

Mazel tov

**Jason Shapiro**, a former resident of Clearwater, has published his semi-autobiographical book “The Magic of Mayfair.” The author is a former member of Temple Ahavat Shalom in Palm Harbor and he says the book “chronicles my childhood friendships [formed as a kid living on Mayfair Court in Countryside] and adult regrets.” Among influences behind the book are the suicide of a childhood friend, a car accident that claimed the life of his dad, and a the mental health challenge of a family member. “I am now using my book to help ‘normalize’ conversations about mental health and encourage others to speak more openly about their life challenges,” Shapiro says.

Welcome to the world

**Ziggy Alexander Kahn** was born Nov. 16 to parents, **Elijah and Tina Kahn** and big sisters, **Zahra and Ariel** of New Port Richey. Grandparents are **Andre and Lynda Kahn** of Miami and **Kippy Mendenhall** of New Port Richey.

Trippin’

Our own **Judy Ludin**, just retired from

Good Stuff!

FROM THE JEWISH PRESS

Sincerely Yours, wanted to let her loyal readers know that they can keep up with the sailing adventure she and husband, Eric, have embarked on through her blog and podcast.

The links are judyludin.wordpress.com for the blog and https://anchor.fm/juding-ludin for the podcast, “Sailing Free Spirit.”

Send us information about all your family’s simchas and any other interesting things going on in your life. Photos are welcome, too. Email info@jewishpresstampabay.com



OBITUARIES

**ELENE LAURIE AIKEN**, 56, of **Oldsmar**, died Dec. 20. She was a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in mechanical engineering and a master’s in business from the University of Baltimore. She was a practice manager for retina specialist Dr. Michael Elman in Baltimore for 22 years. She volunteered her time to tutor dyslexic children and mentor young girls as a “Big Sister”. Survivors include her brother Dr. Maurice Aiken and sister-in-law Karen Aiken. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)

**JACK C. ALLBAUGH**, 69, of **St. Petersburg**, died Jan. 3. Born in Kansas City, MO, he moved to St. Petersburg in 1988 from Lincoln, NE. He was a graduate of Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. A highly skilled restorative artist, he was an embalmer and licensed funeral director at David C. Gross Funeral Home for over 30 years. Memorials may be made to Menorah Manor or Suncoast Hospice. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)

**RICK APPLEFIELD**, 64, of **Seminole**, died Dec. 24. Born in Queens, NY, he was a longtime local resident. A graduate of Boca Ciega High School and Florida State University, he was a successful property manager. Survivors include his brother Paul Applefield. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)

**JEROME GREENBERG**, 90, of **St. Petersburg**, died Dec. 16. Born in Newark, NJ, he was a veteran and worked as a pharmacist. Survivors include his wife Sandra Trachtenberg, daughter Lori Greenberg, son Scott Greenberg. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)

**BRUCE HARVESTER**, 84, of **Clearwater**, died Dec. 27. He was a veteran and worked for Aero Defense as director of contracts. Survivors include his wife Shaine. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)

**ESTHER SARGRAD**, 94, of **Tampa**, previously of Clearwater and New Port Richey, died Dec. 23. She was born in New York and moved to Philadelphia in 1949, when she and her late husband Bernard married. They moved to Levittown, PA, where they resided until retiring to Florida in 1979. She was a life member of Hadassah, serving as both a chapter president and region president. She was active in both the Pasco and Pinellas Jewish

Community Centers, often teaching Yiddish classes. Survivors include her daughter Marsha, Palm Harbor,; son Howard Sargrad, Port Orange; a grandson and a great-granddaughter. The family suggests memorials to Hadassah or JNF. (Beit Olam Cemetery)

**JACOB TRAGER**, 82, of **St. Petersburg**, died Jan. 4. Born in Baltimore, MD, he was a dentist. Survivors include his wife Eugenie Foret; sister Fran; brother Marc. (David C. Gross Funeral Home)



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Author to discuss how Jews ran British blockade of Palestine

The Cardozo Society of the Jewish Federation of Florida’s Gulf Coast joins other agencies to present a talk with British author Rosie Whitehouse on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. about her book, “The People on the Beach: Journeys to Freedom After the Holocaust.”

One summer’s night in 1946, more than 1,000 European Jews waited silently on an Italian beach to board a secret ship. They had survived Auschwitz, hidden and fought in forests and endured death marches – now they were taking on the Royal Navy, running the British blockade of Palestine.

From Eastern Europe to Germany to Italy to Israel, Whitehouse follows the footsteps of those secret passengers, uncovering their extraordinary stories – some told for the first time. Who were those people on the beach? Where and what had they come from, and

how had they survived? Why, after being liberated, did they still feel unsafe in Europe?

Whitehouse will be speaking live from her home in London for a discussion of these and other questions examined in her latest book. Whitehouse will be interviewed by attorney Michael Traison, a partner with Cullen and Dykman, LLP, of New York.

A variety of Chicago-area legal and Jewish organizations are hosting the webinar and have invited the local Cardozo Society, which represents members of the legal profession, to participate.

Advance registration is required by visiting this web address: [https://ulcc-org.zoom.us/join/register/WN\\_PTM9kMr6TUi0Jb-nlWWgpg](https://ulcc-org.zoom.us/join/register/WN_PTM9kMr6TUi0Jb-nlWWgpg)

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