

Life-affirming ways to get happy, hoppy and bubbly



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You don't have to be Jewish to love what musical headliners Neshama Carlebach and Josh Nelson are selling at IsraelFest on Sunday at Boca Raton's Mizner Park Amphitheater. It is faith, but a faith in man's inherent goodness and ability to overcome the divisiveness and uncertainty of contemporary life everywhere.

There is an infectious optimism in Carlebach, who has a regular gig singing with an African-American choir in the Bronx, when she says a healing change is coming.

"Jewish unity is very important to Josh and I, but it's the one of humanity that really speaks to

us," says Carlebach, daughter of Shlomo Carlebach, the legendary songwriter who wrote evocatively of spirituality and social justice. "It's not about the Jewish people. It's about the world. It's about our children, on a whole. ... It's about healing, about oneness."

Carlebach and Nelson, partners onstage and off, would each be a headlining solo pop act in Israel (there have been comparisons to "Brangelina"), and having them performing together is a rare treat for a South Florida audience.

IsraelFest, which includes food, entertainment and a variety of family-friendly activities, will begin at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Info: 561-393-7984.

A life, affirmed

The Coral Gables Art Cinema's Science on Screen series reaches its zenith on Saturday with Julian Schnabel's suffocatingly poignant and beautiful "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly." The film is based on the true story of Jean-Dominique Bauby, 43-year-old editor of Elle magazine in Paris, who suffered a paralyzing stroke that entombed him in a body permanently locked. Communicating only with his left eyelid, Bauby blinked out the wonderfully life-affirming memoir that inspired the film. The 1 p.m. screening includes an interactive introduction from Lucina Uddin, a psychology and cognitive neuroscience specialist at the University of Miami, who will delve into the relationship between science and art and the mystery of

the human brain. Info: GablesCinema.com.

Blart house, art house

South Florida will have another source of arthouse films when **Silverspot Cinema** opens on Friday in Coconut Creek (4441 Lyons Road). They have to pay the bills, so you'll find the new "Avengers" adventure and the "Paul Blart" misadventure on its 11 screens, but also "Iris," "Welcome to Me" and "5 Flights Up." Info: Facebook.com/SilverspotCinema.

Weekend beers

Isn't every week American Craft Beer Week? Just asking. Your favorite beer hall is doing something greater than usual, with a takeover by a brewery you're too lazy to drive to ... So there's that. One of my favorites (and, forgive me, father, it's been a couple of months since my last visit) is Fort Lauderdale's Riverside Market, which is part of Friday night's Beer Can Bike Crawl. For organized types, the crawl is supposed to hit Laser Wolf at 5 p.m., Riverside at 6:30 p.m. and Fat Cats at 8 p.m. Bikers will get discounts on cans of Due South, Cigar City, Oskar Blues and Terrapin. It's not as dangerous as it sounds. Not incidentally, the Riverside Market's resident beer evangelist, Julian Siegel, is throwing a watch party for the Riverside's appearance on the May 20 episode of the Esquire Network's "Brew Dogs," in which a couple of Scottish guys explore the American craft beer scene. There will be food and beer specials for the party. I'm leaving my bike at home. Info: Facebook.com/RiversideMarket.

Weekend laughs

It's that "Cupcake Wars" guy! That's all I know about Justin Willman, performing five shows through Sunday at the Fort Lauderdale Improv. The Los Angeles Times called Willman one of a "new breed of magician who's making magic cool again for grownups." The real magic is making a show about cupcakes must-see TV for a certain demographic in my house. Tickets: \$17. Info: FTL.Improv.com.

We've got cupcakes

Cupcake Burlesque, the standard bearers for the art form in South Florida, celebrate five years of twirling tassels and perfectly placed pasties with an anniversary party 10 p.m. Saturday at Respectable Street in downtown West Palm Beach. Calling it a "greatest hits" affair, the evening will

include some of your favorite routines and themes reprised by Miss Jenna Beth, Isadora Bull, Francean Fanny, Candy Muldune, Miss Cherry Mae, Morgan La Rue, Miss Mayven Missbehavin, Ember Furie and host Miss Eva Jade. Tickets: \$10 (\$8 advance). Shows at 11 p.m., doors open at 10. Info: CupcakeBurlesque.com.

Twerking men

Those diabolical laptoppers still known as Kraftwerk this week added a second Miami performance to the original show that sold out in less time than it would take you to remember the refrain from "Autobahn" (very quickly). The 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. performances are Oct. 29 in the intimate Olympia Theater at the Gusman Center, with tickets for the new late-night show on sale 10 a.m. Friday. Info: OlympiaTheater.org.

Turtles and bubbles

Since its 2014 opening, the Cooper Craft Kitchen & Bar has prided itself on serving environmentally conscious food, and will underscore that idea by celebrating its anniversary weekend with donations of 10 percent of the Friday-Sunday proceeds to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center. Also helping your synchronicity with the planet is the fact that guests will get a free glass of champagne with each entrée all weekend. The Cooper is at 4610 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. Info: TheCooperRestaurant.com.

On your feet

There are many reasons to amble along the Downtown Hollywood Art Walk on Saturday night, but this time out, you'll find the return of Impulse Art, set up at 8 p.m. between 2014 and 2020 Harrison St., in which artist Daniel Pontet paints with his feet to the rhythm set by drummers Jeff Lee, Evan Kline, and Adrian Jones. Info: VisitHollywoodFL.org/Artwalk.

Marlins music

Give the Miami Marlins props for their Summer Concert Series booking punkish pop star Charli XCX, best known to the kids for "Boom Clap," but showing off much more potential on her latest album, the critically lauded "Sucker." The free concert on the West Plaza of Marlins Park, right after the 1 p.m. game against the Atlanta Braves, comes about a month before her June 15 performance at Fort Lauderdale's



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Charli XCX performs after Saturday's 1 p.m. Miami Marlins game.

Revolution Live. Info: Miami.Marlins.mlb.com, CharliXCXMusic.com, JoinTheRevolution.net.

Zac's coming back

In case you missed it, the Zac Brown Band will bring the tour supporting its daring new album, "Jekyll and Hyde," to the Coral Sky Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach on Nov. 15. Tickets go on sale to the public 10 a.m. Friday at LiveNation.com and all Ticketmaster outlets. Prices are \$27.50-\$75.50. More info: ZacBrownBand.com.

Elliott Smith remembered

One of indie rock's most revered poets, Elliott Smith, is poked at in the documentary "Heaven Adores You," which screens 7 p.m. Tuesday at O Cinema Wynwood (90 NW 29th St., Miami). A reluctant, drug-addicted star, Smith died of an apparent suicide five years after he performed his Oscar-nominated song "Miss Misery" on the Academy Awards telecast in 1998. Tickets: \$12. Info: 305-571-9970, O-Cinema.org.

R.E.M. remembered

Michael Stipe was uncomfortable with stardom, too, but found a way to make it bend to his will. The music and influence of Stipe's band, R.E.M., is celebrated in "R.E.M. by MTV," screening 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in a handful of South Florida theaters. Offered by Rhino Entertainment and Fathom Events, the film includes archival footage from the MTV vaults, clips from live shows and TV performances, along with interviews by such experts as Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart. You can see it at Cinemark Palace 20 in Boca Raton, Cinemark Boynton Beach 14, Cinemark Paradise 24 in Davie and the AMC Aventura 24. Info: FathomEvents.com.

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