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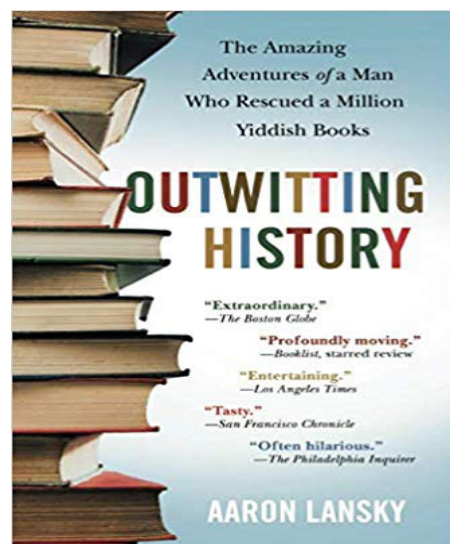
## Yiddish Book Center Director to Speak on April 7

By Rebecca Jefferson, Head, Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica

When Aaron Lansky was a graduate student in Montreal in the late 1970s, he realized that large numbers of Yiddish books were being discarded by a generation who could no longer read the language. So, in the summer of 1980, he took a two-year leave of absence, and issuing a public appeal for unwanted and discarded Yiddish books, he set out to find and rescue as many as possible. At the time, scholars believed just 70,000 volumes were still extant and recoverable. Lansky, together with a handful of young colleagues, recovered that number in six months and went on to collect more than a million volumes. Their work has been described as "one of the greatest cultural rescue efforts in Jewish history." Lansky went on to found the Yiddish Book Center to preserve Yiddish books and to promote Yiddish culture. Today, the Center is spearheading a major translation project so that those of us who don't read Yiddish can still enjoy the wonderful literature.

A native of New Bedford, Massachusetts, Lansky holds a BA in modern Jewish history from Hampshire College, an MA in East European Jewish studies from McGill University, and honorary doctorates from Amherst College, the State University of New York, and Hebrew Union College. In 1989, he was awarded a "genius grant" from the MacArthur Foundation, and in 2005, his bestselling book, *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books*, won the Massachusetts Book Award in Nonfiction.

Join us at Oak Hammock on Sunday, April 7, at 4 pm to hear Aaron Lansky relate his incredible story: the story of how one man effectively saved the Yiddish language. Aaron will also present a talk in the Judaica Suite at the University of Florida, on Monday, April 8, at 12:30 pm on the subject of the new frontiers in Yiddish translation, including Yiddish publications from Latin America. Both of these talks are free and open to the community, and are made possible by the Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica, Karen Miller, Esquire, and the Jewish Council of North Central Florida.



## Tikkun Olam with Howard Rosenblatt and Eve Ackerman



Howard and Eve in Jerusalem for Passover

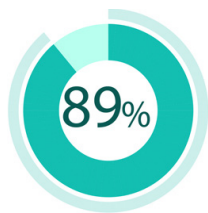
By Dawn Burgess Krop,  
Past President, JCNCF

When, as the saying goes, eighty percent of life is just showing up, Howard Rosenblatt fulfills that maxim to the fullest. For so many in our community, there is comfort in Howard being counted upon to make a minyon, appear at the cemetery for an unveiling, or a funeral to chant *El Maleh Rohamim*, the prayer for the departed. Howard has taught between 100 and 150 of our children in preparation to be called to the Torah for Bar or Bat Mitzvah and trained them well.

Howard was born in Jacksonville, Flori-

da and came to the University of Florida in 1965. He graduated with a degree in Education and taught high school English and history for a year, leaving to take a position as the Cantor for the First Sons of Israel congregation in St. Augustine. For six years, in addition to his cantorial role, Howard officiated services, was principal of the religious school, taught Sunday School, and visited the sick because the congregation did not have a rabbi. Although he continued to travel to St. Augustine for his myriad of duties, he returned to Gainesville to attend graduate school at UF in 1970.

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**By Sharon Hirshik**

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For further information, please call 352.371.3846. Applications are available on the JCNCF website at [www.jcncf.org](http://www.jcncf.org) and are due by March 31.

### ***Foundations of American Jewish Liberalism*** **A New Book by Ken Wald**

In their high levels of support for Democratic candidates, American Jews differ politically from non-Jewish Americans who share their social traits and Jewish communities elsewhere in the world. These anomalies grow out of the distinctive political context and favorable political opportunity structure that Jews encountered in the United States. At the founding, they began to develop a distinctive political culture based on the principle of equal citizenship in a secular state. Drawing on opinion surveys and extensive archival research, he traces the development of this culture by examining the controversies and threats that stimulated political participation by American Jews and how this classical liberal understanding of the polity reinforces the Jewish partisan and ideological tradition today.

### **Upcoming Events and Programs**

#### ***Lullabies and Liturgies: Yiddish, Hebrew and Arabic***

**Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 pm**

**University Auditorium**

**Performers: Yair Dalal (oud and violin),  
Lenka Lichtenberg (guitar and harmonium),  
& Dror Sinai (percussion)**

**The concert is free and open to the community**

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#### **Yom HaShoah - Community Holocaust Remembrance Program**

##### ***Ghosts on The Wall -***

**Performed by The Actor's Warehouse**

**Sunday, April 28 at 7 pm**

**Congregation B'nai Israel**

#### **PJ Library and PJ Our Way Celebrate Israel's 71st Birthday at The Jordan**

**Sunday, May 5, Time TBA**

**Jordan Glen School and Summer Camp**

#### **Community Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration *The History of Israel***

##### ***Through the Songs of Naomi Shemer***

**With Roy Rimshon**

**Monday, May 13 at 7 pm**

**The Harn Museum Auditorium**



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## Outwitting History, a Talk with Aaron Lansky



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In the late 1970s, when Aaron Lansky was a young graduate student in Montreal, he started collecting Yiddish books, at that time thought to number no more than 70,000 volumes. Since then, he has collected over one million books and spearheaded broadscale digitization programs. He has also overseen the building of an award-winning museum and library, known as the Yiddish Book Center. The Center actively promotes the Yiddish language and Yiddish literature through outreach and educational programs and recently through a major translation project designed to bring the joys of Yiddish to everyone.

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# Israel In Brief: News and Updates

By Ralph Lowenstein

## Two Netanyahu Opponents Will Rule Jointly if Elected

In the Israeli parliamentary election scheduled for April 9, two of Benjamin Netanyahu's strongest opponents have teamed up to try to defeat him. Ex-army chief of staff Benny Grantz and centrist politician Yair Lapid have announced that they will rotate as prime minister if their two parties – along with allied parties – win enough votes to form a new government.

This joint rule has been tried successfully one other time in Israel's history. In this case, Grantz and Lapid's two separate parties would run a "joint" list in the April election. If their own and allied parties win the election, Grantz would serve as prime minister the first two and a half years, while Lapid would serve for the last year and eight months.

The Israeli electoral system always sounds strange to American ears, although Israelis claim that in Israel "every vote counts." In the election, people vote for a party list, not for individuals. There are 120 seats in the Knesset. Each party has a list of 120 representatives. Starting at the top of the list, representatives are selected according to the percentage of votes that party has received in the election. If a party, for example, receives 10% of the votes cast, the first 12 names on its published list will be elected to the new Knesset. The party or parties with the most seats in the new Knesset then attempt to form a new government.

Some 47 parties have filed to participate in the election. (*Times of Israel*)

A digital "time capsule" is installed on the SpaceIL lunar lander in a December 17 ceremony marking the completion of the spacecraft. Credit: IAI.



## Beresheet Circles Earth And Heads for Moon

The Israeli moon explorer "Beresheet" ("in the Beginning," the first word in the Torah) circled the earth on February 24 after an American launch, then turned on its own engine and headed for the Moon. It is due to make a soft landing, if all goes well, in the Sea of Tranquility on Saturday, April 11.

It measures only 5 feet wide by 6.5 feet high, but holds hundreds of files digitized on a disk. They include drawings by Israeli children, the Bible, prayers, a map of the State of Israel and a 30-million-page archive of human civilization – all built to last billions of years into the future. Only three countries have previously made "soft landings" on the Moon – Russia, the U.S. and China. (*Jerusalem Post*)

## Ninth MP Quits Labor Party, Charging Anti-Semitism Culture

Ian Austin, a member of the British Parliament since 2005, became the ninth member of the British Labour Party to

quit the party recently while charging anti-Semitism. He said, "I am appalled at the offense and distress Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour party have caused to Jewish people. It is terrible that a culture of extremism, anti-Semitism and intolerance is driving out good MPs and decent people who have committed their life to mainstream politics." (*Guardian-UK*)

## Two U.S. Companies Invest Millions in Israel

Google has announced that it intends to acquire Aloom, an Israeli data migration start-up company for \$150 million. Google said, "Aloom will allow us to offer customers a streamlined, automated migration experience to Google Cloud." Meanwhile, Qlik, a U.S.-based analytics firm, said it would buy Attunity, an Israeli company, for \$560 million. Attunity provides cross-platform data streaming capabilities to support a shift to cloud and real-time analytics. (*Globes and Jerusalem Post*)



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# Highlights from the Beit Ruth Weekend



Barbara Oberlander spoke to a packed house at The Windsor of Gainesville. Guests at the 2019 Beit Ruth Brunch enjoyed a talk focusing on the achievements of Ruth Gruber and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



From left: Ruth Sherwood with Danielle Burenstein, Executive Director of Beit Ruth.



Clockwise from left: Steven Bobroff, Linda Bobroff, Jodi Oren, and Margaret James.



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At left: Roni Freedman welcomes guests to the Ocala Beit Ruth Talk.

At Right: Danielle Burenstein in a selfie with Davida Brachman, Marcia Cohen-Robins, and Linda Goldsmith.



# Ninth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival



**Sunday, March 17 - 7:30 pm**

## **Black Honey**

2018 / documentary / 76 min  
Director: Uri Barbash

The incredible story of Avraham Sutskever, considered by many the greatest modern Jewish poet, who during world war II was plucked from the forests outside Vilna by Stalin's special rescue plane and lived to testify at Nuremberg.

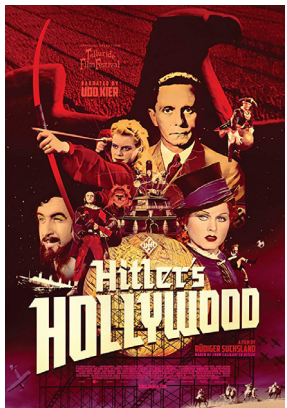


**Monday, March 18 - 7 pm**

## **Cause of Death**

2018 / documentary / 79 min  
Director: Ramy A. Katz

A terrorist opened fire in a Tel Aviv restaurant and the Druze policemen who killed him dies in the incident. Suspicious of the official report, the policeman's brother is determined to find the real cause of death.



**Tuesday, March 19 - 7 pm**

## **Hitler's Hollywood**

2017 / documentary / 105 min  
Director: Rudiger Suchsland

A fascinating examination of German cinema during the Nazi period

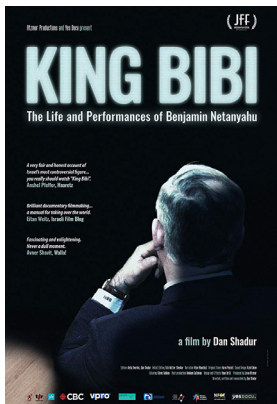


**Wednesday, March 20 - 8 pm**

## **Chewdaism: A Taste of Jewish Montreal**

2014 / comedy / 60 min  
Directors: Jamie Elman & Eli Batalion

A delightful and hysterical romp through Jewish Montreal, this film is for anyone who loves food, Yiddish and cities.

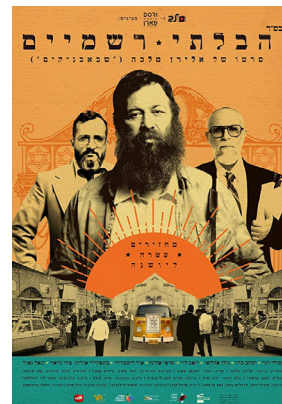


**Thursday, March 21 - 7 pm**

## **King Bibi**

2018 / documentary / 87 min  
Director: Dan Shadur

A powerful documentary and critical expose of Benjamin Netanyahu's rise to power through his acquired mastery of social media.



**Saturday, March 23 - 8:30 pm**

## **The Unorthodox**

2018 / comedy-drama / 92 min  
Director: Eliran Malka

This engrossing and highly entertaining docudrama on the emergence of SHAS opened this year's Jerusalem Film Festival.

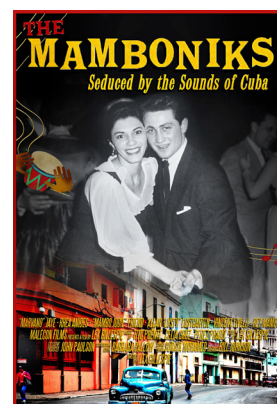


**Sunday, March 24 - 11 am**

## **Shoah: Four Sisters**

2018 / documentary / 273 min  
Director: Claude Lanzmann

Newly released and previously unseen outtakes from Claude Lanzmann's masterpiece, Shoah.



**Sunday, March 24 - 7 pm**

## **The Mamboniks**

2019 / documentary / 90 min  
Director: Lex Gillespie

A wonderfully entertaining feature-length documentary that tells the story of an American Jewish love affair with Latin music.

# Sunday, March 17 through Saturday, March 30

The Gainesville Jewish Film Festival is a partnership between the Jewish Council of North Central Florida and the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Florida. It is made possible, in part, by these generous sponsors: Anonymous, Bud Shorstein Professorship in American Jewish Culture and Society, The France Florida Research Institute, Friends of Jewish Studies Tree of Life Fund, Gary R. Gerson Annual Lecture Series, Harry Rich Endowment for Holocaust Studies, Jewish Council of North Central Florida, Jewish Student Union, Mikki and Morris Futernick Visiting Professorship, Moment Magazine, and the Norman and Irma Braman Chair in Holocaust Studies.

To purchase tickets and festival passes, please visit [www.jcncf.org/gjff2019](http://www.jcncf.org/gjff2019).

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**Monday, March 25 - 7 pm**

## *Redemption*

2018 / drama / 104 min  
Directors: Yossi Madmoni & Boaz Yehonatan Yaacov

A former rock musician turned religious, has to fund his daughter's medical treatments. To do so he reunites his band for one last tour.



**Tuesday, March 26 - 7 pm**

## *Rachel Agmon*

2017 / documentary / 50 min  
Director: Yair Agmon

A religious single woman gets a lift from a secular, married farmer, and father of six. Thirty years later, hoping to understand the secret affair that brought him into this world, Yair takes two separate trips with each of his parents.

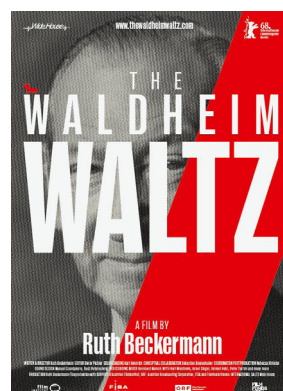


**Tuesday, March 26**  
**Immediately Following**  
**Rachel Agmon**

## *Torn*

2011 / documentary / 72 min  
Director: Ronit Kertsner

Twelve years after he was ordained a Polish priest discovers that he was born to Jewish parents and decides to move to Israel to join a religious kibbutz.



**Wednesday, March 27 - 7 pm**

## *The Waldheim Waltz*

2018 / documentary / 93 min  
Director: Ruth Beckermann

An explosive feature length documentary on Kurt Waldheim, the former president of Austria, UN Secretary General and probable World War II criminal.

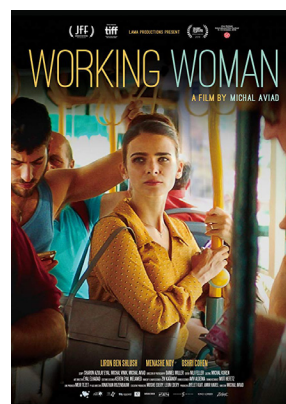


**Thursday, March 28 - 7 pm**

## *The Conductor*

2018 / drama / 80 min  
Director: Alon Zingman

A world-renowned orchestra conductor returns to Israel 30 years after leaving. When a local choir conductor suddenly dies he asks to take his place. Israel's latest hit series and not yet on Netflix.



**Saturday, March 30 - 8:30 pm**

## *Working Woman*

2018 / drama / 93 min  
Director: Michal Aviad

Talented and beautiful, Orna's boss appreciates her, but makes inappropriate advances. Israel's answer to the Me Too movement, this is an extremely well-done feature film with superb female and male lead acting.

# Building Community and Healing the World



Howard receiving FAIFA Florida Financial Professional of the Year Award

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In 1977, Howard transitioned to the College of Law, still selling insurance for Mutual of New York (MONY) to support himself. After passing the bar in 1982, he largely continued to sell insurance and has been a member of the Million Dollar Round Table for insurance sales from 1977 until the present. Since 2014, Howard has transitioned his primary focus to the practice of law in probate, estate planning, and elder law. He has maintained both his law and real estate licenses so he can serve all his existing clients.

Space does not begin to allow enumeration of Howard's leadership as president and/or board member of numerous insurance organizations. He travels to Washington, DC once a year to discuss insurance legislation as it impacts consumers with Congresspersons and Senators. In 2015, he received the Herb Morgan award for political involvement and activity. Last year, he received the Financial Ad-

visor of the Year award for the state of Florida. Most recently, Howard was honored by the Florida Bar for the pro bono work he performs for indigent people in the 8th Judicial Circuit. He has been committed to creating ways for people who do not qualify for legal aid to gain access to the legal system and is President of the Florida Lawyers Insurance Corporation.

Howard met his wife of 43 years, Eve Ackerman, in 1973, while she was a journalism student and he was in law school. As Eve states, "The practice of Judaism is such an integral part of our lives, it was inevitable that we met." They first intersected when she was a reporter for the Independent Florida Alligator and Howard was running a political campaign, and of course, Hillel cemented their connection.

Howard's involvement in the Gainesville Jewish community runs deep and long. He used to accept High Holiday cantorial positions across the country, but discontinued this travel after the birth of their first child, Raphi. He became the High Holidays cantor for Congregation B'nai Israel, and in 1986, served as cantor throughout the year, as well as being responsible for running Junior Congregation. When he no longer served as cantor for B'nai Israel, he again accepted pulpits for High Holiday services at Hillel, locales throughout the country, and Melbourne, Australia. Howard has served on the board and as president of Congregation B'nai Israel.



Howard feeding cockatoos during a trip to Australia.

An important commitment that Howard has always willingly assumed is to solicit funds for Jewish causes. If you have lived in Gainesville long enough, Howard has asked you for money for a Jewish need. He served on the B'nai Israel Building Fund for 26 years and has also served on the board of JCNCF. In 1984 and 1985, Howard assisted many in our local community to solicit funds for Operation Moses, the effort to relocate 8,000 Ethiopian Jews from Sudan via Brussels to Israel. Howard states that he has always been willing to solicit funds for causes he believes in. No doubt, his level of commitment strengthens his ability to ask others to contribute.

When Eve was asked to participate in this article, she insisted Howard remain the focal point, especially considering the recent honors he has received. Nevertheless, Eve's many accomplishments and interesting talents bear mention. In her journalism career, Eve transitioned from a reporter to telecommunications, ultimately producing a news local show. After Raphi's birth, she worked as the Prevention Specialist for the Corner Drug Store.

## With Howard Rosenblatt and Eve Ackerman



Howard and Eve at the wedding of their son Raphi and his husband, David Morganstern.

When a radio station in which Eve was involved was bought out, she was free to pursue her true passion and has since authored eight published novels under the pen name of Darlene Marshall. In referring to herself, she states that "writing romance is her day job, but science fiction is her hobby." She has tried to attend the World Science Fiction convention every year since 1980. She also goes to Boskone, the oldest science fiction convention in the northeast, every year as Darlene Marshall.

Eve volunteers for WUFT public radio and helps with their fundraising drive. She is also on the Foundation board for the Alachua County Library District. She views public radio and the access libraries provide as pivotal to informed people in a democracy. For years, she has served as a Reading Pal to a child in an underserved school. Eve loves to travel and takes daily walks, a time when she often conceives plots for her novels.

Both Howard's and Eve's early lives were marked by grief. Eve's mother died of a heart attack at 42 when Eve was only eight years old. Howard's only sibling, a brother, Richard, died of cancer on his 25th birthday, and within six months, Howard's father died of a heart attack. Eve and Howard have since been blessed with two wonderful sons, Raphi, age 35, and Micah, age 31. Raphi and his husband, David Morganstern reside in Portland, Oregon and have been married for three years. After living in Israel for several years, Micah now lives in Brooklyn, NY. Raphi and Micah are both very involved in their respective Jewish communities.



Howard and son, Micah in Jerusalem for Passover



Howard had a chance to sit on the Iron Throne while accompanying Eve to the World Science Fiction Convention

Interspersed between his many obligations, Howard carves out time to play golf twice a week. He is a faithful and avid fan of Gator football and baseball.

Gratitude to Howard runs deep. His ever-present devotion to Judaism and our community has made an impact for decades. He is there when you need him. When all the words of tribute are spoken, showing up is what really counts.

## Cong. B'nai Israel Jewish Cultural Festival, Sunday, March 17

This year, Congregation B'nai Israel will be combining the Jewish Food Festival and the Purim Carnival into one extraordinary event: the Jewish Cultural Festival! The event is set to take place on Sunday, March 17 from 11 am - 2 pm at Congregation B'nai Israel, 3830 NW 16th Blvd.

Please bring your entire family and join us for the same delicious and authentic Jewish deli food as we celebrate the spirit and festivities of Purim! A portion of the proceeds will benefit Chavaya so you can support our Hebrew school while enjoying the festival.

At the festival, you will be able to purchase a la carte deli sandwiches (beef pastrami, turkey pastrami, or corned beef), falafel, hummus & pita, knishes, Israeli salad, Chavaya-made pickles, black and white cookies, rugelach & hamantaschen.

There also will be a shuk of vendors for you to gather items for your Mishloach Manot. Joining us are Darlene Marshall (author), Gustavo Rebello of Biogera, LLC (farmer), Karen Eberly of Karen's Collection (crafter), and our very own Judaica Shop.

Raffle prizes from local businesses. Special thanks to The Bagel Bakery, UpperCrust Productions, and Downtown Wine and Cheese!

Come out and enjoy carnival games, a costume contest, a bounce house, laser tag (11 am - 1 pm), The Sun Country Gym Bus (11 a.m. - 12 p.m.), face painting by Emmazing Face Painting, and live entertainment featuring The Klezmer Katz, and Jenny, Gainesville's Hometown Clown!

Adult admission will be free (all food will be sold a la carte). \$15 per child (12 and under): Includes access to all activities, a hot dog, chips, and a drink.

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## Robin West Offering Mah Jongg Classes Starting May 2

Robin West will be teaching a free Mah Jongg class at B'nai Israel in May. This class is open to beginners and anyone who wants additional advice about the game and/or practice. The three sessions will be Thursday mornings at 10 am, May 2, 9, and 16. If you are interested, please send an email with "Mah Jongg Class" in the subject line to [rlwest2020@gmail.com](mailto:rlwest2020@gmail.com). Robin will send you additional details.





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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](mailto: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:***

Linda Nash Brownstein,  
Mother of Stephen and Janet Brownstein

Edward Fertuna,  
Father of Jenifer and Vlad Petrescu

Florence Schubert,  
Mother of Roni and Dr. Alan Freedman

Sandy Solomon,  
Wife of Steven Solomon

***May their loved ones find solace in their memory.***



Mazel Tov to William Bacharach on his acceptance to Hebrew University of Jerusalem through the Rothberg International School!

William is the son of Albert and Meredith Bacharach. He is excited to live and study in Jerusalem after completing his current position, teaching mathematics in Guinea with the Peace Corps. After completing his Master's Degree,

William plans to return to the US and start law school in fall 2020.

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www.bnaiisraelcds.org  
352.376.1508, ext 101

### 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  
Jenifer Petrescu, Executive Director  
Shauna Sikron, Coordinator of Jewish Learning  
Caroline Birdrow, Adult Programming and Administration  
www.bnaigainesville.com  
3830 NW 16th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32605  
352.376.1508

### Gainesville Chapter of Hadassah (HAD)

Meredith Bacharach, President  
mwbacharach@gmail.com  
352.256.7631.0

### Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA)

www.interfaith-encounter.org

### Isser and Rae Price Library of Judaica (LIB) at the University of Florida

Dr. Rebecca Jefferson, Director  
cms.uflib.ufl.edu/Judaica/Index.aspx  
George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL 32611  
352.273.2865

### Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ)

Rick Gold  
goldrickus@gmail.com  
571.337.8018

### The Tabacnic Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish (LCJC) Student & Community Center

Rabbi Berl & Chanie Goldman, Directors  
Rabbi Aharon Chaim & Pessie Notik, Co-Directors  
www.jewishgator.com  
2021 NW 5th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32603  
352.336.5877

### Temple Shir Shalom (TSS)

Rabbi Michael Joseph  
Ross Van Boven, Director of Religious School  
Ann Eisenstadt, Office Manager  
www.shirshalom.net  
3855 NW 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605  
352.371.6399

### UF Hillel (HLL)

Rabbi Adam Grossman  
www.ufhillel.org  
2020 W University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32603  
352.372.2900

## Community Calendar March 2019

### Tuesday, March 5

Torah Study with Rabbi Joseph at TSS, 9:30 am  
(Repeated every Tuesday)

Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm.  
(Repeated every Tuesday)

### Wednesday, February 6

Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am  
(Repeated every Wednesday)

### Monday, March 18

Screening of *Black Honey* at Temple Shalom  
of Central Florida, 7 pm

### Tuesday, March 19

Screening of *The Unorthodox* at Temple Shalom  
of Central Florida, 7 pm

### Tuesday, March 21

Mexican Purim Feast, at LCJC, 5:30 pm



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13030 CR 103, Oxford, FL 34484

352.330.4466

#### **Congregation Beth Israel (CBI-O)**

Rabbi Karen Allen

[www.bethisraelocala.org](http://www.bethisraelocala.org)

4511 SW 48th St. Ocala, FL 34474

352.450.2056

#### **Congregation Beth Sholom (CBS)**

[www.bethsholomcitrus.org](http://www.bethsholomcitrus.org)

102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL 34464

352.746.5303

#### **First Congregation Sons of Israel (FCSI)**

Rabbi Joel Fox

[www.firstcongregationsonsofisrael.com](http://www.firstcongregationsonsofisrael.com)

161 Cordova Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

904.829.9532

#### **Ocala Chapter of Hadassah (OHAD)**

Judi Siegal, President

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352.237.8277

#### **Temple B'nai Darom (TBD)**

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352.624.0380

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Sunday, March 17, at 11 am	PJ Library at the Jewish Cultural Festival	Congregation B'nai Israel
Sunday, March 17 - Saturday, March 30	The Ninth Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival	The Hippodrome Cinema
Sunday, March 24, 3 - 4 pm	PJ Library Story Walk	Temple Shir Shalom
Sunday, April 7, 4 pm Monday, April 8, 12:30 pm	A Talk with Aaron Lansky of the Yiddish Book Center	The Oak Room at Oak Hammock Judaica Suite
Thursday, April 11, 7:30 pm	<i>Lullabies and Liturgies: Yiddish, Hebrew and Arabic</i>	University Auditorium
Sunday, April 14, 3 pm	PJ Library Passover at Do Art	Do Art