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from the desk of:

Rabbi Steven Engel

Over the past several decades Religious Fundamentalists have sought to slowly chip away at the wall that separates Church and State. They have waited patiently for the right time and circumstances to tear down this wall. They hope to require prayer in public schools, to use government funds for private religious schools, to allow people to evangelize in government spaces, and to place religious objects like Bibles in public schools. They claim that there is a "War on Christianity" occurring in our country and that their religious rights are under attack. They shade these yearnings under the rubric of "Religious Liberty". The claim is that their religious liberty is being impeded upon and they are not allowed to freely practice their faith. But this is nothing more than a code word for imposing their brand of religion upon others and upon our entire nation.

Due to recent events in the political sphere it is become clear that this group is now in a good position to dismantle that separation between religion and government. For example, legislation has already been introduced to do away with the Johnson Amendment. This is a provision in the US tax code that prohibits all 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations like synagogues, from endorsing or opposing political candidates. The amendment was enacted in 1954 by then Sen. Lyndon B Johnson of Texas. If repealed, it would mean that clergy could stand on the pulpit and endorse or speak against a candidate for political office. It would also mean that a tax-deductible contribution to a synagogue could be used to elect a candidate. Tax deductibility is a right and not a privilege. The government gives religious institutions this right in return for religious institutions not meddling in the election process. But these religious fundamentalists want to do away with this long-standing and important agreement.

This is one example of many that fly in the face of everything that we believe as Jews and as Americans. As people of religion we can and we should speak about the issues that affect us as Americans. We do this from the perspective of our religious teachings and values. We should be able to practice our religion freely but not impose it upon another person. But we should never ever endorse or be involved in the financing of an individual's political campaign. As Jews, we know full well what happens when religion and government become entangled. We have experienced the dire consequences that such an action creates. Should our president and our elected officials take it upon themselves to ensnare religion and government, we must do everything in our power to ensure that this separation between Church and State is strong and enduring. This is a part of our history and it is certainly a part of our responsibility.

Why? Because of this separation that we as Jews have been allowed to flourish and prosper in this country. I hope you'll join me in doing all we can do to make sure that this continues to be our future.

Steve



from the President:

Susan McKenna

People invariably sound surprised when, in response to their inquiry, I tell them that I really enjoy serving as President of CRJ's Board of Directors. People assume that this role is an unpleasant one because of congregant complaints, budgetary worries, time demands or other issues of concern. Happily, I have not found that to be the case at all. Despite the inevitable challenges and occasional frustrations inherent in the operation of any not-for-profit organization, I have found serving as your President to be a rewarding and, yes, even joyful experience. Below are some of the reasons why.

The Experience of Shabbat. I am certainly not an every-week worshipper -- not even close. But regardless of how out-of-sorts I may feel on a given Friday because of current events, personal issues, family stresses, etc., I invariably come away feeling rejuvenated and refreshed after attending our Shabbat services. The smiling faces, uplifting music, enthusiastic clergy and genuine sense of community always make me so glad I attended a Friday evening service, even on those nights when my first instinct was to curl up on the couch instead. Perhaps I shouldn't admit this, but I attend services more frequently as President than I did before - which has turned out to be a positive change for me.

A Caring Congregation. I am continually amazed at the many dozens of volunteers who give unselfishly of their time and talents to reach out to and help others. Sometimes the outreach is organized through one of our many committees or auxiliaries such as CARE team, Social Action or Women of CRJ. Sometimes it is more informal, such as marshaling resources and people to assist a member who is going through a difficult time. Other times it is making a new member or guest feel warmly welcomed. If you or someone you know is in need for any reason, please let us know -- there are many people, both staff members and congregant volunteers, who are here to help.

Our Children. Have you attended a Steinmetz Family School of Chai grade school Shabbat lately? Or peeked inside a kids-only youth group event going on in the Goldman Social Hall on a Sunday afternoon? Or observed kids being kids at one of our family oriented programs? I have made it a point to, and what a treat it is to witness our future reflected in these energetic, fun-loving Jewish kids as they sing, pray, learn and play together. You can't help but grin with delight seeing them in action. Parents: thank you for sharing your children (and grandchildren) with us!

Diversity of Programs. I love the fact that virtually every week of the year there are several different programs, classes or events going on at CRJ, with a variety specifically designed to appeal to a diversity of interests. Whether you are interested in Judaic studies, history, the arts, travel, books, food, volunteerism, games, legal issues or news topics, to name a few, there are offerings for everyone. What am I excited about that is on the horizon? Many things, but especially our Come Together for CRJ event honoring Simon and Ellen Snyder on April 22 at The Mezz in Thornton Park.



from the Executive Director:

Michael Kancher

In recent weeks Jewish organizations throughout the United States have been the targets of repeated bomb threats. I want you to know the safety and security of our congregants, students, staff, and guests, as well as the security of our building and property, are our number one priority. The staff, along with consultants, has met numerous times over the last few weeks. As a result, a number of security improvements have occurred and more will be implemented over the next few months. One of the most visible changes that you may have already noticed is that in addition to having Orange County sheriffs on duty during services, we have hired a security company that will be on campus for Religious School, Sunday youth programs, and Monday night Chevruta and YALE classes. The Harris Group has 20 plus years of experience in law enforcement and the military as well as with the private sector, including Temples and Jewish organizations.

We are in the process of getting bids to upgrade our telephone, camera, and entrance access systems. A new identification process will be implemented whereby all staff members, including religious school faculty, will be issued ID cards that will be worn and visible during work hours. And finally we are developing a check-in procedure that will require all visitors and vendors to register and receive a badge as they enter the building. Our goal is to know who is on campus at all times and for what purpose.

We understand that some of these changes might be inconvenient at first but please bear with us as we work to find the most effective processes for CRJ. Of course, there are several additional internal and external systems and procedures that we are implementing that for security reasons I'm unable to share with you at this time.

Please know that we are in constant contact with many agencies that provide daily security updates and advise of any known threats. Your safety is first and foremost. Our goal is to make these changes as seamless as possible. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

B'shalom,
Michael

President, continued from column 1

Looking further down the road, Suzan and I are already booked for the November 3 - 6 Shabbat at Sea sailing which is returning this year based on popular demand. Can't wait!

In sum, I'm happy to serve this congregation I love because of the opportunities CRJ affords us to experience, learn, grow, heal and engage together; to nurture our Jewish future; and to help repair our troubled world. If you have ideas to share, please contact me.

L'shalom,
Susan



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

“The message of Passover remains as powerful as ever. Freedom is won not on the battlefield but in the classroom and the home.

Teach your children the history of freedom if you want them never to lose it.” – Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks

As I write this article, we approach the holiday of Pesach. Passover reminds us each year that we must put ourselves into the story of liberation from slavery in Egypt and remember that once we were slaves and now we are free. In fact, our first Commandment reminds us to always remember that Adonai took us out of Egypt and gave us freedom. With this liberation, though, comes our Jewish calling to make the world a better place. With freedom comes our responsibility to help those who are not yet free. Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson reminds us that, “Freedom is within our grasp, and Pesach reminds us that we need to reach.”

One of the most significant ways that we teach our students the meaning of working toward freedom for all is in the teaching of the concept of b'tzelem Elohim, that we are all created in the image of God. This concept forces us to look inward and consider what makes us Godly and recognize that those attributes exist in every human being, regardless of their outward appearance. True freedom, if we think of being created in the image of the Divine, means that we are all one. Adonai echad, Adonai is one. When we realize that each one of us is created from the same source and every one of us deserves the same opportunities that we ourselves would grasp were we equally free, then we can truly work toward freedom.

The Passover story is powerful in part because it is a tale of shared struggle to overcome great odds, so too must we remember the stories of those who struggled and perished in the Holocaust as well as honor the stories of those who survived. The Maitland Holocaust Memorial Resource and Education Center of Florida will hold its annual Yom HaShoah commemoration on April 23rd at 2:00pm at Congregation Ohev Shalom. I am honored to once again co-chair this event. This year, the Holocaust Center will continue their work toward expanding freedom and being an upstander throughout the Week of Remembrance. Please read about all of these events, as well as the student creative arts contest at www.holocaustedu.org.

May we all continue to work, as partners with God, toward freedom in our own lives and in the lives of others. Yaacov Cohen inspires me with his quote, “This is true freedom: Our ability to shape reality. We have the power to initiate, create and change reality rather than only react and survive it. How can we all educate our children to true freedom? Teach them not to look at reality as defining their acts but to look at their acts as defining reality.”

From my family to yours, I wish you a joyous and inspirational Passover.

L'Shalom,
Sheryl



from the Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

Lauren Oback

In a recent CNN article written by Kelly Wallace, a study showed the more often people checked Facebook the worse they felt about their lives. It could be argued that Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat probably have the same effect.

So what EXACTLY is happening here? I'll paint a picture for you... Tweens and teens post photos and video clips about fun things they are doing in day to day life. The problem? Well... If “the group” all went out and decided to leave Haley out for whatever reason, Haley sees it across social media and immediately suffers from **“FOMO” – the Fear Of Missing Out.** Thoughts that cross Haley's mind are, “Why me?”, “What did I do wrong?”, “Did they do it on purpose?”... Horrible, right? DUH! Poor kid! What kind of “friends” are those?! “FOMO” stinks! Let's end it! Away with it! STOP!!!!

Yes, STOP. You may think I've lost my mind with these next few sentences... but stay with me. “FOMO” is real and it is something I strive to achieve in my everyday work as a youth advisor. I am constantly posting photos and video clips during and after youth programs. I have them up on Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. I want EVERYONE to see what we're doing! I want EVERYONE to see how much fun we're having and what great friendships look like! There is a HUGE difference between the “FOMO” I strive to achieve versus the “FOMO” Haley experienced... The fun and excitement that I post about are programs and events that EVERYONE is invited to be a part of. If a tween or teen (old enough to be on social networking) sees a post about something they chose not to attend or couldn't because of a prior commitment, or because they were grounded, etc – often times they think, “Dang! I missed out!” or “I knew I should have gone!”... I know this, because I constantly get this feedback directly from tweens and teens. This feeling of “FOMO” attributed to missing a youth group program is something they don't want to feel again. They know they're invited – they get personally invited by their friends, receive e-mails, texts, and hear from their youth advisors. The “FOMO” Haley is experiencing is because she was NOT INVITED. This DOES NOT EXIST in the CRJ Youth Program.

Often times youth group can be thought of as being “uncool” and something parents force teens to do... SO... when tweens and teens have the “Fear Of Missing Out” at youth group programs and events... It's a Mission Accomplished for me!

B'ahava,
LaLa

YOUTH PHOTO GALLERY



Check out GORFTY representing at NFTY-STR Winter Regional Kallah!

Riley was super excited to have a CRJ Youth t-shirt like Lauren!



A few of our silly Chaverim members!



Club56 had a blast at their Shabbaton Lock-In!



We are having a blast on Monday nights at YALE!



*“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!



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CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Hello Sisters!

Let me get you up to speed on the Sisterhood happenings!! We had a hugely successful Pre Chanukah dinner in December with more than 175 people attending. The food was fabulous and the music was lively, as we got in to the Chanukah mood. Make plans to join in the fun next year!

On January 22 we hosted a luncheon to support the Women of Reform Judaism's YES Fund. The YES Fund supports Youth, Education and special Projects, globally and locally. More than 60 people attended to support the YES Fund and to honor our own Dr Zena Sulkes Freeman. More than 60 guests attended, some traveling from out of state, to honor and "roast" Zena.

To learn more about the YES Fund, please see the WRJ web site for the informative video <http://www.wrj.org/yes-fund-youth-education-and-special-projects>. Our Sisterhood was thrilled with the \$1,400 raised for this worthy cause at our luncheon.

The Spring Fashion Show and luncheon will be on March 5. Fashions will be provided by Siegel's of Winter Park. A good time will be had by all!

The LAST Annual Community Wide Women's Seder will be held on Monday, April 3 at 6:00PM. This is an always popular, multigenerational event featuring songs, traditional Passover rituals, the Passover story told from the woman's perspective and a catered meal. Reservations are required. Please make your reservation and payments early. This is the last year of this event. Future Sisterhood Passover events will be in a different style. RSVP and payments to Helene Becker hfrbecker@aol.com.

The Spring Mah Jongg Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, June 4. Please plan to join in the fun, good natured competition and camaraderie of the game. Cash prizes to the winners! Beginners are welcome. Lunch will be served. This event is open to the community. For information and reservations please contact Mary Ellen Caplan at mecaplan@hotmail.com.

We are always looking for new leaders. If you are interested in getting involved, leading a committee or serving on the Sisterhood board, let me know. Our nominating committee is currently developing a slate of board members for the 2017-18 year. Most terms of service are two years. Please speak with any board member if you are interested. Current and prospective members are always welcome to attend our monthly board meetings at Imperial Dynasty in Longwood. Our dinner meetings start at 5:30 on the second Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted).

Remember without you, we are one Sister short!
Shalom!

Carolyn Weinstein,
Sisterhood President
CarolynLW66@aol.com



CRJ Brotherhood

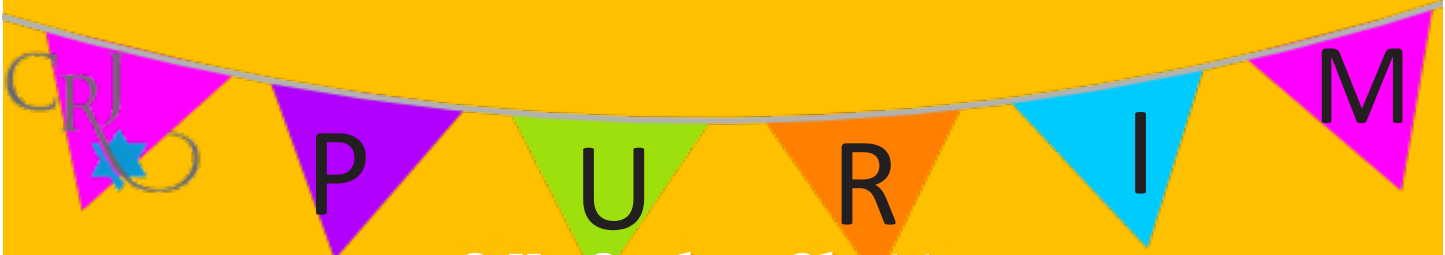
Brotherhood Bagel Brunch
CRJ Multi-Purpose Room at 10AM on
Sunday, March 5th.



Money: Past, Present, and Future
Speakers: Marty Glickstein, CPA and Steve Kurland, CFP
What does history teach us?
Are there safe investments?
Tax planning and the new administration.
RSVP to Anil at crjbrotherhood@gmail.com

**Women of Reform
Judaism's YES Fund
honors our own
Dr. Zena Sulkes
Freeman**





Silly Sushan Shabbat

Friday, March 10 at 5:30 P.M.

A Purim Experience for families with children 6 and under & their families

CRJ Members: \$10/Family

Community Members \$15/Family

Costume Parade ∞ Hamantashen
Face Painting ∞ Bounce House
Rainbow Challah



SATURDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7PM

BILLY JOEL PURIMSPIEL

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



No experience necessary—just come try it!

Chai'er Learning CRJ's Lifelong Learning Community

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.



CRJ Seniors

Our CRJ Seniors are in need of new members in the wonderful age groups of 60 years and older, especially in the 60's and 70's. We meet at CRJ on the third Thursday of each month, from Sept. through May, at noon. Join with us to enjoy exciting programs, such as music, film, games, speakers or you tell us; what are you most interested in seeing or doing? We aim to please!

Our dues are only \$10 per year. A nice lunch is served, sometimes free, usually \$5 for members and \$8 for guests, who are always welcome. To become a new member, please contact Judy Weinberg at (407) 830-4242 or Email jweinberg@cfl.rr.com. New members are always invited to run for one of the 4 major offices, be Chairperson of, or to take an active part in any of our committees, such as: Program, Catering & meal planning, Hospitality, Membership and Telephone.

Our March 16, 2017 program will be "Broadway Musicals, a Jewish Legacy", with Howard Golove. April 20, 2017 will bring to CRJ, "Big Band Music with Maitland Senior Musicians." On May 18, 2017, our CRJ President, the always delightful Susan McKenna, will install our newly elected officers for the years, 2017-2018. For reservations to any of these monthly events, please call Helene Becker at (407) 221-3958.

We hope to have you join our group, for these events and many more in the years to come.

Dr. Allan Myers,
President, CRJ Seniors



Seniors Bingo

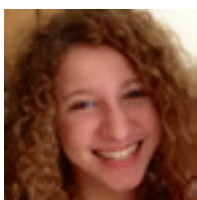




B'nai Mitzvah



With immense pride, Arielle and Barry Kaplan announce the B'nai Mitzvah of their twins, Levi and Layla, who will be called to the Torah on Saturday 22nd April, 2017. The twins are currently educated in England. A great lover of animals, and having grown up with three labradors, three cats and two horses, Levi is determined to become a Vet. He loves tennis, plays clarinet in the school orchestra, and his favorite subjects are mathematics and modern languages. A natural-born comic, Levi keeps his family and friends constantly entertained.



Layla composes original piano and guitar music, and enjoys ballet, modern dance, and science. She is a school sports leader and active participant in

"This Girl Can", a national campaign which inspires young women to overcome fear and express themselves through sports. She has her sights set on becoming a Neurosurgeon. In addition, Levi and Layla train together at professional stage school in London's West End, where they pursue their love of voice, dance and acting. This multifarious dynamic duo are looking forward to sharing their special day with friends and family from Europe and the USA, and particularly with their big brother, Raleigh, who became a Bar Mitzvah at CRJ in 2008. Special thanks to their two amazing tutors, Cantor Jacki and Robin.

SUPERHEROES OF THE BIBLE

SUNDAY MARCH 12 9:30AM

REVEAL YOUR INNER SUPERHERO!

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE JEWISH OR NON-JEWISH SUPERHERO. LISTEN TO THE STORY OF ESTHER AND JOIN THE PURIM PARADE

PRESENTED BY THE STEINMENTZ SCHOOL OF CHAI

All ages welcome 0-100!



Welcome New Members

Stacy and Jason Paul

Ryan and Natasha Rudd



Mazel Tov

Allison Levie and **Jay Adler** got engaged on February 4, 2017, thrilling their mothers (and Beverly Smith). They are planning for a very casual wedding at CRJ on January 14, 2018.



Renee, Lee, Nora, and Warren Seltzer on the birth of their new baby Ellis Seltzer.

Mel Kohn and **Helen Tetenbaum** as recipients of Kinneret's 8 Over 80 honor.

Maya Milsom is representing CRJ in HaZamir Orlando, an international high school choir.

Susan Mckenna and **Suzan Abramson** on their recent marriage



Sheloshim List

Zichronam Livracha,

May their memories be a blessing

Stanley Becker, Cousin of Gary Becker

Sandra Lilling Siegel, Sister of Paul Lilling

Larry Travitsky, Husband of Bea Travitsky

Dr. Melvin Tresser, Beloved Member

PURIM

begins - **Saturday Eve: Mar 11**

ends - **Sun Eve: Mar 12**



Save the Dates:

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

Families with children 0 -6 please join us at 6pm for Tot Shabbat and we will save a taco for you at 6:30pm if you would like to attend, we do have high chairs available.

Save the Date for Shabbat Yoga

April 8 and 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 following 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 to Annie at ahernandez@crjorlando.org
Namaste and Shalom!



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

CRJ Inside Story:

"How Reform Judaism Teaches Us to Lead

Join us on April 9th at 10:30am for an hour to discuss what Reform Judaism teaches us about leadership, change and living a meaningful Jewish life with Rabbi Engel. Contact Nancy Walk, Leadership Development Chair, at 321-356-0263 or hmdaughter@aol.com for more information."

SHABBAT AT SEA



CONGREGATION OF
REFORM JUDAISM

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 and 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 29, 2017

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Community 2nd Night Seder



Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.



928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

Seder Being Led By: Gary Becker, Clergy Aide
Open to congregants and the community

\$42 per person | \$36 for Senior's (Ages 65+) | \$20 (Ages 13/under)
Includes Seder & Full Course Dinner with reserved seating.

To RSVP, please send check or register online by Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Due to the organization required for the Seder, registrations will not be accepted after this date and there will be no payments/admissions accepted at the door.

Seating will be assigned. If you would like to request being assigned to a table with specific people, your request must accompany your reservation. Maximum number of people at a table will be 10.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Number of Adults ___ Seniors ___ Children ___ Total enclosed \$ _____

Who would you like to sit with? _____

Check made payable to CRJ # _____ || Amex ___ MC ___ Visa ___ Security Code _____

CC number: _____ Exp. Date _____

Mail to CRJ-Seder | 928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL 32810 *or* Online www.crjorlando.org/seder
For more information, please contact: Gary Becker, gbecker@earthlink.net or 407-221-5343

Photo Gallery - Meals on Wheels



WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM
CRJ SISTERHOOD



Community Women's Seder

Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

\$42 per person | \$36 for Senior's (Ages 65+) | \$18 (Ages 18/under)
Includes Seder & Full Course Dinner with reserved seating.

RSVP, by sending check or register online by March 20

Mail to: CRJ-Women's Seder | 928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL. 32810

Indicate who you would like to sit with. Please include your name, address, phone & email.

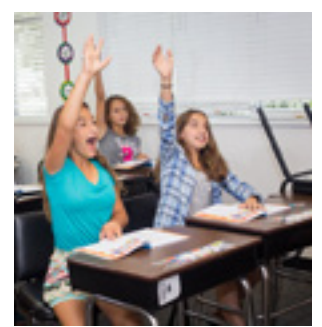
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*Proceeds of this event go to
Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando*

Photo Gallery



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!**

March 2017

1 Adam Cunningham
1 Leon Golden
1 Ashton Paul
1 Jonathan Wolf
1 Mary Yasgur
2 Rika Albert
2 Shaina Beck
2 Jamie Chepenik
2 Zachary Croft
3 Julie Levitt
3 Reid Nicholson
4 Jennifer Bisbee
4 Freda DeAguilera
4 Jill Kassander
4 Alex Maxwell
4 Karen Watzman
5 Dan Freeman
5 Mark Wolman
6 Mark Blechman
6 David Bloom
6 Lawrence Cohan
6 Jordan Cunningham
6 Sonja Nicholson
6 Wendy Stevens
6 Hank Wolf
7 Phyllis Lieblich
7 Gwen Richman
7 Ryan Weiss
8 Antra Lang
8 Brett Scanlon
8 Mitchell Walk
8 Stephen Wolf
9 Matthew Brenner
9 Ilana Engel
9 Zachary Engel
9 Owen Lewis
9 Samantha Mintzer
9 Mark Pinsky
9 Skyla Silver
9 Sara Wolf
10 Eli Maulfair
10 Michael Maxwell
10 Laura Robinson
11 Tim Dunbrack
11 Annie Gittess
11 Robin Kunkel
11 Vicki Kushner
11 Allison Levie
11 Christopher Sauls
11 Doris Sunshine
12 Edward DeAguilera
12 Noah Falk
12 Peter Gold
12 Emily Beth Lipkin
13 Alan Fidelo
13 Leanne Rodriguez
14 Kira Abelow
14 Michael Oback
14 Rachel Sacks
15 Jeannette Leon Yanez
15 Jessica Scheff
16 Sandra Cohan
16 Robert Kennon
16 Andrea Zimbardi

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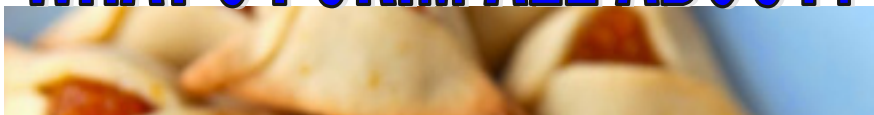
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WHAT'S PURIM ALL ABOUT?



Purim is celebrated with a public reading of the Book of Esther (*Megillat Esther*), which tells the story of the holiday. Under the rule of King Ahashverosh, Haman, the king's prime minister, plots to exterminate all of the Jews of Persia. His plan is foiled by Queen Esther and her cousin Mordechai, who ultimately save the Jews of Persia from destruction. The reading of the *megillah* typically is a rowdy affair, punctuated by booing and noise-making when Haman's name is read aloud.

Purim is an unusual holiday in many respects. First, Esther is the only biblical book in which God is not mentioned. Second, Purim, like Hanukkah, traditionally is viewed as a minor festival, but elevated to a major holiday as a result of the Jewish historical experience. The significance of Purim lies not so much in how it began, but in what it has become: a thankful and joyous affirmation of Jewish survival against all odds.

CRJ's reading of the Story of Esther will be on March 12th at 9:45am in the Sanctuary

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7:30pm CAC	<i>2</i> 11am Seniors Bd Meeting 7pm "Reform Rabbis' Responses	<i>3</i> 6pm Tot Shabbat 6pm Taco Shabbat Dinner 7pm Shabbat Service 3rd & 4th Grade Shabbat	<i>4</i> Bar Mitzvah of Owen Lewis 10am Shabbat Service
<i>5</i> School of Chai 1st Grade Mishpacha Day 10am Brotherhood Bagel Brunch 1pm Sisterhood Fashion Show	<i>6</i> 5:30pm YALE	<i>7</i> 6:30pm Mah Jongg	<i>8</i> School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7:15pm Board Meeting	<i>9</i> 7pm "Reform Rabbis' Responses	<i>10</i> 5:30pm Silly Sushan Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Service	<i>11</i> PURIM 10am Shabbat Service 7pm Billy Joel Purimspiel
<i>12</i> Daylight Savings Time Begins School of Chai Purim Celebration 12:30pm Chaverim & Club 55 2:30pm GORFTY	<i>13</i> 5:30pm YALE	<i>14</i> 10:30am Book Club 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	<i>15</i> School of Chai 10:30am Book Club	<i>16</i> 12pm Seniors Program	<i>17</i> 7pm Shabbat Service	<i>18</i> 10am Shabbat Service
<i>19</i> No School of Chai	<i>20</i> 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:45pm Serve the Homeless	<i>21</i> 6:30pm Mah Jongg	<i>22</i> No School of Chai 7pm Rosh Chodesh	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 6pm Shabbat Service	<i>25</i> 10am Shabbat Service
<i>26</i> No School of Chai	<i>27</i> 5:30pm YALE	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7pm Program Council	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 6pm Shabbat Service Shabbat Ha'Olam—Taste of Italy	


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2 School of Chai 12:30pm Pee-Wees & Yeladim	3 5:30pm YALE 6pm Women's Seder	4 6:30pm Mah Jongg	5 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study	6 11:30am Seniors Bd Meeting	7 6pm Tot Shabbat 6pm Chaverim 7pm Shabbat Service	8 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
9 School of Chai 10:30am Leadership Development 12:30pm Club 56	10 1ST NIGHT OF PASSOVER	11 PASSOVER 2 6:30pm CRJ 2nd Night Seder	12 PASSOVER 3 School of Chai 7:15pm Board Meeting	13 PASSOVER 4	14 PASSOVER 5 7pm Shabbat Service	15 PASSOVER 6 10am Shabbat Service
16 PASSOVER 7 EASTER School of Chai	17 CRJ Closed 10am Yiskor	18 10:30am Book Club 6:30pm Mah Jongg	19 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study	20 12pm Seniors Program	21 7pm Shabbat Service 7pm JR GORFTY Event	22 B'nai Mitzvah of Layla and Levi Kaplan 10am Shabbat Service CRJ SPRING FUNDRAISER
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