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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

THE MEANING OF FELLOWSHIP

It seems that two elderly gentlemen were on a camping trip deep in the woods. They soon came upon a bear. It was a huge bear. To them it looked 20 feet tall. And, not only was this bear huge, it looked very, very hungry. And, it was close to them, approximately 20 feet away. The bear was sizing up the old gentlemen, licking its chops, when one of the gentlemen leaned over to tie his shoelaces. The other gentleman said to his friend, "What are you doing, you can't outrun that bear." His friend said, "I don't have to outrun that bear. I just have to outrun you."

Imagine that the bear in this story represents ignorance, hatred, bigotry and intolerance, contentious threats against the common good of humankind. This story represents the antithesis of fellowship. Fellowship is mastering the art of caring. It is about learning that we must not lean over to tie our own shoelaces and leave our friends behind to fight this bear alone. Instead, we must lean over and tie each other's shoelaces so we can stand together against this common enemy. And, we must not run, we must not turn our backs and run away leaving our friends to fight this bear alone. We must stand together so that together we can master the art of caring, the art of Fellowship.

To me, this is the meaning of fellowship. It is why I joined this organization almost 22 years ago. Since its inception we have been asking ourselves many questions and have been attempting to come up with answers. Are we doing enough? Have we made any progress? To what extent does anti-Semitism and bigotry still exist in the Town? What more might we do to address the problem? How do we involve more people within the community in our mission? Are we preaching to the choir when we espouse our mission? Are we addressing the issues people are interested in having us address?

Too often we find it is easy to run away and let others fight the bear which constantly threatens us. It is easy not to speak. It is easy not to act. But, when we see an injustice being done we cannot afford to say and do nothing. We cannot allow our fellow human beings to be mistreated by others for having done nothing more than being of a different faith, heritage, color, ethnic origin, or persuasion. History has shown us how very dangerous it is to say and do nothing in the face of those around us who are being mistreated.

Unfortunately, too many of us live our lives disregarding the needs of others for care, love, support and understanding. Too often, too many of us look back on our lives regretting that we had not done more during our lifetime to make this world a better place in which to live. During this new year, let us not let our lives be lived without being sensitive to the needs, the feelings and the hurts of others. Let us remember, rather, that no matter who we are, no matter what our beliefs, each of us is in need of and deserves understanding and respect.

May we carry this message into the new year and may we find the true meaning of fellowship as we study, learn, and work together.

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Below: Skip Randolph, Grier Pressly, and Jeremy Johnson





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 the issues rooted in intolerance, anti-Semitism, and unjust discrimination.

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HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION

As a co-sponsor of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's "The Courage to Remember: The Holocaust 1933-1945" exhibit presented by the Palm Beach County Historical Society at the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum in November 2014, the Fellowship hosted a private reception for members and friends on November 18. Guest speaker Yvonne Campbell, a Holocaust survivor, gave a moving account of her experience being sheltered at a convent in France as a child to more than 60 attendees.



1. Jackie Wilmer, Yvonne Campbell, Maggie Zeidman; 2. Don and Patsy Mintmire; 3. Mary Lou Schwab, Gisele Weisman; 4. Jill Leinbach; 5. Enid Pollak; 6. Marvin Littky, Lorry Sullivan, Roberta Littky, Garrett Sullivan; 7. Yvonne Campbell; 8. Marion and Henry Gorelick, Vivienne Ivry; 9. David Kagan, Eva and Irwin Hausman; 10. Dwight Stevens, Rhoda and Dick Kleid; 11. Lisa Huertas; 12. Phyllis Verducci; 13. David Ginsberg; 14. Cathy and Bob Holt, Rutilla Burck; 15. Linda Wartow, Sandra and Marshal Goldberg; 16. Shelley Schwartz, Andrew Seigelstein; 17. Richard Keats; 18. Heath Randolph, Ann Small, Ann Appleman, Michael Small {Photos by Davidoff Studios Photography}

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY

More than 50 Fellowship members and friends came out to help in the community on the day after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2014. Following a kick-off breakfast at Royal Poinciana Chapel, volunteers headed out to project sites including Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Levine Jewish Residential & Family Service, Pat Reeves Village, and Phipps Ocean Park. The Bloodmobile was also on site at the Chapel. Nonperishable foods and new toys were collected and donated to Pat Reeves Village and Boys & Girls Clubs, respectively. **Thank you to all the participants!**



Left: Molly Allen, Laura and Layla Sherry were part of the clean-up crew at Phipps Ocean Park and Beach.



Below: Christy Hubbard and Ron Schram were among those who donated blood.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND DINNER TO FEATURE INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN SPEAKERS



Rabbi Marc Gellman

Welcome back **Rabbi Marc Gellman** at our Annual Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Torah in Melville, New York, the popular writer and speaker has recently moved to California to be closer to family. His weekly nationally syndicated spiritual advice column appears locally in *The Palm Beach Post*. Gellman's work in both print and television with his dear friend, Father Tom Hartman, promoted interfaith understanding through friendship and humor.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Advance reservations are required by Jan. 22. Look for your invitation in the mail to RSVP, or purchase online or by calling the Fellowship office at 561.833.6150. Complimentary valet parking provided.



Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett

We are delighted to present the Chair of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, **Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett**, as the speaker at our Annual Dinner. The event will start at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at The Beach Club in Palm Beach. Her topic will be "Religious Freedom in a Perilous World."

Swett is the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, the late Congressman Tom Lantos, and serves as the president of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice, based in Concord, New Hampshire. She also teaches at Tufts University.

Tickets are \$185 per person. Be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail to RSVP, or purchase online or by calling the Fellowship at 561.833.6150.

"ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY" FELLOWSHIP OUTING

We're teaming up with the Palm Beach Opera to offer our members the opportunity to hear the world premiere of this new opera based on the novel by Nobel Prize winning Yiddish author, Isaac Bashevis Singer. Set in New York City in 1948, Holocaust survivor Herman Broder finds himself in quite the predicament juggling his second wife, mistress, and first wife who was presumed dead. Sung in English, the story examines the immigrant experience with a mix of determination, irony, and humor. Enjoy our special group rate for the 2:00 pm matinee on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at the Kravis Center.

PALM BEACH OPERA

EXCLUSIVE WORLD PREMIERE EVENT

ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY

Call us at 561.833.6150 for more information and to purchase tickets.

"FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE" PROJECT

We invite our members to participate in this partnership effort spearheaded by the Episcopal Church of Bethesda by-the-Sea scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2015 (1:00 - 5:00 pm) at the Palm Beach Day Academy Halmos Gymnasium. Call project co-chair, Frances Fisher, at 561.373.3462 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

...to Fellowship Board Member **Patricia Lebow**, named as one of 2014's Top Women Florida Super Lawyers by *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine*. Lebow is managing partner of the West Palm Beach office of Broad and Cassel.



...to Fellowship Vice Chair **Maggie Zeidman** and her husband Mark



on the birth of granddaughter Eve. New parents Jessica Zeidman and Joshua Ziperstein of Massachusetts, welcomed Eve on December 20.

...to longtime Board member Dr. **Rosalie Franks**, who was recently recognized by the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation, the Institute for Visual History and Education. She was featured on the university web site in an article entitled "Impact in Profile: Rosalie Franks."

It detailed Franks' interviewing with the Shoah Foundation and how she has developed programs in Holocaust education for her students at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island.



...to Board member and Palm Beach Atlantic University Professor, **Dr. Lee Prescott**, chosen to lead



students in a study-abroad semester in London starting this January through the spring. *Bon voyage!*

...to Board member **Philip Whitacre** on being selected one of

60 "Sigma Chi Significant Sigs" nationally. He will be honored at the fraternity's Palm Beach Alumni Reception. Fellowship Secretary, Rev. **Dwight Stevens**, is president of the local alumni group.



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- PAULO COELHO

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



INTERFAITH DIALOGUES

with Tom O'Brien and Rabbi Howard Shapiro

Join us for a new season of our popular interactive series that explores and examines key issues, beliefs, rituals, and practices in Judaism and Christianity to foster mutual respect, understanding, and fellowship. Each session will open with a short video that will form a basis for the conversations among the participants.

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 | 5:00-6:30 pm
Scriptures - "Old" Isn't Old and "New" Isn't New

Monday, March 2, 2015 | 5:00-6:30 pm
Christians and Jews: The Names We Call Each Other

Monday, March 30, 2015 | 5:00-6:30 pm
A New Vision for a Shared Future

Open to the public - bring your friends!
FREE admission but reservations requested: 561.833.6150
*All three sessions will be held at Temple Emanu-El,
190 North County Road, Palm Beach, Florida.*

STAY CONNECTED!

Contact us for more information about our events and programs.

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE 2015 SEASON!**

See inside for more details about the Annual Luncheon and Dinner!

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 | 12:00 noon | The Kravis Center | \$75

Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Marc Gellman**
Syndicated Columnist, "The God Squad"



ANNUAL DINNER

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 | 6:00 pm | The Beach Club | \$185

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett**
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Thank you for your support!