

Bible translation expert to speak at Cong. Beth Am

Joel M. Hoffman, Ph.D. an expert in translation, Hebrew and the Bible will be a guest scholar at Congregation Beth Am, the weekend of March 26 through March 28.

Hoffman is the chief translator for the popular 10-volume series, *My People's Prayer Book*, winner of the National Jewish Book Award, and for *My People's Passover Haggadah*. He is also the author of the critically acclaimed *In the Beginning: A Short History of the Hebrew Language* and writes a biweekly column on Hebrew for the *Jerusalem Post*. Hoffman has served on the faculties of Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College.

Hoffman's schedule is:

- A sermon on Friday, March 26 at the 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Service.
- Torah study on Saturday, March 27, at 9 a.m.

- A discussion of Hoffman's latest book, *And God Said: How Translations Conceal the Bible's Original Meaning*, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27. The book offers detailed insight into the Ten Commandments, Psalm 23, Song of Songs, the "virgin birth" of Isaiah 7:14, and explores how translation mistakes mask the original meaning of the Bible.

- Passover program with religious school students and parents on Sunday March 28, at 10 a.m.

Beth Am is located at 2030 West Fletcher Ave. For information call the temple office 968-8511.



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TIKVAH Talk March 22 to focus on teens

Psychologist Tsila Abush-Kirsh, Ph.D., will speak on "Parenting Your Teens: What Works and How it Works" at the next TIKVAH Special Needs program, Monday, March 22.

The program, sponsored by Tampa Jewish Family Services, will be held at the Tampa Jewish Community Center, 13009 Community Campus Drive, from 7-9 p.m.

Abush-Kirsh, a licensed clinical psychologist with New Tampa Psychological Services, will focus on how parents/caregivers

and professionals can gain a greater understanding of issues teens struggle with and how to relate to teens in a way that will encourage learning/growth.

TIKVAH Talk is open to the community and a voluntary \$5 donation is appreciated. Continuing education credits are also available.

RSVPs are preferred but not required by contacting Lydia Abrams at lydiaa@tjfs.org. Directions and other information are available at www.tjfs.org.

Congregations

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Cong. Bais Menachem Chabad

Mommy and Me: Children up to 5 years old can enjoy song, dance and arts and crafts during Mommy and Me sessions. Moms meet moms in their homes every Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. On Thursday, March 18 the Young Israel Neshei (Women's Group of Tampa) will host a Passover party for the Mommy and Me group. RSVP to **Dvorki Rivkin** at 983-9770 or **Chana Rivkin** at bmchabad@gmail.com.

Cong. Beth Shalom Brandon

Ancient Torah talk: David First, a founder of the Torah Rescue Project and curator of the Torah Museum, an organization dedicated to preserving ancient Torah scrolls, will give a presentation on Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. A resident of Sun City Center, First will bring a collection of ancient scrolls and Torah ornaments.

Bingo: Monthly bingo sessions are held at Congregation Beth Shalom the first Saturday of the month, with the food concession opening at 6:30 p.m. and bingo beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for 20 games. Additional sheets are \$1 each/six for \$5. For additional information, call the synagogue at (813) 681-6547.

Book talk: Participate in a book discussion and Havdalah on Saturday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.. The discussion will be about *The People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Bring a dessert to share.

Mitzvah day: The annual Mitzvah Day event begins at the temple with bagels and coffee on Sunday, April 18 before volunteers go out to various places in the community to do good deeds. For more information, call **Phyllis Newman** at 671-1707 or email her at phylnew@verizon.net.

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Book Club: The next lunch and book discussion will be Tuesday, March 23 at noon at the Renaissance. This month's book is *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen. For more information, call **IdaLea** at 642-8981.

Rummage sale: The congregation's fourth annual rummage sale will be on Tuesday, March 23 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. An assortment of clothing, small electronics, kitchen items, linens and more will be offered for sale. Anyone having items to donate for the sale, drop-off dates are Sunday, March 21 and Monday, March 22 between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call **Pearl Birnbaum** at 633-5981.

Bagels and discovery: St. Petersburg Times columnist

Ernest Hooper, as well as business manager **Tony Decastillio** and Brandon Times editor **Sherrie Day** will talk about the paper during a meeting of the Men's Club on Sunday, March 14. For more information, call club president **Steve Blesofsky** at 634-6013.

Good neighbors: The Men's Group of neighboring St. John the Devine Episcopal Church has been invited to join the Beth Israel Men's Club for a meeting and lunch on Wednesday, March 24 at noon to hear **Sharon Roush**, CEO of South

Bay Hospital, speak on future plans for the hospital.

Chabad at County Line

Do the dishes: Paint your own seder plate and learn the mystical Kabbalistic meaning behind the items on the seder plate during a meeting of the Chabad at County Line Jewish Womens Club on Sunday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at 15357 Amberly Drive in Tampa.

Cost is \$20. To RSVP call (813) 642-3244, or go to www.ChabadatCountyLine.com.

Temple Beth David Spring Hill

Miriam's Seder: The Temple Beth David Sisterhood will sponsor a Miriam's Seder for all of the Temple women and their friends on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. The special service will bring a heightened awareness of the importance of women in Jewish history and will be followed by a dinner. Donation is \$10. RSVP by calling the temple office at (352) 686-7034.

Passover Seder: The annual Passover Seder will be held

on Tuesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m., with **Rabbi David Levin** leading the Seder. Cost is \$19 for adult members and \$22 for adult nonmembers, \$7 for child members and \$8 for child nonmembers. Family packages of \$50 for member families and \$55 for nonmember families are also available. RSVP by March 22. For more information, call the temple at (352) 686-7034.

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4th Annual Tampa JCC



12:30-5pm
(Registration 11:45 - 12:30)

Sunday
April 18, 2010

Ed Radice Park
14720 Ed Radice Drive, Tampa, 33626

For men and women ages 18+

\$35 per individual
\$395 to sign up an entire team

Includes a team shirt and snacks for the day

Sign up as a team through your synagogue, sisterhood, brotherhood, book club, family or any group of friends you'd like to spend the day with.

tournament

community-wide co-ed

minimum of 10 people and maximum of 14 people per team

sponsored by



Jewish Community Center

Deadline to register as a team or individual: Friday, April 2

Deadline to submit entire team roster: Friday, April 9

(Team captains can submit their rosters online by visiting jewishtampa.com)

three ways to register online at jewishtampa.com
call 813.264.9000
fill out form below

Sign me up to play in the Tampa JCC softball tournament as: an individual a team

individual name _____

team captain's name (required for teams) _____

team name/organization _____

address _____

phone number _____

email _____

signature _____

please make checks payable to:
Tampa JCC

mail completed form to:
JCC Softball Tournament
13009 Community Campus Drive
Tampa FL 33625

I / We would like to be a team sponsor:

- Level 1 - \$100 or equivalent in-kind donations
 - Company logo on team t-shirts
 - Advertising on the Tampa JCC website and newsletter
 - Game Day Advertising
- Level 2 - \$250 or equivalent in-kind donations
 - Company logo on team t-shirts
 - Advertising on the Tampa JCC website and newsletter
 - Game Day Advertising
 - All pre-advertising in the Jewish Press, flyers, local vendors and synagogues