps volunteers, stating the UF was once the leading source of recruits for the Peace Corps. Jean proudly mentions the role of many Jewish and African American women coming together to found the Millhopper Cooperative Nursery School in 1966, the only integrated nursery school in the community at that time. Hosted by the Unitarian Church, this nursery school existed for approximately 40 years. Through the efforts of the Chalmers and many others, Alachua General Hospital, United Way, the Boy's Club, and the Florida Labor Department all became integrated facilities that served the entire community, without exception.

Jean served two terms as Mayor of Gainesville from 1982 to 1988. She continues to work tirelessly for social justice causes, as well as, her busy real estate business. David’s research on the Klan and racism in the south expanded to an examination of losing the war on poverty, feminism, and civil action movements. He is Distinguished Service Professor of History, Emeritus, at the University of Florida and author of numerous books, including Hooded Americanism: The History of the Ku Klux Klan, shown in the photo above.

The Chalmers have two children, Henry, an attorney in Atlanta, and Kim, a musician and music teacher. They enjoy two grandchildren, Serena and David.

The Chalmers’ dedication to social justice gives witness to the Martin Luther King quote, The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. The path has not always been smooth, and there are many injustices yet to right, but their efforts have certainly contributed to the Jewish commitment of tikkun olam, repairing the world.

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**JCNCF Hosts MLK Shabbat**

On Friday, January 15, approximately 60 members of the Jewish and African-American communities gathered at Temple Shir Shalom for the first Gainesville area Shabbat service to celebrate the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This service was inspired by a discussion at an Israel Action Center grant funded dinner to increase Israel awareness among local community stakeholders.

A spin-off of this group has also had meetings with Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones and Mitch Chupak of the Jaffa Institute to discuss creating a residential facility out of the GPD’s after-school program, Reichert House. The Jaffa Institute’s Beit Ruth Village for At Risk Girls in Afula, Israel is a very successful model for youth intervention programs and the staff at Reichert House is looking at their model for inspiration.
PJ Library Gainesville
Connecting Jewish Families Through Learning & Fun

PJ Library Gainesville, is a partnership between the Jewish Council and the B’nai Israel Community Day School, and is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and by generous contributions from the Jewish community of North Central Florida.

For more information about PJ Library Gainesville or any of our family events and activities, please contact Debby Kinman-Ford at the B’nai Israel Community Day School (352.376.1508 ext. 110) or Virginia Brissette Hirshik at the Jewish Council (352.371.3846). To RSVP for any of these programs, please email Tamara Segal at office@jcnf.org.

The photos below, courtesy of Sylvia Haller and Debby Kinman-Ford, are from the PJ Library TuBiSh’vat Adventure at Paynes Prairie.

Saturday, February 27
6:30 pm
PJs, Pizza & Havdalah
At Temple Shir Shalom
Come for havdalah in your favorite pajamas and enjoy pizza, stories and songs with Gidon Herman from Studio Percussion. Free for PJ Library families. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 24.

Sunday, March 20
1 pm
PJ Library Gets Hipp for Purim
Red carpet event just for PJ families during the Jewish Film Festival. Learn about the four mitzvot of Purim and see a fun movie!

Sunday, April 10
3 pm
Passover Scavenger Hunt at the Museum of Natural History

Sunday, May 15
Noon
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UF Hillel & Camp Living Waters Team Up to Raise Awareness About Disabilities

By Rachel Sharpe,
PR Intern at UF Hillel

UF Hillel has partnered with Camp Living Wonders, the Southeast’s only Jewish residential camp and intentional community built for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities, to launch BuildUp, a weekend event aimed at enhancing the lives of those with disabilities and mental health challenges through entrepreneurship and innovation.

During the event, which will take place Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21 at UF Hillel, students and community members will come together to brainstorm, develop products and pitch ideas that will assist those with cognitive and developmental disabilities and mental health issues. The products will focus on solving challenges related to mobility, sensory, fine motor, communications and mental health.

BuildUp was established by Rabbi Adam Grossman, CEO of UF Hillel and Noah Pawliger, founder and Executive Director of Camp Living Wonders. With the University of Florida and Gainesville housing one of the most vibrant business start-up communities, Grossman believes that UF Hillel can serve as a model for other BuildUp events around the world.

“Beyond the start of companies and the creation of products that could drastically help people, we hope this offers inspiration for individuals to continue to develop, build and experiment with ideas that impact our world for the greater good,” Rabbi Grossman said.

In addition, the event hopes to raise awareness of Jewish Disability Awareness Month, which is in February.

“The truest form of inclusion is when we give people with challenges the tools and empowerment to include themselves,” said Pawliger. “After all, without them, our community is not complete. Through opportunities like Build Up, we are communicating to them, we NEED you, you are part of us, and we are going to give you what you need to make us whole again.”

American and Israeli entrepreneurs will be at the event to mentor teams to offer guidance and support. In addition, teams will have the opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of successful entrepreneurs and investment bankers, among others.

For more information or to register, visit www.buildups.org or contact Adam Grossman at adam@ufhillel.org.

Congregation B’nai Israel Sisterhood
Hamentashen Bake Order Form
Deadline Monday, February 29

Price $20.00 per dozen - $10.00 half dozen
Totals must be in dozen or half dozen lots

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All orders must be accompanied by payment
Checks payable to B’nai Israel Sisterhood
Order by Monday, February 29, 2016
Pick up orders on Sunday, March 6 from 2 - 4 pm
In the B’nai Israel Social Hall
3830 NW 16th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32605

For our annual fundraising event
with an evening of North African inspired entrees
prepared by our members, music and camaraderie.
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Tickets are $50 per person
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Mazel tov to Ben Bobroff and Ashley Kushner who were married on Sunday, December 13, 2015, in Gainesville, with Rabbi David Kaiman officiating. The wedding was held at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, with friends and family coming from as far as Hawaii and London.

The bride and groom met eight years ago on a Birthright Israel trip, a journey that was destined to affect both of their lives more than they ever could have imagined. During that trip, Ben also met Stephan Javaheri, who would become his best friend and best man. After the trip, Ben, Ashley, and Stephan became dear friends and Steve and Linda Bobroff were happy to host them and other friends for Shabbat dinners and other events.

After about four years of friendship, Ben and Ashley realized that they had deeper feelings for each other, and in the last several years their love and commitment blossomed, and they knew that they wanted to spend their lives together.

Ben is a business process analyst at R & L Carriers in Ocala and Ashley is the volunteer coordinator at the Alachua County Crisis Center in Gainesville. They are pet parents to two dogs, Scout and Bella. Life is beautiful and Steve and Linda are so grateful to have such a wonderful son and daughter-in-law right here in Gainesville, with a grandbaby on the way due May 16.

Mazel tov to Miriam Friedman Steinberg on her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom on January 9, 2016. Miriam is the daughter of the late Mary and Harry Friedman of Sarasota, Florida, sister of Harriett Friedman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and mother of Zachary Steinberg of Gainesville.

Miriam, an alumna of Santa Fe College and the University of Florida, earned degrees in Business, Health and Human Performance, and Education. President of Prestige Realty Services, Miriam is also active with the Junior League of Gainesville, Gainesville Woman’s Club, and Magnolia Garden Club.

Mazel tov to Olivia Cohn, daughter of Marty Cohn and Philippa Bright on her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Shir Shalom on January 23, 2016. Olivia is in seventh grade at Howard Bishop Middle School, where her favorite subjects are math and science. She loves all animals, especially horses and spends most of her free time riding. She also enjoys cooking, listening to country music and playing basketball. She has two brothers, Josh and Sam and two dogs, Layla and Rocky. She is collecting candy for the troops for her mitzvah project.

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

Monica Claire Humphreys-Beher, Harold Yaffee & Michael Zajac

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.
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Volunteers Needed for Purim Mitzvah Project for Seniors

E’rev Purim is Wednesday, March 23 and the celebration of this holiday calls for Jews to be especially charitable. One of the ways we can fulfill this mitzvah is by giving bags filled with delicious treats to our friends. Every year, the Jewish Council sends volunteers out into the community to bring holiday greetings and snacks to Jewish seniors.

JCNCF will provide all the yummy goodies for this project, we just need people to help! We are looking for volunteers to assemble the bags and/or to deliver approximately 10 bags. Delivery areas include: The Atrium, Oak Hammock, The Village or various independent living locations.

This mitzvah project is lots of fun and brings joy to all who participate. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tamara Segal, JCNCF Community Engagement Associate, at 352.371.3846 or office@JCNCF.org.
## Jewish Community Calendar for February 2016

### Monday, February 1
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm

### Tuesday, February 2
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm
- CBI Smart Conversations with the 92nd Street Y, 7:30 pm. The Syrian Refugee Crisis Realities and Responses

### Wednesday, February 3
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm
- JCNCF Caregivers Support Group, 7 pm. For location and more information, please contact Lori Waxenberg at loribwax@gmail.com

### Thursday, February 4

### Friday, February 5
- Rummage sale at Temple B’nai Darom of Ocala, 9 am
- Israel Shabbat at UF Hillel

### Sunday, February 7
- Hadassah Membership Brunch at the home of Roslyn Levy, 10:30 am. RSVP to habermans@gmail.com
- CBI New Moon Yoga with Erin, 6 pm

### Monday, February 8
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm

### Tuesday, February 9
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- Hadassah’s Rosh Hodesh Group at CBI, 10 am. Howard Rothman will speak on “Liturgical Music and How It Influenced Broadway and Tin Pan Alley.”
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

### Wednesday, February 10
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm
- Hadassah Book Club at CBI, 7 pm. The group will discuss *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult.

### Friday, February 12
- Shabbat Talk at UF Hillel

### Monday, February 15
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm
- Trouble in the Tribe, 6 pm at Pugh Hall Ocora at UF

### Tuesday, February 16
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

### Wednesday, February 17
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm

### Thursday, February 18
- Helping Hands Clinic at the First United Methodist Church, 2:30 pm

### Friday, February 19
- Food Truck Shabbat at UF Hillel

### Saturday, February 20
- CBI Baby Musica with Karen Cohen, 11 am
- BuildUp Event at UF Hillel. See article on page 8.

### Monday, February 22
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm

### Tuesday, February 23 ~ Purim Katan
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

### Wednesday, February 24
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm

### Thursday, February 25
- Helping Hands Clinic at the First United Methodist Church, 2:30 pm

### Saturday, February 27
- PJ Library PJ’s, Pizza, and Havdalah at TSS, 6:30 pm. Free!

### Sunday, February 28
- TBS in Ocala will host Comedian Keith Barany, 3 pm. $10 in advance and $12 at the door. 352.629.5837

### Monday, February 29
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30 pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm
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