The best of international cinema will return to Gainesville in March when the Jewish Film Festival takes over the Hippodrome Cinema for its fifth year.

The Jewish Council of North Central Florida is proud to once again partner with the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida to offer a week of compelling and provocative films. The festival will kick off on Sunday, March 22 and will run through Tuesday, March 31.

All screenings will be held at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Admission for each film is $10 and festival passes may be purchased online at www.jcncf.org or by calling the JCNCF Office at 352.371.3746.

**Sunday, March 22**

24 Days (7 p.m.)

In January of 2006, a beautiful young woman walks into a Parisian cell phone shop, looks around, and asks for the sales attendant's number. Later, she calls asking to meet.

Who could have known that Ilan, the 23 year old sales clerk, was flirting with death? The next time his family hears from him is through a cryptic online message from kidnappers demanding ransom.

French director Alexandre Arcady delivers one of the most "wrenching and politically astute" films to come out of France (Screen Daily).

Based on a book co-written by Ilan’s mother, Ruth Halimi, Arcady’s cinematic adaptation offers a searing insight into his vicious ordeal, the violent world of the gang of Barbarians, and the harrowing experience of his family waiting and hoping the French police would save their son.

**Monday, March 23**

Documentary Double Feature:

*Make Me A Match* & *Sacred Sperm* (7 p.m.)

*Make Me A Match* is the portrait of three Jewish-Orthodox singles — their matchmakers and their effort to stay loyal to tradition.

Torn between their commitment to their Jewish culture and their own dreams, three 30-somethings, Vered, David and Ortal, try with humor and defiance to stand the social pressure while staying true to themselves. *Make Me A Match* tells the story of a search for love which turns into a search for identity between tradition and modernity.

*Sacred Sperm* is an eye-opening documentary explaining the concept of sacred sperm within the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community which considers the spilling of sperm murder and new life is pure if born of “sacred sperm.”

In this documentary, Director and Narrator, Or Gruder shares his journey, as he tries to fully understand the concept

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**Fifth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival Runs March 22 - 31**

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**A Mitzvah Minute**

By Dawn Burgess-Krop

“It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but you are not free to desist from it either.” *Rabbi Tarfon, Pirke Avot 2:21*

Like a pebble tossed in water creating ever expanding circles, performing mitzvot can ripple out in directions we cannot anticipate. A simple act of kindness created this phenomenon recently. A friend who was leaving town for an extended time had gathered a bag of warm coats to send out to Grace Marketplace, the newly re-located tent city area for the homeless.

Knowing that extremely cold temperatures were on their way, she felt an urgency to have them reach their intended recipients. As things happen, we missed the connection to give them to me for delivery and she left them in front of her home for me to retrieve.

It was a schlep to her house, but that same morning, I

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April Chronicle: Early Deadline, Summer Camp Info.

By Ed Hunter
Editor

Is it March already? Well, it is, and that means just three more issues in The Chronicle's publishing year.

Next up is the April issue, and I have a couple of updates to discuss that I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of, especially if you are not part of my monthly email list.

Early Deadline for April Issue

As many of you know, publishing The Chronicle is not my only job; I teach science at Gainesville High School. One thing about teaching is that you tend to take vacation when school is out.

This year, I will be out of town for Spring Break, March 21-29.

And what that means is the April Chronicle will go to the printer on March 20. No later. I will have very little flexibility to wait for late submissions.

So I am moving the deadline for the April issue up five days to March 10, instead of the usual March 15. The deadline will return usual with the deadline for the May issue on April 15.

Summer Camp Information

The Chronicle has always included summer camp information from organizations like Chabad and B’nai Israel that always send information in.

But I wanted to reach out to other groups in the area Jewish Community that run summer programs. You can your programs promoted as well.

I would like to have a Summer Camp page in the April issue to give parents time to decide and register their children.

So please, even if your organization normally does not submit, send in your Summer Camp information by March 10.

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was speaking to someone in her neighborhood who was coming to the shul. When I asked the favor of retrieving the coats, she excitedly replied that she had some warm clothing that could also be added to the pile. Upon arriving at B’nai Israel with these bags of coats, Jenifer, our executive director, saw them, and realized that we had boxes of scarves and hats of diligently created for the homeless by our weekly knitting circle, all awaiting delivery.

Later that day, as I made my way into Grace Marketplace, I had to make two trips to bring in all the bags and boxes of coats, scarves, hats, and gloves that would be greatly needed that evening.

One simple act of kindness had spilled into another and another. We never know who we will touch or what effect it may have, and that is the point of mitzvot.

This Chronicle newsletter is the beacon to our community of Jews in our little part of the world. We hope to have a Mitzvah Minute column every month, and we ask you to help us with your ideas. We are looking for simple acts that can be performed within the time frame of busy schedules.

It’s wonderful to gather for Mitzvah Day and perform mitzvot as a community, but that’s once a year. The mere act of thinking about mitzvot transforms our mindset. Send your ideas to chronicle@jcnf.org.

In the meantime, get busy and clean out that coat closet. You’d be surprised how much accumulates that never gets worn, and that forgotten coat will keep someone warm.

If you have items for delivery to Grace Marketplace, call the JCNCF office and make sure there is someone there before you drop them off. I will personally ensure they find their way to Grace Marketplace.

My gratitude to our kind and caring community.

Purim And School Spirit Week Are Highlights At Day School

It’s a mischievous month at B’nai Israel Community Day School. If celebrating Purim wasn’t fun enough the school adds many tiers of celebration into the week of Purim.

It is the school’s spirit week with dress up days every day. All children and staff participate in costumes of pajamas, mismatch day, Purim character day and more. That however is just the start! Additionally each class draws the name of another class and sends them surprise Mishloach Manot (goodie bags) throughout the week.

Teachers also can decide to participate in the drawing of Purim pals among staff. Each day they put goodies into each other’s mailboxes and reveal their identity to their pals on Friday. It’s also prank week.

We spend the week tricking and surprising each other with good humored pranks.

We’ve raised about $126,000 of our $170,000 goal for the 2014-2015 campaign! Making progress!
Passover Schedules and Activities

Congregation B’nai Israel

Join Congregation B’nai Israel for the Sing-A-Long Seder!

Featuring some of your favorite tunes and a really great time, join Congregation B’nai Israel for Seder on the first night of Passover! Friday, April 3rd beginning at 6 p.m. join us as we all sing together and share in a great Seder experience. Fun for the whole family and all ages. The cost to attend is $50/person, $15 for children ages 9-12 and $10 for children 4-8. Please RSVP to Jenifer@bnaigainesville.com to reserve your seat!

**B’nai Israel Full Passover Schedule**

**Friday, April 3**
- Fast of the First Born Service, 7 a.m.
- Evening Service, 6 p.m.
- Erev Pesach Community Seder, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 4**
- Passover Service Day 1 (Shabbat), 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 5**
- Passover Service Day 2, 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, April 10**
- Passover Service 7, 9:30 a.m.
- Evening Service, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, April 11**
- Passover Service 8 (Shabbat), 9:30 a.m.

**Temple Shir Shalom**

Temple Shir Shalom will once again host a community Passover Seder on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 3 starting at 6 p.m. The Seder service will be led by Rabbi Michael Joseph, who will be returning for a few days from his spring sabbatical just for the occasion. The congregation will use the Temple’s much-beloved Passover Hagadah, created several years ago by its own Religious School students. The menu includes baked apricot chicken, 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 18th are: Adults: $45 (members) and $55 (nonmembers), Children 9-12: $20, Children 4-8: $10 and Children under 3 are free.

Prices after March 18 to March 25th are: Adults: $55 (members) and $65 (nonmembers), Children 9-12: $35, Children 4-8: $25 and Children under 3 are free.

Reservations made after March 25th are $75 per person. No money will be collected at the door. Payment at the time of reservation is required.

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.

**University of Florida Hillel**

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. - Themed Passover Seder

Celebrate our people's freedom in a unique way with UF Hillel’s Themed Seder. Dinner is free to students. For community members interested in attending, we ask that you make a donation to UF Hillel. As to what the theme will be, make sure to look at the calendar at www.UFHillel.org.

**Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala**

Join your Temple Family for a Wonderful Second-Night of Passover Seder Dinner conducted by Rabbi Ze’ev Harari

A Kosher-Style dinner and retelling of the Passover Story with a few ‘traditional’ changes.

“You shall tell your child on that day, saying, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’” (Exodus 13:8)

The Seder will be held in the Temple Social Hall on Saturday April 4th at 6 p.m. Contact Bob Fries at 352-304-8903 or bobfries1940@gmail.com for more details. The price will be $25 for

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Temple Shir Shalom celebrated Tu B’Shvat at Religious School on Sunday, February 1 with a visit from Temple member and organic farmer Rose Koenig and her son, Ricco. Rose and Ricco helped students and teachers reach a better understanding of our local bounty taken from the soil of north central Florida. Rutabagas, anyone?

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**Bnai Israel Community Day School Garage Sale**

Sun., March 15 from 7a.m. to noon

The Peters Home:

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members and $35 for nonmembers.

Please make your payment to Temple Beth Shalom.

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All are welcome - No experience necessary. For reservations or to help sponsor a student's Seder, please contact Rabbi Berl or Chanie Goldman at www.JewishGator.com (352) 336-5877

Rabbi@JewishGator.com

Donations for Seder appreciated, prior to Passover. All services and meals are at the Lubavitch-Chabad Center.

Passover Services and Calendar
Thursday, April 2
Formal search for Chametz after nightfall
Friday, April 3
Fast of the First Born
Eat Chametz until 11:27 a.m.
Burn and Sell Chametz by 12:29 p.m.
First Night of Passover
Light Candles at 7:31 p.m.
First Seder, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Morning Services, 10:30 a.m.
Second Night of Passover
Light Candles after 8:25 p.m.
Evening Services, 8:30 p.m.
Second Seder, 8:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 9
Light Holiday Candles at 7:34 p.m.
Evening Services 8 p.m.
Friday, April 10
Morning Services 10:30 a.m.

Light Shabbat/Holiday Candles at 7:35 p.m.
Evening Services 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 11
Morning Services 10:30 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Services 12:30 p.m.
Feast of Moshiach 7:30 p.m.
Passover Ends at 8:30 p.m.

Café Chabad Passover. All meals on Passover are Non-Gebrokts.
Friday, April 3
First Passover Seder, 7:45 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Holiday lunch after services, 1:30 p.m.
Second Passover Seder, 8:45 p.m.
Sunday, April 5
Holiday lunch after services, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, April 6
Lunch, noon; Students $8, Adults $12
Dinner, 6 p.m.; Students $10, Adults $15
Tuesday, April 7
Lunch: noon-1:30 p.m.; Students $8 Adults $12
Dinner: 6-7:30 p.m.; Students $10 Adults $15
Wednesday, April 8
Lunch: noon-1:30 p.m.; Students $8 Adults $12
Dinner: 6-7:30 p.m.; Students $10 Adults $15
Thursday, April 9
Lunch: noon-1:30 p.m.; Students $8 Adults $12
Dinner: 6-7:30 p.m.; Students $10 Adults $15
Friday, April 10
Lunch: noon-1:30 p.m.; Students $8 Adults $12
Shabbat/Holiday dinner after services: 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 11
Shabbat/Holiday lunch after services: 1:30 p.m.

Café Chabad Passover is subsidized by:
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Selling Your Chametz

On Passover a Jew is prohibited from possessing Chametz (leaven). All Chametz that will not be eaten or burned before Passover must be sold to a non-Jew. Any Chametz remaining in the possession of a Jew during Passover may not be used, eaten, bought or sold even after Passover.

The concept of Mechirat Hametz is an ancient one that permits Jews to consider their homes truly free of leavened products. After thoroughly cleaning your house of Hametz you generally lock away closed boxes of cereal and other leavened products in storage for the duration of the festival.

All Chametz utensils must be thoroughly cleaned and be stored away. The storage area should be locked or taped shut to be leased to the non-Jew at the time of the Chametz sale. There are many legal intricacies in this sale; thus only a Rabbi should be entrusted with its execution.

The Rabbi acts as our agent both to sell the Chametz to the non-Jew on the morning before Passover starts and also to buy it back the evening after Passover ends. Forms from Congregation B’nai Israel and the Chabad Center to execute the sale of your Chametz can be found on page 10.
The University of Florida’s Center for Jewish Center, supported partly through a special grant from the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, is organizing its second concert featuring the extraordinary cantors Yankee Lemmer and Haggai Batzri.

It once again features four musicians: Yair Dalal (oud and violin), Frank London (trumpet), Dror Sinai (percussion), Shai Bachar (keyboard). The Gainesville concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 25, 2015, at Congregation B’nai Israel. The Jacksonville concert is 7 p.m. March 26 at the Jacksonville Jewish Center. There is no admission fee for either event.

East and West answers the following question: what happens when you juxtapose two very different musical traditions—Ashkenazi and Mizrahi—as performed by two superb cantors and four equally accomplished musicians who themselves are practitioners of very different traditions of music? The answer is something quite extraordinary, both familiar and not so, something fun and easy to listen to, yet challenging to our musical understanding and allowing us to incorporate elements of Jewish tradition that most of us never heard before.

East and West 2 is not a replay of last year’s concert. It will be a significantly different concert—some, perhaps many, new liturgical pieces, teaching, explanations and more audience participation. As anyone who attended last year’s event can attest, the concert is not just for aficionados. It's for anyone interested in the beauty of the synagogue service, especially as performed by two extraordinary exponents of it.

And it’s not just for Jews, but for anyone open to the magnificent combination of prayer and music. So bring everyone you know. You don’t have to live in New York or Jerusalem to encounter the magnificence of the Jewish liturgy and the voices of great cantors.
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and come to terms with how to raise his son in good faith. This sensitive film also explores the difficulties that worshippers face and how they work through them with support from a genuinely loving community. The film highlights how we are all vulnerable in some way: we watch as Gruder, who became religiously observant as an adult, asks himself, “Am I worthy of teaching my son?”

Tuesday, March 24
The Hidden Spring (7 p.m.)
Followed by another film TBA

At first glance, it seems that there can be nothing in common between Sh’aul, an old homeless man who is suicidal and addicted to narcotics, and a young hitchhiker named Y’honatan, who is trying to overcome the loss of his best friend to suicide.

But a chance encounter unites them in a mutual desire to search for the essence of life. Together they go through a journey in which we delve into the hearts of lonely redemption seekers.

Thursday, March 26
There and Here (5:30 p.m.)

When Harry Klaussner, a Holocaust survivor who hid his past to become a pilot, went to the flight academy, he befriended navigator Shaia Harsit.

The two spent hours up in the air, but only after 60 years, did Harry discover that Shaia had also survived the Holocaust as a child. They aren’t the only ones - out of the 330 Israeli pilots who served in 1956, over 130 were Holocaust survivors who hid their true identity.

It was their way to survive in Israel too. This is the story of four of those pilots who set out on a journey to reclaim their lost childhood, silent youth and glory days as pilots, to tell the story of those who came from there and became the heart of the Israeli dream here.

Thursday, March 26
Farewell, Herr Schwartz (7 p.m.)

Winner of the Best Documentary Prize at the Haifa International Film Festival, director Yael Reuveny’s Farewell Herr Schwartz is a cinematic journey about buried family secrets, the Holocaust (from a third generation perspective) and how it is never too late to reclaim your heritage.

Siblings Michla and Feiv’ke Schwarz survived the Holocaust, but never reunited after the war. Michla moved to the soon-to-be-founded Jewish state in the Middle East and started a family there.

Her brother Feiv’ke, long considered dead, returned to East Germany, married a German woman and inexplicably lived amidst the concentration camp ruins where he was once a prisoner.

The Israeli and German sides to the family lived unaware of each other for half a century, until first time filmmaker Yael Reuveny probed exactly what happened to her family in 1945.

Saturday, March 28
Hit’Abdut (8:30 p.m.)

Hit’Abdut is an action thriller that depicts the final hours of Oded Tsur before he must end his life. Oded was in financial trouble with his failing business and was forced to take out a loan from a ruthless loan shark, Muki Zaken. Muki forced Oded to purchase a life insurance policy and commit suicide by 9:00 p.m. that day in order to repay his debt. Failing to do so by exactly that time would result in Muki executing his wife and children, as well. This action packed thriller leads us on a wild goose chase around a “unholy” dark Jerusalem, during a 24 hour period, where all hell breaks loose.

Sunday, March 29
East and West (3 p.m.)

East and West is a delightful comedy that opens as Morris Brown, a New Yorker better acquainted with his checkbook than his prayerbook, returns to Galicia for a family wedding with his very American daughter, Mollie (the incomparable Molly Picon).

The bride, daughter of his traditionally observant brother, and Mollie, whose exuberant antics fill the film, could not be more different.

But the fun really begins when Mollie unexpectedly meets her match in an engaging young yeshiva scholar.

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The Rabbi’s Pen

By Rabbi Yossi Hecht
Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages

Passover is, by its very definition, a national holiday.

Commemorating our birth as a people, Passover celebrates the creation of a new and free nation destined to transform civilization. Following its Exodus from Egypt, the youthful nation was emboldened to forge its own destiny, build its own homeland, and make its unique impact on mankind—the endeavors which the Jewish people engaged in following their liberation from Egyptian tyranny on Passover.

One would thus expect that the holiday rituals would emphasize the “nation” motif, the idea of our collective and national identity. Perhaps the Torah would instruct us to assemble the entire nation on Passover, or suggest another ritual that would reflect the national dimensions of Jewish life.

Yet, surprisingly, the Torah says, that the way Passover is to be celebrated is through individualized Seder meals, conducted in the privacy of homes. In the words of the Bible:

“Every man must take a lamb for the family, a lamb for each household. If the household is too small for a lamb, then he and a close neighbor can obtain a lamb together, as long as it is for specifically designated individuals. Individuals shall be designated for a lamb according to how much each one will eat.”

In other words, each home had to have its own lamb and its own Passover Seder meal; each Jew was individually designated to one particular Seder; every person had to be confined to his or her particular home or company for the duration of the Passover repast.

You could not switch homes or meals in middle of your Seder. You could not have another family join your Seder feast if they were not previously designated to your meal. The borders between groups who “signed up” for a Seder were strongly upheld.

Even today, in the absence of the Jerusalem Temple, when the Passover lamb is not part of the Seder, the emphasis of Passover remains on the individual home and family. “You must relate the story to your child,” Moses instructs the people. The entire Seder structure was created in order to engage the children seated around the family table. Why the absolute and radical borders between homes and individualized groups during a national holiday?

The answer to this question captures Judaism’s perspective of a people on the path to redemption and renewal for a moral society. The family—not the synagogue, not the university, not the market place, —was the nucleus of civilization. It is in the home—in the loving, nonjudgmental, and warm embrace of the home, where the future of humanity is molded.

Today, we are well aware of how the emotional turmoil in our lives can be traced back to the homes that raised us. “If you don’t believe in ghosts, you’ve never been to a family reunion,” Ashleigh Brilliant once remarked. Many of our challenges and blessings arise out of the homes in which we develop our primal identities and relationships. So the Torah is telling us, that if there is to be reformation, if there is to be redemption, it must begin in the home.

Judaism understood that what matters most occurred not in boardrooms, but in kitchens; not on the desks of CEO’s but in the arms of mothers and fathers cuddling their children and sharing with them the story of the human potential to liberate itself from the confinements of instinct, selfishness, hate and superficiality.

On Passover the Torah tells us: You want to become a nation and change the world? Go home!

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Ocala Concert Highlights Jewish Celebs

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala and Temple B’nai Darom present pianist Dr. Gary Helfin (“The Rockin’ Doc”) in concert on Sunday March 15, 2015 at 3 p.m. at Temple B’nai Darom, 49 Banyan Course, Ocala.

The concert will feature selections from Jewish composers which may include Billy Joel, Carly Simon, Josh Groban, Irving Berlin and many others. Tickets are $10 and are available from Sonia @352.307-3662. Carpools will be arranged.

Please inquire for these when making your reservation. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the synagogues’ educational and charitable programs.

Editor’s Note:
Most Purim Events were published on page 3 in the February 2015 issue, which can be found at www.jcncf.org. Click on the Chronicle tab. The additional events on this page were received for this issue.

Three Distinct Celebrations For Purim At Temple Shir Shalom

Temple Shir Shalom will offer three distinct Purim celebrations this year, on Wednesday, March 4 (the actual date of erev Purim), on Friday, March 6, and on Sunday, March 8.

The celebrations begin on March 4 at 7 p.m. with a (semi)-serious adult study session on the Book of Esther, led by Rabbi Joseph, complete with seasonally appropriate beverages for those who would like to imbibe, if you know what we mean!

The party continues on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. with a Shabbat service and pizza dinner sponsored by the Temple's Membership Committee. Costumes encouraged, the “whole megillah” will be read, and many hamentaschen will be eaten, along with ice cream for dessert.

And last but not least, Temple Shir Shalom’s world famous Purim Carnival will be held on Sunday, March 8 starting at 11 a.m.

Purim And Games Of All Kinds Highlight Beth Israel Of Ocala Event

Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala invites the public to a festive Purim celebration and Game Day on Sunday March 8, 2015 noon to 3 p.m. at On Top of the World, Arbor Conference Center, rooms E&F.

We will have the traditional megillah reading of the story of Esther followed by lunch.

The lunch includes turkey or roast beef sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad, fruit salad, beverages and desserts which will include hamantashen.

Card and board games will follow lunch and attendees are asked to bring their favorite game.

Tickets are $5 and are available from Lois (352 291-1308) or Janis (352 861-3762). Carpools will be arranged.

Please inquire for these when making your reservation. Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the synagogues’ educational and charitable programs.
News And Events From Gainesville Hadassah

Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah held its annual membership brunch on Sunday, February 8 at the home of Paul and Suzy Colvin Rothstein. We welcomed new members and held a successful silent auction and drawing that raised funds for Every Beat Counts, Hadassah’s Heart Health Initiative. The Women’s Heart Health program, presented by Dr. Eileen Handberg, engaged and educated all.

On March 29th, Hadassah hosts the Israeli film, Gett, which is part of the JCNCF Jewish Film Series at the Hippodrome Theatre. This is a provocative film that will surely contribute to a lively discussion afterwards.

April 17, 18 and 19th Gainesville B’nai Israel Sale of Chametz Form

Send to Rabbi David Kaiman, 3830 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida 32605 or rabbi@bnaigainesville.com or completed online at www.bnaigainesville.com or at http://bit.do/hametz

We, the undersigned, do authorize Rabbi David Kaiman to act as our agent to write a Shitarr M’khirat and sell our Chametz as necessary. We understand that any Chametz in our house will not be ours for use from sunset April 3, 2015 to sunset April 11 2015.

Name _______________________________________
Address_____________________________________
City_________________________________State______
Place where Chametz is stored ______________________________
Signature______________________________
Date________________

This must be received no later than 9 a.m. on April 3, 2015. The Rabbi then transfers the ownership of Chametz which remains in your possession to a non-Jewish person. This ownership is in force for the week of Passover but reverts back to the original owners at the end of the holiday. Mechirat Hametz is a venerable custom that adds an extra dimension to your Passover observance.

B’nai Israel Sale of Chametz Form

Chapter of Hadassah and Tri-County Chapter in the Villages, are hosting the Florida Central Regional Spring Conference and Shabbaton in Gainesville at the Paramount Plaza Hotel. Contact Meredith Bacharach, President of Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah for more information.

Our interest groups meet once a month. Hadassah Garden Club is hosted by Michelle Jensen, mwjen-sen@cox.net and Leslie Roseman, lesliecooks@aol.com. Please contact either of them for upcoming activities. The Art Club is led by Diane Brody, dartist@att.net, and she may be contacted for more information about future events.

Our book club is hosted by Marcy Brody, The book that has been chosen for discussion on March 11 at 7p.m. is Pictures of the Past by Deby Eisenberg.

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Day School Week

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Last year Debby Kinman-Ford opened her office to find one of the school’s chickens on her desk! Lastly, the school prepares Mishloach Manot bags for the Friendship Circle as well as for a local charity and of course there is the telling of the story of Esther by Rabbi Kaiman to the whole school. It is a busy fun filled week at B’nai Israel Community Day School.

“Best Cook Ever” Rabbi Michael Joseph delivers a bowl of soup during a “Warm Welcome Shabbat” on Friday, January 30.

The evening, presented by the Temple Shir Shalom Membership and Social Action committees, featured home-made soups from some of the congregation’s best chefs and a short talk by Robyn Katz, director of Alz Place, a respite center for Alzheimer’s Disease patients and families.

News And Events From Gainesville Hadassah

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**Jewish Community Calendar — March 2015**

**Sunday, March 1**
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood program for National Women's History Month, 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 3**
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 4**
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jewish Council of North Central Florida Caregivers Support Group, 7 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom; For more information, contact Lori Waxenberg at loribwax@gmail.com

**Tuesday, March 5**
Temple Shir Shalom Purim Style Fun Adult Study, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 5**
Purim

**Friday, March 6**
Temple Shir Shalom Pizza Party/Ice Cream Dessert with Purim Celebration and Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 10**
Jewish Council of North Central Florida Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom

**Thursday, March 12**
Congregation B'nai Israel Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 13**
B'nai Israel Community Day School Pre-K Miss Spider's Tea Party, noon

**Sunday, March 15**
B'nai Israel Community Day School Garage Sale, 7 a.m. to noon

**Tuesday, March 17**
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Friday, March 20**
B'nai Israel Community Day School Bubbe and Zaydee Shabbat, noon

**Film Festival**

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who forsakes tradition and joins the secular world to win her heart.

**Sunday, March 29**

*Gett (7 p.m.)*

*Gett* is the trial story of Viviane Amsalem's five year fight to obtain her divorce in front of the only legal authority competent for divorce cases in Israel, the Rabbinical Court. Viviane and her lawyer must face the uncompromising attitude of Elisha, the husband, who doesn't even respond to the rabbis' convocations. When he is finally obliged to come to court, he keeps refusing the divorce (gett) even though they've been separated for years. Witnesses are called, the procedure drags on, while Viviane is still unable to recover her dignity.

**Monday, March 30**

*A Borrowed Identity (7 p.m.)*

*A Borrowed Identity* is the story of Eyad, a boy who grew up in an Arab town in Israel, and was given the chance to go to a prestigious Jewish boarding school in Jerusalem - the first and only Arab to be accepted to it.

Eyad desperately tries to fit in with his Jewish piers and Israeli society. He develops a friendship with Jonathan, a boy suffering from muscular dystrophy, and gradually becomes part of Jonathan's family, lending strength to Edna, Jonathan's single parent. Eyad falls in love with a Jewish girl - Naomi - and their relationship develops in secret until it falls apart and Eyad leaves the school. Eyad is an outsider, but he wants to belong, not really knowing to whom and to what ... and so he realizes that he must sacrifice his identity in order to be accepted. He has to take a decision that will change his life forever.

**Tuesday, March 31**

*Friends From France (7 p.m.)*

Set in the Europe of 1979, the *Friends From France*, Carole and Jérôme, are twenty-somethings who go on an organized trip to Odessa, behind the Iron Curtain of the former Soviet Union.

By day, they behave like simple tourists and visit museums and monuments. But, come the evening, they slip away from the group and secretly meet “refuseniks,” Jews persecuted by the Soviet regime for wanting to leave the country. The pair discovers an underground world that is equally cruel and absurd.

While Carole is motivated by political commitment and a taste for risk, for Jérôme, the real motivation behind this trip is Carole.

**Hadassah**

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The reading selection for the month of April is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, to be discussed on April 8 at 7 p.m. All book club meetings are held at the home of one our members. For more information concerning the book club, please contact Marcy at marcybrody@gmail.com. Rosh Chodesh, our study group is organized by Beverly Sherman. All Rosh Chodesh meetings are held at B'nai Israel on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Gabby Bitton will speak on anti-Semitism in France on Tuesday, March 10.

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