JFS Orlando kicks off 5780 High Holiday Food Drive

On Monday evening, Sept. 30, Susan Bernstein, Jewish Pavilion program director, will conduct the Oakmonte Village seder. The Passover seder is widely known among many, both Jewish and non-Jewish alike. The Tu B’Shevat seder, in recent times, has become popular with environmentalists and Jews. However, the seder for Rosh Hashanah remains a well-kept mystery within our community. Where did it originate and what does it encompass?

The roots of the Rosh Hashanah seder can be found in the Babylonian Talmud circa 300 CE. It was built around symbolic foods chosen for their Aramaic names, which are word plays on the accompanying blessings. The type of food varies but may include figs, dates, carrots, beets, pomegranates, apples & honey, leeks, squash, and the head of a fish. Each blessing begins with the phrase, “Yhi ratzon mil’fanecha...” May it be God’s will... and ends with a specific wish that relates to the food.

Bernstein will include dates for peace, pomegranates for mitzvot, beans for freedom, a fish head for leadership, leeks for friendship, and apples & honey for sweetness in her seder.

Bernstein encourages seder participants to make up their own creative blessings or even puns to lighten the celebration. To make that extra connection——May we mustard our strength so that we can find the time to ‘ketchup’ with family and friends, and savor all the little moments in life.”

“Let’s celebrate Rosh Hashanah together... Let us yam a new leaf. Let us be God’s will for the little moments in life.”

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Residents at Oakmonte Village celebrate Rosh Hashanah with a seder

Lishana Tovah! The Jewish Family Services’ High Holiday Food Drive is here once again (Sept. 15—Oct. 31, 2019). This year, better your community and celebrate your teikuakah by feeding the hungry in Central Florida through JFS Orlando’s Pearlman Emergency Food Pantry. Last year, the High Holiday Food Drive collected more than 6,300 lbs of food and $4,000. That’s enough donations to provide almost 3,000 meals to the hungry.

To participate, simply pick up some of the non-perishable food items below and drop them off at JFS Orlando or a participating synagogue, Jewish agency, or community partner. Examples of food items include pasta, soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, snack items, tuna.

Boost your mitzvah and make a monetary donation to JFS Orlando in our continued responsibility to individuals and families in need.

Donations can be dropped-off or sent to JFS Orlando, 3200 Lee Road Winter Park, FL 32780, or made online at www.JFSOrlando.org. Give. Thank you for participating and joining the fight against hunger in Central Florida!

Congregation Sinai offers two open High Holiday events

Congregation Sinai of Central Florida will soon begin the Jewish High Holidays with two special services that are being open to the entire community.

Join Sinai For Rosh Hashanah and the High Holidays 2019/5780. Day Two of Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon. A morning service will begin at 9:30 a.m. After that, there will be a special ‘Torah Study & Brunch’ program. This Rosh Hashanah, congregation event is open to the entire community at no charge with pre-registration. Phone 352-243-5353 or email info@congregation-sinai.org to submit your registration requests. Celebrate here with our congregation members to learn about Jewish holidays and traditions. For more information about their upcoming High Holiday services, membership, Friday night Shabbat services and their special events, contact Congregation Sinai at: 1200 West Broad Street, Groveland, FL 34736. Visit them at: www.congregation-sinai.org and on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/292234680447053/?ref=bookmarks. Affordable High Holiday tickets and Annual Membership are available.
By Marcy Oster
JERUSALEM (JTA)—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday that if he is re-elected, he will im-
mediately annex the Jordan Valley during his next term in office.

Netanyahu was asked if he would take steps to annex the Jordan Valley, a strategic and
controversial region between Israel and Jordan. He replied that he would, if re-elected,
announcing a plan to do so within his first 100 days in office.

“Netanyahu: US ‘changing the course of Jewish history’

Rabbi on ground in battered Bahamas organizes supplies, volunteers for relief efforts

By Meordaeh Lighthouse

Netanyahu: US ‘changing the course of Jewish history’

By Jewish News Service

Reflecting on his an-
nouncement on Tuesday regarding annexation of the Jordan Valley, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had not made the decision prior to making the announcement, and that “someone in the White House” told him the record that “Netanyahu’s plan does not imply on Trump’s.”

“That’s saying a lot,” said Netanyahu in comments to Israeli National News. He expressed optimism with regard to the Trump administration, noting the
difference between it and the Obama administration.

“For over eight years,” he said, “we had to push us into the 67 borders, to uproot settlements. Then, we are changing the course of Jewish history.

Netanyahu: US ‘changing the course of Jewish history’
By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS)—On the 38th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, government officials and institutions throughout America commemorate the loss of 3,000 Americans on that day, all the while remembering the thousands who have died through the 1980s and early ’90s. After all these years, there is a sense that—other than for those who lost family members or close friends to the attacks—America has become a matter of going through the motions than of genuine mourning.

Most people who remember the grief of the nation after the attacks of 9/11 and 9/12, and the shock of the realization that the terror state was real, have long since forgotten the sense of morbid fascination that the American public mustered for a prescient op-ed published in The New York Times that warned that this was an attack that might happen again. In a column by John Lehman, then the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency under Ronald Reagan, Lehman foresaw that the terror attacks would become part of the American public discourse.

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In his opinion piece, Lehman said that the war on terror would be a long one and that the United States would be the target of attacks from regimes around the world. He warned that the U.S. would be facing a new landscape of terrorism, one that would be different from the past.

Lehman’s words were prophetic. Over the past two decades, the U.S. has faced a variety of terrorist threats, from al-Qaeda to ISIS, and from Pakistan to Iran. The U.S. has responded with a variety of policies, from invasion to negotiation, and from economic sanctions to military strikes.

Despite the efforts of the U.S. and its allies, the threat of terrorism remains a real and present danger. The U.S. continues to work with its partners around the world to combat terrorism and to protect the American people.

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By Adam Basciano

NEW YORK (JTA)—In a widely televised news conference, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday announced his intention to annex the Jordan Valley and West Bank settlements as part of the annexation of West Bank settlements in order to fulfill his campaign promise of establishing a Jewish state. The annexation plans were previously announced by President Donald Trump in May of 2019.

While the implementation of the annexation plan relies on Netanyahu’s careful maneuvering of future coalition partners, it is clear that the “status quo” is steadily becoming more of a reality, as the eyes and attentions of the international community become more fixated on the growing divide within the region—a divide that is already evident from Netanyahu’s annexation announcement. Abbas vowed that he would not recognize the annexation of the West Bank set in place by the Oslo Accords. As one of the main parties, Israel could and should likely result in a perpetual political battle for votes and power, both between Israel and the West Bank—Jews and at worst, apart—between the Israeli public and the Palestinian population.

Palestinians and Israeli public opinion is shifting further apart, as the lives of both sides continue to move further apart.

Palestinians face far more severe circumstances than they do from a two-state solution. While still facing the same structural obstacles and tensions, shows have declined in the West Bank, and the annexation of a large part of the West Bank, with the West Bank now under the control of Israel, would likely result in a significant loss of quality of life compared to their Israeli counterparts. In a two-state solution, they would likely have a much more substantial amount of freedom.
Pursuing our community’s dreams in the year to come

Shalom,

I wish you a sweet New Year 5780 on behalf of the JFed Alliance, a collaborative partnership between The Roth Family Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando, JCC39ers, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando.

A new year brings with it a new sense of possibility and a renewed commitment to pursuing and fulfilling our dreams, both as individuals and as a community. That pursuit of our dreams as a community is what will fuel the JFed Alliance in the year ahead.

When we entered into this partnership in February 2019, our stated goal was to maximize the positive impact we could have on the Central Florida Jewish Community. It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have taken the leadership in creating new opportunities for you in the 2019-2020 year, all meant to provide meaningful Jewish experiences and all born out of a spirit of collaboration.

We are currently hard at work organizing the first Greater Orlando Jewish Community trip to Israel in more than 25 years, scheduled for April 2020. We’ve redesigned this trip so that it will be a unique, inspiring and life-changing experience for everyone who participates, whether it’s your first trip to Israel or your 100th.

We are working closely with synagogues and agencies to help make this trip accessible and to spur what we hope will become a new community tradition. We hope you will join us on this special journey.

Education has always been an important part of our mission. The Richard S. Adler Early Childhood Learning Center is often the start of the Jewish journey for local children, a journey that continues with PJ Library, Enrichment Academy programs, Andrew Hansen Mandell Summer Camp, the Jewish Teen Education Network (JTEEN) and Ronald Colman Israel Travel Scholarships.

Now we’ve added an adult education component to our programming: This November, the JFed Alliance is bringing the Florence Melson School of Adult Jewish Learning to Central Florida. We’re kicking off the program with a 20-lesson course, “Beyond Bordered: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict.” That will be followed in summer 2020 with “A Taste of Melton,” which will allow us to select other course offerings. In the fall, we plan to have the full meltoncurriculum in place.

You will be hearing much in the weeks ahead about the Melton School and the community Israel trip. And we have much more in the works. From Cultural Arts to the Women’s Division and Sports leagues, there are so many ways to engage. I encourage you to visit our websites (orlandojcc.org and jfgc.org) to keep up with all of our collaborative initiatives.

We are honored to be a part of your lives, and in this New Year we are committed, both as institutions and as individuals, to adding new meaning to your personal Jewish journey. May this New Year be filled with health and happiness, and sweet moments for you and your family.

Shana Tovah!

Keith Dvorchik
Executive Director, Jeshurun Federation of Greater Orlando
CEO, The Roth Family JCC of Greater Orlando

“Body Check” by Yoni Glatt
Difficulty Level: Medium
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“Quote of the Week”

“Rosh Hashanah isn’t just about becoming new, it’s about a change.”

—Max Lewis

“How in the world am I supposed to know what’s going on?”

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What’s Happening

A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MORNING AND EVENING MINYANS (Call synagogue to confirm time.)
Chabad of South Orlando—Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. and 10 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 407-254-3660.
Congregation Ahavas Yisrael—Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-644-2500.
Congregation Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona—Monday — Friday, 8 a.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m., 904-672-9300.
Congregation Ohev Shalom—Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-298-4650.
GOORF Community Minyanat Jewish Academy of Orlando—Monday—Friday, 7:45 a.m.—8:30 a.m.
Temple Israel—Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-647-3055.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Ahavas Yisrael — Kabbalah, 30 minutes before sundown; Jewish Pavillion at Rosen Shashan service at Wayman Place, 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
JCC39ers Cinema Sunday—No movie, but community song circle with Cantor Nina Fine, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; in the JCC Senior Lounge. Admission $5 for COS members; $8 nonmembers. Info: 407-921-0229.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Israeli Folk Dancing—No dancing.
JCC39ers Meet & Mingle—Boys from Performing Arts Matter for a sing-a-long with a pianist and guitarists from PAM.
Jewish Pavilion—Rosh Hashanah service at Serenades by Sonata, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Jewish Pavilion—Rosh Hashanah service at Garden&@Pugh, 10:30 a.m.; Wescchester/ Regents. 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Jewish Pavilion—Rosh Hashanah services at Lake Mary Healthcare, 10:30 a.m.; Savannah Court & Cottage Oviedo, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Jewish Pavilion—Rosh Hashanah services at Longwood Healthcare, 10:30 a.m.; Tremont, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Ahavas Yisrael — Kabbalah, 30 minutes before sundown.
Jewish Pavilion—Rosh Hashanah services at Palmetto Landing, 1 p.m.; Oakmonte Village at Lake Mary Stina, 3 p.m.; Brookdale Dr. Phillips, 3:30 p.m.; Oakmonte Village at Lake Cordova, 4 p.m.; Cascade Heights, 4 p.m.

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An alarming story was recently in the news about a Palm Beach County parent who wrote to her child’s principal asking if the Holocaust was being taught in public school. She was stunned by his response. He said that while the public schools “are required to teach Holocaust Education, it was not specifically being taught as required, everyone believes the Holocaust happened” and that he “can’t say the Holocaust is a fact or historical event.” In response to this shocking statement, Florida’s Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran revealed a report in Palm Beach County of the mandate, passed by the legislature in 1994, requiring all public schools to teach about the Holocaust (Florida Statute 1003.42). He subsequently communicated with every district throughout the state requesting documentation on the extent to which the Holocaust is being taught to students. As you can imagine, this incident has caused great alarm not only across the nation, but right here in our own community. We quickly began fielding calls at the Holocaust Education Program from concerned parents asking how and if their students’ schools are incorporating Holocaust education into the curriculum.

The good news is that the mandate does not limit instruction on the Holocaust to any particular grade level or subject, so incorporating Holocaust studies may be included in a curriculum of social studies, civics, language arts, American and world history, music and art. This year, Jewish Academy of Orlando, a new initiative that focuses on character strengths and not the Tail’ 

Dr. Alan Bussnik

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Positive education for a new year!

Vayah Umetukah. We hope that the history and lessons of the Holocaust would be studied, remembered, and understood to help prevent the future. “Legacy of activism continues to inspire us. Rosh Hashanah is a time for joy, a time for new beginnings, counting our blessings and standing for upstanding and being counted. On behalf of the board and staff of the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida, Shannah To- vah Umetukah. We hope that you have a good and sweet year. Ellen Lang, President Pam Kancher, Executive Director

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Scene Around

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Here’s to 5780 and an opportunity for a new lease on life!

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are almost here. All across our community the High Holiday momentum is building, with treasured family recipes pulled from bookshelves and thought given to building new traditions to celebrate the Jewish New Year and the subsequent Days of Awe.

These simple traditions that we find so comforting, may be just memories for the seniors in our Central Florida community. With family members living far away and the challenge of living alone, the holiday season is ironically a time of anxiety and frustration for some in our community, particularly those living in Kinneret Apartments in Orlando.

We know that some of our Kinneret residents may feel it difficult during these special holidays, so it is the gathering together and the spirit of the High Holidays and that we strive to embrace. Our collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank includes Chef Terah, who joins our residents monthly to teach healthy cooking on a budget. This month Chef Terah’s program will start with the theme of ‘Apples Dipped in Honey’ with a twist on the traditional foods served during the holiday festivities. Our ‘Get Crafty’ arts program will be an opportunity for our residents to craft Holiday Cards that will be shared with friends and family.

The Rosh Hashanah celebration will continue with a Kinneret sponsored program with the Jewish Pavilion, where our residents will gather as a community for onsite Holiday services, dip apples in honey, eat honey cake and hear the sound of the shofar—all to celebrate together for a sweet New Year.

The Kinneret bus provides our residents with the opportunity to join in both Reform and Conservative services at our local synagogues. This allows our residents to take part in the Greater Orlando Jewish community and be part of traditions that are familiar. Round challahs, honey and apples are a few of the small touches that make a difference when our residents share in our Daily Continental Breakfast leading up to Rosh Hashana. Imagine how the smell of the Challah or the sound of the Shofar helps link each of us, especially each of our Kinneret residents, with the hundreds of years of Rosh Hashanah celebrations.

Every day the Kinneret Board focuses on the quality of life of all of our residents. We know that Rosh Hashanah is there to remind us of new beginnings. This holiday is an opportunity to start afresh, to free ourselves from obligations that were made this past year and recast those obligations anew.

Do better on page 21A
Sylvia Stein has celebrated the high holidays for the past 80 years at synagogue. After services, she joined her adult children and grandchildren for a traditional meal. When Sylvia felt this year and needed rehabilitation, she became concerned that a lifetime of Jewish continuity might be disrupted. Fortunately, she can count on the Jewish Pavilion to bring her companionship along with shofar blowing, a meaningful service, and a festive holiday meal.

At the Jewish Pavilion, we are there to make certain that every Jewish senior living in an elder-care facility knows they are not forgotten and will remain connected to our community and our heritage. Together with our volunteers, we bring a friendly face, Shabbat programs, holiday celebrations, musicals and one-on-one visits to Jewish seniors in 70 facilities in the greater Orlando area. While our volunteers are amazing, it is our staff that coordinate all of the Shabbat and holiday celebrations. Holiday supplies like round raisin challahs, honey cakes and service booklets are purchased by the Pavilion. Ninety-four percent of the budget goes to programs that directly impact our seniors and their family members, many of whom join their elders for our holiday festivities. The Jewish Pavilion promotes inclusion as loneliness knows no cultural borders, and thousands of seniors of all faiths attend and are welcomed into our programs each year. www.jewishpavilion.org

Our Senior Help Desk has assisted thousands of callers navigate their way through the daunting senior maze, alleviating caregiver stress while giving advice on all types of elder issues, www.orlando-oseniorhelpdesk.org.

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A High Holy Day love story

By Marilyn Shapiro

The High Holidays are a special time, but it is even more special when family— and a little romance—are part of the festivities. In 1951, Larry's father, Ernie, a World War II veteran, was called back into the U.S. Army. Larry's mother, Doris, along with Larry and Larry's older sister, Anita, moved from Schuyerville, New York, to Syracuse, her hometown, to live with her mother, Rose, and brother, Asher, during Ernie's deployment.

Larry, who turned three shortly after their move, remembers riding the family coal truck with Asher and tagging along with Bubbie when she went to her card games. Relatives and friends filled the house, including meal times, as Bubbie was a wonderful and plentiful cook.

This was especially true during the Jewish holidays, a tradition that continued after Ernie returned home. Doris, Ernie, Anita, Larry, and later Marilyn and Carole would pile into the car before each holiday to share huge meals around a cramped dining room table in the flat on Jackson Street.

By the time Larry had completed his bar mitzvah, making the huge dinners for the entire family on our High Holidays got to be too much for Bubbie Rose. Doris took on responsibility for not only the meals but also for opening up her house to friends and family. Doris spent weeks preparing the food, and the table showed it. Matzah ball soup, chopped liver, brisket, chicken, kishke, potatoes, kugels, several vegetables, honey cakes—it was a feast that was repeated on the evening before Kol Nidre. Then Doris would outdo herself with the Break Fast.

The 1973 High Holiday seasons especially stands out for Larry and me. In March 1973, Larry and I met at a Jewish singles Purim party. We both knew fairly quickly that the connection we made over hamantaschen was special. We dated through the summer, and six months after our Purim meeting, we were both ready to commit. On a beautiful Indian summer day, Larry took me to a romantic overlook at the Saratoga National Battlefield. As he was about to pop the question, he got stung by a bee. Man plans; nature, bees, sting. Oh well! Larry felt terrible, but I was chagrined. Rosh Hashanah fell only a few days after the bee debacle. Larry and I turned down offers for a ride home from services. While walking home, Larry talked hypothetically about where we would live, how many children we'd like, our future dreams together. I finally kiddingly asked him if this was a proposal. He said, "Soon." He and I went to Larry's house, we said hello to the family who were about to sit down for dinner. Larry and I went into a bedroom to drop off Larry's tallit and my purse. Larry said, "Will you marry me?" I said yes. We started to kiss when Corkey, the Shapiro's wire-haired terrier, jumped up and licked my face.

"What?" asked one of his sisters, "Another stupid tie?" "No," said Larry. "I am giving you a new daughter-in-law!" Everyone was thrilled. We brought out dessert and candles and opened a couple of presents. Then Larry was ready for our big announcement. "Dad, I have a present for you too!" "What?" asked one of his sisters, "Another stupid tie?"

"No," said Larry. "I am giving you a new daughter-in-law!" Everyone was thrilled. My now future father-in-law, Ernie, responded fairly quickly that the connection he made with Rose was special. A High Holy Day love story.

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Jewish Pavilion's 2019 High Holiday Schedule

Join the Jewish Pavilion program directors and volunteers for a High Holiday service at any of these locations. The serves are open to all. If you are looking for an address, please visit the Jewish Pavilion website, www.jewishpavilion.org and click on facilities.
As we look to the start of the Jewish New Year 5780, we always ask ourselves “How can I change for the better?” It’s not a coincidence that in Hebrew the word for holiday—Rosh Hashanah—shares the same root for the word for new: resh. Yet, this annual ritual, which focuses us to examine ways to change the reality that we know how hard it is to do. So, here are a few tips to guide you to your year of renewal:

• Don’t be motivated by negative emotions like shame, fear, or guilt; find the positive reasons to change.

• Start small. Behavior change is a hard deal, and it’s hard to take all of it on at once. Start somewhere with a measurable action. One step at a time.

• Changing too many things at once won’t work. Whatever change you choose focus on requirements, self-control and motivation, and we don’t have enough in our gas tank to sustain multiple efforts.

• Failing is actually part of the process. Try to see failure as a step, not the end of the process.

• Change without commitment can’t work.

• Don’t forget your support system. We all need encouragement and support! Organizations are like people. We look at the opportunity for change, and we examine whether the change is coming from within, or driven by external realities. With our this 10th anniversary at the Rosen JCC, we too are holding a mirror up to ourselves, and looking for ways to improve, and most importantly, ways to do more for the community. We are re-defining ourselves as a “Town Square,” with a vision to provide programs and services to the larger community. We aspire to equip individuals and families with the tools and resources to adapt to the everyday challenges of the life cycle. These programs will be offered to the broader community, and not just to our membership. Membership is a transaction, for the purchase of a program, i.e., an early childhood school program, or the use of a fitness center. We do not want to be defined solely by these programs. Rather, we view programs as portals and conduits for something far greater—building community. We will develop enduring relationships with our neighbors, and through community, model the value of both getting something and in giving back. We seek to shape the ever-growing SW Orlando community and responding to what people need to be the best version of themselves.

“We can’t change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails to always reach our destination.”

Shannah Tovah. A Happy New Year to our friends and neighbors.

Dr. Reuben Romirowsky
CEO, Rosen JCC
As you make your plans and resolutions for the New Year, don’t be afraid to think big. Because nothing is impossible.

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Students in fourth and fifth grades are taught skills in various news production roles, including teleprompter operation, audio and video mixer operators, roving news reporters, weather, sports, news and feature anchors. The students conceptualize, record and edit video segments for the news.

Transitional Kindergarten through third grade students participate daily by leading the school in the recital of the pledge of allegiance and the U.S. and Israeli national anthems. This is followed by a daily prayer. Students watch in their classrooms via the school’s in-house video distribution network. Parents are invited to view the news daily in the school library or on their own device.

Head of School Alan Rusonik stated, “We are fortunate to start each day as a school community watching the news.” He added, “It is a great way to start our day together and gives our students new production skills at a very young age.”

Jewish Academy of Orlando serves central Florida students of all faiths from transitional kindergarten through fifth grade. The school delivers a whole-child education fostering academic excellence and character education rooted in Jewish values. Jewish Academy of Orlando is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools.

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5779 Community Year in Review

September 2018

Kehilat Yonatan, a Reform congregation in Hod Hasharon, Israel, finally won the right to build their shul. Land was allocated to the congregation in 2013 and they raised the necessary funds to build, just had to wait for the OK. Former Orlando resident, Lori Stein Erlich, came to Orlando in 2014 to visit her parents, Nina and Arnold Stein, and shared their ongoing fundraising and fight to build with Heritage.

Madeline Wolly passed away.

October 2018

Harriett Lake’s wardrobe lives on in a coffee-table book—and the article won Heritage.

November 2018

Orlando was the first city outside of Israel to host the Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast, which began in June 2017 at the Israeli Knesset. Israeli Ambassador Danny Danon was the main speaker. Stetson University and the Ginsburg Family Foundation announced the establishment of the Jeffrey and Diane Ginsburg Hillel House and a $2 million gift to renovate, update and furnish in the Tudor-style house on property. The reserve of the community held the second annual Men’s Night Out event, raising more than $32,000 to support religious schools, Jewish education, Jewish camps and youth groups, and trips to Israel-all life-defining Jewish experiences.

December 2018

Roz Fuchs and Thad Seymour, Jr.

Roth Family JCC formed the JFEd Alliance, combining the two organizations. Keith Dvorchik serves concurrently as CEO of JFGO and the JCC. The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifted off Cape Canaveral carrying the Spacex, Lunar Lander named Beresheet, Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center publicly launched its campaign to raise funds for its new museum in downtown Orlando.

March 2019

The 2019 8 Over 80 honorees.

Kinneret Council of Aging honored the 8 Over 80 recipients—Gilbert Walker, Key Howard, Bruce Burpee, Joel Jones, Sandra Moss, Sonja Marchesano, Fayge S. Cohen and Rose Ellen Fenster. Congregation Ohev Shalom and members of the Orlando community celebrated Rabbi Aaron Rubinger’s accomplishments and honored him for his more than 28 years of services as the COS rabbi. Stuart and JoAnne Farb were honored at The Roth Family JCC Ball. The Roth Family JCC became debt-free for the first time in a generation thanks in part to a successful 24-hour fundraiser. JFS Orlando rededicated the Wolly Center with its new name, The George & Madeline Wolly Center.

April 2019

The space craft Beresheet crashed on the moon just before it was supposed to land, to the disappointment of everyone. Orange County couple, Eric and Wendy Nissan, went up against Orange County School Board over anti-Semitic curriculum. Octogenarian Bob Herpe wrote his first mystery novel.
By Madelaine Reis

First person

I never planned to be a disability advocate. I just wanted to get through the day. Now it’s my passion. I have been chronically ill since I was a baby.

I was six months old when I underwent major surgery for a heart condition. It was threatening my abnormality in my renal system. The surgery saved my life, but consequences and left me a medical mess.

Over the years, I became accustomed to spending more time in doctors’ offices than in school classrooms. College was no different.

A few months after I enrolled at the University of Central Florida in fall 2016, I was rushed to the emergency room. I spent my first semester as a UCF student in the hospital.

I was diagnosed with celiac disease and chronic fatigue syndrome. It was difficult for me to fully engage in the college experience. I missed out on life because of my chronic illness.

When I returned to campus six months later, I saw Central Florida Hillel professionals and students taking outside of our student union. Becoming active in Hillel would be a great way to make friends. I decided to give it a try.

As my involvement with Hillel grew, I learned how I could make a difference in the lives of others with disabilities. I decided to help others and students who were struggling. I wanted to make Hillel more accessible and inclusive.

I decided to do it. I was first introduced to the connection between disability inclusion and Judaism at Hillel Engagement Institute in St. Louis.

I learned about Moses, who was a powerful leader with a speech impediment. His brother Aaron spoke for him. That simple accommodation made Moses unstoppable.

I learned how to be open and accessible, as well as educators of inclusion.

Most important, I learned how to speak up for myself. Jewish scripture taught me that the Jewish community is willing and has always been willing to accommodate me. And with that newfound knowledge, I learned how to accept myself.

I returned to campus with the tools to make Hillel more accessible and inclusive. I helped organize a training for Hillel staff and its executive board on spoon theory, a metaphor that uses “spoons” as a unit of energy to describe how chronically ill people have a limited amount of energy each day.

Spoon theory helps me express the hurdles of chronic illness and disability in a more educational way. Most healthy people have unlimited “spoons” to get through their typical day, but those living with chronic illness and disabilities have a limited number of “spoons” each day.

Our Hillel staff and board learned that energy costs are different for students with disabilities. Being aware of these energy costs increased their understanding of what a chronically ill or disabled person goes through just to get to Shabbat services after a long week or why they need to cancel plans.

We also discussed the importance of our Hillel serving students with a wide range of dietary needs. Making accommodations for those with celiac disease or someone who is vegan helps open the Hillel doors to everyone.

On Yom Kippur, I spoke to my fellow students about how there’s a blessing for people like me who are unable to fast. Doing so opened people’s eyes to the connection between Judaism and accessibility and reminded them to refrain from judging others for what they’re unable to do.

I spearheaded Hillel Inclusion Week, a week-long program educating others about inclusion and accessibility. Our events included a screening of the documentary “Defailability Hollywood,” a teacher-lunch and learn about disability accommodations and an inclusive Shabbat.

Today, I’m continuing my advocacy work as I pursue my master’s degree in political communication at American University.

I co-created Access Al, a group for students with disabilities to socialize and advocate. Together, we’re ensured that renovated campus buildings will be accessible, going above and beyond the standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Our auditorium will have automatic buttons, and our science labs will have equipment and lab tables at accessible heights for all.

I drew upon my work with Hillel Inclusion Week when leading a session at the American University Symposium on Disability, a day-long event on disability and higher education.

In the midst of all this, I recently underwent my ninth surgery. I’m in the process of scheduling my 10th surgery. I know it won’t be my last, and that’s OK.

My connection to Judaism and my supportive Jewish community has taught me to accept my chronic illness, which has been the way to my calling.

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Mon. Sept. 30, Rosh Hashanah morning service, 9 a.m.; Eve- ning service, 7:30 p.m. (RSVP)

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Mon. Sept. 30, Rosh Hashanah morning service, 9 a.m.; Eve- ning service, 8 p.m. (RSVP)

Mon. Sept. 30, Rosh Hashanah morning service, 10 a.m.; afternoon service, 2:30 p.m.; Yizkor, 4:30 p.m.; concluding service im- mediately following Break-the-Fast (reservations required)

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An IsraAID team member observing the scene following Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

By Abigail Klein Leichman

(Israel21c) — Michail Bar, head of emergency operations for Israeli humanitarian NGO IsraAID, doesn’t mince his words. “The level of destruction is shocking,” she says. “Since we arrived in the Bahamas last week, we have visited communities in both affected regions—the Abaco Islands and Grand Bahama Islands,” Bar told Israel21c. “In Abaco there are about 17,000 affected people and in Grand Bahama there are about 50,000. People here are waiting for information and for relief.”

Bar is leading a seven-person IsraAID emergency response team that began providing assistance to the island nation on Sept. 5.

Hurricane Dorian was the most powerful hurricane to hit the Bahamas in the country’s history, with peak winds reaching Category 5 hurricane to a post-tropical storm, Dorian has moved north but left the Bahamas in a state of severe disaster.

The initial IsraAID action plan includes distributing relief supplies to all residents of Grand Bahama, providing urgently needed water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) support, meeting immediate protection needs and providing psychological first aid. IsraAID also is coordinating relief efforts on the island in partnership with the Grand Bahama Disaster Relief Foundation.

“At the moment we’re focusing on Freeport, the biggest city in Grand Bahama,” said Bar. “The city was hit twice, first by the strong winds of the hurricane, which destroyed many houses, and second by flooding, which left entire neighborhoods where the houses are still standing as empty shells. A lot of people are staying in their empty houses, waiting for assistance.”

Bar’s team is working with a coalition of churches through the Caribbean Israeli Leadership Coalition to reach communities in Grand Bahama.

“We aredesigning two distribution points in Freeport, one near the airport and one at the port. We are working together with Chabad, who are generously providing a significant donation of supplies for distribution, and we have [an eighth] team member deployed in Florida helping to coordinate shipments,” said Bar.

“Hygiene and sanitation are key concerns. We will be distributing hygiene kits, including toilettries and personal sanitation supplies such as toothbrushes, hand sanitizers, soap bars, and quick-dry towels. I have visited shelters where the only product they have available is pure bleach,” she added.

“Among the challenges we’re facing is the lack of anything for local children to do, which can lead to dangerous situations.”

Netanyahu’s push to annex the Jordan Valley, explained

By Ben Sales

(JTA) — Benjamin Netanyahu just said that if he is re-elected, he’ll immediately annex a big part of the West Bank, including the Jordan Valley. That’s kind of a big deal. On the other hand, it’s not really that big.

That specific eastern swath of the West Bank runs along the side of the (you, guessed it) Jordan River. It would be the first time in decades that Israel annexed any territory in the West Bank, and it also would have serious implications for the future of Israeli-Palestinian relations.

Netanyahu also said he’d move to annex more territory—after the Trump administration green-lights its long-awaited peace plan sometime following Israel’s elections next week.

“My intention, with the establishment of the next government, is to apply Israeli sovereignty to the Jordan Valley and the northern Dead Sea,” Netanyahu said. “This is our essential safety belt in the east. This is the eastern defensive wall.”

Here’s what that means and why it matters.

What is the Jordan Valley?

Solid first question. The Jordan Valley is an area in the West Bank, which is currently under Israeli control captured during the Six-Day War in 1967 and since has controlled. The West Bank got its name because it’s the western bank of the Jordan River. So the Jordan Valley is the strip of territory on the West Bank that runs alongside the Jordan River.

The borders of the territory aren’t precisely defined, but the area to which Netanyahu was referring is pretty extensive, stretching at its widest about 10 miles into the West Bank.

Israel does control the Jordan Valley now.

Israel, mostly. The West Bank as a whole is under varying degrees of Israeli control. Some of it is governed by Palestinian institutions (with minimal Israeli military presence) and the rest is run entirely by Israel.

The Jordan Valley is in the West Bank, which is part of Israel, having the same status as the Israeli-controlled area of the West Bank. So the Jordan Valley is part of Israel.

No. Like the rest of the West Bank, Israel has controlled it for more than 50 years but has never officially annexed it. Israeli citizens who live there are Israeli citizens. Palestinians there do not have citizenship and do not have the right to vote for Israeli officials, though they do vote in Palestinian local elections. Israel also largely controls the Palestinians’ freedom of movement.

The Palestinians, the international community and the Israeli left say the West Bank is unjustly occupied by Israel.

“The schools are not operational and there is an urgent need for organized child protection activities, so we will be operating ‘Child Friendly Spaces’ to support children in affected communities.”

Despite the grim reality, Bar emphasized. “People here have a lot of faith and hope. Communities need to regather and regroup and see what they can do to ease the daily lives of their members, which is something our team is working to support.”

As it does whenever it responds to a humanitarian disaster anywhere in the world, IsraAID has pledged to remain on the ground beyond the initial crisis, working for as long as we need to provide emergency relief now and support communities as they recover and rebuild,” said Bar.
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but its no replacement for not having their father to read, to look them in the eyes, to give them the idea of a family. Love story

Mark Levine

I hope Netflix portrays this with credibility and without moral equivocation. Cohen was heroic. He sacrificed his life for the sake of Israel, and his fellow Jews. And he did it believing that he was carrying the highest levels of one Arab state that was, and remains, a threat to Israel and its citizens, especially the Palestinian people. The killing of innocent civilians by Palestinian terrorists is a national tragedy.

It remains to be seen whether

Eli Cohen's remains will be brought home to Israel. It's not clear whether there will be an increase that possibility, or make it an even more distant dream. One thing is that Cohen has never been forgotten by his country. In 2010, and 2018, it was announced that Eli Cohen's watch was sent to the moon by the UAE in its

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Patriotism

mancy across the international community had a different reaction. A United Nations Security Council resolution, which called on the

Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the establishment of Israeli settlements and permanent occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. He said he would keep Netanyahu's vow, made in the White House, of never giving up on repatriating Cohen's remains. Cohen's family said the White House

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the terror onslaught, also causing stress to no longer see their Palestinian neigh-

bor. Israeli youth, unlike their counterparts, have no interaction with their Pal-

estinian counterparts other than through the limited media, the news or confrontations once in a while. By being cut off from Palestinians, a driving, humanizing Israeli

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surrounded by Israel, would maintain its control of the Jordan Valley.

Netanyahu's plan to annex the West Bank

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5 hacks for the best Rosh Hashanah ever

Of course, depending on where you live, you may come across a dusty box of matzah on the shelf of your local grocery store in a well-intentioned, misguided attempt to acknowledge Rosh Hashanah (along with every other Jewish holiday).

But fear not. In lieu of tacos, ready-made accouterments, you can design your own Instagram-worthy Rosh Hashanah celebration. Keep in mind that the goal is to create joy and lasting memories. I have tried and tested a few ideas to make your Rosh Hashanah celebration personal and memorable.

Conduct an apples and honey taste test

Not all apples—and nor honey—are created equal. So there’s a fun way to see which varieties your family really prefers. Procure as many types of honey as you can (but remember, this is not a reality cooking show, so don’t go crazy). Put out a variety of sliced apples to dip and create your own voting method, too. For a bit of extra flair, add a blindfold. The honey with the most votes will receive the honor of the blessing for a sweet new year.

Create a Rosh Hashanah craft museum

Remember all those New Year’s crafts your kids brought home over the years from Sunday school or day school? It’s time to unearth those boxes filled with clay pots, handcrafted Happy New Year cards and paper apple mobiles. Bonus if you can excavate the childhood Rosh Hashanah relics from your own youth. And if kids never made them—or you tossed them years ago—you can always make new Rosh Hashanah crafts, like honey jars or shofar. Cluster these items in a special display style for all to enjoy. Heart strings will be tugged, guaranteed.

Throw a birthday party for the world

Rosh Hashanah is not just a Jewish holiday—according to the Talmud, it is the birthday of humankind and the world. Considering that the universe is a pretty significant creation, some special customs to commemorate this day hardly seem like too much effort. Whether you celebrate with a spherical cake frosted to look like planet Earth or a candle on a single cupcake, or even just a Happy Birthday banner, let it spark a conversation about the universe. Consider the Talmud, it is just a Jewish holiday—according to the Book of Life, but may be in making the world a better place—the ultimate birthday gift.

Make a Rosh Hashanah tablescap

If you are overwhelmed just thinking about setting an elaborate table for the holiday, just remember that you are going to want to eat at some point, so it might as well be at a striking and impactful set table. But that doesn’t mean an overwrought one. Small touches can go a long way. A simple apple-themed tablecloth; a few carefully placed honey or bee-themed items; a decorative tray filled with apples and pomegranate seeds can always make new Rosh Hashanah relics from your own youth. And if kids never made them—or you tossed them years ago—you can always make new Rosh Hashanah crafts, like honey jars or shofar. Cluster these items in a special display style for all to enjoy. Heart strings will be tugged, guaranteed.

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Match-It: Jewish Edition

Match-It is a game that is self-explanatory: There are a set number of tiles that each have a picture on them with a question. You flip them over, scramble them, set them into rows, then get to trying to match them. If there is only one player, then it’s all about your heart content by flipping them over and seeing where each matching tile is without fear of another person getting the match. If there is more than one player, then you take turns flipping over two tiles at a time, someone gets the most matches wins. At Westminster, instead of having individuals play against one another, Hope McCormack, the Westminster Pavilion had people divided into teams and the teams would see who could get all the tiles matched first. Both teams did great and it was a close game but residents Joe and Jane came out victorious in the end. They had a great time explaining to Jane what the tiles had to do with Judaism. After explanations from McCormack were given to everyone about the tiles and their ties to Judaism, the residents enjoyed some fun and laughter for navigating their daily life in the year to come.

Overall, the residents at the different facilities loved playing Match-It: Jewish Edition. Not only did they get to learn about Jewish culture, but they also get to use their minds to memorize where each tile was and where its match was located. When asked, Joe from Westminster responded, “It’s a game that forces us to use our minds to remember where each tile was and where its match was located.”

Match-It definitely forced the residents to use their minds and have fun doing so.

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By Tannaz Sassooni

This recipe appeared originally on The Nosher.

As a kid in Hebrew school, I learned that my classmates would have apples and honey and round challah at Rosh Hashanah to bring in the Jewish New Year, and that was pretty much it when it came to food traditions. But at home it was a different story.

As an Iranian Jew, Rosh Hashanah was an elaborate affair. We’d gather the extended family for the first two nights of the holiday, the first at my parents’ house, the second at my aunt’s. Dining tables, coffee tables and folding tables would be lined up to make one long dinner table covered with tablecloths to accommodate a good 20 or so family members. The table would be spread with platter after platter: mountains of saffron-toasted laced basmati rice, crispy tahdig and flavorful stews—maybe an eggplant stew, tangy with unripe grapes. Deep green stew of celery and lots of herbs, or a tomato-based stew evenly across the bottom of pan. Arrange date halve over butter mixture on platter, replace with any dates that stick to pan.

For the date topping, cream together butter, brown sugar, salt and cardamom until well combined. Spread butter mixture evenly across the bottom of pan. Arrange date halves over butter mixture in a pattern of concentric circles with their cut sides facing up. To make the cake batter, whisk together until creamy and pale in color. Add eggs one at a time, incorporating one fully before adding the next. Beat in rosewater to fully incorporate. With mixer on low speed, add one-third of flour mixture, beat in half of buttermilk, then the second third of flour, the other half of buttermilk, then the remaining flour, mixing completely together between each addition.

8. Spoon batter over arranged dates, spreading evenly and taking care not to jostle dates. Bake cake in middle rack of oven 30-40 minutes, or until a tester comes out clean. Cool cake in pan on a rack for about 5 minutes. Run a knife around edges of cake, then invert onto serving plate, replacing any dates that stick to pan. Garnish with edible flowers, ground pistachios or dried rose petals. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serves 8.

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- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened, plus more to grease pan
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- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- pinch of salt
- pinch of ground cardamom
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons rosewater
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pan
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
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Directions:
1. In a medium bowl, cover dates with hot water and soak for at least 20 minutes. Remove skin from dates, halve lengthwise and remove pits.
2. Preheat oven to 350 F.
3. Butter and flour the sides of a 9-inch round nonstick cake pan.
4. For the date topping, cream together butter, brown sugar, salt and cardamom until well combined. Spread butter mixture evenly across the bottom of prepared pan. Arrange date halves over butter mixture in a pattern of concentric circles with their cut sides facing up.
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So gather the apples, all fresh and sweet.
Now a perfectly round challah to welcome a king.
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