

# CHAI

CONGREGATION OF  
REFORM JUDAISM

July / August 2017

*"A joyful community that inspires the soul, builds relationships, and engages the world"*

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from the Cantor:

## Jacqueline Rawiszer

### 1st Annual CRJ Arts Festival

The idea for a CRJ Arts Festival was conceived many years ago - a little dream of mine since 2002. But it needed a team to make it a reality. Following a chat over coffee last year with Michael Tabb the concept began to grow as our monthly Cultural Arts Collective gatherings took off, part of Mike's vision of a holistic and connected arts community. Enter Jill Goldsmith, Conference

Queen, to take the helm of coordinating the festival along with our lay leadership team of Nina Chatham, Jean White, Leni Puccio, Cathy Liebllich, Beverly Smith, Judith Lazev, and Gary Borenstein and excellent support from CRJ clergy and staff Rabbi Engel, Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff, Michael Kancher, Julie Begani, Lauren Oback, Annie Hernandez, Arlene Blackmore and scores of amazing volunteers, participants and attendees.

To kick off the weekend, Nina Chatham presented a collage workshop which according to participants was truly phenomenal!

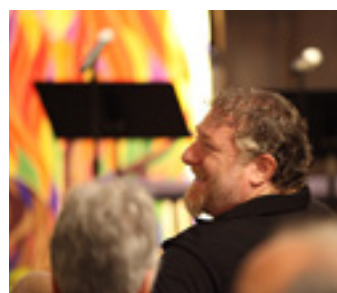
On Saturday evening following a recognition of all those involved we began with a meaningful Havdalah service to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, but also to transition into a true observance of the hiddur (beautification) mitzvah.

The Gallery featured diverse and beautiful work and was curated by Nina Chatham. The team of artists and vendors included Jeanne Armbrust, Alan Breus, Gary Borenstein, Marcy Brown, Beverly Engel, Joanne Fink, Pierre Haskelson, Judith Lazev, Jeanette Leon, Lois Lilling, Steve Madow, Barb Nemes, Sheryl Odza, Heidi Savage, Lyn Henderson, Nina Chatham, Eloise Stiglitz, and Jean White.

The culinary arts were deliciously represented by Team Puccio, under the direction of Leni Puccio and featuring Tony Puccio and guest chef David Puccio.

The evening's fabulous entertainment was a special treat indeed! A Personal Broadway Cabaret - Conceived by Michael Tabb which told his own story through the music of contemporary Jewish composers. He was ably supported by Kathy Slage, Keith Newhouse and with a little help from yours truly. And most importantly, his incredible wife, Christa Tabb.

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from the President:

## Susan McKenna

Since being sworn in as CRJ President in May 2016, I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel twice to locations of particular significance to Jews. Last summer I visited Israel for the very first time on the temple trip Rabbi Engel led, a wonderful experience I wrote about in one of my earliest Chai columns. This summer I traveled for the first time to the part of the world most Jews I know hail from: Central Europe.

Our group visited portions of Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. We were blessed with picture-perfect weather in gorgeous locales, good health (I credit vitamin C and zinc supplements for helping stave off threatening head colds) and fantastic travel companions, all of which made for a memorable trip. But especially meaningful to me at this point in my life as a “Jew By Choice” were the numerous Jewish sites, synagogues, museums and memorials that offered a glimpse into the happiness and horror experienced by European Jewry throughout the ages, especially but not solely during the Third Reich’s reign. Some of my most vivid memories:

- The early 20th century synagogue in the Czech (formerly Bohemia) town of Cesky Krumlov, proudly constructed by the town’s Jewish merchants and factory owners, which has been shuttered tight ever since every single Jew fled or died in the camps during the war.

- The ruins of the temple destroyed when Vienna’s Jewish population was exterminated in the 14th century, archeological remains discovered during the construction of a Holocaust memorial in the middle of the Judenplatz square. Jews repopulated the city over the following centuries only to be wiped out again by the Nazis. Today, a robust Jewish community thrives once more.

- The magnificent Great Synagogue of Budapest, an architectural wonder in and of itself. Its memorial grounds, mass grave sites and Judaica museum make a visit to this temple — one of many active synagogues in Budapest today — heart-breaking as well as inspiring.

Time did not permit visiting the Jewish sites of German cities we flew into or passed through on our journey. So, I am thrilled that CRJ, in partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Center, is tentatively planning a trip to Poland (Warsaw and Krakow) and Germany (Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt) for June 10 - 21, 2018. I have already marked my calendar!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer,  
Susan



from the Executive Director:

## Michael Kancher

It’s hard to believe that we are discussing the High Holy Days in July but they are just around the corner and your staff has already started preparing for them. The Holy Days

start with Selichot on September 16th, then Erev Rosh Hashanah is Wednesday, September 20th, and Kol Nidre is Friday, September 29th. The complete Holiday schedule is located on page 12 in this issue of the Chai. Please consider this as a gentle reminder that the Temple policy requires congregants’ accounts to be up to date in order to register for Religious School and receive High Holy Day invitations, which will be mailed in early September. Please know that we value your membership and understand that extenuating circumstances may make payment difficult. To confidentially discuss your account, please call me at the temple, 407-645-0444.

The High Holy Day packet that includes information about service times, prayer books, programming for children and much more may be found on our website in August.

Go to [www.crjorlando.org](http://www.crjorlando.org) and click on the “High Holy Day packet” button.

If you are planning to worship at another Reform temple during the High Holy Days please contact me so that I may send that congregation a letter indicating that you are a member in good standing at CRJ. This will allow you to receive reciprocal tickets. Likewise, if you have family or friends joining you at CRJ and they belong to another Reform congregation, please ask them to have their temple notify us of the same.

We are about to begin our busiest time for membership and religious school inquiries. This year we are inviting families who have not been affiliated with CRJ to enroll in Religious School and receive the first year’s CRJ membership for free. The membership committee is always looking for volunteers to help meet and welcome new members to our CRJ family. Please give our VP of Membership, Cathy Lieblich, a call.

We have a number of facility projects in the works that will take place over the next few months, both inside and outside, to spruce up the Temple. If you are interested in getting involved with the house and grounds committee or any other committee, please give me a call.

**Friday, August 18th is our Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner & Service.** Please bring a new prospective member to join us and you will both eat for free!

**Sunday, August 20th is the first day of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai and CRJ Open House.**

Our annual **Temple clean-up will be held on Sunday, September 10th** so please join us as we clean the building and polish the Torah Silver to get ready for the Holy Days.

As always, the CRJ staff is here for you. If there is anything we can do to make this year a “sweet” one, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

*L’shalom,*  
Michael



from the Director of Education:

## Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

*"Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."*

Dr. Seuss

I hope this message finds you all enjoying summer break and hopefully finding the time for some beach relaxation and a good book! Dr. Seuss always has impactful statements that are said in the most magical way. As I think about the upcoming school year, the desires that Seuss embraces take on special meaning. Our goals at Steinmetz Family School of Chai are to provide students and families with a sense of community, engagement, connection, joy and an all-around pride in being Jewish.

As we look toward the coming school year, we realize that these important goals may be reached only by looking at how we best meet the needs of our students. As a three to five hour a week school, the most important way that we can create a holy community is by demonstrating the significance of attendance. Although we all know very well the challenges of the extracurricular activities in which our students participate along with the trials of long mid-week school days, and not to mention, the commitment that it takes for you as parents to drive to religious school, the upshot of frequent participation is truly worth it! The value of sustaining connections to other Jewish children aids in developing the self-worth and resilience that is necessary in demonstrating pride in one's Jewish religion. Furthermore, it encourages a deep sense of confidence in being able to share what it means to be Jewish with others. With the levels of intolerance and misunderstandings in our world today, it is of utmost importance that our children learn to communicate with others in order to build a peaceful world. What better way to learn the value of ourselves and each other than through the words of Torah!

Along with teaching the values of Judaism, a primary goal of our school is to build knowledge of our prayers. Learning to read Hebrew with a high level of fluency, to chant our prayers with feeling, and to understand their relevance in our daily lives can only be accomplished through sustained practice. Our Hebrew curriculum builds upon the knowledge of the Shabbat service prayers and the appreciation for our traditions. It is our strong desire that we prepare children through their years of religious school training to approach their bar and bat mitzvah year with confidence and pride.

As partners in each family's Jewish journey, we want to share in the beautiful rituals and traditions that

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from the Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

## Lauren Oback

For many of us, Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer. This year, I spent these 5 days at Camp Jenny. Camp Jenny is a teen-led weekend held at URI

Camp Coleman every Memorial Day weekend for elementary school students from inn-city Atlanta. This fantastic program gives children the opportunity to receive the love of big "brothers and sisters," three nutritious meals a day, and encouragement for the future. They also enjoy activities such as hiking in the mountains, water play, cooking, arts and crafts, and a variety of sports and team building activities. Unfortunately, these are rare luxuries for most of them. It was truly special to volunteer at Camp Jenny alongside another GORFTY advisor and 2 GORFTY teens.



Throughout the weekend, I had the opportunity to meet many of the other adult volunteers, many of whom I already had the pleasure of knowing. It blew my mind to learn that GORFTY was in fact represented by 11 adult and teen volunteers! These outstanding GORFTY alumni made up by a group of doctors, film makers, educators, and youth engagement directors all choose to donate their time and skills to making Camp Jenny happen each year. It was so meaningful to hear about their Jewish journeys, the excitement as they talked about their time in GORFTY, and it made me feel really good to hear that they had heard about all of the wonderful things happening with our CRJ Youth! In addition to being active members of GORFTY, these adults also took part in Jewish day camps, sleepaway camps, volunteered with different organizations and agencies of need and were active members of CRJ.

So I ask, "What are YOU doing this summer?"

Consider volunteering your time at a local organization or agency of need. Perhaps your school or town is need of volunteers with specific skills? There are so many ways to give back and make an impact, ultimately helping to change the world!

You may be thinking, "Where do I start?" .... *Here you go:*

- **Big Brothers & Big Sisters**, (407) 478-2996, Big Brothers & Big Sisters improves the lives of children through professionally supported one-on-one mentoring relationships with measurable impact.
- **The Boggy Creek Gang**, (352) 483-4200, The Boggy Creek Gang enriches the lives of children who have chronic or life-threatening illnesses by creating camping experiences that are memorable, exciting and empowering.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida**, (407) 841-6855, The Club inspires and enables all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.
- **Give Kids the World**, 1-800-995-5437, Give Kids the World provides week-long vacations to children from around the world who have life-threatening illnesses and want to visit Orlando's world-famous attractions.
- **Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.**, (407) 426-1250, The Coalition

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we celebrate. Family programs like Mishpacha Day and class Shabbats encourage learning and engagement together in our sacred community. Talking, eating, sharing and discovering together creates meaningful relationships which we hope to inspire at CRJ.

Along with VP of Education, Camy Schwam-Wilcox, we will strengthen our family connections within the school. Together we will achieve our goals of providing technology for the classrooms, strengthening family engagement, and succeeding in the highest level of Jewish education. As we continue to develop more pathways for connections through our incredible youth programs for after school fun with Lauren and Blaine, along with the creative and meaningful learning that we impart in our school, we can't wait to see you all on August 20th as we begin our new school year! Stay tuned for more info about all that we have in store!

Thank you to those of you who have already registered for school. If you haven't yet, you may enroll online or download the forms at <https://crjorlando.org/steinmetz-family-school-of-chai/>.

*L'Shalom,*  
Sheryl

is the largest provider of homeless services in Orlando, helping those in hopeless situations re-establish themselves.

- **Central Florida Woman's Resource Center, Inc.**, (407) 628-3700, The Central Florida Women's Resource Center supports the community by identifying, impacting and supporting women's social, educational, health, political, economic, spiritual and artistic issues.

- **Hands On Orlando**, (407) 740-8652, Hands On identifies, plans, manages and leads high-quality volunteer projects that engage thousands individuals, families, groups and companies in meaningful hands-on experiences.

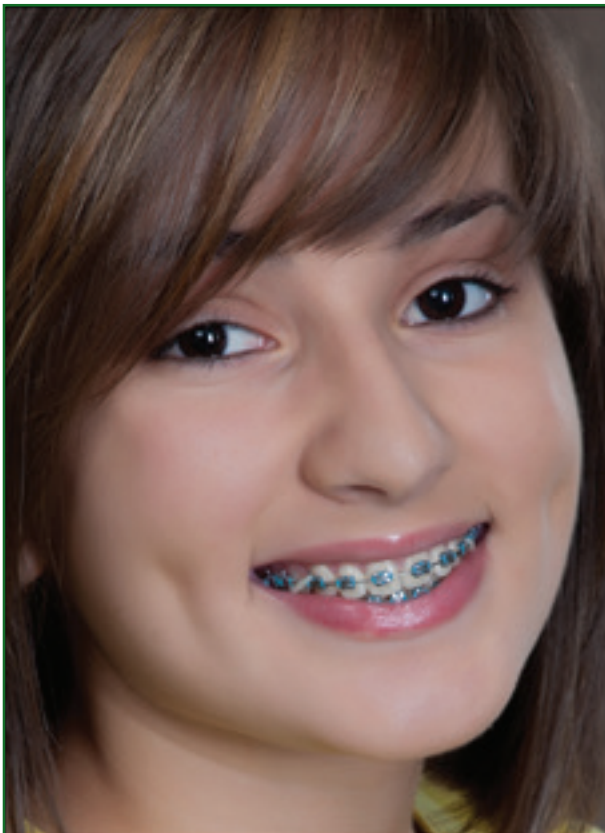
- **Second Harvest Food Bank**, (407) 295-1066, Second Harvest collects, stores and distributes donated food to more than 450 nonprofit partner agencies in Orlando.

- **Total Restoration Transformation Center, Inc.**, (321) 276-0322, The Transformation Center provides food, shelter, clothing and other resources to help the homeless rebuild their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.

- **A New Beginning Pet Care and Rescue**, (407) 251-5458, A New Beginning provides safe, temporary housing and medical care, as needed, to rescued pets until permanent placement with new families can be found.

- **Keep Orlando Beautiful**, (407) 246-2752, Keep Orlando Beautiful empowers individuals to take greater responsibility for enhancing their community environment through litter prevention, waste reduction/ recycling and beautification.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I can't wait to hear all about your journeys!  
*B'ahava,*  
Lauren



*“When you're smiling,  
the whole world  
smiles with you.”*

You are always cordially invited for  
a free initial consultation with  
Dr. Gittess at his Winter Springs office.

Come in and see how easy  
it is to put a smile on!



**Randy L. Gittess, DDS, PA**  
**ORTHODONTIST**



### Rosh Chodesh

CRJ 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:

- Av 7/24 6:30 pm
- Elul 8/23 7:00 pm
- Tishri 9/17 3:00 pm tbc
- Cheshvan 10/18 7:00 pm
- Kislev 11/15 7:00 pm
- Tevet 12/18 7:00 pm

Please RSVP online: <https://crjorlando.org/rosh-chodesh/>

For further information, please contact Annie at [ahernandez@crjorlando.org](mailto:ahernandez@crjorlando.org)



**Shabbat Yoga** will be back in September! Stay tuned for more details



### WHAT THE CRJ HOSPITAL TEAM DOES FOR CRJ CONGREGANTS:

- Visits to the hospital when a congregant is admitted for an extended stay
- Celebrate Shabbat and holidays

with congregants in the hospital


- Be a cheery face to talk to during your stay!

If you would like a member of the Hospital Team to visit you please contact Beverly Smith – ph: 407-461-1663 or email: [thetink@hotmail.com](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com),

Because of privacy regulations we do not always know if a CRJ member is in a hospital. If you know of a congregant who is in the hospital please call the CRJ office and let us know so we or our Clergy can arrange to visit them.

**CRJ's Confirmation Program**  
7th-12th Grades

**CRJ YALE**  
Youth Activities, Life Engagement  
Mondays 5:30pm - 8:00pm



**1st Day - Monday, Aug 21st @CRJ**

**QUESTIONS? Contact Lauren - [lback@crjorlando.org](mailto:lback@crjorlando.org)**

### New CRJ Board Members

CRJ is pleased to welcome new board members, **Barbara Zaslofsky** (Secretary), **Nikki Mastando** (VP Communications) and **Fred Schott** (Vice President) to the CRJ 2017-2018 Board of Directors. As always the Board is here to serve our ever-growing congregation, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask! If you are interested in serving in a leadership role at CRJ, whether on a committee or the Board, please reach out to President, Susan McKenna.

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Immediate Past President, **Mark Blechman**  
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### continued from front cover - 1st Annual CRJ Arts Festival

Sunday's events included an all school art puzzle project under the direction of Morah Judith Lazev. Special thanks to Dr. Sacharoff for choosing to keep the theme of the arts connected to the last day of school for the Steinmetz Family School of Chai.

If that was not enough! At 11:30 A.M. everyone convened to experience the wealth of talent in our community at CRJ's Got Talent where everyone is a winner! It featured Jill Goldsmith, Barb Nemec, Justice Milsom, Maya Milsom, Adam Milsom, Lauren Oback, Kathy Slage, Reese Shams, Michael Tabb, and Jean White. The co-hosts were Rabbi Engel and Katie Thayer. Kevin Stevens ran and designed the AV.

Lunch was served by Team Puccio and wonderful volunteers.

Special recognition is due to Cathy Liebllich and her volunteer team: Leni And Tony Puccio, Cathy and Mark Liebllich, Nina Chatham, Beverly Engel, Gary Borenstein, Alex Chatham, Brittany Stevens, CRJ Sisterhood, Bill Yahner and Sammy Goldstein, Fred Schott, Eloise Stiglitz and Alan Breus, Beverly Smith, Emily and Marty Glickstein, Wendy Silver and Jeannie Leavitt.

And to round out this amazing event, acclaimed graphic artist Joanne Fink and top notch WGA film writer Michael Tabb offered professional workshops in their respective fields.

As Ethel Merman sang in the musical Gypsy, I had a dream...I dreamed it for you! Expectations exceeded! *Kol HaKavod!!!!*

*B'ahava,*  
Cantor Jacki



## CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Hello Sisters!

### Becoming a Leader

Becoming a leader is a sacred honor  
Following in the footsteps of those who came before us  
Accepting the legacies that made it possible for us to be here

Paving the way for those who follow to do more  
Continuing the task that we can only begin to complete  
Honoring God, ourselves and each other.

L'dor vador we accept this torch  
We will lift it proudly and carry it high  
From Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah  
To their daughters, through the generations  
To our grandmothers, our mothers and on to us  
The lifeblood of Judaism is now in our hands  
The strength of us all will keep it lit.

May we be blessed as we accept this task  
May we have strength when we stumble  
May we have courage to create a better tomorrow  
And may we all remember that while the world was created  
For us alone, we are but ashes and dust, stronger together.

With that reading as an inspiration, I am proud to introduce the Sisterhood Board for 2017-2018 (*photo right column*):

Co-Presidents: **Allison Levie and Jean White**

VP of Fundraising: **Barbara Zaslofsky**

VP of Membership: **Rachel Sacks**

VP of Programming: **Camy Schwam-Wilcox**

Recording Secretary: **Dana Sussmann**

Corresponding Secretary: **Wendy Silver**

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Gift Shop Manager: **Ellen Snyder**

Gift Shop Treasurer: **Jean White**

Immediate Past President: **Carolyn Weinstein**

Advisors: **Linda Bender, Cathy Liebllich, Beverly Smith, Jill Goldsmith**

As the outgoing president, I extend my arms with a hug of gratitude to the other board members who served during my tenure. We have had several busy and successful years of Sisterhood activities. We have supported our Jewish community, the School of Chai, the CRJ youth groups, CRJ leadership and our Orlando community, with our words, our actions and our pocketbooks. All of our efforts are designed to enrich and sustain these special groups.

I am confident the incoming board will work with enthusiasm and energy to maintain our forward progress. The new board has the support and experience of the previous board to guide them, yet the opportunity to lead Sisterhood on a new path.

### 2017-2018 Sisterhood Board



### Mark your calendars for the following events.

- October 15, 2017 - Membership Appreciation Event
- November 9, 2017 - Painting and Wine Event
- December 15, 2017 - Hanukkah Dinner
- January 21, 2018 - YES Fund Luncheon

Membership for 2017-2018 is underway. Applications are on the CRJ web site.

Remember without you, we are one Sister short!

Shalom,

Carolyn Weinstein



*No experience necessary—just come try it!*

Chai'er Learning  
CRJ's Lifelong Learning Community

**Torah Study** | Starts August 23rd | 12:00 PM— 1:00 PM  
Dates: Wednesdays (visit [www.crjorlando.org/calendar](http://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.



### 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](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com), P: 407-461-1663

Youth Year In Review





## B'nai Mitzvah



**Jason Chepenik and Nancy Goldstein** joyfully announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, **Zoe Rose Chepenik**, who will be called to the Torah on August 26, 2017. Zoe is an 8th grader at Maitland Middle School and loves to skate, surf, and hang out with her friends. She also plays lacrosse for Orange Crush club team and is a phenomenal photographer. Most of all...

she loves to spend time with her parents, her sister Gabby, her grandparents as well as her dogs Izzy and Sebastian. Zoe is also proud to be a volunteer for the Second Harvest Food Bank helping to serve her community and raise awareness for families in need.



## Mazel Tov

**Cymbre Walk & Jason Sklar** on their recent marriage

**Michael Lacey & Amy Krieger** on their marriage

**Zachary Engel** was named Rising Star Chef of the Year by James Beard Foundation

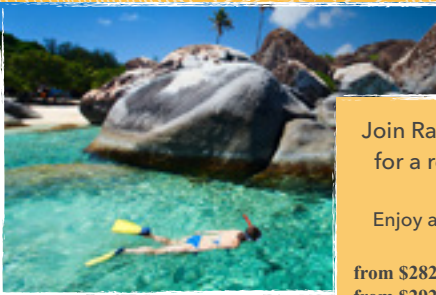
Ava Maxwell's nephew, **Michael Solomonov**, was named as a James Beard Foundation Outstanding Chef.

To new parents, **Lindsay and Joe Schwartz**, and grandparents, **Charlotte and Winston Schwartz**, on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Rachael Lucy Schwartz.

Do you have good news to share? Send to [jbegani@crjorlando.org](mailto:jbegani@crjorlando.org) to have your news placed in the mazel tov section!

# CRJ SHABBAT AT SEA

## NOVEMBER 3-6, 2017



Join Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jacki & your CRJ family for a relaxing 3-night Bahamas cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Majesty of the Seas*.

Enjoy a weekend of great fun, camaraderie & a special Shabbat experience at sea!

- from \$282 Inside Stateroom (Cat N, Deck 2)
- from \$292 Inside Stateroom (Cat M, Deck 3)
- from \$329 Ocean View, (Cat I, Deck 2)
- from \$329 Ocean View, (Cat H, Deck 3)
- from \$811 Junior Suite with Balcony (Cat JS, Deck 10)

Passports are required for this cruise. Prices are per person double occupancy & include cruise fare, program fee & port fees. Optional Cruise Care (\$29-59) is recommended & will be quoted at time of booking.

Taxes are an additional \$81.83/person. Credit Card Deposit of \$200/cabin is required at time of booking. Final Payment is due July 28, 2017

### ITINERARY

11/3/17	Port Canaveral, FL	4:00PM
11/4/17	Nassau, Bahamas	12:00PM to 11:59PM
11/5/17	Coco Cay, Bahamas	8:00AM to 4:00PM
11/6/17	Port Canaveral, FL	7:00AM

### ENJOY THESE CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

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- Havdalah Service under the stars
- Beach, Water Sports & FUN on Royal Caribbean's Private Island
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## Sheloshim List

*Zichronam Livracha,*

*May their memories be a blessing*

**Elayne Wershil**, Beloved Member  
**Lazetta Mapes**, Grandmother of Beth Kassander

**Lillian "Barbie" Heller**, Mother of Karen Knudsen, Grandmother of Jonathan

**Raymond Leo Chenot**, Father of Donna Chenot-Smargon

**Zelda Doris Goldstein**, Grandmother of Heather Gurian

**Carmen Montero**, Mother of Elvia Birnholz, Grandmother of Joshua

**Sheldon Slone**, Father of Louis Slone, Father of Michael Slone, Grandfather of Alana, Harrison and Jaden

**Martha Nagan**, Aunt of Camy Schwam-Wilcox

**Thelma Menaker**, Mother of Mitch Menaker

**Audrey H. Regen**, Mother of Jennifer Bisbee, Grandmother of Alex & Leah

**David S. Salzman**, Father of Gary Salzman, Grandfather of Brianna & Joshua

**Elaine Sonne**, Mother of Pamela Sonne, Grandmother of Logan

**Dr. Herbert Jerome Lilling**, Brother of Paul Lilling

# School Year In Review





# KIDS KEHILLAH

2017-2018  
5778

The CRJ "Kids Community" Calendar is designed especially for tots ages 6 and under!

Sunday, August 20th | 12:30pm

**CRJ Kick-Off Weekend!**

Open House, BBQ, Family Fun Day

Friday, January 19th | 6pm

Tot Shabbat

Planting for Tu B' Shevat

Friday, September 15th | 6pm



Tot Shabbat

A Rosh Hashanah  
Birthday Party!

Sunday, February 25th | 12:30pm

**CRJ Purim Carnival**



Thurs., September 21st | 2pm

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Friday, March 23rd | 6pm

Tot Shabbat

Matzoh Making!

Saturday, September 30th | 2pm

Yom Kippur Family Service

Friday, April 27th | 6pm

Tot Shabbat

Yom Ha'atzmaut  
Blue & White Party

Friday, October 6th | 6pm

Tot Shabbat  
Sukkot ShaBang!



Saturday, November 18th | 5:30pm

**Pajama Havdalah**

Friday, May 11th | 6pm

Tot Shabbat

Sammy's Spider's First Shavuot

Friday, December 15th | 6pm



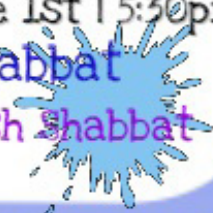
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"Fire On Ice"  
Hanukkah Celebration

Friday, June 1st | 5:30pm

Tot Shabbat

Splish Splash Shabbat

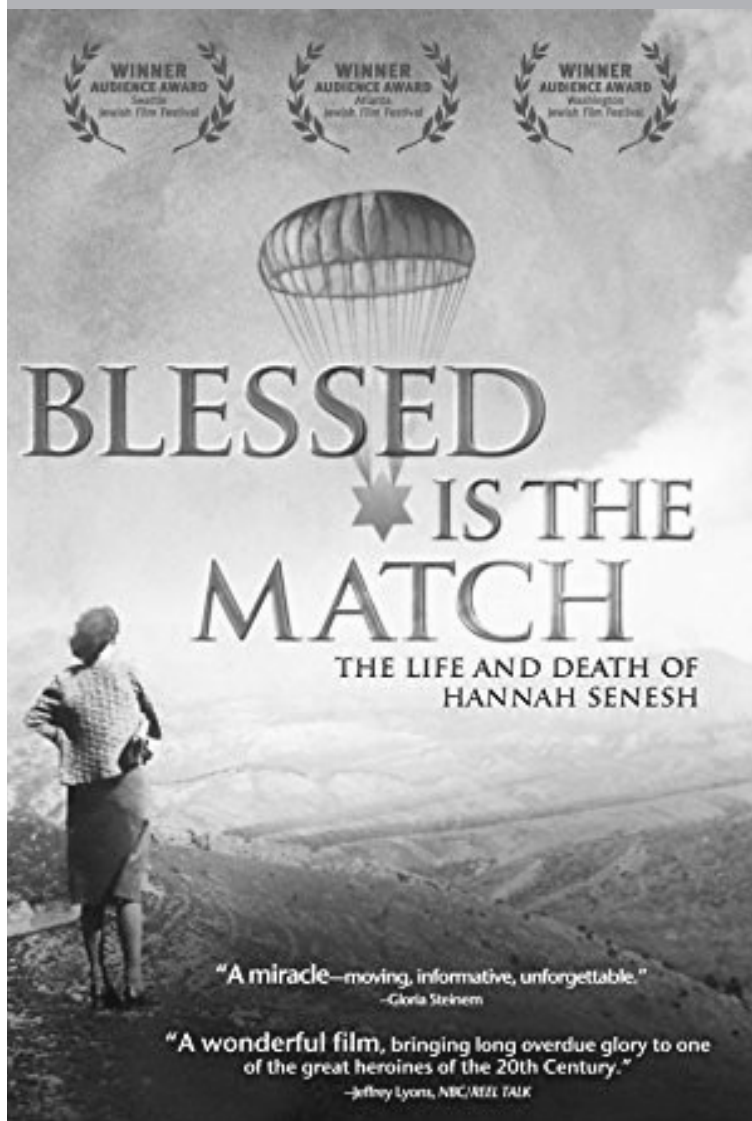


Join us for a  
Selichot Service

*Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.  
Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart.  
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.  
Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.*

—Hannah Senesh, written days before her capture by the Nazis

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:00 P.M**



CONGREGATION OF  
REFORM JUDAISM



CRJ is hosting a special dessert reception followed by selichot service led by Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki.

Then join us for an incredible film, **BLESSED IS THE MATCH**, followed by discussion led by Rabbi Engel,

At age 22, Hannah Senesh parachuted into Nazi-occupied Europe in an effort to save the Jews of Hungary. As a poet and diarist, she left behind a body of work that has inspired generations. Narrated by Academy Award nominee Joan Allen, **BLESSED IS THE MATCH** is the first film to present the life story of this remarkable, talented, and complex woman.

**CRJ MEMBERS RSVP ONLINE**

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For questions call

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Congregation of Reform Judaism  
**HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**

2017-5778

Saturday, September 16	<b>Selichot</b>	
Dessert Reception		7:00 PM
Service (Schott Family Chapel)		7:30 PM
Movie and Discussion		8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 20	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	
Evening Service (Sanctuary)		8:00 PM
Thursday, September 21	<b>Rosh Hashanah Day</b>	
Morning Service (Sanctuary)		9:30 AM
Youth Service – Pre-K - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)		9:30 AM
Babysitting – 2-4yrs (Check-in Dworkin Library)		9:30 AM
Family Service (Sanctuary)		2:00 PM
Tashlich (at The Springs)		5:00 PM
Friday, September 22	<b>Erev Shabbat Shuvah</b>	
Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)		7:00 PM
Saturday, September 23	<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>	
Morning Service (Sanctuary)		10:00 AM
Sunday, September 24	<b>Kever Avot Memorial Service</b>	
CRJ Cemetery (Woodlawn Memorial Park)		10:00 AM
Friday, September 29	<b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>	
Kol Nidre Service (Sanctuary)		8:00 PM
Saturday, September 30	<b>Yom Kippur Day</b>	
Morning Service (Sanctuary)		9:30 AM
Youth Service – Pre-K - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)		9:30 AM
Babysitting – 2-4yrs (Check-in Dworkin Library)		9:30 AM
Meditation Service (Yarmuth MPR)		12:45 PM
Family Service (Sanctuary)		2:00 PM
High Holy Day Discussion (Yarmuth MPR)		2:00 PM
Yizkor (Memorial) Service (Sanctuary)		3:30 PM
Healing Service (Sanctuary)		4:45 PM
Neilah (Concluding) Service (Sanctuary)		6:00 PM
Monday, October 2	Build the Sukkah in the Courtyard	5:30 PM
Wednesday, October 4	<b>Erev Sukkot Service</b>	6:00 PM
Supper in the Sukkah (BBQ, Sing-a-long, & fun!) (RSVP <a href="http://www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days">www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days</a> )		
Thursday, October 5	<b>Sukkot</b> Morning service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Wednesday, October 11	<b>Yizkor Service/ Erev Simchat Torah</b>	
Yizkor (Memorial Service) (Sanctuary)		10:00 AM
Pizza Dinner & Dancing w/ the Torah (RSVP <a href="http://www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days">www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days</a> )		5:30 PM
Thursday, October 12	<b>Simchat Torah</b>	
Morning service (Sanctuary)		10:00 AM

## 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!**

### July 2017

1 Nicholas Lagina  
3 Lee Bernbaum  
3 Abigail Carlton  
3 Sydney Goldberg  
3 Randi Kaufman Long  
3 Bethel Klein  
3 Steven Rich  
3 Jack Titen  
4 Emily Schwartz  
5 Claudia Falk  
5 Tasos Pandidis  
5 Haley Peckett  
5 Dean Scornik  
5 Rena Wilensky  
6 Jeffrey Baumann  
6 Beverly Engel  
6 Barbara Rothman  
6 Noah Unell  
6 Barry Weinstock  
7 Desiree Slone  
7 Micah Weiss  
8 Michele Brennan  
8 Laura Cohn  
8 Donald Zerivitz  
9 Emma Cohn  
9 David McKean  
9 Alana Slone  
10 David Katz  
10 Kevin Miller  
10 Chet Peckett  
11 Howard Hawkins  
11 Rivka Selsky  
12 Abby Goldsmith  
12 David Kahn  
12 Avery Sauls  
13 Michael Freedman  
13 Darren Pierce  
13 Michael Poteshman  
13 Shawn Shapiro  
14 Rosa Bachrach  
14 Julia Stein  
15 Stella Keiner  
15 Wayne Taylor  
16 Charles Haile  
16 Arielle Kaplan  
16 Graham Paul  
16 John Reich  
16 Gail Robinson  
16 Colby Wiener  
16 Corey Zehngebot  
16 Jay Zehngebot  
16 Esther Zornek  
17 Lynn Esko  
17 Samuel Fender  
17 Ina Porth  
17 Jordan Weiss

18 Scott Sanchez  
18 Mark Sperling  
19 Richard Bernstein  
19 Rachel Cohn  
19 Tracy Devoe  
19 Edward Levine  
19 Michael Ruddy  
21 Natalie Tabb  
21 Emily Welch  
22 Morgan Bornstein  
22 Julie Levine  
22 Larry Slung  
23 Kaden Bauer  
23 Krista Berman  
24 Seymour Benson  
24 Rick Klein  
24 Alana Scornik  
24 Richard Seidman  
24 Barbara Shargaa  
24 David Watzman  
24 Bill Yahner  
25 Jane Clayman  
25 Shana Margolis  
25 Kori Theisen  
25 Madelyn Ward  
26 Sammy Goldstein  
26 Susan Halperin  
26 Roger Jacobson  
26 Ava McKean  
26 Allan Myers  
27 Jerome Africk  
27 Justin Katz  
27 Spencer Katz  
27 Ronni Mendelsohn  
27 Andrew Miller  
27 Barry Sieger  
27 Barbara Zaslofsky  
28 Libbyan Dodge  
28 Monique Eyal  
28 Ryan Katz  
28 Noreen Levitt  
28 Brian Margolis  
28 Candace Martin  
29 Beth Fidelo  
29 Jacqueline Greenblatt  
29 Macene Zusmann  
30 Jackson Church  
30 Nicole Isaacson  
30 Harrison Slone  
31 Suzan Abramson  
31 Olivia Chepenik  
31 Travis Jacques  
31 Maggie Morrison  
31 Jason Rasmussen  
31 Joy Zerivitz

### August 2017

2 Scott Abramson  
2 Stephanie Freid  
2 Jennifer Moore  
2 Bonnie Schwartz  
3 Sallie Brown  
3 Eliana Rhys Cintron  
3 Jeanne Glick  
3 Amy Goodblatt  
3 Elie Siegel  
3 Robin Siegel  
3 Cormac Smith  
3 Kacie Solomon  
3 Ricky Taylor  
4 Benjamin Falk  
4 Mark Leavitt  
4 Brandon Moffitt  
5 Jesse Albert  
5 Christa Tabb  
5 Jonathan Trattner  
6 Raymond Kristall  
6 Norah Seltzer  
6 Warren Seltzer  
6 Kimberly Weinstock  
7 Angie Mendelsohn  
7 Ronni Schoemann  
7 Ben Zerivitz  
8 Kyle Benzion  
8 Randall Ellington  
8 Cole Rottenberg  
8 Ellen Silverman  
9 Michael Mastando  
9 Nancy Walk  
9 Sofia Weiser  
10 Julia Devoe  
10 Zena Schiff  
10 Robert Silverton  
10 Amie Tishkoff  
10 Randall Warren  
11 Julia Berger  
11 Emily Fleishman  
11 Kendall Wheeler  
12 Michael Gurian  
12 Shannon Moore  
12 Anthony Nicholson  
12 Samantha Trattner  
13 Anna Fidelo  
13 Brandon Levitt  
13 Dee Schwartz  
14 Samuel Bogle  
14 Robyn Heyman  
14 Abigail Jacques  
14 Jordan Kerben  
14 Brian MacLeod  
15 Bradley Levin  
15 Mary Siegel  
15 Felecia Ziegler  
16 Adam Maulfair  
16 Joseph Weinberg  
17 Wesley Croft  
17 Jessica Leabu  
18 Chloe Bauer

18 Audrey Beck  
18 Robyn Cooperman  
18 Debbi Pariser  
18 Cory Sacharoff  
18 Donna Shore  
18 Isabel Tanner  
19 Brooke Chepenik  
19 William Katz  
19 Carol Reiss  
19 Ellie Watson  
19 Tracey Watson  
20 Norman Abramson  
20 Stephanie AdlerPandidis  
20 Jack Echterling  
20 MaryAnn Kaplan  
20 Jacob Turnbull  
21 Hope Adelson  
21 Lauren Alonso  
21 Nancy Baumann  
21 Dean Benzion  
21 Valerie Kirsch  
21 Morris Solomon  
22 Roger Cunningham  
22 Susan Smith  
23 Paul Goldsmith  
23 Justin Sacharoff  
23 Lisa Slone  
24 Reid Steinmetz  
24 Reid Steinmetz  
25 Carmen Berrios  
25 Zoe Chepenik  
25 Scott Feinberg  
25 Al Gross  
25 Terri Misek  
25 Arden Reidy  
25 John Siegel  
26 Payton Mendelsohn  
26 Amy Scotland  
26 Michael Tabb  
27 Sasha Berman  
27 Reid Chatham  
27 Randy Gittess  
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28 Pamela Cantor  
28 Paul Goldberg  
28 Ellen Goldman  
28 Stephen Guss  
28 Daniel Kennon  
28 Joshua Ossinsky  
28 David Reiss  
28 Andrea Sasser  
28 Allison Sokol  
28 Samantha Warren  
29 Chloe Elisabeth Anders  
29 Shoshana Scanlon  
30 Mark Freid  
30 Martin Prague  
30 Alexandra Stein  
31 Lucas Falk  
31 Melanie Forman

## Anniversaries

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

### July 2017

1 Harry & Arlene Seligman  
1 Charles & Ellen Silverman  
2 Barney & Claire Chepenik  
2 Howard Hawkins & Judith EchterlingHawkins  
3 Paul & Abby Goldsmith  
3 Mark & Karen Wolman  
4 Les & Julie Goldberg  
5 Lawrence & Susan Halperin  
5 Tony & Sonja Nicholson  
6 Michael & Nikki Mastando  
7 Robert Kennon & Amie Tishkoff  
7 Matt & Judy Leavitt  
9 Malcolm & Yvonne David  
16 Larry & Sandy Cohan  
16 Doug & Dori Gerber  
16 David & Jill Kassander  
19 Mort & Linda Bender  
22 Jeffrey & Marian Posdamer  
24 Kevin & Rona Weiss  
26 Matthew & Arine Albert  
28 Jonathan & Nancy Wolf  
30 Jeffrey & Antra Lang  
30 Eric & Trecia Wiener  
31 Dean & Leslie Benzion  
31 Jeffrey Wilcox & Camy SchwamWilcox

### August 2017

3 Robert & Gail Gold  
3 Eli & Ina Porth  
4 Jeffrey & Ellen Goldman  
5 Randall & Jan Ellington  
5 Michael & Heather Gurian  
5 Kevin & Anne Perry  
5 Michael & Bari Ruddy  
6 Harold & Melanie Forman  
6 David & Francine Haynes  
9 Rich & Pam Cantor  
9 Stuart Dropkin & Roxane Abelow  
10 David & Ana Weiser  
10 Arnold & Trudy Zarek  
11 Paul & Barbara Grossman  
12 Alan & Anna Fidelo  
13 Howard & Gail Robinson  
15 Talia & Shelly Helman  
17 Matthew & Alana Brenner  
21 Paul & Rebecca Goldberg  
21 Raymond & Adrienne Kristall  
22 Jeffrey Miller & Ted Maines  
23 George & Carole Adler  
23 Max & Linda Amon  
24 Jeffrey & Robin Friedman  
24 Thomas & Sheri Lewis  
25 Dennis & Miriam Pope  
27 Jay & Jeanne Glick  
28 Norma Ball & Jola Cope  
29 Allan & Jane Clayman  
29 Martin & Valerie Kirsch  
29 Sam Zusmann, Jr. & Macene Zusmann  
30 Barry & Donna Render  
31 Pierre & Roz Haskelson  
31 Mark & Noreen Levitt  
31 Timothy & Susan Olsson



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact us so we can celebrate with you!

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 In memory of Barbie Heller

**Carol & Frank Keeler**  
 In honor of their conversion

**Jean S. Becker**  
 In memory of Esther Zell

**Steven & Bettsie Greenbaum**  
 With love & appreciation to Cantor Jacki for a beautiful service for our mother, Elayne Wershil

**Allison Levie**  
 In honor of my mother Susan's 75th Birthday

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 In memory of Thelma Menaker

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**Judy Godorov**  
 In memory of Thelma Menaker

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 In memory of Thelma Menaker

**Lisa & Michael Slone**  
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 In memory of beloved mother-in-law, Dora Streimish

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 In memory of Thelma Menaker

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 Mazel Tov to Jack & Raquel Delman for your wonderful first year at LMP  
 Mazel Tov to Lauren Oback & special thank you to Blaine Smith for making GORFTY great for CRJ youth!  
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Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to David Albertson

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With love & appreciation to Rabbi Engel for a most beautiful eulogy for our mother, Elayne Wershil

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In memory of Thelma Menaker, with love and sympathy  
Mazel Tov to Susan McKenna & Susan Abramson on their recent marriage

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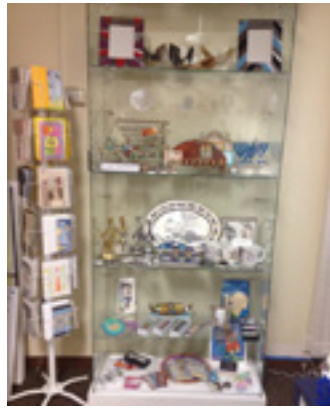
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# July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Shabbat Services
2	3	4 Independence Day CRJ Office Closed	5	6	7 6:00 pm Shabbat Services	8 10:00 am Shabbat Services
9	10	11 5:30 pm Sisterhood Meeting	12 7:15 pm Board of Directors Meeting	13	14 6:00 pm Shabbat Services	15 10:00 am Shabbat Services
16	17 9:30 am Cooking for the Homeless 5:45 pm Serving Homeless @ Coalition 6:30 pm Rosh Chodesh	18	19	20 7:00 pm Caregiver's Support Group	21 6:00 pm Shabbat Services	22 10:00 am Shabbat Services
23	24	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm Shabbat Services	29 10:00 am Shabbat Services
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00am Senior Staff Meeting 5:30pm Rehearsal	3 4:30pm Rehearsal 7:00pm Brotherhood Program 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00pm Shabbat Services	5 10:00am Shabbat Services
	7 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	8 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	9 10:00am Senior Staff Meeting 6:45pm Board Social 7:15pm Board of Directors Meeting	10 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00pm Shabbat Services	12 10:00am Shabbat Services
13 9:00am SOC Teacher Planning 3:00pm SOC Madrichim Training	14 6:30pm Rehearsal 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	15	16 10:00am Senior Staff Meeting	17 5:30pm Rehearsal 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	18 CRJ Kick-Off Weekend 6:00pm Shabbat Services (welcoming back campers) 7:00pm Kick-Off Shabbat Dinner 7:45pm S'mores & Songs Oneg	19 CRJ Kick-Off Weekend 10:00am Shabbat Services 7:30pm Sips & Sweets
20 CRJ Kick-Off Weekend 9:30am SOC - First Day of School 12:30pm CRJ Open House, BBQ, & Family Fun Day	21 9:30am Cooking for the Homeless 4:30pm Rehearsal 5:30pm First Day of YALE 5:45pm Serve Homeless @ Coalition 6:00pm Rehearsal 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	22	23 10:00am Senior Staff Meeting 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai 7:00pm HaZamir Orlando Open House 7:00pm Rosh Chodesh	24 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	25 9:00am - 12:00pm JCC Lobby Day - Julie 6:00pm Shabbat Services	26 Bat Mitzvah of Zoe Chepenik 10:00am Shabbat Services
27 9:30am School of Chai	28 4:30pm Rehearsal 4:30pm Rehearsal 5:30pm YALE (7th-12th grades) 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal	29	30 10:00am Senior Staff Meeting 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai 6:00pm Rehearsal	31 7:00pm HHD Choir Rehearsal		

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8pm - CAMP-STYLE BONFIRE AND S'MORES SONG SESSION led by Cantor Jacki and Song Leaders

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10:00am  
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