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Dollar Movie Night: Sarah's Key

Thursday January 19, 2012

7:00 PM at

The Oaks Theatre in Melbourne

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2012 Major Donor Society

Campaign Kick-Off Event

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Guest Speaker Dr. Kenneth W. Stein,  
Emory University

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Coming soon:

Jewish Federation of Brevard's

24th Annual Jewish Heritage Festival

Sunday, March 4, 2012

10 am—5 pm, at the Melbourne Auditorium

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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**

New Year's greetings to everyone – let me wish you and your family good tidings, healthy check-ups, and a better economy! We have an active Federation calendar in the first half of 2012, so let me begin this message by highlighting these events.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> 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. This is a special arrangement between Federation and The Oaks; it is not open to the public, only to those reserving seats through the Federation office. Additionally, if you bring non-perishable food items to the event for our food pantry, we will provide a coupon for you to receive free popcorn, compliments of Federation. Make your reservations by contacting Lisa at the Federation office: 321-951-1836 or [jewishfederation@bellsouth.net](mailto:jewishfederation@bellsouth.net).

"*Sarah's Key*" will serve as the 2012 general campaign kick-off for Federation, and on that note I'd like to say a few words about fundraising for 2012. Historically, Federations have run Super Sunday phone-a-thons, which in the age of cell phones, caller ID, and call screening seems hopelessly obsolete. At last year's phone event I think I actually spoke with 2 of the 50 or so people I called. It's a fact of life these days; if you don't recognize the number on your caller ID, you don't answer. On a personal note I'd add that if I don't text my nieces and nephews I doubt I'd have much communication from them. So with that reality, in 2012, Federation is planning on composing a solicitation note to be distributed by email, followed by the mailing of a pledge card to your home address. We hope you'll continue to support us and our mission of enriching our Jewish Community. And of course, if any of you feel strongly that you still would like a phone call, I'll be happy to do so, just let me know ... my email address is [mslotkin@fit.edu](mailto:mslotkin@fit.edu).

Our 2012 campaign kick-off for major donors will occur on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>... a flyer with event details will be distributed shortly. 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 gave a well-received talk at a Federation Campaign Kick-off in the late 1990's, and I'm positive that this year's event will be equally rewarding.

On Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the 2012 Jewish Festival will be held at the Melbourne Auditorium. The theme is "Modern Jewish Heroes," and the Festival offers all the activities, vendors, food, and fun that has been its hallmark for more than 20 years. About 6 weeks later, on Sunday, April 15, Federation is hosting our annual Holocaust Remembrance, once again held at Gleason Auditorium on the Florida Tech campus. This year's featured speaker will be Shlomo Fleischmann, who has been a long-time member of Brevard's Jewish Community and a leader in educating schoolchildren about the Holocaust. As we did last year, a candle-lighting featuring survivors and liberators will be part of the ceremony.

As I did in a President's Message written last summer, I'd like to add an element of Jewish cultural life I photographed on a recent visit my girlfriend Karen and I took to northern California. Congregation Sherith Israel, founded in San Francisco in the days of the Gold Rush, completed the building of their iconic synagogue in 1905. The glass in the Grand Window (see the left-hand side in the picture below, which is profiled in the second picture) faces west and reveals the story of Moses presenting the Ten Commandments to the Children of Israel. The Jewish people are not depicted at Sinai, but rather, at the gateway to Yosemite National Park, symbolizing a 20<sup>th</sup> century Moses for whom California represents the Promised Land.

*Synagogue  
Sherith  
Israel*



*The Grand  
Window –  
Exterior View*

*The Grand  
Window –  
Interior View*



In closing, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Federation in 2011. We look forward to another productive year!

From Karen and me, to all of you, best wishes for a great 2012!

Mike

*Pacific Coast  
Highway,  
North of  
Monterey*



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The Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 210 E Hibiscus Blvd , Melbourne. The next meeting will be **January 26, at 6:30 pm.** All Federation members are welcome to attend. For more information please call 321-951-1836.

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The front page of the CONNECTION is generally limited to coverage of past Federation events or future events within our community (both federation or otherwise.) The Federation does not guarantee publication of all material that is submitted .

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Become a member of the Major Donor Society by pledging \$1,000 or more to our 2012 Campaign.

Major donors will be recognized in the Connection and at Federation Events, and will be our guests at exclusive events such as dinner with invited speakers.

The Jewish Federation of Brevard, Inc.

### **Major Donor Society 2012 Campaign Kick-Off Event\***

#### **Guest Speaker: Dr. Kenneth W. Stein**

The William E. Shatten Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Israeli Studies at Emory University as well as the Director of both of their Middle East Research Program and Institute for the Study of Modern Israel

**"The Arab Spring:**

**U.S. and Israeli Options in a Changing Middle Eastern Landscape."**

\*Major Donors Pledge \$1,000 or more to the 2012 Annual Campaign

**Saturday, February 4, 2012, 7 PM**  
**At the home of Jerry & Deborah Trachtman**  
Call Federation Office 951-1836 to make your reservation.



### **Federation Job Club**



The Job Club support group meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th 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! Computers are available for your use after the meeting. Call Lisa for further details. 951-1836

Jewish Federation of Brevard's  
24th Annual  
Jewish Heritage Festival  
Sunday, March 4th  
10 am—5 pm  
Melbourne Auditorium



What makes a hero: Who are the Jewish heroes of today? Join the fun and match wits with our “experts” in: Sports; Music; Fashion; Technology; Science; Military; Film; Politics, etc..

Food, music, dancing, games and prizes, kids area with bounce house and crafts, Judaica merchandise and more!

Admission: Adults 13 & up: \$ 7.00 ; Under 13 : \$ 2.00  
Save \$2 off each admission with donation of non-perishable food items for the JFB Food Pantry.

**PRE SALE FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS:**

\$18 for a T-Shirt, Tote bag, free admission when you wear your Festival T-Shirt to the Festival on March 4th!

Jewish Federation of Brevard, Inc. presents  
**2012 Annual Campaign Opening Event**

**DOLLAR MOVIE NIGHT : Private Showing**



*at the Oaks Theatre, 1800 W Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne*

**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

**The Federation has recently helped:**

**20 Families, 55 people with Food from the Food Pantry**  
**Several Jewish families with their utility bills**  
**10 Bar/Bat Mitzvah students visit to Israel, \$500 each**  
**\$25 Gift Cards to 20 children for Chanukah presents**

**Save the Date: Sunday, April 15, 2012, 2 pm**  
**Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
**At the Gleason Auditorium**  
**Guest Speaker: Shlomo Fleischmann**



**Each year, many Brevard County residents fail to claim their federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), pay tax prep fees, or worse yet, fall victim to expensive Refund Anticipation Loans.**

Don't spend hundreds of dollars to file your taxes when you can e-file free and receive 100% of your refund quickly – usually in just 10 days or less! United Way's free tax sites open the last week of January to assist our community's low- to moderate-income families, individuals and seniors (earning below \$50,000). At a time when many families are struggling to make ends meet, EITC dollars can be used to reduce debt, improve job skills, build savings or take other steps to improve financial stability.

Are you eligible? You must have:

- \$50,000 or less of earned income
- A valid Social Security number
- No more than \$3,150 in investment income
- Joint tax-filing status, if married

• U.S. citizenship or resident alien status for past year (in most cases)

Be sure to bring these things with you:

- Last year's tax return (if you have it)
- Social Security cards for all family members
- All W-2's and 1099 MISC for 2011
- Name, address and SSN/EIN of child care provider
- A photo ID (both you and your spouse if filing jointly)
- Joint returns require both filers to be present to sign
- All 1099-R forms for 2011 (pensions, IRAs, retirement accounts, etc.)

**Locations and times beginning January 23, 2012.**

**Free VITA Federal Tax Preparation Sites**

United Way of Brevard Volunteer Income Tax Preparation Sites will be available at select locations throughout Brevard County to prepare your 2011 tax returns, **free of charge**. We will assist you to see if you qualify for EITC. Tax returns are e-filed so you can get your refund faster!

Free tax preparation is available to households earning less than \$50,000 combined income, per year.

No appointment is necessary; first come, first served.

**Mondays**

**(Except Feb. 6, Mar. 5, April 2)**

Goodwill, Melbourne Job Center  
795 South Babcock Street; Melbourne, 32901  
9:00AM to 1:00PM

**Tuesdays**

Brevard Workforce, Titusville  
3880 S. Washington Ave., Titusville 32780  
1:00PM to 7:00PM

**Wednesdays**

Brevard Workforce, Rockledge

295 Barnes Blvd., Rockledge, 32955  
1:00PM to 7:00PM

**Thursdays**

Brevard Workforce, Palm Bay  
5275 Babcock St., NE, Palm Bay 32905  
1:00PM to 7:00PM

**Saturdays**

Salvation Army, South  
1080 S. Hickory St., Melbourne 32901  
9:00AM to 1:00PM



# Synagogues



## BREVARD COUNTY

### **Congregation Match Chaim**

A Reform Congregation  
Rabbi: Fred Natkin  
Services : Chapel at  
Buena Vida,  
2129 W New Haven Ave  
W. Melbourne, FL 32904  
Telephone: 768-6722  
Services: Second and Fourth  
Fridays at 7:30p.m.  
Web: [www.matehchaim.org](http://www.matehchaim.org)

### **Temple Israel**

Affiliation:  
Union of Reform Judaism  
Spiritual Leader:  
Cantor Patricia Ernest Hickman  
7350 Lake Andrew Drive  
Viera, FL 32940  
Telephone: 631-9494  
Fax: 321-631-9495  
Email: [pcatalano@tiofbrevard.com](mailto:pcatalano@tiofbrevard.com)  
Services:  
Fridays at 7:30 pm, except  
First Friday:  
6:30 pm: Family Shabbat  
followed by Pot Luck Dinner  
Web: [www.tiofbrevard.com](http://www.tiofbrevard.com)

### **Congregation Beth-El**

Affiliation: Conservative  
Spiritual Leaders: Eric Smitt  
and Craig Frank  
Cantor: Richard Frank  
Address: 2185 Meadowlane Ave.,  
West Melbourne, FL 32902-1144  
Telephone: (321-779-0740)  
Services: First and Third  
Fridays at 8 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Saturday at 9:30



### **Temple Beth Sholom**

Affiliation: Conservative  
Rabbi: Richard J. Margolis  
Address: 5995 N. Wickham Road,  
Melbourne, FL 32940  
Telephone: 254-6333  
Fax: 254-0607  
Minyan Services:  
Tuesdays 7:30 pm &  
Thursdays 10 a.m.  
Services: Friday 6 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
Web:  
[www.bethsholombrevard.com](http://www.bethsholombrevard.com)

### **Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coast**

Affiliation: Chabad Lubavitch  
Rabbi: Zvi Konikov  
Address: 1190 Highway A1A,  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
Telephone: 777-2770  
Email: [contact@jewishbrevard.com](mailto:contact@jewishbrevard.com)  
Services:  
Fridays 15 minutes before sunset  
Saturdays 9:30 AM  
11:00 AM Rabbi's Torah message  
12:30 PM Kiddush  
Web: [www.jewishbrevard.com](http://www.jewishbrevard.com)

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

### **Temple Beth Shalom**

Affiliation: Reform  
365 43rd Avenue,  
Vero Beach FL, 32968  
Telephone: (772) 569-4700  
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[tbsoffice@tbsvero.org](mailto:tbsoffice@tbsvero.org)  
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[rabbi@tbsvero.org](mailto:rabbi@tbsvero.org)

## Advertising Rates for the

### *CONNECTION Newspaper*

**Display Advertising** – All advertising must be paid in advance (unless other arrangements have been made with the Administrative Director) and camera ready. *Camera ready, means: Ready to go directly to the layout as is with no changes.*

All ads that are not camera ready will be subject to a small, one time art fee, for the layout of each individual advertisement. Price for these changes depends on the amount of work involved and quotes may be given upon request.

#### Back Inside Cover, full page, (7" x 9")

B & W - \$600 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$3000  
Color - \$900 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$4500

#### Full Page (7" x 9")

B & W - \$450 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$2250  
Color - \$675 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$3375

#### 1/2 Page (4.5" x 7")

B & W - \$250 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$1250

#### 1/4 Page (4.5" x 3.5")

B & W - \$125 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$625

#### Standard Business Card

B & W - \$75 per issue 1 year (8 issues)=\$375

Flyers, supplied by the advertiser, meant for insertion into the "Connection" must be considered and approved by the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties. Prices will be quoted, if approval is met.

*Please send any information or stories that you would like us to consider placing in the*

*Connection to:*

*[jewishfederation@bellsouth.net](mailto:jewishfederation@bellsouth.net)*

*The deadline for the next issue is*

*February 1, 2012*

*and will cover the period of*

*February 16 -*

*March 30, 2012*

All decisions remain subject to discretion of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties, Inc.

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## **TEMPLE ISRAEL NEWS**



### **Temple Israel's The Living Torah Project from Generation to Generation**

***COME MEET THE SCRIBE WHO IS REPAIRING ONE OF OUR  
PRECIOUS TORAH SCROLLS!***

***SUNDAY , FEBRUARY 12, 2012, 10:30 AM***

Rabbi Klein will be discussing:  
Laws and rituals involved in writing a Torah  
Demonstrate the implements used in preparing the scroll  
Teach the art of Hebrew calligraphy  
Offer us the opportunity of a hands-on experience

**DON'T MISS THIS MOST INTERESTING AND MEMORABLE EVENT**

**OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY NO CHARGE BUT PLEASE**

**R.S.V.P TO:**

**[PCATALANO@TIOFBREVARD.COM](mailto:PCATALANO@TIOFBREVARD.COM)**

**321-631-9494**

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### **Congregation Beth El**

The Hanukkah party was a great success. We had over 30 people attending services and then we all broke for a great kiddish / party. The food was fantastic. I don't think anyone left hungry. Shula's 4 grandkids had a great time and enjoyed the service and the food. They got to experience Judaism in a manner different from what they are told in their home city. It was great to have enough people to call for Torah aliyahs during the service, bringing up some new faces. There was plenty of various food and I heard comments about using maple syrup on my potato latkes. It is something I have always done. Pearl's gift exchange at the end was also a great success. We had enough gifts at the conclusion to give the children additional gifts. All said, it was a big success.

Roslyn Kusnitz passed away earlier in December. We send condolences to her husband Ivan and the Kusnitz family. Manny Rosenberg recently passed away after a long illness while living in Colorado. We send condolences to his wife Janice and the Rosenberg family. Sid Resnick had been in the hospital and in rehab at the Pines on Babcock Street in Palm Bay. We all hope for a speedy recovery. We wish a speedy recovery to Carol Fine and look forward to seeing Carol and Richard back at services.

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## Temple Beth Sholom Happenings January 16 to February 15, 2012



**B'NAI MITZVAH FOR MAX PINSKY:** Saturday, January 21, 2012.



**AN EVENING AT THE THEATER:** On January 28, 2012, the Men's Club will host this outing to see "Cactus Flower" at the Melbourne Civic Theatre, 817 E. Strawbridge Ave. Melbourne. We have reserved 30 tickets at the bargain price of \$16 per ticket. Make checks payable to Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club and indicate on the check that it is for the "Theatre Outing."

Please contact Mickey Lane at 537-1261 with questions. Also, consider if you wish, joining us for a pre-theatre dinner at Meg O'Malley's next-door (pay for your own food).



**WORLD WIDE WRAP:** Sunday, February 5, 2012. The Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club invites men and women to join us as we link with congregations all over the globe by presenting World Wide Wrap. Check out [www.worldwidewrap.org](http://www.worldwidewrap.org).



### **SISTERHOOD LUNCH AND BOOK REVIEW:**

Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 12 noon. The cost for this event will be \$25.00, which includes lunch with either of two entrées - fish or eggplant parmesan. The book we will be reviewing will be "Call it Sleep" by Henry Roth.

Please RSVP by February 5 to Flo Flax c/o TBS Sisterhood 5995 N. Wickham Rd. Melbourne, FL 32940.



Look for Temple Beth Sholom's new Candy Store at the Jewish Festival on Sunday, March 4, 2012

### **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, February 12, we will be screening "Shining Through." Other films, which are planned, are, "Shanghai Ghetto" "The Infidel" and "Defiance." We always have wine, cheese and dessert. There is no charge. Please come and join us!

**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BOOK CLUB:** Meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM, we have the only Jewish themed book club in the area. The schedule is as follows:



January 25, "Jerusalem Maiden" by Talia Carner

February 29, "Songs for the Butcher's Daughter" by Peter Manseau

March 28, "Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman.

April 25, "The Little Bride" by Anna Solomon

May 23, "My Father's Paradise" by Ariel Sabar or "When We Danced on Water" by Evan Fallenberg

You can contact Natalie Oshins, 449-0461 or cell 243-5850 for more information.



**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM JUDAICA SHOP:** We have everything a Jewish home needs!

If you need to see anything, please contact: Sheila Golden 779-1777 or Susan Moser 255-4953 for an appointment.



**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM MEN'S CLUB:** Our next meeting will be Jan 22, 2012 at TBS at 9AM. A bagel and lox breakfast will precede the meeting and program. All TBS men are welcome.

**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.

Please visit us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/pages/TEMPLE-BETH-SHOLOM-MELBOURNE-FL/119752101393817?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/TEMPLE-BETH-SHOLOM-MELBOURNE-FL/119752101393817?ref=ts)

Please check our web page at [www.mytbs.org](http://www.mytbs.org) for the latest news and updates.

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# **Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts**

## **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](http://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, Yahrzeit calculator and a general Jewish/Civil date converter at [www.jewishbrevard.com](http://www.jewishbrevard.com).

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

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## **Jewish War Veterans Walter I Berlin Post 639**

JWV meeting is scheduled for the second Sunday of the month meeting September -June. We meet at Joe's Club 4676 North Wickham Road Melbourne--- In addition to our regular monthly meetings we have an informal luncheons every other week .Membership information and information on our informal luncheon can be obtained from Leonard Shaffer 453-6522. Our up coming events include a Spring Training base ball game on March 25th. In addition we are planning an outing to Hard Rock Casino in Tampa in April and of course our annual picnic in May. Again if you are interested contact us for a complete schedule of events.

Leonard Shaffer  
321-453-6522

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## **Bnai Brith Chanukah baskets**

Again this year, B'nai B'rith Spacecoast Lodge provided Channukah Baskets to needy Jewish families in Brevard County. The baskets included cooking oil, potato pancake mix, applesauce, and a canned vegetable. Also a \$10 Publix gift certificate was included. The baskets were delivered to the Jewish Federation office and the Federation added some additional items and distributed the baskets to families who need them. B'nai B'rith in conjunction with Federation provides baskets at Channukah and Passover to assist Jewish families who otherwise might not be able to celebrate the holidays. This project is part of B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Service according to CVS chairman Stan Flack.

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## **SENIOR TALKERS**

SENIOR TALKERS a discussion and social group for Seniors and meets the third Monday each month unless it is a holiday.

The next meeting will be January 23rd, 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.

Different moderators lead the discussions each month.

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 each month unless it is a holiday.

Next meeting will be Monday February 6th 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.

Following the social and lunch time, a program begins at noon.

The February program will be a presentation by a representative of Coastal Oasis Day Care Center describing Relief Services for Care Givers, and other services they provide.

PRIME TIME programs are different each month throughout the year.

Meetings are open to all and all are welcome.



## ***Jewish Singles Social Club***

***Jewish men and women  
We call upon to you  
To join our Jewish singles club  
And be amongst the crew  
We have so much to offer  
Fun is our middle name  
From comedy clubs to bowling  
Our activities are never lame.  
If you are forty-five to one hundred  
Jewish and single, too  
Then call or email for more info  
We look forward to hearing from you!!***

***Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!  
For more information contact Kandi:  
(321) 432-3655 or [Momkandi@aol.com](mailto:Momkandi@aol.com)***

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### **Hadassah News:**

Please join us for our General Meeting on January 17, 10 AM, at the Eau Gallie Library. There is no charge for this meeting, and refreshments will be served. We welcome as our speaker, the well known Shlomo Fleischman who will discuss his personal experience of surviving a Nazi Labor camp, and the amazing road he traveled since that time. Shlomo is a "larger than life" personality in the Brevard Jewish community.

Mark your calendars for January 24, 2012 for the very exciting annual 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, Fl. 32951 . (951 -1977). Luncheon choices will be Tilapia, Salmon Caesar Salad, or a fruit plate.

Remember, Arlene Gillman is the person to call if you need a card or tree certificate sent for any occasion. Her number is 321-779-1272 or 321-501-7567. The e-mail address is [awqihb@msn.com](mailto:awqihb@msn.com)

On February 24, there will be a Hadassah Shabbat at Temple Beth Shalom, 6 PM, in honor of the 100th anniversary of Hadassah. That is the actual date of the founding of our organization. Please join us as we celebrate this historic day.

For both local and National information regarding programs, our Board of Directors, meeting schedules, and so much more, check out our web site at [www.hadassahbrevard.org](http://www.hadassahbrevard.org).

Myrna Lord

Hadassah Publicity Chair

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## Ich Bin Ein Berliner!

By Cindy O. Bishop



On September 25, 2011, I ran the Berlin Marathon, an amazing experience. But the highlight of my trip was attending Friday night services at the New Synagogue, once Germany's largest temple, the heart of Berlin's Jewish Community. I had written to them in advance, asking to tour their historical temple, and was invited to worship with them on Friday night. In the email, the secretary told me there would be heavy security and I should be prepared to answer questions as to why I wanted in to the building. I arrived early, partly because I didn't want to be late, but also because I wanted to catch a glimpse and hopefully shoot a picture right before sunset of the dome of the synagogue illuminated by the sun's golden rays.

Before I entered the building, history was brought back home to me by a plaque in front of the temple which told of how the temple was burned on November 9, 1938, Kristallnacht, when synagogues all over Germany were burned. There were two armed police men in front of the main entrance, which led me inside, where a scanner like you see in airports was in the lobby. As I put my purse through the scanner, a man was waiting to speak to me. I started talking fast, explaining why I was there, where I came from, and the email I received from the temple. I guess I was a bit freaked out by all the security for a simple Friday night service. When I was done talking, he smiled, looked at me, and said one word: "Shalom". I smiled, and it was as if everything else melted away. I walked into the sanctuary, and I could have been anywhere, at any other temple in the world. The service itself was all in Hebrew, lots of singing, led by a woman rabbi and a woman cantor. The 100 worshippers ranged in age from a 3 month old baby to a gentleman who must have been in his mid-eighties. The rabbi's sermon was in German, but there were a few remarks in English to several of us English speakers. Afterwards I spoke with the rabbi and cantor, and several of the people in the audience who spoke English – a college student from Australia, a 30 something guy working in Germany for a year who was from Florida, another American about my age who moved "home" to Germany, the country where his mother had been born. Everyone was so friendly, and wished me luck in the marathon.

If you are interested in reading more about my experience in Berlin, please check out my blog at: [www.cindyruns.blogspot.com](http://www.cindyruns.blogspot.com)



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## JEWS MAKE HISTORY ON THE SPACE COAST

To celebrate the holiday of Chanukah and to demonstrate our religious pride, over 100 Brevard Jews drove their cars in the Menorah Parade December 22. Each car was adorned with a Chanukah menorah. What a sight! Over 500 people were on hand when the motorcade arrived for a spectacular party in the parking lot of Melbourne Square Mall. Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts may have outdone themselves with this remarkable motorcade and party. Open to the entire Jewish community, the evening included a grand Chanukah lighting ceremony followed by a concert. Entertainers included Rabbi Chaim Fogelman, known around the world for his meaningful Jewish music. His charisma and engaging stage personality made for a wonderful concert. As an additional treat, the audience enjoyed Aleksey Gavrilov, Epcot's premier circus artist & mime. This was surely the religious and festive event of the year.

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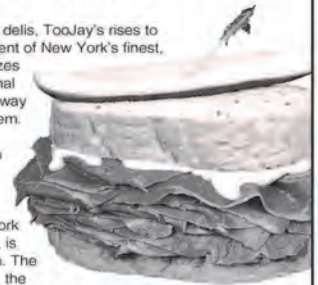
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	Hadassah Gen Mtg 10 am CJCC Women Study Group, 1:30 pm CJCC Torah Study, 7:30 pm	18	6:30 Dollar Movie at the Oaks Theatre 	20	21
TBS Mens Club Meeting 9 am	23	Hadassah Youth Aliyah Luncheon at IRCC CJCC Women Study Group, 1:30 pm CJCC Torah Study, 7:30 pm CJCC Jewish Business Ethics, 7 pm	25	6:30 PM, JFB Board Meeting 	27	TBS Mens Club Melbourne Civic Theatre, "Cactus Flower"
29	30	CJCC Women Study Group, 1:30 pm CJCC Torah Study, 7:30 pm CJCC Jewish Business Ethics, 7 pm	1	2	3	JFB Major Donors Kick-Off Event 
TBS Mens, World Wide Wrap 	6	Prime Time at Tem- ple Israel, 11:30 CJCC Women Study Group, 1:30 pm CJCC Torah Study, 7:30 pm CJCC Jewish Business Ethics, 7 pm	8	9	10	11
Temple Israel, Meet the Scribe, 10:30 am TBS Sisterhood, Lunch & Book Re- view, 12 noon	13	CJCC Women Study Group, 1:30 pm CJCC Torah Study, 7:30 pm CJCC Jewish Business Ethics, 7 pm	JFB Job Club 11:00 am 	16	17	18



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