JCNCF’s Annual Community Holocaust Remembrance

By the Yom HaShoah Committee

She calls them “reluctant witnesses.” Some people call them 2Gs, the Second Generation. They are more commonly known as the children of Holocaust survivors. As the number of survivors dwindles, members of the second generation inherit, willingly or unwillingly, their parents’ memories of that dark time in Jewish history.

As the child of a survivor, Arlene Stein knows that she is a witness in two senses. She saw firsthand how her parents reacted to the experience of the Shoah but also recognizes that the task of testifying about the catastrophe falls to her.

She traces the post-World War II development of Holocaust consciousness among both generations in her 2014 book, Reluctant Witnesses. Dr. Stein, a sociologist at Rutgers University, uses memoir, history and sociological analysis to recount how survivors and their children brought the reality of the Shoah to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences.

Regarding her talk at the JCNCF’s Annual Holocaust remembrance program on Sunday, April 15, Dr. Stein told The Chronicle, “I will talk about my efforts to excavate my family’s hidden past, how descendants often became narrators of their family histories, and why, at a time of renewed rightwing nationalism, it is particularly important to keep these memories alive.”

Just as their parents were part of a diverse generation that had vastly different experiences from one another, so the children of survivors reacted differently to their unique upbringing. Some followed their parents by forging strong ties with Israel, seeing the Jewish state as a living, breathing rebuke to the attempted genocide. Others applied lessons from the Holocaust to a wide range of political and social issues.

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Israel at 70 Community Celebration Set for April 29

On Sunday, April 29, 2018 the Jewish Council of North Central Florida will present an “Israel at 70” Community Celebration. The event will be held at Depot Park: 200 SE Depot Ave. Gainesville, FL 32601. The event is free and open to the community.

At 4 pm, local favorites, The Klezmer Katz, will kick off the event. At 5 pm, there will be a Yom HaZikaron – Israeli Memorial Day Service. At 5:20 pm, award-winning singer, songwriter, musician, and comedy writer, Batsheva, will perform.

Bring your favorite picnic blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy live music, falafel, and Israeli snacks!

This event is sponsored by the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, in partnership with Congregation B’nai Israel, Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah, the Tabacinic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student & Community Center and Temple Shir Shalom. It is organized in part with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL).

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Corrections from the March Chronicle

The following individuals were omitted from the March Chronicle where we listed donors who supported the Beit Ruth Brunch Fundraiser

Joanne Block
Laurel Freeman
Dorothy Melker

We apologize for the omissions and thank you for your support of Beit Ruth and JCNCF.

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Israel in Brief: News and Developments

By Ralph Lowenstein

US Money Bill Favors Israel

The appropriation bill passed in late March by Congress and signed by President Trump has significant provisions that aid Israel. First, it cuts funding for the Palestinian Authority if it continues paying terrorists and their families lifetime pensions for their acts of terrorism. Second, it contains a total of $705.8 million for U.S.-Israel missile defense cooperation, $105 million more than last year’s adopted funding level, including further development of the Iron Dome, David’s Sling, Arrow-2 and Arrow-3 missile systems. Third, it contains a total of $47.5 million for U.S.-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation. Fourth, it includes an appropriation for establishment of a U.S.-Israel Center of Excellence in energy and water technologies, the first new appropriation in a decade for a U.S.-Israel non-defense program.

Israel-US Gun Laws Compared

Israeli soldiers in uniform can be seen carrying loaded weapons at all times, for the death of any soldier in the line of duty is a capital offense. But once they finish active duty they are subject to civilian control much stricter than American laws. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency’s reporter Ben Sales wrote the following: “Israel’s Department of public security considers gun ownership a privilege, not a right. With few exceptions, gun owners in Israel are limited to owning one pistol, and must undergo extensive mental and physical tests before they can receive a weapon. Those who have not served in the military or in a government volunteer agency must wait until age 27 to apply for a firearms license. Gun owners are limited to 50 rounds of ammunition per year. West Bank settlers can obtain permits to carry guns for security purposes.”

Money Raised for Israeli Gas Field

Greece’s Energean Oil & Gas, listed on the London Stock Exchange, is raising nearly $500 million to develop two Israeli offshore gas fields. Energean expects to retrieve first gas from the fields in 2021.

Israel-India Flights Shortened

For the first time, Saudi Arabia has granted an airline the right to overfly its territory in order to fly to Israel. Air-India has received permission to pass through Saudi airspace to reach Ben-Gurion Airport. The first flight occurred on March 22, reducing the flight time between New Delhi and Ben-Gurion Airport by two and a half hours.

Truffles Might Be Israel’s Big Crop

Researchers in Israel said they have succeeded in cultivating commercially desert truffles whose market price reaches $120 per pound – slightly less than the cost of silver and four times that of uranium. The researchers from the Ramat HaNegev Desert Agriculture Center made a breakthrough in stimulating a symbiosis between the fungus Terfezia leonis and the common desert shrub Helianthemum sessiliflorum. It marks the first time that the truffle, a highly sought-after delicacy, has been cultivated. The researchers said Israeli desert farmers will be able to harvest unprecedented yields in small areas. Both the fungus and its host shrub require little water and no fertilizer. Commercial cultivation by Israeli farmers may begin as early as next year.
L’dor V’dor

By Dawn Burgess Krop, JCNCF Past President

When one converts to Judaism, there are many paths to becoming a Jew. Books and conversion classes are important beginning points, but becoming a Jew is both a cultural transition and a mentality.

My father-in-law, Al Krop, of blessed memory, unknowingly fulfilled a mentor role for me. He was the ultimate mensch. He was kind, generous, welcomed the stranger, and was unfailingly committed to Israel. He was one of the “greatest generation,” served in Italy sweeping for mines during WWII (although he rarely spoke of it) and remembered a world without a Jewish state. Preserving and supporting Israel was a defining force in his life and travelling to Israel with his children and grandchildren was an important way he transmitted this commitment to them.

We all remember our trips to Israel with Bubbe and Zayde. They were interesting and inspiring, just as they were intended to be. As the children grew, and they aged, the nature of the trip changed, but not the spirit. Now, Harry and I are the Bubbe and Zayde, and we have delighted in continuing the tradition of taking our children and grandchildren to Israel.

We travelled to Israel with our grandchildren from Boston and their parents several years ago, and this past December was our opportunity to travel with our grandsons and their parents from Kansas City. All the kids were teens or tweens and receptive to the culture and adventure Israel offers.

For a small country (the size of New Jersey), it is remarkable the diversity Israel offers. In a drive of little more than an hour, you can leave the modern and bustling Tel Aviv to explore Haifa and Akko, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of the oldest ports in the world. Many civilizations have left their mark on this area and it’s exciting to see aqueducts from Roman times spotting the landscape. Archeology stuns you everywhere you walk.

Traveling north brings you through the Jezreel Valley, Israel’s agricultural mainstay, and home to many kibbutzim. Our family loved staying in the ancient city of Safat, where you cannot escape feeling transported to a different place and time. In this region of the country, the Hulu Preserve, where many African birds migrate during the winter, is a wonderful respite. A jeep tour of the Golan Heights offered a surreal view of the Syrian border.

Jerusalem represents the heart of Israel. A tour of the excavations of the City of David is fascinating. Exploring the ancient tunnels and winding our way to the Western Wall always leaves a sense of awe as to the timelessness and sacred space that the wall represents. Jerusalem is equally modern and ancient. I believe even the kids were struck by the religious and historic significance surrounding them in those beautiful hills.

Highlights for the kids included the Palmach Museum, where one learns about the pre-state organization, the Hagannah, climbing on tanks at the Latrun Tank Museum, and the Clore Garden of Science, an outdoor portion of the impressive Weizmann Institute. We all loved the intrigue of the Ayalon Institute Museum, where a replica of the secret bullet factory is hidden under a bakery in Rehovot.
A Family Journey Through Israel

No trip to Israel is complete with a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust World Remembrance Center. Yad Vashem is a learning experience, a solemn and meaningful memorial, and a tribute to the Righteous Among Nations, which honors those who risked their lives to save Jews. We finished our trip with a visit to the Masada fortress and the obligatory swim in the Dead Sea.

All the children commented that they loved being busy every day and doing so many different kinds of activities. One cannot visit Israel without being touched by the ever-present border fences, the panoply of cultures, the weight of history, and the meaningfulness of our privilege to be in Israel. I hope they all carry with them the wonder of this sacred place for Jews and their obligation to preserve and protect the spirit and meaning of Israel for the next generation. For us, every visit to Israel adds new meaning, but experiencing Israel with our children and grandchildren completes a circle. We are truly blessed.
Yom HaShoah Community Programs

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Dr. Stein directs the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers and her previous books include The Stranger Next Door, which documents a battle over gay/lesbian rights in a small town, and the rise of religious conservatism. Dr. Stein’s talk at the annual ceremony will be the centerpiece of JCNCF’s 2018 Yom HaShoah Community Remembrance, but not the only event planned.

A week before Stein’s talk, on Sunday, April 8, the Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida will open an exhibition featuring materials about the Holocaust loaned by Gainesville-area families with ties to the Holocaust (see article on facing page). And on April 16, one night after the talk, the discussion will continue with a panel of children of survivors discussing how their parents dealt with the aftermath of the Shoah and considering how their own upbringing was influenced by growing up as the offspring of survivors.

About Stacey Goldring: Goldring of Jacksonville, Florida, is the creator of the Searching for Identity Writing Workshops, dedicated to capturing the experiences of Second-Generation Holocaust Survivors: children whose parents survived Hitler’s Final Solution. The workshops afford the exceptional opportunity for the “Second Gen” to write about and discuss their impressions of upbringing and recollections of childhood.

As a result of the workshop’s evolution, Stacey has established the Searching for Identity Foundation. SFI’s projects include a documentary film and book that will illustrate how the Holocaust’s effects permeate generational boundaries through the sui generis Second Gen experience. The film, along with the unedited individual Second Gen interviews, will be cataloged at the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida, joining the libraries’ 110,000 holdings, all accessible for research, in perpetuity.

Goldring is also the author of the Holocaust memoir, On Wooden Wheels, a book detailing the experience of one woman who hid herself and two daughters in the Dutch countryside.
From Generation to Generation: Gainesville Remembers the Holocaust

By Rebecca Jefferson, Curator, The Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica at the University of Florida

On Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 1 pm, the exhibition “From Generation to Generation: Gainesville Remembers the Holocaust” will officially open in the Smathers Library lobby gallery at the University of Florida. Timed to tie into JCNCF’s Community Yom HaShoah remembrance, the exhibition will run from April 8 through June 30, 2018.

“From Generation to Generation ...” explores how the Holocaust is remembered and memorialized by the residents of Gainesville, Florida. Through personal and official papers and objects, it offers a glimpse into the daily lives of European Jews in the pre-war period, provides personal insights into their experiences during WWII and the Holocaust, and illustrates their varied attempts to re-build their lives in the aftermath of unprecedented devastation and destruction. In addition, this exhibition examines the ways in which memories are suppressed or shared, and how the effects of the Holocaust on the survivors reverberate through subsequent generations.

The idea for the exhibition came together thanks to discussions between the JCNCF Yom HaShoah Committee and staff members of the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica, Rebecca Jefferson (library curator) and Katalin Rac (library coordinator). Following on from their initial ideas, Robin West volunteered to do outreach in the local community: she conducted oral history interviews (in some cases capturing stories that had never been recorded), and she gathered together family materials to take to the Library for the exhibit.

Among the fascinating materials on temporary loan are artefacts from pre-war Germany; documents and photographs from the Holocaust; diaries, letters and photographs from the Displaced Persons camps and other post-war destinations. The Committee and Library staff were equally struck by the amount and importance of historical items retained by Gainesville survivors and their families.

A complimentary one-day display of materials will also be held in the Judaica Suite (Smathers Library, 2nd floor) on April 8th. This display will feature an additional selection of items that did not fit into the main exhibition, as well as community-produced materials that document the ways in which Gainesville has endeavored to remember and memorialize the Holocaust. Alongside these will be published memoirs, Yizkor books, genealogies, and a demonstration of how libraries collect and preserve all such materials for scholarly research. Audio-visual materials, such as videos, recordings and maps will help tell the “Gainesville” story, and the oral history interviews compiled by Robin West will be available for visitors to sit and read. A selection of items from the exhibition and in the display will be used to produce a permanent online exhibition.

The exhibition and display will open on April 8th with a short event in the Smathers Library Conference Room, beginning at 1 pm. The event will include speeches by Judith Russell, the Dean of the Libraries; Rebecca Jefferson, the Judaica Library curator, and Robin West from the Yom HaShoah committee. Refreshments will be served and Library staff will be on hand to conduct tours of the exhibit and Judaica Suite displays. The Judaica Suite display will close at 4 pm, but Smathers Library and its lobby gallery will remain open until 10 pm. The exhibition in the lobby gallery will be open to the public during Smather’s Library’s normal operating hours (Monday to Friday, 8am-7pm and Sundays, 2pm-10pm).
Hazanut: A Concert of Jewish Cantorial Music

By Jack Kugelmass, Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at UF

This year’s Center for Jewish Studies’ annual concert features two outstanding hazanim—Yanky Lemmer and his brother Shulem, accompanied by Frank London on trumpet and Shai Bachar on piano. While three of the ensemble have previously performed in Gainesville, this will be Shulem Lemmer’s first appearance here, and for all of us, the first opportunity to hear these extraordinary cantors performing as a duo. Don’t miss this opportunity!

Yaakov (Yanky) Lemmer was born and raised in Borough Park, Brooklyn. He began his singing career as the star soloist of the Young Israel of Bethel Choir, and received a scholarship to the Belz School of Jewish Music at Yeshiva University. He has studied under cantors Joseph Malovany and Bernard Beer, as well as the legendary Noach Schall. He performs regularly at Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City.

Shulem Lemmer has made a name for himself in Jewish music through a captivating voice, flawless pitch and versatility in many genres of music. Growing up in Borough Park, Shulem was exposed to cantorial music at a young age while also listening to contemporary Jewish music. Shulem masterfully combines the two.

Frank London is a trumpet player who has performed with a wide variety of renowned musicians. He has created works for film and theatre, including the score for a marionette production of The Golem! He has been a member of Les Miserables Brass Band and the Klezmatics, and leads his own group Hasidic New Wave.

Shai Bachar was born in Israel and studied at the Jerusalem Academy of Music. He is a classically trained pianist and composer who has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall and the Kremlin.


Monday, April 23 at 7:30 pm
University of Florida Auditorium
Free and open to the community
Second Annual B’nai Israel Jewish Food Festival

By Jenifer Petrescu, Executive Director
Congregation B’nai Israel

Last year, as spring began, we had a celebration of the great delicatessen tradition. With corned beef and pastrami on rye and homemade dill pickles, it was a beautiful sunny day and a wonderful experience for all. B’nai Israel is seeking to take its first year experience and come back stronger for the 2nd Annual Jewish Food Festival. This year’s festival will be held on Sunday, May 6 beginning at 11 am. For people, the image of sandwiches stacked with fresh corned beef or pastrami, with a kosher pickle and a side of coleslaw brings forward memories of wonderful kosher delis one might have attended in larger cities, both as a child, and even now, as an adult. With live music, a children’s area and great food, it will be a great day for our community!

The menu still will feature the signature deli sandwiches while the Falafel plate is a new addition this year. The ticket structure will be slightly different, allowing for a more customized experience. An All Access Ticket, which allows you to sample one of each food on hand at the festival, is priced at $50. A sandwich and 2 salad plate or a Falafel and 2 salad plate is priced at $25. Kids plates include a hot dog, chips and a drink for $7. One non-alcoholic drink will be included in the price of each ticket. Israeli wine and local beer will be available for sale. A la carte items will be available as long as supply allows. A large crowd is anticipated so plan ahead and buy your tickets early! Tickets can be purchased via PayPal on the B’nai Israel website or by calling the office at (352) 376-1508 x108 and speaking with Caroline.

We hope to see you May 6th for a celebration of food, music and community!
A Note from Congregation B’nai Israel

By Connie Stern, President of Congregation B’nai Israel

I am grateful for my time as President of Congregation B’nai Israel and I am looking forward to the next two years as Past President, under Anita Altschuler! While the end of my term is fast approaching, there are many events to enjoy between now and then!

Some of my favorite activities at B’nai Israel are the Knitting Circle on Tuesday, followed by Torah Study led by Rabbi Kaiman. I also enjoy Thursday morning Minyan followed by Schmooze with the Rabbi at Bageland. I also love the lead up to Shabbat on Friday afternoon with the Day School’s Shabbat Experience in our sanctuary, led by Rabbi Kaiman and Debby Kinman-Ford.

Looking ahead, Pesach is fast approaching. One new twist to the event this year, will be a Time Capsule project, honoring B’nai Israel’s 100th Year in 2024. For the Seder we encourage participants to write down a memory for a Journal in the Time Capsule. Of course, this memory can be sent to B’nai Israel, before or after the Seder, allowing 300 words or less and submitted to Caroline Birdrow. And, with further sharing in mind, also bring a treasured object to our Seder to talk about. And finally, we have our Sisterhood Pesach Barbecue on Wednesday April 4, starting at 5:30 pm.

Looking ahead to May, our Second Jewish Food Festival will be Sunday, May 6, starting at 11 am. Remember the pastrami last year? And the friends, the Klezmer Band, the wine and beer? Hopefully the weather will be as fine as last year! Finally, coming up is our “Junque to Jewels” Sale. This is a favorite event that we host every two years! Your Junque could be someone else’s Jewels!! Our collection starts on May 27 in our Social Hall. The sale is Friday, June 29 and Sunday July 1.

Thank you, Connie Stern

Temple Shir Shalom Discusses Immigration Issues

By Rabbi Michael Joseph, Temple Shir Shalom

The Temple Shir Shalom Social Action Committee has delved into issues surrounding immigration with two programs recently. In the first, held on Sunday, January 21 for Religious School students and parents, we discussed our family stories: where did our ancestors come from? How did they get here? How did they make a living? What led them, eventually, to Florida? The program featured a big world map laid out on the floor to lend a graphic dimension to our family stories, and a talk by historian Adrienne deNoyelles about life on the Lower East Side of New York in the late 19th century.

The second program, conducted on Sunday, March 4, featured two leading immigration attorneys from South Florida, Brian Becker and Lauren Levy, both of Becker & Associates, P.A. Brian and Lauren taught us about the changing legal climate for Immigration in the United States, including the issues of DACA, family reunification, Sanctuary City, decoration hearings, and more.

The Social Action Committee expects to lend a hand to immigrant families in our area who are trying to preserve and protect their status as aspiring Americans.
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.

In Memoriam

Our community mourns the passing of these beloved friends and family members:

Philip Emmer,
Husband of Barbara,
Father of Lori and Robert

Mildred Rakofsky,
Mother of Stan Rakofsky & Shirley Haberman

Sam Ullman,
Husband of Barbara,
Father of Elizabeth and Michael.

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Mazel Tov to Levi Goldman who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on the weekend of March 17 & 18.

Mazel Tov to Becky Richter and her horse Tex!

From Becky’s mother, Elaine Richter: Mazel Tov on winning gold and bronze medals at the Florida Special Olympics Equestrian Championship. I am so proud of the person you have become and the role model you are for others. Daddy would be so proud of you.
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