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PASSOVER 1st Day:
Tuesday, April 19th

PASSOVER 8th Day:
Tuesday, April 26th

YOM HASHOAH

Holocaust Day of Remembrance

Community program:

Guest Speaker:
Charlene Schiff,
Holocaust Survivor

Ms. Schiff was chosen by President Obama to represent the U.S. at the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Florida Institute of Technology, Gleason Auditorium
150 W University Blvd
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The mission of the Federation is to support and further the common interest of the Jewish Community through Jewish Education, Social Services and Support of Israel.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Slotkin



This time of year has always been rather special for me. Daylight savings time brings with it an extra hour of outdoor recreation after work, the scent of the closing of the school year is in the air, and Passover, my most favorite of Jewish holidays, is right around the corner.

The timeless story of our Exodus from Egypt, shared around a Seder table with family and friends, is a cherished experience for me, as I'm sure it is for you, and on behalf of the Federation I would like to wish you and yours a very happy Pesach. If your circumstances are such that you're looking for a community Seder to attend, please see the details on the Seders being held by our various Congregations, which are available for you to attend.

We hope you and your children enjoyed our exciting Jewish Festival 2011 – the event was a tremendous success and we're glad to provide this yearly offering of Jewish life and culture. Thank you for your continued support!

As I stated in the last issue of the Connection, JFBIRC is holding a Yom HaShoah Remembrance at Florida Tech's Gleason Auditorium on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2pm. Prior to the ceremony there will be a Walk of Remembrance beginning at 12:00 pm at the Melbourne Square Mall. Our featured speaker will be Charlene Schiff, a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Speakers Bureau.

Ms. Schiff has spoken on the subject of the Holocaust for numerous TV programs and newspapers, and in January 2010, Ms. Schiff was chosen by President Obama to represent the U.S. at the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Ms. Schiff was born in Horochow, a small town in Eastern Poland. She is one of two known survivors among the 5,000 Jews of her childhood hometown of Horochow.

Ms. Schiff's talk is part of an overall program planned by Federation volunteers, a program which honors the memory of those who perished in a sea of intolerance that is our duty to never let happen again. The ceremony will be held on a college campus, symbolizing our dedication of remembrance through education. We hope to see you there.

As always, I'd like to end this message by thanking you for your continued financial support of Federation. The loss of WMFE (the Orlando PBS station) only makes the point more transparent: in this economic environment, every community not-for-profit faces risk. If you have not yet made a financial contribution or pledge to Federation in 2011 – please contribute what you can.

Happy Pesach to all of you!
Mike

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Also, those who pledge \$1,000 or more by June 30th will be entered in a drawing for a movie poster personally signed by Woody Allen, who agreed to help us raise funds.

JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2011 By Jeffrey Fishkin

Jewish Heritage Festival 2011 was a great success that attracted almost 2000 people from all over Central Florida. It was a day full of fun for everybody, with much to see and do, and plenty of food for everyone. The entertainment kept people in high spirits throughout the day, especially in light of the theme for this year's Jewish Festival, "The Story of Purim". It was also the 23rd year in a row for the Jewish Festival itself. Overall, it was a great day for the entire family and a proud moment for Jews all over the world. The feedback I got was that everyone had a wonderful time.

There were many booths displaying all types of Judaic arts and craft, as well as many types of food from our local Jewish Congregations and other vendors from outside Brevard County. We even had local Jewish people advertising their professions, and they too were well received by the crowd.

As always, the high point of the Jewish Festival was the entertainment. By popular demand, the Klezmar Band was back again. They had everyone on their feet with their blend of traditional and modern Jewish music. Also back were the dancers from the First Assembly of God, L'Ahavat Zion, lead by Rhonda Burnet, and the dance group from Project Restoration, lead by Theresa Miles, and Kathy Mardirosian. Under the leadership of Wendy Roy, the Jewish Festival Entertainment Coordinator, a special dance was presented to honor Purim. The children's activities included a Purim Carnival sponsored by Temple Israel, as well as other outside activities that kept the kids very busy. Overall, the entertainment and other activities put everyone in the proper mood that was needed to enjoy the Jewish Festival.

The Jewish Festival also honored Shlomo Flieschmann for his many years of dedicated service to the Jewish Festival Committee. For many years he was responsible for the wonderful entertainment we had. He was also responsible for obtaining a lot of material from the Israeli Consulate that was given out at the Festival, and for getting the Consul General to either come in person to welcome everyone, or record that welcome.

Once again the Jewish Festival was held at the Melbourne Auditorium. The Jewish Festival Committee and the Jewish Federation of Brevard want to thank the City of Melbourne for allowing us the use of this wonderful facility. The staff at the auditorium did a great job helping us setup, and being available during the Festival.

The Jewish Festival Committee did a wonderful in putting Jewish Heritage Festival 2011 together. This is not an easy task, especially since every member is a volunteer and each has other important obligations. Their dedication was tremendous, and without this wonderful, dedicated group of people the Jewish Festival would never have occurred.

As chairperson to the Jewish Festival Committee I am proud of the wonderful job done by the committee members. They worked very hard and deserve congratulations for a successful Jewish Festival.

I want to thank Dee Crouch for her work on the Publicity. People tend to under estimate the importance of publicity without realizing how valuable publicity is to any event. No matter what work you do in preparation for an event it is the publicity that brings the people in. Without good publicity there can be no Jewish Festival.

I want to thank Kathy Kneapler for her work on the Setup/Vendor Subcommittee, and as my Assistant Chairperson. She did a wonderful job organizing setup and vendor participation. This is one of the more important functions of the Festival Committee that can make or break an event. It takes a lot of time, energy, and many headaches to organize/reorganize something this large. I also want to thank Kathy for keeping me in line, for her advice, and reminding me about meetings and other Festival related activities.

I want to thank the Entertainment Sub-Committee Chair, Wendy Roy for her work in bringing entertainment to the Jewish Festival, and for organizing the Festival Program. Entertainment adds gaiety to the Festival that brings a positive feeling to the people who attend, plus a richness that makes one very proud to be Jewish. She not only put the schedule together, but choreographed most of the dancers. This was a lot of work.

I want to thank Robin Heard for her work in getting volunteers and arranging their assignments before, during and after the Festival. Without volunteers it would be almost impossible to accomplish any task.

I want to thank Ziva BarNavon and her team of Marvin and Trudi Horkin, and Gadi Zik, for their work in organizing the wonderful decorations used at the Jewish Festival. These decorations showed the true meaning of Purim.

I want to thank Melanie Kaplan and her team for their work in setting up the Children's art work, which was very popular among the children.

I want to thank Lisa Pietruszewicz for her wonderful work in getting the Program ready with all the advertisers and the many phone calls she received daily about the festival. Her assistance to the other sub-committees was of major importance.

I want to thank Rick Kneapler for his wonderful work as the MC. He kept the show going from the beginning till the end, which added to the excitement of the Festival.

Most important of all, I want to thank all the volunteers who worked the Jewish Festival at the front door, at the Federation Booth, helped in the setup and teardown, or did some function before and during the festival.

It is the goal of the Jewish Festival to provide a way to share the culture and heritage of our Jewish Community with our non-Jewish neighbors, and to provide a forum for JFB member Congregations and Organizations to gather in a community-wide event. For 23 years we have accomplished this. With a small Jewish population within Brevard County it is difficult for our non-Jewish neighbors to understand who we are and what we are all about. In conversations that I had with many non-Jew they were thrilled with what they saw, and even more thrilled with the knowledge of Judaism that they got from being at the Festival. Now they know what Judaism is all about and why we are different.

So, let's prepare ourselves for Jewish Festival 2012, which will be held on March 4th. Planning for this event will be occurring soon. If you want to help out (and we need all the help we can) contact me, or the Federation Office.

See you next year, and thanks for all your support.



On the day of the Festival it takes many volunteers to help make it a success. We would like to thank the following volunteers for helping this year:

Mike Slotkin
 Martin Stern
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Yom Hashoah Community Holocaust Remembrance Day, Sunday, May 1, 2011

2:00 PM, Gleason Auditorium

Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901



Guest Speaker :
Ms. Charlene Schiff

Charlene Schiff is a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Speakers Bureau. Ms. Schiff has spoken on the subject of the Holocaust for numerous TV programs and newspapers, and in January 2010, Ms. Schiff was chosen by President Obama to represent the U.S. at the commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. She lectures extensively to high school and college students and at government agencies and synagogues.

Ms. Schiff was born in Horochow, a small town in Eastern Poland. In 1941, after the Germans invaded Poland, her father, a philosophy professor at the nearby University of Lvov, was taken away. During an attempted escape in 1942 along the banks of the local river, her mother and sister also vanished. Ms. Schiff managed to escape to the forest, subsisting alone for two years on a diet of rainwater, dew, wild fruit, and insects. She is one of two known survivors among the 5,000 Jews of her childhood hometown of Horochow.

Federation is extremely pleased to have Ms. Schiff visit our community and tell her story. When one considers the educational mandate surrounding Yom Hashoah, a college campus offers a perfect vehicle for community outreach. We hope to see everyone there!

Mt. Hebron Garden at Florida Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home

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STUDENT'S TRIP TO ISRAEL

Dear All,

I wish to thank the Jewish Federation for your generous Bar-Mitzvah gift way back when. I finally was fortunate enough to go on a Birthright trip to Israel this summer. Your gift helped pay for my flight to New York, where I met up with the Birthright group.

Israel was an amazing experience, everything about the trip was awesome. My trip brought us to Jerusalem for Shabbat services, which was nothing like I have ever experienced. 10,000 people all crowded around the Kotel, all singing and praying. It was incredible.

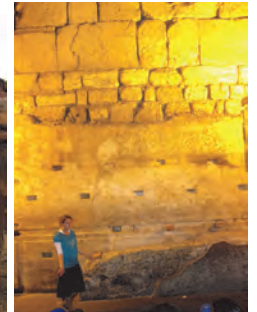
Also, while in Jerusalem, I got to go to the Old City of David and go through the water tunnels underneath the city, which is freezing. But it felt good, especially since the day before we had hiked Mt. Masada. 120 degrees in the middle of the desert is not fun hiking weather, but, it was such an awesome feeling to know I hiked all the way down to the Dead Sea.

While in the desert, we stayed at a Bedouin camp area. We slept in this humongous tent, about 2 bedrooms worth of size! It was amazing to actually see a lot of stars, since there is no light at all. Nothing compared to America.

Traveling around Israel for 10 days was the best experience I have had so far. I can already tell that the friends I made on the trip are going to be life-long friends.

It was such an amazing experience and I thank you so much for the gift because it helped make it happen.

Thank You!!!! Mitch Hyman



BJCS News, April/May 2011

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A Full Week of Celebrations

Beginning with the Temple Beth Sholom Shabbat service on Friday March 11th, led in part by BJCS children, through the next Friday's Purim Carnival, the school has been on fast forward with activities every day.

For Shabbat, The Academy students participated in a beautiful service including seven prayers which they led. Monday was Grandparents Day, when over 50 guests visited classrooms and heard our children sing.

Tuesday was Mixed-Up Day when students had fun wearing unusual combinations of clothing to class. That morning the reading of the Megillah was held in the library with noise makers in hand. On Wednesday, students traveled to Joe's Club, a center for the elderly with Alzheimers where they sang, danced and presented gift bags to those present.

Delicious smells met visitors at our door on Thursday when the students with the help of parent volunteers made mouth watering Hamantaschen. On Friday students greeted us with beautiful or unusual costumes as they prepared to celebrate for the Purim Carnival that afternoon.

Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year:

Registration is taking place this month for the 2011-2012 school year. Please call the office at 757-0832 if you are interested in entering your child in BJCS or if you know someone who might want to come. Thank you. The school serves 2 year olds through elementary.

Congratulations to BJCS students who received awards at the Brevard County Science Fair in March: * 1st Place Biological, grade 3, Chloe Reese; * 5th Place physical, grade 3, Ty Weinbaum; *5th Place Environmental, grade 6, Jordana Haggard



Grand-parents visit our kindergarten/first grade classroom.



Above: BJCS parent helps a student make a selection at the Purim Carnival in March.

Congregation Beth El

Our Services on the first and third Friday evening and second and fourth Saturday have been well attended, with membership returning from visits to families. Eric Smitt, Richard and Craig Frank, with help from Fred Freud, have lead services, and presented D'vor Torah, and we have had great Oneg Shabbat's and Kiddish's.

On April 9th, we will be conducting a Baby Naming as part of our Shabbat Service. Aaron Smitt, the grandson of Eric Smitt, will be receiving his Hebrew name. Aaron is 1 year old and lives in North Manchester Indiana with his parents, Keith and Michelle. They are visiting Eric and Sylvia for a warm week away from the cold weather in Indiana.

On April 18th, we will be holding our annual Pesach Seder with an anticipated attendance of over thirty people. Sylvia Smitt is preparing the main dinner which has been enjoyed in the past several years. The Seder is open to both members (\$20.00 each) and guests (\$30.00 each). Please RSVP to Sylvia at 321-720-0284. Seating is limited.

We wish Dave and Shula Conley a great trip to Israel and look forward to their return to our family here at Beth El. They leave on April 10th.

We will begin Bat Mitzvah lessons with Brianna Finnk, an 11 year old who has just moved to Brevard. The anticipated date will be in June 2013.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS

CANTOR PATRICIA ERNERST HICKMAN WILL LEAD A PESACH YIZKOR SERVICE ON FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 22ND AT 7:00 PM. THIS SERVICE, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER SERVICES AT TEMPLE ISRAEL, ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEMPLE ISRAEL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE T.I. THRIFT SHOP. THIS MONTH (APRIL) MARKS OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP. OVER THE YEAR YOU HAVE ENABLED US TO HELP COUNTLESS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT HAVE HAD ANY PLACE ELSE TO GO FOR BASIC NECESSITIES, OUR SINCEREST THANKS.

ON FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 6TH AT 6:30 PM WE WILL BE CELEBRATING YOM HA-ATZMUT. DURING THE CELEBRATION AND AFTERWARDS AT DINNER, WE WILL BE HONORING OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR, BONNIE HAUGE, WHO AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WILL BE PASSING THE BATON TO OUR INCOMING DIRECTOR, TRACY GRIFFIN. BONNIE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO OUR SCHOOL AND TEMPLE AND WE WISH HER WELL.

Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts

PASSOVER – Festival of Liberation

Dear Friend:

Let us talk about four kinds of Jews: 1. The religious Jew 2. The anti-religious Jew 3. The traditional Jew and 4. The identity-less Jew. Let us also talk about the "Four Sons" in the text of the Haggadah, the guide recited at the Passover Seder meal.

Notice any connection? Good. See? We've got you involved already. This is exactly what Passover - and your entire Jewish experience - should be: an involved experience.

Now let us talk about one kind of Jew: All of us...including you.

Whichever of the "Four Sons" you are, we are ultimately all the same. And that is why you are welcome to get involved at Chabad - to take your rightful place at our Passover table. Because "Jewish" is a spiritual state of being that makes us all the same regardless of our beliefs...or non-beliefs. At Chabad, this is not just a philosophy. It is reality.

See you at any of our Passover events. You are invited. After all, you are Jewish. And that is all that counts.

Yours truly,

Rabbi Zvi Konikov

Passover celebrates the deliverance of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. One of the major mitzvot of this holiday is the prohibition against eating any leavened products and the commandment to eat Passover Matzot.

SPECIAL OFFER:

Chabad of The Space & Treasure Coasts will provide a box of hand baked Shmurah Matzah free of charge to anyone hosting a group Seder.

REMINDER:

Sunday, April 17 - Formal search for chometz after nightfall

Monday, April 18 - Fast of the First Born. Finish eating chometz before 11:08 AM. Burn chometz before 12:08 PM

Enjoy one or both of Chabad's Community Passover Seders.

Relive the exodus, discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah and enjoy an enchanting community Seder complete with hand-baked matzah, wine and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs.

For reservations to one or both Seders go to www.jewishbrevard.com or call 777-2770. Please RSVP by April 12.

Chabad of The Space & Treasure Coasts will send a free, hands-on Passover Guide to the entire community as a community service. If you wish to receive the Passover Guide, contact Chabad at contact@jewishbrevard.com or call 777-2770.

First Seder Night - Monday April 18, 8:00 PM

Explore the Kabbalistic insight on the number four: Four cups of wine, four sons, four questions and four types of freedom.

Second Seder Night - Tuesday April 19, 8:00 PM

Experience the liberation and freedom of Passover. Discover the Seder's relevance to today's modern Jew.

Passover Services:

Monday, April 18 - Eve of First Day of Passover / Light Candles at 7:32 PM / Say Blessings 1 & 2 / Evening Services at 7:30 PM

First Communal Seder

Tuesday, April 19 - First Day of Passover / Morning Services at 9:30 AM

Eve of Second Day of Passover - Light Candles* after 8:26 PM / Say Blessings 1 & 2 / Evening Services at 7:30 PM

Second Communal Seder

Wednesday, April 20 - Second Day of Passover / Morning Services at 9:30 AM / Holiday ends at 8:27 PM

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED Friday, April 22 - Light Candles at 7:34 PM / Say Blessing 3

Saturday, April 23 - Morning Services at 9:30 AM / Shabbat Ends at 8:29 PM

Sunday, April 24 - Light Candles at 7:35 PM / Say Blessing 1

Monday, April 25 - Seventh Day of Passover / Morning Services at 9:30 AM / Light Candles after 8:30 PM / Say Blessing 1

Tuesday, April 26 - Final Day of Passover / Morning Services at 9:30 AM / Yizkor Memorial Services at 11:30 AM / Evening services at 6:30

PM / Meal of Moshiah at CJCC - Open to all 6:45 PM (no charge) / Holiday ends at 8:31 PM

* Light only from a pre-existing flame

Lag B'Omer Barbecue at the Beach Sunday, May 22 5:30 PM

Come celebrate with us as Chabad will mark the joyful day with a picnic, bonfire and other joyous events at Pelican Park, 1495 Highway A1A in Satellite Beach. Enjoy a kosher cookout with all the trimmings. For reservations go to www.jewishbrevard.com or call 777-2770.

Camp Gan Israel

June 27 - July 22

Check out our website: www.campganizzy.com. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: Register before May 16 and save \$100! To register, send \$35 (non-refundable) to our office or make a secure credit card payment on our website, www.campganizzy.com or www.jewishbrevard.com. Do you want to know more about CAMP Gan Israel? Call 777-2770.

"A CAMP With a Reputation Worth Raving About"

Rohr Jewish Learning Institute will continue the highly successful courses in May. The theme of these courses will be **Oasis in Time**. The courses will begin May 10 and run through June 14. The courses will be held each Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Chabad Jewish Community Center. Early registration is suggested with a limited number of scholarships available. To register or for more information visit jewishbrevard.com/JLI or contact the Chabad office at 321-777-2770.

Here are just some of our important events to enjoy these next weeks:



12th Annual FINE WINES 2011, an Evening of Fine Food, Wine & Jazz Under the Stars: Saturday, May 7, 2011, 7PM to 11PM. At the home of Dr. Lee and Eleanor Sheldon. Gourmet dinner served with fine wines and jazz. \$75 in advance, \$85 at the door. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor please call Temple Beth Sholom, 321-254-6333.



Israeli Folk Dance Classes: Beginning Sunday, May 15, 2011. Beginner and intermediate classes on genuine Israeli folk dancing, presented by BrevardIsraeliDance.com at the Lucy Podnos Education Center. For further information, contact the Temple at 321-254-6333.



Men's Club Golf Tournament: Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the Suntree Country Club. Cost is the same as last year, \$75 for individual players. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each and Team Sponsorships are \$500 each. Contact Jim Kincaid at 591-5674 for more details.

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM 2011 JEWISH BOOK GROUP: The Book Group meets the 4th Wednesday afternoon in the synagogue library at 2:00pm. Everyone is invited. There is no charge.



Wednesday, April 27: "*The Finkler Question*", by Howard Jacobson; This novel is a comedy of suffering and anti-Semitism. Wednesday, May 25: "*The Glass Room*," by Simon Mawer; Story of wealthy Czechoslovakian Jews who commission a modern steel-and-glass house in 1930. For more information, please contact Natalie Oshins, 449-0461 or email at osark@juno.com.

Ongoing Events



MOMMY AND ME PROGRAM: The Temple has rented part of our campus to a pair of excellent certified teachers for morning "Mommy & Me" programs, Tuesdays through Fridays – called Creative Playtime and Creative Connections (depending on age). Students and their caretakers are welcome, beginning from 12 months of age through 5 years old. These classes are open to all in the community. Call the Temple office for more information, at 321-254-6333.



BALLROOM DANCING: Temple Beth Sholom welcomes a ballroom dancing group, which meets every Saturday evening at 7 PM other than Jewish holidays. Professional lessons will be given, followed by dancing. The multi-purpose room is being decorated and converted into a ballroom and is quite a sight to see. This is open to everyone. Please come and take a look. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

For further information, contact the Temple at 321-254-6333

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM MEN'S CLUB: Next meeting TBA. Call TBS for information.



Movie Night: Sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club in the Temple building, selected Sundays are "Movie Nights" at 7:00 PM and free to all TBS members and their guests. Refreshments will be served. On Sunday, April 24, we will screen "The Pianist." On Sunday, May 8, we are showing "*Ushpizin*."

Minyan: Weekly minyans are held on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM and Thursday mornings at 10 AM. Thursday's Minyan participants share brunch and Rabbi Margolis teaches passages from classical Jewish texts.

With more than 50 performers participating, a big THANK YOU goes out to the group leaders, dancers and performers from the Jewish and Christian community who participated in the musical community shpiel at this year's Jewish Heritage Festival.

Beginner and Intermediate **Israeli Folk dance classes** will restart at the Lucy Podnos Education building on **Sunday, May 15th at 1:00 PM.**

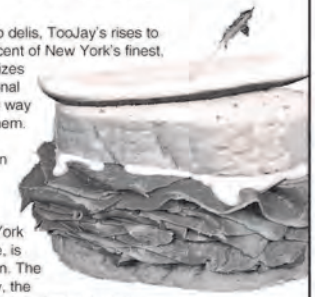
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SENIOR TALKERS

SENIOR TALKERS is a discussion and social group for Seniors meets the third Monday each month. The next meetings are **Monday, April 18th and Monday May 16th**, beginning at 11:30 am in the Social Hall of Temple Israel, 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

Attendees bring their brown bag lunch, dessert and beverages are supplied. Lunch and socializing time is followed at noon by an hour of open discussions on various current and other topics of controversial nature, giving stimulation to keep our minds alert. Different moderators lead the discussions. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome. For more information please call 321-254-5143.

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME a social group for Seniors with a program or speaker meets the first Monday of each month. The meetings is **Monday, May 2nd** beginning at 11:30 am in the Social Hall of Temple Israel 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

Attendees bring their brown bag lunch, dessert and beverages are supplied. Following the social and lunch time, a program begins at noon.

The next scheduled program will be a presentation on Wellness Cooking by representatives from the Fountains.

PRIME TIME programs are different each month throughout the year. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome. For more information please call 321-617-9102.

ITALY COMES TO CHABAD



Italy brings to mind good food, good wine and a friendly and warm population. This is why we felt like we were in Italy for Purim Italiano, the latest of the many holiday celebrations for the whole family at Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts. An overflow crowd from all parts of the Brevard Jewish community enjoyed the reading of the Megillah plus the sumptuous pasta and pizza dishes. Wonderful entertainment befitting the occasion plus a warm and friendly crowd made Purim Italiano one of the best Purim bashes ever.

See more photos at jewishbrevard.com.





Jewish Singles Social Club

Jewish men and women ages 45-100 wanted for fun times. Coming up events include: Henegar Center to see a play, Tu Tu Tango's in Orlando, Brunch at the Atlantic Ocean Grill in Cocoa Beach, and bowling just to name a few. No dues for this club. Just 100% pure fun!!! For more information call Kandi at (321) 432-3655 or email at Momkandi@aol.com

Here are a few of the members dining at a local restaurant....

Hadassah News

The women of Hadassah wish you and your families a very Happy Passover.

Election of officers for the Board of Directors took place at our General Meeting, April 12, 2011, followed by a Dutch Treat Luncheon at Squid Lips Restaurant. This was an opportunity to get acquainted with many of our new members and enjoy the friendships that we have made in the past months and years.

The new Board of Directors will be installed at noon on May 10, 2011 at the Indian River Colony Club. The cost of this luncheon will be \$25.00. We urge you all to attend this beautiful afternoon before we go our separate ways this summer. Call Myrna Lord (777-6437) to make your reservation.

Our fantastic Life Membership offer will continue this summer. For those of you interested in becoming a Life Member or making a member of your family (man, woman, or child) a Life Member at \$100.00, please call Shirley Sandler at 722-1785.

You can also purchase Tower Hospital Certificates or Cards and Trees for all occasions. Our doors will be open all summer to assist you. Visit our web site at www.brevardhadassah.org for further information.

Have a safe and a healthy summer. By Myrna Lord, Hadassah Publicity Chair

JEWISH LEARNING INSTITUTE

The highly successful **Rohr Jewish Learning Institute** courses being held at Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts will continue in May. The theme of the upcoming courses will be **Oasis in Time**.

Barry Halpern attended the classes just completed. *"As a newcomer to JLI and Chabad, I found 'Toward a Meaningful Life' to be informative, interesting and intellectually challenging. A truly worthwhile experience."*

The **Oasis in Time** courses will begin May 10 and run through June 14 and will be held each Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Chabad Jewish Community Center.

"Rabbi Konikov was awesome as always in bringing the Torah to life connecting modern times with ancient wisdom" according to Dr. Bernard Epstein, a regular at the classes.

Early registration is suggested with a limited number of scholarships available. To register or for more information visit jewishbrevard.com/JLI or contact the Chabad office at 321-777-2770.

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March of Remembrance

Walk of Remembrance provides an opportunity for people worldwide to publicly demonstrate their respect for the Jewish people and their right to exist as a nation. Throughout their long history, the Jewish people have repeatedly been threatened with annihilation from their various enemies, with no logical justification, other than that they were Jewish.

Most of humanity has stood by silently, either indifferent to the plight of the Jewish people, or unwilling to risk taking a stand in their defense.

Join us and break the silence. Proclaim that we will not allow another of these atrocities to occur in our lifetime without doing all that we can to protect and defend the Jewish people. Our march will conclude at Gleason Auditorium, FI Tech Campus, where the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties will be holding their Yom HaShoah Service at 2 pm this year.

For more info: Charlotte Schuyt International Webpage: <http://marchofremembrance.org/>
E mail: sjalotje1@aol.com
Tel #s: 321 259 4592 or 321 759 1565

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR, April 17—May 31, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18 Erev Passover 1st Seder Senior Talkers 11:30 AM	19 First Day of Passover 2nd Seder JFBIRC Office Closed	20 2nd Day of Passover JFBIRC Office Closed	21 Passover JFBIRC BOD MTG 6:30 PM	22 Passover	23 Passover
24 Passover 7 PM, TBS Movie Night	25 7th Day of Passover JFBIRC Office Closed	26 8th Day of Passover JFBIRC Office Closed	27 2:00 PM, TBS Jewish Book Club	28	29	30 TBS Ballroom Dance
1 JFBIRC Holocaust Remembrance Day at FIT 2 pm	2 Yom HaShoah Prime Time, 11:30 AM Mateh Chaim BOD Mtg Temple Israel BOD Mtg	3	4	5	6 3 PM, Jewish Studies At the Fountains, by Mateh Chaim	7 TBS Ballroom Dance 7 PM TBS Wine Tasting
8 Mother's Day 7 PM, TBS Movie Night	9	10 Yom Haatzmaut Hadassah BOD In- stallation at IRCC CJCC - Rohr Jewish Learning 7 pm	11	12	13	14 TBS Ballroom Dance
15 Israeli Folk Dance At Podnos Ed	16 Senior Talkers 11:30 AM at Temple Israel	17 CJCC - Rohr Jewish Learning 7 pm	18	19 JFBIRC BOD MTG 6:30 PM	20 3 PM, Jewish Studies At the Fountains, by Mateh Chaim	22 TBS Ballroom Dance
22 Lag B'Omer Israeli Folk Dance TBS-Golf at Suntime Chabad BBQ Pelican Park 5:30	23	24 CJCC - Rohr Jewish Learning 7 pm	25 2:00 PM, TBS Jewish Book Club	26	27	28 TBS Ballroom Dance
29 Israeli Folk Dance At Podnos Ed	30 Memorial Day	31 CJCC - Rohr Jewish Learning 7 pm				



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