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CONNECTION

Chanukah

Festival of Lights

December 21-December 28th
Light first candle, eve of Dec. 20th



Federation Annual General Meeting

Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 pm

All Federation members welcome.
Please RSVP 951-1836



2012 General Campaign Kick-off

Dollar Movie Night

Thursday, January 19th at The Oaks Theatre

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Statement of Purpose: The central communal organization that promotes and advances the quality and values of Jewish life in Brevard and Indian River Counties. The Federation exists to provide an efficient umbrella organization that helps unify, anticipate and meet the needs of our Jewish Communities—based on the traditional concepts that “each Jew is responsible one for another: and the ideal of “Tzedakah” - righteous charity and social justice.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Slotkin

Belated Thanksgiving greetings to everyone – I hope your holiday was filled with family, good times, and plenty of turkey! Thanksgiving has always been my favorite American holiday, and many of my international friends have remarked that this is the one American holiday they've incorporated into their lives, even when they return home.

Times are tough ... times have been tough, and yet, I think each of us can find something meaningful that's graced our lives in the past year or so. My Thanksgiving was filled with the sounds of my girlfriend's grandchildren – swimming in the pool, visiting the zoo – joyful voices which I'm grateful to hear and uplift my soul. I also appreciate the committed people I've met in the last few years, dedicating some of their leisure time to sustaining our Federation. Just to name a few: Lisa, Jerry, Rick, Marty, Jeff, I appreciate both your longstanding efforts and continued willingness to serve this organization. Thank you!

Federation activities for 2012 are fast approaching. As I alluded to in my last message, on January 19th we'll be holding a movie night at The Oaks theatre, featuring a screening of the movie "Sarah's Key," starring Kristin Scott Thomas as a modern-day Parisian journalist who finds her life becoming entwined with a young girl whose family was torn apart during the notorious Vel' d'Hiv Roundup in 1942. Sarah's Key will be shown as a special arrangement between Federation and The Oaks, shown only for Federation and not open to the public, and will serve as the 2012 general campaign kick-off for Federation. For more information on the event, or to reserve tickets, see the article in this issue of The Connection.

Our 2012 campaign kick-off for major donors will occur on Saturday, February 4th, with a location TBD. Our featured guest and speaker will be Dr. Ken Stein, the William E. Schatten Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Israeli Studies at Emory University as well as the Director of both their Middle East Research Program and Institute for the Study of Modern Israel. Dr. Stein spoke at a Federation Campaign Kick-off in the late 1990's, which I'm told was well received. More details about this event will be forthcoming.

I'd like to end this message by thanking you again for your continued financial support of Federation. Unlike many of our institutions in the past few years, Federation made it through 2011 without a government bailout. Shortly a new fiscal year begins and the mission of Federation continues. As we begin fundraising in early 2012 – please find a place for Federation in your altruistic giving.

Happy Hanukkah and best wishes to you all for a great 2012!

Mike

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A Reform Congregation
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Services: Second and Fourth
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and will cover the period of
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February 15, 2012

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Call the Federation Office for details
321-951-1836



**Jewish
Heritage
Festival
Sunday
March
4th
2012
10 am
to
5 pm**

CHANUKAH:

The Federation will be purchasing gifts for the Jewish needy children. Please donate to make a child happy during these unbelievably difficult times for many Jewish families. Send your check to the Jewish Federation at 210 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901.



**Mark your check “ Chanukah Fund”
Please call the office if you have any questions.**

Year End Charitable Gifts

A year-end gift to the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties is an opportunity for you to make a difference this year while giving yourself a gift during next year’s tax season. A charitable gift provides you with a deduction to offset this year’s tax burden. In addition, it helps us continue the work we are committed to accomplishing now and in the future. Here are some ideas for you to consider before the end of the year.

There is an important tax change you need to know about that can help you manage your IRA, and at the same time, make a gift to our Federation this year. The IRA Charitable Rollover provides you with a unique window of opportunity to make a gift from your IRA before December 31, 2011, while reducing federal income taxes. How does it work? The IRA Charitable Rollover permits a taxpayer age 70-1/2 years or older to donate up to \$100,000 directly from an IRA to a public charity without paying any federal income tax on the transfer. Prior to the enactment of this law, a gift to charity from your IRA was considered a taxable distribution. The benefit of the new law is that your IRA gift counts towards your required minimum distribution. So if you want to reduce your income and taxes this year, you can achieve these goals by transferring some or all of your required distribution to our Federation. Because the funds you give away are never taxed as income, your gift does not qualify as a charitable income tax deduction. However, you are able to make a gift to us from funds you may not otherwise use. As a result, Federation benefits from your generosity by allowing us to continue our good work. At the end of the year, the IRA Rollover provision is set to expire. You can make a gift while helping us continue our work for this year and into the future. Minimize the taxes your heirs will pay. Maximize your gifts to family.

As you create or amend your will and your estate plan with your attorney, be sure to ask about what to do with your “IRD” assets or “Income in Respect of a Decedent.” Essentially, IRD is a way for the IRS to tax your untaxed ordinary income after death. IRD assets include your IRA, 401(k), or pension plan. These assets are taxed in your estate and to your living beneficiaries when you pass away. If your children receive your IRA or 401(k) at your death, they will be faced with a tax burden and very likely a depleted asset. For this reason, IRD assets usually make better gifts to charity. One good plan is to give your low-tax assets, such as your home or stock, to your children. These are assets that step-up in basis at your death. Your children may sell these assets and pay little or no tax. At the same time, you can transfer the IRD assets to a tax-exempt charity like Federation. With proper planning, you can give generously to charity while simultaneously helping your family receive more of their inheritance.

The information presented here is intended as a general guide. Each individual’s tax situation is different. Talk to your attorney and tax professional to learn more.

Federation Job Club

The first meeting of the Job Club support group met on Tuesday November 29th. It was a huge success. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at 11 am. Come join us if you are looking for work, want to switch jobs, even if you are just looking for part time or temporary employment. We are here to help you! Call Lisa for further details. 951-1836



RETURN OF DOLLAR MOVIE NIGHT

Private Showing

Sarah's Key at the Oaks Theatre

Thursday, January 19th at 7 pm

Cost: \$1.00

Bring non-perishable items for Food Pantry and receive a small popcorn

Call the Federation Office, 951-1836 to reserve tickets
and make your 2012 Campaign Pledge

Starring Kristin Scott Thomas as an American journalist living in Paris, "Sarah's Key" also goes back and forth between events in 2002 and what happened 60 years earlier during the city's infamous Vélodrome d'Hiver roundup of July 16, 1942, an event that is little known in this country and for many years was not mentioned in France either. On that date, French officials and police, not Germans, rounded up 13,000 of the city's Jews and herded them together for days in horrible conditions in one of the city's indoor bicycle-racing tracks before dispatching them first to a transit camp and finally to Auschwitz.

The gravity of this event was not fully acknowledged until 1995, when President Jacques Chirac famously apologized for French complicity, so it's no surprise that (with such exceptions as Marcel Ophüls' "The Sorrow and the Pity" and Joseph Losey's "Mr. Klein") it hasn't been the concern of many French films.

But it's not only the newness to movies of these events that gives "Sarah's Key" its impact, but it's also the way Gilles Paquet-Brenner, a French director whose projects are ordinarily purely commercial, has conceived of and shot them.

Paquet-Brenner (who co-wrote the adaptation with Serge Joncour) starts the film on that July day in 1942 in the Marais district apartment of the Starzynskis. With the family being rounded up under frightening circumstances, 10-year-old Sarah (an exceptional Mélusine Mayance) impulsively instructs her younger brother to hide in the bedroom cupboard. She then locks him in, instructing him not to leave until she comes to get him.

"Sarah's Key" is at its best in detailing with great skill what happens to this young girl and her parents over the next several days, starting with the nightmarish situation both at the velodrome, known informally as the Vél d'Hiv, and the transit camp at Beaune-la-Rolande, where Sarah and her family are sent.

The pure maddening chaos of these situations, their urgency, terror and violence, are compellingly conveyed by Paquet-Brenner and his cinematographer, Pascal Ridao, who shot all the 1942 action with a handheld camera to increase intensity. The specificity and the tension of these scenes, especially one where children are separated from their mothers, create an honestly earned connection.

These sequences don't come at us all at once; they alternate between those set in 2002 involving Scott Thomas' Julia Jarmond, living in Paris with a French architect husband, who persuades her magazine to let her do a major story on the 60th anniversary of the Vél d'Hiv events.

In the commercial fiction contrivance that is the heart of the novel's success, Julia soon finds out that her husband's family has a connection to that Marais apartment forcibly evacuated by the Starzynskis. She becomes understandably obsessed with finding out both the family's role in that long-ago situation and what finally happened to 10-year-old Sarah and the brother hidden behind the key.

TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS

TEMPLE ISRAEL ANNUAL MENORATHON

December 28, 2011 at 6:00 PM

CANDLES...FOOD...SONG...FUN!

Menorah lights blazing on this last night of Chanukah

WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL will provide a dairy dinner and latkes

Congregants and non-congregant WTI members:

COST: \$ 5.00 PER ADULT, \$3.00 per child (under 15), or \$12.00 per family

Non-Members of Temple Israel and WTI are welcome:

COST: \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (under 15), or \$ 14.00 per family

REMEMBER: Bring your Menorah and candles for this last night.

PAID RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY FRIDAY December 23rd

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Saturday, January 7th

6:00 PM

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Congregation Mateh Chaim

Happy Hanukkah to all our Jewish Friends in the Community. Light the Candles, Spin the Dreidles, Eat Lots of Latkes, Tell the Story and enjoy the Miracles of the Holiday.

Congregants will join together for a Hanukkah Celebration, Friday December 16 at the Buena Vida Chapel beginning at 6PM with dinner. Sisterhood will provide Baked Chicken and Harriets Lucious Latkes while those attending provide a covered dish. Dessert will be provided by board members. Anyone wishing to join in the celebration please contact Marilyn Schiff 321-223-0536 and leave a message. Bring your Hanukkah Menorah and candles for the celebration. Shabbat Services will begin in the Chapel at 7:30PM following dinner. There will be no Oneg Shabbat this night.

A reminder that Shabbat Services during December will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays 7:30pm, due to the Winter Holidays. Please feel free to join us for worship at Buena Vida Chapel in Melbourne just past the Marriot Courtyard. Contact Lynda Wilson for ritual information 321-984-1600 and leave a message.

Sisterhood ladies will hold their Hanukkah Party at the home of Marian Chiaiese on Wednesday, December 14. Harriets Latkes and Marians Doughnuts will be served. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$15 value) for the Hanukkah Chinese Auction. For reservations or Sisterhood information please call Marian 321-768-2716. See you all there!

January is Jewish History month and at Mateh Chaim we will delve into a few historical events during Shabbat Services. We encourage everyone in the Jewish Community to read a little bit about our history to your children, grandchildren and families. We have a very rich, interesting, philosophical history for all to read about.

A young man of our congregation, Terry Kneapler, is getting ready to Deploy to Afganistan. We want to let him and his family know that all our prayers are with him for a safe duty and a safe return to our community.

Happy Hanukkah!
Marilyn Schiff

Congregation Beth El

Jack Guetta, a past president of Congregation Beth El, and a resident of Leland NC with his wife, Alina, passed away Tuesday November 15th, after a long illness. Jack and Alina moved to Leland several years ago to be closer to one of their sons, Jonathan, who lives in nearby Wilmington NC. The funeral and burial was held at Montefiore Cemetary in Babylon, Long Island NY. Eric and Sylvia Smitt attended the funeral representing the congregation. Jack is survived by his wife Alina, and sons Jonathan and Jeff, several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

John and Ethel Goldring are home and receiving tons of help, according to John. He appreciates the calls and visits, and wishes he can get back to driving again.

Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs Scott Wilson, who were married November 25th, right before Shabbat. Scott had broken his leg in several places in a motor cycle mishap earlier in October and had surgery to put the bones together. I guess Scott, in his cast, did not carry Adena across the threshold!

Sid Resnick has been in the hospital and in rehab recovering from problems resulting from his diabetes. We wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to Torah services to take the "Levy Aliah".

Congregation Beth El will celebrate Hanukkah with its annual Hanukkah party immediately following services on December 24th. Pearl Sklaw will be chairing this event, and Sylvia, with help from the "Beth El" ladies, will be preparing a full Kiddish including potato latkes, tuna fish salad, deviled eggs, and plenty of desserts.

Congregation Beth El is selling Trees to be planted in Israel as part of the Jewish National Fund project. If anyone wants to plant a tree in honor of a loved one, or a special event, please contact Sylvia.

Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts

Chanukah Menorah Parade

Thursday, December 22, 6:00 PM. Join the Chanukah Menorah Parade. 100 cars! Parade will depart from Chabad Center 1190 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach at 6:00 PM and culminate with a Grand Menorah lighting and celebration with entertainment and refreshments. Kids get to ride in a stretch hummer! To learn how your car can join in the Parade call the Chabad Center at 321-777-2770 or go to jewishbrevard.com.

Chanukah Extravaganza-Extreme Fun at Jungle Village

Sunday, December 25, 3:00-6:00 PM. Community wide Chanukah celebration at JUNGLE VILLAGE. Jungle Village is on A1A just north of the Radisson Resort at Central Boulevard. The Chanukah extravaganza and festivities for the whole family will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and feature go-kart raceway, arcade, mini golf, bumper cars, rock climbing and laser tag. A nominal fee for food - delicious barbecue, traditional latkes and sufganiot. In partnership with Jungle Village, Chabad will offer to adults and children **free admission by RSVP only** at www.jewishbrevard.com or by calling the Chabad office at 321-777-2770. Full details can be found at jewishbrevard.com. A map of the location can be found at: google.com/maps

Gan Israel Winter Camp

December 19 – 23. A full week of activities with the Gan Izzy experience is planned for youngsters ages 3 to 12. Plans include clubs, trips, theme days, arts & crafts, Shabbaton, sports and much more. For more information or to register call the Chabad office at 321-777-2770 or visit campganizzy.com.

Upcoming JLI Course at the Chabad Jewish Community Center

January 2012 – Jewish Business Ethics

Six Tuesdays beginning January 24, 7:00-8:30PM. Is Judaism socialist or capitalist? Who is responsible for preventing poverty? Is unionization a Jewish ideal? Must Wal-Mart pay its workers a livable wage? Where would you draw the line? An ethical, Talmudic and Legal debate on the economic issues of our time. Register at JewishBrevard.com/JLI.

Shabbat Services – Saturdays 11:00 AM

Join our warm and friendly weekly synagogue services just in time for Rabbi Konikov's contemporary message on the Torah portion and lively discussion. Our friendly, non-judgmental atmosphere offers a place to talk to G-d in Hebrew and English. Kids are encouraged and have a special place in our Synagogue. Membership or affiliation is never required. A delicious sit-down Kiddush follows the services at approximately 12:30 PM, a warm setting to socialize and meet new friends.

Rabbi's Tuesday Night Torah Class – Tuesdays 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

The Rabbi's class focuses on Jewish history, Tradition, Laws & Customs, the Torah & the Prophets, and Talmud through the eyes of Kabbalah. Free of charge for all Jews regardless of your level of knowledge and no matter what your affiliation...or if you have no affiliation at all. We promise to get you thinking on the relevance of the Torah in our modern lives. Try it out. You will be surprised how many newcomers like you are made to feel right at home!

Hebrew High

Each meeting features fabulous discussions, fun and interactive activities that promote Jewish values and friendship. Special emphasis is placed on Jewish customs and culture. Hebrew High for ages 12 through 14, meets twice a month on Sundays.

CJCC Hebrew School – Sundays 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Open for any Jewish student and offering classes on Sundays and Wednesdays, this award winning, meaningful and accredited program allows the joys, values and traditions of Judaism to be brought to life. Our qualified staff lives what they teach and offers students the desire to learn and to look forward to returning each week. Our school instills in your children feelings of pride and affection for their heritage and will be an enjoyable chapter of your child's maturing process.

Torah Academy Brevard Jewish Community Preschool Ages 3 - 5

Torah Academy Brevard Jewish Community Preschool provides a warm environment that nurtures self-esteem and helps build the foundation for successful development and growth. Our comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program, integrated with Torah values and Jewish tradition promotes each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. : · *Warm & Dynamic, Certified Teachers · Superior Curriculum · Low Child-Teacher Ratio*
· *Before & After School Program · Full & Part Time Programs*

Women's Weekly Study Group – Tuesdays 1:30 PM

Join women from all backgrounds and enjoy a round table discussion with Shulamit Konikov on interesting Jewish topics.

Confused about a date? Find a Jewish birthday calculator, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lookup, Yahrtzeit calculator and a general Jewish/Civil date converter at www.jewishbrevard.com.

Want to be informed of all Chabad events with no obligation or pressure? Call us at 321-777-2770.

Ongoing Events

MOVIE NIGHT: Sponsored by the Sisterhood and the Men's Club, in the main building, the first Sunday of the month is "Movie Night" at 7:00 p.m. and free to all TBS members and their guests. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, December 4, we will screen "The Jazz Singer" and on Sunday, January 8, we will be showing "Every Time We Say Goodbye."

Future movies include "Shining Through," "Shanghai Ghetto" and "The Infidel."

We always have wine, cheese and dessert. There is no charge. Please come and join us!

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM MEN'S CLUB: Next meeting TBA.

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

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Jewish War Veterans

Jewish War Veterans Walter I Berlin Post 639 held its installation luncheon. Installed as officers for the coming year are Leonard Shaffer, Post Commander, Charles Cahn Senior Vice Commander, Jack Garfield, Jr Vice Commander, Maury Rosenfield Adjutant (Recording Secretary) and Gary Stern Quartermaster (Treasurer). The installing officer was Jerry Abrams who is on the National Executive Committee and is a Past Commander of the Florida District.

On November 11th the Post held its annual Shabbat service this year at Temple Beth Sholom. At the service the Post presented its annual Veteran of the Year award. This year the award went to Maury Rosenfield. The Post members have been active in its semi annual Poppy Drives. And have raised several thousand dollars to be distributed to local veteran support organizations.

We meet on the second Sunday of the Month (Sept-June) at Joe's Club on Wickham Road—Contact Leonard Shaffer 321-453-6522 for additional information.

The Post continues to provide coffee and donuts at the Veterans Clinic in Viera on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

**The Federation Board of Directors and the entire Jewish Community wishes
Terry Kneapler a safe return as he deploys to Afghanistan on December 16th.**



Our prayers are with you Terry!

L'CHAIM

A PROPOSED JEWISH ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY IN BREVARD COUNTY

The purpose of this article is to advise the Brevard Jewish Community that the Board of Directors of Temple Israel has organized a committee to explore the feasibility of developing a Jewish Assisted Living Community on our property. The Committee has completed its initial meeting. There is a lot of groundwork to be accomplished to include, but not limited to collection of data and evaluating options with respect to what the community desires in such a facility. A determination will have to be made that there is a need and we have to prove it. The Assisted Living Community will be for the entire Jewish Community. We want a Community that will be truly user friendly – a place where we would be proud to call home.

Again, the work of the Committee is just starting and this note is a preliminary heads up. Our intent is to be transparent with regard to the project. If there is someone out there who is familiar with the development of a similar or related project we would appreciate your input. As the project comes together focus groups will be formed to assure we meet the needs of our people. You will be advised through the Federation of our progress. This is not a short-term project. It is contemplated that this project will take 2 – 3 years to complete.

In the near future, you may hear about this project on WMFE. One of the committee members has been asked to record up to a 50 second spot. The purpose of this spot will be to inform the community that Temple Israel is proposing a new Assisted Living Facility on our property.

The Chair of the committee is Eric Lockshine (321-632-3136) e-mail: webmaster@tiofbrevard.com . Call or e-mail Eric with your comments, suggestions or any other input.

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME a social group for Seniors with a program or speaker meets the first Monday each month unless it is a holiday.

Next two meetings will be Mondays December 5th and January 2nd at 11:30 am in the Social Hall of Temple Israel 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

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

The December program will be a presentation by a representative of SHINE covering the 2012 changes to Medicare, Medicaide, Social Security and Florida's Senior's Programs.

The January program will be a presentation by a representative from the Community Services Council of Brevard County describing the services they provide to Senior's in this county.

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

SENIOR TALKERS

SENIOR TALKERS a discussion and social group for Seniors and meets the third Monday each month. The next meeting will be December 19th, beginning at 11:30 am in the Social Hall of Temple Israel 7350 Lake Andrews Drive, Viera.

Attendees bring brown bag lunch, desert and beverages 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.

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Hadassah News:

Our Annual Membership Appreciation Brunch will take place at "The Tides" at Patrick Air Force Base on December 4, 2011, 11:30 AM. There will be a sumptuous buffet, entertainment, and lots of fun. Couvert is \$25.00 and you are encouraged to bring a guest or spouse. To make a reservation, please send your check to Barbara Needleman, 863 Oakwood Drive, Melbourne 32940..

Time is running out for our fantastic Life Membership offer of \$100.00 for either man, woman, or child. This offer expires on December 31, 2011. What a great holiday gift to give a family member or friend. Call Shirley Sandler at 321-722-1785 to join our growing ranks.

We will hold our Chanukah Silent Auction and program on December 20, 2011, 10 AM, at the Eau Gallie Library. Our featured speaker will be Fritzie Nozik presenting a most informative and entertaining "History Of Chanukah." We encourage you to bring objects that you would like to offer for the auction, and you can shop for lovely Chanukah gifts at the same time. There will be many bargains from which to make your selection. The meeting is open to all and refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendars for January 24, 2012 for very exciting Youth Aliyah Luncheon to be held at the Indian River Colony Club. This is THE luncheon of the year that you will not want to miss. Our fashion show will be presented by "Unique Treasures" of downtown Melbourne. The clothing is beautiful as are our very own Hadassah models. The couvert is \$25,00. For reservations, mail your check to Lois Seigel, 216 Glengarry Avenue, Melbourne Beach 32951 (951-1977). Luncheon choices will be Tilapia, Salmon Caesar Salad, or a fruit plate.

Don't forget to check our web site at www.hadassahbrevard.org for both local and National information regarding programs, Board of Directors, meeting schedules, and so much more.

Happy Chanukah,
Myrna Lord

COMMUNITY CALENDAR, December 1, 2011-January 15, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 3 pm Jewish Studies at the Fountains by Match Chaim	3
4 Hadassah Annual Membership Brunch at The Tides TBS Movie Night 7:00 pm	5 Prime Time at TI 11:30 am	6 CJCC Womens Study 1:00 pm CJCC Torah Class 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10 TI Dip & Sip 6:00 pm
11 Jewish War Vets Meet at Joes Club	12	13 Federation Job Club, 11 am CJCC Womens Study 1:00 pm CJCC Torah Class 7:30 pm	14 Match Chaim Chanukah party	15 Federation Annual General Meeting 6:00 pm	16 3 pm Jewish Studies at the Fountains by Match Chaim Match Chaim Buena Vida 6:00 PM	17
18	19 Chabad—Winter Camp Senior Talkers at TI 11:30 am	20 CJCC Womens Study 1:00 pm CJCC Torah Class 7:30 pm Hadassah Chanukah Silent Auction Light First Candle	21 1st Day Chanukah	22 2nd Day Chanukah Chabad Menorah Parade	23 3rd Day Chanukah	24 4th Day Chanukah Beth El Chanukah Party
25 5th Day Chanukah Chabad Celebrate at Jungle Village	26 6th Day Chanukah	27 7th Day Chanukah CJCC Womens Study 1:00 pm CJCC Torah Class 7:30 pm	28 8th Day Chanukah TI Menoration 6:00 pm	29	30	31
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8 Jewish War Vets Meet at Joes Club	9	10 CJCC Womens Study 1:00 pm CJCC Torah Class 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14

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