Gainesville Hadassah Chapter Presents
Second Annual Torah Kitchens Oct. 13

By Alisha Kinman

The Gainesville Jewish community is invited to enjoy a smorgasbord of light appetizers, decadent desserts and divine kitchens during Gainesville Hadassah’s second annual Torah Kitchens.

The event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at four different homes across Gainesville. The cost to attend is $25.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Hadassah Medical Center, Israel’s only medical institution that combines teaching and training.

This year, five houses around Gainesville will open their doors and kitchens to the local Jewish community. Each kitchen will showcase their unique design with charming countertops, impressive appliances and more. Additionally, each kitchen space will serve different appetizers and desserts.

Four of the homes will be first-time participants in the event.

“Torah Kitchens is an excellent program that not only attracts a diverse crowd from the community but also draws them into Jewish homes across Gainesville,” Kinman-Ford said. “This event creates a strong connection among Jewish women by welcoming one another into our homes.”

Last year, Gainesville’s Hadassah chapter raised more than $600. Proceeds benefitted the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower campaign, the largest fundraising effort in Hadassah’s history.

“With the tremendous success of last year’s Torah Kitchens, we knew that this would be essential to include in our 2013 program calendar,” said Charna Cohn, the President of Gainesville Hadassah. “We’ve had a fantastic response from the community and anticipate a large turnout for this year’s event as well.”

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Torah Kitchens event organizer Debra Kinman-Ford at 352-376-1508 ext. 101 or e-mail her at: debby@bnaigainesville.com.

‘Kirtan Rabbi’ Andrew Hahn Coming To Gainesville

University of Florida’s Hillel and Congregation B’nai Israel, will be hosting Rabbi Andrew Hahn, better known as the Kirtan Rabbi, for a series of events October 18 - 20, 2013.

Rabbi Hahn is one of a new breed of cutting-edge, artist-rabbis whose joyful music and teachings address the deepest longings of the 21st century. He unites celebration of Torah and song in a way that allows people of all ages (and faiths) to discover renewed energy within their Jewish or spiritual practice. A long time martial arts instructor with a doctorate in Jewish philosophy, Rabbi Hahn laces his simple, alluring chants with meditation techniques and traditional learning. The practice of Kirtan originated in India with the intention of bringing sacred chanting out of the temple precincts and into the streets for everyone to experience.

Rabbi Hahn characterizes Hebrew

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Can Always Use More Writers

By Ed Hunter
Editor, The Chronicle

Every so often, I feel it is important to remind the North Central Florida community that The Chronicle is really your publication. And I mean that in two distinct ways.

First, and most obvious, The Chronicle is for and about you. The articles tell you what is going on in the greater North Central Florida Jewish community. Some of those articles are about events directly and some are more thoughtful, like the monthly Rabbi’s Pen column; or more like Howard Rothman’s Music Maven review column.

Secondly, The Chronicle is by you, meaning that the vast majority of the material in each issue is written by members of the community.

I rely on our community’s “citizen journalists” to keep The Chronicle full each month. And I am always looking for new sources of information.

So let’s talk about how to get your organization’s information and pictures into The Chronicle. It’s really easy: just send it to me.

Notices of upcoming events, pictures of past events, Community Nachas, basic promotions and awards, pretty much anything.

If you need a reminder, and your organization is not getting my monthly reminder email, let me know.

I am always interested in new ideas for regular columns. If you are a book or a movie person and would like to write a review once in a while, or if you have another idea, please get in touch. Preferably these reviews would be about books or movies with a Jewish theme or a Jewish performer.

Questions, requests, articles and photos can be emailed to chronicle@jcncf.org with articles in Word format and photos in high resolution. You can fax articles to 352.379.5802. Material can be dropped off at the JCNCF office next to Temple Shir Shalom.

Thanks for your continued readership and support.

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In addition to regular columns and sections, articles in The Chronicle fall into two broad categories: News and Upcoming Events.

News articles are about events, awards, promotions, shows, etc. that have already taken place. Please include a photograph whenever possible. Upcoming Events are programs, classes, shows and such that have yet to occur. These events must be open to the entire community and the article should indicate this, include complete information regarding location, time, date, and costs if any, and a contact number to call for more information.

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Letters to the Editor and Opinion Pieces

The Jewish Council of North Central Florida publishes The Chronicle to inform the Jewish Community of events, support community Jewish activities and promote Jewish community cohesion through charity, good will and the promotion of mitzvot. To this end, The Chronicle encourages a democratic free exchange of ideas and opinions through Letters to the Editor.

To carry out this purpose, The Chronicle will adhere to the tenet of our sage Hillel “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Therefore, The Chronicle will not publish any letter or article that espouses or promotes hate or prejudice of any individual, religion, race, country or social group.

To maintain a diversity of opinion, any one writer is limited to three letters to the editor or opinion-type columns per year. For space considerations, it is beneficial to limit the letters to 250 or fewer words. However, we reserve the right to edit the letters in the interest of space and clarity. All letters must be signed and include the author’s address and phone number or e-mail. Submissions may be mailed to: chronicle@jcncf.org.

The Chronicle and the Jewish Council do not endorse the goods and services advertised in these pages, and make no representation as to the kashrut of the food, products and services in such advertising.
The Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center at the University of Florida invites the Jewish community to participate in writing history November 17 during the Grand Torah Completion and Dedication Ceremony Deborah’s Torah In loving memory of Deborah Marsha Herbstman דבורה מאשא בת יוסל ושתהו נגרא יוסל והנני שתחי"ע.

Torah Completion Ceremonies will take place at 11:30 a.m. Witness the scribe complete the last letters of the Torah.

Music and dancing Hakafot with the Torah will be at 12:30 p.m. followed by a buffet luncheon with flags, craft and souvenirs for children!

It is celebrated joyously with the Torah being accompanied under a Chuppah (marriage canopy) followed by Hakafot, singing, dancing, and a festive meal. Every community member is an integral part of the celebration — just as a family member is to a wedding.

We invite you to celebrate with us as we welcome the newest addition to our family and yours — a precious Torah scroll — donated by Barbra and Joshua Herbstman, and dedicated in dear loving memory of her daughter and his sister, Deborah Marsha Herbstman.

“The world survives on three things,
The community is invited to participate in the second annual Mah Jongg Day benefitting the Metastatic Breast Cancer Network (www.mbcnetwork.org) at the Gainesville Country Club on October 13.

The event will consist of four sessions of three rounds. All players are eligible for Raffles and Door Prizes. Individual players may choose to play in the tournament or just play for fun. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Mah Jongg set and dice.

Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Registration (Coffee and Danish)
9:30 a.m. Play Begins with Session 1 (3 rounds)
10:30 a.m. Play Begins with Session 2 (3 rounds)
11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
1:15 p.m. Play Begins with Session 3 (3 rounds)
2:15 p.m. Play Begins with Session 4 (3 rounds)
3:30 p.m. Winners Cash Prizes, Raffles and Door Prizes Announced

Cost: $25 (Soup and Salad only Lunch Buffet) or $30 (Full Champagne Brunch).

For more information, or to register, contact Sara Bertrand, 9221 SW 84th Street, Gainesville Florida 32608 (352)641-6131. Registrations are requested by Oct. 7.

Gainesville County Club is located at 7300 S.W. 35th Way, Gainesville, FL 32608.

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JCNCF Grant Helps Create First-Ever Jewish Festival Of Marion County

For the first time in Ocala’s history, and with the help of a grant from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Jewish Organizations and Congregations have come together for a common goal - the Jewish Festival of Marion County.

This event will be held on November 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of Temple B’nai Darom, 49 Banyan Course, Ocala, FL 34472.

Organizing the Festival are members from the American Jewish Club of On Top of the World, Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County, Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Beth Shalom and Temple B’Nai Darom.

In the spirit of cooperation, we hope to organize an event that stimulates and encourages membership participation. This event should bring our local Jewish organizations closer together while bringing to the Ocala community, both Jewish and non-Jewish, a deeper understanding and appreciation of Judaism.

Participants will explore Judaism through various media including: music, dance, art, food, crafts, educational, religious and other cultural activities and experience.

We are planning an all day Jewish Festival with outside tables and exhibits. Organizations will display descriptive information about their organization, crafts made by the members of the group and items for sale from their respective Judaica shops.

There will also be tables highlighting a particular Jewish holiday and the rituals, activities, and history behind each of these holidays.

All sorts of food will be sold in the Temple’s social hall along with a professionally judged ‘kugel contest’. There will be a special children’s entertainment area along with musical performances, dancing and singing. Adults from the community will be available to sell their wares or to present community information.

We will include various charitable/service groups such as Hadassah, the TriCounty Jewish War Veterans Organization, Hospice, Interfaith Emergency Services, Kiwanis Club, etc.

The grant provided by the JCNCF is invaluable in making the Festival possible, and we respectfully acknowledge the trust placed by the JCNCF in our endeavor. We look forward to our association with the JCNCF and to the Central Florida community’s attendance and support.

For more information, or to help sponsor the Festival, please contact the Festival Co-chairpersons Sonia Peterson at Skp7@embarqmail.com or 352-307-3662; or Dr. Jeff Helicher, jhelicher@embarqmail.com or (352) 629-9000.

Ocala’s Congregation Beth Israel Starts New Year With New Location

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala has changed its meeting place from the Collins Center to its new home at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ 7171 Highway 200 in Ocala.

Services will be held in the main building of the church in the choir room, which is to the left of the main lobby.

The facility is handicapped accessible with plenty of close parking. The church is located southwest of I-75 at exit 350.

The Congregation’s first service in the new facility was a special Shabbat-Simchat Torah service Sept. 27 led by the congregation’s rabbi, Karen Allen. All are welcome to attend and participate in a Jewish Reconstructionist ser-

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The Rabbi’s Pen
By Rabbi Michael Joseph
Temple Shir Shalom

During this recently concluded High Holiday season at Temple Shir Shalom, we spoke several times about the idea of congregations being a sort of ideal community, where people have freely pledged to treat each other as they would wish to be treated everywhere, but are not.

To treat each other as precious human beings -- it doesn't happen (at least not consistently enough) at work or at school, in the department store or the supermarket, the hospital or the bank.

We are buyers or sellers, consumers or producers, patients or clients -- but not quite human beings.

Of course, it doesn't always happen at synagogues, either -- which may be one of the under statements of the year. But at least of synagogue we can understand that it is part of the very purpose of the institution that its members and friends treat each other well.

A supermarket that offers a good selection of groceries at a good price, but doesn't treat it customers or employees very well, is still fulfilling its essential function as a supermarket. But a synagogue that doesn't treat people well is not even worthy of the name.

At Temple Shir Shalom, at Congregation B'nai Israel, at Chabad, at Hillel, at the Ocala congregations -- at every worthy synagogue, everywhere, really -- a great deal of thought and effort goes toward promoting "right treatment" for everyone who touches the institution, all of them beings who are created in God's image.

Neither human beings nor human institutions can be perfect, however. We fall short of our goals, all the time and over and over again. But at least, at our synagogues and Jewish community institutions, we aspire to a worthy goal.

At Temple Shir Shalom we have decided to focus, for now, on learning how we can be especially mindful of people who are experiencing illness, grief, and mourning.

These are pains we all feel at one time or another. How can we, as members of a sacred community, best help each other in these times?

What wisdom does Judaism offer? What comfort can community provide?

Please consider joining us as we continue to learn together on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at Temple Shir Shalom.

Joy Katzen-Guthrie Appears In Special Ocala Concert

Tampa Bay Cantorial Leader and Recording/Concert Artist Joy Katzen-Guthrie will appear in a special event in Ocala October 13.

Shirat HaNefesh: The Jewish Spirit in Song will take place at 3:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, 1109 NE 8th Ave Ocala, FL 34470. Admission is $10 Adults, $7 ages 13 and under.

Centuries of Jewish music and history come to life through stories & songs of the Diaspora & Israel.

Folk and liturgical Hebrew, Chasidic, Yiddish, and popular Jewish songs will bring new insight into Jewish faith, prayer, and experience. Please call 352-208-3031 for more information.
Congregation B’nai Israel Hosting
Game Day Extravaganza October 27

Congregation B’nai Israel is hosting a game day extravaganza from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at the B’nai Israel Social Hall in Gainesville.

The event will feature Mah Jongg and Chicago-style scoring bridge for all levels of players. Refreshments will be provided, and trophies will be given to the teams and/or individuals who perform the best in each of the events. The extravaganza is open to the community. A participation fee of $20 per person is required.

If you do not have a partner for bridge or Mah Jongg, let us know and we will match you up with a partner for the event.

People wishing to participate in the game day extravaganza should contact Julie no later than October 21, 2013.

If you have questions about this fun-filled afternoon of games, or to register, please contact Julie at 352-376-1508 extension 100 or julie@bnaigainesville.com.

Payment in advance made out to B’nai Israel and sent to Julie will be greatly appreciated. If you are entering as a team, for example in the bridge event, please provide Julie with the name of your partner.

COMMUNITY NACHAS

Sam Malnik received a Bronfman Fellowship for 2013-2014. Only 26 high school students nationwide receive the honor. Sam is a student at Oak Hill where he is involved in Honor Council and his school’s chapter of the National Honor Society. He is also an active member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and Oak Hall’s Spanish Honor Society.

The Bronfman Fellows participate in an intensive year of programming, which began for Sam with a five-week program of study and travel in Israel designed to develop future community leaders committed to Jewish unity.

Rabbi Mishael Zion, Co-Director and Director of Education of the Fellowship explains:

“We have the privilege of working with young participants who are already leading in their communities. We, in turn, instill in them a love for learning Jewish texts, a commitment to pluralism, and a sense of social and Jewish responsibility.”

Logan Locasio was a co-author on a paper published in the Florida Entomologist with his professor at McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Dr Andrei Sourakov, titled: Exotic Crotalaria Species (Fabales: Fabaceae) as Host Plants for of the Ornate Bella Moth, Utetheisa ornatrix (Lepidoptera: Erebididae, in Florida: Laboratory Biology.”

Members of the Congregation B’nai Israel Sisterhood are shown following the dedication of the B’nai Israel Sisterhood Circle walkway at B’nai Israel Cemetery on May 19. Photo by Benny Susi

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Torah, Like Noah’s Ark, Is A Sanctuary

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

Rain, rain, rain; this has been one wet summer. In fact, July 2013 broke the records for the wettest July and the second rainiest month ever in Gainesville’s record keeping history.

Yet, rain, indeed water, itself is a sign of blessing, as it is the ultimate gift from G-d ensuring that food will grow and all living things will continue to thrive. As the well know Chassidic saying goes, “When encountering water, one should say that the Baal Shem (founder of the Chassidic movement) says that it is a sign of blessing.”

Parshas Noach, the second portion of the Torah, read during this time period, is quite intertwined with water, so famous for its flood, that its one of the most well known Biblical stories.

This Hebrew month of Cheshvan which we are currently in, is when the great flood, lasting forty days, transpired. Everything in this world must be balanced, thus even water, the vessel for such an abundance of blessing, will turn destructive in too high of a dose. Hurricanes have taught us that lesson very well.

Raging waters and waters of engulfment present themselves metaphorically in each of our lives, representing the distractions and worries that surround and submerge us at every waking hour and threaten to consume us. King Solomon called the financial woes and life distractions that humans face, ‘mighty waters.’

We all experience this feeling of being inundated by from all sides. So, what is the Torah’s guidance to man to stay afloat, to keep from sinking?

Noah was told by G-d to build a Teivah, an Ark, a safe sanctuary to protect his family and the animals from the powerful flood. The Hebrew word ‘Teivah’ also translates as ‘word.’ Herein lies the eternal relevance of G-d’s command to Noah, “Enter into the Teivah.” The Torah’s guidance for getting through challenges in life, whether physical, emotional or spiritual, is to ‘enter the words of the Torah.’

The Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory elaborated on this idea and explained that the words of Torah must guide us and its lessons inspire us, not just peripherally or metaphorically, but in a tangible, real way in every part of our lives. In order for the Torah to affect and strengthen us both internally and externally, we must dedicate some time each day to its study, even a few minutes can affect our very psyche.

There are multiple mediums through which learning is available; online, in a book, listening to classes, attend a lecture etc. Surely, IPods, Kindles and other electronic gadgets were invented for this very purpose; studying Torah on the go.

Studying each day, immersing our minds and hearts in G-d’s words, will reinforce our faith that ultimately everything is from Him and thus we will be enabled to grow from our challenges and ultimately become happier.

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Magic Violin

By Howard Rothman, The Music Maven

The High Holy Days are over and Sukkot is two days away as I write this. Probably there are some out there who are tired of hearing liturgical pieces sung by cantors. So, I was on the lookout for something different.

As an ex violinist (especially since I tore my left rotator cuff a year ago) I am always attracted to CDs of violin music, especially Jewish violin music.

While searching the web I came across JudaicaWebStore.com an Israeli company offering all kinds of goodies. What caught my eye was the CD Halleluya: Golden Hits From Israel, vol. 11, Magic Violin From the Very Best Jewish Chassidic Repertoire. An impressive title so I ordered it.

As is typical with many Israeli productions there is absolutely no information provided with the disc other than the names of the songs and that it is distributed by Israel Music and produced by Visart Ltd.

When I played the CD I discovered to my amazement that I’ve had this CD in LP form in my collection for more than thirty years.

Moreover, the violinist, not identified on the CD, is Itzhak Markovetzky, who was the concertmaster of the Israeli Opera Orchestra and then a member of the 1st violin section of the Israel Philharmonic. How can the Israelis not give kovode (honor) to this wonderful violinist and shame his memory by not identifying him. Shame on them!

Despite this, the playing and the music is wonderful. Most of the songs and their tunes will be familiar. Two are by Shlomo Carlebach: Yisroel, Yisroel and Od Yishama (Soon will be heard) from the last of the seven blessings from the marriage service, one of Carlebach’s most beautiful melodies.

There is Sim Shalom (Grant us peace) from the end of the Amidah and Adon Olam (Master of the Universe) sung at the end of many Shabbat and Festival services. Yedid Nefesh (Beloved of My Soul) which begins our Friday night service but with a different and beautiful tune.

Also familiar will be Mi Haish (Who is the man) from Psalm 34 which is sung every Shabbat and Yom Tov with the melody amiliar to all who attend synagogue services as this is a most popular tune.

Less familiar is Hashkif (Look down from Your Holy Place) from Ki Tavo, verse 15 from Devorim, the last book of the Chumash and Ata Chonen (You favor man with knowledge) from the Daily Amidah said after the Kedushah prayer.

Some years ago I had a group of UF students from several advisory groups over to the house for an end of semester party.

Quite serendipitously I decided to put the Markovetzky LP on as background music since the music is so beautiful and should appeal to non-Jews as much as to Jews. One of the students said that’s my grandfather! I almost plotzed and realized once again that we live in a very small world.

The CD has to be ordered from the Judaicawebstore.com in israel. It is worth it as it is one of the most beautiful instrumental recordings you of Jewish music, on a par with Perlman’s Tradition CD.

Enjoy!
**Kirtan Rabbi**

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Kirtan as, “fully participatory call-and-response chant where short, sacred phrases from the Jewish tradition are treated as powerful, universal meditations. It is at once contemplative, ecstatic, and... simply fun.”

Many religious experts and journalists feel that Kirtan is particularly suited to these times, when so many people seek to participate in uplifting, communal experiences.

Rabbi Hahn received rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion and earned a Ph.D. from the Jewish Theological Seminary, both in New York City. He has two musical CDs: *Kirtan Rabbi: Live!,* recorded at New York’s fabled Congregation B’ni Israel on Manhattan’s Upper West Side, which “sets the standard in Hebrew Kirtan” (Chant Artist David Newman); the recently released, studio production, *Achat Sha’alti* (one thing I seek) which is “inspiring from start to finish....Exquisitely simple in its message of love, longing and celebration” (Rabbi Shefa Gold).

The weekends scheduled events include:
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at UF Hillel, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 18
- **Tai Chi class** at Congregation B’nai Israel, the morning of October 19, please call or email for exact time.
- **Kirtan Concert** at Congregation B’nai Israel, 8 p.m. Oct. 19
- **Morning Chant Session** at UF Hillel, 11 a.m. Oct. 20.

For more information on events hosted at Congregation B’nai Israel, please contact Laurie Reisman at 352-246-8873 or llrnolimits@hotmail.com For Hillel hosted events, contact Rabbi Gail Swedroe at 352-372-2900 or RabbiSwedroe@UFHillel.org.

**Beth Israel**

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vice, which will include much rejoicing and singing.

For more information contact Judi at 352.237-8277 or Mary at 352 861-2056.

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala is a liberal, contemporary, inclusive Jewish community affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement.

Got Sh’Chach? Temple Shir Shalom congregants finish constructing the Temple’s Sukkah Sept. 15 by tossing palm fronds and banana leaves onto the top. The Sukkah is constructed of individual panels that are literally just tied together each year -- the very definition of a temporary structure! *Photo by Toby Hunter*
Tuesday, October 1
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 a.m.; also on October 8, 15, 22 and 29.
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Foundations for Jewish Living, 7 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel; also on October 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Thursday, October 3
Hadassah Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, October 4
B’nai Israel Community Day School Neighborhood Shabbat Dinner

Tuesday, October 8
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m

Wednesday, October 9
B’nai Israel Community Day School Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Torah As Ark

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more tolerant, and eternally thankful.
And with this mindset as our guide, we will float through the strong waters which will then become waters that purify and strengthen humanity. As our Rabbis teach that the flood was ultimately, a Mikvah, a body of water which purified the world. May we all see the blessings in our lives in an open and revealed way.

With the new Center for Jewish Life and Learning construction entering its final phase of completion, including Gainesville’s own Mikvah, we invite you to be a part of this wonderful addition to Gainesville’s Jewish community and we hope that it will be a true ‘Teivah’ for students, adults and children in this wonderful community.

For more information, a private tour of the plans/construction, donation, dedication and memorial opportunities please contact Rabbi Berl Goldman: 352-256-3323 Rabbi@JewishGator.com.

We welcome and need everyone’s participation to complete the project! Your involvement and generous support is crucial.

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.

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