JCNCF Sponsors Talk On Jewish Communities Oct. 19 At B’nai Israel

The challenge of making Jewish Communities will be discussed at a community talk October 19 at Congregation B’nai Israel.

Sponsored by the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, the talk by Dr. Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, Senior Director of Research and Analysis for The Jewish Federations of North America, will look at how Jewish Communities can form connections between all of their members.

Jewish Americans in 2014 have an unlimited number of opportunities for self-expression, community involvement and affiliation. They may, if they wish, choose to neither identify nor to affiliate with the Jewish community. For those who work in Jewish communal life, that option poses a challenge. Traditional groups like synagogues, Jewish family service agencies and other philanthropic organizations face the reality that their members and donors are aging and they must find new ways to connect with future generations.

But the competition for the time, talent and treasure of Generation Next is fierce. Is there a secret to success in engaging young Jewish families and millennials?

That challenge is at the heart of Kotler-Berkowitz’s talk: Building a Jewish Community in the 21st Century. The event is hosted by Congregation B’nai Israel on Sunday, October 19 at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact JCNCF at office@jcncf.org or 352.371.3846.

Judaic Studies Expert To Discuss The Disappearing American Jew On October 20

For the first time since World War II, the United States may not be home to the largest Jewish community on the globe. Every now and then, a major American news outlet will run a story about the so-called “Disappearing American Jew”—the product of low birth rates, high levels of inter-marriage and a shrinking share of Americans that identify with Judaism. But is the picture really so bleak?

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, senior research director at The Jewish Federations of North America, will explore this question and more during the second annual Shorstein Lecture at 6 p.m., Oct, 20 at the University of Florida’s Pugh Hall.


Described as a “must-read” after its release, the report has sparked a nationwide discussion about the current state of the American Jewish community and its future.

The report has affected planning and programming for many Jewish organizations across the U.S. Kotler-Berkowitz will present an overview of the survey’s findings and discuss future trajectories of the U.S. Jewish community. As research director for JFNA, Kotler-Berkowitz served as an advisor to the Pew Research Center on the study and has spoken to numerous audiences across the country about its findings.

“There are few Americans as knowledgeable about trends in American Jewry as Kotler-Berkowitz,” said Kenneth Wald, distinguished professor of Political Science and the Shorstein Professor of American Jewish Culture and Society at UF. “Gainesville is fortunate to have some-
Israeli Cantor Noam Rakovsky To Help Lead B’nai Israel Yom Kippur Services

B’nai Israel is excited to welcome Noam Rakovsky to Gainesville to join the congregation for Yom Kippur Services.

Cantor Rakovsky was born in 1971 to a well-known Cantorial family. He started his singing career at the age of 6 when he sang together with his brothers as the choir of their father cantor Yitzhak Rakovsky, during the High Holiday prayers and in many performances all year long. During his childhood, he studied Cantorial music and voice training with the late famous conductor Shmuel Rivlin and was a member of his choir for several years.

In 2007, cantor Rakovsky was the Chief Chazan at the :Heichal Moshe: Synagogue in Tel Aviv, officiating with the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Israel Meir Lau. During 2010–2011, cantor Rakovsky was the Chief Chazan at the :Shaare Tikva B’nai Zion: congregation Chicago, Illinois during the High Holidays.

In 2012, Cantor Rakovsky led the High Holiday prayer in the Dan Boutique Hotel, Jerusalem. Noam (Continued on page 12)

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Material can be e-mailed in Word Document format to chronicle@jcncf.org, faxed (please don’t fax pictures) to (352) 379-5802 or dropped off at the Jewish Council of North Central Florida offices next door to Temple Shir Shalom.

If you have any questions, e-mail chronicle@jcncf.org or call (352) 379-5802.

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**Let’s Get Ready For Gainesville’s Sixth Annual Mitzvah Day On November 9**

By Virginia Brissette  
JCNCF Executive Director

On Sunday, November 9, the Jewish community of North Central Florida will gather for our sixth annual Mitzvah Day and the second Mitzvah Day in 2014. “Already?” you may ask, “What’s up with that?”

International Mitzvah Day is held annually on the third Sunday in November and this was going to be the first year that Gainesville would participate on that designated day in the fall, instead of in the spring. The scheduled date shifted by a week to November 9 to allow Hillel’s Mitzvah Day to coincide with the general community’s Mitzvah Day.

Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. for breakfast and an opening program at the Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center (2021 NW 5th Avenue). Volunteers will then disperse to work on a variety of projects at Congregation B’nai Israel, Hillel, Temple Shir Shalom and other locations throughout Gainesville.

Projects will include:
- Making bagged lunches for St. Francis House
- Collecting clothing for Displaced Homemakers, Tacachale, Helping Hands Clinic and more

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The Rabbi’s Pen

By Rabbi David Kaiman
Congregation B’nai Israel

The cycle of the Jewish year is punctuated by special holy days. As I write this we are on the cusp of observing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur which are together known as “Yamim Noraim” that we may translate into English as “Awesome Days”. Indeed they are special, meaningful days but in some ways I believe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur would be incomplete without the inclusion of the holiday of Sukkot that quickly follows.

Sukkot is a simple holiday. We are easily able to recognize the historical symbolism of building a Sukkah and we keenly feel the connection with nature and harvest as we move outdoors to dwell in the Sukkah during the holiday. And yet, there is much more we can learn as we ponder the celebration.

You see, we have the opportunity on Sukkot to create our own sacred space—using scrap lumber, spare parts, odds and ends. We find out that the creation of holy does not necessitate anything fancy other than sincere effort and intention.

Our holy life is defined ultimately by our attitude and the actions that we implement in our lives. Everyone can participate in the building of a sukkah if they so wish and everyone can find a way to enter the sacred.

This space of the sukkah also demonstrates another lesson that I believe we have the opportunity to internalize during this holiday. You see, this space has both an outside and an inside and we have the responsibility to decide where we will include ourselves.

Will we make the decision to stand on the outside—observing the warmth and beauty of the sukkah from afar? Or will we decide to step inside and actively take part of the sukkah from the inside?

Even more, we need to consider how we will relate this space of the sukkah to others in the world. Will we seek to include within our sukkah our closest family and friends or will we seek to make sure that our sukkah includes the widest circle possible?

In truth, our Jewish life challenges us to step inside and become involved to create the kind of space where everyone is included and where the space of holiness reflects the same kind of intentional spirit that we felt as we built the sukkah in our yard.

The metaphor is easy on this holiday but I believe that the principles of intention and inclusion extend far beyond the holiday of Sukkot. These principles should be with us each and every day of our lives and in each and every worthy pursuit.

I pray that this season of holidays be a season of growth, spiritual intention and inclusion.

L’shana Tova Tikvateivu

Sukkot
Sukkot, Simchat Torah Schedules

Temple Shir Shalom
Wednesday, October 8
6:30 p.m. Sukkah service and potluck supper
Wednesday, October 15
6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration

Congregation B’nai Israel
Thursday, October 9
9:30 a.m. Sukkot 1
Friday, October 10
9:30 a.m. Sukkot 2
6 p.m. Mincha
Wednesday, October 15
7 a.m. Hoshanna Rabba
Thursday, October 16
9:30 a.m. Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor
6 p.m. Mincha
6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah
Friday, October 17
9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah
6 p.m. Mincha

Lubavitch-Chabad
Wednesday, October 8
6:50 p.m. Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service followed by holiday dinner in the Sukkah under the stars.
Thursday, October 9
10 a.m. Morning Service followed by Musaf and Kiddush Lunch
8:30 p.m. Evening Service followed by holiday dinner in the Sukkah under the stars.
Friday, October 10
10 a.m. Morning service followed by Musaf and Kiddush Lunch
Sunday, October 12
4:30 p.m. Open House/Sukkah. Glatt Kosher BBQ Dinner, Music, Entertainment, Clown Show, Nosh in the Sukkah, Sukkah Craft. Come celebrate in the largest Sukkah in NC Florida! Adults $10, Children $7, Family $36, Sponsor $180
Wednesday, October 15
6:42 p.m. Candle Lighting
7:30 p.m. Shmini Atzeret Evening Service followed by Hakafot, dancing with the Torah and dinner
Thursday, October 16
10 a.m. Shmini Atzeret Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Yizkor Service followed by Mussaf and Kiddush Lunch
8:30 p.m. Buffet Refreshments and L’chaim served all night until midnight. Flags and treats for kids!
Friday, October 17
10:30 a.m. Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Hakafot followed by Mussaf and Kiddush lunch

Chabad Jewish Center of Marion County and The Villages
Thursday, October 9
10 a.m. Sukkot Morning Service followed by Kiddush lunch

Saturday, October 11
10 a.m. Shabbat Services followed by Kiddush lunch
Sunday, October 12
1 p.m. Family Sukkah Celebration with Bounce House, Snow Cones, Shaking of Lulav and Etrog, BBQ, Music and more. RSVP appreciated to info@jewishmarion.org or 352.291.2218

Tuesday, October 14
11:30 a.m. “A New Year A New You” Guest Speaker, Salads in the Sukkah, Music and more! RSVP at: jewishwomensclub@gmail.com or call Chanie 352-291-2218 Sonia 352-307-3662

Thursday, October 16
7 p.m. Dancing with the Torah, Buffet Dinner, Hakof, Flags

Friday, October 17
5 p.m. Simchat Torah Children’s Celebration, Dancing with the Torah, Dinner Buffet, Flags, Hats and more! A celebration you don’t want to miss!

Temple Beth Shalom, Ocala
Friday, October 10
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Celebration
Thursday, October 16
10 a.m. Simchat Torah Morning Service and Yizkor
Friday, October 17
7:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration

Temple B’nai Darom, Ocala
Wednesday, October 8
7:30 p.m. Sukkot Eve
Friday, October 10
7:30 p.m. Shabbat Chol Hameid Sukkot
Wednesday, October 15
7:30 p.m. Atzeret - Simchat Torah Eve

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Friendship Circle Continues At B’nai Israel

By Suzy Miller

Friendship Circle is a program for our community of older adults that meets Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Congregation B’nai Israel Social Hall 3830 NW 16th Boulevard.

We will begin the New Year with new friends, new programs and new opportunities for those in the community who are Young at Heart and enjoy schmoozing, exercise, noshes, Bingo and music, current events, movies and guest speakers.

On the third Wednesday of each month we have opportunities to join the children in the school to rock, play and sing with them.

Try joining us on the second Wednesday of each month (Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10) as we enjoy Senior Zumba at B’nai Israel led by L’Tanya.

We thank the JCNCF for the generous grant that helps us to provide programs for our senior community.

We hope to see you there - and bring a friend. Please call Suzy at 373-0508 or Dorothy at 373-9134 if you have any questions.

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Hadassah Has Full Slate Of Events This October

Political Form

It’s an Election Year! Attend Hadassah’s Political Forum to learn about issues and insights from three leading political observers: Prof. Ken Wald, Prof. Richard Scher and Prof. David Coburn. Sunday, October 26, 10 a.m. to noon. at Hillel, 2020 W. University Ave. Parking is available across the street in the UF lot.

Interest Groups

Lunch Bunch – The next gathering of our social group will be on Oct. 15, 12:15 at Koyo’s Restaurant in the Publix Shopping Center on 13th St. and 39th Ave. The restaurant faces 39th Ave.

Book Club – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. (We meeting at a different home location). This month we will discuss Start Up Nation by Dan Senor and Saul Singer. If you are interested in more information regarding the book club and the meeting location, please email Marcy Brody@gmail.com or call 610.529.3050.

Art Club – Play with Paint on October 19. This is a great opportunity to experiment, learn and play. Bring your own paints and paper or they will be provided. The group will be gathering at the home of Diane Brody so please call her if you are interested. 226-7195.

Garden Club – Come shop the bounties of Gainesville! Our field trip for the Hadassah Garden Circle is to visit the downtown farmers market on October 22 at 4:30 p.m. Make sure to bring your own grocery bags and a cooler if you want to buy fish. We will shop for produce and plants. If the University of Florida canceled the football game for severe rain, we will also postpone for rain. After we shop, we will have dinner at Amelia’s restaurant in downtown Gainesville at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP, or to arrange a ride, please call Leslie Roseman at 371-7911.

Rosh Chodesh Study Group – “It’s an Election Year” – Join us on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at B’nai Israel Synagogue. The speaker is Dawn Burgess-Krop. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Sherman.

Thank Yous

The Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah extends sincere
Gainesville Jewish Kids Club And Other Programs At Lubavitch-Chabad

Unless otherwise indicates, all the following programs take place at the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center 2021 NW 5th Avenue (five blocks north of the stadium) Gainesville, FL 32603. For more information, or to register or RSVP for any program contact Pessie Notik at: Pessie@JewishGator.com or Rabbi Berl Goldman at:Rabbi@JewishGator.com.

The Gainesville Jewish Kids Club
An Education and Enrichment Program where learning is fun!

Registration Now Open!
The Jewish Kids Club offers children the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Judaism while surrounded by their peers, in a stimulating and joyful environment.

At the Jewish Kids Club we endeavor that our students should:
• Attain a strong sense of love and pride in being Jewish.
• Discover and explore the Torah (Bible), the incredible history of the Jewish people and see its relevance in today’s day and age.
• Gain an understanding of the practices and traditions of Judaism.
• Learn the morals, values and ethics of the Torah.
• Have a hands-on experience and appreciation for the Jewish holidays.
• Be imbued with a deep sense of connection and love for the land of Israel.
• Master Hebrew skills of reading and writing.
• Learn basic prayers so that the students will feel comfortable when attending services.
• Encourage students to express their opinions and questions about G-d, Torah and Judaism.

We welcome every Jew regardless of religious background, level of observance or previous knowledge. The Jewish Kids Club does not require membership or affiliation as a condition for enrollment.

Ages: Boys and Girls 5 to 11
Time: Wednesday Afternoons 3:45 – 5:45 p.m.
Tuition: $525 for the year (includes books and materials)

Friday Night Live
Shabbat on Fifth Ave!
Turn your Friday night into Shabbat at your home away from home! Join us with your family and friends for inspira-

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

As we are just days into the Jewish New Year 5775, there is much to reflect on. This past summer was a sobering one.

With the war in Israel, Operation Protective Edge, in which Israel fought for the security and safety of their people, the virulent anti-Semitism that has been unleashed around the world, the frightening threat of ISIS in the Middle East and additional menaces in North Korea and Russia, the world is not pretty right now.

The evil we have recently witnessed being perpetrated, makes many of us feel powerless. So, what to do?

On Rosh Hashanah we celebrated the anniversary of the creation of man. When G-d created Adam, he told him, “Replenish the earth, and conquer it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that move upon the Earth.” (Gen. 1:28) The Lubavitcher Rebbe of righteous memory elaborated on this concept.

We, as human beings were given the power to conquer the world through the Divine image with which each human being was born. Our task in life is to uplift and elevate the world around us; to reveal the goodness that inherently lies in all of creation. But, we must start with ourselves; it is incumbent upon each one of us to first conquer our personal shortcomings, to ensure that we can transform our personal world into a bright and holy place.

Then, we become responsible to reflect on our relationship with the world at large and carry out the Divine command to conquer the world, through utilizing the G-dly soul which we were gifted.

The challenges and rewards of this mission are contained in the significance behind two of the foods we traditionally eat on Rosh Hashanah, the apple and honey.

Both foods are sweet, yet their source and taste is different. The apple is a natural smooth sweetness and one can easily eat an entire fruit at a time. This symbolizes the sweet things in life that come easily, perhaps through in born gift, talent or luck of the draw. Honey, on the other hand is the product of a bee, a creature which has the ability to cause pain, yet creates a product which is so intense in its

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Engagement
Howard Rosenblatt and Eve Ackerman of Gainesville are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Raphael (Raphi) T. Rosenblatt to David M. Morgenstern, son of Marc and Amy Morgenstern of Cleveland, Ohio. The couple is currently living in Evanston, IL. No date has been set yet for the wedding.

Mazel Tov to Benjamin Rubin
Benjamin Rubin truly understands the Mitzvah within Bar Mitzvah. When he was preparing for this rite of passage to becoming an adult at Ocala’s Temple Beth Shalom, he requested that any gifts be given to charity. He was able to donate $1,000 to Community Services and $1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Ocala. This is a wonderful display of his understanding that Tzadakkah is an important part of our faith. Some sages have said that Tzadakkah is the highest of all commandments, equal to all of them combined. We all congratulate this young man and his actions to help his community.

Café Chabad
Come socialize with friends and enjoy good Kosher food.
Kosher, social night out! An opportunity to get a fresh, home-cooked, delicious meal and taste a variety of Kosher culinary delights.
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Hadassah
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thanks and appreciation to all of the event participants, volunteers, contributors, donors, and sponsors who made our Black and White New Year’s Gala a success! Because of their generous in-kind and financial contributions, our Chapter has raised funds for Hadassah Medical Center in order to purchase much needed hospital beds and supplies. Donations from our amazing community are still coming in! We will share the total amount raised in next month’s Chronicle.

Thank you to Helen Kornblum, owner of Natural Order. She did a super job helping us to organize the Hadassah closet.

Hadassah On Account
This is a brilliant way to keep up with sending cards, trees and certificates. Send a check (made out to Hadassah, Gainesville Chapter) to Ann Heft c/o our P.O. Box 358362, Gainesville 32635). Ann Heft will keep a record of your account. Whenever you want her to send out a birthday card, condolence card, anniversary card, get well card, etc., contact her with the information and she will take care of it.

Be Connected! Be Involved
Hadassah.org/Gainesville is our local chapter website. We are also on Facebook at Facebook.com/GainesvilleHadassah.

Be An E-Member
Hadassah has created a special membership category for people who want to support Hadassah on a national level but do not want to receive local information. One-time cost is $100. Call Nicole Levy at 338-3591 for more information.

Apples And Honey
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sweetness that one can barely take more than a lick without being overwhelmed by its flavor. Honey signifies the accomplishments in life that come through hard work, determination and often great struggle.

On Rosh Hashanah we dip many things into honey, Challah, apples; and it is also contained in different sweet dishes. This suggests that in life we are faced with challenges, yet the greatest triumphs although the most difficult to achieve, will reap the greatest rewards.

So, as we proceed along in this New Year, and continue to reflect on the past year, let us constantly motivate ourselves to make a difference. We should always remember that evil must be combated through the efforts of good people to conquer the world with the shining lights of goodness and kindness.

On behalf of my wife Chanie, our children, Mendel, Mushka, Rochel, Levi, Shmuely, Meir, Shternie and Boruch we share our heartfelt blessings and wishes to everyone for a Shanah Tova – a happy, healthy and sweet new year!

For all our High Holiday, Sukkot and Simchat Torah programs and services go to www.JewishGator.com/HighHoliday

Mitzvah Day
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• Making meals at Ronald McDonald House and Fisher House
• Making Lone Soldier Care Packages
• Collecting Food for the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank

Disappearing Jew
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one of his calibre share his insights about the future of the Jewish community in the United States.”

Kotler-Berkowitz earned a doctorate in political science from Brown University and holds an M.A in Jewish Communal Services from Brandeis. He has written numerous reports for Jewish communal organizations.

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.

The event is free, open to the public and will be live streamed at www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu.

Facebook at Facebook.com/GainesvilleHadassah.

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Jewish Community Calendar — October 2014

Wednesday, October 1
B’nai Israel Community Day School Parents Association meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Friendship Circle Singing with Becky Micha, 10:30 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel. (352) 359-5501 for more information.
JCNCF Caregiver Support Group, 7 p.m.; For location and more information call Linda Lewis at (352) 317-4978

Friday, October 3
Erev Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4
Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 7
Friendship Circle Senior Zumba, 10:30 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel. (352) 359-5501 for more information.
Temple Shir Shalom Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 a.m.; also on October 14, 21 and 28
Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. at UF Hillel
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8
Erev Sukkot
B’nai Israel Community Day School Mom’s Night Out, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 9
Sukkot, through October 15
B’nai Israel Community Day School Closed through Oct. 10
Congregation B’nai Israel Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 11
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service and Torah Study, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 14
Temple Shir Shalom Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15
Friendship Circle Seniors in the Sukkah, 10:30 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel. (352) 359-5501 for information.

Thursday, October 16
Shmini Atzeret
B’nai Israel Community Day School Closed through Oct. 17

Friday, October 17
Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 19
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Historical Outing to Micanopy, time TBA
Dr. Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz discusses Jewish Community and a little help from Religious School Students, Temple Shir Shalom Rabbi Michael Joseph leads a service on the first day of Religious School September 7.

Monday, October 20
“The Disappearing American Jew,” a talk by Dr. Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, 6 p.m. at UF's Pugh Hall.

Tuesday, October 21
JCNCF Board Meeting of North Central Florida Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Temple Shir Shalom

Wednesday, October 22
Friendship Circle with Music Maven Howard Rothman, 10:30 a.m. at Congregation B’nai Israel. (352) 359-5501 for more information.

Friday, October 24
B’nai Israel Community Day School Family Shabbat Service and Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 25
Temple Shir Shalom Shabbat Service and Bar Mitzvah of Eddie Beck, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 26
Temple Shir Shalom Sundays with the Rabbi #2, 4 p.m.
Temple Shir Shalom Sisterhood Paid-up Member Dinner, 5 p.m.
Hadassah Pre-Election Forum, 10 a.m. at UF Hillel

Wednesday, October 29
B’nai Israel Community Day School Parents Association meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Friendship Circle Centennial Celebration, 10:30 a.m. at B’nai Israel. (352) 359-5501 for information.
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