

# CHAI



November / December 2016

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from the Cantor:

## Jacqueline Rawiszer

What do the Jewish years 5760, 5764, 5766, 5769, 5771, 5774 and 5777 have in common? Are they linked to some deep rabbinic interpretation of gematria? Perhaps. But simply and closer to home, each of these years represents a date in recent CRJ history that culminated with the celebration of the moment when a group of dedicated adult members of our community were called to the Torah for the very first time.

Each class brought with them a unique energy and focus, gifts and sensibilities. They have gone on to be leaders in our community, master teachers and tutors, one even became a cantor. It takes special courage to take the leap into the deep unknown in this advanced course of Jewish study as an adult. We bring all of our life experience to the task, and with it, all our fears and insecurities. You may not recognize all the members of the CRJ ABM Class by the pictures before you...but it is my hope that you see the essence of this remarkable class...and appreciate and share in their incredible accomplishment on December 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM. Gwen Kotler, Vicki Kushner, Allison Levie, Kevin Stevens, Dana Sussmann, and Carolyn Weinstein- Kol HaKavod to each of you. Your CRJ family is so very proud! We look forward to seeing you in December.

*L'shalom,*  
Cantor Jacki

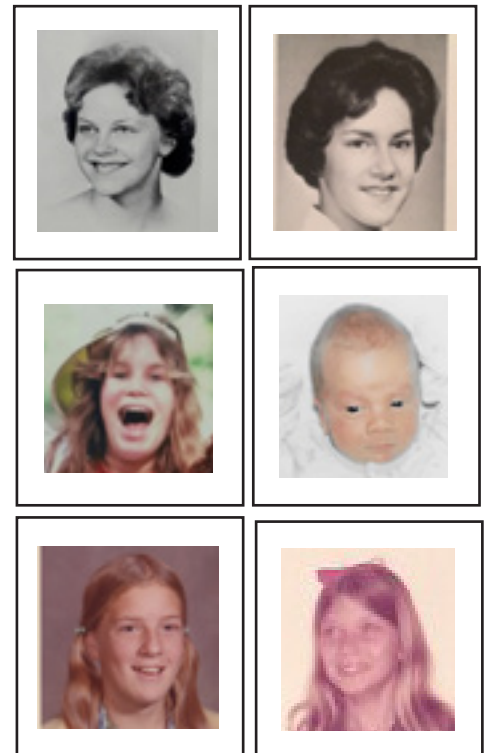


You are cordially invited

to join the Adult B'nai Mitzvah  
class as they are called to the Torah  
on Saturday December 3, 2016  
at 10:00am.

#### B'nai Mitzvah 5777 Class:

Gwen Kotler  
Vicki Kushner  
Allison Levie  
Kevin Stevens  
Dana Sussmann  
Carolyn Weinstein



The Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class of 2016 is pleased to announce our mitzvah project: *Sounds of Prayer*. We hope to enrich the worship experience in the CRJ Sanctuary by upgrading the sound system. For more information about our mitzvah project Sounds of Prayer contact Dana Sussmann at [danassussmann@gmail.com](mailto:danassussmann@gmail.com).



from the President:

## Susan McKenna

Due to an early copy deadline, as I write this column Rosh Hashanah's celebration of the Jewish New Year is three days away. When this issue of Chai arrives in November, many of us already will be looking ahead to the secular holiday calendar and the prospect of ushering in 2017. The emotions triggered by the commencement of a new year can be very powerful. How did the last year pass by so quickly?? What lies ahead? What did I do or fail to do, and what are my goals looking forward? Wistfulness, anxiety and regret; hopefulness, commitment and resolve are some of the many feelings we may experience as one year flows into another.

The same is true of organizations like synagogues. We may look back wistfully to a time when a higher percentage of Jews sought to affiliate with a temple, a time when families seemed to have fewer of the demands and distractions that may impede engaging fully with a congregation. We might view anxiously the demographic trends and financial realities that could imperil the viability of our temple even though we are debt-free. We may regret certain paths chosen or decisions made that did not adequately further CRJ's mission of being a caring, vibrant and innovative congregation that is inviting and respectful to all.

Like any synagogue, we have our challenges. But CRJ is much more aptly described in terms of the positive sentiments triggered by year-end reflection. CRJ is an optimistic congregation that looks with hope to the future and acts accordingly. In the last year, CRJ successfully completed a capital campaign to fund our first-ever Youth Engagement professional and hired Lauren Oback to fill that role. Lauren has energized and expanded our youth groups and, with the help of Rabbi Engel, created a grade 7 through 12 social and educational program called YALE that will culminate in a May 2017 confirmation of high school seniors. The temple also completed a months-long assessment of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai and, under the leadership of Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff, many initiatives have been accomplished or are under way. CRJ's commitment to its youth as the path to our future is exciting and has created a positive buzz in the community.

CRJ's resolve to excel has taken many other forms. We have a new interactive, visually appealing website that has greatly enhanced our brand and improved the efficiency of the program registration process. The temple's program and worship offerings have never been more numerous or varied, and the creation of a new Cultural Arts committee is expected to enhance that variety. CRJ has beefed up its community outreach efforts to help grow membership, is modifying operational and human resources processes to do more with less, is expanding its social action goals, and soon will launch a robust effort to help build a solid financial future through the CRJ Foundation.

In short, CRJ is hopeful, committed and resolved. Thanks to all of you for your membership and for helping make CRJ the best that it can be!

*L'shalom,*  
Susan



from the Executive Director:

## Michael Kancher

As we conclude the holidays I would like to thank Rabbi Engel, Cantor Rawiszer, temple leadership, staff, and most importantly the members of CRJ for making this congregation such a wonderful family. Your CRJ staff devoted many long hours in order to create a meaningful High Holy Day experience – please join me in recognizing their hard work and dedication.

### **Our 2nd Annual Casino and Game Night will be held Saturday, November 5 at 8:00pm.**

Enjoy an evening of casino, bingo, trivia and other popular TV game shows. It will be an evening of fabulous desserts, wonderful prizes and fantastic fun! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Invoices for your 2017 membership pledge will be mailed in mid-November and we look forward to your continued membership. As in the past we will offer two payment options:

1. Prepayment – you may select to receive a 2% discount on your yearly pledge if you pay your membership pledge in full before December 31, 2016.

2. Monthly payments by credit card or ETF (Electronic Funds Transfer)

We rely on the timely payment of these pledges in order to sustain the quality of service and facilities offered to each member of our congregational family.

Thank you for supporting your Congregation of Reform Judaism! Your membership and investment of time and talent allows us to remain the premier Reform Jewish congregation in central Florida.

To have a confidential conversation regarding your membership at CRJ please contact me at the Temple at 407-645-0444.

You are a vital part of our congregational family and together we will continue to create a community in which Reform Judaism flourishes.

*L'Shalom,*  
Michael

Save the Date:



*Purimspiel Megilah  
Extravaganza!!!!*

Erev Purim

March 11, 2017 at 7:00PM



**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 TO THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER? 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



from the Director of Education:

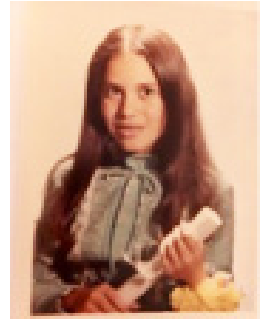
## Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

*“Sometimes people ask me, ‘What is the greatest achievement you have reached in your lifetime or that you will reach in the future?’ So I reply that there was a great painter named Mordecai Ardon, who was asked which picture was the most beautiful he had ever painted. Ardon replied, ‘The picture I will paint tomorrow.’ That is also my answer.” - Shimon Peres, z”l*

This is the second article in a row in which I write about the passing of a most important Jewish man, former Israeli Prime Minister, President, and Nobel Peace Laureate Shimon Peres whose memory is a blessing to our world. The ADL stated, “Literally present at the creation of the Jewish state, Shimon Peres was the diplomatic, political and social innovation face of Israel over a seven-decade career. Through the years, he merged a stalwart, hands-on commitment to Israel’s viability and security with a dogged determination to promote peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, including a two-state solution with the Palestinians.” Peres spent his entire career promoting peace between Arabs and Jews. His quote above really inspired me as an educator.

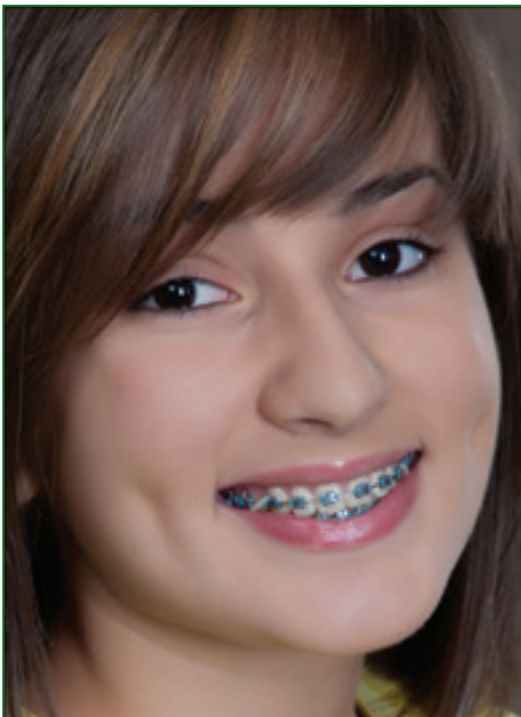
A good teacher always has the vision of the student in mind. What we teach must always help to guide our students toward the path of peace and toward a deeper understanding of how each child can be a light unto the world. It is a very Jewish understanding that what we plant today has an impact on future generations. Certainly my education and upbringing had a profound influence on who I am today. Not too long ago, I found my yearbook from my graduation from Hebrew school. I laughed as I read a skit that one of my classmates wrote. In it, I was approached several years after graduation by an old friend. “Sheryl? Sheryl

Kalish?” Yes, I answered, but now I am married with children and I am the principal of a Hebrew school! My friend answered that he knew that was what I would be! Definitely a prescient thought, but I truly attribute my love for my former teachers as the guiding force in my desire to be an educator and to have now achieved the level of a doctorate of education!



In the words of Shimon Peres, the picture that we paint for tomorrow in the Steinmetz Family School of Chai includes the strong desire to inspire our teens to also want to be teachers. Our madrichim (teen school assistants) program continues to make a positive impact in the field of Jewish education. Throughout these past seven plus years in my position as Director of Education, we have been extremely fortunate to have touched the lives of at least 80 teens who have been role models in our classrooms. I know for sure that my son Justin, our current 5th grade teacher, was inspired as a madrich here during his high school years! The picture that we will paint for tomorrow includes the brightest and most thoughtful of young adults that have so much to share with our students in the classrooms. CRJ high school senior, Sam Stack, says that he loves being a madrich because “I get to make a difference in these amazing kids’ lives.” The words of Madricha Shoshana Scanlon, daughter of our 2nd grade teacher, Morah Nina Scanlon, truly encapsulate the importance of building our Jewish future. Shoshana shares, “I love being a madricha because you get to help touch so many lives and keep younger people involved in their religion.”

*L’dor v’dor, may we continue to be inspired!*  
Sheryl



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from the Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

## Lauren Oback

**Shalomie, Homies!** If we have still not yet met... This is not ok. Please come by and see me... or tell me where to come find

you... I WILL come to you!

As my first article in "The Chai",

I wanted to write something special. I really did not know where to begin. I could write about myself, but I am not into that... I could post the cool programs planned, but they're going to be in The Chai regardless! Then I thought, besides the super awesome programs planned... do parents REALLY know why Youth Groups are "worth the fight"? So... THAT is where I have chosen to begin.

When I say, "worth the fight" I am referring to the "fight" it will take to get some of your kids/tweens/teens to a youth group program. Yeah... you all know EXACTLY what I am talking about.

Yes, your child has been playing on the same soccer team since the second grade. Yes, school, homework and grades are important. Yes, sports, drama and clubs look good on college applications.



### SO WHERE DOES YOUTH GROUP FIT INTO THIS EQUATION?!?

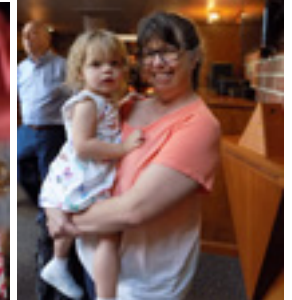
Anyone who has ever worked with Jewish kids will tell you that Jewish youth group, camping and informal education are influential and meaningful activities, more so than many competing ones. They create memories, friendships and a positive Jewish identity. It is during these informal experiences that learning is truly natural and exciting. Kids form friendships with Jewish peers that might not develop in the classroom. The opportunities for leadership development are unlike anything teens will experience before beginning their careers down the road! AND hanging out with youth advisors who are positive Jewish role models creates lasting bonds and deeper levels of understanding and appreciation for Jewish culture. (By the way, these experiences, too, hold weight on a college application and provide great material for essays.)

Picture your children in a safe, nurturing environment where positive Jewish role models, Judaism and acceptance are the norm... THIS is what being a part of CRJ Youth is all about. It might be a challenge to get your child to attend those first few programs, especially if they have already had their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs... But I promise you... it's WORTH THE FIGHT!

B'ahava,  
Lauren



Join Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for a 30 minute music-filled Shabbat Service for kids 0-6yrs. & siblings the first Friday of the month at 6 PM. Friday, November 4 at 6 PM | Friday, December 2 at 6 PM



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 on:

Cheshvan- November 1 at 7 PM

Tevet - December 28 at 7 PM

For further information, please contact Cantor Jacki at [jrawiszer@crjorlando.org](mailto:jrawiszer@crjorlando.org).



**Save the Date:** November 12, December 10, 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 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 online <https://crjorlando.org/shabbat-yoga-2>  
**Namaste and Shalom!**



## CRJ Sisterhood

*"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"*

*Hello, Sisters!*

We started the year's programming by celebrating Sisterhood members with a Chai Tea in September, beautifully planned by Rachel Sacks, our Membership Vice -President, and Beverly Smith, our Programming Vice President. Almost fifty Sisterhood members enjoyed catching up with each other over delightful tea sandwiches and desserts all catered by the synagogue's own Chef Susan Harmon. Adrienne Katz with the League of Women Voters of Orange County conducted a bipartisan presentation and discussion about 2016's issues and candidates.

The High Holidays occurred a bit later this year making October an equally busy month, although we continued meeting for our bi-weekly Mah Jongg classes. On the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, Beverly Smith holds a Mah Jongg class at the synagogue. Both new and experienced players are welcome for there is always more to learn. Please contact Beverly for more information at [thetink@hotmail.com](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com). The classes are free to Sisterhood and CRJ members.

Sisterhood will host our 3rd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament on Sunday, November 6th. Growing in size each year, the tournament is a community event drawing women from our own membership and the neighboring synagogues in Central Florida. Even with the top winners taking home cash prizes, the event is a significant fundraiser for our Sisterhood and helps us fund our annual gifts to the synagogue and its Steinmetz Family School of Chai.

On December 16th, Sisterhood will host the Chanukah Dinner, a tradition for so many of our families. This is always a fun evening with candle lighting, musical performances, and a delicious dinner. Bring your menorah and come taste CRJ's latkes fried by our own dedicated kitchen volunteers. These gentlemen really do a fantastic job. Between all of the candles and the latkes, we have yet to start a fire!

In January, we will gather together for our annual luncheon supporting Women of Reform Judaism's globally-minded Youth, Education and Special Projects (YES) fund. Last year, we honored our amazing Cantor Jacki Rawiszer, and, this year, we are looking forward to honoring our esteemed member, Dr. Zena Sulkes. Zena is a former President of Ravsak, The Jewish Community Day School Network, a former Head of School of the Hebrew Day School of Central Florida (now called the Jewish Academy of Orlando), and she has also been an education leader at CRJ for almost twenty years. In these roles, she has impacted so many of our community's families, and we hope that you will join us on January 22, 2017 to show our sincere appreciation for all of her contributions.

Women of CRJ, please attend one of our events, either a special program or our monthly dinner meetings, because we would like to meet you. Personally, after becoming a member just three years ago, I have met many wonderful women in our Sisterhood. These connections make CRJ feel even more like home. Our programs are listed on the CRJ website ([www.crjorlando.org/sisterhood](http://www.crjorlando.org/sisterhood)) in the Chai, and

## Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Chai Tea



our meetings are held at the Imperial Dynasty Restaurant in Longwood, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 5:30PM. All are welcome to attend, even those who have not yet become members and just want to "look and see"!

*Shalom,*

Mary Ellen Caplan



## CRJ Seniors

You might be a **SENIOR** if... You can't find your glasses... and they're on top of your head! You remember the Beatles' first appearance on The Ed Sullivan Show. You remember hula hoops and starched crinolines.

Whether you consider yourself mature or old(er) or young-at-heart, CRJ SENIORS offers something for you. Won't you join us the third Thursday of each month? We begin at noontime with a light lunch, then a presentation (arts and culture or advice and expertise) and you can be on your way back to the office by 1 pm...or linger a while longer and enjoy our company.

Some of our future programs are Canine Companions for Independence on November 17th; Lake Brantley High School Choral Group on December 15th; Bingo (with prizes!) on January 19th, and our very own Cantor Jacki on February 16th. We'll finish out our year with several more programs culminating with installation of our new officers and board in May. You may become a member at any time by contacting Judy Weinberg, Membership Chair, at 407.830.4242 or [jweinberg@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jweinberg@cfl.rr.com) Dues are \$10 per year; our luncheons are (usually) \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

For reservations to any of these events, please contact Helene Becker at 407.221.3958 or via email at [hfrbecker@aol.com](mailto:hfrbecker@aol.com)

### 2016-2017 Seniors Board Officers:

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We would like YOU to join our Seniors group. If you have any questions, contact me, [allanmyersdmd@gmail.com](mailto:allanmyersdmd@gmail.com)

Dr. Allan Myers, President, CRJ Seniors



Contact [ssacharoff@crjorlando.org](mailto:ssacharoff@crjorlando.org) with questions or register online at [www.crjorlando.org/adult-education](http://www.crjorlando.org/adult-education).

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

**Torah Study** | 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

## 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. We invite all Temple members (both male and female) to join us. For further information, Contact Zena Sulkes at [Zwsf116@gmail.com](mailto:Zwsf116@gmail.com). For a full listing of dates and books, visit [www.crjorlando.org/crj-book-club](http://www.crjorlando.org/crj-book-club).

## UPCOMING CLASSES

**“Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World”** | Dates: Thurs Nov 3, 10, 17 Wed Nov 30, Dec 7 at 7:30 PM  
Instructor: Rabbi Engel

In a world where norms are changing and new ideas are introduced, what grounds us? What values are eternal? What things should not change? Join Rabbi Engel for an interactive discussion based on “The Book of Jewish Values: A Day by Day Guide to Ethical Living” by Jewish Scholar Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. Free/complimentary for CRJ Members; \$36 Non-Members for the entire series

## “Children of Abraham – Bridges for Peace: Commonalities between the Children of Abraham”

Dates: Dec 1st & 8th from 7-8:30 PM | Presenters: Gary Becker, CRJ Clergy Aide and Bassem Chaaban, Director of Operations Islamic Society of Central Florida

A two session class discussing the commonalities and contemporary responses to issues of our time from Jewish and Islamic points of view. Free/complimentary for CRJ Members; \$18 Non-Members for entire series

## “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](http://www.crjorlando.org/adult-education). To be added to the Chai'er Learning email list, please email [ssacharoff@crjorlando.org](mailto:ssacharoff@crjorlando.org)

## 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 17, 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. You may contact Harold Landey ([hlandey@earthlink.net](mailto:hlandey@earthlink.net)), CRJ Cemetery Committee Chairman, or Michael Kancher ([mkancher@crjorlando.org](mailto:mkancher@crjorlando.org) / 407-645-0444), to discuss this opportunity.

## 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 I** – November 13 – History of CRJ  
Who we are: an overview of how CRJ came to be, religiously, in leadership and in bricks and mortar

**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](mailto:hmdaughter@aol.com) for more information.

## DO A MITZVAH

Once again it is getting close to the Holiday season. CRJ will once again partner with Senior's First, UPS, and Toasted Restaurant to help deliver Meals on Wheels for Christmas day to needy seniors in the area. I'm sure that most of you are aware of our campaign to gather volunteer drivers for this project. Drivers meet at CRJ on Christmas day around 10am where they are given meals and a route for delivery. The routes usually take about 1 hour to complete. This is a very rewarding experience for volunteers of all ages, and much appreciated by our seniors. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Becky Welch at [drbewe@yahoo.com](mailto:drbewe@yahoo.com) and I will be happy to put you on the list, or answer any questions.



## Mah Jongg

Call Beverly Smith,  
407-461-1663 or  
email: [thetink@hotmail.com](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com)



## SNEAKERS THAT FIT

Sneakers That Fit is a project that has been sponsored by CRJ for the past 19 years. As a congregation we commit to helping our community by purchasing a new pair of sneakers for children in need in the Central Florida area school systems. Five years ago CRJ Social Action Committee approached my family requesting our blessing to have this project honor the memory of my husband, Dr. Barry Levin. Barry, a CRJ member who passed away in 2010, made collecting shoes for those in need, a yearly project. Recently, I had the good fortune to tour the countries of Eastern Europe. During my visit to Warsaw, Poland I visited the site of the Auschwitz/Birkenau Concentration Camps. It was extremely emotional and moving as I traced the steps of so many ill-fated Jews along the cobblestone walkways. The guide filled my head and heart with overwhelming statistics and unimaginable horrors endured by the inhabitants. One of the rooms, in what is now part of a museum, houses personal articles taken from the Jews as they disembarked from the trains. Of those items, piled high along one wall, were hundreds of shoes, shoes of all sizes, shapes and colors, belonging to the doomed men, women and children unknowingly heading straight to the gas chambers. The guide mentioned a statement, that I have not forgotten, she had heard from a rabbi that had been in one of her previous tour groups. He said, "There are so many feet that have no shoes, and here we have so many shoes that have no feet."



This year I would like to make a change and take the opportunity to dedicate Sneakers That Fit to the memories of the six million Jews who died in the holocaust and to Jews all over the world, from any point in history that lost their lives in efforts to ensure human rights. Any advances, no matter how small or local, that improves life for those in need are important. CRJ's Sneakers That Fit project attempts to fulfill the mitzvah of covering those feet without shoes so that they will no longer go bare.

The schools chosen for this program were suggested to the committee by the organization, A Gift For Teaching. They were chosen due to their Title I status (60% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch programs). Donations of sneakers and socks will be made to the following schools: Students on free or reduced lunch

**Rock Lake Elementary - 408 North Tampa Ave.- Orange County- 100%**  
**Lake Weston Elementary- 5500 Milan Drive - Orange County - 95%**  
**Hamilton Elementary- 1501 East 8th Street - Seminole County - 93%**

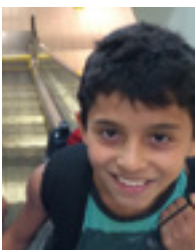
Each year we place the information necessary to purchase sneakers for individual students as well as detailed instructions on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary, beginning November 1. Please take a card, purchase the indicated shoes and return them with the identification card to the synagogue office by Dec. 5, 2016. If you are not able to shop, donation envelopes are also available. A donation of \$25 allows us to purchase one pair of sneakers and a package of socks for a child in need. The shoes will be delivered to the students before winter break. Through the generosity of our congregants and other concerned citizens, the 2015 campaign was able to purchase over 200 pairs of sneakers and socks in addition to the shoes purchased by those choosing to do their own shopping. Also, many thanks to the Reebok Outlet for their cooperation and helping us to make this project so successful each year.

Many thanks to all of you, in advance, for your participation in making this year another successful year for Sneakers That Fit.

Pam Levin, Sneakers That Fit 2016 Chairperson, CRJ Social Action Committee



## B'nai Mitzvah



**Jacob Warren Robinson**, son of Ian Robinson and Jennifer Warren, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 12th. A seventh grader attending Maitland Middle School, Jacob is an avid FSU fan (despite being in Gator/Knight households), enjoys a variety of sports including skateboarding, and likes

music that he can sing along with pretty much anywhere. He's been going to Camp Coleman for the past 3 years and most recently was a Counselor in Training at the RDV Sportsplex working with kids and learning leadership skills.



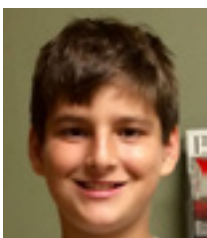
**JJ Stein**, daughter of Suzy and Bruce Stein, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on November 19, 2016. JJ is a 7th grader at Trinity Prep School who loves playing soccer, cross country and watching the TV show Survivor. JJ is sharing this special day with her best friend, Kori Theisen. JJ wants to thank

Sheryl Sacharoff, Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah. JJ is looking forward to celebrating with her family and friends.



**Kori Theisen**, daughter of Mark and Jill Theisen, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on November 19, 2016. Kori is sharing this special day with her best friend, JJ Stein. Kori enjoys playing sports, baking, surfing, and spending time with her cousins and friends. She also spends time fundraising for and

bringing awareness to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. She wants to thank Sheryl Sacharoff, as well as Cantor Jacki and Rabbi Engel. Kori looks forward to celebrating with her family and friends.



**Benjamin Perreault**, son of Dale and Phil Perreault, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, December 10, 2016. Ben is an honor student at Lake Highland Preparatory School. He plays on the middle school baseball team, as well as Maitland Little League Juniors. He loves spending his

summers at camp in Maine where his favorite activities include spending time in or on the lake, especially canoeing. In Ben's free time, he loves traveling, watching the Red Sox and Patriots, playing video games and spending time with his siblings, Daniel and Sydney, as well as his other favorite "person", his dog Teddy.



## Welcome New Members

Bernis Hecht	Patrick & Lindsay Jacques
Esther Zornek	Eric & Andrea Adelson
Danny & Elyse Rosenblum	Marc & Donna Shore
Bill & Paula Reidy	Becca Blechman
Jeffrey & Nancy Baumann	Esteban & Natasha Scornik



## Mazel Tov

**Audrey & Ben Hochstetter** welcomed their daughter Addison Rose on 9/27/16

**Bill Yahner** recently retired after 36 years of teaching in special education. Yasher Koach!

Sincerest thanks to the **Steven & Sheryl Kurland family** for establishing The Amy Susan Kurland-Toney Religious School Scholarship in memory of Steven's sister. May her memory continue to be a blessing. For the third year in a row, this scholarship has been awarded to a Steinmetz Family School of Chai student.



## Sheloshim List

*Zichronam Livracha,  
May their memories be a blessing*

Gertrude Birchwood, Mother of Hank Wolf, Grandmother of Stephen Wolf  
Helen Eckley, Mother of Bill Yahner  
James Keith Abbott, Cousin of Carolyn Weinstein  
Adele Mickenberg, Mother of Ken Mickenberg  
Linda Horowitz, Aunt of Robin Kunkel  
Gerald Weiss, Husband of Trudy Weiss



## Gift Shop Chanukah Season

### Are you ready for Chanukah?



This year our gift shop has many items to decorate your home for Chanukah.

Everyone loves jewelry or a special Judaica item for gifts.

We will have the perfect selection for YOU!!! Always a beautiful selection of tallit sets, toddler soft toys (Synagogue with Rabbi, Noah's Ark with animals), and Judaica and non-Judaica gifts for all ages and occasions.

**Hours: Sundays – when Religious School is open 9:15am - 12:45pm.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Office hours 9am-3pm.**

**Please call office first - 407-645-0444 so a staff member will be ready to assist you.**

Gift shop is owned and operated by Sisterhood of CRJ.  
All profits are donated to Religious School and CRJ temple projects.



Register for YALE at [www.crojorlando.org/yale](http://www.crojorlando.org/yale)

**YALE** is a new and groundbreaking program engaging 7th-12th graders in innovative, fun, relevant, Jewish learning and social experiences. YALE is held on Monday nights from 5:30pm-8:00pm at Congregation of Reform Judaism.

YALE participants will grow socially, spiritually and Judaically through interesting and diverse study and interaction with our topic facilitators, youth advisors and with Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki. Teens also come together for Jr. GORFTY and GORFTY in the youth lounge. Led by our youth advisors, teens are engaged in fun and diverse social programming. Experiences connect games, mixers, hot topics, leadership and team building.

**YALE 2016-2017 Registration:**  
*Includes full Monday night program and dinner*  
**7th Graders—No Fee!**

CRJ Members: \$118

Non Members: \$218

**\*\*\*TRY YALE THROUGH DECEMBER WITH NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION!\*\*\***



**YALE Calendar 2016-2017**

10/10	12/5	1/30	3/13	5/8
10/24	12/12	2/6	3/27	5/15
11/7	12/19	2/13	4/3	5/22
11/14	1/9	2/27	4/24	
11/28	1/23	3/6	5/1	



**YALE Schedule (sample)**

**5:30pm** Dinner

**6:00pm** Rotation 1

- Jr. GORFTY (Grades 7-8) - Youth Lounge
- 9th-11th Grades - Moral Dilemmas in the Torah
- 12th Grade - Confirmation Class

**7:00pm** Rotation 2

- GORFTY (Grades 9-12) - Youth Lounge
- 7th Grade - Chevruta
- 8th Grade - Hot Topics



**GORFTY CLUB 56**  
Grades 5 & 6

**CRJ Youth Program Schedule**  
2016-2017/5776-5777

Club 56 Programs are held on Sundays from 12:30pm-2:00pm at CRJ  
\*Unless otherwise noted\* - Pizza is served at all Club 56 Programs

**NOVEMBER 6**  
Gameshow  
Mania!



**FEBRUARY 12 - 12:30p-3:30p**  
Boardwalk  
Bowl



**DECEMBER 16**  
Shabbaton  
Overnight!



**MARCH 12**  
Bubble  
Soccer

**JANUARY 28 - 5pm-8pm**  
"Hunt for Havdalah"  
Limo Scavenger  
Hunt



**APRIL 9**  
10 Plagues  
Kickball H2O



**MAY 21**  
Destination:  
Unknown:  
Mystery Bus Ride!



**\*\*FEBRUARY 3-5**  
NFTY-S-TR  
Hatikvah Kallah - 6th gr

Stay Tuned for Additional Info!

**Register your child for GORFTY Club 56!**

\$199 - All Inclusive! Includes youth group membership, all programs listed (except kallah) and a youth group t-shirt! **Savings of over \$75**

-OR-

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Questions? Contact Lauren Oback, Director of Programming & Youth Engagement  
Lebeck@crjorlando.org

**A La Carte**  
\$18 - Youth Group Membership  
\$12 - Youth group t-shirt  
Gameshow Mania - Free with paid youth membership  
\$50 - 12/16 Shabbaton Overnight  
\$50 - 1/28 Limo Scavenger Hunt  
\$25 - 2/12 Boardwalk Bowl  
\$30 - 3/12 Bubble Soccer  
\$25 - 4/9 10 Plagues Kickball H2O  
\$65 - 5/21 Mystery Bus Ride



**GORFTY CHAVERIM**  
Grades 3 & 4

**CRJ Youth Program Schedule**  
2016-2017/5776-5777

Chaverim Programs are held on Sundays from 12:30pm-2:00pm at CRJ  
\*Unless otherwise noted\* - Pizza is served at all Chaverim Programs

**OCTOBER 9**  
Minute to  
Win It!



**MARCH 12**  
Bubble  
Soccer

**NOVEMBER 13**  
LIVE  
Animal Show



**APRIL 7**  
Shabbaton  
Overnight!



**JANUARY 8**  
Mad Science



**MAY 7**  
Destination:  
Unknown:  
Mystery Limo  
Ride!



Stay Tuned for Additional Info!

**Register your child for GORFTY Chaverim!**

\$75 - All Inclusive! Includes youth group membership, all programs listed above and a youth group t-shirt! **Savings of \$85!**

-OR-

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**A La Carte**  
\$18 - Youth Group Membership  
\$12 - Youth group t-shirt  
Minute to Win It - Free with paid youth membership!  
\$25 - 11/13 LIVE Animal Show  
\$25 - 1/8 Mad Science  
\$40 - 2/26 Drum Cafe  
\$30 - 3/12 Bubble Soccer  
\$50 - 4/7 Shabbaton Overnight  
\$60 - Mystery Limo Ride!





**CRJ Youth**  
**Program Schedule**  
**OCTOBER-DECEMBER**  
**2016/5776-5777**

**OCTOBER**

**10/9 Kickball H2O**  
**Jr. GORFTY vs GORFTY**  
 12:30pm-2:30pm

**10/19 Broom Ball**  
 4:00pm-5:30pm



**NOVEMBER**

**11/13 Limo Scavenger Hunt**  
 Time TBD

**11/30 Xtreme Charades**  
 4:00pm-5:30pm



**DECEMBER**

**12/3 Mystery Bus Ride!**  
 Tentatively 5:00pm-11:00pm

**12/14 Messy Chanukah Maccabiah**  
 4:00pm-5:30pm

**\*STAY TUNED FOR\*  
 JANUARY-MAY  
 PROGRAM SCHEDULE!**

**HOW CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR JR. GORFTY?!**

**Jr. GORFTY A LA CARTE:**

- \$36 - Youth Group Membership
- \$12 - Youth group t-shirt
- \$25 - 10/19 Kickball H2O
- \$18 - 10/19 Broom Ball/Snacks
- \$50 - 11/13 Limo Scavenger Hunt
- \$18 - 11/30 Xtreme Charades/Snacks
- \$75 - 12/3 Mystery Bus Ride
- \$25 - 12/14 Chanukah Maccabiah

-OR-

**Jr. GORFTY ALL INCLUSIVE**

\$199 - Jr. GORFTY Youth Program includes Jr. GORFTY membership, all 16-17 Jr. GORFTY programs and a youth group t-shirt!

**SAVINGS OF OVER \$400!**

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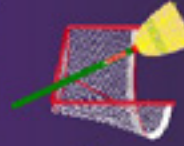


**CRJ Youth**  
**Program Schedule**  
**OCTOBER-DECEMBER**  
**2016/5776-5777**

**OCTOBER**

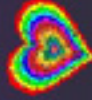
**10/9 Kickball H2O**  
 4:00pm-6:00pm

**10/21 Potluck Shabbat and Broom Ball!**  
 6:00pm-9:30pm



**NOVEMBER**

**11/9 Tie, Tye, Thai!**  
 4:00pm-5:30pm



**11/20 Board Games Brought to LIFE!**  
 2:30pm-4:00pm



**12/18 "Tacky Tourist" Mystery Bus Ride!**

Tentatively 2:00pm-9:00pm

**\*STAY TUNED FOR\*  
 JANUARY-MAY  
 PROGRAM SCHEDULE!**

**HOW DO I REGISTER MY TEEN FOR GORFTY?!**

**GORFTY A LA CARTE:**

- \$36 - Youth Group Membership
- \$12 - Youth group t-shirt
- \$25 - 10/19 Kickball H2O
- \$18 - 10/21 Potluck Shabbat/ Broomball
- \$20 - 11/9 Tie, Tye, Thai!
- \$18 - 11/20 Board Games to Life!
- \$35 - 12/3 Super-Sloppy-Shabbat
- \$75 - 12/18 Mystery Bus Ride

-OR-

**GORFTY ALL-INCLUSIVE!**

GORFTY Youth Program \$199 Includes GORFTY membership, all 16-17 programs and a youth group t-shirt! **SAVINGS OF OVER \$400!**

**Questions?**

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**GORFTY  
YELADIM**  
Grades 1&2

**CRJ Youth  
Program Schedule**  
2016-2017/5776-5777

Yeladim Programs are held on Sundays from 12:30pm-2:00pm at CRJ  
Pizza is served at all Yeladim Programs

OCTOBER 30  
**LIVE  
Animal Show**

NOVEMBER 20  
**Big-As-Life  
Board Games!**

DECEMBER 11  
**Chanukah  
Carnival**

JANUARY 29  
**Bubble Soccer**

FEBRUARY 26  
**Drum Cafe**

APRIL 2  
**Messy  
Maccabiah  
Olympics**

APRIL 23  
**H2O  
Extravaganza!**

**Register your child for GORFTY Yeladim!**

**\$150 - ALL INCLUSIVE!**  
Includes youth group membership, all programs listed above and a youth group t-shirt

**Savings of \$50!**

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**\$18 - Youth Group Membership**  
**\$12 - Youth group t-shirt**

**A LA CARTE**  
Animal Show - Free after Membership Fee!  
\$20 - 11/20 Big-As-Life Board Games  
\$20 - 12/11 Chanukah Carnival  
\$30 - 1/29 Bubble Soccer  
\$40 - 2/26 Drum Cafe  
\$25 - 4/2 Messy Maccabiah Olympics  
\$35 - 4/23 H2O Extravaganza



**GORFTY  
PEE-WEES**  
Pre-K & Kindergarten

**CRJ Youth  
Program Schedule**  
2016-2017/5776-5777

Pee-Wee Programs are held on Sundays from 12:30pm-2:00pm at CRJ  
Pizza is served at all PeeWee Programs

OCTOBER 30  
**LIVE  
Animal Show**

NOVEMBER 20  
**Big-As-Life  
Board Games!**

DECEMBER 11  
**Chanukah  
Carnival**

JANUARY 29  
**Bubble Soccer**

FEBRUARY 26  
**Drum Cafe**

APRIL 2  
**Messy  
Maccabiah  
Olympics**

APRIL 23  
**H2O  
Extravaganza!**

**Register your child for GORFTY Pee-Wees!**

**\$150 - ALL INCLUSIVE!**  
Includes youth group membership, all programs listed above and a youth group t-shirt

**Savings of \$50!**

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**\$18 - Youth Group Membership**  
**\$12 - Youth group t-shirt**

**A LA CARTE**  
Animal Show - Free after Membership Fee!  
\$20 - 11/20 Big-As-Life Board Games  
\$20 - 12/11 Chanukah Carnival  
\$30 - 1/29 Bubble Soccer  
\$40 - 2/26 Drum Cafe  
\$25 - 4/2 Messy Maccabiah Olympics  
\$35 - 4/23 H2O Extravaganza



## 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!**

### November 2016

1 Samuel Bernbaum  
1 Dr. Allan Clayman  
1 Rabbi Steven Engel  
1 Dori Gerber  
2 Julie Begani  
2 Arlene Guss  
2 Justin Hendelson  
2 Velaina Koren  
2 Mark Kruger  
2 Deborah Mintzer  
2 Marian Posdamer  
2 Jacob Robinson  
2 Shelley Taylor  
2 Jennifer Warren  
2 Gavin Wheeler  
3 Andrea Anderson  
3 Scott Miller  
3 Andrew Paolantonio  
3 Joshua Paolantonio  
3 Julia Saffer-D'Anna  
4 Cassandra Flores  
5 Judy Albertson  
5 Sarah Kunkel  
5 Mia Wolman  
6 Taylor Hayes  
6 Reese Odza  
6 Claire Rosenberg  
7 Joshua Kahky  
7 Matthew Maulfair  
7 Mitch Menaker  
7 Charles Steinmetz  
8 Ashlyn Hoffman  
8 Simon Snyder  
8 Matthew Steinmetz  
9 Michelle Carlton  
9 Bernis Hecht  
9 Brooke Levitt  
9 Kevin Perry  
10 Jake Wheeler  
12 Lillian Fender  
12 Seth Kaplan  
12 Nicole Mastando  
12 Jamie Mendelsohn  
12 Keith Schiff  
12 Jill Theisen  
13 Jeanne Armbrust  
13 Sarah Fidelo  
13 Stan Heyman  
13 Danny Rosenblum  
13 Judith Schaffer  
13 Jordan Spector  
14 Michael Falk  
14 Raleigh Kaplan  
14 Herbert Mendelsohn  
14 Toby Mendelsohn  
14 Janna Ossinsky  
14 Dennis Pope  
14 Katie Reents  
14 Riley Wilcox  
15 Danielle Leavitt  
15 Brady Sanchez  
15 Natasha Scornik  
16 Jill Shargaa

17 Harrison Gold  
17 Ruth Wallace  
18 Barbara Aggarwal  
18 Sarah Cantor  
18 Nathan Eyal  
18 Heidi Fiacco  
18 Jack Freeman  
18 Alice Gamson  
18 Rosalind Greenhut  
18 Kari Miller  
18 Joshua Weiss  
19 Joshua Birnholz  
20 Beverly Herman  
20 David Newman  
20 Sarah Peisner  
20 Brian Wheeler  
21 Afsahneh Eframian  
21 Jan Ellington  
21 Jordan Ellington  
21 Jory Engel  
21 Cody Hendersen  
21 Benjamin Makler  
21 Faye Wall  
21 James Welch  
22 Lee Chepenik  
22 Mark Hayes  
22 Rachel Schuster  
23 Edith Mintzer  
23 Betty Monroe  
23 Marc Ossinsky  
23 Trecia Wiener  
24 Arlene Blackmore  
24 Barry Kudlowitz  
25 Gayle Reis  
25 Jeffrey Wilcox  
26 Lois Alpert  
26 Linda Bender  
26 Sarah Blechman  
26 Bradley Freed  
26 Jay Glick  
26 Sharon Kudlowitz  
26 Tanjuiming Marx  
26 Gillia Silver  
27 Corinne Brunswick  
27 Jason Chepenik  
27 Susan McKenna  
27 Sallee Ann Rosen  
27 Allison Watzman  
28 David Albertson  
28 Danny Lukacs  
28 Michael Masur  
28 Teresa Paolantonio  
28 Alissa Zimbardi  
29 Gary Borenstein  
29 Debbie Kantor  
29 Steven Madow  
29 Michael Meyer  
29 Liza Pinsky  
29 Colby Turner  
30 Isabella Barkin  
30 Judith Isaacson  
30 Madison Watkins

### December 2016

1 Dana Demsky  
1 Linda Kassof  
1 Ava Rappaport  
2 Doug Anderson  
2 Brittany Armbrust  
2 David Borenstein  
3 Susan Harman  
3 Adam Tanielian  
4 Nadia Fakira  
4 Diane Horowitz  
4 Jeffrey Lang  
4 Hayden Lehr  
4 Suzanne Salzman  
4 Samara Schwartz  
4 Jason Silver  
4 Barbara Silverman  
6 Melvin Kohn  
6 Abigail Kutschinski  
6 Bethanne Weiss  
6 Karen Wolman  
7 David Armbrust  
7 Cathi Epstein  
7 Ian Pope  
7 Charles Render  
7 Nina Scanlon  
8 Leah Hayes  
8 Mimi Hull  
8 Mark Levitt  
8 Elizabeth Stack  
8 Marni Ward  
9 Adam Berger  
9 Michael Conrad  
9 Sheri Croft  
9 Alan Helman  
9 Danielle Mastando  
9 Renner Silver  
9 Adam Yeager  
10 Jill Goldsmith  
10 Shelby Kurland  
10 Jonathan Landa  
10 Miriam Pope  
11 Owen Marx  
11 Lucas Mastando  
11 Jessica Nolte  
11 Matthew Poteshman  
12 Jodi Ackerman  
12 Lisa Gold  
12 Kyle Spector  
13 Michele Bloom  
13 Andrea Eliscu  
13 Joseph Herman  
13 John Lehr  
13 Brad Lipkin  
13 Mickey Meyers  
13 Jacob H. Rappaport  
13 Leah Unell  
14 Robert Birnholz  
15 Karen Anderson  
15 Jonathan Knudsen  
15 Marvin Newman  
15 Dana Shimkoski  
15 Hal Shimkoski

15 Michael Slone  
15 Beverly B. Smith  
15 Laura Toye  
16 Malcolm David  
16 Valerie Feldman  
16 Etta Lazarus  
16 Ryan Leavitt  
16 Ella Miller  
16 Mark Theisen  
17 Gideon Alper  
17 Stacy Conrad  
17 Marilyn S. Goldman  
17 Aaron Smargon  
18 Elwood Dodge  
18 Richard Fleming  
18 Ellen Prague  
18 Audrey Unger  
19 Richard Cantor  
19 Les Goldberg  
19 Asher Pinsky  
19 Mindy Warren  
20 Aaron Isler  
20 Adam Milsom  
21 Diane Sanchez  
21 Gary Weissman  
22 Nan Bressler  
22 Julia Kahky  
22 Arnold Sherman  
22 Brian Yeager  
23 Philis Intro  
23 Valerie Silberstein  
24 Mitchell Maulfair  
25 Austin David  
25 Wendy Fisher  
25 Lorie Lee  
26 Mark Ackerman  
26 Jeremie Brunswick  
26 Marni Chepenik  
26 Avery Bayla Silverman  
27 Eric Adelson  
27 Gary Becker  
27 Morton Bender  
27 Larry Feinberg  
27 Emma Coco Fiore  
27 Bette Ann Leider  
27 Brian Sasser  
28 Spencer Dyen  
28 Casey Henderson  
28 James Knudsen  
28 Sophia Smith  
28 Marsha Stein  
28 Jessica Watzman  
28 William Zornek  
29 Stephanie Schott  
29 Susan Ventura  
30 Dan Bachrach  
30 Jaden Slone  
31 Luis Flores  
31 Gail Gold  
31 Kayla Gould  
31 Allyson Wolman



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

### November 2016

1 Charles & Carol Haile  
2 Jonathan & Rika Albert  
2 Richard & Gayle Reis  
2 Lee & Renee Seltzer  
3 Marty & Emily Glickstein  
3 John & Katie Lehr  
5 Philip & Dale Perreault  
6 Dan Freeman & Zena Sulkes-Freeman  
6 Wayne & Shelley Taylor  
7 Mati Braun & Rachel Heimovics-Braun  
7 Melvin & Betty Kohn  
8 Martin & Ellen Prague  
8 Marc & Heather Schwartzberg  
9 Larry & Cathy Slung  
10 Rob & Becca Bauer  
11 Lee & Elizabeth Bernbaum  
11 Mark & Jodi Hayes  
12 Joseph & Lindsay Schwartz  
13 David & Judy Rosen  
15 Marc & Maggie Morrison  
16 Marvin & Judith Schaffer  
19 Mark & Stephanie Freid  
19 Norman & Mimi Hull  
19 Jeffrey & Sheila Keiner  
21 Gary & Andi Gould  
21 Brent & Felecia Ziegler  
22 Todd & Wendy Cronson  
23 Stuart Lewis & Dana Sussmann Lewis  
23 Jeffrey & Bonnie Yarmuth  
24 Harold & Rosalind Kaplan  
24 Tim & Michele Niemi  
25 Steven & Laurie Bedell  
27 Mark & Jodi Ackerman  
27 Paul Hansman & Lynn Esko  
28 Jeffrey & Renee Kaplan  
30 Michael & Darren Oback

### December 2016

1 Lawrence & Cathi Epstein  
2 Jack & Catherine Adler  
2 Chris & Jessica Brannan  
7 Brian MacLeod & Debra Sirkin  
8 David & Risa Katz  
8 Christopher & Heather Sauls  
11 Jeffrey & Heather Barkin  
14 Bert & Ronni Schoemann  
16 William & Adrienne Katz  
17 Sean Bogle & Lauren Sigman-Bogle  
18 Seymour & Peggy Benson  
19 Stan & Robyn Heyman  
20 Barry & Sharon Kudlowitz  
20 Steven & Elizabeth Stack  
21 Greg & Diane Warren  
22 Albert Gross & Linda Flower Gross  
23 Arnold & Lynne Sherman  
24 George & Jackie Greenblatt  
26 Kol & Judy Brand  
26 Michael & Ava Maxwell  
26 Jack & Del Titen  
27 Eric & Andrea Adelson  
28 Lee & Marni Chepenik  
28 Alan & Laura Landerman  
29 Tim & Tracey Dunbrack  
29 Michael & Andrea Sperling  
30 Darren & Rachel Pierce

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](mailto:jbegani@crjorlando.org)

## November/December Donations

### **ALLAN BURNSTINE FUND**

#### **Karen Burnstine**

In memory of father, Maury Baruth  
In honor of Joanne Fink for being a dear friend  
In honor of the granddaughter of Avron & Sandra Satill

### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN FUND**

#### **Seymour & Peggy Benson**

In memory of Margie Blau

### **The Peisner Family**

In memory of Michael Peisner

### **CANTOR HAROLD DWORKIN**

#### **LRC FUND**

#### **Jean Becker**

In memory of Cantor Harold Dworkin  
In memory of Charles Zell

### **CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

#### **Beverly B. Smith**

In memory of Daniel Rosen

### **Bernard Ginsberg**

In loving memory of Betty Ginsberg

### **Melanie & Harold Forman**

In memory of Meyer Forman

### **Sallie Brown & Mark Pinsky**

In memory of Joe Brown

### **Robert Kushner**

In memory of Rose Kushner

### **Deborah Goldring**

In memory of beloved mother, Ruth Sachner

### **Paul & Barbara Grossman**

In honor of Susan Bierman's honor from the Heritage

### **Allison Levie**

In honor of Cantor Jacki for her compassion

### **Beverly B. Smith**

In memory of beloved sister, Renee Maguhn

### **Betty & Mel Kohn**

In memory of Helen Leberfinger Eckley

### **Susan McKenna**

In memory of Helen Leberfinger Eckley

### **Marty & Emily Glickstein**

In memory of Helen Leberfinger Eckley, mother of Bill Yahner  
In memory of Gertrude Birchwood, mother of Hank Wolf, grandmother of Stephen Wolf

### **Michael & Diane Meyer**

In memory of Helen Leberfinger Eckley  
In memory of Jack Eckley

### **CULTURAL ARTS FUND**

#### **Ellen & Simon Snyder**

In memory of Jules Saslow, beloved father of Risa Nicholson

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Morah VanDemark's 3rd Grade class sound the shofar with Rabbi Engel



A hearty tekiah from Nathaniel!



First graders Addison & Bethel dress the Torah



Reese props up the shofar on Rabbi Engel's shoulder



Bradleigh sounds the shofar!



Homemade apple baskets from Shaina and Sadie!



Thanks for dressing the Torah Rowan & Mason!



Micah stretches to place the Torah crowns!



Maddison, Abby, and Gillia make Hineni portraits!



Shofar blast from Sam!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped in making CRJ's Hot Topic with the 3 Wise Guys a wonderful success!



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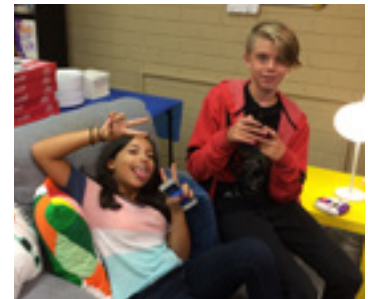


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GORFTY and JR. GORFTY Launch parties were a success and our teens had so much fun! For more information and if your child is in grades 7-12 visit <https://crjorlando.org/youth-engagement> for more information!



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Mah Jongg 7pm Mah Jongg	2 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7pm Cultural Arts Open House	3 11:30am Seniors Bd Meeting 7pm ABM 7:30pm Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World	4 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Service	5 Bat Mitzvah of Mia Wolman 10am Shabbat Service 7pm CRJ CASINO AND GAME NIGHT
6 Daylight Savings Ends School of Chai 12:30pm Club 58— Gameshow Mania 1pm Mah Jongg Tournament	7 5:30pm YALE	8 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	9 School of Chai 7:15pm Board Meeting	10 7pm ABM 7:30pm Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World	11 7pm Shabbat Service	12 Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Robinson 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
13 School of Chai 10:30am History of CRJ 11:30am 3rd Grade Kabbalat Ivrit 12:30pm Chaverim Animal Show	14 5:30pm YALE	15 10:30am Book Club 6:30pm Mah Jongg	16 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 5pm 5th Grade Parent Meeting 7pm Program Council	17 12pm Seniors Program 7pm ABM 7:30pm Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World	18 7pm Shabbat Service	19 E'nal Mitzvah of Julia Stein and Kori Theisen  10am Shabbat Service
20 School of Chai  12:30pm Pee Wees and Yeladim - Big-As -Life Board Games	21 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:45pm Serve the Homeless 7pm ABM	22	23 No School of Chai	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> CRJ Office Closed	25 CRJ Office Closed 6pm Shabbat Service	26 10am Shabbat Service
27 No School of Chai	28 5:30pm YALE	29	30 School of Chai 12pm Torah Study 7:30pm Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:30am Seniors Bd Meeting 7pm: ABM 7pm: "Children of Abraham - Bridges for Peace"	2 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Service	3 10am Shabbat Service Adult B'nai Mitzvah
4 School of Chal	5 5:30pm YALE	6 6:30pm Mah Jongg	7 School of Chal 12pm Torah Study 7:30pm Living an Ethical Life in a Crazy World	8 7pm: "Children of Abraham - Bridges for Peace"	9 7pm Shabbat Service	10 Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Perreault 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
11 School of Chal 3rd Grade Mishpacha Day 12:30pm Pee Wees and Yeladim - Chanukah Carnival	12 5:30pm YALE	13 10:30am Book Club 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	14 School of Chal 12pm Torah Study 7:15pm Board Meeting	15 12pm Seniors Program	16 6pm Shabbat Service 6pm Club 58 Shabbaton 7pm Chanukah Dinner	17 10am Shabbat Service
18 School of Chal School Chanukah Event	19 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:30pm YALE 5:45pm Serve the Homeless	20 6:30pm Mah Jongg	21 No School of Chal	22	23 6pm Shabbat Service	24 1ST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH 10am Shabbat Service
25 CHANUKAH 2 No School of Chal Christmas Meals on Wheels and Hubbard House	26 CHANUKAH 3 CHRISTMAS CRJ Closed	27 CHANUKAH 4	28 CHANUKAH 5 No School of Chal 7pm Rosh Chodesh	29 CHANUKAH 6	30 CHANUKAH 7 6pm Shabbat Service	31 CHANUKAH 8 10am Shabbat Service

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