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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.

2009: The Year in Review

Thanks to the generous financial support of our members, in 2009 our Federation touched many Jewish families in the community, in many ways. We provided Publix food cards to those in need (30 families). We sponsored Jewish youth activities, costing more than \$2,300. We funded the PJ Library program, which delivers free Jewish books to kids (60 kids). This newspaper, The Connection, was provided to members at a cost to Federation of \$3,600 (sign up for email delivery, and help us cut that cost). We awarded \$2,900 in Jewish camp scholarships to needy kids. Federation also awarded more than \$22,000 in scholarships to needy kids for Brevard Jewish Community School and Temple Hebrew schools, from the Hases endowed scholarship fund. Through our social services program, we provided assistance to Jews who needed a little help to get by, and paid their utility bills, medical bills, housing, and transportation. Federation provided Chanukah outreach packages (see the article in this issue of The Connection) to 20 needy families, and Passover outreach packages to 12 needy families. We funded two certificates that were redeemed for trips to Israel (we award the certificates, in the amount of \$500, to every Bar and Bat Mitzvah). We presented our annual Jewish Festival at a cost of over \$10,000, and made a small profit in ticket sales and vendor booths. We provided Visa gift cards to the 40 Israeli students who visited our community, and we paid for their chartered bus transportation during their week-long stay. Our volunteers helped assure the success of Yom Hashoah. All of this, and more, was done with a reduced budget, and we ended 2009 “in the black”. The Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties is alive and well.

2010: Looking Ahead

With your contribution to Campaign 2010, we can do even more in the coming year. The Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties is the ONLY umbrella organization for the benefit of all Jews in our community, no matter what affiliation, or if no affiliation. What we have in common is that we are Jews, each taking care of the other. According to Jewish tradition, the highest form of Tzedakah or charity is giving to a central campaign or community fund Kupah. Today, the Kupah is the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation. Participation in our Annual Campaign is a statement about Jewish values. As Jews, we count on the ability of individuals to uplift the community collectively, and we treasure our historic desire to be full participants in a community’s welfare. A donation to your Federation’s Annual Campaign is an investment by you in your Jewish community; it is a statement by you of belonging to the Jewish people. Without your generous donations, Federation cannot exist. Please help us fulfill our goals for 2010 by completing and mailing the pledge form on the back cover of any issue of The Connection, or by contacting our office for information on how you can pledge your support. Live generously. It does a world of good.

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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 meetings will be February 18, 2010. All Federation members are welcome to attend. For more information please call 321-951-1836.

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All news releases, photographs, articles, publicity and advertising must be received by deadlines announced beforehand, generally the 10th of the preceding month.

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 .

**All e-mails regarding the newspaper
should be sent to
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Synagogues

BREVARD COUNTY

Congregation Mateh Chaim

A Reform Congregation
Rabbi: Fred Natkin
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Palm Bay, FL
(Riviera United Church of Christ)
Telephone: 768-6722
Services: Second and Fourth
Fridays at 7:30p.m.
Web: 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
Services:
Family Service First Friday 6:30 p.m.
all other Fridays 7:30 p.m..
Torah & Tefillah:
every Saturday 9 a.m.
Web: 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

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coast

Affiliation: Chabad Lubavitch
Rabbi: Zvi Konikov
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Satellite Beach, FL 32937
Telephone: 777-2770
Email: 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

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Please send any information or stories that you would like us to consider placing in the Connection to Connection@Bellsouth.net

The deadline for the next issue is

Feb 10, 2010

and will cover the period of

Mar 1—Apr 5, 2010

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



Mt. Hebron Garden at Florida Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home

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Tu B'Shevat

Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot (New Year for Trees)

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar -- celebrated this year on Shabbat, January 30, 2010 -- is the day that marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

The "New Year for Trees" relates to the various tithes that must be separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. These tithes differ from year to year in the seven-year Shemittah cycle; the point at which a budding fruit is considered to belong to the next year of the cycle is the 15th of Shevat.

We mark the day of *Tu B'Shevat* by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. On this day we remember that "Man is a tree of the field" (Deuteronomy 20:19) and reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue.

Purim is a festival that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people of the ancient Persian Empire from Haman's plot to annihilate them, as recorded in the Biblical Book of Esther (*Megillat Esther*). According to the story, Haman cast lots to determine the day upon which to exterminate the Jews.

Purim is celebrated annually according to the Hebrew calendar on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar (Adar II in leap years), the day following the victory of the Jews over their enemies; as with all Jewish holidays, Purim begins at sundown on the previous secular day. In cities that were protected by a surrounding wall at the time of Joshua, including Shushan (Susa) and Jerusalem, Purim is celebrated on the 15th of the month, known as *Shushan Purim*. Purim is characterized by public recitation of the Book of Esther (*keriat ha-megilla*), giving mutual gifts of food and drink (*mishloach manot*), giving charity to the poor (*mattanot la-eyyonim*), and a celebratory meal (*se'udat Purim*); other customs include drinking wine, wearing of masks and costumes, and public celebration.

Jewish exiles from the Kingdom of Judah who had been living in the Babylonian captivity (6th Century BCE) found themselves under Persian rule after Babylonia was in turn conquered by the Persian Empire. According to the Book of Esther, Haman, royal vizier to King Ahasuerus planned to kill the Jews, but his plans were foiled by Esther, his queen. Mordecai, a palace official, cousin and foster parent of Esther, subsequently replaced Haman. The Jews were delivered from being the victims of an evil decree against them and were instead allowed by the King to destroy their enemies, and the day after the battle was designated as a day of feasting and rejoicing.



Donate Your Scrap Gold To The Federation

The Federation is currently accepting donations of scrap gold and other precious metals. We will weigh your donation and provide a receipt to you. The material will then be forwarded to a refinery and the Federation will receive payment for the value of the gold. This is a great way to clean out your jewelry box with old items that you do not use anymore or items which are damaged or tangled.

You can make a donation by contacting the Federation office and scheduling a time to donate the material and process it. We will even make house calls to receive donations. Please contact our office and help Federation help the Jewish community by donating your scrap gold to a good cause.

Thank you for your donations to the Chanukah Outreach program

Approximately 20 families including 18 children received food, food cards and gifts for Chanukah.

Thank you to:

Temple Israel and Pat Catalano for collecting gifts and gift cards for the children

B'nai Brith for the food baskets and \$130 in gift cards

Candice Fisher for shopping with Lisa Pietruszewicz at Toys R Us on Black Friday for Chanukah Outreach

Thank you to the following for donating cash, toys, gift cards or help wrapping gifts:

Paula Wexler & friend
Kandi Siegel
Adam Tritt
Barry Polisar
Paul & Janet Licker
Lori Licker
Joanne Berman
Irvin & Barbara Gelman
Joseph & Bobbi Eller
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Jane Feldman
Barton & Judith Lipofsky
Frank & Anita Palmieri
John & Paige Studer
Martin & Gerda Stokler
Barbara & Bill Rubenstein
Richard & Rita Brooks
Shari Daniel
R.M.



R.M. wrapping gifts for the kids.



Some of the donated gifts



Organizing the gifts for the children.



Don't throw out your old cell phones!

Bring them to the Federation or any drop box location .



If you are like most people, you have been saving them. Now you can help the Federation provide many great programs. This is an easy way to contribute. All we need now is your old cell phones. Call Lisa for more information. (951-1836)

Are you willing to place a drop box at your business location? Call or email today!

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Just for Kids Art Contest

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties

Prizes Awarded to each grade division:

K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

1st Place - \$75.00 Savings Bond

2nd Place - \$50.00 Savings Bond

3rd Place - \$25.00 Savings Bond

All artwork will be displayed
and winners announced at the

Jewish Heritage Festival

Melbourne Auditorium

March 21, 2010

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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Official Entry Form

Name:	Grade:
Address:	
Telephone:	
Circle all that apply:	Jewish Federation Member BJCS Student
Synagogue affiliation (if applicable):	

Artwork and entry form guidelines:

- All artwork must be 2D and use "Exodus" as the theme.
- Artwork must be original, no teacher/parent/adult work.
- Paintings, prints and drawings must be mounted on standard single weight matting or foamboard to the outer dimensions of no less than 8" x 10" and no more than 11" x 14". NO FRAMES PLEASE.
- In keeping with our Jewish Heritage Festival, artwork not staying with the "Exodus" theme or of offensive, controversial or objectionable subject matter will not be accepted.
- All artwork must be submitted to the Jewish Federation by March 1, 2010. BJCS students may submit their artwork at school by the same date.
- Glue this entry form to the artwork's back top right corner.
- Open to all Jewish children in the community.

JANUARY IS FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH

Continued from the last issue of the Connection, **MORE FUN FACTS:**

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WHY FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH

Florida's greatest asset is its people. Diverse cultures have enriched the State since early times. Like other groups, Jews have actively participated in shaping the destiny of Florida. Florida's Jews have brought their visions of freedom and their creativity and have left their footprints across the entire State. Just as Blacks, Women, Hispanics and other groups have a designated month to focus on their contributions to the development of Florida, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to learn how Jews have been involved in enriching the lives and dreams of all Floridians. It is another time to celebrate the strength and richness that our multicultural population brings to our State.

SIGNIFICANCE OF JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO FLORIDA'S DEVELOPMENT

1. Jews have been a significant part of the development of our State since 1763, which is the first year that Jews were *allowed* to live (as Jews) in Florida. Since Florida was owned by Spain from 1513, it was "for Catholics only" for 250 years. The first Jews settled in Pensacola after the Treaty of Paris was signed that turned Florida over from Spain to England.

2. Today, 16% of the American Jewish community lives in Florida. Our State hosts the nation's third largest Jewish community (after NY and CA) with at least 850,000. South Florida has the second largest concentration of Jews in the world, after Israel, at 15%.

3. A Jew, David Levy Yulee, is known as the "architect" of Florida Statehood. As a territorial delegate in 1841, he went to the U.S. Congress to argue for statehood. In 1845 when Florida became the 27th state, Florida's first Senator to serve in Washington was David Levy Yulee. Yulee, the first Jew to serve in the U.S. Congress, also developed Florida's first crossstate railroad. Levy County and the town of Yulee in Nassau County honor him.

4. David Levy Yulee's father, Moses Levy, had come into Florida by 1820 and began purchasing 100,000 acres in north central Florida where, on 1,000 acres, he started a Jewish colony in Micanopy; he was a founder of that city. Twenty-three years before statehood, in 1822, Moses Levy established **Pilgrimage Plantation** that attracted Jews fleeing persecution in Europe and he brought sugar cane and fruit trees. The Plantation was burned down at the onset of the Second Seminole War in 1835. An Orthodox Jew, **Moses Levy was among the earliest and largest developers** in Florida, published a plan to abolish slavery and was a proponent of free education in Florida as a charter member of the Florida Education Society.

5. More than 100 Jewish families have been identified who have lived in Florida over 100 years. The Dzialynski family came to Jacksonville by 1850; is still there--still Jewish. There were six Jewish congregations in Florida before the turn of the 20th century. Today there are more than 300 **congregations** who are involved with improving the quality of life for all people in the State.

6. Floridian Jews have served on local, county, state and federal levels as **politicians** and in many public capacities. Richard Stone served as Florida's Secretary of State then U.S. Senator (1974-80); David Sholtz was Governor (1933-37). In 1990, State Senator Gwen Margolis became the nation's first woman State Senate president. More than 250 Floridian Jews have served as judges and more than 150 Jews have served as mayors.

7. Jews have served in Florida in all the **wars**. Fort Myers is named for Col. Abraham Myers, a Jewish West Point graduate who was the quartermaster for the fort in the Indian wars during the mid-1800s. Jacksonville's Admiral Ellis Zacharias, Chief of Naval Intelligence during WWII, helped break the Japanese code in 1941 that resulted in the U.S. victory in the Pacific.

8. The contributions made by Jews to the development of Florida are in every sector. A Jew was a founder of the Florida Cattlemen's Association (Saul Snyder of St. Augustine); Jews have been prominent in the citrus, tomato and tobacco industries. An Orlando Jew and a graduate of the University of Florida in 1948 received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1968 for breaking the genetic code (Marshall Warren Nirenberg). Jews have been active in the development and construction industries including creating cities (Cape Coral, San Carlos Park, Bay Harbor Islands and Seaside) and highways, in banking and insurance, the arts, education, military and science, agriculture, space industry, the professions and much more.

9. For nearly 250 years, Jews have lived in Florida and maintained traditions of their heritage.

Jews represent one immigrant group in our multiculturally diverse state.

10. The Jewish Museum of Florida, opened in 1995, is located on South Beach in two adjacent former synagogues, on the National Register of Historic Places, that were lovingly restored by the Museum. The mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the Jewish experience in Florida. .



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BREVARD JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**Early Learning Center: Two-Yr-Old Program, Pre-School, Pre-K
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Every child brings into this world their own gift....

Focus

Independent thinking, problem solving and creativity....

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Small student-teacher ratio by certified teachers....

Integrated curriculum along with second language studies....

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Foster love of lifelong learners....

Sixth grade graduates testing at high school or
post high school level on SAT scores....

Ethics

Values and morals instilled daily....

Accreditation

SACS/CASI-rated as a school of excellence....

To arrange a private tour and for additional information, please call the school office at 757-0832

Congregation Beth El Open House – January 22, 2010

As part of our goal to offer a Conservative Jewish experience to those who have not recently attended temple, Congregation Beth El will offer an “open house” Shabbat service, followed by an “Oneg Shabbat” coffee and cake social, on Friday night, January 22nd, at our synagogue, located in the Universalist Unitarian facility, 2185 Meadowland Avenue, in West Melbourne. We conduct Friday Shabbat services on the 1st and 3rd Friday night (8 PM) of each month, and conduct complete Saturday Shabbat Torah Service on the 2nd and 4th Saturday morning (9:30 AM) of each month (summer months of June and July are excluded). Following each service, there is an Oneg Shabbat or Kiddish in our social hall. We also conduct services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippor, as well as a Passover Seder, a family style dinner prior to Rosh Hashanah, and a family style dinner during Hanukkah. Because we are able to utilize the skills of our membership to conduct services, our operating expenses are minimal, and therefore, our dues are also minimal. We welcome new members and look forward to bringing you into our friendly congregation. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a member of Beth El, please contact our president, Eric Smitt – (321) 698-8307, (321)-952-7236 or k9es@cfl.rr.com.

Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 PM

Join Rabbi Avrohom Lipszyc, legendary counselor on Kabbalistic thought, for an evening of wisdom and achievement. Learn Rabbi Lipszyc's 7 short techniques you can fit into your daily schedule that will invigorate your personal growth. RSVP by January 8. \$5 in advance. \$10 at the door.

Sunday, February 28, 5:00 PM

Chabad's famous Purim party and dinner. This year's theme is Purim in the Wild West. Mark your calendar. Get your boots and britches ready for a rousing good time in the Chabad tradition.

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.

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
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CJCC Hebrew School – Sundays 9:30 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.

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.

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!

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.

Complete Kosher Grocery Store on Wheels

Every other Thursday between 4-6 PM, enhance your Jewish life by shopping at Kosher on Wheels. Their refrigerated trailer full of Glatt kosher meats and loads of other kosher products is parked at the Chabad Jewish Community Center.

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.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING Winter Session: Jan 10 - March 28

Every Sunday Afternoon except January 31st.

- 12:30 - 1:15 **Youth:** (10 yrs +): taught by youth instructor
1:30 - 2:30 **Intermediate:** dancers with a good understanding of dance vocabulary words, and the ability to quickly implement dance steps, will learn popular Israeli dances.
2:30 - 3:30 **Beginner:** dancers will learn basic Israeli dances as they familiarize themselves with dance steps and dance vocabulary words.

Everyone is invited - Dance music available

For more details, please contact Wendy Roy at 321-723-4346 or email RoyGroup@aol.com

Sponsored by Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood
Lucy Podnos Education Center, 5995 N Wickham Road, Melbourne
(located behind Temple Beth Sholom Synagogue)



The Temple Israel Players presents "DAVEN WITH DISNEY"



Under the direction of Cantor Patricia Ernest Hickman

Join the characters from Aladdin, Cinderella, Lion King, the Little Mermaid and many more
at Temple Israel on Saturday evening, February 27th at 7:30 PM!

Costumes are encouraged! Parade & Prizes. Megillah reading at 7:00 PM

Tickets are:

\$7.50 per adult/\$5.00 Children under 12 for non-members

\$5.00 per adult/\$3.00 Children under 12 for Temple Israel members

They may be purchased from the office, the Judaica Shop or our Religious School.

Concessions will be available during the intermission.

Send your ticket requests to:

Temple Israel, 7350 Lake Andrew Dr., Viera, FL 32940

pcatalano@tiofbrevard.com

For more information call: 631-9494

ALICE'S TEA PARTY
WOMEN OF TEMPLE ISRAEL
INVITES ITS MEMBERS
to "High Tea" and Fun

To be held in the Social Hall of Temple Israel

Sunday, February 28, at 2:00 in the afternoon

Reservations by February 17th, a must!

To make a reservation...for more information...

Or to become a member of Women of Temple Israel

Contact: Michelle Pivar, President

253-5874 m.pivar@att.net or

Holly Del Valle, Membership VP

795-5607 challaha1@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE BIG ANNUAL EVENT COMING

The Women of Temple Israel

Is preparing for the

ANNUAL FUN AND GAMES DAY EVENT

Thursday, April 22, 2010

All Day Event starting at 11:00 a.m.

Including scrumptious Lunch

Watch for more details in the next issue

Jewish Singles Social Club

We would like to wish all our friends of the Jewish Community a happy and healthy New Year. If you are between the ages of 40-140, come check out our group. We have lots of wonderful events planned for the new year.

Call Kandi (321) 432-3655 or by email: Momkandi@aol.com



Hadassah News

Rabbi Richard Margolis will present a most interesting and informative program, "The Dead Sea Scrolls", at our General meeting on January 19, 2010. If you have had the pleasure of hearing Rabbi Margolis at past meetings, you know that you will not want to miss this event.

Noted author and lecturer, Marshall Frank will join us on February 16, 2010 to speak about "Militant Islam In America." This timely and most relevant topic should be a priority for all.

This meeting will take place at 9:30 AM at the the Eau Gallie Library. All are welcome with refreshments being served.

Please note, our annual membership Brunch will be held at the Tides (Patrick Air Force Base Officer's Club) on Sunday, January 24, 2010, 11 AM. Your donation for this wonderful day is \$30.00. For further information, please call Beth Shaffer at (321-453-6522).

As you know, Hadassah outdoes itself each year with the annual Youth Aliyah Luncheon. This year will be no exception, as Youth Aliyah and Young Judea join to make this a day to remember. Stein Mart will present an outstanding fashion show at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 11:30 AM. Hadassah will be honoring Young Judeans and any youth who have made Aliyah or attended Birthright programs from Brevard County. Beautiful certificates will be given to those people or to their parents as they are honored for their devotion to State of Israel. Call Barbara Perlmutter for further information(727-7361).

B'NAI B'RITH

In December, B'nai B'rith Spacecoast Lodge #3106 provided Chanukah food baskets to 20 needy Jewish families in Brevard County. B'nai B'rith purchased the food items and they were distributed by Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties. Each basket contained Potato Pancake Mix, Vegetable Oil, Apple Sauce, Canned Vegetable and Canned Soup. Space Coast Lodge purchased some \$10 gift cards for perishable items. According to Stan Flack, Community Volunteer Service chairman, Space Coast Lodge has provided Chanukah and Passover baskets to local needy Jewish families for many years.

Mark your Calendar for:

Jewish Heritage Festival 2010

**Sunday March 21, 2010
at the Melbourne Auditorium
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

PRIME TIME


Prime Time, a social group for seniors, meets on the second Monday of each month at One Senior Place in Viera, starting at 11:00 a.m. The January meeting featured Linda Margolis, Founder & Coordinator of Brevard Antique & Collectors Club, who spoke on "Antiques & Collectibles". Lunch and socializing follow each meeting. Attendees bring their own "brown bag" lunches. Dessert & beverages are provided. The February meeting will be on the 8th, topic to be announced later.

Each Prime Time program is different with an assortment of interesting topics or programs throughout the year. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome. For further information please call 636-3484

SENIOR TALKERS

Senior Talkers, a discussion and social group for seniors, meets on the second Monday of each month at One Senior Place in Viera starting at 12 noon. The next meeting dates will be February 8th. Those attending bring "brown bag" lunches, dessert and beverages are provided. Lunch and socializing goes for half an hour with members intermingling and socializing with the previous Prime Time attendees. Then the Moderator of the day takes over and an hour of open discussions on various current events and other topics of controversial nature follow, giving stimulation to keep our minds alert.

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Nancy & Bob Carvin on the death of Nancy's mother,
Theresa Kaplan, on December 12, 2009

Les and Ivy Block on the death of their son,
Ryan Block on January 1, 2010

Nathan Kantor on the death of his wife,
Rox Kantor on the death of her mother,
Shirley Kantor on January 11, 2010

Ron & Norma Levy on the death of
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Excitement reigned as **Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts** hosted a community wide celebration Sunday, December 13 at Traxx Jungle Village in Cape Canaveral. As part of this year's Chanukah celebration in Brevard County, the day was filled with the warmth of a united Jewish community as Jews from all congregations enjoyed the Chanukah festivities.

Old and young had a blast...even Rabbi Konikov was seen zipping around the track!

Most of the crowd, especially the kids, held a candle as Holocaust survivor Seymour Baum lit the first candle during the Grand Menorah lighting.

About 350 people also enjoyed the Fire Eating and Sword Swallowing show following the Menorah lighting. This was a wonderful day that celebrated Chanukah plus the joy of Jews from all congregations enjoying the day together.

Traxx Jungle Village has been a wonderful friend of the Jewish community and allowed the selling of delicious (kosher of course) barbeque, sufganiot, and latkes.

Live music, mini golf, go-kart raceway, batting cages, laser tag, rock climbing and bumper cars are just some of the exciting activities enjoyed by all at the Chanukah Extravaganza. See pictures at jewishbrevard.com

**COME TO THE DANCE PARTY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
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The Nat Kaye Band will be performing music from the 50's to the 90's, as well as our favorite Yiddish tunes!

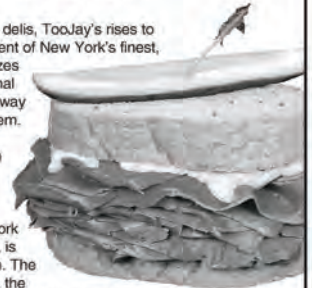
Temple Israel Men's Club will be providing delicious snack foods and desserts.

Cost is \$ 12.00 per person or \$ 15.00 at the door.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 19 - February 28

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17	18	19 Hadassah Mtg, 9:30 am E.G. Library 1:30 CJCC Women's Grp 6:30 B'nai Brith Gourmet Club at Café Margot 7 pm Beg. Bridge at T.I.	20	21 JFB Board Meeting 6:30 PM	22 Services at the Fountains, 3 pm Cong Beth El Open House 8 pm	23
24 Hadassah Brunch 11 am PAF Ofc Club Israeli Folk Dancing 12:30-3:30 pm at Lucy Podnos Ed Ctr	25 Festival Meeting at Temple Israel 6:30 7 pm Defend & Play Bridge at Temple Israel	26 1:30 CJCC Women's Study Group 7 pm Beg. Bridge at T.I.	27 TBS Book Club 2 pm	28	29	30 TU B'SHEVAT
31 7:00 pm Movie Night at TBS	1 Mateh Chaim Board Mtg, 7 pm 7 pm Defend & Play Bridge at Temple Israel	2 Hadassah Bd Mtg 1:30 CJCC Women's Study Group 7 pm Beg. Bridge at T.I.	3 7:30 pm B'nai Brith Bd Mtg	4 TBS Board Mtg	5	6 TBS Gala at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7 pm
7 Israeli Folk Dancing 12:30-3:30 pm at Lucy Podnos Ed Ctr Bnai Brith Golf BB Super Bowl Party	8 11:00 AM Prime Time at One Senior Place 12:00 Senior Talkers at One Senior Place 7 pm Defend & Play	9 1:30 CJCC Women's Study Group 7 pm Beg. Bridge at T.I.	10	11	12	13 Dance Party-Temple Israel 7 PM
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28 PURIM Israeli Folk Dancing 12:30 Lucy Podnos Ed Ctr Chabad Purim Party, 5 pm Alice's Tea Party Temple Israel 2 pm						



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