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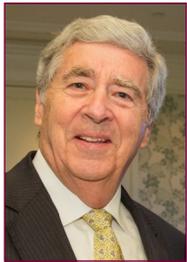


Fellowship NEWS

1993 - 2018
SEEKING COMMON GROUND
for 25 years

Welcome to our 25th Anniversary Season!

John C. Randolph



Chairman's Message

Welcome back, friends, to another year of Fellowship. This year will prove to be an exciting and noteworthy year in the life of the Fellowship as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. It is hard to believe that this much time has gone by since the Fellowship was founded in 1993 as a result of the concerns of a handful of people who sought to deal with the intolerance, disrespect, and anti-Semitism which existed in the Town at the time. Our theme this year is, aptly, *Seeking Common Ground*.

We have a great lineup of programs for you this season, from our ever-popular Fellowship Friday, which occurs the day after Thanksgiving, our Sunday Series, our Annual Dinner, our Essay & Creative Arts Competition, and the Interfaith Dialogues, revamped and renamed as Pizza & Pathways this season.

We are very excited about the speaker we have scheduled for this year's Annual Dinner. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks is an internationally renowned theologian and author whose work is admired by Christians and Jews alike, and indeed by people of all faiths. Rabbi Sacks wrote a book called **Not in God's Name**, which is a book about confronting religious violence. It is a book which is so apropos to what is happening in the world today. I would like to quote a short paragraph from Rabbi Sacks' 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. When this happens, God speaks, sometimes in a still, small voice, almost inaudible beneath the clamor of those claiming to speak on his behalf. What he says at such times is: "Not in my name."

To me these words are so relevant in today's society, so timely, and so in line with the work of the Fellowship. I do not remember, in my lifetime, a period of such turmoil based upon the attitude of fundamentalist faiths towards those who believe differently than they. Why do we insist that others believe as we do? Indeed, it is important that we remain convicted to our thoughts and beliefs in regard to faith, politics, and other issues we may hold dear, but why do we insist that others share our beliefs?

We see that it is that insistence that is creating havoc, fighting, and killing in the world today. As part of its mission, the Fellowship seeks to put an end to that. We attempt to accomplish that goal and others through education and dialogue; by sitting together at the table to attempt to understand what makes us the same and what makes us different and to learn to appreciate those differences. We know we will never see an end to prejudice and conflict, but it is our hope that we, with your help, can make some progress toward having people better respect one another in order that we can make the world a better place in which to live.

"Why do we insist that others believe as we do?"

My thanks to each and every one of you, our members and supporters, for working with us to assist in accomplishing our goals and our mission.

Mark your calendar!

See inside for more details.

February 9, 2018

Essay & Creative Arts Competition entry submission deadline

Fellowship Friday

November 24, 2017

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Breakfast at Temple Emanu-El followed by volunteer projects at area sites.

Sunday Conversations

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Royal Poinciana Chapel*

December 3, 2017

Mar-a-Lago: Post to Trump presented by Richard René Silvin

*Please note: The venue for Dec. 3 will be the Wells Fargo Community Room.

January 21, 2018

Is Civility Dead...and Does It Matter? presented by Robert Watson, PhD

February 11, 2018

Churchill: France, India, and Other Little-Known Controversies presented by Richard D'Elia, PhD

March 18, 2018

Beauty and a Couple of Beasts presented by Deborah Pollack

Annual Dinner

January 17, 2018

6:00 - 9:30 pm

The Breakers Palm Beach

Guest Speaker:

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

plus presentation of the 2018 John C. Randolph Award to Joyce McLendon.

Pizza & Pathways

...in a world turned upside down

February 28, 2018

March 14, 2018

April 11, 2018

5:30 - 7:00 pm

St. Edward Church

Enjoy Amici Market pizza and short films/discussions facilitated by Tom O'Brien and Rabbi Howard Shapiro.

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event information!

Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition

Open to all Palm Beach County public and private middle and high school students, the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews annual Essay Contest & Creative Arts Competition awards cash prizes for winning students and office supply store gift cards for teachers of winning students.

This season's theme is "The Road Not Taken," from the Robert Frost poem of the same name. Students are asked to reflect on decisions and choices they have made and the effect they have had on their lives, expressing their thoughts via writing, music, video, or visual art.

Guidelines and entry forms are available on the website:
www.palmbeachfellowship.net or call (561) 833-6150.
Entry deadline is February 9, 2018.



Facing History and Ourselves

For almost 20 years, the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews has proudly provided full scholarships to outstanding Palm Beach County teachers to attend the *Facing History and Ourselves* seminar, "The Holocaust and Human Behavior." The week-long workshop is held at the international professional development organization's headquarters in Brookline, Massachusetts. The Fellowship sent six educators to the life-changing program in July 2017. The teachers are incorporating the lessons in their classrooms to help their students make the connection between history and moral choices in their own lives.



► left to right:

Mark Risky, Glades Central High School
Chrissie Ferguson, Rosarian Academy
Barbara Johnson, West Boca High School
Melanie Lee, Park Vista High School
Steve Gordon, Western Pines Middle School
Chuck Hagy, The Benjamin School

▼ Steve Gordon with one of the inspiring speakers at the seminar, Rena Finder, the youngest Schindler's List survivor



Fellowship flashbacks...

Throughout this 25th anniversary season, we will be featuring moments and milestones from the Fellowship's history. If you are a longtime member, please share any photos or memories you may have.

Herb Lee



A handful of Christian and Jewish friends, concerned about the problem of religious discrimination in Palm Beach, met in early 1993 in the living room of the late Herb Lee to create what would become the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews. Their goal was to foster better understanding and respect among people of all faiths.

John Brogan



The late John Brogan was elected Chairman in April 1993 at a meeting at the Colony Hotel. Others present were Charles Bane, Elinor Belfer, Bill Brooks, Matt Brown, Jean Feather, Herb Lee, Irwin Levy, Joyce McLendon, Helen Messic, Jesse Newman, Louis Pryor, Sidney Stoneman, and Phil Whitacre.



The first logo of the Fellowship included a white carnation as a symbol of friendship. The flower played a role in the organization's activities through the years such as Fellowship Week, when white carnations were handed out to people in the community.



Annual Dinner

Jan. 17, 2018

5:30 - 9:00 pm

The Breakers
Palm Beach

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\$250
Fellowship Members
\$300
Non-Members

Vivienne Ivory, Co-Chair



Donna Plasket, Co-Chair



▼ In a Nutshell

Our annual signature event will feature international religious leader, philosopher, and award-winning author, **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks**. The Annual Dinner is designed to inspire, inform, and enlighten, while providing an opportunity for camaraderie among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Another highlight of the 25th anniversary season's Annual Dinner will be the presentation of the 2018 John C. Randolph Award to community leader and philanthropist **Joyce McLendon**, a founding member of the Fellowship who remains an active member of the Board of Directors.

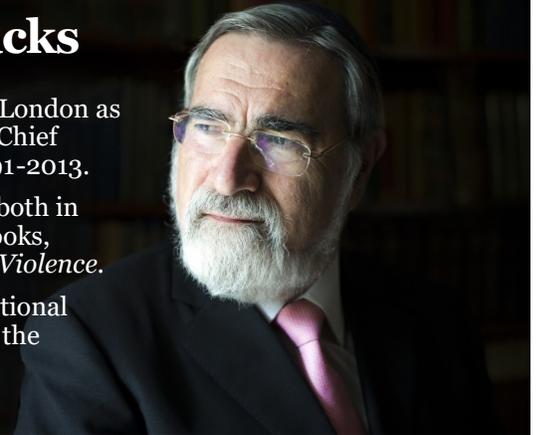
Sponsorship opportunities and program tribute ads are available; please call (561) 833-6150 for details.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

The Fellowship is delighted to welcome **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** of London as our keynote speaker at the 2018 Annual Dinner. Rabbi Sacks served as the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth from 1991-2013.

A frequent and sought-after contributor to radio, television, and the press, both in Britain and around the world, Rabbi Sacks is the author of more than 30 books, including the recent bestseller, *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence*.

Rabbi Sacks received the 2016 Templeton Prize in recognition of his "exceptional contributions to affirming life's spiritual dimension," and recently received the 2017 Irving Kristol Award from the American Enterprise Institute.



Joyce McLendon



2018 John C. Randolph Award

The *John C. Randolph Award* was established in 2004 to honor a person or organization in the community who exemplifies the mission of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews. Presented annually, our highest accolade was named for our current chair, who also served in that capacity for a decade in the early days of the organization.

Our 2018 recipient, **Joyce McLendon**, was a founding member of the Fellowship and served in various leadership capacities through the years including secretary and program chair. Still an active member of the Board of Directors, she was instrumental on several committees and in activities such as Fellowship Week.

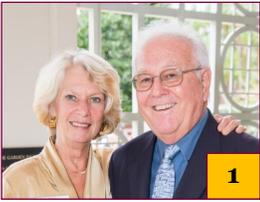
Joyce was also a founder of The Lord's Place and the Arthritis Foundation. Known for her quiet philanthropy, hands-on participation, and passion for the causes she champions, Joyce has also been involved locally with the Lighthouse for the Blind, Alzheimer's Association, John A. Marshall Foundation, and the YWCA.



Welcome Back Reception

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Approximately 150 guests enjoyed great food, drinks, and conversation on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, as we kicked off the 25th anniversary season! The event took place in the beautiful gardens at The Society of the Four Arts and featured a review of the upcoming season by John C. Randolph, chair, and a brief presentation by Chrissie Ferguson and Steve Gordon, two of the six educators who attended the *Facing History and Ourselves* “Holocaust and Human Behavior” seminar last summer on full scholarships provided by the Fellowship. (See page 2 for more on the program and their experiences.)





1. Donna Plasket and David Breneman
2. Dan and Sheila McDonnell
3. Rabbi Janie Grackin, Rabbi Cookie Lea Olshein
4. Rabbi Michael Resnick, Rev. Dr. Robert Norris
5. Kathleen and Lew Crampton
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27. Marcia and Bill Cini
28. Patsy and Don Mintmire, Danielle Moore
29. Sylvia and Donald Singer, Carla Cove
30. Lori Ackerman, Karen and Marty List, Zelda Mason
31. Rick Smith, Harris Fried
32. Heather Mason, Allen Mason, Traci Braun, Rabbi Howard Shapiro
33. Cathy and Bob Ostellino, Debbie Norris
34. Jim Murphy
35. Maggie Zeidman, Vivienne Ivry
36. Jeanne and David Rosow, Bobbi Horwich
37. Charlie Ring
38. Brooks Ricca



Season Preview

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Fellowship Friday

PALM BEACH FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIANS & JEWS



November 24, 2017

Connecting the community
by doing good, together.

Special thanks to Temple Emanu-El for hosting the kick-off breakfast and to the volunteers who choose to give back to the community the morning after Thanksgiving.

Kick-Off Breakfast | 8:30 am

Temple Emanu-El
190 N. County Road, Palm Beach

Volunteer Activities | 9:30 am

(miscellaneous venues listed below; directions will be available at breakfast)

Fellowship Friday is the Fellowship's mission in action, as we work together to make our community a little bit better. Choose from among the project partners below and join us the morning after Thanksgiving to share our blessings.

Even if you are unable to participate in one of the listed projects, you can still be part of Fellowship Friday by bringing non-perishable food, toiletries, and/or new, unwrapped toys to the breakfast, to be given to local organizations who work with those in need. (You may also bring items to the Fellowship office in advance if you will be away; please call 561-833-6150 to arrange a date/time.)

Adopt-a-Family Program Reach Beach Clean-Up Big Dog Ranch Rescue Levine Jewish Residential Quantum House

All projects will run approximately 2-3 hours. Advance registration encouraged!

For more information or to register, visit www.palmbeachfellowship.net for a downloadable form., call (561) 833-6150 or e-mail us at info@palmbeachfellowship.net.

Sunday Conversations



December 3, 2017

4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wells Fargo | 255 S. County Road, Palm Beach

Palm Beach premiere! **Mar-a-Lago: Post to Trump** presented by Richard René Silvin

Silvin is a popular lecturer and author of several books, including a memoir about his friendship with the Duchess of Windsor.

Richard René Silvin



January 21, 2018

4:00 - 5:30 pm
Royal Poinciana Chapel | 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach

Is Civility Dead...and Does It Matter? presented by Robert Watson, PhD

Watson is an award-winning author and historian who has published 40 books and hundreds of articles and essays on topics in history and politics.

Robert Watson



February 11, 2018

Royal Poinciana Chapel | 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach

Churchill: France, India, and Other Little-Known Controversies presented by Richard D'Elia, PhD

D'Elia, a lecturer, retired Army officer, and professor, participated in the US-UK Army Officer Exchange Program, which greatly added to his expertise in all things Churchill.

Richard D'Elia



March 18, 2018

Royal Poinciana Chapel | 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach

Beauty and a Couple of Beasts presented by Deborah Pollack

Pollack is a Palm Beach art dealer, author, and speaker. Her books include Palm Beach Visual Arts and Bad Scarlett: The Extraordinary Life of the Notorious Southern Beauty Marie Boozer.

Deborah Pollack



Refreshments will be served; reservations kindly requested.
FREE for PB Fellowship members; \$10 per session or \$35 Series Pass

Membership Application

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April 11, 2018

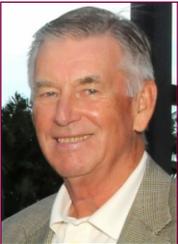
5:30 - 7:00 pm (doors open at 5:15 pm)
St. Edward Church Parish Hall
(east side of the street, across from the church at 144 N. County Road, Palm Beach)

Short award-winning films on thought-provoking topics will provide the starting point for stimulating discussions facilitated by Tom O'Brien and Rabbi Howard Shapiro.

Enjoy pizza from Amici Market, beverages, and sweets at this revamped version of the popular Interfaith Dialogues.



Tom O'Brien



Rabbi Howard Shapiro



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Yes, I/we wish to support the projects and programs of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians & Jews during this 25th anniversary season, to be part of the mission of bringing people of all backgrounds together, *seeking common ground.*

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\$250 Family
\$500 Supporter
\$1,000 Patron
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* If you also have a seasonal address, please add that info w/approximate dates below.
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