



***Hadassah Happenings  
Newsletter  
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Collier/Lee Chapter, Florida Central

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**Dates to Remember**

Monday, April 9, 2018	Jewish Book Festival, 2:30 pm, Beth Tikvah, Author Abigail Pogrebin
Tuesday April 10	Hadassah Board Meeting, Temple Shalom, 1:00 PM, Members Welcome
Tuesday, April 17	Chai Society Lunch 12:00 noon
Friday, May 4	Shabbat Under the Stars, 6:30 pm

**If you, or anyone you know, held the winning ticket at our Annual Mahj and Card Party, held February 12, 2018, for a complimentary Annual Membership to Hadassah, please contact Donna Goldblatt -[mom443@aol.com](mailto:mom443@aol.com) or Carol Hirsch - [chirsch@gmail.com](mailto:chirsch@gmail.com), our membership Vice-Presidents, in order to activate this gift membership. Please note that this membership will expire on February 12, 2019, one year from the**

date of issue.



Yael Shmookler at March 8th Luncheon



Lynn Weiner at



Shelley Skelton at March 8th Luncheon



March 8

### Presidential Team--A Little Bit of That Shelley Skelton



Recently I was reminded of a story about how each one of us has the power to make a difference in the world. You probably have heard this story, but it goes like this: An old man walked along a shore littered with starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young boy was picking them up and tossing them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man asked. You are not saving enough starfish to make a difference." The boy picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back into the ocean. "Made a difference to that one," he replied.

Each of us is capable of making a difference in the lives of others. No matter how small we think our act is, to another it can be life changing.

And speaking of life changing events, over 100 years ago, one Jewish woman, Henrietta Szold, had the ability and determination to take action and create change at a time when women were not even permitted to vote. We are the representatives of her dream. As we move forward on a daily basis, It is overwhelming to imagine the advances in medical research made at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, advances that benefit the entire world.

As one young woman remembers, she happily became a member of Hadassah and began paying annual dues in order to be a part of this amazing organization. She never considered the idea of becoming a big giver, but she knew she could afford the \$36 annual dues. As time went by, and she became more and more involved, she began realizing just how much work Hadassah does around the world and particularly, she realized she would like to be a donor for a cause she believed in. But, she had no idea how she could ever make that happen, or how it would be possible to ever join the ranks of Hadassah's Major Donors, if she so desired.

She began contemplating the word "fundraiser." At first glance, you see the word "fun" and that's what all of our Hadassah committee chairs, charged with this responsibility, try to do - make every event fun so that people will want to come back. Then comes the word raising - raising interest, raising curiosity, raising money, and really, that's what Hadassah is about. It's no secret - Hadassah is a fundraising organization! We have fun, we collect money -- we need money, because without it we do not exist. We could not continue to carry on the extraordinary work of Hadassah.

And so, realizing that each of us is capable of making a difference, she began her quest to find ways to make donations, and discovered the many programs available through Hadassah, from smaller monthly payments to one day becoming a Major Donor!

She chose to begin her giving experience by donating monthly to CHAI SOCIETY. We make it easy. We will automatically charge your monthly gift of \$15 to your credit card - it's as simple as that.

Hadassah can count on you, month after month, year after year, for as long as you wish to continue. Please watch for an invitation to a special chai luncheon celebration on April 17th.

There are so many ways to begin your philanthropic journey through Hadassah, including support of "The Full Circle Campaign," a new Hadassah program, soon to be introduced. Please feel free to contact a member of your Presidential Team, or a committee chair listed in the Resource Directory, who can assist you in realizing your dream of making a difference, as demonstrated by the young boy and the starfish!

**Hadassah Sponsored Jewish Book Festival Event  
Monday, April 9**

## Final event of this season's



COLLIER COUNTY  
JEWISH BOOK  
FESTIVAL

presented by  Jewish Federation  
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## Abigail Pogrebin

*My Jewish Year –*

*18 Holidays, One Wandering Jew*

**Monday, April 9 • 2:30 - 4:15 pm**

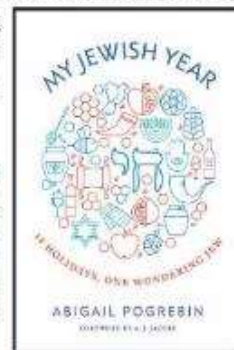
**Beth Tikvah, 1459 Pine Ridge Rd., Naples**

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Although she grew up with some basic holiday rituals, Abigail realized how little she knew about the origins, purpose and current relevance of the entire Jewish calendar. She wanted to understand what had kept the oldest traditions vibrant and the more-recently-added holidays urgent. She embarked on an entire year of research, observance and writing about every ritual, fast and festival in one Jewish year. Whether you're seeking an accessible, digestible roadmap for Jewish life or a fresh take on what you've been practicing for a lifetime, Abigail's journey will leave you educated, charmed and inspired.

Abigail Pogrebin is the author of *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk about Being Jewish*, and *One and the Same*, about life as a twin. Her bestselling Kindle Single, *Showstopper*, chronicled her teenage adventure in a rare Sondheim flop on Broadway. A former producer for *60 Minutes* and *Charlie Rose*, she moderates her own interview series at the JCC Manhattan.



**Tickets are \$15 each. Seating is limited.**

**Please call Renee' Bialek today at 239.263.4205.**

**Copies of *My Jewish Year* will be available for purchase at the event and signed by Abigail.**

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