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Jewish Academy of Orlando students score two and three grade levels ahead of their peers compared to national norms

For the fourth straight year, on average, students at Jewish Academy of Orlando performed at least two grade levels ahead of their peers nationwide. Each April, Jewish Academy students take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, a nationally standardized achievement test for K-12 students. The test allows schools to compare students’ scores to national norms in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science.

This year, the upper grades at Jewish Academy outperformed their past achievements, with average scores of three grade levels ahead of their peers.

The Iowa Assessments rank the students’ scores by grade level equivalents. As a general guide, a score of 8.4 for a 5th grader means the student is testing on an achievement continuum at a level equivalent to an 8th grader in their fourth month, or also indicates they are 3 years and 4 months ahead of their current grade level.

“We are always thrilled to see our students’ scores and even more delighted about the upper grades’ performance,” Alan Rusonik stated, who is beginning his fifth year of Head of School. “The scores show the nation that Jewish Academy of Orlando is a top-ranking school, not only in Orlando but in our country.”

“We try to challenge every student to the best of their ability. Differentiated learning,” Rusonik explains, “provides students with instruction, which adjusts learning, projects, homework, and classwork to meet the needs of each individual student. Through differentiated learning, teachers increase the speed at which a student covers the material. This could include opportunities for instruction beyond their current grade level to more challenging material.”

While many schools focus on “teaching to the test,” Jewish Academy of Orlando focuses on the love of learning and high achievement through innovative, differentiated curriculum based on students’ individual needs.

“We use this test for a variety of reasons. One is to get a glimpse of how our student body is performing against national norms. It is one of many indicators teachers use to gauge how well students have met benchmarks at each grade level,” Rusonik said. “We are proud of our students, and we truly believe that our dedicated teachers ensure that our students reach their fullest potential.”

To learn more about the Jewish Academy of Orlando, please visit https://www.jewishacademyorlando.org or follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/JewishAcademyOrlando.
Clermont Congregation Sinai celebrates their new location

Even before the new school year kicked off this month, local students and educators were hard at work learning, sharing and growing by participating in two programs by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando’s Jewish Teen Education Network. On Aug. 6, nearly 40 Central Florida teens gathered at Camp Challenge in Sorrento for “New Beginnings,” the first-ever Communitywide Teen Education Retreat, a two-day event sponsored and organized by JTEN.

After the teens arrived, they participated in icebreakers, followed by a learning session led by Cantor Kim Singer of Temple Shir Shalom and Jayme Epstein of BBYO. Dinner was followed by a campfire (with s’mores, of course) and a singalong led by Amy Geboff of Congregation Ohev Shalom. The students enjoyed dessert before heading back to their cabins for the night.

Day Two of the retreat opened with a prayerful meditation led by Rabbi Joshua Neely, followed by a Shabbat service, morning service and nature walk. Daniel Sabatinn and Lauren Oback of Congregation of Reform Judaism presented on the theme of “High Holiday Programming and Leadership.” This organization serves as a house of prayer, assembly and study in which the spectrum of Jewish expression is cultivated, protected and nurtured. With student education programs for children, adult education, bible study groups, bar/bat mitzvah study programs and group tours to Israel; they strive to educate adults and children in Judaism’s rich heritage with contemporary significance, while abiding Jewish culture, rituals, traditions and values. They hold Shabbat Services every Friday Night with Torah readings, Bible & Bagel study workshops, Healing Services, many very creative service events as well as special services for every major Jewish Holiday. Sinai has a very active Sisterhood with special events and annual fashion shows. They also host various women’s outreach programs involving all area churches. Their Men’s Club is active with monthly movie and pizza nights, charitable programs as well as their annual golf tournament.

The new board of directors is led by Peter Sobel as president. Congregation Sinai offers a full and comprehensive education program with an active Sisterhood and Men’s Club. They regularly supply donations of food and supplies for the local schools as well as food and clothing for Puerto Rican and US Virgin Islands relief. While the local Jewish community attends prayer services and special events, they have opened their doors to the entire community, regardless of faith. They hold ongoing food drives for the needy and infertile faith activities to promote understanding among our different cultures. They welcome all with open arms and hearts to their services. They provide a warm spiritual environment for observance of Jewish holidays, traditions and celebration of our members’ life cycle events.

For more information about their Friday night and the upcoming High Holiday services, membership and special events; contact: Congregation Sinai at 1200 West Broad Street, Groveland, FL 34736. Phone 352-243-5335. Email info@congregation-sinai.org. Affordable High Holiday and annual membership packages are available.

Federation’s JTEN helps students, teachers gear up for new school year

Students, educators and staff at the 2018 JTEN teen retreat at Camp Challenge in Sorrento, Fla., Aug. 6-7, 2018.

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Rollins’ Hillel is home away from home at Rosh Hashanah

Emily Block

“Why are we here?” the question hung in the air of the first board meeting of the revamped Rollins Hillel student board. Sure, who doesn’t love free Shabbat dinners and trips to Israel, but really, at the end of the day, why are we here? There are over 100 student organizations in addition to athletics, Greek life, internships, etc., that students at Rollins can be a part of. Why is it important that there is a Jewish student organization on campus? After a moment a student leader looked up, thought for a moment, and said, “Everyone needs someone in their life they feel like they belong, and for the nearly 200 Jewish students at Rollins, this is that place. I want this to be a place for the Rollins Jewish community to call home. Whether this is a physical space or through events and relationships, I want Jewish students from across campus to feel that they are welcomed and connected to the other Jewish students.” That sentiment sums up the hours of work our student leaders dedicate to the Jewish community on campus, and every Shabbat we hold, every brunch and holiday service, is in pursuit of creating a community where Jewish students feel connected to their peers and ultimately, to their culture and faith.

This year at Rollins there has been one filled with peaks and growing pains as we will establish a new student leadership team on campus. We restructured our program reflecting the values of the Jewish community on campus and we are able to truly meet the diverse needs of the Jewish students at Rollins College. From Shabbat services to Tuesday Schmooze-Day Hague bruches, Torah on Tap happy hours, the creation of an AIPAC cadre and increased opportunities for student leadership, Hillel is reinventing the way students can “do Jewish” at Rollins.

We started off the fall term strong with a Welcome Back Bonfire, and even though the rain may have forced us inside for our first Schmooze-Day, we feel connected to their peers and ultimately, to their culture and faith. This year at Rollins has been one filled with peaks and growing pains as we will establish a new student leadership team on campus. We restructured our program reflecting the values of the Jewish community on campus and we are able to truly meet the diverse needs of the Jewish students at Rollins College. From Shabbat services to Tuesday Schmooze-Day Hague bruches, Torah on Tap happy hours, the creation of an AIPAC cadre and increased opportunities for student leadership, Hillel is reinventing the way students can “do Jewish” at Rollins.

Students will celebrate the High Holidays away from home for the first time. Student will be presented with a multitude of freedoms and challenges for Hanukkah and Rosh Hashanah. We here at Hillel work to empower students to have ownership over their High Holiday experience. No matter how they celebrate they know that Rollins is there to support them as they navigate what it means to do Jewish, on their own terms. L’Shana Tova! Wishing you a sweet, joyful and healthy New Year, from our family to yours! Emily Block, Rollins College Hillel director
By Ben Cohen

(JNS)—In all the furor around the anti-Semitism plaguing the British Labour Party, I’ve noticed two things we are missing from the discussion: the people on both the party and its far-left leader, Jeremy Corbyn.

Corbyn is a co-founder of the International Rabbinic Fellowship and longtime Jewish activist for the Law of Return as applying exclusively to Jews. He is a co-founder of the International Rabbinic Yeshivat Maharat rabbinical schools. He is of individual equality for all of its citizens.

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As we seek forgiveness via prayer, repentance and charity for our heavenly transgressions, as we seek forgiveness for doing wrong ourselves, and as we forgive those from whom we have mistreated or hurt, and in turn to forgive those who have beheld badly toward us.

A good start then would begin by reintroducing the concept of forgiveness despite our different views, and forgiving those with whom we had issues during this past year.

Respecting that for another one may mean continuing to listen, to forgive those may have damaged me, and to forgive those I view as enemies. This Rosh Hashanah, supporters and detractors of Jeremy Corbyn—both of which are so egregious as to be unforgivable. This, I believe, is our mandate, our “tzav ha-shavua” in you wish to comment or respond to any of the contents herein you can reach me at mpearlm@orlandoheritage.com.

For more on forgiveness, see Yeshiva University’s Center for the Study of Jewish Law and Ethics, http://www.jewishlawcenter.org. This site offers a “Library of Jewish Ethic and Law” that includes a comprehensive database of essays, articles and books, many of which are available for free.

And no democracy faces the existential challenges that Israel does. Despite threats on its borders, and even within, the Israeli Supreme Court has bordered on cowardice: when someone doesn’t want to take responsibility for their own faults or problems, they blame the Jews.

Now imagine agreeing with him, as Almond clearly grasps the critical role that anti-Semitism has played historically. The problem is that it is not only to appear anti-Semitic in its vulgar, crude form only: ugly myths about Jews and Judaism have been recycled, and perpetuated, by the grotesque polemicists who are Jewish who in January marched with the anti-Zionist and anti-Semites (redundancy!) in a parade at Tel Aviv’s initial protest march. This co-founder of the International Rabbinic Yeshivat Maharat rabbinical schools. He is a co-founder of the International Rabbinic Fellowship and longtime Jewish activist for the Law of Return as applying exclusively to Jews.

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**Reducing the Palestinian Impact of UNRWA**

By Sarah N. Stern

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

Happy new year from the Roth JCC!

Keith Dvorochik

There is much more to come in the upcoming year including planned new tennis courts and a new tennis center, additions to our fitness program through new equipment and classes, as well as a revitalized spin program including new spin bikes! We cannot wait to show you what we have in store.

Shana Torah and we will see you at the Roth JCC!

Keith Dvorochik, CEO

Easy puzzle

“Starts to the New Year” by Yoni Glatt

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5. Not live, as on TV
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14. Sunburn soother
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16. Arches National Park state
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For 40 years, Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando has served the needs of our neighbors, regardless of race, religion, culture or national origin. We have cared for tens of thousands of those neighbors, keeping true to our mission of “providing services to stabilize individuals and families in crisis, and enhancing the quality of life across generations to all members of the Central Florida community.” We strive to ensure that our mission is reflected in everything we do. Our mission gives us purpose and direction and we appreciate the opportunities that our mission provides. We continue to provide those services in four core service areas: Mental and Emotional Stability, Hunger, Homelessness Prevention and Aging Services.

Annually, the Jewish New Year gives us the opportunity to reflect on the lives we changed and the impact that we have in our community. The delivery and relevance of our programs have allowed us to grow our services, thereby allowing us to serve more people. However, the need is still great.

Whether a family needs counseling following a crisis, or a parent needs help putting food on the dinner table, Jewish Family Services provides the help necessary to meet these basic yet vital needs of our community. Our services are as diverse as those we serve. We are proud to offer counseling services that care for clients from age four and up, the Pearlman Emergency Food Pantry that provides shelf stable foods, produce and meats; transportation for the elderly and disabled for medical appointments and essential shopping; emergency financial assistance; a structured family stabilization program that has tremendous success and outcomes; and more.

In reviewing Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando are a great example of a community coming together because they need to. Because we still need to today. Because Central Florida needs us, the resources we offer and the services we provide. We need these sorts of pure motives to nurture genuine communities. What we will continue to provide and create with your help will be something remarkable.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients that we serve, our best wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and prosperous 5779.

Michael McKee, president
Eric Geboff, executive director
Central Florida Synagogues

Orlando Weekday Morning Minyan (Conservative/Egalitarian), services Monday-Friday 7:45 a.m. (9 a.m.—national holidays); 2nd floor Chapel—Jewish Academy of Orlando; 851 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland. For information call 407-298-4650.

Celebration Jewish Congregation (R), services and holiday schedules shown at www.jewishcelebration.org; 407-566-9792.

Chabad Lubavitch of North Orlando (O), 1701 Markham Woods Road, Longwood, 407-636-5994, www.jewishorlando.com; services: Friday 7:00 p.m.; Saturday at 9:30 a.m.


Chabad of South Orlando (O), 7347 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, 407-354-3660; www.jewishorlando.com; Shabbat services: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 10 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m.

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts (O), 1190 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach, 321-777-2770.

Congregation Ahasuer Israil (Chabad) (O), 708 Lake Howell Rd., Maitland, 407-644-2500; www.chabadorlando.com; services: Sunday, 9 a.m.; Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Shabbat services: Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Family service, 4th Friday of the month.

Congregation Bet Chenin (R), 389 Sand Lake Road, Longwood, 407-862-3505; www.chestinorth.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Bet El (C), 2185 Meadowlawn Ave., West Melbourne, 321-779-6740; Shabbat services, 1st & 3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Bet Emeth (R), 2205 Blue Sapphire Circle, Orlando, 407-222-6200; Shabbat service: monthly, 8 p.m.

Congregation Bet Israel (Re) (R), Collins Resource Center, Suite 303, 9401 S.R. 200, Orlando, 352-237-8272; betisraelaoec@gmail.com; Shabbat service, Second Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Congregation Bet Shalom (Progressive Conservative), Orange City congregation holds services at 1388 E. Normandy Blvd., Deltona, 386-804-8283; www.mybethshalom.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m.

Congregation Bet Torah (C), 5911 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, 32174, 386-672-1174; www.mybethshalom.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.

Congregation Chadab Lubavitch of Greater Daytona (O), 1677 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, 386-672-9300; Shabbat services Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation of Reform Judaism (R), 529 Malone Dr., Orlando, 407-645-0444; www.crojorlando.org; Shabbat services, 7 p.m. 1st and 2nd Fridays; 6 p.m., 4th and 5th Fridays; 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Congregation Match Chaim (R), P.O. Box 068487, Palm Bay, 32906, 321-768-6722.

Congregation Ohev Smi (C), 613 Concord Avenue Parkway South, Maitland, 407-298-4650; www.ohevshalom.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shalom Aleichem (R), 2501 Oak Pointe Drive, Kissimmee, 407-935-0064; www.shalomaleichem.com; Shabbat service, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 8 p.m.

Congregation Shomer Tznel (C), 5358 Hoffer Ave., Orlando, 407-227-1258, call for services and holiday schedules.

Congregation Sinai (C/R), 3031 S. S.R. 27, Minneola, 321-753-4233; congregationsiniohio.net; services every Friday; 7:30 p.m.; Shabbat Service event Saturday, 10 a.m.

Orlando Torah Center (O), 8599 Banyan Blvd., Orlando, 347-456-6458; Shacharis-Shabbos 9 a.m.; Mon.—Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Sun. and Legal Holidays 8 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv Please call for times.

Southwest Orlando Jewish Congregation/Ohalai Rikso (O), 12100 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., Orlando, 407-239-5444; Shabbat service, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Beth El (R), 579 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, 386-677-2484.

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Temple Beth Shalom (C), 40 Wellington Drive, Palm Coast, 386-445-3006; Shabbat services, Friday, 5 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Beth Shalom (C), 5995 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne, 321-254-6331; www.mybethshalom.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Minyan, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Temple Beth Shalom (O), 1109 N.E. 8th Ave., OCRA, 352-629-3587; Shabbat services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Torah study Saturday, 9:30 a.m. sharp.

Temple B’nai Darom (O), 49 Banyan Course, Ocala, 352-624-0380; Friday Services 8 p.m.

Temple Israel (C), 3891 Banyan Blvd., Orlando, 407-672-1174; www.mybrewisrael.org; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Israel (R), 579 N. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, 321-779-0740; 2185 Meadowlawn Ave., West Melbourne, 321-779-0740; www.mybethshalom.com; Shabbat services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Temple Israel of DeLand (R), 851 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, 386-335-2697; www.templeshirshalom.org; Shabbat services: three Fridays each month, 7:30 p.m.

Traditional Congregation of Mount Dora (T) (Mount Dora, 352-735-4774; www.tcomd.org; Shabbat services, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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Tracey Kagan wins Democratic Primary in Florida House District 29

LONGWOOD—Tracey Kagan, Democrat for State Representative District 29, won her primary election on Tuesday by a 21 margin. Kagan, a Ruth’s List endorsed candidate, defeated her primary opponent, Dar- ryll Block, with 66.8 percent of the vote in all 34 precincts. She is veteran criminal defense attorney, community activist and a Seminole County mother of three. She will now face Rep. Scott Plakon, the Republican incumbent, in the general election on Nov. 6, 2018.

"This win is a pinch-me moment and a dream come true," said Kagan. "It is also the culmination of months of speaking with the voters of District 29, knocking doors, calling and really listening."
Rosh Hashanah message from the Jewish Academy of Orlando

Many people are familiar with the “Aleinu” prayer recited at the conclusion of each Jewish prayer service. I would even venture to say that it is one of the favorite prayers of the Jewish people because it indicates that services are coming to an end. What many people don’t realize is that this ancient prayer was originally only recited as part of the High Holiday liturgy. It was so popular that the rabbis decided to incorporate it as the concluding prayer of our daily service. During Aleinu we bend our knees and bow in prayer as a symbol of our dedication and commitment to God. The prayer also contains the phrase “L’Taken Olam B’Malchut Shaddai” which means “to repair the world in G-d’s sovereignty.” From this phrase, we have derived the more familiar concept of Tikkun Olam, the call to the Jewish people to repair our broken and fractured world in partnership with the Torah’s teachings. This call for universal justice has been a clarion call of the Jewish people since ancient times. At Jewish Academy of Orlando, one of our core values is leadership. The core value reads “We empower students to become leaders and challenge them to go out and change the world through the concept of Tikkun Olam.” Jewish day schools have been nurturing the leaders of our Jewish communities for decades. Around the country, graduates of Jewish day schools are the leaders of their Federations, KCS, synagogues and other communal organizations. Studies indicate that Jewish day school graduates tend to give more Tzedakah, support Israel and are engaged in the community at a higher level than their peers who did not attend Jewish day school. The idea of Tikkun Olam is at the core of everything we teach and do at Jewish Academy. It is the message that we bless our students with each and every day. As in the Aleinu prayer, we teach our students that it is incumbent on each and every one of them to make our world a better place, to look at the world around them and say “how can I make a difference?” At Jewish Academy, we encourage our students to change the world, one good deed at a time. This is what has made Jewish Academy of Orlando a unique and special place in our community for over 40 years.

So yes, Hillel does work, and May this New Year be a year of peace and righteousness, and may we all work together to repair our broken world. L’Shana Tova Tikatevu V’Techatem! May you be written and inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of health and wholesomeness! May this be a year of learning and growing for you and all of your loved ones!

Alan Ruszonik, head of school

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**A great beginning for Hillel at Stetson—L’Shana Tova and go Hatters!**

I have to confess something—when I was in college, I did not go to Hillel. I made a deal with my mother that I would go once a semester for a bagel brunch or a Shabbat dinner, but after fall of my freshman year, I decided it wasn’t for me (sorry Mom). Even five years ago when I moved to the Orlando area to help restart Central Florida Hillel I was skeptical. Does Hillel work? Does it have an impact? Can truly welcoming and inclusive community really exist on a college campus?

Through no small amount of coaching, and an even larger amount of patience, my friend and mentor, Aaron Weil (whose High Holiday message is somewhere near here), I came to see the impact that a truly exceptional Hillel can have. Notably, that excellent Hillels develop excellent students, who foster excellence on campus, and it’s inspiring to watch an excellent Hillel develop at Stetson.

In the past few months, Stetson Hillel has hosted:

- The first Shavuot celebration in the history of the university where Jewish and non-Jewish students came to eat cheesecake, celebrate Shavuot, and discuss commandments and values together.
- The largest Shabbat dinner in the history of the university, with 1/3 of the Jewish population in attendance, the president and her husband joining us, and a service that can only come when you’re experiencing something magical.
- A back to school BBQ where over 80 hot dogs, 40 hamburgers and tons of chips and sodas were consumed in the sprawling yard of the Stetson Hillel House.
- A weekly values-based “Joe Wanna Talk About It?” discussion series where students come to discuss Jewish values and how they relate to each themselves, to the campus, and to the greater Jewish community.
- Looking ahead, Stetson Hillel has a full program of holidays, events, shindigs, get-togethers, meals parties and other opportunities for students to be together including:
  - Weekly Shabbat dinners
  - High Holiday meals and services for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah
  - A week of programming as part of the statewide Reverse Tashlich program developed by Hillels of the Florida Suncoast
  - Delegations, the first in the history of Stetson, to the JNF College Summit in Arizona, and the AIPAC Saban ART training in New Jersey
  - A Chanukah bar night to celebrate the end of the seme- ster, celebrate Chanukah, and add our own light to the world

We are also developing our first AIPAC Cadet Hat- terPAC, working on bringing in great speakers and beginning discussions with campus catering on ensuring students who keep Kosher have options to eat on campus with their meal plan. It’s an exciting time, and it’s a busy time, and you’re welcome to join us.

Sam Friedman, Hillel director

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It’s that time of the year again when roughly 350,000 Jewish college students will be facing the High Holidays away from home. Whether for the very first time or just returning for another year of school, this is a time of the year when students that prefer an environment more like their shuls and temples back home. These offerings weren’t always available here in Orlando and, as 5778 is making way for 5779, it is impressive to consider how just one year has changed so much on our campuses here in Central Florida.

This time last year, there was no Hillel staff at Rollins College and now we have an associate director of Jewish Student Life, Emily Block, who is leading a movement to create a vibrant, dynamic and sustainable Jewish community. This was highlighted when on Passover, President Grant Cornwell became the first president in Rollins’ 130-year history to host a Passover seder at Barker House.

This time last year, there was no Hillel staff at Stetson University and now they have Sam Friedman (formerly our assistant director) as the first Hillel director at Florida’s oldest university. There are literally more programs in the next two weeks at Stetson than there were almost all of last year and they are just getting started.

This time last year, there was no Israel Fellow to serve our campuses here in Central Florida. Now we have Weli Gel-tershowill be working with our students to educate the campus community about Israel.

This time last year, we had no rabbi to provide for the spiritual needs of our students. This year, we have an amazing partnership with Yehudi which brought us Rabbi Yisrael and Tamar Ahituv whose beautiful home just down the street from campus is already being filled with students who are eager to learn more about their heritage, as well as experience the feeling of being in a home away from home.

At the board level this time last year, we were still evolving from a nascent board to a more expansive model. Under the leadership of Board Chair Dana Bial, the board approved a new set of bylaws, introduced a committee structure where every board member serves, and inaugurated the agency’s first strategic plan so that the organization that is the gateway for young adults coming into our community, can prepare a path for sustainability for the future.

Dana Bial, Hillel Board chair Aaron Weil, CEO

Kinneret residents reminisce about High Holidays past

Carol Feuerman, Rhonda Pearlman, Sharon F. Weil

In the next few days we’ll celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holidays. It’s a time of renewal and hope, a time of forgiveness and turning away from sin.

It is a time of renewal and heralding in the new year 5779. This is a time of the year when family—filled with good food, traditions and wishes—meets family—filled with good food, traditions and wishes. One of the most moving experiences is hearing the blast of the shofar. According to tradition, on Rosh Hashanah the past is brought to the fore, and God remembers our deeds and our actions. But I believe God isn’t the only one who remembers; this is a time when we can also “remember ourselves.”

Intertwined with memory is an element of judgment and personal responsibly, a defining characteristic of Rosh Hashanah. By remembering, we compare between the past the present, between our hopes and expectations and the way they played out in reality. We don’t just think of the past, we re-live the moment. When we remember the people, the places and the experiences that impacted us the most, we are whisked back to that moment and we experience it again. I had the opportunity to talk with some of our residents as they shared their memories of the High Holidays. Memo ries can have a significant impact on our day-to-day lives, and when reminiscing, these women were transported to the past, relived the moments, and in that space, were able to bridge the gap between past and present.

“When I was 12 years old,” Bernice Landis reminisced, “Israel became a country. A man came to services to talk about the new country and gather donations. My family was touched by this and my parents decided to move to Israel. I was eight years old and it was time for a new school.”

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Rhonda Pearlman reminisced, “This is a time of the year when I share my memories with Yehudi which brought us Rabbi Yisrael and Tamar Ahituv whose beautiful home just down the street from campus is already being filled with students who are eager to learn more about their heritage, as well as experience the feeling of being in a home away from home. At the board level this time last year, we were still evolving from a nascent board to a more expansive model. Under the leadership of Board Chair Dana Bial, the board approved a new set of bylaws, introduced a committee structure where every board member serves, and inaugurated the agency’s first strategic plan so that the organization that is the gateway for young adults coming into our community, can prepare a path for sustainability for the future.

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Here's to a promising new year with the Jewish Federation

Shalom, friends,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, I wish you a sweet New Year 5779.

Just over a month ago, I was elected president of the Federation, and during our annual meeting I discussed our strategic plan to refine and modernize Orlando's Federation model to better serve the modern local Jewish community.

As we embark on a promising new year, it is apropos to reaffirm the principles that will fuel our progress in the months ahead.

The Federation mission is built on four core objectives that we strive to achieve every day on your behalf: Advocating, Connecting, Educating and Supporting. It is our goal that every Federation initiative fulfill at least one—and, ideally, all four—of these objectives.

One such example is the recently announced community demographic study and needs assessment. The Federation, working in collaboration with The Roth Family ICC, is in the process of securing the funding to launch this comprehensive study, the first in a quarter-century.

The project will be funded exclusively by donors who are enthusiastic about vision planning and our future, and the results will include an inventory of our synagogues and Jewish organizations so that we all are attuned to the needs of our modern Jewish community. The Federation is proud to be a catalyst for this initiative, which will benefit all Jews in Central Florida for decades to come.

Our goal is for every member of our community to have the ability to participate in Jewish experiences, regardless of affiliation, generation or economic status. We can achieve that goal if we all approach the new year, and every new day, with a collective commitment to stand united, confident and strong in support of the Jewish values we share.

As we enter 5779, let us pledge to do all we can to nurture and celebrate Jewish life. I invite you to join the Federation on its mission to build and sustain a bright future for Jews in Central Florida, in Israel and around the world.

L'Shana tova umetukah,

Brad Jacobs

P.S. Please join us for our 18th (Chai) anniversary at our gala this year on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. We will be honoring Jason Mendelsohn and Paul Steinert and celebrating all that has happened over the past 18 years to enhance the lives of our elders and their families.

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Jewish Pavilion brings the flavors of the High Holidays to seniors

By Lisa Levine

Ask people what they look forward to as the High Holidays approach, and most will respond with descriptions of a treasured family recipe for apple-honey cake or a steaming bowl of matzoh ball soup, resident of dill, carrots and chicken.

For residents of senior living facilities, especially those who are ill or who do not have family in town, going to synagogue and sharing traditional holiday foods with family are not possible. So the Jewish Pavilion brings Jewish holidays and Jewish culture and Jewish food to facility-bound Jewish seniors. When the Orlando Rosen Central Florida JCC community comes to the Jewish community, it brings the Jewish community to them.

Weeks before the holidays begin, the Pavilion's four program directors send out packets to activity directors, chefs, and other administrators at the buildings whose Jewish programming they oversee. The packets explain the approaching holidays and detail when and how they are celebrated, giving the dates for special programs the Jewish Pavilion is hosting at their buildings.

They explain the significance of traditional holiday foods such as round challah and apples with honey in celebration of the holidays and suggest setting special holiday tables for Jewish residents. To ensure the facilities understand what residents will expect at holiday meals, sample Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur break-fast menus with detailed recipes are included.

The facility staff, many of whom are not Jewish, appreciate the guidance because it helps them to make their Jewish residents feel more at home. Sonata West, a newly built facility that opened just after last year's High Holidays, is planning a lively Rosh Hashanah banquet this year, following on the success of its Passover seder meal this past spring. Ashley Baptista, lifestyle director at Sonata West, said that Chef Juan Garcia, who heads their kitchen, is planning a full dinner with challah, matzoh ball soup, brisket, sufgal and carrot tzimmes.

It's a highly anticipated meal. "We had a lot of requests for Jewish residents RSVP and asked if they could bring their families," said Baptista in August. Walter Goldstein, the Pavilion's program director for south Orlando, will be on hand to conduct the program and has high praise for Baptista and the Sonata West staff, who he said are really responsive and work hard to make his programs, including his monthly Shabbat programs, a great success.

"I enjoy doing this for the residents, and what I really like about when Walter comes in is that he includes everyone, not just our Jewish residents," said Baptista. "It makes it fun for everyone."

Brookdale Altamonte's activities director, Rich Besser, is Jewish, and each year he puts a great deal of effort into making the High Holidays special. "He gets one of his residents to decorate a gorgeous table," noted Nancy Ludin, the Pavilion's executive director. "In the past, he's had a resident who was a professional decorator. They go shopping together and buy things to make it special. It's a really big production."

Besser brings in roasted chicken from Publix and has the kitchen staff make matzoh ball soup. Each year, Jewish Pavilion volunteers and staff members supplement this holiday banquet with homemade specialties from their own kitchens. Past meals have featured Bernie Davis's honey cake, Pat Rabenstein's brisket and other kind contributions. This year, Ludin's own trimmings and delicacies from a few volunteers will add homemade holiday foods to the meal.

Some residents themselves provide their own family recipes for the chefs to prepare. For example, Helen Tishman, who passed away some time ago, "used to go down to the kitchen a month before the holidays and hand the chef at Brookdale Island Lake all of her recipes for the holidays," recalled Ludin. "She insisted that they make it."

The Jewish Pavilion works with senior living facilities to bring Jewish residents a festive holiday table with traditional dishes such as matzoh ball soup.

L'shanah tova u'metukah from the Rosen JCC

Brett Specter

75th anniversary at Lake Eola Park, in partnership with The Current JCC. Both events are made possible by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando.

• Creative programming for our senior adult group, including a visit to the 1982 World's Fair in Chicago, a virtual cruise on the Mediterranea, a visit to a tea party.

While we take time during the holidays to reflect on the past year we also begin to look forward to the coming one. Rosh Hashanah is a time for both individual and organizational renewal. As we complete our campus' first decade in operation and build toward our 10th anniversary, we think about the community and values that have sustained our amazing growth.

We thank you for your support of the Rosen JCC as we celebrate 5778 and look forward to 5779. We wish you and your family health, happiness and a sweet New Year.

Brett Specter, president

Eric Lightman, interim executive director

Jewish Pavilion's 2018 High Holiday Schedule

Join the Jewish Pavilion program directors and volunteers for a High Holiday service at any of these locations. The services are open to all. If you are looking for an address, please visit the Jewish Pavilion website, www.jewishpavilion.org, and click on facilities.

Sept. 7 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Brookdale Dr. Phillips II
1 p.m.-2 p.m. Brookdale Lake Mary
2 p.m.-3 p.m. Life Care of Altamonte
Sept. 8 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Lake Mary Health & Rehab
Sept. 9 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Oakmonte Village Sienna
Sept. 10 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Brookedale Lake Orlando
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Inspired Living
11 a.m.-noon Oakmonte Village Valeria/Cordova
Sept. 11 12:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Westchister/Regents
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Savannah Court Oviedo
Sept. 13 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Sonata West
Sept. 14 10 a.m.-11 a.m.-30 a.m. Encore at Avalon Park
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Grand Villa
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Allegro
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Mayflower Country Kitchen
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Village on the Green
Sept. 16 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Atira
Sept. 17 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Westminster Winter Park Towers
Sept. 18 10 a.m.-11 a.m.-30 a.m. Westminster Towers
Sept. 19 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Kinnere
Oct. 24 10 a.m.-11 a.m.-30 a.m. The Watercrest of Lake Nona
24 1 p.m.-2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Plantation Oaks
24 10 a.m.-11 a.m.-30 a.m. Life Care of Altamonte

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March 3, 2019
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Wishing you and your family a year of peace and happiness!
From all of your friends at The Roth Family JCC

Bagel king
bakery, restaurant, & catering proudly presents:
rosh hashanah and yom kippur 2018

Bagelking.net Tel. 407 657 6366

Rosh Hashanah orders can be picked up by Saturday, September 8th
Yom Kippur orders can be picked up by Tuesday, September 18th
All products are homemade on the premises!!!
Under the Rabbinical supervision of the Orlando Council.
Restaurant not kosher, all meat products not kosher

rosh hashanah menu

appetizer
Chopped Chicken Liver $3.99/8oz.
Matzo Ball Soup $8.98/qt
Mini kasha knish $1.49 ea
Mock Chicken Liver $2.99/8oz.

side dishes
Large Potato Knish $2.00ea
Mini Broc Chedd Knish $1.49ea
Mini spinach feta knish $1.49 ea

desserts
chocolate & vanilla lace cookies $9.99
Peanut butter buckle $12.00/ dz
Mini Black --Whites $9.00/dz
Mini Linzer Tarts $9.00dz
Mini almond horns $9.00dz
Round Challah $4.49 ea
With raisin $4.99 ea
Kugel (Apricot topped) $34.99/1/2 pan
Rainbow Cookies $9.99/ lb

bagels
24 Varieties $9.99 dz
Miniature Bagels $6.00 dz
Always 13 to a dozen

breakfast menu
Fresh fish menu
Baked Salmon Salad $7.99/half lb
White Fish Salad $7.99/half lb
Herring Salad $3.99/half lb
Herring in Cream Sauce $3.99/half lb
Tuna Salad $4.49/half lb
Egg Salad $3.49/half lb
Garlicy Hummus $3.99/half lb
Roasted red pepper hummus $3.99/half lb
Chunky Nova or smooth lox Spread $3.99/half lb
Whole White Fish (3 to 4 pounds) $5.99/half lb
Fresh Sliced Lox or Nova $15.99/half lb

fresh fish kings feast
This eye catching platter features fresh sliced smoked salmon nova, cream cheese, lettuce, tomato, and sweet onion, cucumbers, black olives and an assortment of bagels and bialys
$13.99 per guest
With Tuna and Egg Salad $17.99 per guest
10 person minimum

Scrumptious dessert platter "all miniature"
Honey Cake, Sponge Cake, Rainbow Cookies, Chinese Almond Cookies, Mandel Bread, Black and Whites, Linzer Tarts, Almond Horns, cheese pillows, Rugulach, Brownies, Chocolate covered macaroons, peanut butter buckeyes
$3.99 per person (3-4 pieces per guest)
10 person minimum
Ask your server for an additional Catering menu today!

high holiday dinners! Just heat, serve, and enjoy!
Juicy beef brisket “melt in your mouth”
Or Herb encrusted chicken breast
Double Smashed Mashed Potatoes
Mushroom barley
Roasted vegetables
$29.99 per person (10 pieces per guest)

For more information, visit Bagelking.net or call 407-657-6366
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Support our elders by attending Gems & Jeans (our Chai Anniversary Gala) Honoring Jason Mendelsohn & Paul Stenzler Sunday, October 28th at 5 p.m. at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs

The Jewish Pavilion’s staff and volunteers wish the community a happy and healthy New Year!

Call (407) 678-9363
421 Montgomery Road Suite 131
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Visit our websites: www.jewishpavilion.org and www.orlandoseniorhelpdesk.org

From all of us at Central Florida Hillel, we wish you and your families a Happy and Sweet New Year!

Thank you one and all for investing in us and believing in the future of our Jewish community in Orlando.

New for 2018, our new partnership with Yehudi Orlando, The Abisror’s

New for 2018, our new Jewish Agency Fellow, Nirit Gelfer

HAPPY Rosh Hashanah

FROM

Southeast Steel
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WWW.SOUTHEASTSTEEL.NET
Central Florida Jewish Film Festival committee, (l-r) Jay Glick, Dolores Indek, Harriet Weiss, Rita Tetenbaum and Sheila Greenspoon.

September 2017
Myrtle Skoy Rutherford, 92, celebrated her 106th birthday with 369 women at Chabad’s annual Mega Challah Bake. She left us on Aug. 8, 2018, just shy of the new year. She would have been 107 on Sept. 17.

Hurricane Irma had come pounding on Central Florida’s door, causing damage and power losses throughout the community. JFS Orlando was ready to assist any and all who needed food, counseling and emergency financial assistance.

The Central Florida Jewish Film Festival committee spent hours reviewing films to be featured at The Roth Family JCC’s very successful three-day event.

October 2017
Congregation Ohev Shalom’s senior rabbi, Aaron Rubinger, stepped down from his position, stating that it was a “good time for a change.” He assumed the title of rabbi emeritus.

The Jewish Pavilion brought together many of the community’s talented musicians and held a “toe-tapping, finger-snapping” Music Fest. This first-time musical event featured Carol Stein, Michael and Ben Kramer, Barbara Jones, Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszer, Ben Kramer, Barbara Jones, and Paul Stenzler who showcased music from jazz to Broadway.

Compared to national norms, Jewish Academy of Orlando students are ahead of their peers. For the third straight year, Jewish Academy of Orlando students were shown to be performing at least two grade levels ahead of their peers, according to the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Rabbi Rick Scott came to The Roth Family JCC to announce his proposal of $1 million to provide extra security to Jewish day schools throughout Florida.

November 2017
With the theme of “Together We Will,” BBYO hosted its Kinneret Council of Aging announced its 8 over 80 honorees.

High school students at Lake Brantley’s Club L’Chaim, sponsored by Chabad of Altamonte Springs, stood up to hate by hosting keynote speaker Dr. Jacob Eisenbach, a 94-year-old Holocaust survivor at an event that packed the high school auditorium. The message students took away from the meeting was not to shy away from anti-Semitism and to be proud of their heritage.

Central Florida Hillel students with Senator Joe Lieberman at an AIPAC event.

Programs. It was a success, raising $12,000. “This was a first-time happening with men in the Jewish community,” said Jeff Gasser, publisher of the Heritage.

The Kehillah: A History of Jewish life in Greater Orlando exhibit opened at the Orange County Regional History Center. More than 500 historical photographs, interactive displays, artifacts and examples of current generations’ contributions and accomplishments were displayed for three months.

Former U.S. Senator and vice-presidential candidate Joe Lieberman came to town to speak at an AIPAC meeting held at Congregation Ohev Shalom. Students from Central Florida Hillel attended the event and Lieberman spent time with them afterwards, entertaining their questions and sharing stories.

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Shown here (l-r): Club L’Chaim co-presidents Alana Halpern and Jordan Greenberg, faculty advisor Dan Smith, speaker Dr. Jacob Eisenbach, and Rabbi Mendy Bronstein.

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India and Israel found common ground between the two countries, and this spurred Drs. Amish Parikh and Daniel Layish, members of the Central Florida Association of Physicians from the Indian Subcontinent and the JFGO Maimonides Medical Society respectively, to bring community awareness to the growing relationships. Guest speakers of the event were Consul General of India in Atlanta Nagrath Singh and Deputy Director of Policy and Government Affairs for AIPAC Jeff Colman. Dr. Terri Fine moderated the discussion.

Rollins College, in partnership with Central Florida Hillel, created a Hillel on campus, making Rollins the only small, liberal arts college in the state of Florida to have a full-time Hillel professional. Emily Block, formerly the assistant director of Hillel at The University of Connecticut, was hired as the associate director of Jewish Student Life.
UCF students honored Parkland victims at the annual Mega Shabbat. More than 550 students, faculty, community members and Stoneman Douglas High School alumni attended the event, which paid tribute to the victims of the tragic Parkland high school shooting.

March 2018
The Roth Family JCC honored Carol McNally with the Harriet Weiss JCC Legacy Award at the annual Hall. She had been a teacher, then director of the Richard S. Adler Early Childhood Center for 29 years and would be retiring. “Who would have thought when I started 29 years ago, they would have a non-Jewish director,” she said. “You don’t have to be Jewish to run a wonderful Jewish school. You just have to be passionate and love the culture, the heritage, and the traditions.”

Thanks to the leadership of the Orlando Jewish community, UCF brought the fourth largest student delegation in the country to the AIPAC Policy Conference.

Carol McNally

The Rosen JCC named its lobby in honor of Victoria Siegel, daughter of David and Jacqueline Siegel. Victoria died of a drug overdose at the age of 18 in 2015. Encouraging parents to have their children drug tested beginning at age 14, and that schools should do random drug testing. He shared that when people enter the JCC’s lobby and see Victoria’s name, “don’t think of the money given to have this naming, think of a life wasted and gone way too soon.”

April 2018
JFS Orlando celebrated its 40th anniversary just a month after it opened its newest wing of the facility.

Sam Friedman was selected to be Stetson University’s first Hillel director. Formerly, Friedman was the director of Community Relations and then assistant director for Central Florida Hillel.

May 2018
Roz Fuchs was the recipient of the Heritage Human Service Award. Last year’s recipient, Sara Stern, presented the award to Fuchs at the Federation Annual Meeting.

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June 2018
UCF’s Knights for Israel was honored with the David Bar-Ilan Award for outstanding campus activism at the CAMERA Gala 2018. Accepting the award were Emily Aspinwall, Sam Busey, Jake Suster, Jesse Benjamin Slomowitz and Benji Osterman.

The Jewish Pavilion’s executive director, Nancy Ludin, was chosen to be one of Orlando Magazine’s Woman of the Year. The 23 women selected have made a positive impact on their community.

July 2018
Harriett Lake, the woman with an extremely generous spirit, died on July 10 at the age of 96.

Gene Starn, founder of the Heritage Florida Jewish News, died at age 94, on July 14.

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(407) 862-3505

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Reform Judaism
(Reform)
928 Malone Dr., • Orlando
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Rabbi Steven Engel
Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszer

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Ohev Shalom
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613 Concourse Pkwy. S., Maitland
(407) 298-4650
Rabbi David Kay
Rabbi Aaron Rubinger
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11200 S. Apopka Vineland Rd., Orlando
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Rabbi Joshua Neely

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(407) 366-3556
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Overcoming ‘otherness’ makes the High Holy days even sweeter

By Marilyn Shapiro

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In addition to Ruth’s List Florida, Kagan is endorsed by the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida, the Brady Campaign, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Florida AFL-CIO, and the PNA. State Senator Linda Stewart, Former State Representative (in the Florida House of Representatives), Florida PAC, former Florida Education Commissioner Betty Castor and former Florida State Representative (and newly elected Orange County School Board member) Karen Castor Dentel.
Kagan is also very active in the Jewish community. Within this next month, Heri tage Florida plans to do an interview with her for our readers.

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Pavilion
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exactly the way she had it—in fact, she even sat and cooked with them. And she was 90 years old!” At Oakmonte Village’s Valencia building, an independent living facility with a sizable Jewish population, Pavilion volunteer and former program director Cathy Swerdlov works closely with staff to make each holiday special. Oakmonte entertain ment director Brien Corbin said that Cathy emails them menus and recipes and helps them arrange anything else that’s needed.
“Every time we get a new chef, she comes in and meets with them and explains to them what is expected and it’s very helpful,” Court said. Court and several other Oakmonte management staff members serve the meals at these programs, at tables set resplendently with holiday foods and decor. Servedlow’s programs—including bimonthly Shabbats, monthly lunch-and-learns, and Jewish holiday programs—draw large crowds, filling the building’s performing arts center to capacity. For the holiday programs, said Court, they invite Jewish families because they don’t have the space for everyone. “Of course the residents want to bring their families,” she explained. And Jewish residents of Oakmonte’s next-door Cordova assisted living building also come to these holiday programs. According to Deborah Servedlow, chairwoman of the Jewish Pavilion programs are planned for the High Holiday season. The coordination among Pavilion staff, facility staff and volunteers involves a great deal of careful planning that begins each year more than a month before Rosh HaShanah. Residents and their families are invited to join in, and the spirit of the High Holidays is kept alive at Orlando’s senior living facilities and in the minds and hearts of their Jewish residents.
Let’s eat cake at Rosh Hashanah

Date Honey Cake recipe

By Ronnie Fein

(The Nosher via JTA)—Rosh Hashanah has a way of sneaking up on you, and it’s a bittersweet feeling when it does. Bitter because it means the summer is over, but happy because the Jewish New Year is a sweet and delicious time of year to spend with family and friends. One other sweet spot of the Jewish New Year is honey cake—often baked, gifted and eaten in abundance during the holidays. The cake is quite sweet and usually spiked with autumnal spices, almost like a surrender to the season that is approaching.

In this embrace of autumn and of the year to come, we often forget to make the most of what’s left of the summer produce. This honey cake recipe combines the best of both worlds: fresh blueberries, moist honey cake and a hint of pineapple, a classic melding for the last remaining blueberries of the season and the welcoming of a new year.

Ingredients:
- 4-5 plums, halved, pitted and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour or gluten free all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon whiskey
- 1 tablespoon almond milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
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- 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup sugar

Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (175 C).
2. Grease and line a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the eggs, oil, honey, vanilla extract, orange juice, whisky, almond milk and coffee. Combine the dry ingredients thoroughly in another bowl; then mix until smooth. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the wet mixture into the well. Whisk until you have a smooth cake batter with no lumps, making sure there is no flour at the bottom of the bowl. Add the blueberries and mix well.
4. Pour a 1/2-inch cake pan with a little bit of vegetable or coconut oil.
5. Pour in the cake batter and allow it to settle and even out for 5 minutes.
6. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until a skimmer comes out clean when pressed into the middle of the cake or a hand mixer until smooth. Make a well in the center of the cake and add the wet mixture into the well. Whisk until you have a smooth cake batter with no lumps, making sure there is no flour at the bottom of the bowl. Add the blueberries and mix well.
7. Allow the cake to cool a little and then remove from the cake pan. Allow it to cool fully.
8. Melt the gelatin. Combine the confectioners sugar with the orange zest and the lemon juice. Mix well with a spoon until smooth with no lumps and it has reached a syrup consistency.
9. When the cake has cooled, drizzle it with the glaze and sprinkle it with blueberries and the toasted almonds. Enjoy for dessert, snacks and parties throughout the Jewish New Year.

Sunken Plum Cake recipe

By Sonya Sanford

(The Nosher via JTA)—As I look at the diverse crops in my garden, I’d have to say that the best, most reliable and easiest-to-grow crop is the sunflower. It grows in almost any climate and soil type, and its seeds are used for everything from bird feed to cooking oil. And while sunflowers are beautiful, they also produce delicious fruit! These small, round fruits are called sunflower seeds, and they are the key ingredient in this year’s autumn sunflower cake.

Ingredients:
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 1/4 cup vegan butter or unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour or gluten free all-purpose flour
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt if using unsalted butter, pinch of salt if using vegan butter
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Load the cake with plums, honey and cardamom for a delicious fall dessert. Be sure to use fresh plums and honey for the best results.

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Directions:
1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).
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1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. Grease a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper, or you can also make this in a 9-by-9-inch baking dish.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer set at medium speed, beat the eggs, oil, honey, vanilla extract, orange juice, whisky, almond milk and coffee. Combine the dry ingredients thoroughly in another bowl; then mix until smooth. Make a well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the wet mixture into the well. Whisk until you have a smooth cake batter with no lumps, making sure there is no flour at the bottom of the bowl. Add the blueberries and mix well.
4. Pour a 9-inch cake pan with a little bit of vegetable or coconut oil.
5. Pour in the cake batter and allow it to settle and even out for 5 minutes.
6. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until a skimmer comes out clean when pressed into the middle of the cake or a hand mixer until smooth. Make a well in the center of the cake and add the wet mixture into the well. Whisk until you have a smooth cake batter with no lumps, making sure there is no flour at the bottom of the bowl. Add the blueberries and mix well.
7. Allow the cake to cool a little and then remove from the cake pan. Allow it to cool fully.
8. Melt the gelatin. Combine the confectioners sugar with the orange zest and the lemon juice. Mix well with a spoon until smooth with no lumps and it has reached a syrup consistency.
9. When the cake has cooled, drizzle it with the glaze and sprinkle it with blueberries and the toasted almonds. Enjoy for dessert, snacks and parties throughout the Jewish New Year.
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