

## New Chabad rabbi serves Lakeland/Polk County area

Merkos Chabad Lubavitch of Central Florida has expanded to Polk County, opening its first branch in Lakeland.

Rabbi Moshe Lazaros and his wife, Libby, will serve as the new directors of the Chabad-Lubavitch of Lakeland.

The branch joins the other centers established by Rabbi Lazer and Devorah Rivkin in central Florida since 1976.

Rabbi Lazaros grew up in Framingham, MA, the son of the director of Chabad and rabbi of Congregation Bais Chabad in that area.

The future rabbi studied at Chabad Talmudic Yeshiva in Israel. After graduating, he taught seventh grade and later worked as an administrative assistant at Yeshiva Gedola in New Jersey.

He also studied at the Central Lubavitcher Yeshiva in Brooklyn and continued his post-graduate studies at the Kollel Institute in Brooklyn. He received his rabbinical ordination in 2006.

Libby Lazaros, was born in Antwerp, Belgium has a degree in education and in 2008. She has taught at the Cheder Menachem day school in Cincinnati and at Beis Chaya Mushka in Brooklyn.

The couple has a 4-month-old daughter, Chaya Moussia.

Until now, Temple Emanuel of Lakeland was the only temple or synagogue serving the needs



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of the Jewish community in Polk County.

The Lazaroses plan to augment and further develop the Jewish programming in Lakeland and at Polk County colleges as well as make contact with unaffiliated Jews in the area.

For more information including ongoing and future programs such as upcoming Passover programs and ordering Passover Shmurah Matzoh, go to [www.chabadlakeland.com](http://www.chabadlakeland.com) or call (863) 877-0072.

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Anna Marie Perfit

Anna Marie Perfit, daughter of Rosemary Perfit of Tampa, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 20 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

A seventh grade honors student at Coleman Middle School, Anna is a member of the Coleman Math League and plays the flute in the school band. She also plays the piano and swims for Greater Tampa Swim Association. She is a member of Jr. Schzfty and enjoys being a summer camper at Camp Coleman. For her mitzv-

vah project, Anna was a volunteer at Faith Café, preparing care packages and helping to feed the homeless.

Anna's family will host a dinner at Donatello's on Saturday, March 20.

Special guests will include family and friends from New Hampshire, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maryland.



### Eli David Reback

Eli David Reback, son of Shelley Reback and Patrick Hunt of Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 13 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

A seventh grade Principal's List student at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Eli was invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Eli enjoys creative writing and recently was awarded a prize for his essay by the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library.

Eli plays the piano and viola and enjoys sports, video game and Fantasy Baseball. For his mitzvah project he collected

pet food for animal rescue groups and is also donating to Jewish Heart for Africa, which is bringing Israeli solar technologies to rural African Villages.

Shelley and Patrick will host a dinner reception at the Safari Lodge at Lowry Park Zoo on Saturday evening, March 13.

Special guests will include family and friends from New York, California and Pennsylvania.



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## Hillel School students achieve success at regional science fair

Hillel School of Tampa placed in a variety of categories at the recent 2010 Hillsborough Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

Middle School awards included two Hillel students selected for the state science fair team. They were seventh-graders Golda Shaw, who placed first in the Zoology category and Ellie Rodriguez who won first place in the Behavioral Sciences and was the recipient of the Army Achievement Award.

Other Hillel School winners were eighth graders: Rebecca Haber, second place in Behavioral Sciences and recipient of American Psychological Association Award; Rachel Fishman, second place in Biochemistry; Arielle Glass, third place in Biochemistry and Samantha Sock, a merit award in Medicine & Health.

Seventh grade students receiving awards were: Danielle Brener, honorable mention in Behavioral Sciences and recipient of Joan Harris Memorial Award; and Talia Goldenberg, merit award in Zoology.

Sixth graders, all receiving merit awards, were Alexandra McMurray, Behavioral Sciences; Max Linsky, Medicine & Health; Gordon Linsky, Physics; Dominick Rapoport, Chemistry and Jacob Daniels, Mathematics

Elementary school students recognized at the science fair were :

- Fifth graders Hannah Miller, award of outstanding and Hannah Fishman, award of merit

- Fourth graders Jacob Grossman, award of excellence and Ethan Hinds, award of superior.

In addition, two groups of third grade students received awards of merit. They were Jordan Fox, Sydney Gold, Ben Axel and Stephanie Ross; and Shayna Heymann, Alexis Buchman, Gabe Shandles and Alyssa Chernin.

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