



JEWISH HERITAGE Festival

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April 7, 2024
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Message from the Chair



Welcome to the 2024 Jewish Heritage Festival. After our much-needed post-COVID 2022 Festival, we did not think that circumstances would make the 2024 Festival as urgently needed. However, "in this ever-changing world in which we live in",* this year's Festival seems even more urgent for the Jewish Community and supporters of Israel. The post-October 7th world has not only put the Jewish people's homeland in jeopardy, but has also allowed festering antisemitism to flourish, becoming more pervasive in the United States and the world. Thankfully, our Jewish community has great support from Sheriff Chitwood, our other elected officials and the greater Volusia/Flagler community in combatting any potential local effects.

The Festival started as the vision of the Temple Presidents' Council for Volusia and Flagler Counties. A Steering Committee began meeting in January, 2007 leading to our first event in March, 2008, which was a rousing success that attracted 10,000 visitors. As one of our food vendors told the Daytona Beach News-Journal: "This is better than Bike Week". Even with the COVID pause, we are now presenting our heritage for the 8th time!

The Festival is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the sole purpose to put this Festival on every other year. Festival funding has come from Sponsorships and tax-deductible Family/Individual Donations. We are proud once again to have the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties as our Grand Sponsor as well as great local support from corporate and individual sponsorship.

Radiology Associates Imaging is again the presenting sponsor of the Health Fair, and we thank them for that! We are excited by the response of our medical community as they share the Jewish spirit of *Tikkun Olam* - to repair the world.

The Festival features continuous nationally acclaimed entertainment. Attendees can feast on Kosher, Deli-style and Mediterranean food. We have arts, crafts, packaged foods and Judaica vendors, Jewish Organization booths, speakers and exhibits including a Holocaust Memorial. Our Jewish Hall of Fame is a multidimensional display that includes a Shtetl exhibit, an Israel exhibition, Torahs and much much more! Children's entertainment is available throughout the day including a Matzah making interactive demonstration, inflatables, face painting, a balloon artist, a petting zoo and our signature camel rides. You will even run into Moses and other biblical characters!

The Festival expresses the heart and soul of Jewish Florida. For a single day, it intertwines the sounds, sights, and spirit of Jewish culture and weaves together every facet of the Jewish Community, young and old, singles and families, regardless of their religious and cultural background. Like other cultural festivals, we also want to share our heritage with others - you don't have to be Jewish to enjoy a Jewish Festival! Let's celebrate Jewish Heritage.

Shalom y'all and L'Chaim!

Jeffrey Bigman, Chair

**Acknowledgement to Paul McCartney for the line but not the sentiment - we need to Live and Let Live.*

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

2024 JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Jerusalem Stage

We dedicate this stage to all hostages around the world, people who are confined against their will. May they be released and return to lives of freedom and peace!

- 10:00 AM Opening /Master of Ceremonies....Rabbi Rob Lennick**
Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties
- Greetings....Jeffrey Bigman, Festival President**
- Greetings....Bill Partington, Mayor of Ormond Beach**
- Introductions:....Chief Robert Godfrey, Ormond Beach Police**
- Marvin Miller, President, Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties**
- Debbie Kruck-Forrester, Ormond Strong**

Presentation of the Colors by the Mainland High School AFJROTC Color Guard

Mjr. Michael Miglioranzi, Maj, USAF (Ret), Instructor
Sgt. Russell Garthwaite, MSgt, USAF (Ret), Instructor

Pledge of Allegiance....Marvin Miller

US & Israel National Anthems....Trienah Meyers

– Retirement of the Colors –

- 10:20 AM Gratitude Prayer....Rabbi Jim Simon**
Shofar Blowing....Murray Steinberg & Robert Mendez
- 10:30 AM “Miriam” Judith Aisha Cornell**
A creative interpretation of our Jewish matriarch, our original tribal dancer
- 11:00 AM Combined Religious Schools Children’s Choir**
Barbara Steinberg & Suzanne Furman, Song Leaders
School Director Johnathan Frankel, TBE
School Director Helen Farb, CBT
- 11:30 AM The Three Mensches**
Rabbi Rob Lennick
Marvin Miller, President, Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties
Sheriff Mike Chitwood, Volusia County Sheriff

12:00 NOON "Miriam" Judith Aisha Cornell

12:30 PM Introduction of Biblical Characters / Rabbi Rob Lennick

1:00 PM Rabbi Joe Black with Bennett Cohen

A longtime recognized leader, singer and songwriter in Jewish music, Rabbi Joe Black's music is an extension of his Rabbinate. From his guitar virtuosity and lyrics that are funny, inspirational and thought provoking to his soaring voice, it is a special privilege to have this Senior Rabbi on our Jerusalem Stage!

2:00 PM Goldovitz & Friends

From Klezmer to Shabbat Rock, you will hear a unique Jewish sound here. Authentic and gutsy, Joe and Friends will both charm and excite you with their variety of lyrics and sounds.

3:00 PM Rabbi Joe Black with Bennett Cohen

4:00 PM Goldovitz & Friends

4:50 PM Closing Thank You!...Jeffrey Bigman, Festival President

Special Entertainment On The Grounds

Balloon Artist Herb Kawesch, *Family Fun Entertainment*
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Biblical Characters

Moses...Chris Jessup	Aaron...Michael Leroy
Miriam...Judith Aisha Cornell	
Rachel...Aria McKeown	Joseph...Joseph Powell
Goliath...Mike Stott	Young King David...Joash Powell

Sound Provided by Concert Works / Frank Czarnecki

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Photographer....Mara Rivka Manuele

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In Memoriam Claire Soria

MAY 22, 1935 – SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

We have been honored to have Claire Soria as a spokesperson who shared her experiences as a Holocaust survivor with us at the last three Jewish Heritage Festivals.

Claire considered herself one of the lucky ones. Claire Soria would light up the room with her presence. Our speaker room would be standing room only. As she told her story you couldn't hear a pin drop.

Once after a speech, a 7 year old girl asked her, "Why do you not hate, especially after all the hatred you have seen in your life?" She looked deeply into this young girl's eyes and said "If you hate, they win." She loved to share her story and showcase her unshakable, positive attitude with hope and confidence in the good of people everywhere.



Claire Soria (born May 22, 1935) was a young child living in Brussels, Belgium when the Nazis sent tanks down her street and replaced the Belgian flags with the Nazi flags.

Once the Nazis took over, Jewish children like Claire were banned from attending school. All Jews were forced to wear a yellow star of David and were restricted from doing ordinary activities such as

meeting with each other, worshiping the Jewish religion, and shopping after dark.

Claire's father Nathan/Nachman Mytnowiecki was a tailor who was secretly involved with the underground resistance. Claire's mother Sara asked a neighbor, a Christian couple, Lea and Lambert Sabaux, if they would hide Claire and they agreed. Nathan and Sara were arrested and deported to Auschwitz where they ultimately perished.



This elderly righteous gentile couple risked their lives hiding Claire, raising her as their own granddaughter. The Sabauxes were musicians – Lea, a former concert pianist, and Lambert, a drummer – who instilled in Claire a lifelong love for playing piano.



After the war, Claire was sent to the US near Cleveland to live with her aunt and uncle at the age of thirteen. She struggled to adapt and bounced around during her teenage years, not speaking any English but eventually found the love of her life, Gerard Soria, and had three children. She also took that learned passion and became a

beloved community piano teacher. Claire is survived by her children - Robert, Rita and Maxine - as well her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Claire Soria passed away on September 12, 2023, surrounded by the family she persevered to create. We will never forget her.



For Claire's complete story as told by her, you can find the Born To Remember podcast.



In Memoriam Jerry & Esther Krueger

Two of our original Board of Directors, Jerry and Esther Krueger, passed on in 2023. Both were enthusiastic, tireless workers who especially loved to spread the word of the Festival by passing out

flyers and posters all along the beachside as each Festival approached.

Jerry and Esther were married 75 years, and, like most inseparable couples, passed within months of each other in 2023. They moved to Daytona Beach to live closer to family in the area. These two stayed active from when they met in 1946, with a life full of extraordinary careers behind them and a busy schedule in Daytona working with WISE (Wisdom In Senior Education) at Daytona State College as well as our Festival. Jerry was also treasurer of Temple Israel.

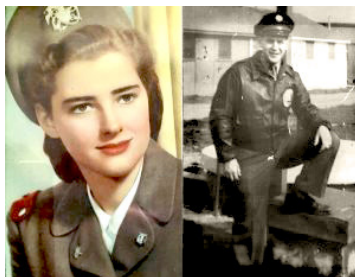
Jerry was a WW2 veteran who served in the Army Air Corps as a flight radio operator. When the war ended in 1945, he had just two years of college under his belt. Through the GI Bill, he was able to attend Rutgers University Law School on an accelerated program that allowed him to obtain his law degree in two years. During this time, his aunt met the mother of his future wife Esther, who provided her number to him. Esther was a Cadet nurse who had trained to be a registered nurse during the war. A week later, Jerry's brother had tickets to a Dinah Shore show in New York City but required Jerry to bring a date. He decided to call Esther to see if she would join him. She said she would only go if he met her in person, so he went to the hospital where she was working in New Jersey. They walked around the grounds during her break that day. That day marked the beginning of their over seven-decade relationship. The two were married in 1947 and had their first of three children in 1948.

Jerry practiced law for many years. Esther went back to school to get her BA degree and taught at Jersey City State college. She received her master's at Montclair State College and doctorate at Columbia University. She taught at Kean University in New Jersey, retiring in 1965.

While working at his private practice, Jerry was asked to run for councilman of Linden, NJ; he won the position and served for two years. He was then elected as President of the City Council and later was elected to the State of New Jersey legislature for a year. With this experience, he became the city attorney for the city of Linden for almost 30 years while still maintaining his private practice. Jerry retired at the age of 91.

The key to a healthy and happy life and marriage, Jerry would say, "is to have love, mutual respect, encourage each other in whatever they want to do, meet new people, enjoy your relatives and friends, engage in meaningful activities and stay involved with your community."

Jerry and Esther will be missed.



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With flavors receiving inspiration from around the world, owner's Ricki and Gili really wanted to create a unique dining experience for those who visit Ormond Beach.

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You can dine in and enjoy our comfortable atmosphere, skip the line by calling ahead and picking up your order to-go, or you can find us on DoorDash and Uber Eats and get everything delivered straight to your door.

We have a full menu, featuring everything from a classic lox bagel to fresh salads, burgers and more.

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MOTEK JEWELRY - Bar Rodin is the owner and founder of Motek Jewelry. Bar was born and raised in Israel and moved to St. Louis in her late twenties. Bar's inspiration for jewelry design can be traced back to her roots in Israel, who's cultural blend of creative and unique styles are now available in the United States. Bar designs much of her collection herself and sources the rest from Israel and other places in the world.



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Menu:

Decorated Cut-Out Cookies: chocolate, vanilla, chocolate chip.

Cookies: chocolate chip, snickerdoodle,
and white chocolate cranberry

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Jews are a famously accomplished group. They make up 0.2 percent of the world population, but 54 percent of the world chess champions, 27 percent of the Nobel physics laureates and 31 percent of the medicine laureates.

Jews make up 2 percent of the U.S. population, but 21 percent of the Ivy League student bodies, 26 percent of the Kennedy Center honorees, 37 percent of the Academy Award-winning directors, 38 percent of those on a recent Business Week list of leading philanthropists, and 51 percent of the Pulitzer Prize winners for non-fiction writings.

The Jewish American experience is a story of faith, fortitude, and progress. It is a quintessential American experience – one that is connected to key tenets of American identity, including our Nation’s commitment to freedom of religion and conscience. This month, we honor Jewish Americans – past and present – who have inextricably woven their experience and their accomplishments into the fabric of our national identity.

Generations of Jewish people have come to this Nation fleeing oppression, discrimination, and persecution in search of a better life for themselves and their children. These Jewish Americans have created lives for themselves and their families and played indispensable roles in our Nation’s civic and community life, making invaluable contributions to our Nation through their leadership and achievements.



SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES

The Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties is a local Jewish philanthropic organization connected to the national umbrella of Federations across our country. It is about people working together to provide social services, leadership development, community relations and humanitarian needs. Although our outreach is locally focused, we also strive to meet needs nationally, in Israel and worldwide, regardless of ethnicity, race, or religion.

Some of those services are:

- The Jerry Doliner Food Bank for local families in need.
 - 1½ weeks' worth of food including meat, fresh produce, cereal, bread, pastries, and sanitary items. Diapers and pet food given upon request and when available milk, juice, and eggs
- Helping provide food for a local homeless veteran's shelter
- Backpack and school supply program for local students in need as well as supplies for teachers
- Sponsoring educational programs available at no cost for the community at large
- Helping support the Israeli Defense Force soldiers, especially the lone soldier who comes from another country to defend Israel
- Providing bomb shelters for children in poor sections of Israel
- Providing assistance to the vulnerable Jews of the Ukraine – the old and the young
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The Jewish Federation
OF VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES

ESFORMES CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF GREATER DAYTONA



We are a branch of over 3,500 centers worldwide. We have a reputation of successfully bringing Judaism to communities small and large. Our Ormond Beach community is full of vibrant young families, singles, and elderly.

Esformes Hebrew Academy Day School serves Preschool through 10th grade. Children at Esformes Hebrew Academy do

not just memorize content and learn isolated skills; rather they apply core curriculum to real world problems in a way that demands focus, attention to detail, careful revision, collaborative work, and creativity. These are all skills that living in the 21st Century requires. To learn more call for a tour!

Camp Gan Israel Day Camp is the only Jewish summer day camp in the area. This spectacular program is open to campers ages 18 months to 14 years old. Your child is sure to have the summer of a lifetime as they participate in daily activities such as swimming, day trips, sports, STEM workshops, entertainers, art, baking and Jewish Pride.

Feel free to call or check out our website and learn more about adult education, Prayer services, counseling, jail and hospital visitations, Jewish Women's Circle, Sunday Funday, Jewish Sound Radio, and much more....

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CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF PALM COAST

Hey there, Palm Coast! Looking for a Jewish community that's warm, welcoming, and totally judgment-free? You've found it! Chabad Jewish Center of Palm Coast is the spot where everyone can explore and deepen their connection to Judaism, no matter their background or beliefs. We're a thriving community that's rapidly expanding, and we can't wait to share our love of Jewish life with you! From newbies to Hebrew pros, we've got something for everyone. Our awesome leadership, Rabbi Levi and Tzivia, with their four children are all about creating a safe and inclusive space for spiritual growth and connection. So come hang out and experience the joy of Jewish community - no judgments, Just love!

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TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth-El, the only Reform congregation in the Greater Daytona Beach area, was founded in 1950 by fifteen local families and now has over 175 member families. We are currently served by our interim Rabbi Jim Simon with his insightful d'var and great sense of humor on the Bimah, he always has something interesting to provide.



Our vibrant Temple is kept continuously alive with services, programs, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, music, Religious School and many other activities. We offer Friday night services at 6:30 with a family friendly Kabbalat on the second Friday of most months, generally followed by a dinner and a family friendly service on the fourth Friday with activities for our younger members. Our Religious School is thriving, there is a full schedule of activities.

For over 40 years TBE School, which has been called "The Best School this Side of the Mississippi", is open to students of all faiths. The School's highly acclaimed program has helped the positive development of children; preschool begins at age 2 and goes through grade 5 (Mommy & Me classes begin at 12 months) with love, talented staff, and compassion. Visit www.TBEschool.com, phone 386.675.6630.

Please visit the Temple in person or check us out on the web at www.tbeob.com or call 386.675.6615 for more information.

Here's what's happening at the Temple Beth-El booth at the Festival:

- The Temple booth will provide membership information.
- The Religious School will provide information and highlight some of their recent projects. Contact Jonathan Frankel, our Religious School Director, through the Temple office.
- The Women of Reform Judaism will be selling Judaica items from our gift shop.
- The Brotherhood runs Sunday breakfast speaker programs open to the Community. Contact the Temple office for more information.
- The Temple Beth-El Youth Group actively engages middle school and high school students in the community with a variety of events, from Progressive Services to their own Passover Seder, as well as lock-in events and their infamous "Cake Wars." Contact the Temple office for more information.

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM AT PALM COAST

Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) was established by eighteen Jewish families in 1973, when the city of Palm Coast was in its early years of development. Construction of the current building on three acres of Wellington Drive followed in 1980. For the past 50 years, our beloved Little Shul in the Woods has been the center of Jewish life in Flagler County.

A modern, egalitarian synagogue, TBS embraces the practices of traditional Judaism, though we are unaffiliated with any denominational stream. Our members come from a diverse background of Jewish practice and traditions, from Orthodox to Reform, yet we come together simply as Jews. We are proud of our heritage and honor our traditions. We value our spiritual community that welcomes everyone and respects differing opinions in a tolerant and friendly atmosphere.

We gather together to pray and study, explore the meaning of Torah in our own lives, share and commemorate life's significant events, celebrate holidays, and participate in a variety of educational and social events. Members of both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities are welcome to many of these activities, which include such popular events as the Blessing of the Pets, Men's Club Rummage Sale, Chanukah Latkes Dinner, and annual holiday gatherings involving the students in our weekly religious school classes, such as the Purim Costume Party and Megillah Reading.

As Rabbi Rose Eberle retires after five years of dynamic, exemplary service, we are pleased to welcome Rabbi Karen Tashman as the next spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom. Moving into the next phase of growth and service to the Jewish community of Flagler County, we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our Little Shul in the Woods in Palm Coast. Call and/or stop by for a visit and in the interim keep track of all our news and activities at www.tbspalmcoast.org and/or on Facebook.

Am Yisrael Chai!



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Office Hours

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00AM-12 noon

CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH

Congregation B'nai Torah is a progressive, conservative synagogue located in Ormond Beach which has successfully blended the long-honored traditions of Judaism with the 21st Century. Rabbi S. David Kane has led this multigenerational congregation since 1998 serving as its dynamic spiritual and education leader. The Congregation's mission statement, "Together we honor G-d and Torah, Promote Spiritual Growth, and Strengthen Our Community," is reflected in the synagogue's many activities and committees.

Services are held every Friday evening at 7:00 PM and every Saturday morning at 10:00AM. Visitors are always welcome to attend services. As always, our religious services with Rabbi and Cantor Rich (on Zoom) continue to lift us up spiritually via our website www.mybnaitorah.org.

We were honored to add a media center this year in honor of Dr. Jack and Ilene Rotstein. We continue to refine and improve our space to make it as utilitarian as possible.

The Religious School, under the leadership of Rabbi Kane, Helen Farb and Virginia Horowitz, had lots of students, parents and volunteer participation. They prepared for all the holidays and rituals by tasting holiday foods, making decorations, learning rituals and music. We have classes for preschool through 5th grade. Rabbi Kane prepares each middle school student for Bat/Bar mitzvah. They are also able to lead Friday Shabbat services and Saturday morning services.

Our Men's Club has thrived under the leadership of Mark Givartz. He ran many planning and brainstorming sessions and produced many wonderful projects and programs for our congregation. The Men's Club was instrumental in helping at the Hard Rock Hanukkah party. Another first was "The Worldwide Wrap," a workshop where all could learn how to put on Tefillin. Again, we participated in the Yom HaShoah candle project to remember those who perished in the Holocaust.

Our Sisterhood has been the backbone of our congregation and always worked quietly behind the scenes to do so much for our CBT family. They are a major contributor to CBT through our fundraising projects, providing refreshments for most of our functions, helping with all aspects of our congregational life such as Onegs, Kiddush luncheons as well as holiday dinners. We are looking forward to many wonderful exciting new events under the new leadership of Barbara Kusnick.

Visit our booth to pick up a copy of our March Torah Times and new membership forms. Check out our Sisterhood's Judaica Shop and create a Seder plate with our Religious School.

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TEMPLE ISRAEL OF DELAND

This year, Temple Israel is celebrating its 68th anniversary! Founded by ten families who saw a future for a Jewish home in West Volusia, it is now the spiritual home to many Jewish families. Rabbi Reuven Silverman is the heart of this Temple. Offering a participatory experience at each and every service, Rabbi Reuven brings his vast knowledge of Torah and Talmud along with good music and humor. Come by our booth to meet and kibbitz with us!

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TEMPLE ISRAEL OF ORMOND BEACH

Temple Israel is the oldest synagogue in the Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach area. We were founded in 1924 as a Conservative Synagogue and celebrate our 100-year anniversary this year. We are affiliated with the United Synagogues of Conservative Judaism.

We have been located at Congregation B'nai Torah, a Conservative congregation in Ormond Beach, for the past two years. We join with Congregation B'nai Torah for services, educational programs, and celebrations throughout the year. We have a very active Sisterhood.

Our congregation is egalitarian and welcomes any person or family who wishes to join our Jewish community. Rabbi S. David Kane leads our Congregations along with Cantor Richard Walters.

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VOLUSIA SHERIFF

MICHAEL J. CHITWOOD



Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood outside his home.
(Thomas Simonetti for The Washington Post via Getty Images)



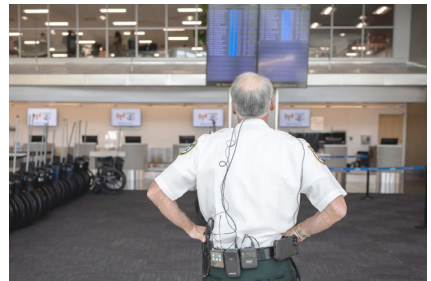
Counter-protesters at a planned neo-Nazi demonstration in Ormond Beach, Florida, thank Volusia County Sheriff Michael Chitwood "for standing against antisemitism," April 22, 2023. Chitwood has had white supremacists who have threatened him online arrested and extradited to his county.
(Nadia Zomorodian, courtesy of Volusia County Sheriff)



Chitwood speaks with Marvin Miller, president of the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties, in Ormond Beach, Fla. (Thomas Simonetti for The Washington Post)



Volusia County Sheriff Michael Chitwood (right) thanks residents who turned up to counter-protest a canceled demonstration by a neo-Nazi group in Ormond Beach, Florida, April 22, 2023. (Nadia Zomorodian, courtesy of Volusia County Sheriff)



Chitwood checks the arrivals display as he waits for the man extradited from New Jersey for allegedly threatening Chitwood, at the Orlando Sanford International Airport in Sanford, Fla. (Thomas Simonetti for The Washington Post)



Fighting Hate In Our Community!

*Thank You Sheriff for
"Having our Back"!*

#NeverAgainIsNow

JEWISH HALL OF FAME TENT

Welcome to Israel Exhibit

Known as “the land of milk and honey”, “the promised land” and “start up nation”, Israel is a nation of under 10 million people and over 7 million of the world’s 15.7 million Jews. It is a small nation forced to fight for its existence and security since its founding. It is the ancestral land of the Jewish people and, in many ways, the birthplace of 3 monotheistic religions.

While it is the most highlighted and criticized nation in the international community, it is also rated near the top of every happiness study, across all age groups. Unlike many wealthy democracies, Israel’s population is young and growing and has one of the highest life expectancies and lowest rates of suicide and substance abuse.

Admired for having the world’s highest density of high-tech start-ups, Israel’s greatest asset may be its resilient population. While anti-Zionism seems to have become the latest worldwide pandemic, the people of Israel persevere.

In our Festival Israel Exhibit, we will highlight some of Israel’s great accomplishments and we will have a display of the remaining hostages held by Hamas. You can have your English name written in Hebrew on a Certificate.

“I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great. I will bless those who bless you, and curse those who curse you. In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12

Come celebrate the greatness of Israel with us!



SIGHTS, SOUNDS & SYMBOLS OF JUDIASM



The sights, sounds and symbols of Judaism have been passed down from generation to generation so they represent what defines and distinguishes our people. Many items on display have been loaned from private collections. We hope their beauty, splendor, and what they represent will inspire you.

The TORAH SCROLL- How is it written and put together.

Please join Rabbi Simon, Interim Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth-El in Ormond Beach, from 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. to see firsthand a Hebrew Torah Scroll and learn how it is made. You will also learn about the sofer (*scribe*) who does the writing of the scroll and how it can take them one year (or more!) to complete the Torah scroll.



Inside



Life in the



**A Presentation by
Award Winning Photojournalist Karen Sandvick**

The history of the oldest Eastern European shtetls began about a millennium ago and saw long periods of relative tolerance and prosperity as well as times of extreme poverty and hardship.

Not only did the Jews of the shtetl speak a unique language (Yiddish), but they also had a unique rhetorical style, rooted in traditions of Talmudic learning.



THE HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

The United States Holocaust Museum states that The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state sponsored persecution and murder



of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. During the era of the Holocaust, the Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, also targeted other groups because of their perceived "racial inferiority" such as Gypsies, the disabled, and Slavic peoples (Poles, Russians). Other groups were

persecuted on political, ideological and behavioral grounds such as the communists, socialists, Jehovah's witnesses and homosexuals.

Between 1941 and 1944, Nazi German authorities deported millions of Jews from Germany, from occupied territories, and from the countries of many of its Axis allies to ghettos and to killing centers, often called extermination camps, where they were murdered in specially developed gassing facilities.



The Holocaust is a grim reminder of the senseless systematic murder of millions of innocent people and of all humanity lost.

"Henriette's Letters" - "Our Story" 12 photos and explanatory panels from the Holocaust Resource and Education Center in Maitland which tell the stories of 11 women who survived the Holocaust and then



settled in central Florida. One of the survivors of Auschwitz was Tess Weiss who founded and directed the very first Holocaust Museum in the United States, the Holocaust Resource and Education Center in Matiland. She passed in 2023.



DIMENSIONS IN TESTIMONY



Presentation by Stephen Poynor

USC Shoah **Foundation's Dimensions in TestimonySM** enables people to ask questions that prompt real-time responses from pre-recorded video interviews with Holocaust survivors and other witnesses to genocide. The pioneering project integrates advanced filming techniques, specialized display technologies and next generation natural language processing to create an interactive biography. Now and far into the future, museum-goers, students and others can have conversational interactions with these eyewitnesses to history to learn from those who were there.

The program consists of a Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter on a laptop not a hologram... and people can ask questions and the Holocaust survivor on the laptop responds. The Holocaust survivor's answers were prerecorded.



Pinchas

Stephen Poynor serves as the Director of Education at the Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida. In his role, he plays a vital part in helping Florida school districts effectively implement the Florida mandate for Holocaust Education through collaborative educator training, direct student instruction, and curriculum design.

Notably, he also contributed his expertise to the Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education, in the development of the new State of Florida standards for Holocaust Education.

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Debbie Kruck Forrester with Ormond Strong has offered this display of Hostages she created along with white and blue roses.



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Do a Mitzvah and visit the BIG RED BUS to donate blood and Chabad's Mitzvah Tank to lay Tefillin at Chabad's Educational and Outreach mobile center. Both located on Riverside Drive



SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

11:30 a.m. Steve Barber

"The Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean"

Steve is the former creative/marketing director of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore. He is the Program & Events Chairman of the Temple Beth-EL Brotherhood and Co-Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Daytona State College Foundation Wise Program.



As European nations raced westward in a mad rush for colonies, The Caribbean became a pirate's paradise during the 16th-17th centuries. Many of these pirates were Spanish & Portuguese Jews escaping The Inquisition. Driven by an insatiable thirst for revenge against the Spanish government, they wreaked havoc on their fleets & terrorized their shipping lanes. Legendary names like Sinan Reis, Shmuel Palacci, Moses Cohen Henriques, Hayreddin Barbarossa and Jean Lafitte stalked the waters on ships named Prophet Samuel, Queen Esther & Shield of Abraham. One of those notorious pirates was Steve's ancestor.

12:45 p.m. Bea Schemer

"Surviving the Holocaust"



Bea is a member of Temple Beth-El and is on the board of The Advisory Council of the Daytona State College Foundation Wise Program. From her birth in Bavaria, Germany to her family's escape to Cali, Colombia, South America and finally sanctuary in the United States, Bea will tell her story of a young Jewish girl witnessing the rise of Nazism and Adolph Hitler as well as her experiences living under the Nazi regime and its effect on her family.



2:00 p.m. Suzanne Schneider

"Life as a Holocaust Survivor"

Suzanne was born in Poland in 1937 as an only child. After Germany's invasion of Poland, Suzanne's family was forced into the ghetto and lived under constant fear of deportation to a Nazi concentration camp. After treating the child of a local Polish woman and her mother, Suzanne's father asked if these women would be willing to hide his wife and child in their home. The family agreed. The only place they had in their home safe from view of the outside was a chicken coop in the back of the house, where they would remain hidden for nearly a year.



3:15 p.m. Ken Tubertini

"The Jewish Resistance"

Jewish Resistance, the real heroes of the Holocaust.

Ken Tubertini is a Holocaust historian. He taught the Holocaust course at Vineland High School for 24 years and Graduate Holocaust Studies at The College of New Jersey and Ramapo College. He co-authored Holocaust and Genocide, a Search for Conscience, published by the ADL. He was an invited guest speaker at Yeshiva University and spent time in Israel on two occasions. Mr. Tubertini has been married to his wife Jane for 45 years and have three children and three grandchildren.



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The Jewish Federation Of Volusia & Flagler Counties

The Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties is a local Jewish philanthropic organization connected to the national umbrella of Federations across our country. It is about people working together to provide social services, leadership development, community relations and humanitarian needs. Although our outreach is locally focused, we also strive to meet needs nationally, in Israel and world wide, regardless of ethnicity, race, or religion.

The Jerry Doliner Food Bank

The Social Service Council of the Jewish Federation maintains a well-stocked crisis food bank – **THE JERRY DOLINER FOOD BANK** – which provides emergency food to people who “fall through the cracks” of the system. The food bank gives out food according to the size of the family. For example, a family of four would receive three large paper bags filled with nutritional food according to the United States Agricultural guidelines. In addition, they would also receive meat or chicken, cereal, juice, bagels, pastries, fresh vegetables and fruit, paper goods, hygienic products and one of the most important commodities - toilet paper. Did you know that you can’t get hygienic products with food stamps? We can purchase food at a much lower cost than individuals. Please support this very important program by donating funds to The Jerry Doliner Food Bank.

Family Life Center

The mission of the Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to end Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence in Flagler County. The Family Life Center is a private not-for-profit social service organization providing no-cost services to individuals and families experiencing Domestic or Sexual Violence. We are committed to meeting the needs of the community and recognizing the specific challenges faced by those in rural areas of Flagler County. The Family Life Center strives to create an environment of safe and harmonious co-existence among families residing within its facility and throughout the Flagler County community, while providing an empowerment-based model of help that is self-directed by the survivor.

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The Hillel students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University are active in Jewish life in our community and are connected to Hillel International which states as its goals that Hillel was, is and will always be a space of all kinds of Jewish students – a place where they feel welcomed and included. It is an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

Cinematique of Daytona

As Volusia County's only art-house cinema, Cinematique of Daytona originated in 1991 when several area movie aficionados banded together to show independent and foreign films. Over three decades, our nonprofit has been bringing the best of the expanding motion picture universe to our community.

In addition to film programming, Cinematique presents weekly stand up and improvisational comedy shows, live music from jazz to rock, and is available for rentals for your events.

Hadassah

Women's Zionist Organization of America is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to Israel. Hadassah fundraises for community programs and health initiatives in Israel, at Medical and Research Centers that provides treatment for all regardless of religion, race, or natural origins. Here in America and around the world Hadassah advocates on behalf of women's rights, supports health education and research, women's initiatives, schools and youth programs.

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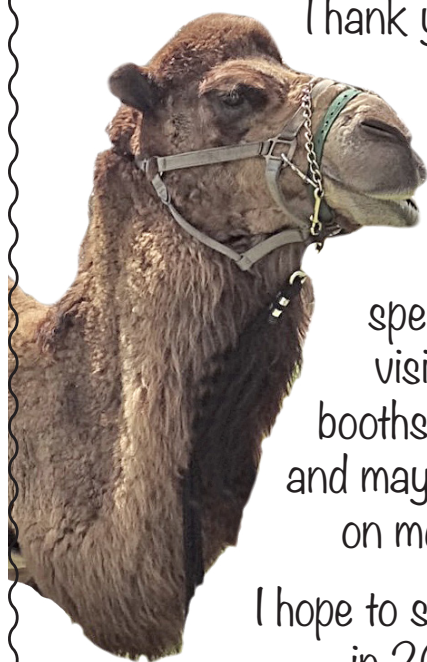
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