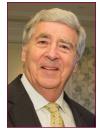


Welcome to our 2018-2019 Season!



Chairman's Message

John C. Randolph

Ithough I am pleased with the progress that has been accomplished over the first quarter century of the Fellowship's existence, I often find myself asking the questions, "Are we doing enough? Should we be doing more? How can we be more effective?"

Admittedly, these questions are fostered by incidents over which we seemingly have no control, such as the tragic consequences of the shooting that occurred at the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill community of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which resulted in the death of 11 people and injuries to many more who were worshipping at Shabbat morning services as well as law enforcement officers who responded. These questions also arise out of the surge of anti-Semitic incidents on college campuses in the United States since 2016, and the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe. In the U.S. alone, according to organizations which track these things, there was a 57% rise in anti-Semitic incidents in 2017. As of this writing, reports were not yet available for 2018.

When I hear of events such as these, I am reminded of the incident in Billings, Montana which occurred in 1993, the same year in which the Fellowship was founded, when vandals threw a brick through a bedroom window of a child whose parents had displayed a menorah in the window. This hateful act is similar to more recent attacks in various parts of the United States, such as Penn State University's chapter of Zeta Beta Tau having its menorah

vandalized and stolen, and of the Jewish psychology professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, who walked into her office in late November to find blood red swastikas and a slur, "Yid," painted on her walls.

In the Billings incident, after it had been reported in the local newspaper, the community responded *en masse* to this act of vandalism and anti-Semitism by displaying a picture of a menorah in the windows of their homes, showing their solidarity of support for this Jewish family and their disgust for this hateful act. An editorial in *The Billings Gazette* stated, "Let all the world know that the national hatred of a few cannot destroy what all of us in Billings and in America have worked together so long to build; our determination to live together in harmony and our dedication to religious freedom."

Such a response of solidarity is the type of response necessary regarding any anti-Semitic activity. In response to the recent attacks on college campuses, Matthew Berger, spokesman for Hillel International stated, "In responding to these attacks, when you respond quickly and effectively and acknowledge the root causes...you send a message...

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that you just won't tolerate this type of attack." We cannot remain silent in the face of hatred and bigotry which is evidencing itself in increased proportions in today's society. To the extent we do not respond, in answer to my original question, we are not doing enough.

Since its inception, the Fellowship has sought to bring people together through education and dialogue in hopes of reducing bigotry founded in hatred and ignorance. We have realized some success but, I believe to the extent we can, we must do more. We

must stand together for our friends who are the victims of bigotry, we must respond "quickly and effectively," and we must not remain silent in the face of such attacks. In a quote attributed to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, it is stated; "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

Friends, let us, Jews and Christians and people of all faiths and beliefs, stand together, speak together, and act together to challenge evil, bigotry, and hatred in our society today. I truly believe, if each of us will do our part, individually and collectively, we can make this world a better place in which to live.

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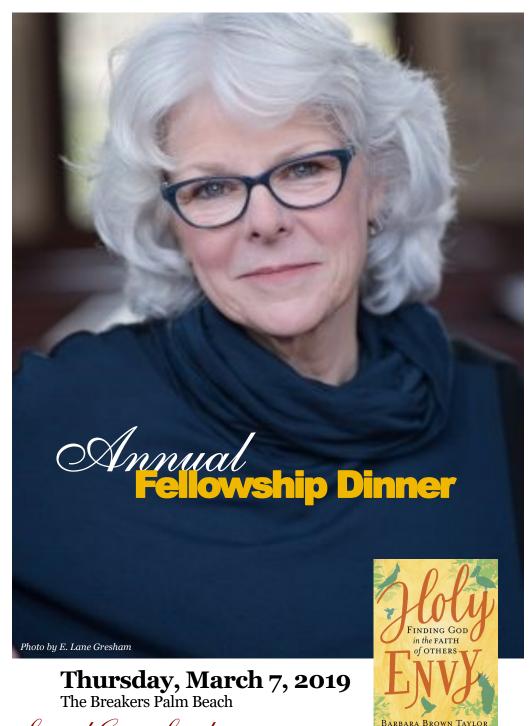
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Plus...

...presentation of the 2019 John C. Randolph Award to

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November 1, 2018

Welcome Back

God Bless America and a candlelight tribute in memory of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting victims were among the highlights of the Welcome Back event at the Society of the Four Arts Gardens in Palm Beach on November 1. More than 140 attendees helped kick off the Fellowship's 26th season at the annual event which included a preview of the upcoming season and a look at the Facing History and Ourselves program for which the Fellowship provides full scholarships to area educators to attend.











Row 1 (above, top) Cynthia Friedman, Richard Kleid, Rev. Robert Norris; Daisy and John Merey

Row 2 (above) Candice Cohen and Bill Benson; Traci Pincourt Braun, Karen List, Heather Mason

Row 3 (at right) Michelè Dargan, Sandra Thompson, Gisele Weisman; Maggie Zeidman, Rabbi Moshe Scheiner









Row 4 (at left) Gregg Weiss, Huntley Miller; Mars and Ronn Jaffe; Arlette Gordon, Sally O'Connor

Special thanks to the Society of the Four Arts!

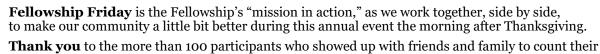
Visit our website for more photos from the Welcome Back event!

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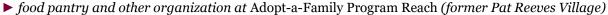
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blessings and "give back," and for the donations of food, toiletries, and toys distributed to those in need. Special thanks to Temple Emanu-El Palm Beach for hosting the Fellowship Friday community breakfast.

Our projects this season included:



- ▶ Root Trail beach clean-up coordinated by Diane Buhler/Friends of Palm Beach
- working with the dogs and organizing supplies at Big Dog Ranch Rescue
- ▶ art project with the residents of Levine Jewish Residential Services, coordinated by Sandra Thompson

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 22, 2019, for our ninth annual Fellowship Friday next season!



Lauren, Ron, Harrison, and Jonathan Schram with Vivienne Ivrv



Fellowship Friday 2018 was dedicated to the memory of Denise Meyer (inset), a longtime supporter of the event who

passed away in March 2018. Her husband Bill shown below with Fellowship vice-chair Maggie . Zeidman) and their children Candice and AĴ honored her legacy with their participation.



Fellowship Friday Chair Eric Christu and daughter Caroline help stock the pantry at the Program Reach shelter.



Thank you to our Fellowship Friday 2018 volunteer site partners:











Above: Olivia and Eric Lieberman

Above, right: Fellowship Friday founder Rabbi Michael Resnick of Temple Emanu-El leads the participants in a prayer of unity during his welcome at the community breakfast.



Jacob List with his reusable water bottle given to all participants in addition to t-shirts this season.





John Shalam



Ellie Hart



John Lynch

At right: Robert Versteeg Below: Melinda Duncker with Haley and Teddy

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At left:
Alex, Sheri, Ken, and Kyra Levine
Below:
Katie Alcock, Ellie Hart, Ellen
Salth, Sharon Alcock, Abby Alcock
At right:
David Thomas IV, Joe Huddleston





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Mary Louise Schwab, Sandra Thompson





Relatives visiting family for Thanksgiving joined in on Fellowship Friday, including Joe and Laura Zeidman (left) with Luke, James, and Julia (from Massachusetts), and Judy and Lenny Kay, Kate and Evan List with Jacob and Charlie, Jenna Kay List with Kaia, and Marsha Gilbert (visitors from Colorado, New York, and Georgia), with hosts Marty and Karen Gilbert List.



Big Dog Ranch Rescue in Loxahatchee was again a popular site choice for our volunteers. (photo courtesy of Jane and John Shalam)



Upcoming Programs

Admission for these programs is free for Fellowship members; \$10 per person for non-members. *Join the Fellowship within a week of a program you paid to attend and receive a credit toward membership dues.*

RSVP in advance to **info@palmbeachfellowship.net** or call (561) **833-6150**. Please include names of all attendees.

Special thanks to Wells Fargo Private Bank and Royal Poinciana Chapel for providing the venues for these programs!



This popular series brings community members together to share common interests on a wide variety of topics presented by outstanding speakers. *Light refreshments served*.

4:00—**5:30 pm** (doors open at 3:45 pm)

Community Room | Wells Fargo Private Bank, Palm Beach NE corner of Royal Palm Way and South County Road; park in lot behind building, enter through the courtyard



December 9, 2018

First Ladies, from Martha to Melania Robert Watson, PhD | author, historian



January 13, 2019

Royals I Have Known... and Did The Crown Get It Right? John Browne | former Member of Parliament



February 10, 2019

A Pictorial History of Palm Beach Russell Kelley III | historian, speaker

Dr. Robert Watson drew a large crowd for his December 9 lecture.







The revamped *Interfaith Dialogues* series made a successful debut last season. Led by longtime *Dialogues* facilitators, Rabbi Howard Shapiro and Thomas G. O'Brien III, the series provides a fresh format for exploring provocative topics of discussion. Participants actively engage in lively exchanges on the topics initiated by the short films shown at the start of each session, while enjoying pizza, salad, and beverages.





left to right: Rabbi Howard Shapiro Tom O'Brien



January 24, 2019

Topic:

Israelis, Palestinians, and the Settlements

February 21, 2019

Topic:

Reclaiming and Reinventing Religion

March 21, 2019

Topic:

Race and White Privilege

April 4, 2019

Topic:

Holocaust Deniers

5:30—**7:00 pm** (doors open at 5:15 pm)

Fellowship Hall | Royal Poinciana Chapel 60 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach



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