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Miami experts, county emergency staff to present hurricane forecasting session

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With hurricane season quickly approaching, the Mandel JCC Palm Beach Gardens is inviting community members to attend a free presentation explaining the science behind hurricane forecasting and tracking on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. Experts in the field will discuss the impact of the various hurricane categories, as well as crucial information for South Florida residents to prepare and stay safe during hurricane season.

The presentation will be led by Ph.D. students from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, along with the planning manager at the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, Jeffrey M. Goldberg. The Ph.D. students, who are well-versed in hurricane science, will provide explanations behind the complicated forecasts and discuss impacts associated with hurricanes. Mr. Goldberg will deliver additional information on new evacuation routes and what preparations are needed on the days leading up to a hurricane, as well as how to make a plan, build a kit, stay informed and get involved. A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

This year marks the nine-year anniversary of Hurricane Wilma, which

also makes this Florida's longest hurricane drought since 1850. This drought, in addition to the exponential growth of metropolitan South Florida in recent years, has created a knowledge deficit in hurricane preparedness.

The event is presented by the Academy of Continuing Education (ACE), which offers a variety of thought-provoking, educational and entertaining classes to the community. The ACE program offers secular class topics, such as current events, science, art and wellness, as well as an educational track based on Judaic and Israel studies, in partnership with area synagogues.

For more information about the Canes on Canes presentation or the ACE program in general, contact Gail Feldman at 712-5253. The Mandel JCC Palm Beach Gardens is located at 5221 Hood Road.

For more information about programs at Mandel JCC Palm Beach Gardens, visit www.jcconline.com or call 712-5200.

The mission of the Mandel JCC of the Palm Beaches is to help create a strong Jewish community by providing high quality programs close to where people live that connect people to Jewish life.

The JCC is a partner agency of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. ■



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