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The Community Newspaper of the Jewish Council of North Central Florida

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Tishrei - Heshvan 5779

Tenth Mitzvah Day Set for Sunday, November 18



18th November 2018

**Registration and Breakfast
Start at 8:30 am
at Lubavitch Chabad Jewish
Student and Community Center
2021 NW 5th Avenue**

**Opening remarks by
Mayor Lauren Poe
and City Manager
Anthony Lyons**

On Sunday, November 18, the Gainesville Jewish Community will gather for North Central Florida's tenth Mitzvah Day.

Please join us in supporting the local non-profits that support our community and its most vulnerable residents. A full list of projects and partner organizations will be published in the November edition of the Chronicle.

Mitzvah Day Founder and Chair, Laura Marks summed up the spirit of Mitzvah Day when she said "The core values of Mitzvah Day are all about loving kindness and that is going to be our theme for our tenth anniversary year... Mitzvah Day is all about people doing things for charities that need us and charities that matter to us. Our deeply held belief is that together, bit by bit, we can do something that really makes a difference to society".

How You Can Help!

Sign up for a
Mitzvah Day Project

Encourage others to join you

Donate supplies for a project

Make a monetary donation
to JCNCF designated to
support Mitzvah Day

Share Gainesville's 10th
Mitzvah Day on social media

Learn more about our partner
charities and continue to
support them all year long!

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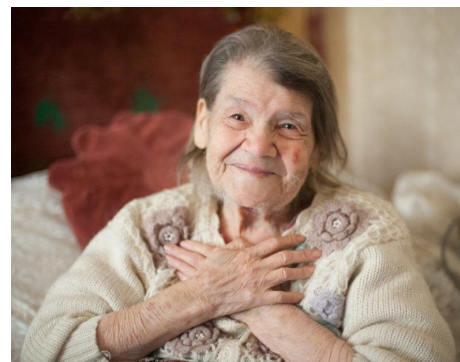
JCNCF's 5779 Annual Campaign (2018/19) will focus on the work of the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The Jewish Council has pledged to donate \$70,000 to the JDC by December 31, 2019, and thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor, those funds will be matched at 50% turning our allocation into \$105,000.

The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), is the world's leading Jewish humanitarian assistance organization, impacting millions of lives in more than 70 countries today. JDC leverages a century's experience confronting poverty and crisis around the world to save the world's poorest Jews, build Jewish life and leaders, empower Israel's future, and rescue victims of global emergencies.

Tens of thousands of impoverished Jewish elderly in the Former Soviet Union (FSU) battle poverty, hunger, declining health, loneliness, and the bitter cold of winter, year after year. By stepping up to meet the critical needs of these aging

Jews, we are helping to care for people who have no one else to rely on. Our community's generosity and commitment to action will save lives and enable tens of thousands of aging Jews in need to retain hope and dignity. The challenges we face in providing care for the world's neediest, most isolated, and most vulnerable elderly Jews will continue in the year ahead. Your support is essential. Please consider a gift to JCNCF's Annual Campaign. Together we can do extraordinary things.

For your convenience, a pledge card is provided on page 2. You may also make a secure donation online at www.jcncf.org/donate.html. To donate securities, or other kinds of gifts, please contact the Jewish Council at 352.371.3846 or office@jcncf.org.





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JCNCF's Annual Campaign goal for 2018/2019 is \$180,000.
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The Jewish Council of North Central Florida operates entirely on the contributions of generous community members like YOU! With that in mind, the JCNCF events that you see listed in this newsletter each month are made possible by those donations. Please consider making a gift to the Annual Campaign or to any of our special funds. Your donation supports Jewish causes locally and globally and means so much to so many.

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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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News and announcements of events that are of interest and open to the entire Jewish community will be included as space allows. The times and places of regular and special Jewish religious events, as well as Jewish organizational events, will be placed in the Chronicle's monthly community calendar.

Please submit original material of 500 words or less, not published or to be published elsewhere, along with photos of interest to the community. Submissions may be e-mailed in Word document format to chronicle@jcncf.org; or dropped off at the Jewish Council of North Central Florida office. Please submit photos in high resolution with a caption identifying the subject and all people depicted. JCNCF reserves the right to edit all submissions. *The Chronicle* does not publish letters to the editor.

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Interfaith Group Plans 2018-2019 Activities

This past summer, Gainesville hosted a visit from Dr. Yehuda Stolov the founder and executive director of the Interfaith Encounter Association (IEA) and Ibrahim Mustafa, a board member and former chair. Based in Jerusalem, the IEA invites people from different traditional and cultural backgrounds and faiths to join their groups. Within the groups, participants have meaningful encounters which bring them closer to each other. Prejudice, hostility and suspicion are transformed into direct acquaintance, mutual respect and friendship. Groups are both a model for inter-communal relations of appreciation and care, and vehicles to promote them.

In late July, the Gainesville area chapter of the IEA partnered with Citizen Diplomacy Initiatives, Congregation B'nai Israel, the Jewish Council of North Central Florida, the Lubavitch-Chabad Jewish Student and Community Center, the United Nations Association and the Westminster Presbyterian Church for talks with local community members.



From left to right: Ibrahim Mustafa and Dr. Yehuda Stolov



From left: Jeffrey Rubin, Father Les Singleton, and Aqueela Khuddus

On Sunday, September 9, IEA members attended a special program at the Church of the Mediator in Micanopy, *Three Faith Leaders Speak for Peace*. This annual 9/11 memorial service featured speakers from the three Abrahamic faith traditions - Micanopy resident Jeffrey Rubin represented the Jewish community, local artist and community leader, Aqueela Khuddus spoke on behalf of Muslims, and Father Les Singleton of the Church of the Mediator was the Christian speaker. After the service, attendees were invited to enjoy a potluck lunch and to spend time getting to know other guests.

After lunch, several IEA members gathered to plan out a series of activities for the next few months. The group plans to meet approximately every other month, and will focus their programming on community service projects. The first activity planned will coincide with Mitzvah Day - the Jewish community's annual day of service for Gainesville, scheduled for Sunday, November 18. In 2019, the group hopes to partner with an African American congregation, the local Baha'i group and others.

For more information about the Interfaith Encounter Association, please go to interfaith-encounter.org or contact Elinor Robin at 954.415.5645 or elinorobin@aol.com.

PJ Library 10th Birthday Celebration



On September 23, 30 families celebrated PJ Library's 10th birthday at the Gainesville Woman's Club.

Thank you to Rabbi David Kaiman from Congregation B'nai Israel, Rabbi Berl Goldman from Chabad at UF, and Rabbi Michael Joseph from Temple Shir Shalom for *Reading with a Rabbi*.

Thank you to B'nai Israel Community Day School, B'nai Israel Youth Group, Temple Shir Shalom Religious School, and Picolina the Clown and her family for helping make this a party to remember!



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Israel In Brief: News and Updates

By Ralph Lowenstein

Education Department Has New Rules Regarding Definition of Anti-Semitism

The U.S. Department of Education has adopted new rules regarding a definition of anti-Semitism on American campuses. The change in rules was adopted as a result of charges of anti-Semitism at Rutgers University.

The working definition, already widely used by many other U.S. governmental agencies, including the State Department, includes examples in which a university or university agency holds Israel to a double standard not expected of other democratic nations. (*Politico*)

Israel: "If Iran Hits Tel Aviv, We'll Hit Tehran & Bases in Syria"

Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman has warned that if Iran attacks Tel Aviv, Israel will attack Tehran and "destroy every Iranian military outpost in Syria threatening Israel."

"Iran is trying to establish bases in Syria and arm them with advanced weapons," Lieberman said. "I cannot sit idly by while I watch Iran do that close to the Golan Heights. The Russians know that we will not allow Iran to build bases in Syria and to transfer advanced weapons in order to attack us." (*Ynet News*)

Latest Israeli Inventions in the News:

For pregnant women: PulseNmore Ltd. is completing development of a revolutionary handheld ultrasound device that will allow pregnant women to check on the health of their baby using a smartphone. The device displays images on the

Photo shows first section of 30-foot high concrete wall being constructed along border between Lebanon and Israel. All construction is on the Israeli side of the border. The \$450 million wall will be 80 miles long and terminate near the Golan Heights in eastern Israel.



phone's screen and can send them to a woman's doctor for examination.

For persons with migraine headaches: Israel's Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has announced that it has received U.S. FDA approval to market Ajovy, a preventive drug against migraine attacks. Ajovy is the first drug for migraine that allows one injection for three months, compared to a U.S.-made drug that is injected monthly.

Parkinson's Disease: Researchers at Israel's Technion Institute have developed a device that can detect the early onset of Parkinson's Disease by analyzing the breath of users. Early diagnosis and treatment can help slow down its progression. Researchers at the Technion say they have identified the breath characteristics of 17 diseases, including multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, lung cancer and gastric cancer.

Israel Building Massive Wall Along Border with Lebanon

Israel has begun work on a massive wall along its northern border with Lebanon, saying the barrier is needed to protect civilians from Hezbollah attacks. Senior

Israeli military officials stressed the need for the wall, saying that while they closely monitor Hezbollah forces in Lebanon, there is always the "possibility that they will surprise us."

When completed, the wall will be 80 miles long, stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to the Golan Heights. Seven miles of the project have already been built. The entire wall should be completed in two more years. At a cost of \$450 million, most of the barrier is a 30-foot tall concrete wall, topped by security cameras, sensors and steel mesh. Steel fencing replaces the concrete wall in especially rugged areas. The entire wall is being built on the Israeli side of the border.

The so-called "Blue Line" between the two countries was demarcated by the United Nations after Israel withdrew from south Lebanon in 2000 following an 18-year military occupation. The two countries remain technically at war. However, the Israeli military has been working closely with the Lebanese Army during construction of the barrier. (*Associated Press*)



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UF Hillel Chomp'd the Vote on September 14

By Sophia Schnaper, Marketing Intern
UF Hillel Marketing

According to Jewish Law, we believe it is our civic responsibility to participate in voting. In the Jewish religion, the act of 'counting' is entwined with our faith. We count the days between Passover and Shavuot. We count 100 blessings each day, we count the Shofar blasts, and we count the number of people who constitute a Minyan. The act of counting is not as important as "being" counted; being a part of something, participating in something. The action of having your opinion counted is considered a Mitzvah.

To help remedy the issue of young voter apathy, Hillel International, the largest Jewish student organization, is leading a coalition called MitzVote. MitzVote is a non-partisan campaign that wants to create a positive experience for students participating in the democratic process. Giving college students an opportunity to become engaged citizens, just as B'nai Mitzvot recognizes young Jews as adults in the Jewish community. The goal of the campaign is to engage over 100,000 voters, on 100 college campuses. They will engage them through registration drives, poll parties, and exciting events to mobilize young voters.

UF Hillel enthusiastically became an ambassador campus. UF Hillel held a "Chomp the Vote" Shabbat to get students to register to vote, and that is just the beginning. Over the course of the next few weeks, UF Hillel will be encouraging voter registration and participation up until the Florida general election by featuring computers for students to register to vote at events and by promoting voter registration and voting on social media.



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What's New at the B'nai Israel Community Day School

**By Debby Kinman-Ford, Director
B'nai Israel Community Day School**

Welcome to the 45th year of the B'nai Israel Community Day School! We opened the school year with 101 children and have added lots of new, fun things to our school day! This year we have added music education, dance and story time to our afternoons. We continue to have *Teva* (our nature class) and Judaics every day. We also have yoga and meditation classes twice a week. Later this fall we are adding a koi pond to our *Teva* program, while the bunnies and chickens continue to thrive.

We have several new staff and have revamped most of our monthly family programs to accommodate the larger attendance we have experienced over the last couple of years. Even though our program has gotten bigger, we are still very focused on all staff knowing all the children and parents. The intimacy that comes with the size of our school is at the heart of our commitment to building community. We remain true to our mission to raise the next generation of community leaders. Our hand-picked team works with our students, as well as, the families on nurturing their learning experience spiritually, emotionally and physically.

We are proud to have a Jewish day school in Gainesville and encourage everyone to join in that pride. Many communities are not able to sustain such a school and our ability to do this reflects our community's commitment to embracing all faiths and levels of observance.

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In Memoriam

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


Charles P. Losen,
Uncle of Corinne and Jessie Lipnick

Mollye Rothstein,
Mother of Paul Rothstein and Suzanne Colvin


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Society for Humanistic Judaism Meeting
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Jewish Film Festival Sneak Preview
Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm
The Hippodrome Cinema



Jews have been strong supporters and among the primary beneficiaries of the US Constitution's First Amendment providing for separation of church and state as well as religious freedom. Join the Gainesville Humanistic Judaism Community for a discussion of its use and misuse by the religious right and its importance for Secular Humanistic Jews. We will highlight the efforts of a new organization, Jews for a Secular Democracy. For more info, contact Rick Gold at 571-337-8018 or goldrickus@gmail.com.

Join us for a special screening of *COJOT*, the story of a WWII survivor who sets out to kill his father's Nazi executioner and ends up playing a pivotal role in one of history's most daring rescue operations.

Boaz Dvir and Dr. Gayle Zachmann will introduce and discuss a rough cut of their new documentary in progress on French Jew, Nazi Hunter and Entebbe Survivor, Michel Cojot.

Boaz Dvir (Director, Producer) is a journalist, filmmaker and Assistant Professor of Journalism at Penn State University. Dr. Gayle Zachmann (Producer, Historical Consultant) is Associate Professor of French and Jewish Studies at The University of Florida.

Trailers for some of the films to be featured in the 9th Annual Gainesville Jewish Film Festival will also be screened. For more information please contact the JCNCF office at 352.371.3846 or email office@jcnf.org

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Torah Study will be held on Tue, Oct 16, Tue, Sept 23, and Tue, Oct 30 at 9:30 am.

Torah on Tuesday with Rabbi Kaiman at CBI, 12 pm (Repeated Tue, Oct 16, Tue, Sept 23, and Tue Oct 30)

Wednesday, October 10

Friendship Circle at CBI, 10:30 am (Repeated Wed, Oct 17, Wed, Oct 24, and Wed, Oct 31)

Thursday, October 18

BBYO Parent and Teen Information Session, 6:30 pm

.For event location RSVP to Regional Director, Jayme Epstein jepstein@bbyo.org by Wednesday, October 10

Thursday, November 1

A Talk by Don Burris at UF Law Martin Levin Advocacy Center, 3 pm

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Sunday, October 14 at 12 pm	PJ Library Ice Cream Social	D'Lites Emporium
Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm	Jewish Film Festival Preview	The Hippodrome Cinema
Sunday, November 18 at 9 am	10th Community Mitzvah Day	Chabad at UF, Plus Other Sites
Thursday, December 6 at 5:30 pm	Chanukah Happy Hour	TBA
Sunday, December 9 at 4 pm	PJ Library Chanukah	Congregation B'nai Israel