By Dawn Burgess-Krop  
JCNCF President

When most people think about spring break, they envision beach chairs and cold beverages with little umbrellas. For Dr. Eloise Harman, there are no new swimsuits or beachwear. Her suitcases are overflowing with medical supplies and her destination, Haiti, is not on the cruise ship circuit.

Almost 20 years ago, a medical student seeking to give back to those in dire need, approached Dr. Harman and suggested a mission to Haiti. After considerable arrangements, this began Dr. Harman’s annual spring break mission to Haiti, a country suffering unbearable poverty and deprivation. Also participating in the mission are other doctors and medical students, with the group now called Project Haiti, expanding over the years to include pharmacy students, and sometimes, dental students.

Project Haiti participants go to a remote area of Haiti and people pour in when their arrival is anticipated. Dr. Harman explains that Haitians cook over open fires and there are always burns to be tended, untreated injuries, skin problems due to tropical climate, and

By Jack Kugelmass, Director  
UF Center for Jewish Studies

From Sunday, March 13 through March 22, the Gainesville Jewish Film Festival will offer a cinephiles’ delight of the finest films from across the globe. Come out to the historic Hippodrome State Theater for ten days of international cinema that will change the way you view movies and the world. This year’s festival features 12 films with a considerable range of subjects, genres, politics and audience appeal from heavy intellectual to travel/buddy film, and from suspense to romance.

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Sixth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival  
March 13 through March 22 at the Hippodrome Cinema

Tikkun Olam with Eloise Harman

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Volunteers Needed for Purim Mitzvah Project

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.

Yom Ha’Atzmaut Planning

Monday, March 7 at 7 pm

JCNCF’s annual community Israeli Independence Day celebration will be on Sunday, May 15. We are looking for a committee to help plan and run the event. The first meeting will be on Monday, March 7 at 7 pm at Temple Shir Shalom.

Please call 352.371.3846 or email office@jcnf.org to let us know you want to be part of the fun. Thank for your help and support!

Volunteer With JCNCF

JCNCF Mission Statement

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.

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North Central Florida Jewish community institutions are invited to submit applications for the next round of Jewish Council grant considerations, which will begin after March 31, 2016, the application deadline.

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.

After careful review, the committee will present their recommendations to the JCNCF board and applicants will be notified by June 15, 2016.

Please contact the Jewish Council office for more information about the grants process.

Get the Gift of Jewish Camp

The Michael and Anita Siegal One Happy Camper Fund has six $1,000 incentive grants available. Any Jewish child who would like to have a first-time experience at a Jewish overnight camp and who lives in a community that is part of JFNA’s Network of Independent Communities is eligible to apply. Applications are due on March 18

www.jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper-2

Your support of the JCNCF Annual Campaign surpassed $141,500 in February — 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!

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Included are two riveting films on the aftermath of the Holocaust for German victimizers (Labyrinth of Lies) and their children (What Our Fathers Did) and a very moving “buddy film” about a misfit young Turkish woman and a Jewish survivor (The Last Mentsch) who for most of his post-Holocaust life wanted nothing more than to fit in.

The most controversial film in this year’s line-up, Natasha, is a Canadian production based on a short story about Russian Jewish immigrants to Toronto. Truly a film lovers’ film, Natasha is beautifully scripted and performed.

The most entertaining of the films is Midnight Orchestra, a “going home” story about a young Israeli visiting Morocco, the land of his birth, a place where his father was a renowned and much loved musician.

Not to be missed are the various Israeli films in the series. For anyone familiar with the writing of the brilliant German Jewish philosopher Hannah Arendt, the fascinating documentary Vita Activa is a must see. The feature film Manpower very powerfully portrays the plight of African guest workers living in or around Tel Aviv. It’s a tough subject, but one that deserves wider exploration. Women in Sink is a hopeful story about coexistence in Haifa. Flutchkes is a beautiful documentary about an older women’s dance group. Happy Purim is a new, often amusing and wonderfully informative work by a young ultra-Orthodox directorial talent.

Finally, Srugim is one episode from a hit television series about modern Orthodox Israelis searching for love. Even those familiar with the show will enjoy seeing it on a large screen. We like to finish the festival with a love story and this Srugim episode fits the bill. We also like to start off with something riveting and the festival opening film, Labyrinth of Lies will keep viewers on the edge of their seats. Despite the subject, it's really a detective story where the bad guys seem to be getting away, but a hard-working, single-minded sleuth finally sets things straight.

We’re excited about this year’s festival selections and proud to announce them. We hope that you will join us for one or all of them.

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Israel in Brief: News and Developments

By Ralph Lowenstein

Jewish Population Increases. World Jewish population rose to 14.3 million in 2015, according to Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics. This is still less than the number of Jews alive in 1939, when the all-time peak of 16.6 million was reached. One-third were killed by the Nazis and their collaborators in almost every country in Europe. Today, almost half of the world’s Jews live in Israel (6.2 million) and almost half in the United States (5.7 million) and Canada (386,000). In 2015 the other large populations of Jews lived in France (467,000), Britain (290,000), and Russia (183,000).

Oberlin College Alumni Protest. More than 200 Oberlin College alumni have protested to the president of the college that anti-Israel activism on campus has created a hostile environment for Jews, and they are demanding that the college take action to address the problem. The alumni contend that the campus Boycott, Divest, Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel has indicated to Jewish classmates that they must forfeit their allegiance to Israel or they will be branded as an enemy of justice and complicit in the oppression of the Palestinian people. The Oberlin president has agreed to discuss the problem by phone with representative alumni who signed the letter.

Hamas Rebuilding Tunnels. Israel is busy preparing countermeasures for tunnels now being built by Hamas to replace those destroyed in the 2014 war. The IDF’s chief of staff, General Gadi Eisenkot, said Israel has “dozens, if not a hundred, engineering vehicles on the Gaza border.” The U.S. Deputy Minister of Defense saw Israel’s anti-tunnel project in its early stages and approved $40 million in U.S. funds to cover its first year of construction. The United States is interested, apparently, in a similar project along portions of the border with Mexico.

Non-Orthodox Prayer Space at the Western Wall. The Israeli government has approved the creation of an upgraded egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall in Jerusalem for non-Orthodox Jews. According to the New York Times, Prime Minister Netanyahu described the plan for the new prayer space as “a fair and creative solution” and “a compromise on this delicate issue in a place that is supposed to unite the Jewish people.”

Israeli Industries in the News. Sony is buying Altair Semiconductor for $220 million. Altair has developed 4G (LTE) chips for electronic devices. 4G is considered to be the next big thing in cell phone devices. 4G is up to ten times faster than the 3G chip now used in most new cell phones.

The Israeli energy tech firm 3GSolar has used nanotechnology to develop photovoltaic energy cells that will allow consumer devices to recharge themselves with ordinary lighting, thus eliminating a need for batteries.

Israel’s TravelersBox company operates kiosks in airports throughout the world where travelers can convert foreign change and bills for a deposit into a PayPal account, where the money is turned into gift cards for retailers or used to make charitable donations.
PJ Library Family Spotlight: *Getting to Know the Haller Family*

By Debby Kinman-Ford, PJ Library Co-coordinator

Hello from PJ Library Gainesville! PJ Library provides Jewish content books and music to children aged 6 months to 8 years old each month, but did you know that we also sponsor fun, family oriented events regularly too? From time to time we are going to highlight local area families to introduce you to PJ Library participants in our community and the activities they love!

The first PJ Library Spotlight is on the Haller family. Michael, a life long resident of Gainesville and currently an Associate Professor in Pediatric Endocrinology at the University of Florida, is married to Allison Sherman, who is an Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology, also at UF. The Hallers have two children, Zoe, age 6 and Jack, age 3, who frequently attend PJ Library events, complete with their grandparent “entourage,” Art and Sylvia Haller. The Haller mishpacha (shown in photos above and below) attended the PJ Library Havdalah event, PJs, Pizza and Stories, held on Sunday, February 27 at Temple Shir Shalom.

On the weekends you can find the Hallers at Florida Gator sporting events, swimming (A LOT), frequenting a play at the Hippodrome or going to the park and out to eat with bubbe and zayde. PJ Library Gainesville went to Paynes Prairie with other families for Tu Bi’Sh’vat and the Hallers especially loved that program. Everyone had a great time and saw LOTS of alligators.

When the day is done and the Hallers are winding down, they love to end their day with a PJ Library book. Favorites in the Haller house are *Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast* and *Rise and Shine, a Challah-day Tale*.

Good reading, Haller family and thanks for being the focus of our first PJ Library Family Spotlight!!
PJ Library Gets Hipp for Purim

Purim is a time of celebration and PJ Library Gainesville has a special event planned for families. Just in time for the Gainesville Jewish Film Festival, we’re taking over the Hippodrome Cinema for a screening of Shalom Sesame’s *Mitzvah on the Street,* followed by a party to celebrate Purim and the birthday of Hadassah.

This event is FREE for PJ Library families. Fulfill the Purim *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* by supporting our fundraiser to benefit pediatric diabetes research at Hadassah Hospital and Shand’s.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 16 to 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org

PJ Library Gets Hipp for Purim

Sunday, March 20 at 2 PM

Hippodrome Cinema

You are invited to a pre-Purim event for families sponsored by the B’nai Israel Community Day School & JCNCF.

What’s Going on With *PJ Library Gainesville*

**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.

**PJs, Pizza & Stories with PJ Library**

PJ Library co-coordinators, Debby Kinman-Ford, left and Virginia Brissette Hirshik, center, hosted a Havdalah service and pizza party for families at Temple Shir Shalom on Saturday, February 27.

Gidon Herman of Studio Percussion (back) provided musical accompaniment. Children and parents, who were invited to attend in the pajamas, sang songs and heard stories with milk and cookies.

Sunday, April 10
3 pm

Passover Scavenger Hunt at the Museum of Natural History

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@jcncf.org.

Sunday, May 15
11 am

Israel Independence Day Celebration
Location to be announced

Jordan Glen School’s
Summer Camp 2016
June 13 - July 1  July 5 - July 22

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Transportation Available
Limited school openings for Fall 2016
Pre K - 8th Grade
The Sixth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival

**Sunday, March 13 - 7:30 pm**
*Labyrinth of Lies*
(2015 / drama / 124 mins)
Director: Giulio Ricciarelli
Germany
In Germany 1958, Johann Radmann has just recently been appointed Public Prosecutor and pricks up his ears when a teacher is identified as a former Auschwitz guard. Against the will of his immediate superior, Radmann begins to examine the case, falls out with friends, colleagues and allies, and is sucked deeper and deeper into a labyrinth of lies in his search for the truth. What he ultimately brings to light will change Germany forever.

**Monday, March 14 - 7 pm**
*Vita Activa: The Spirit of Hannah Arendt*
(2016 / documentary / 125 mins)
Director: Ada Ushpiz
Israel & Canada
The German-Jewish philosopher Hannah Arendt caused an uproar in the 1960s by coining the subversive concept the "banality of evil" when referring to the trial of Adolph Eichmann, which she covered for the *New Yorker*. Her private life was no less controversial. This thought provoking and spirited documentary, with its abundance of archival materials, offers an intimate portrait of one of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century.

**Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm**
*What Our Fathers Did: A Nazi Legacy*
(2015 / documentary / 96 mins)
Director: David Evans
United Kingdom
Two men, each the son of very high-ranking Nazi officials in Poland and the Ukraine and possess starkly contrasting attitudes toward their fathers, engage in intense conversation with an eminent Jewish human rights lawyer whose own grandfather escaped the same town where their fathers carried out mass killings. The three embark on an emotional journey together, stimulating a unique view of the father-son relationship, and ultimately coming to some very unexpected and difficult conclusions.

**Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 pm**
*Natasha*
(2016 / drama / 96 mins)
Director: David Benmozgis
Canada
Based on the book by acclaimed author David Bezmozgis, *Natasha* is the story of Mark, the young son of Russian-Jewish immigrants living in the suburbs north of Toronto. When his uncle enters into an arranged marriage, the woman arrives in with her fourteen year-old daughter, Natasha. Mark, a slacker, is conscripted by his parents to take responsibility for the strange girl. He learns that in Moscow, she'd led a troubled and promiscuous life. A secret and forbidden romance begins between the two of them.

**Monday, March 21 at 7 pm**
*Midnight Orchestra*
(2016 / comedy / drama / 114 mins)
Director: Jerome Cohen-Olivar
Morocco
After leaving Morocco as a child amidst ethnic tensions spurred by the Yom Kippur War, the son of a once famous Jewish musician returns to his land of birth to bury his father. Aided by an eccentric cab driver, his search for the former members of his father’s band unexpectedly reanimates his connection to the life he knew prior to emigration.

**Double Feature**
**Tuesday, March 22 at 7 pm**
*Happy Purim*
(2015 / documentary / 60 mins)
Director: Ori Gruder
Israel
More than any other segment of Jewry, the Ultra-Orthodox take Purim seriously, celebrating the commandment to imbibe well beyond moderation and provide charity, so that even the poorest families can celebrate a holiday feast. Like his acclaimed previous film *Sacred Sperm*, this one takes us deep into the life and customs of a community apart sharing details and understandings that are bound to surprise most viewers.

All films screened at the Hippodrome Cinema
25 SE 2nd Place
Gainesville, FL 32601
Tuesday, March 15 - 7 pm
The Last Mentsch
(2016 / drama / 93 mins)
Director: Pierre-Henry Salfati
Germany, Switzerland & France
Without family, a synagogue or a single Jewish friend, the hardened survivor has so effectively created a new identity that, when faced with his own mortality, the rabbis refuse his appeal to be buried in a Jewish cemetery in Cologne. Determined to return to his birthplace and establish his ancestry, Marcus enlists the help of a young Turkish woman with a troubled history of her own. The unlikely duo sets out on a journey that will irrevocably change them both.

Wednesday, March 16 - 7 pm
Manpower
(2016 / drama / 85 mins)
Director: Noam Kaplan
Israel & France
Meir Cohen is a decorated police officer who barely earns a living. His new assignment is deporting African migrant workers from Israel “of their own free will.” Moving between scathing realism and subtle irony, the film raises questions of belonging and uprooting, exile and emigration, home and family.

Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm
Kol Nidre
(1939 / musical drama / 88 mins)
Director: Joseph Seiden
United States
A delightfully entertaining melodrama with music and romance about a girl torn between two childhood boyfriends, the film is a Yiddish tearjerker exploring assimilation, anti-Semitism and gender.

Sunday, March 20 at 7 pm
Women in Sink
(2015 / documentary / 36 mins)
Director: Iris Zaki
Israel & United Kingdom
In a small Haifa hair salon owned by a Christian-Arab, the director installs a camera over the washing-basin, and then chats with the clients whom she shampoos. The film paints an unexpected portrait of a remarkable space where Arab and Jewish women share their differences and establish a community of conflicting and often overlapping views on politics, history and love.

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Srugim
(Season 2, Episode 1)
(2010 / series / 38 minutes)
Director: Eliezer Shapiro
Israel
The smash-hit TV series Srugim focuses on a small group of Modern Orthodox thirty somethings living in the so-called Katamon swamp of West Jerusalem and each of their quest for love, marriage and family. This richly textured, exquisitely rendered portrayal of Jewish custom, follows the wedding day of the first of the group to become a couple.

Fluchkes
(2011 / documentary / 54 mins)
Director: Ofer Inov
Israel
Fluchkes (Yiddish for flabby arms) is a beautifully told story of a small ensemble of elderly women, age notwithstanding, determined to overcome the challenges of dance. The film follows the group through a year of rehearsals, hardships, failures and inside intrigues as well as moments of friendship, happiness, beauty and success.
Eloise Harman was born in Brooklyn, the youngest of three children, and was a baby when her father, a doctor, died suddenly at the age of 34. Her mother, a teacher, was forced to move in with her parents and also took in typing and taught Hebrew school to support the family. Eloise went on to attend Johns Hopkins Medical School and did her pulmonary residency at Cornell.

Eloise came to Gainesville in 1976 and was a physician at Shand’s UF for 35 years. She retired for 11 days and started working at the V.A. Hospital, where she remains. She has a husband who lives in Virginia, two accomplished daughters, and a 16 month old grandson, Gus, who lives in Chicago and gets frequent visits from his adoring bubbe.

Tikkun Olam with Eloise Harman

*Tikkun olam* continued from page 1
dentists are routinely pulling infected teeth. They deliver babies, teach basic hygiene and health care skills, and routinely worm and vaccinate children. One to two thousand people are routinely treated during the week visit.

Dr. Harman provides that it is not uncommon for a mother to beg them to take their child home with them, in hope of giving the child a better life. Tragically, Haitian parents have little expectation that all their children will survive to achieve adulthood. Without health care, early death is a way of life in Haiti.

Project Haiti has evolved throughout the years, now being conducted through the auspices of the UF Foundation. For some years, Haiti was considered too dangerous for the doctors and their medical students, and the mission was diverted to the Dominican Republic. In 2010, after the devastating earthquake, one of the members of their group stayed on in Haiti.

The medical students fundraise for Project Haiti all year. They bring back Haitian paintings to sell at Club Creole, an annual banquet and auction for the purpose of funding the trip. Donations for dental supplies, hygiene care, skin lotions and basic over-the-counter medications are sought throughout the year.
Healing the World, Locally and Globally

Dr. Harman has many passions. She volunteers yearly at Camp Boggy Creek, a camp for children with medical disabilities. In addition to serving on the medical staff, she also assists as the cook. Stating that she loves to cook and bake, she teaches basic cooking and participates in arts and crafts. She explains that Boggy Creek offers a camp experience for children who, because of their medical needs, would never be able to attend traditional camp, and the goal of camp is for the experience to be “wonderful and happy.” She offers that they dance and sing after every meal and “the fun is infectious.” Dr. Harman also volunteers for the Alachua County Reserve Medical Corps.

Members of the Jewish community will recognize Eloise for her sponsorship of the “Feeding the Homeless Project” on Mitzvah Day (photo at left). Every year, Eloise supplies the food and leads volunteers in preparing over 150 meals and care packages for the local homeless community.

Dr. Eloise Harman’s service literally embodies the meaning of Tikkun Olam, repair the world. When not serving in Haiti, she sponsors two children in Haiti and follows their progress. Her service is an inspiration to us all.

Support Project Haiti

In 2017, community members will be able to help support Project Haiti. In the months before Dr. Harman’s trip, the Jewish Council will collect over-the-counter medicines, bandages, dental supplies, and lotion to send to Haiti.

Please do not bring supplies now, as many medicines have expiration dates.
Community Purim Celebrations

Purim begins at sundown on Wednesday, March 23. Please confirm times, pricing and RSVP details with individual congregations. Community contact information is included on page 14.

**Congregation B’nai Israel**
Sunday, March 13
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Purim Carnival with food trucks, games, bounce houses, face painting and more!
$36 per family for unlimited play
$18 for adults

Wednesday, March 23rd at 6 pm
Megillah & Martinis
$5 per drink

**Congregation Beth Israel of Ocala**
Friday, March 25 at 7:30 pm
Purim Celebration with Megillah Reading

**Chabad of Marion County**
Sunday, March 13 from 1:30 to 3 pm
Pre Purim Family Fun Day!
Purim activities and games, Hamantaschen baking, refreshments
Donations appreciated

Thursday, March 17 6:30 to 8 pm
Jewish Women’s Club
Hamantaschen Bake
$10 per person

**Temple Shir Shalom**
Sunday, March 13
11 am to 1 pm
Purim Carnival with hamantashen, food, games and horse rides!
Ticket pre-sale March 6

Wednesday, March 23 at 7 pm
Megillah Reading

**Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center**
Wednesday, March 23 at 8 pm
Maariv & Megillah Reading
8:30 pm Student Purim Party

Thursday, March 24 at 9 am
Shacharit, Torah & Megillah Reading
Campus Megillah Readings
11:30 am, 12:35 pm, 1:40 pm
Plaza of the Americas
12 pm UF Law School
5 pm Fraternity Row
Community Purim in Asia Party
5:30 pm
Megillah Reading and Snacks
6 pm
Purim Fun & Entertainment
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Asian Masquerade
(or costume of your choice)
Free Raffle!
Adults: $16.00
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Students: $10.00

**UF Hillel**
Friday, March 25
7:30 to 11:30 pm
Food Truck Fridays - Purim Style
Celebrate Purim in the way that you didn't know you wanted or needed.
It will be everything that Purim is meant to be.

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Transitions: *Community Life Events*

*Do you have a life cycle event you would like to share with our JCNCF community? Please submit items to chronicle@jcncf.org. Submissions may be edited as space allows. Pictures are welcome and encouraged! Transitions may include birth, engagement and wedding announcements, bar and bat mitzvah, graduations, promotions and honors, and memorials.*

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**Mazel Tov to James Anthony (also known as Trey) Buzzella III,** who became a Bar Mitzvah on January 30th, 2016 at Congregation B’nai Israel. Trey has been a student at B’nai since 18 months of age, attending preschool, Ms. Pedie’s prekindergarten class and Chavaya for the last 8 years.

He is a 7th grader in the Lyceum Program at Lincoln Middle School where he excels academically and plays trombone in the concert band. Piano has been his foundation in music since the age of 4, and he continues to study weekly with Dr. Nadia. He especially enjoys composing his own music.

In his free time, Trey prefers hanging out with his friends and his sisters Jasmine and Sequoia, playing with his dog Bodhi and his cats Angel and Daisy, biking, martial arts, drawing, writing stories, and playing video games.

Trey also enjoys volunteering at the Alachua County Humane Society, Animal People Animal Rescue and St. Francis House with Lev Tov.

For his Mitzvah Project he is currently collecting toiletries for the homeless and other disadvantaged children and adults in our community. All donations are appreciated and will be put to good use. Collection bins may be found through the end of February near the office and day school entrances to B’nai Israel. Trey thanks you for helping to make his Mitzvah Project a success!

**Mavel toz to Caleb Baumstein (photo below)** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on February 13, 2016 at Congregation B’nai Israel. His parents are Avi and Kathleen Baumstein and Anna is his older sister.

Caleb is a 7th grader in the Lyceum program at Lincoln Middle School and plays trumpet in the band. He is a sports fanatic and especially enjoys playing soccer, basketball, football and cycling. Caleb is an avid Gator fan who follows recruits and his edits of Gator sports photos have earned him a large following online. He also loves making home movies, drawing, and building.

Caleb is a 5th generation member of B’nai Israel! His great great grandparents, Ike and Gussie Rudderman brought the family to Gainesville in 1936 when they opened Ruddy’s Department Store downtown. Caleb’s great grandparents, Mitchell and Mimi Baumstein owned Mitchell’s Shoes for many years, and Caleb still gets to eat with Mimi every Sunday at The Village. Caleb feels very lucky to have his grandparents Barry and Sandi Baumstein and Evelyn Cudd living in Gainesville.

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**In Memoriam**

Our community mourns the passing of this beloved friend and family member:

Bea Freeman

May her loved ones find solace in her memory.

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**Honor a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and help a child in Israel!**

Consider making a gift in their honor to the Beit Ruth Village for Girls or the Beit Shemesh Center for Boys through JCNCF’s partnership with the Jaffa Institute in Israel.

Call or email us for details.
North Central Florida Congregations & Organizations

Gainesville

Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida (CJS)
Dr. Jack Kugelmass, Director
Sandra James, Office Assistant
web.jst.ufl.edu
PO Box 118020, Gainesville, FL 32611
352.392.9247

Congregation B’nai Israel (CBI)
Rabbi David Kaiman
Jennifer Petrescu, Executive Director
Suzanne Chester, Chavaya (Religious Education) Director
Stephanie Savage, Programs
www.bnaigainesville.com
3830 NW 16th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32605
352.376.1508

Congregation B’nai Israel Community Day School (DS)
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352.376.1508, ext 101

Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah (HAD)
Meredith Bacharach, President
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352.256.7631

Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida (LIB)
Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director
cms.uflib.ufl.edu/Judaica/Index.aspx
George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida
Gainesville, FL 32611
352.273.2865

The Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center (LCJC)
Rabbi Berl & Chanie Goldman, Directors
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www.jewishgator.com
2021 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32603
352.336.5877

Temple Shir Shalom (TSS)
Rabbi Michael Joseph
Debbie Boada, Religious School Principal
Ann Eisenstadt, Office Manager
www.shirshalom.net
3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605
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UF Hillel (HLL)
Rabbi Adam Grossman
www.ufhillel.org
2020 W University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32603
352.372.2900

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Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center of Marion County & The Villages (CLJC)
Rabbi Yossi & Chanie Hecht, Directors
www.jewishmarion.org
3500 SW 34th Avenue Circle, 34474
352.291.2218

Congregation Beth Israel (CBI-O)
Rabbi Karen Allen
www.bethisraelocala.org
7171 SW Hwy 200, 34476
352.450.2056

Congregation Beth Shalom (CBS)
Hazzan Mordecai Kamlot
www.bethsholomcitrus.org
102 Civic Circle
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
352.746.5303

Temple Beth Shalom (TBS)
Rabbi Ze’ev Harari
www.jewishocala.com
1109 NE 8th Avenue, 34470
352.629.5837

Temple B’nai Darom (TBD)
Rabbi Harold Jaye
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49 Banyan Course, 34472
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Temple Shalom of Central Florida (TSCF)
Sheldon Skurow, Spiritual Leader
www.templeshalomcentralfl.org
13563 County Road 101, Oxford, FL 34484
352.748.1800

Fiddler on the Roof Sing a Long
Wednesday, March 30 at 7 pm
JCNCF is teaming up with Oak Hammock and faculty from the School of Music at UF to offer an evening of music and fun! Join us in the Oak Room at Oak Hammock for a sing—a—long with selected favorites from Fiddler on the Roof.
Light refreshments will be served.
This event is free and open to the public and a shuttle from The Village has been reserved!
Please RSVP to office@jcncf.org or 352.371.3846

Correction:
UF Hillel and Camp Living Wonders (not Living Waters) are teaming up to raise awareness about disabilities.
The Editors apologize for the error.
Jewish Community Calendar for March 2016

Tuesday, March 1
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

Wednesday, March 2
- 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.

Sunday, March 6
- Mah Jongg Tournament Gainesville Country Club, 9-3:15

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

Tuesday, March 8
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

Wednesday, March 9
- 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, March 11
- UF Hillel “Chill Out at the Grill Shabbat”

Sunday, March 13
- TSS Spring Carnival, food, games and horse rides, 11 –1pm
- “Not Your Parents Anti-Semitism,” 11 am, at On Top of World in Ocala
- CBI New Moon Yoga with Erin, 6 pm
- Sixth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival opening film: Labyrinth of Lies, 7:30 pm at the Hippodrome Cinema

Monday, March 14
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30 pm
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm
- Vita Activa: The Spirit of Hannah Arendt, 7 pm at The Hipp

Tuesday, March 15
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Rosh Chodesh with Dr. Maurice Levy, 10 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

Wednesday, March 16
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm
- Manpower, 7 pm at The Hipp

Thursday, March 17
- What Our Fathers Did: A Nazi Legacy, 7 pm at The Hipp

Friday, March 18
- UF Hillel Asian Shabbat with Hazzan Jesse Holzer
- TSS Hadassah Shabbat and Oneg, 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 19
- CBI Baby Musica with Karen Cohen, 11 am
- Natasha, 8:30 pm at The Hipp

Sunday, March 20
- PJ Library gets Hipp for Purim, 2 pm at The Hipp
- Kol Nidre, 4 pm at The Hipp
- Double Feature: Women in Sink and Flutchkes, 7 pm at The Hipp

Monday, March 21
- CBI Intro to Judaism, 6:30 pm
- Midnight Orchestra, 7pm at The Hipp
- CBI Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:15 pm

Tuesday, March 22
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm
- Double Feature: Happy Purim & Srugim, 7 pm at The Hipp

Wednesday, March 23 ~ Erev Purim
- CBI Friendship Circle, 10:30 am
- CBI Yoga with Chaya, 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 24 ~ Purim
- UF Hillel Purim Party Shabbat, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 25
- UF Hillel Purim Party Shabbat, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 29
- TSS Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph, 9:30 am
- CBI Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman, 12 pm

Wednesday, March 30
- Fiddler on the Roof sing-a-long, 7 pm at Oak Hammock, free
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