**Program notes**

The history of musical theater is full of incredible, indelible female roles!” is a quote from the foreword of Eddie Shapiro’s book, *Nothing Like a Dame: Conversations with the Great Women of Musical Theater*. The book is a collection of exclusive interviews with twenty of the greatest leading women of Broadway.

Eddie Shapiro will be in Fort Myers on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. to share his experiences interviewing, among others, the cantankerous, outspoken, and utterly charming Elaine Stritch over tea at the Caryle on Thanksgiving, chatting with 84-year-old Angela Lansbury in her Manhattan apartment, and talking with contemporary stars Kristin Chenoweth and Elaine Stritch over tea at the Career Institute. Eddie Shapiro has great stories to share about his first meeting with the remarkable Russ and Daughters fish emporium of the Lower East Side of Manhattan that continues to survive and thrive. The documentary was shown to a sold-out crowd at the Community Breakfast held in Fort Myers last year. To reserve a spot, please call or email me, or RSVP to Temple Shalom member Odette Port at 941.505.1409 or oleviport@yahoo.com. The cost is $10 per person.

**ISRAEL LISTED AS FOURTH PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY**

Israel was listed in fourth place out of 41 countries in the 2015 InterNations Family Life Index released recently. The Family Life Index ranks countries according to availability and costs of childcare and education, quality of education, and family well-being. (Jerusalem Post)

ISRAEL 6TH IN HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY

A new study published in the medical journal *Lancer* puts Israel sixth in the rankings for healthy life expectancy among 188 countries. “Healthy life expectancy” takes into account not just mortality rates, but also years of life without terminal disease. (The Gal, Ynet News)

**POLL: HALF OF JERUSALEM ARABS WANT TO BE ISRAELIS**

52% of Palestinians living in Jerusalem told pollsters they would prefer “Israeli citizenship with equal rights,” while 42% prefer to be Palestinian citizens when a Palestinian state is established, Israel Channel 2 TV reported recently. A similar poll in 2010 found that 1/3 of east Jerusalem Arabs preferred Israeli citizenship to Palestinian. Almost 40% said Jews “have the right to the land, together with Palestinians.” (Times of Israel)
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Abdul Haq Muhammed to speak at Temple Judea

Abdul Haq Muhammed, the founder and Executive Director of the Quality Life Center (QLC), will speak at Temple Judea after Shabbat services on Friday evening, October 23.

The QLC, founded in 1990, offers programs of youth development, adult job training and early childhood education. Under Mr. Muhammed’s leadership, the QLC works to enhance character development, combat violence and drug abuse, reverse the “victim” mentality and tackle the negative self-image found among people from disadvantaged homes. The QLC instills values of integrity, discipline, responsibility and community through multidisciplinary prevention and intervention programs.

Mr. Muhammed is a native of Harlem, in New York City, where he went to college. He co-founded the Woodycrest Center for Human Development in the Bronx where he was Director of Youth Programs as well as Board Chairman. He has spoken at many universities, including Brown, Vassar, NYU and Columbia. He has trained chaplains in counseling inmates at Riker’s Island and Sing Sing prisons.

Mr. Muhammed works collaboratively with the City of Fort Myers, Children’s Network, Florida Department of Education, United Way and Workforce Florida. He is a co-founder and Chairman of the 21st Century Collaborative, a committee of community trustees and faith-based leaders who committed to building stronger neighborhoods in our community.

Mr. Muhammed received the “Florida Finest” award from Governor Lawton Chiles, Person of the Year award from The News-Press, Liberty Bell award from Lee County Bar Association, and the Face award from Gulfshore Business magazine.

The program is open to the public. Those joining Temple Judea for dinner should contact the office at 239-433-0201.

Submit your events to LChayim36@gmail.com.

This year please consider making an additional campaign contribution in honor or in memory of a loved one. Because kindness is contagious we would like to highlight your generosity in L’CHAYIM and notify personally those whom you honor. You may choose how your generosity is noted and how we share your mitzvah with our community.

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**Picturebook History exhibit – how the Museum impacts children with these stories**

By Amy Snyder, Executive Director, Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL

Florida is one of the few states which mandate the teaching of the Holocaust in its school systems. Our Museum is honored to be an active member of the Florida Department of Education Commissioner’s Task Force on Holocaust Education (FL Holocaust Education Task Force.org).

As a Task Force member and Education Center, we are well aware of the need to introduce children to the subject of the Holocaust in an age-appropriate way. Our education programming reaches students in grades K-12 and through the college/ university level in five counties in Southwest Florida. Obviously, we approach the subject of the Holocaust and World War II differently with a 5th grader than with a college sophomore.

One of the most effective teaching tools we use to inform the upper elementary age segment is the “picture book.” The main subject of these masterfully illustrated volumes is often a child or group of children about the same age as the youngesters in our programs. Whether primarily set in the era of World War II, or transitioning between the past and the present, the books introduce the sensitive subject matter of the Holocaust in a way that the students can easily comprehend and digest. The stories hold their interest, while clearly defining the fight between the “good” guys and the “bad” guys. Children today are more attuned to the concept of “good” versus “evil” because they are surrounded by the 24-hour news cycle, which features more bad news than good. Students can readily identify those who are victimized, considered “other” and given less respect by society. They also recognize the aggressors and the impact of their actions and policies on the “others.”

The combination of personal stories and evocative illustrations also allow students to emotionally connect with the Holocaust. Students are able to see the frightening parallels between past societal aggressions and today’s events. They see the far-reaching impact on people when respect for others is missing, and maltreatment of “others” takes hold. Since the 2001-2002 school year, the Museum’s education programs have reached over 145,000 stu-

**Exciting guest speaker to kick off Collier/ Lee Hadassah season**

By Lanny Rashbaum

Television host, best-selling author, and commentator Bertold Fridlender will be the special guest speaker at its opening Fall Luncheon on Tuesday, October 27 at 10:45 a.m. at The Club at Olde Cypress in Naples.

Fridlender is the President of the Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem. The college is ranked the number one institute to study at in Jerusalem, and proud of what he does.” Professor Fridlender will talk about how diversity can unify. Hadassah Academic College is proud to have students of all beliefs and cultures. The Collier/ Lee Chapter of Hadassah extends an invitation to anyone who would be interested in attending this outstanding program. Nonmembers, spouses, associates and friends are encouraged to attend. The cost of the luncheon is $28 per person. Reservations are required.

For more information, please contact Elyse Morande at 239.491.8624 or elangil601@gmail.com.

One of our members recently visited the college stated, “I have never met a man as dedicated, enthusiastic, and proud of what he does.” Professor Fridlender is an excellent speaker and we are thrilled that he is making Naples one of his stops in the U.S.
Where does the soul go after it departs this world? Chabad of Cape Coral offers a new course on the spiritual side of existence.

Some questions are universal to the human experience. Is there life after death? What happens to the soul after we die? What is it like for those who have traveled over to the Great Beyond? These are but a few of the questions addressed in the newest course from the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI).

Beginning Monday, October 26, Chabad of Cape Coral will present “The Journey of the Soul,” a new six-session fall 2015 course. Rabbi Yossi Lakowski will conduct the sessions on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Chabad of Cape Coral, 1716 Cape Coral Pkwy., W.

“The Journey of the Soul” provides spiritual insight into the soul’s journey throughout life, death, and beyond, as well as ancient Jewish wisdom that sheds light on the philosophical, emotional, and practical aspects of coping with death and mourning.

“Science knows very little about the soul and what happens to it post-mortem,” said Rabbi Lakowski. “It’s about what is truly valuable and meaningful in life, which is relevant to everyone, whether or not they have ever thought about the afterlife. It’s a good time to look at these questions, so we’re expecting a good turnout.”

Professor Sheldon Solomon of Skidmore College, who co-authored the book The Worm at the Core: On the Role of Death in Life, commented about the JLI course: “This course strikes me as a very fine juxtaposition of ancient theological wisdom with contemporary empirical science. My sense is that this will be an interesting and rewarding educational and personal experience.”

Similar sentiments were expressed by other experts in the field, including Professor Jeff Greenberg of University of Arizona; Dr. Casey Skovre from the National Institutes of Health; Pamela Blair, co-author of I Wasn’t Ready to Say Goodbye; and Bianca Nogradi, author of The End: The Human Experience of Death.

The course is being offered in joint sponsorship with the Washington School of Psychiatry, enabling medical and mental health professionals to earn up to 7.5 AMA, APA, CBBS and ASWB continuing education credits.

Like all previous JLI programs, Journey of the Soul is designed to appeal to people at all levels of Jewish knowledge, including those without any prior experience or background in Jewish learning. All JLI courses are open to the public, and attendees need not be Jewish to participate.

Interested students may call 239.963.4770 or visit www.chabadcape.com for registration and other course-related information.

Community Free Synagogue events open to the community

Six-week class in Jewish Laws and Practices

The Community Free Synagogue will offer a six-week class in readings from The Kitzur Shulhan Arukh (Abbreviated Code of Jewish Laws) taught by Rabbi Bruce Diamond from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays starting October 8 at 10868 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers.

In his “Kitzur,” Gazfried extracted the essential laws and customs most likely to be followed by observant Jews of his day such as kashrut, Sabbath and holidays, family law, synagoga and community, tzedahq, and death, dying and mourning. They followed the more stringent northern Ashkenazi approach.

The class is open to all at no charge. A Learning Journey to Buy a Torah On Sunday, November 22, the Community Free Synagogue will send a bus to The Sofer on Site workshop in North Miami Beach to purchase another Torah scroll for the congregation.

Before selecting the Torah, C.F.S.ers will learn about the different regional styles of Torah scrolls as well as the basic laws and techniques employed to create them. They will then choose the synagogue’s new Torah from a selection of scrolls and bring it back to Fort Myers for its formal installation in the Ark at the synagogue’s 10th Anniversary Banquet on Sunday evening, December 6.

The synagogue’s first Torah was purchased at its inception on eBay some two centuries ago in Aleppo, Syria. It arrived simply as a scroll without an installation in the Ark during the synagogue’s formative years. The second Torah, added during the middle of the 19th century, was brought to the town of Safed.

The high point of the banquet will be the installation of the synagogue’s new Torah scroll purchased to mark this milestone and to honor the memory of Rabbi Diamond’s father who died in August.

The evening will begin with light of the synagogue’s large outdoor public Hanukah menorah, and then everyone will be offered a tour of each banquet table. Traditional Hanukah songs will be led by the synagogue’s Shirat Hayam Musical Ensemble.

In the middle of the evening will be presented. If you have photos you wish to include in this presentation, please forward them to synfree@comcast.net along with the story behind each picture. To reserve a place for the banquet, call 239.274.7485. There is no charge for the bus ride but reservations are a must. To make your bus reservation for lunch after the visit to the scribe, please call the synagogue’s message center at 239.274.7485.

The next meeting of the Jewish Genealogy SIG (Shared Interest Group) at the Jewish Federation of Collier County offices (2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 2201, Naples) is on Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited. RSVP to genesearch13@yahoo.com. You will receive an acknowledgement that you have a reservation. Bring a notebook and pen with you to the meeting.

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Have you been thinking of forgiveness lately?

Readers of The Sunflower have

By Ida Margolis

Asking for forgiveness was likely on the mind of many individuals during the recent Day of Atonement. Did you ask someone you wronged or offended? “Why do we forgive? Can we forgive crimes committed against other people? Are some wrongs unforgivable?” Just some of the relevant questions presented in The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal. This book has been selected as the “One Book Southwest Florida” for the 2015-16 season.

Wiesenthal asked readers to put themselves in a position of a prisoner in a concentration camp when a dying Nazi soldier asked for forgiveness. Then Wiesenthal asked, “What would you do?” This question was posed to a number of prominent men and women, and their responses are presented. Wiesenthal’s brief story was published in The Sunflower.

This book quickly became a classic of Holocaust literature, as well as a book used at many colleges and in interfaith dialogues.

The selection of this world famous book follows the highly successful inaugural “One Book Southwest Florida” with hundreds of people in our area discussing Gertruda’s Oath by Ram Oren. The “One Book Southwest Florida” reading program is based on the very popular “One Book One Community” programs that have been held throughout the U.S. The goal of these programs is to engage the community in dialogue, to promote understanding, and to serve as a springboard for the discussion of important topics. The reading of the variety of responses from individuals of diverse beliefs and backgrounds is designed to challenge people to define the meaning of forgiveness, justice, compassion and human responsibility.

Steve Bzina, program Chair of GenShoah SWFL, will present this film in cooperation with the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County as the first in a series of events relating to the St. Louis. Martin Goldsmith, NPR radio host and author of Alex’s Wake: The Tragic Voyage of the St. Louis to Flee Nazi German and his Grandson’s Journey of Love and Remembrance, will be the keynote speaker at the Kristallnacht Commemoration on Sunday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m. at St. William Church, 601 Saagaye Drive, Naples.

On Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom, there will be a presentation of Complicit: The Untold Story of Why the Roosevelt Administration Denied Safe Haven to Jewish Refugees, by Robert Krakow, the producer of the film. For information and reservations please email genshoshowsfl@icloud.com or call Ida Margolis at 239.963.9347.

One Book committee members Amy Spiner, Ida Margolis, Pat DeGroot and Steve Brauna discuss The Sunflower.

Screening of The Voyage of the St. Louis

On Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Beth Tikvah (1459 Pine Ridge Road, Naples) there will be a presentation of the film The Voyage of the St. Louis.

The film is the story of a tragic and too little known episode in the history of the Holocaust. In an effort to flee Nazi Germany, 937 German Jewish refugees sailed from Hamburg, Germany, on May 15, 1939, on the S.S. St. Louis. The refugees reached Havana, Cuba, on May 27, 1939. The Cuban government refused entry to nearly all of the passengers and sent them back to Cuba. Later, the passengers, who could see the lights of Miami, were denied entry into the U.S. The St. Louis was doomed to sail back to Hamburg.

After feverish negotiations, and with the assistance of the ship’s captain, Gustav Schroeder, the governments of Holland, Belgium, England and France agreed to accept the refugees. Soon afterward the passengers shared the fate of other European Jews.

On the Possibilities and Human Responsibility

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GenShoah of Southwest Florida, in conjunction with the Collier County Public Library and the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, will be sponsoring the “One Book Southwest Florida” program along with the Naples Daily News as the media sponsor.

There will be many discussions of The Sunflower at local libraries in Collier and Lee counties, at the Holocaust Museum, and by local organizations throughout Southwest Florida. Discussion dates include Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holocaust Museum, and Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Naples Regional Library.

In addition to discussions and related events and films, several exciting culminating events will take place in January when Mark Weitzman, Director of Government Affairs and the Task Force Against Hate and Terrorism for the Wiesenthal Center, will be in Southwest Florida. In addition to appearances in Lee County and the South Regional Library in Collier County, Mr. Weitzman will be making a special appearance at Temple Shalom on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Sponsorship reserved seating will be available at Temple Shalom.

For more information, contact me at onebookswfl@icloud.com or 239.963.9347.
Jerusalem Post Crossword Puzzle

“Acting Jewish” By David Benkof & Byron Kerman Difficulty Level: Easy

Editor: YoniGlatt, YoniGlatt@gmail.com
Solution on page 18

This puzzle is about non-Jews who have played prominent Jewish roles.

Across
1. Best preceder?
6. Non-kosher critter with a shell
11. Eat meat?
12. Literally “Thou shall not” (Exodus 20:3)
13. Not kosher
14. Archaic biblical word for “Thou shall not”
15. A pig, for instance
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1. Org. of educators Rahm Emanuel negotiated with in 2012
2. “All in the Family” creator Norman
3. Muppet who learned what “todah” means from Seth Rogen
4. Member of the Roman legion
5. Maximum speed
6. Heights riot
7. Jeans maker Strauss and others
8. First murder victim
9. Actress Dietrich who dated Josef von Sternberg
10. Big name among 20th century Egyptians
11. One of many needed to print the Talmud
12. Israeli actress Gadot and others
13. Make something chosen
14. Chicken part often used as a Passover shankbone
15. Whence Persian Jews
16. City in Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz’s (D-FL) district
17. “The Frisco Kid,” e.g.
18. Makes Mt. Hermon whiter
19. Bit of equipment for Matisyahu
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TV/Movie News and Notes
Saturday Night Live has announced that just one new member, JON RUDNITSKY, 25, will be added to the cast for the 2015-2016 season, which starts on Saturday, October 3. Rudnitsky's mother is MICHAEL OREN, 60, the former Israeli ambassador to the United States. Rudnitsky is a relative unknown, but the work he has posted on YouTube explains his hire. His stand-up routines feature a lot of “millennial” humor (like many social media references) that could be easily converted into SNL sketches that would appeal to a younger TV audience (which advertisers covet). His original digital shorts are very much in the SNL mode. One short is a pretty funny movie parody (www.youtube.com/watch?v=psxlylSSkAk) called The Jewish Hunger Games: Kvetching Fire.

In other words, Yom Kippur meets In other words, Yom Kippur meets The Hunger Games.

Rudnitsky got some heat when it was recently reported he had tweeted “screaming offensive and funny, but being in comedic sin. I hope Jon atoned for this sin on Yom Kippur.

*Stars of David*

By Nate Bloom, Contributing Columnist

**Editor’s note:** Persons in BOLD CAPS are deemed by Nate Bloom to be Jewish for the purpose of the column. Persons identified as Jewish have at least one Jewish parent and were not raised in a faith other than Judaism – and don’t identify with a faith other than Judaism as an adult. Converts to Judaism, of course, are also identified as Jewish.

**Ten years of doing a Jewish celebrities column has turned Nate Bloom (see column at left) into something of an expert on finding basic family history records and articles mentioning a “searched-for” person. During these 10 years, he has put together a small team of "mavens" who aid his research. Most professional family history experts charge at least $1,000 for a full family tree. However, many people just want to get "started" by tracing one particular family branch.**

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Loving the Loire
By The Wine Whisperer

The Loire Valley in France offers abundant attractions to the wine lover, beginning with the châteaux. In days past, before the Revolution, the rich and famous from Paris retreated to the summer months to their homes along the river. Some of these “cottages” covered thousands of square feet and had over 200 rooms. These days, many of them are either operated as luxury hotels or, better yet, as bed and breakfasts in delightful mod.

Then, of course, there are the wines. The Loire is the longest river in France, running northward from the Pyrenees highlands and bending toward the Atlantic at Nantes. At the bend are two villages, Sancerre and Pouilly, and Hardy to moist, dense to fluffy.

Kugels can range from sweet to savory, dry to moist, dense to fluffy.

Nugel Ingredients:
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 6 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup sugar (use 1 1/4 cup for a lighter kugel)
- 2 packages (8 oz. each) vanilla cream cheese
- 2 tsp vanilla cream cheese
- 1 can (16 oz.) pineapple chunks in juice
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted

You will also need:
- a large pot of water to boil
- bring the kugel to a simmer. Add egg noodles, stir, and boil until tender. Drain. Melt 2 tbsp of butter in the hot noodles and stir to coat.
- Place raisins in a bowl and cover with hot water. Let the raisins soak for 10 minutes while you blend the creamy mixture (next step). Drain thoroughly.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, vanilla, cinnamon, sugar, cream cheese, ricotta cheese and pineapple chunks and blend the ingredients until creamy.
- Add creamy mixture to the noodles in the pot along with the drained raisins. Drain the pineapple chunks and dice them into small pieces, then add them to the pot. Stir all ingredients until thoroughly mixed.
- Pour the noodles into a greased 9x13 baking dish.
- Crush vanilla wafers into crumbs, then beat the crumbs into a crumbly texture. I do this by placing the cookies into a plastic Ziploc bag and pounding them with a mallet. If you’re a purist, you can crush them with a mallet. You want the crumbs to be fine, but not to a powder – a little texture is good. Place crumbs in a small mixing bowl.
- Add sugar, cinnamon and melted butter to the crumbs. Mix with a fork for a couple of minutes until the crumbs are evenly moistened by the butter.
- Evenly sprinkle the crumbly topping across the top of the kugel.
- Cover dish with foil and place in the oven. Bake the kugel for 40 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 20 minutes more until the top is golden brown.
- May be served cold or warm.

The West Indies

It is from here that many of the zingiest, classiest examples of Sauvignon Blanc have their origins. While we might first associate Sauvignon Blanc with New Zealand, the grape is indigenous to the Loire, where it has been cultivated since around 400 AD. Luckily, Sauvignon Blanc is one of the most food-friendly wines you can buy. I subscribe to my own personal “lemon law”: if you can put lemon juice on it, you can drink Sauvignon Blanc with it. Perfect for brined fish, shellfish and similar dishes.

The Loire is a diverse area, and wines are made in a very wide range of styles. Some wineries use stainless steel tanks for fermentation, then age the wine in small oak barrels, which makes it fuller and rounder. In other wineries, there’s not a stick of oak to be seen.

Generally, the Pouilly wines are fuller, while Sancerres are lighter, and easier to drink young. Since the villages are directly across the river from each other, they share the same

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Helmut James Von Moltke, anti-Nazi hero

By Paul R. Bartrop, PhD

Helmut James Graf von Moltke was a man who resisted the Nazi regime and was executed for treason in January 1945. He was born on March 11, 1907, on the family estate at Kreisau, Silesia. He came from the greatest and most distinguished family: he was the great-grandnephew of Helmuth Ludwig von Moltke the Elder, one of Prussia’s outstanding military commanders during Germany’s wars of unification, and grandson of Helmuth Johann von Moltke.

He studied law and political science between 1925 and 1929, moving between universities in Breslau, Vienna, Heidelberg and Berlin. On October 18, 1931, he married Freya Deichmann, who had also attended seminars at the University of Breslau. For a time, she worked as Helmuth’s research assistant, before receiving her own law degree from Humboldt University in 1935.

That same year, Helmuth was offered the chance to become a judge, but he declined on the ground that to do so would have had to join the Nazi party. He declined the offer in order to demonstrate his opposition to the Nazi party. Pursuant to this, one of his actions was to disseminate confidential information outside the Nazi party, in the hope that it would be passed on to the Allies. Knowing what is happening without intervening immediately only served to reinforce his general opposition to the war, and his own sense of impotence.

In one of his final letters, written to his sons while awaiting execution, von Moltke gave his reasons for acting the way he did, declaring that ever since National Socialism came to power, he had attempted to make its consequences “milder for its victims and to prepare the way for a change. In that, my conscience drove me – and in the end, that is a man’s duty.”

Helmuth James von Moltke – lest we forget♥

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Thriller set in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish community reunites young journalist with the mother who abandoned her

Book review by Philip K. Jason, Special to L‘CHAYIM


I would be hard for author Julia Dahl to match the impact of her novel Invisible City, but in Run You Down, she alone can provide a fresh experience with a story that mines a similar milieu: the mysterious death of a woman in New York’s Hasidic community. However, she has done it – in part by having left the door open for a continuation of the earlier work’s underplot: a young woman’s quest to find the mother who abandoned her as a baby.

One would suspect that Run You Down was in development even before Invisible City was published. In the later book, tabloid stringer Rebekah Roberts, a half-Jewish woman raised in Florida by her Christian father, Brian, has taken a step up the ladder at the New York Tribune. She’s doing rewrite, an unenviable job, rather than chasing around the city investigating possible stories. Rebekah is also struggling a bit with depression, the aftermath of her first major assignment. Her roommate, Iris, is pushing her to get help.

Victor Morrow, Catherine’s ex-fi-

ance, has just been released from prison without a trial. He, and not an individual anyone would choose as an enemy. Vanderlyn is a ruthless and heartless Mafioso who Victor has hired to destroy Harry’s business so he will have little to offer Catherine. Vanderlyn does not quite realize what he is getting into, but when confronted by a battle-hardened former soldier.

Vanderlyn has just survived a ter-

rible storm and is shellshied with his clothes in tatters when Harry and the Hales encounter him. They think Vanderlyn is an impoverished vagrant or indigent fisherman, and give him a place to spend the night, and money to help him get back on his feet.

Mike Keck is a theatrical produc-

er who has several of the top hits on Broadway at any given time. He is not a man to be trifled with as Victor Morrow is going to discover.

These are the principal characters. One thing several have in common is that they are not who they first appear to be. Catherine, upon meeting Harry, tells him that she is poor, and gives him her stage name rather than tell him who she really is. Vanderlyn is anything but an impoverished indi-

vidual down on his luck. The Hales are split, a powder keg of surprises. It remains to be seen how accepting they will be to Harry, their daughter’s Jewish suitor.

The story is developed through two alternating first-person narratives. It begins worlds, the investigation of Pessie’s death connects to the cautious efforts of Aviva and Rebekah to date a man. There is so much at stake for each woman, so many bystanders, for leaving their manageable, if unfilled and unfinished.

The linchpin is Sam Kagan, Aviva’s music theory teacher, and his brother-in-law, to whom she received for Invisible City. I have more readers too, ▲.


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Book review: Sunlight in and Shadow

By Stan Zell

In Sunlight and in Shadow is an im-

pressive novel by Mark Helprin. Be prepared for writing on a grand scale. Savor it... it is not an everyday occurrence. However, be forewarned that at 705 pages the novel is an uphill climb. Digressions from the main storyline can be off-putting, but allow yourself to be swept along by memoir pieces. The author paints her portraits of physical settings and characters.

The novel takes place in and around New York City and is set in the mid-20th century. The novel’s themes are the old familiar ones: the battle between good and evil, and the role of character and fate in shaping one’s destiny.

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Nostra Aetate at fifty
By Jack Conroy, Ph.D.

I have spent years imagining what the earliest followers of the charismatic Galilean preacher might have expected in their lifetimes. The religious world of First Century Israel was vibrant and exciting. From the teachings of Hillel and Shammai to those attributed to the “Teacher of Righteousness” in Qumran, the atmosphere was one of focusing on how a Jew could be most fully observant. And the man named Jesus fit in well. Jesus and his early followers were all Jews, accepted Torah, and recited the Shema. The ideas we find today in Nostra Aetate would have been seen as ludicrous. What happened?

Secondly, probably motivated by his lack of success with his fellow Jews, Paul engaged in missionary journeys through what is now Turkey, Macedonia, Greece and ultimately Rome. There, he and his co-workers were successful in attracting a significant number of believers. By the end of the first century, the Church was generally non-Jewish, with the Gentile members not recognizing their Jewish heritage. Further, both the Gentile church and the Jewish synagogue adopted attitudes of mutual hostility, which was expressed as persecution of Jews, made possible by the larger numbers of Gentiles and their assumption of political power. We all know that this achieved its logical culmination in the horrors of the Holocaust.

This is where Nostra Aetate came about. The Church has been holding “Councils” as meetings to define principles and religious standards almost as long as it has been around. For the most part, each Council would reaffirm and elucidate what had been postulated or taught at prior Councils. However, Nostra Aetate is a Council document that recognizes prior error and rejects the actions of an anti-Jewish attitude. Most importantly, it affirmed the Jewish patrimony as being at the core of the Church’s identity. Christianity, also, it recognizes with relation to Jesus’ death that not all Jews, either then or afterwards, are to be held responsible. Further, among other items, we read here of the Catholic Church’s condemnation of anti-Semitism. Specifically, the document says: …in her rejection of every persecution against any man, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel’s spiritual love, decrees hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.

And finally, the document affirms the necessity of fraternal dialogue within an attitude of mutual respect. The document says:

Since the spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is thus so great, this sacred synod wants to foster and recommend that mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues.

This document was promulgated on October 28, 1965. It offers cause for celebration among both Catholics and Jews as a document that serves as the basis of dialogue among all people, recognizing the respect that both parties extend to each other as to their religious affirmations. Jack Conroy was the co-chair of the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County for seven years.

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JEWISH INTEREST

The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU (JMOF-FIU) is one of only six institutions to exhibit in the U.S. Historic Jewish Iraqi items rescued and preserved.

The exhibition details the dramatic recovery of historic materials relating to the Jewish community in Iraq from a flooded basement in Saddam Hussein’s intelligence headquarters, and the National Archives’ ongoing work in support of U.S. Government efforts to preserve these materials. The soft opening for the exhibition coincides with Art Basel Miami Beach on Thursday, December 3, with a Members’ Reception on Monday, December 7. The exhibition will be on view for a limited time through Sunday, February 14, 2016.

The National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the Center for Jewish History were very helpful in providing key start-up support for the project. On May 6, 2003, just days after the Coalition forces went into Baghdad, American soldiers entered Saddam Hussein’s flooded intelligence building. In the basement, in four feet of water, they found thousands of books and documents relating to the Jewish community of Iraq - materials that had belonged to synagogues and Jewish organizations in Baghdad.

The water-logged materials quickly became moldy in Baghdad’s intense heat and humidity. Seeking guidance, the Coalition Provisional Authority placed an urgent call to the nation’s foremost conservation experts at the National Archives. Just a week later, National Archives Director John D.ville, a Hebrew Bible with Commentaries from 1568 - one of the oldest books in the trove; a Babylonian Talmud from 1524 - a Torah scroll fragment found; a Zohar from 1835 - a text for the mystical and spiritual Jewish movement known as Kabbalah; an official 1917 letter to the Chief Rabbi regarding a request to Allow Jewish Prayers to Attend Worship for Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year); materials from Jewish schools in Baghdad, including exam grades and a letter to the College Entrance Examination Board in Princeton regarding SAT scores; a Haggadah (Passover script), siddur and a Haggadah from Vienna, 1930. This colorfully illustrated Hebrew and Arabic haggadah was published in Breslov, Poland, late 19th century.

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Lab bus helps kids hitch a ride to college
Ofram’s yellow buses bring fully equipped learning labs to Israel’s periphery to give children better opportunities for higher education.


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ing around Israel’s geographic periphery, which don’t bring children to school; they bring school to children.

Inside each bus is a fully-equipped mobile lab to outfit each third-to-sixth-grader a hands-on after-school learning experience in topics they could not otherwise explore: pre-medicine, robotics, comics, computer animation and more.

Next year, another bus will be added where children can develop a mobile app to solve a problem they defined in their community.

The multiple-award-winning Ofram also offers twice-yearly discovery and empowerment days for participants at institutions such as the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Bar-Ilan School of Medicine in Safed, and Soroka University Medical Center and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beer-Sheva.

“It’s all aimed at improving their odds of achieving higher education,” says Adir Kan, Ofram’s chief executive officer.

Each program is carefully designed to build self-confidence and empower adults to support the underprivileged kids to fulfill their potential.

Participants in Ofram’s Young Doctors program learn about careers in healthcare.

In a letter to his Ofram teachers last year, a fourth-grader from Migdal HaE holm saw that in big cities there were good opportunities. For example, Kan relates, “a fifth-grader could only guess that it had something to do with football (soccer).”

So, the professor invited me during that summer break to come over to the university to study and become acquainted with computers; Haim relates on the website of Friends of Ofram.

Mrs. Dahan was a cook at the local home for lunch one summer day, and the professor asked Haim, the Dahans’ middle child, if he knew about computers. The sixth-grader could only guess that it had something to do with football (soccer).”

The Dahans’ home was across the road from the new university and two parents of modest means, lived The Dahan family, including 10 children 1970s in the Negev city of Beersheva.

The seeds of Ofanim were planted in the manner. “It’s important to me that you instill self-confidence and empower kids to do something for the long term it had to have mobility, so the same program could be presented at 5:00 p.m. in one village and in another at 4:00 p.m., and at 6:00 p.m. in another.”

He decided to come to the children with a mobile lab equipped with high-end computers and everything else needed to provide cutting-edge instruction.

He hired a carpenter and electrical engineers to outfit a bus to his specifications.

Established in 2004, Ofram serves more than 1,200 Jewish and Arab children in southern and northern Israel, providing weekly 86 activities to some 1,200 children from low-income and/or one-parent families.

The studies also indicate a high level of satisfaction among parents, teachers and administrators in the regions served.

The program’s annual budget is nearly 6 million shekels, or about $1.5 million. Half of this amount must be raised through annual fundraising.

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KUWAITI COLUMNIST: ISRAEL IS A FRIENDLY COUNTRY

Writing in the Kuwaiti government daily Al-Watan on Saturday, August 1, columnist Abdallah Al-Haladjaq noted that if Iran attains nuclear weapons it will not hesitate to use them against the Arab world because this is not a story dealing with Israel’s ambassadors to Cairo, Haim Koren. In September 2011, a few months after the outbreak of the January 25 revolution, hundreds of Egyptian protesters stormed the former premises in Giza. (Al-Ahram - Egypt)

EGYPT-ISRrael ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP A SUCCESS

The Egyptian-Israeli free-trade framework known as Qualifying Industrial Zones, or QIZs, has pumped billions which together account for some $1 billion in exports a year. The Egyptian-Israeli free-trade framework, the necropolis of Bet She’arim is a landmark of Judaism. (MEMRI)

Calling it “a landmark of Jewish renewal,” the UNESCO’s World Heritage Conference described the site, “Consisting of a series of catacombs, the necropolis of Bet She’arim developed from the 2nd century BCE onwards as the primary Jewish burial place outside Jerusalem following the failure of the second Jewish revolt against Roman rule. Located southeast of Haifa, these catacombs are a treasury of artworks and inscriptions in Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew. Bet She’arim, unique testimony to ancient Judaism under the leadership of Rabbi Judah the Patriarch, who is credited with Jewish renewal after 135 CE.”

The ancient Jewish town of Bet She’arim reached its zenith in the 2nd-century CE. The inhabitants of Bet She’arim hewed grand tombs deep into the hill, with rock-cut burial chambers and stone coffins (sarcophagi). The rooms and the sarcophagi feature an abundance of carved reliefs, inscriptions and wall paintings. Stone-carved doors, which imitate the style of wooden doors, were fashioned to close some of the caves.

In the third century CE, Bet She’arim became a renowned Jewish center due to the presence of the spiritual leader Rabbi Judah Hanasi, head of the Sanhedrin. (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

The Israel Nature and Parks Authority declared a World Heritage Site. Other sites previously added to the prestigious list were the Ma’aleh Qeswan Nature Reserve, the Baha’i holy sites in Haifa and the Western Galilee, the Incentive Route and its Nabatanean towns, the biblical tels of Megiddo, Hazor and Tiryn, the White City, Tel Aviv, Masada, and the Old City of Acre. The Old City of Jerusalem and its walls were the first Israeli heritage site declared by UNESCO. In 1981. (Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

PALESTINIAN MAN GETS THREATS FOR SAYING SAVING U.S. JEWISH STUDENTS

Faiz Abu Hamadiah, 51, of Hebron was threatened on Thursday, September 3. He received death threats ever since he gave shelter to five American Jewish students who were attacked by a Palestinian mob on Thursday, September 3.

Hamadiah told Israel Channel 2 TV on Sunday, September 6, that he had been threatened since his house was torn down, or cut off his head.”

“If I’m not a hero; this is what every person should have done, I did it because I’m a human being,” he said. “I did the right thing. We need to live here together.” (Times of Israel)

THE ETHNIC CLEANSING OF PALESTINIANS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

In Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Syria, Palestinians are treated as second- and third-class citizens. After the Israeli invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, the Palestinians were the first to “congratulate” Saddam Hussein. When Kuwait was liberated the following year by a U.S.-led coalition, 200,000 Palestinians were expelled from the emirate in retaliation.

Since 2003, the number of Palestinians in Iraq has dropped from 25,000 to 6,000 due to systematic attacks and intimidation. In Iraq, the most important Palestinian settlement captured by Shiite militias have been brutally tortured and forced to “confess” to their alleged involvement in terrorism. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have also fled Syria.

What is most interesting is the continued support displayed by the international human rights organizations, the media and the Palestinian Authority toward the mistreatment of Palestinians in Arab countries. PA leaders say they want to press “war crimes” charges against Israel with the International Criminal Court. However, when it comes to ethnic cleansing and torture of Palestinians in Arab countries, the Palestinian leaders choose to look the other way. Western journalists don’t care about the Palestinians in the Arab world because this is not a story that can be blamed on Israel. (Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute)
The Iran deal: winners and losers?

By David Harris, Executive Director, AJC, September 11, 2015

Now exposed – Iran already waging war against Israel

By Benyamin Korn, August 31, 2015

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A s Roy Orbison proclaimed in one of his top hits, “It’s Over.” I am referring to the culmination of our President’s obsession with turning evil into goodness via the Iranian appeasement arrangement. This significant act makes an always uncertain future even more uncertain and utterly dangerous.

Most alarmingly, however, is the support of this act by so many of my fellow Jews. Considering that there are only about 14 million of us left in a worldwide population of over 7 billion, one would tend to think that the life of any Jew becomes, in some spiritual/social/political manner, a concern and/or responsibility for all Jews, regardless of their locale. Indifference, ignorance and disinterest might even be “excused,” but for so many Jews in the government and the media to exercise not only enthusiastic support for the Iran deal but to vehemently attack those of us that are opposed to it, is almost beyond belief.

Acclaiming the righteousness in strengthening a regime that has the potential to override Hitler’s goal has many possible reasons that basically defy all reason and the fundamental role of self-preservation, i.e., the desire to perpetuate one’s life.

The first (and somewhat paradoxical) explanation refers to an expanded version of self-preservation that does not pertain to an imminent threat to one’s life. Many Jews, throughout history, have acquired a “Ghetto Mentalilty” based upon their negligible status in various lands, ruled by a wide variety of potentates, from the tolerant to the oppressive. A customary way of coping was to avoid “rocking the boat,” which would only lead to harsher conditions. (Of course, this was totally unsuccessful in dealing with the Nazis.) “What will they think of us?” became a sort of rallying cry that was meant to soften the machinations of the oppressors. Pullback would only serve to make matters worse.

Israel should not, is not, and cannot be a partisan issue. The American people in every poll show overwhelming support for Israel and for negotiating with the Iranian regime. They recognize it as a key democratic ally with shared values and objectives. We hope and trust that the assurances offered during recent weeks regarding Iran’s security needs will be met. The satisfaction of too many Jews with their government understand, and believe, that the determination of the U.S. and Israel is vital to both. It is essential for those, particularly Iran, who might seek to harm the U.S. and Israel to see that the two countries remain aligned.

It is essential that the Iranian government understand, and believe, the determination of the U.S. and our allies to use “all means” to assure full Iranian compliance and cooperation. The calls for death to America still echo at Friday prayers, sometimes led by Khamenei himself. History has long taught us to take the threats of dictators seriously.

We do not want lingering disputes to inhibit or detract from the need to continue to address the challenges posed by Iran and other visceral issues that we will face in the near future. Everyone should now be looking to come together on “the day after.” We must emerge stronger and in a better position to ensure that the nefarious goals of the Iranian regime be challenged effectively and with determination. We must continue to educate and alert the American people and the world to the dangers posed by Iran and especially an emboldened Iran. (Stephen M. Greenberg, chair, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice president, of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations)
A religion of love

While sitting in my office and thinking about the beginning of the school year, I turned to the pages of a beautiful prayer book called Likut Shabbat. In it, I came across a note from Rabbi Devora Buchen at Temple Beth Shalom in Cape Coral. It read, “A gift of love. The passage reminds us of important responsibilities as well as Jewish attitudes which should always help us as parents and teachers.

The passage teaches: A loving parent does not show genuine love by telling a child, “Do whatever you want.” That would not indicate love, but lack of concern and abdication of responsibility. The truly loving parent says to the child, “I care about your self-esteem. Accomplish your goals and go to lunch, said as they were looking at the details there is really more here than meets the eye.”

I wonder if this woman’s comment does not in one way or another apply to all of us. We go through life seeing things as we are and not as they are. We do not see what is really there but rather what we have been conditioned to observe. Yet, in every situation there is more here than meets the eye.

For example, we go to a restaurant and we want immediate service. On occasion, we see the server as being curt or rude. Immediately, we respond in kind. But, we never stop to think perhaps the server is rushed and pushed or has a headache. Is it not possible that the server has a sick child at home or is under some strain? Are they really angry at us or is it that they are just upset? Should we not think before we react because there might just be a little bit more to it than meets the eye?

Actually, isn’t this what we mean when we say, “stereotype,” which really implies, “fixed thinking,” or to quote Webster, “repetition of the same posture or form of speech.” Those who engage in stereotypical thinking fail to learn, and fail to see so much of the world. It is indeed their loss.

Bill Gates and Torah

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here is a world of difference between making a living and making a life.

Ask a fellow Jew: “How are you doing?” He will say grudgingly, “I make a living.” But it is hard to find anyone talking about making a life. They all talk about making a living as if they were the same. May be one way to even the playing field and the odds is to match how to make a living with the Torah’s version of how to make a life.

To play fair, my opponent is Bill Gates, the Microsoft billionaire, who recently presented his views of choices to young people.

Gates: “Life is not fair – get used to it!”

Torah: Feeling good always follows doing good.

Gates: “You will not make $60,000 right out of high school. You won’t be vice president with a phone until you earn both!”

Torah: “We ascend to God one step at a time, not in a great leap of enthusiasm.”

In life, faith gives you strength. In times of loss, it will give your family the strength to live on.
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Religious School
Dale M. Cohen, R.J.E., MA Edu.,
Religious School Director
We are certainly off to a wonderful start as we begin the Jewish New Year of 5776. Our Religious School continues to flourish with all of our programming for our wonderful community.
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a Happy and a Healthy New Year. Shanah Tovah to all! May this year bring good health, peace and prosperity to all of us.
Please remember to mark the following dates on your calendars:
• On Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. during Religious School, we will be consecrating (welcoming our new students into the Religious School) with a special assembly. Please stay tuned for all the details.
• Our next Junior Congregation will be held on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a mandatory part of our curriculum for our students in grades 4-7. This is a wonderful way to introduce our students to the Saturday morning liturgy.
• There will be no Religious School on Wednesday, October 7 because we are asking all students to come and celebrate Simchat Torah in lieu of Wednesday Religious School on Tuesday, October 6. Please read your High Holiday newsletter for all the details.
• There will not be any Religious School on Sunday, October 25. Lee County has a long weekend. The following students will be called out to the Torah as ‘Nai Minivah in October:
  • Brianna Levy – October 3
  • Ian Caplan – October 7
  • Brianna Murray – October 17
We are so proud of our students and wish them much mezuza and nachos on one of the most meaningful days of their lives!
The Learning Tree
Jenlya Rustin Vernig, M.A.Ed.,
Director
The new school year at The Learning Tree is well under way and the first stage in our playground renovation is getting wrapped up. Our huge thanks go out to the Temple Beth El Sisterhood for their thoughtful contribution to our playground. They held a quar- ter auction to raise funds for our new drinking fountain and outdoor water pump. This is the most popular spot on the playground and you can certainly see why. This helps us from a health and safety standpoint to provide con- tinual access to drinking water for the children. However, the area is also built rate of more than twice the national average. We can help change these frightening statistics by teaching children about fire safety.
“Stay away from hot things that hurt; tell a grown-up when you find matches and lighters; stop, drop and roll; cool a burn; claw low under smoke; know the sound of a smoke detector; and recognize the firefighter as a helper.”
Here are a few simple and practi- cal activities to help your child begin to learn about fire safety; consider starting a fire station; read simple books about fire- fighters and fire safety; keep matches and lighters locked away and teach your child if he/she finds some, to immediately tell an adult; learn the “Stop, drop and roll” technique; make an escape plan with your whole family; choose a meeting place outside.

TEMPLE JUDEA SCHOOLS
Joann Goldman,
Temple Judea Preschool Director
Autumn will be exploding in our class- room doors on Wednesday, October 7. We will discover the colors of autumn through themes such as leaves and pumpkins.
October is also Fire Safety Month. Along with learning about firefighters and safety, we are eagerly anticipating our visit from the local fire station.
We all need to remind our children, grandchildren and others visiting our homes of safety rules. It is a time to remember the importance of learning and teaching fire safety.
Young children are particularly vulnerable to the threat of fire, with children under five suffering a fire death for so much fun and independence as the children learn to pump their own water, scoop and measure, and also learn about conservation and respon- sibility.
There are still many donation op- portunities available if you would like to dedicate a chair, or a pennant in honor of your business name, organization, fam- ily name, or honor the memory of your child’s preschool years as a Learning Tree alumni. Please contact me in the preschool office for more information at 239.433.5499.
We are also proud to announce that we recently achieved a Five Star Rat- ing for the second year in a row. This rating reflects the Temple Judea Preschool and demonstrates how we go beyond state requirements to implement national best practices in all areas of the Early Childhood field, professional development, child ratios and group sizes, curriculum and ass- essment, family communications and events, and more. We are particularly proud of the scores our teachers receive on their daily interactions, and how they are designed to make the most of learning and speak with children in a way that extends their thinking. Con- gratulations Learning Tree teachers!

JEWISH WAR VETERANS
Victor Paul Tuhelm Post 100
(239) 590-0714

Amy Snyder, Executive Director of the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, was invited to attend.
In a personal aside, Amy recalled the moving talk by a woman survivor that opened the eyes for young people who were sitting in rapt attention. At the conclusion of her short talk, the speak- er invited the students to come up and touch her. The reason she gave was to not allow anyone to tell the student that the Holocaust was a myth and did not happen. “You know that it actually happened. You will be able to say that you actually touched a Holocaust sur- vivor, and heard her story,” she said.
Our Jewish War Veterans Post is treated to so many interesting pro- grams. If you are a veteran, we want you to join us. We meet the last Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Federation office for a light breakfast and an interesting program. You are cordially invited to attend.
HUMANISTIC JEWISH HAUVATIONS of Southwest Florida (239) 398-3935

HUMANISTIC JEWISH HAUVATIONS announces its upcoming events

The Humanistic Jewish Hauvations of Southwest Florida has planned a very stimulating season. Although the majority of our members are retired residents, most of our activities take place during the summer.

The season began on 08 September and will continue through 10 January 2016. The user-friendly website includes a member application and instructions for submitting your dues.

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JEWS OF SOUTH FLORIDA (239) 866-1771

All roads lead to Rome, and the city’s historical sites are a labyrinth of Roman ruins. What makes this city so unique is its amalgamation of the most exciting times of the past and the present. This city has a history that is a combination of culture, art, and history.

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ORT AMERICA Gulf Beaches Chapter (239) 649-4000

ORT to eternity

Even though the seat of the follow ORT’s work, the theme for this year may be in knowing more about its founders and how ORT has influenced the Jews of the world.

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ORT AMERICA (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) (239) 249-3200

ORT supports 325,000 students annually in 59 countries by providing educational programs, continuing education and training for 325,000 students.

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Check out our redesigned website: www.hjsswf.org

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LCHAYIM OCTOBER 2015

Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

This will be a very thought-provoking program. Because Robert Levy is such an articulate, erudite and entertaining speaker, this will be a most interesting meeting.

The Havurah purchased a block of tickets for the maritime performance of Shakespeare’s Othello in their house on Sunday, January 10, thus seating will be available below the box office price. The play addresses the problem of the blacks in the United States. Is it prior to the play will be an added attraction.

The Havurah's upcoming program is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, January 17. We have invited Hassan Shukri. Dr. Shukri is the former chairman of the Islamic Relief Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) in Tampa, as our speaker. Shukri has shown several times on TV and radio shows, appearing on many programs, including NPR, Voice of America, The New York Times, The Toronto Star and the BBC, among others, in the protection of civil liberties and promoting understanding of the Muslim faith. Hassan’s work has earned him the term of the most interesting Islamic publications, which criticize Hassan for his work. Please mark your calendars now, so as not to miss our outstanding programs.

ORT America has four college campuses in the U.S., including two in New York. ORT America guarantees an educational program, which was given periodical as a premium for the best work on Jewish historical and cultural communities.

All of the numerous Joseph Ginzburg, only Horace’s descendants have lived in Russia until the revolution of 1917. (To be continued in the October issue.)

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ORT America is active in Southwest Florida! Please attend ORT Beach Chapter events and support ORT’s educational mission.

Help ORT raise funds to save lives through education. To join/renew/trans- fer your membership, call ORT America’s Chapter President Marina Berkovitz at (239) 566.1771, or Membership Chair Marebe Crouse at (239) 263.4959. Please visit www.ortamerica.org for a virtual ORT experience.
SAVE THE DATE:

- Monday, October 19: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Tuesday, October 20: Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Tuesday, October 27: Fall Opening Meeting and Luncheon, Speaker - Prof. Bertold Fridlender, President, Hadassah Academic College, 10:45 a.m., The Club at Olde Cypress
- Sunday, November 1: Evening Activity Group Welcome Back Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 5: Evening Activity Group
- Monday, November 9: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Wednesday, November 11: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 12: December 12-13: Installation of Chapter Officers and Regional Board Meeting, Tampa
- Friday, November 13: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Thursday, November 19: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 22: New, Prospective, Transfer Member Brunch, 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, December 1: One Book Southwest Florida Speaker, Temple Shalom
- Thursday, January 14: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 19: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Wednesday, January 20: Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 21: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 28: Chapter Installation Luncheon, Blue Zones Speaker, 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, February 6-7: Installation of Chapter Officers and Regional Board Meeting, Naples
- Tuesday, February 16: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Wednesday, February 24: Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 13: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 17: Humphrey Lecture
- Thursday, May 20: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Thursday, May 27: Installation Luncheon, Blue Zones Speaker, 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 30: Memorial Day
- Monday, June 6: Daytime Study Group, 1:00 p.m., Temple Shalom
- Thursday, June 9: Evening Activity Group, 5:00 p.m.
October is the last “off season” month for Bat Yam. Lay-led services continue for those already in Sanibel and the surrounding communities. Rabbi Sherry Renfroe, President Marty Pokedoff and Cantor Doug Renfroe return in November when our Rabbi Myra Soifer and Cantor Doug Renfroe graciously agreed to lead services until the conclusion of the memorial services. Their coordination so that worshippers can be reached at 239.454.7852 or be interested in joining the group. She wants to talk about the amazing work the center does for non-Jewish healing to Shirley Bleiberg, David Crown, Marty Friedman, Marge Kohn, Paula Creed — 495-6201.

...and Doug Renfroe

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• Jewish Community Services: 481-8017

• AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee): Arnold Bresnick — 566-1566

• Temple Beth Shalom: 1028 Fifth Ave., Cape Coral, FL 33909

Rabbi Devora Buchen

Services: 9:30 a.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Friday; 6:15 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. Saturday; 11:15 a.m. (Nov. - Apr.)

Website: www.templebethshalom.org

Phone: 239-392-6670

Services: 7:00 p.m. Friday; 11:00 a.m. Saturday; 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Website: www.chabadswf.org

Rabbi Yitzchok Minkowicz

Phone: 433-2700

Email: rabbi@chabadswf.org

Services: Friday: 5:15 p.m.; Saturday Kabbalah class 10:00 a.m.; Shabbat Eve service 5:15 p.m.; Shabbat dinner at noon

Monday: 7:00 a.m. — 7:30 a.m.

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Temple Beth Shalom is the only Reform temple in Cape Coral. It is located in a section near to North Fort Myers off US 41, north of the bridge, go east on Hancock Bridge to 24th Ave., and south to the Temple Beth Shalom marquee.

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Our children are back in school, sum- mer vacations are technically behind us, and Temple Beth is settling in for a busy season of activities available to everyone.

We begin the month with a magi- cal celebration of Simchat Torah with our children for a more meaningful approach newcomers to greet and meet the temple family does not sell memberships or solicit funds. All of its events and programs, including youth and adult Jewish education, are open to all and always free.

**TEMPLE SHALOM**

**Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands**

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Temple Shalom is “alive and well” and getting ready for another active sea- son. The program/calendar committee of Rabbi Agin, Odette Port, Marlene Friedman, Judi Migdol and Naomi Alexander have been working all sum- mer to make things happen for the New year, too, with the Sunday morning bowl ing league, unering for Rosh Ha- shana, and trips planned to sporting events. What makes Temple Beth Shalom special to most visitors is the warm and wel- come atmosphere everyone exudes.

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**TEMPLE BETH EL**

Fort Myers

(239) 433-0018

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**CHARRLESBORO BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION**

Enjoy an delicious breakfast and watch The Sturgeon Queens, a delightful documentary about four generations of a family that create a Lower East Side fish emporium. Lox, bagels and whitefish... need we say more?

 Held at: Temple Shalom 2310 Utica Avenue Port Charlotte 33949

Covent: $10/person

RSVP by Wed., October 28 to Leni Sack at leniback@jfedlc.org or 239.481.4449 x3 or Odette Port at oleviparte@ymail.com or 941.286.1409

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To submit your organization’s or temple’s event, send an email to LChayim36@gmail.com.
SAVE THE DATES
2015 ~ 2016 Programs & Events

2015

October
22 - Author Event

November
1 - Charlotte County Community Breakfast
18 - Community Read ~ The Sunflower
19 - Pacesetters Reception

December
6 - Chanukah Senior Visits
13 - Community Breakfast

2016

January
12 - Author Event with Alliance for the Arts
14-28 - Jewish Film Festival (Tues. & Thurs.)
31 - PJ Library Program

February
2-9 - Jewish Film Festival (Tues. & Thurs.)
16 - Author Event
20 - Major Gifts Reception

March
10 - Lion of Judah
20 - Purim Carnival / Jewish Fest

April
10 - PJ Library Program
17 - Passover Senior Visits

May
1 - Holocaust Memorial Service
15 - Yom Ha’atzmaut Celebration
17 - Annual Meeting

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