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FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

Friday, November 27, 2015
8:30 am - 12:00 noon
Meet at Temple Emanu-El

We kick off the season with our annual morning of community service the day after Thanksgiving. After a light breakfast at Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach, volunteers will disperse to their choice of six sites to lend a hand. Bring your friends and family as we work side by side on projects at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Caps of Love, Levine Residential Services, Midtown Beach, and Pat Reeves Village.

To assist in our planning, we encourage you to register in advance (if you have misplaced your brochure or need extras for friends, please call 561-833-6150).

Community service hours are available for students, and Fellowship t-shirts will be given to the first 100 who sign up!

The Bloodmobile will also be on site, and we ask that you bring nonperishable food, sundries, and new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to local agencies who assist those in need.

ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
6:00 - 9:30 pm
The Breakers Palm Beach

In the tradition of this signature annual event, we are again featuring a keynote speaker of national prominence to inspire, inform, and enlighten, while providing an opportunity for camaraderie among people of all backgrounds.

Our 2016 speaker is **Jeffrey Goldberg**, award-winning author and journalist, currently a national correspondent for *The Atlantic* magazine.



Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the 2016 John C. Randolph Award to long-time community leader, **H. Irwin Levy**.

Call 561-833-6150 for info about event sponsorship and/or program tribute ads.

Event Co-Chairs

Margaret Zeidman and Vivienne Ivry
\$250 Members; \$275 Non-Members

WELCOME BACK

Monday, December 7, 2015
5:00 - 6:30 pm
Paramount Courtyard

Reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones as we get together for our annual Welcome Back Reception. Hear about the exciting programs and events in store this season, and become a member if you haven't yet joined. You'll enjoy beverages and light hors d'oeuvres as we mingle in the beautiful historic Paramount Courtyard.

Free admission for Fellowship Members; \$5 suggested donation for guests.



▲ Susan and Tom Meier chatting with Alice Rudin at the 2014 Welcome Back Reception.

CORRECTION



Our apologies to Carole Gigliotti (left, in blue jacket), who was mistakenly misidentified in our Spring 2015 *Fellowship News* in this photo of her with Mimi Flamm at the January 28, 2015 Luncheon featuring Rabbi Marc Gellman.

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Join the Fellowship! Visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net or call 561.833.6150 to sign up!



OUR MISSION

The Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews is dedicated to promoting fellowship, understanding, and respect among all religions and cultures; bringing the community together through education, dialogue, and interaction; and addressing issues rooted in intolerance, anti-Semitism, and unjust discrimination.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

IN THE NAME OF GOD?



John C. Randolph

Recently, a good friend of mine who shares my hope for fellowship and understanding among people of all faiths, presented me with the book titled **Not in God's Name**, authored by Jonathan Sacks. I begin my message with the following quote from this book:

"Too often in the history of religion, people have killed in the name of the God of life, waged war in the name of the God of peace, hated in the name of the God of love and practiced cruelty in the name of the God of compassion."

How clearly evident is the truth of this statement in the world today? Killing is rampant in the name of God. War continues to be waged in the name of God. People hate those who have a faith different from their own because they believe their faith is the only faith and people are cruel to others who do not choose to believe the same as they. None of this is new. Cruelty and hate have existed from time immemorial. Despite efforts to preserve life, to make peace, to do away with hate and cruelty, the world continues to be filled with this blight. Jonathan Sacks, in his introductory chapter, quotes Blaise Pascal as saying, "Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction."

There is, of course, nothing wrong with being strong in one's faith.

Indeed, it is important to have faith and to be convicted to one's faith. Our faith gives us strength and hope. And, our faith has taught us to love one another and to treat others as we ourselves wish to be treated.

It is when we believe that our faith should be exclusive to all others that harm is done. When no room is made to allow others to freely pursue their own faith or to pursue their own beliefs, others become persecuted. It is then, in the name of God, as Jonathan Sacks says, that people are killed, that wars are waged and that hate and cruelty become a way of life.

"We need not change our own beliefs but we must respect the rights of others to pursue their beliefs..."

- John C. Randolph

Of course, it is not only in the name of religion or in the name of God that these cruelties exist. They can also be caused for socio-economic reasons based upon jealousy, fear and greed. Whatever the reason, we must overcome the bigotry and hatred which results from our differences. We must learn to be inclusive rather than exclusive. We must learn to understand and respect one another despite our differences. We must learn to treat others as we ourselves would like to be treated. We need not change our own beliefs but we must respect the rights of others to pursue their beliefs as long as those beliefs are not intended to harm others.

The Fellowship exists to address these issues, to help us learn to better understand one another, to help us learn how to respect one another, and to help us learn how to treat one another with dignity no matter that we do not share the same beliefs.

The Fellowship and its programs are aimed at serving these goals. If you believe, as we do, that there is a need within our community and elsewhere to be more inclusive, that there is a need to tear down walls built upon foundations of misunderstanding, that there exists a need to build bridges built of respect and understanding, then join us. Become a member of the Fellowship and help us attain our goals.

NEW! SUNDAY SERIES

There's something for everyone in our new **Sunday Series**, four different programs designed to bring people together to share common interests. All four will be held at 4:00 pm at the Paramount and will include a reception following the program (other than the wine tasting), so RSVPs are kindly requested. There is no charge for Fellowship members; \$5 suggested donation for guests (\$15 for the wine tasting).



Sunday, January 10, 2016
"Discrimination in the Movies"
 presented by Caroline Breder-Watts, host of WLRN's *Sunday Breakfast with the Arts*



Sunday, January 24, 2016
Chamber Music Ensemble Concert
 conducted by Joseph A. Ierardi, artistic director, *I Musici of the Palm Beaches*
 featuring Lynn University music department faculty and students
 co-sponsored by Guia Brown, Raymond James Financial Services, West Palm Beach

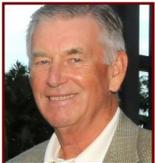


Sunday, February 14, 2016
Valentine's Day Wine Tasting
 hosted by Maurice Amiel, owner, The French Wine Merchant, Palm Beach



Sunday, March 6, 2016
"On Common Ground in the Early Days of Palm Beach County"
 presented by Harvey Oyer III, attorney, author, and fifth generation Floridian

INTERFAITH DIALOGUES



Tom O'Brien and Rabbi Howard Shapiro return for another season of their popular **Interfaith Dialogues**. This series is a wonderful opportunity for people of all backgrounds to learn from one another and converse respectfully in an open, interactive setting on topics of mutual interest. Each session stands on its own so you are welcome to attend all or as many as you can.

All three sessions will be held at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea starting at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served so RSVP's are kindly requested. There is no charge for Fellowship members; \$5 suggested donation for guests.

Wednesday, January 13, 2016
What's wrong with intermarriage?

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Christians and Jews: Different understandings of Israel

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
Will there always be anti-Semitism?

ESSAY CONTEST

Submission Deadline: January 15, 2016

Contest Chair, Rosalie Franks, and her committee have selected "Liberty" as the topic for the 2016 **Essay Contest**, open to all middle and high school students in Palm Beach County public and private schools.

Cash prizes and Tourneau watches will again be awarded to winners in each of the two divisions, middle and high school. The supervising teachers of winning students will receive office supply store gift cards for supplies.

Contact the Fellowship office at info@palmbeachfellowship.net to request a contest brochure if you did not receive one through your school.



FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES

For many years, the Fellowship has been awarding scholarships to local teachers to attend the "Holocaust and Human Behavior" course in Boston offered by Facing History and Ourselves, an international educational and professional development organization whose mission is to engage students in an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism, to promote a more humane and informed citizenry.

This past July, we were proud to send the following teachers to the program; they will now bring what they learned into their classrooms, as have past alums.



Julie Gates, Loggers Run Middle School
 Cynthia Glazier, Park Vista High School
 Bradd Weinberg, Carver Middle School

Maureen Carter, K-12 Holocaust Studies Program Planner for the School District of Palm Beach County, said that all the teachers who have attended are "so grateful to the Fellowship for providing this amazing, life-changing opportunity."

2015-2016 SEASON AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER

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Fellowship Friday
 8:30 am - 12:00 noon

DECEMBER

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Welcome Back Reception
 5:00 - 6:30 pm

JANUARY

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Sunday Series #1
"Discrimination in the Movies"
 4:00 - 5:30 pm

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Interfaith Dialogues #1
 Intermarriage
 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Series #2
 Chamber Music Concert
 4:00 - 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY

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Interfaith Dialogues #2
 Israel
 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Series #3
 Valentine's Day Wine Tasting
 4:00 - 5:30 pm

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Annual Dinner
 6:00 - 9:30 pm

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Interfaith Dialogues #3
 Anti-Semitism
 5:30 - 7:00 pm

MARCH

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Sunday Series #4
"On Common Ground in the Early Days of Palm Beach County"
 4:00 - 5:30 pm

APRIL

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Annual Meeting
 5:00 - 6:00 pm



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- \$100 Individual
- \$150 Dual (2 adults)
- \$250 Family
- \$500 Supporter
- \$1,000 Patron
- \$2,500 Benefactor
- \$5,000 Chairman's Council
- \$10,000 Founder's Society

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