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from the desk of:

Rabbi Steven Engel

Israel is facing another existential crisis. It is not coming from the security threats that are typically associated with the Jewish State. Its army is stronger than ever. Its military prowess is convincing and its security measures are among the best in the world. I am not saying that Israel does not need to be concerned about its security. But what I am saying is, that another great threat to Israel today is coming, not from outside, but from within its borders. It is challenging the Jewish nature of the Jewish State. It is endangering Israel as a Democratic State. This danger is coming from the Jewish Religious Fundamentalism that continues to permeate every aspect of Israeli society. The peril is increasing as government and religion becomes more entangled day by day. Jewish Religious Fundamentalists are a great threat to Israel's future.

Religious fundamentalists are chipping away at Democracy in Israel while the heavily secular society is threatening the Jewish character of the Jewish State. Those on the Religious Right are pushing Halacha (Jewish Law) over Democratic Values. They believe it should be a Jewish State, a Jewish caliphate exclusively, beginning with the West Bank. They are justifying violence through religious teachings. These Jewish fanatics are forcing their brand of Ultra-Orthodox Judaism upon the whole of Israeli society. Women should dress in a certain way and sit in the back of the bus. Nothing should be open on Shabbat and every citizen should be forced to observe every Jewish law related to Shabbat.

They want to continue to hold a monopoly on conversion, marriage and burial even excluding some who they do not consider an acceptable brand of Orthodoxy. They refuse army service and instead expect the government to fund their Jewish studies. They do not pay their fair share of taxes and demand that the government subsidizes their housing, their synagogues, and their Rabbis. What we get with them is national events being cancelled because the Ultra-Orthodox will not allow the singing of women in national public ceremonies. With them we get Reform, Conservative, and some Orthodox Jews prohibited from using Mikvehs (Ritual Baths) built with government funds. And we get the Kotel, the wall. It is the holiest site for Jews and Judaism and the symbolic center of this existential threat. At this place for all Jews, they prohibit women from having equal access.

They continue to reject the egalitarian prayer space approved by the Israeli Supreme Court. And with them we get an Ultra-Orthodox man publicly tearing up a Reform Jewish woman's prayer book as their comrades cheer the desecration of a scared Jewish Book. It is time for us to be honest with ourselves and not hide behind the myth that Jews are one people. There are Jews who are not us, because of what they do and how they act. Things that they do are so vitriolic, so antithetical to our most basic moral beliefs and we should put them outside the pale of Judaism. It's time to stop being afraid of those who attack us for not caring about Israel. It's time to stop saying that Orthodoxy is somehow a more legitimate form of Judaism. It's time to stop sending your money and putting your support behind those who delegitimize you as a Reform Jew. It is time to look at Israel with the same support, the same love for its people and for the land, the same concern for it, but in a much different way.

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from the President:

Susan McKenna

As luck would have it, they met at the Orlando bar mitzvah of a cousin, the future Ambassador to Luxembourg. He was a career Navy man who enlisted after graduating from high school, began as a cook and eventually became a senior chief petty officer operating sonar equipment on nuclear powered submarines. She was a college girl then living in Miami who later had a long career as a nuclear medicine technologist and medical sonographer. If it wasn't precisely love at first sight, it may as well have been. They were engaged just 10 weeks after that fateful meeting.

And so began the life partnership of two of CRJ's most dedicated and beloved members, Simon and Ellen Snyder. They moved frequently in the first 14 of their 55 years of marriage depending upon where Simon was stationed, including stints in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Key West, Miami, Virginia and Delaware. When Simon retired from the Navy in 1975 after twenty years of service, they decided to settle in Orlando and put down lasting roots. Simon joined Greater Construction Corporation, a family business of which he later became part owner. Ellen began working in the medical field. Together they raised three daughters, Jodi, Susan and Marci. The Snyders still reside in the very first home they bought after relocating to Orlando.

Their Jewish identity has always been important to Simon and Ellen. They joined the JCC as soon as they settled in Orlando and have been active, generous members of the Jewish community and their temple ever since. After joining CRJ (then known as CLJ) in 1978, Simon served the temple in various ways, including as a member of the Board, the Finance Committee and the Governance Committee. Simon is also a founding member of the CRJ Foundation. Equally if not more importantly, Simon is one of a very small group of hard-working volunteers who staff the temple kitchen for Shabbat dinners, barbecues and other events where his experience and skill as a cook is put to excellent use. Ellen is a very active member of CRJ Sisterhood and serves on its Board. She is also manager of the beautiful CRJ Sisterhood Gift Shop.

In addition to their many tangible contributions to the temple, Simon and Ellen exemplify one of the best intangibles of all: they are genuinely good people. Kind-hearted. Unassuming. Modest. Generous of spirit. These are just some of the adjectives others use to describe them. We are lucky to count them as our own.

For all of these reasons, I am proud to announce that we will be honoring Simon and Ellen Snyder as recipients of CRJ's inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award at our annual spring fundraising event. This year's very special celebration will take place on Saturday, April 22. It promises to be a fun and rewarding evening featuring live music, delicious food, wonderful people and more – please plan to join us!

L' shalom,
Susan



CRJ Honors Simon and Ellen Snyder for CRJ's Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award on April 22nd



NEW MEMBER BRUNCH
 We're so glad you're here! Join us, have a nosh, and meet your Rabbi, Staff, Lay Leaders, and learn about CRJ
Sunday, January 8th at 11am
 RSVP by January 4th to Marni at marniward@icloud.com

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We need to demand that Israel embraces a pluralistic Judaism, paving the way for all streams of Judaism to be recognized in a country that calls itself a Jewish State. We have waited patiently since January, actually for 68 years, and now the country and its citizens need to know that our support depends upon how it handles the issue of civil rights for all Jews. The truth is that the State of Israel needs our Reform Religious voice more than it needs our money. It needs our model of Democracy and Religion more than support of any Israel organization. It needs the support of American Reform and Conservative Jews' political clout more than any other group and Israeli leaders know this. And if we do not recognize this and take advantage of this then we delegitimize ourselves. What do we do? As a start take a look at my "Top Ten List" on page 4.



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

“Make for yourself a teacher; acquire for yourself a friend.” --Pirkei Avot

As Abraham Joshua Heschel espoused, “What we need more than anything else is not textbooks but text people. It is the personality of the teacher which is the text that the pupils read; the text that they will never forget.” Our Steinmetz Family School of Chai teachers are a highly dedicated group of educators who clearly demonstrate their love for our students and their passion for teaching about their love of Judaism. It is my honor to introduce you to our morim.



Mary Yasgur grew up in the Bronx where she lived until graduating from State University College at Buffalo. Mary moved to Orlando from Cherry Hill, NJ and recently retired from Orange County Public Schools where she taught varying exceptionalities and

kindergarten. Mary has a son who lives in Orlando, and a recently married daughter living in California. She has been a member of CRJ since 1990 and was hired by Cantor Dworkin to teach her first class here which was PreK. When Judy Godorov, who had been teaching kindergarten at CRJ retired, Mary was hired to take over that position. She loves being one of the first teachers at CRJ and watching her students grow throughout the year!



Marcy Turnbull, our 1st grade teacher, has a B.S. in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching since 1986. Marcy is married and her son, Jacob, grew up at CRJ. Marcy says that she loves teaching at CRJ because she enjoys the children and the subject matter is so important.



Nina Scanlon is a mom of four incredible children! She is our 2nd grade teacher at CRJ’s Steinmetz Family School of Chai as well as a public school teacher. Nina says that, “CRJ is truly a blessing in my life. It keeps me connected to my faith and lets me continue to “Hear” through the voices of our future. Best of

all, I get to spend Sunday mornings with my own children who are now madrichim!” L’dor v’dor!



Rachel VanDemark shares that she been teaching at CRJ since 2008, and has taught 5th, 4th, and 3rd grades. She has three children, ages 22, 18, and 14, who have all been students at CRJ and active members of the youth group. She loves

music, reading, spending time in the outdoors, and being with her family. Rachel enjoys teaching her love of Judaism and Hebrew to a new group of children, and

feels so lucky to get to watch them develop their love and knowledge of Judaism. Her favorite lessons have to do with Israel and Jewish traditions and holidays, and she especially enjoy her class Shabbat service each year.



Rebecca (Becky) Weiner is currently our 4th Grade Hebrew and Judaics teacher and has taught at CRJ since 2012. She earned her BS in Elementary Education from UCF and minored in Mathematics Education (grades 5-9). She received endorsements in reading and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Becky

also taught 5th grade Judaics here. Besides teaching religious school, she also teaches third grade at the Jewish Academy of Orlando. Becky states that she is passionate for educating children and about her Judaism. Ever since she can remember, Becky has always wanted to be a teacher. She adores kids and making a difference in their lives.



Audrey Hochstetter has taught at CRJ since 2007. Audrey will be back in our classroom teaching 4th grade after winter break and is so excited to have a new baby daughter! You will also see Audrey’s husband, Ben, around campus taking pictures for us! We are most fortunate to have Audrey’s passion and talents in our school!

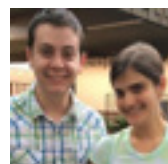


After earning a BS in Communications from UNF, **Justin Sacharoff** spent several months living in Israel and interning with The Jerusalem Post. He shares that his experiences in Israel both with Birthright as well as with Masa

Israel, along with his experiences growing up at CRJ, being a madrich after his bar mitzvah and an active member of GORFTY have all given him the wonderful background needed to teach 5th grade here! Justin says that he most enjoys the passion and spirit that his students have for life and learning. Along with teaching, Justin is currently studying to become a physician’s assistant while working as a medical scribe for a local pediatrician.



Chandler Weiner is currently our 6th grade teacher and has taught at CRJ since 2012. Chandler graduated from Rollins College with a major in Biology and a minor in Judaic Studies. Chandler is a most passionate teacher and truly enjoys helping the students be “Hebrew detectives” as they study Hebrew roots. Just ask Chandler about his movement tricks to remember prayers!



Chandler and Becky Weiner are role models for our children and met each other on a Birthright trip to Israel! Mazal tov to them on the recent birth of their first child!



Zena W. Sulkes-Freeman, Ph.D. has been a lifelong Jewish Educator. She taught while a student at the University of Michigan at a congregation in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She has been a Director of Lifelong Learning, a Consultant for the Reform movement in Religious School education and with the Association of Reform Jewish Day Schools. She served as Head of School at the former Hebrew Day School prior to her retirement. Dr. Sulkes currently works with three of our education programs. She loves her role as Mishpacha Day Coordinator because it allows her to inspire families with important Jewish teachings and enables them to make it their own. In our Hebrew Help Program, she has created an individual approach to helping students find success in learning a challenging language. She also is a tutor in our B'nai Mitzvah preparation program. She loves helping children succeed with their Hebrew studies, and we love her! You may also find Dr. Sulkes teaching in the Rollins College Lifelong Learning program.



Stephen Wolf has taught at CRJ since 2007. As a teacher who also grew up in the congregation, Stephen has held many roles throughout the years with our youth. He most enthusiastically shares his passion for Israel and Torah. He has taught many different grades and is currently our Sports with a Jewish Value teacher.



Our art teacher, **Judith Lazev**, has been actively involved in all phases of Jewish education for over 40 years. Judith received a BA from SUNY Albany and a M.Ed. from Queens College. She is very proud of her 4 grown children, their spouses, and 10 grandchildren. When she can, Judith is happy

to add another adventure to her long list travel experiences. Judith feels at home in the classroom. She is delighted to combine her artistic talents with her educational experiences at CRJ. As one of our specialists, she enjoys seeing the maturity of the kids over the years. She loves sharing her ideas, projects, and stories and knowledge with the children. Judith especially loves the energy and inquisitiveness of the students and is happy to support, encourage and inspire them to create great art.



Leni Puccio has always loved to cook and feels that cooking is a way to spread joy and happiness and pass on our communal learnings. Leni shares, "I love seeing your children year after year as they grow into wonderful young Jewish adults and I enjoy seeing them remember the lessons that they learned as young children and react to them in new ways as they grow". She believes that by using the senses of touch, smell and taste, we are able to associate learning experiences. Morah Puccio is always searching for new ways to present the favorite Jewish foods associated with each of our holidays! Leni has had several catering businesses, a restaurant, and taught adult and children's cooking classes here at the CRJ. She is always willing to share the recipes that are used in class so that our families can try them at home.



Katie Thayer is our drama teacher since 2011. She received her BFA in Acting from the University of Central Florida in 2013, with a minor in Creative Writing. You can find Katie acting all over Central Florida and she is also a most talented playwright. When Katie is not on stage, we are most fortunate to have her creativity and passion for teaching improv with a Jewish flair to our students!

From our families to yours, we wish you all the best in 2017! L'Shalom, Sheryl

Rabbi Engel's Top Ten List To Make Sure ISRAEL IS A JEWISH STATE FOR ALL JEWS?

- 1. BE INFORMED** - Learn about the fight for equal rights for Reform Jews in Israel
Go here to keep up to date: <http://arza.org>
- 2. WRITE**- Let your opinion be heard by Israeli decision makers. Sign the Petition: <http://www.urj.org/ForAllJews>
- 3. KEEP UP**- The latest facts about making Judaism's holiest a place for all Jews
Look here: <http://arza.org/contents/kotel-campaign>
- 4. ORGANIZATIONS** - Only support Israel Organizations that support religious pluralism in Israel
- 5. TRAVEL** - When you go to Israel make visiting Reform Jews and Reform Congregations a must Find a congregation here:
<http://www.reform.org.il/Eng/Communities/Congregations.asp>
- 6. DONATIONS** - When you give money to Israel give only to a cause that supports full rights for Reform Jews in Israel. Give directly to the Reform Movement in Israel
<http://friendsofimpj.org>
- 7. FACEBOOK** - Join the Reform Judaism in Israel Facebook Page. Join here:
<https://www.facebook.com/IsraelReformJudaism>
- 8. SIGN UP** - To receive the newsletter of Reform Judaism in Israel. Go here:
<http://www.reform.org.il/eng/Contact/join-our-mailing-list.asp>
- 9. DISCUSS ISRAEL** - Whenever you talk about Israel make Reform Judaism in Israel a part of the discussion.
- 10. BELIEVE**- Israel decision makers care about what American Reform Jews think about Israel.

Making your voice heard does make a difference!



from the Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

Lauren Oback

One afternoon, while selling pizza at the GORFTY Gastropub, a first grader came over to buy a slice of pizza. "Do you have any garlic sauce?" Jack asked me. Unfortunately, our pizzas don't include garlic sauce, because of our discounted rate. I had explained this to Jack once before. He then, calmly and simply, opened the pizza box to look for himself!

Now, you're probably thinking... Is Lauren seriously going to talk to us about pizza and garlic sauce?! Yes... just a bit! But stick with me... I'm going somewhere with this... A few moons ago, in a place that was not Orlando, I taught religious school. I recall a 3rd grader asking me a question about the story of Noah. It sparked an awesome conversation in my 3rd grade class. While we explored this Torah portion, I found that so many of my students could not remember "learning" about the story of Noah. They were read the "story" and they talked about it at home with their families. I asked them the question of, "WHY?" I'll never forget one of the answers quickly shouted out "Because Mr. Gold said so!" MY JAW DROPPED. In the back of the classroom was a door. My students probably never even noticed it was there. "Avery, do you know what is behind that door in the back of the classroom?" I asked. "A closet?" asked Avery (With a very confused look on his face). "What if I were to tell you it was a door that led to another door that led to another classroom?" The students got excited... I asked Avery this question and he shrugged his shoulders. I moved on to another subject very quickly.

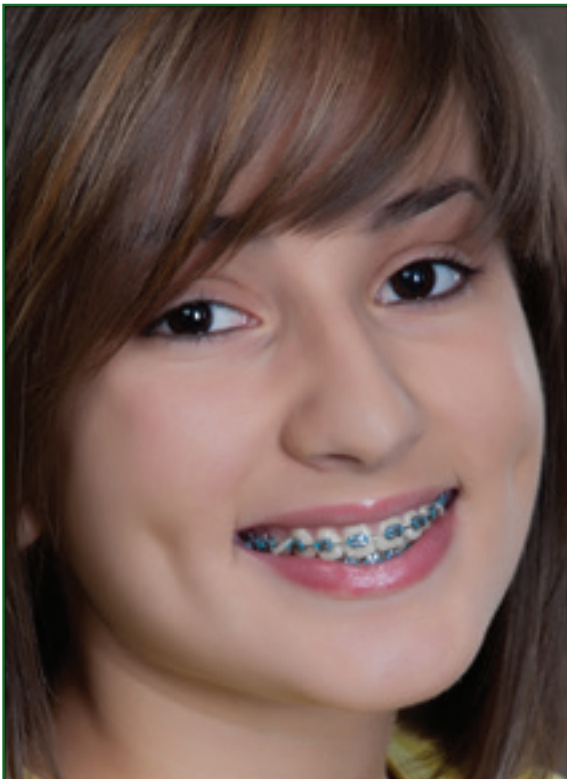
The next time the class met, I asked the question to Avery again. It took 2 more class sessions for Avery to finally say, "Can I see inside"? I gave Avery the key; he walked over, unlocked the door and saw that it was a bathroom! Avery would not have learned this if he did not question these teachings. Would it have been enough for him to take his teacher's word for it?

As Jews we are supposed to question, we are supposed to learn until the day we die and we should always, in my opinion, come from a place of "WHY". Jack's actions about the garlic sauce made me and his mother laugh. It made the educator in me smile and it made the Jew in me VERY PROUD. Be a rebel Jew. That is all.

B'ahava,
Lauren



Teen song session



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CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Hello Sisters!

At the end of October six of our CRJ Sisters had the opportunity to attend the WRJ Southeast District Biennial Conference in Clearwater, Florida. They were joined by more than 70 other women, representing Sisterhoods from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. The Conference provided an opportunity to learn about the programming, fund raising, social action and youth engagement activities of the WRJ. There were sessions to network and learn to apply some great ideas for our own local Sisterhood. In addition to being on the beach for a beautiful fall weekend, the highlight was hearing from two outstanding speakers. The President of WRJ, Blair Marks, spoke about the pressing issues for WRJ on the national and international level. The room was moved to action after listening to Lesley Sachs, Executive Director of the Women of the Wall, Nashot Hakotel, talk about the fight for religious pluralism in Israel and an egalitarian space for all women to worship at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Our CRJ Sisters returned home with a lot of energy and ideas for our local Sisterhood. We look forward to seeing more CRJ women at our events and activities. The next conference opportunity is the WRJ Fried Leadership Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, March 3rd through 5th, 2017. Our Sisterhood budget assists members with expenses related to attending these conferences. If you have any Sisterhood leadership aspirations, please join us and we can help you develop the needed skills.

On November 6th we held our 3rd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament. Robin Siegel of Siegel's on Park Avenue graciously donated many door prizes to help us reach our fundraising goals. We thank her very much. Bagel King provided our yummy boxed lunches. And with the help of volunteers Carmen Berrios, Sheryl Odza, Barbara Zaslofsky, Beverly Smith and Rachel Milsom we had a very successful tournament.

Our Pre-Chanukah Dinner was held on December 16, todah raba (many thanks) to our chairperson Beverly Smith for this fun event. This is always a great evening filled with music, Chanukah songs and wonderful food. Thank you to Barbara Zaslofsky who chaired the committee that stuffed hundreds of envelopes with raffle tickets! She was helped by Helene Becker, Linda Bender, Beverly Smith, Cookie Meyer and Jill Cousins. The money from the sale of these tickets funds our donations to our School of Chai and to the Youth Organizations.

And our next big event will be our luncheon on January 22, honoring our member, Zena Sulkes, for our YES Fund Luncheon. The YES Fund luncheon is in support of Women of Reform Judaism's globally minded Youth, Education and Special Projects funds. Beverly Smith is our Programming Vice President and reservations should be directed to her at thetink@hotmail.com.

We are all looking forward to a Luncheon and Fashion Show sponsored by Siegel's of Winter Park on March 5, 2017. Beverly Smith will be our Chairperson for this event and inquiries and reservations should be sent to thetink@hotmail.com.

The Sisterhood of CRJ holds its monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. We meet at 5:30 at the Imperial Dynasty in Longwood. All women of CRJ are welcome. We would love to meet you if you have not joined us before. Remember, without you, we are one sister short...

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Mary Ellen Caplan, mecaplan@hotmail.com, 407-435-5902



RJ invites the women of CRJ to participate in fun, creative and dynamic Rosh Chodesh celebrations just for women each month at the appearance of the new moon. The Jewish calendar provides a wonderful way to celebrate the cycles of time and change on Rosh Chodesh, the first (and sometimes second) day of each Hebrew month. Rosh Chodesh comes to us when the moon is once again renewed--a barely visible sliver of light.

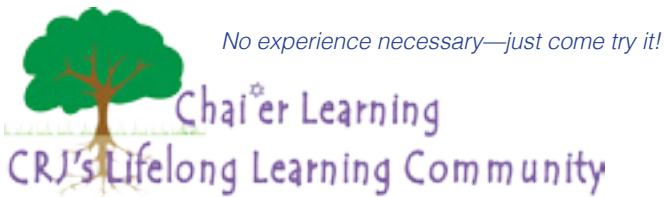
Join us on: Sh'vat - January 26 at 7pm and Adar - February 23 at 7pm. For further information, please contact Annie, ahernandez@crjorlando.org



Join Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for a 30 minute music filled Shabbat Service for kids age 6 and younger & their siblings the first Friday of the month at 6 PM.
Friday, January 6 at 6 PM | Friday, February 3 at 6 PM



Mazel Tov to the 5777 CRJ Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class!



ONGOING PROGRAMS

Torah Study | 12:00 PM— 1:00 PM | Dates: Wednesdays (visit www.crjorlando.org/calendar for class cancellations or schedule changes due to holidays) Bring your lunch and join us for stimulating conversation with Rabbi Steven Engel.

CRJ Book Club

Our group reads a wide variety of titles and a facilitator from the group presents the book of the month. All meetings will be held at 10:30 AM in the Social Hall on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of the month. We invite all Temple members (both male and female) to join us. For further information, Contact Zena Sulkes at Zwsf116@gmail.com. For a full listing of dates and books, visit www.crjorlando.org/crj-book-club.

UPCOMING CLASSES

“Reform Rabbis’ Responses to Contemporary Questions”

Dates: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9 from 7:00 - 8:15 PM | Instructor: Clergy Aide, Gary Becker

What are the Reform Rabbis’ responses to contemporary questions posed by congregants and fellow Rabbis? We will cover a wide range of topics and will involve attendees in discussing what they think the response to a question would have been, followed by sharing what the Rabbis have said. Great opportunity to find out how modern day Reform Judaism provides answers and guidance to a wide range of real life issues and concerns. Although attendance at all sessions is encouraged, each session is stand-alone so please feel free to register even if you know you cannot attend all sessions.

Free/complimentary for CRJ Members; \$36 Non-Members for the entire series

NOSH of Judaism

Dates: January 18, 25, February 1, 15, 22, March 1, 15, 29 | 7- 9 PM | Topical material taught by Rabbi Steven Engel

Practicum taught by guest experts. Especially for Jewish people who want to brush up on their basics and those contemplating Conversion & Interfaith Couples. Learn About Holidays, Lifecycle Events, History, Midrash, the Holocaust, Modern Israel, Ritual Objects, and the Differences between Judaism & Christianity

\$80 per person/ \$130 per couple. The fee will cover supplementary materials & food. Books are extra.

RSVP requested for all classes and programs. Register for the classes at www.crjorlando.org/adult-education. To be added to the Chai'er Learning email list, please email Sheryl at ssacharoff@crjorlando.org

Contact ssacharoff@crjorlando.org with questions or register online at www.crjorlando.org/adult-education.

“Abraham Lincoln and the Jews” Date: Feb. 5, 12, 26; March 5 from 9:45am - 11:00am |

Instructor Murray Toborowsky
Lincoln’s meeting with early Jewish immigrants in the Midwest. How Lincoln reacted to 3 major controversies that affected the Jews during the Civil War. Why he developed friendships with so many Jews. Did Lincoln’s vast knowledge of the Hebrew Bible influence his relationship with Jews? What part did they play in his road to becoming president? How did the Jews become the first to offer prayers after his death? Things that will surprise you about Lincoln that your history teacher never told you!



**Save the Date:
Sunday, Feb 26, 2017
The legacy of Richard Tucker - one of the world’s foremost operatic tenors**

Share a personal family history from his early days as a renowned cantor through the glory days as a world famous

opera star, as well as a beloved husband and father. This unique and special tribute will be presented by his son, Dr. David Tucker at CRJ. It will feature beautifully remixed original recordings and video.



For further information please contact Annie Hernandez at ahernandez@crjorlando.org



CRJ Seniors

Our CRJ Seniors are a fun loving group of adults 60 years of age or older. We meet on the third Thursday of each month from September through May, enjoying exciting programs of interest and entertainment. New members and guests are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$10 and a light lunch will usually be served to members for \$5 and to guests for \$8. You can become a member by contacting Judy Weinberg, Membership Chair at (407) 830-4242 or email jweinberg@cfl.rr.com. For reservations, call Helene Becker at (407) 221-3958 or email hfrbecker@aol.com.

The next program will be the always popular BINGO, called by Past President, Mel Kohn on Jan. 19, 2017 at CRJ at noon.

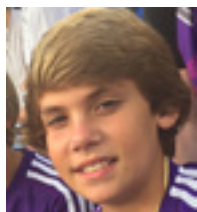
The following program will be on Feb. 16 at noon with our own, the always spectacular, Cantor Jacki. She is truly a real joy as she entertains us with some of our and her, favorite songs.

We hope to see you for these events.

Dr. Allan Myers, President, CRJ Seniors

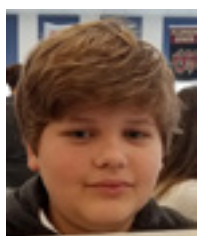


B'nai Mitzvah



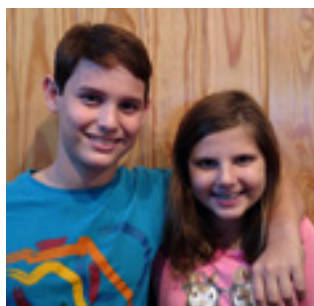
JT Rottenberg, son of Jason and Stephanie Rottenberg, will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on January 28, 2017. JT is a 7th grader at Lake Highland Preparatory School. He plays on the middle school soccer team as well as for various lacrosse club teams. He proudly played for Team Israel this July at the Warrior World Series of Youth

Lacrosse tournament in Denver. He also enjoys football, skiing and spending time with family and friends.

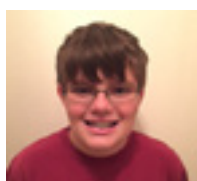


Logan Sonne, son of Pamela Sonne, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on February 04, 2017. Logan is an honor student at Mount Dora Middle School. He loves music and plays the drums and French horn, in two school bands. Logan enjoys playing video games and is a huge fan of Minecraft & Pokemon! He is also a Boy Scout and Den Chief

with Troop 277, in Mount Dora. Logan loves to spend time with his family, friends and many pets! For his Mitzvah project, Logan will be training his dog, Lucy, to be a therapy dog! Together, they will spread cheer & happiness, to those in need. He is really looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah and wants to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged him with this endeavor! He can't wait to share this special day with all of the amazing people in his life! Special thanks to his Grandma & late Grandpa Sonne, for always being there for him with love & support!



Coby Scanlon, son of Brett and Nina Scanlon, and **Chloe Bauer**, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Bauer, will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on Saturday, February 5, 2017. These cousins have grown up together and are truly sibling-cousins. They both excel in school and enjoy studying agriscience. Coby loves water-polo while Chloe enjoys volleyball. We couldn't be prouder of these two.



Owen Lewis, son of Stuart Lewis and Dana Sussmann, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday March 4, 2017. Owen is a 7th grade honors student at Neptune Middle School where math and reading are his favorite subjects. He plays flute in the school's symphonic band and is

on the cross country team. Owen loves football, hiking and traveling to new places. He is very excited family and friends are coming to celebrate this special day with him.



Welcome New Members

Becca Blechman
Shannon & Liz Moore
Nicholas & Robyn Lagina



Mazel Tov

Louise Frankel on the birth of her great-granddaughter Maya Lily, born on November 9, 2016.

Steinmetz Family School of Chai Teachers, **Rebecca and Chandler Weiner**, on the birth of their son Aiden Chase on November 9, 2016.

These amazing 8th graders at Maitland Middle School, who made the OCPS "All County Orchestra, Jazz 1, and/or Concert Band" This was based on auditions for all Orange County middle schools, public and private.

- **Adam Maulfair**: string bass (All County Orchestra), drumset (All County Jazz 1), and first chair percussion (All County Concert Band)
- **Liam Dunbrack**: string bass (All County Orchestra)
- **Mitchell Dyen**: trombone (All County Concert Band)

Julie and Christopher Begani on the birth of their son, Joseph William Begani, born November 22, 2016

Sandy Goodkind on the birth of her great grandson, Parker, son of Chris & Lauren Allan.



Sheloshim List

Zichronam Livracha,
May their memories be a blessing

Marjorie Deutsch, Mother of Leni Puccio, Grandmother of David & Erika

Norman Steinhart, Father of Barry Steinhart

Irving Fried, Cousin of Cathy Lieblich

Paul Goldberg, Husband of Gloria Goldberg, Father of Les Goldberg

Mary Nell Calhoun Ponder, Mother of Charlotte Schwartz, Grandmother of Joseph Schwartz

Sheila Pakula, Mother of Dale Perreault, Grandmother of Daniel, Sydney & Benjamin

James "Jim" Walker, Brother-in-law of Sammy Goldstein & Bill Yahner

Paul Hansman, Husband of Lynn Esko, Father of Abby Goldsmith, Grandfather of Lauren, Eden & Andrew

Save the Dates:

CRJ's COMMUNITY 2ND NIGHT SEDER



Tuesday,
April 11, 2017
at 6:30PM

For more information visit www.crjorlando.org/seder

MATZO BALL & SALAD BAR SHABBAT FAMILY DINNER



Friday, February 3, 2017
6:00pm Dinner, followed by
Family Shabbat Service

Service features Steinmetz Family School of Chai 1st and 2nd Graders. Please join in the fun as you build your own Matzo Ball Soup and Salad Bar and take home your CRJ ceramic mug.

\$10 per adult, \$6 per child (5-12). Free to tots (4&under)
\$30 for a family of 4 (two children and two adults in the same household)

Register online: www.crjorlando.org/matzoball-shabbat-dinner

Families with children 6 and younger please join us at 6pm for Tot Shabbat. We will save soup for you at 6:30pm if you would like to attend dinner. P.S. we have high chairs available!

FEISTA TACO BAR SHABBAT FAMILY DINNER



Friday, March 3, 2017
6:00pm Dinner, followed by
Family Shabbat Service

Service features Steinmetz Family School of Chai 3rd and 4th Graders. Please join us for a CRJ Fiesta and build your own Taco, Burrito, or Salad with a delicious Taco Bar!

\$10 per adult, \$6 per child (5-12). Free to tots (4 & under)
\$30 for a family of 4 (two children and two adults in the same household)

Register online: www.crjorlando.org/taco-shabbat-dinner



January 14, February 11, April 8,
May 6 always at 10 AM

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the serenity of Yoga blended with the peacefulness of Shabbat on the above dates at CRJ. Yoga/Yuj means "union" or "yoke", to join together with ourselves and others. Let's come together for a relaxing, healing yoga practice aligning body and breath and steeped in two traditions. Meditation and discussion to follow. Please bring a mat if you have one, we have limited loaners available.

RSVP online: <https://crjorlando.org/shabbat-yoga-2>
Namaste and Shalom!

CRJ's Cultural Arts Collective 1st Jam Session



Have some musical, theatrical or other talent? Join the next Jam Session on February 1, read more about it on page 10.

CRJ's Inside Story:

Our History, Governance, Communications, and How Reform Judaism Teaches Us to Lead

Are you interested in a future role as a CRJ committee or subcommittee chair, event coordinator or Board member? Please join us for this 4 part series of one hour sessions taught by Rabbi Engel and lay leaders. All sessions are on Sunday mornings from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Session II – January 29 – Governance

How we work: the temple's governance structure, the roles of professional staff, clergy and lay leaders.

Session III – February 26 – Communications

How we communicate: focusing on the importance of effective and respectful communications.

Session IV – April 9 – Reform Judaism

What we believe: what Reform Judaism teaches us about leadership, change and living a meaningful Jewish life.

Contact Nancy Walk, Leadership Development Chair, at 321-356-0263 or hmdaughter@aol.com for more information.



WHAT THE CRJ CARE TEAM DOES FOR CRJ CONGREGANTS:

- Driving those in need to: Doctors' Appointments, Grocery Store, Pharmacy, CRJ Services and Events
- Delivering and/or Preparing Meals after a Hospital Stay or Giving Birth

NEED A RIDE? THE CRJ CARE TEAM CAN HELP!
CONTACT BEVERLY AT THE INFORMATION BELOW.

If you or someone you know would be in need of this support, please contact CRJ's Care Team Director, Beverly Smith – E: thetink@hotmail.com, P: 407-461-1663



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Calling ALL local arts enthusiasts:
**Performers, Fine Artists,
Musicians, Writers..**
and those who love them!

SAVE THE DATES!

Please join us...

FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 5, 2017

Schott Family Chapel @ 7:30PM

Bring something you'd like to share: A song..... A poem..... A monologue... Perhaps a magic trick or two! Is dance your thing? This is a great place to give it a "whirl"... Put your best foot forward.

Each attendee can bring one piece to perform for the group. If we have the time for a second round, anyone who wishes to may perform a second piece.

Share a piece of art or craftsmanship you'd love to teach others to create in the year to come. Show us what you can do. We'd love to see it. This is an evening that no lover of the arts will want to miss!

We'll provide an accompanist for singers and our chapel sound system plays CDs for those who wish to dance, just don't forget to bring your music.

During our evening together, we'll have a nosh and hatch a plan for our very first annual

Cultural Arts Weekend on May 20 & 21, 2017.

So, save those dates, too!

CRJ CULTURAL

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REFORM JUDAISM

PURIM 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 AT 6PM

SILLY SUSHAN SHABBAT & PURIM MASQUERADE
DRESS UP ∞ HAMANTASHEN ∞ RUACH (SPIRIT)
RAINBOW CHALLAH



Saturday, March 11 at 7pm

"A BILLY JOEL PURIMSPIEL" BY RABBI BILLY DRESKIN

IS VASHTI REALLY AN "UPTOWN GIRL" LIVING IN SOME "SCENES FROM AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT" IN SHUSHAN? WE KNOW THAT ESTHER IS GREAT AND THAT SHE IS "ALWAYS A WOMAN TO ME" BUT "HONESTLY" MAYBE THE "PIANO MAN" IS REALLY HAMAN IN DISGUISE!

PLAY IS FREE, BUT PLEASE RSVP TO WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG/PURIM

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE CRJ CLERGY AND STAFF AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUN FILLED EXTRAVAGANZA PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR A PLANNING MEETING AND SING-THROUGH! ALL CRJ MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE! EMAIL AHERNANDEZ@CRJORLANDO.ORG IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 AT 9:45AM

REVEAL YOUR INNER **SUPERHERO!** DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE JEWISH OR NON-JEWISH SUPERHERO, LISTEN TO THE MEGILLAH AND JOIN THE PURIM PARADE PRESENTED BY THE STEINMENTZ FAMILY SCHOOL OF CHAI. ALL AGES WELCOME FROM 0-100!



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PURIM PROGRAMS AT CRJ VISIT

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What fun we had with Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki at Pajama Havdalah!



GORFTY and Jr. GORFTY had a SPASHIN' good time playing H2O kickball! CRJ has youth group activities for kids and teens grades Pre-K through 12th grade - check it out at www.crjorlando.org/youth



Chaverim, CRJ's youth group for grades 3 & 4, had a WILD time at the live animal



3rd graders of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai were formally welcomed to their studies of Hebrew during Kabbalat Ivrit.



5th Graders of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai and their Families participated in Mishpacha Day.



Birthdays

On this special day, we wish you all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come! **Happy Birthday!**

January 2017

2 Max Intro
2 Scott Richman
2 Elliot Schwartz
3 Helene Becker
3 Douglas Gerber
3 Payton Hayes
4 Lucy Scheff
4 Belinda Smith
5 Sarah Demsky
5 Lauren Kaplan
5 Carrie Miller
6 Paige Adler
6 Alyssa Anderson
6 Seth Borenstein
6 Bobby Hayes
6 Rachael Schott
7 Harold Kaplan
7 Natalie Salem
8 Jonathan Albert
8 Jocelyn Bluth
8 Wendy Fender
8 Kate Kaplan
8 Madeleine Vilmos
9 Gerard Fiacco
9 Rachel Forman
9 Stephanie Lieblich
9 Carolyn Weinstein
10 Carol Esner
10 Jessica Lieblich
10 David Weiser
11 Paul Lilling
12 Vyacheslav Makler
13 Leslie Benzion
13 Joshua Fidelo
13 Doris Frank
13 Rosalyn Haskelson
13 Martin Kirsch
13 Antonio Tejeda
14 Norman Hull
14 Jennifer Peisner
14 Emma VanDemark
15 Matthew Albert
15 Alexandra Goldman
15 Dana Kruger
15 Lane Silberstein
15 Andrew Weinstock
16 Wendy Cintron
16 Jacob Freid
16 Charlotte Hendelson
17 David Adler
17 Olivia Gordon

18 Judith Echterling
Hawkins
18 Jordan Friedman
18 Jennifer Gray
18 Daniel Perreault
18 Cindy Weiss Blechman
19 Amanda Harper
19 Marc Mandell
19 Elena Morrison
20 Michael Harman
21 Billi Arditi
21 Opal Benson
21 William Dunbrack
21 Devi Thompson
21 Lee Zehngebot
22 Lila Gerber
22 Richard Reis
22 Frank Silverman
22 Robert Yeager
23 Madison Kerben
23 Helen Tetenbaum
24 Ali Bovis
24 Murray Brooks
24 Adam Cantor
24 Hannah Jacobson
24 Madison Jacobson
24 Austin Morrison
24 Anne Perry
24 Renee Ross
24 Joshua Salzman
24 Charlotte Schwartz
25 Marc Auster
25 Christopher Brannan
25 Stephen Reich
25 Elyse Rosenblum
25 Mark Silverberg
25 Logan Sonne
26 John Fanciullo
27 Jose Alonso
27 Marsha Freeman
27 Bari Ruddy
28 Daniel Broussard
28 Risa Nicholson
28 Helene Rasmussen
28 Avi Selsky
28 Daniel Stein
29 Marc Morrison
30 Donna Abramson
30 Andrea Freedman
30 Barbara Steiner
31 Adam Baumgarten

February 2017

1 Elliot Cooperman
1 Judy Doyle
1 David Forman
1 David Kassander
1 Sydney Regenstreif
1 Elaine S. Sonne
1 Bruce Stein
2 Martin Alpert
2 Gary Baumgarten
2 Alex KaufmanLong
2 Rachel Milsom
2 Emily Sasser
3 Sean Bogle
3 Gail Chernak
3 Mikella Krieger
3 Simon Kuritzky
4 Eden Goldsmith
4 Amanda Harris
5 Stuart Lewis
5 Tony Moreno
5 Penelope Robinson
5 Kayla Steinmetz
6 Jill Cousins
6 Allana Katz
6 Jenna Richman
6 Eric Towe
7 Alex Dunbrack
7 Harry Falk
7 Joseph Galkin
7 Shyla Reich
7 Diane Sunshine
7 Nicole Sykora
8 Steven Bedell
8 Sara Freedman
8 Mason Hayes
8 Joseph Kantor
8 Vicki Peisner
8 Heather Schwartzberg
8 Inca Silver
9 Anabelle Adelson
9 Coby Scanlon
9 Francie Schaffer
10 William Harper
10 Robert Kushner
10 Taylor Sanchez
10 James Wetmore
10 Nancy Wolf
11 Phillip Rosenberg
11 Donna Smargon
12 Wendy Silver
13 Danielle Freedman
13 Andrew Goldman
13 Marilyn Greenhut
13 Lexi Landa
13 Jeanne Silberstein
13 Zachary Watson
14 Joy Dreyfus
14 Daniel Esquenazi
14 Aida Lublin
14 Sheryl Sacharoff
14 Roy Silberstein
15 Heather Barkin
15 Hannah Harman
15 Maya Milsom
15 Carli Moreno
15 Levi Robinson

15 Nathaniel Robinson
15 Jason Ser
15 Daniel Welch
16 Heather Gurian
16 Julia Kalin
16 Heather Sauls
17 Lillian Berkowitz
17 Ava Maxwell
17 Timothy Olsson
17 Michael Schneider
17 Rachel Wheeler
18 Chris Anders
18 Phillip Perreault
18 Carrie Rich
18 Maya Salem
18 Ilana Santizo
18 Brian Shams
18 Louise Sheehy
19 Michelle Auster
19 Jamie Demsky
19 Jordan Goldman
20 Lindsay Jacques
20 Allison Sykora
21 Sarah Bachrach
21 Marjorie Helman
21 Jack Rottenberg
21 Esther Wolman
22 Robin Dictor
22 Jane Gleick
22 Barry Katz
22 Ella Mendelsohn
22 Annalise Ward
22 Harriet Weiss
22 Leo Weiss
23 Louis Blumenfeld
23 Doris Wolf
23 Harrison Wolf
24 Ruby Albert
24 Alana Brenner
24 Caroline Carlton
24 Amy Dictor
24 Harold Forman
24 Isaac Robinson
24 Bernice Walker
Schwartz
25 Alexandra Weinberg
26 Lily Adler
26 Rebecca Bauer
26 Benjamin Isaac Begani
26 Richard Cohn
26 Delaney DeAguilera
26 Jonathan Friedman
26 Ken Mickenberg
26 Adam Wershil
27 Elliot Albert
27 Matt Gordon
27 Justice Milsom
27 Brandon Mintzer
27 Lee Seltzer
27 Beth Weiss
28 Marshall Adler
28 Max Amon
28 Max Anders
28 Alexander Bisbee
28 Mark Kaplan
28 Hannah Martin

Anniversaries

Joining with you in celebrating another year in love. **Happy Anniversary!**

January 2017

1 Dick Bernstein & Judi Redlich
1 Jason & Alicia Silver
1 Floyd Sykora & Valerie Feldman
1 Scott & Meredith Zornek
3 Whit & Tracey Watson
4 Donald VanDemark, Jr. & Rachel VanDemark
6 Howard & Carole Levene
6 Bill & Bev Murphy
8 Ben & Debra Robinson
9 Rich & Heather Fleming
10 Mitchell & Marsha Stein
12 Stephen & Dorey Wolf
14 Omer & Monique Eyal
15 Emery Rosenbluth, Jr. & Judie Rosenbluth
15 Cliff & Rivka Selsky
16 Gary & Barbara Borenstein
17 Luis Flores & Jeannette Leon Yanez
19 Wayne & Lynn Dictor
26 Stephen & Shyla Reich
31 Stephen & Arlene Guss

February 2017

1 Ben & Alexandra Weinberg
2 Amy Scotland & Vanessa Scotland
3 Andrew & Brooke Kuritzky
12 Michael & Susan Harman
14 Lee Sasser & Nancy Weber
17 Chris & Julie Begani
17 Alan & Marcia Berman
18 Murray & Bonnie Toborowsky
21 Tyson & Gina Fiore
21 David & Debbi Pariser
24 Mark & Lois Silverberg
25 Mark & MaryAnn Kaplan
27 John & Shayna Reich

Volunteer

Opportunities at CRJ

An Invitation from Cathy Lieblich

As Vice President for Volunteerism and Congregant Engagement on the CRJ Board of Directors, my goal is to get to know you, your interests and skills and to help connect you with other congregants and to CRJ as your congregational family.

If you think you might want to get more involved in CRJ, please call me at **321-277-7309**.

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact us so we can celebrate with you! Send information to: **Julie Begani at jbegani@crjorlando.org**

Mah Jongg



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In memory of Lee Coplan

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Norman Grad
In honor of daughter, Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszer

Dr. & Mrs. Allan Myers
In honor of Cantor Jacki & the choir for the beautiful High Holy Day services

Cantor Lance Rhodes
In honor of the High Holy Days

Alice Gamson
In memory of dear sister, Lillian Shaw

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In honor of Cantor Jacki for wonderful High Holy Day services

Beverly B. Smith
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DENISE COHEN LIBRARY FUND

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In honor of Judge Eli Breger's 90th Birthday

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In memory of Ann Grubstein

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In memory of Jeanette Messinger

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In memory of Joseph Rothman, Samuel Rubin, Rose Rothman

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Donation

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Donation

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In appreciation of visit to CRJ

Ellen & Charles Silverman
In memory of beloved mother, Grace Fine Silverman

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In memory of beloved cousin, Beatrice Samuels

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Len & Marilyn Goldman
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Cooper

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In honor of Rabbi Engel's Inspiring Services & In appreciation of our High Holiday Honor

Joseph Galkin
In memory of Albert Galkin

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In memory of my father, William Berger

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In honor of Rabbi Engel for wonderful High Holy Day services

Trudy Weiss
In appreciation of Rabbi Engel for his kindness and concern at this difficult time

Marlene & Patrick Ryan
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In memory of beloved mother-in-law, Etta Tetenbaum

Michele Bloom
In memory of Everett Kramer, beloved husband of Dorene Kramer, and beloved father of Michele Bloom

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In memory of Jerry Weiss

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In honor of the 1st Anniversary of Harrison's Bar Mitzvah

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In memory of beloved husband, Arnold Klein, father of Rick Klein, grandfather of Bethel Klein

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In honor of Mia Wolman becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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In memory of Meyer Gross

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In memory of Linda's parents, Stanley & Selma Shapiro
In memory of son, Scott
In memory of Al's parents, Meyer & Molly Gross

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In honor of Rabbi Engel for the meaningful High Holy Day Services and
In appreciation of our High Holy Day honor

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In memory of Gerald Weiss, husband of Trudy Weiss

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In recognition of Michael Kancher's thoughtful kindness during the High Holy Days.

Donations designated for Sneakers that Fit

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In memory of Adele Mickenberg

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In honor of Bette Ann Leider's 85th Birthday

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In memory of Barry Levin

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In memory of Norman Steinhart, father of Barry Steinhart

Bette Ann Leider
In memory of Bella Leider

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In memory of Husband, father and grandfather, Barry Alan Levin
In memory of Linda Rubin, daughter of Eleanor Rubin
In memory of Norman Steinhart, father of Barry Steinhart

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Joan Kaspin
Mazel Tov to the 5777 B'nai Mitzvah Class

Jenette & Scott Salpeter
In support of Allison Levie

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In honor of Carolyn Weinstein
J. Bauling-Ciminero
In honor of Vicki Kushner

Beverly Smith
In honor of the 2016 B'nai Mitzvah Class

Fay Zerbo
In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gwen Kotler

Susan & Robert Arko
In honor of Allison Levie's Bat Mitzvah

Dave, Michelle & Adrienne Salomon
In honor of Allison Levie's Bat Mitzvah

Dan Freeman & Zena Sulkes Freeman
In memory of Bill Yahner's mother, Helen Eckley
In honor of Cantor Jacki for the High Holy Day Services
In honor of Rabbi Engel for the High Holy Day Services and in appreciation of Zena's honor

Morton & Gwen Kotler
In loving remembrance of Mort's stepmother, Sylvia Kotler

Ronni Frey
In honor of Dana Sussmann

Deanna Salpeter
In honor of niece, Allison Levie

Phyllis Rehmar & William Johnson
In honor of dear friend, Gwen Kotler and all the other dedicated women in their special B'nai Mitzvah Celebration event

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Allison Levie
In memory of Grandmother, Frances Levie
In memory of Grandfather, Joseph Kessler

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In honor of Carolyn Weinstein

Sharon Silva
In honor of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Judy Godorov
In honor of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class

Marjorie & Dennis Tarockoff
In honor of Gwen Kotler

Pierre & Roz Haskelson
In honor of Vicki Kushner

Gwen Kotler
In memory of my loving sister, Janet Sabean
In honor of my B'nai Mitzvah group

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Lt. Col. Gerard Kelly & Dr. Annette Kelly
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In honor of Dana Sussmann

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In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2016

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In honor of Bat Mitzvah of Dana Sussmann

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Allyson Halperin
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IT MAKES SENSE TO PLAN AHEAD – CEMETARY PLOT PURCHASE SAVINGS!

It is always difficult to contemplate one's own mortality. But all the experts agree that your family is best served when plans are in place before the passing of a loved one. One very important part of that planning is to make plans in advance for the funeral, including knowing where you wish to be buried. As you are no doubt aware, CRJ has a cemetery that is part of the Woodlawn Memorial Park located just outside Orlando in Gotha. But you may not be aware that cemetery plots are currently available at a very attractive price, which is significantly under market value for a commercial cemetery.

The current price for a single plot for CRJ members is \$2,300 and Community Members is \$2500. At this time, the price is being reduced to \$2000 for BOTH CRJ Members and Community Members. **This special price will expire January 30, 2017.**

Due to an increase from Woodlawn Cemetery, CRJ member pricing for a single plot will increase to \$2800 and Community Member single plots to \$3000 as of January 18, 2017. We would encourage you to consider purchasing a burial plot sooner than later.

Contact **Harold Landey** (hlandey@earthlink.net), CRJ Cemetery Committee Chairman, or **Michael Kancher** (mkancher@crjorlando.org / 407-645-0444), to discuss this opportunity.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! No School of Chai	2 CRJ Closed	3 6:30pm Mah Jongg	4 No School of Chai	5 11am Seniors Bd Meeting	6 6pm Tot Shabbat Service 7pm Shabbat Service	7 10am Shabbat Service
8 School of Chai 11am New Member Brunch 12:30pm Chaverim Event	9 5:30pm YALE	10 10:30am Book Club 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	11 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7:15pm Board Meeting	12	13 7pm Shabbat Service	14 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
15 No School of Chai	16 MLK DAY CRJ Office Closed	17 6:30pm Mah Jongg	18 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7pm Nosh of Judaism	19 12pm Seniors Program 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	20 7pm Shabbat Service	21 10am Shabbat Service
22 School of Chai 12:20pm Parent Liaison Mtg 1pm Sisterhood YES Fund Luncheon	23 5:30pm YALE	24	25 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7pm NOSH of Judaism	26 7pm Women's Rosh Chodesh Group	27 6pm Shabbat Service	28 Bar Mitzvah of JT Rottenberg 10am Shabbat Service 5pm Club 56 Event
29 School of Chai 10am Brotherhood Bagel Brunch 10:30am Leadership Development 12:30pm Pee-Wees & Yeladim Event	30 5:30pm YALE	31				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 School of Chal 12pm Torah Study 7pm NOSH of Judaism	2 11am Seniors Bd Meeting 7pm "Reform Rabbis" Responses	3 6pm Tot Shabbat 6pm Matzo Ball Soup Shabbat Dinner 7pm Shabbat Service 1st & 2nd Grade	4 Bar Mitzvah of Logan Sonne 10am Shabbat Service
5 School of Chal 9:45am Abraham Lincoln and the Jews	6 5:30pm YALE	7 6:30pm Mah Jongg	8 School of Chal Tu B'Shevat Seder 12pm Torah Study 7:15pm Board Meeting	9 7pm "Reform Rabbis" Responses	10 7pm Shabbat Service	11 TU B'SHEVAT 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
12 School of Chal 2nd Grade Mishpacha Day 9:45am Abraham Lincoln and the Jews 12:30pm Club 58 Event	13 5:30pm YALE	14 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	15 School of Chal 12pm Torah Study 7pm Program Council 7pm NOSH of Judaism	16 12pm Seniors Program 7pm "Reform Rabbis" Responses 7pm Spiritual Think Tank Mtg	17 7pm Shabbat Service	18 10am Shabbat Service
19 No School of Chal	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:45pm Serve the Homeless	21 10:30am Book Club 6:30pm Mah Jongg	22 School of Chal 12pm Torah Study 7pm NOSH of Judaism	23 7pm Women's Rosh Chodesh Group 7pm "Reform Rabbis" Responses	24 6pm Shabbat Service Kindergarten Consecration	25 B'nai Mitzvah of Coby Scanlon and Chloe Bauer 10am Shabbat Service
26 School of Chal 6th Grade Mishpacha Day 9:45am Abraham Lincoln and the Jews 10:30am Leadership Development 12:30pm Pee-Wees, Yoladim, & Chaverim Events	27 5:30pm YALE	28				

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