

CHAI



November / December 2017

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PARADE of PARTIES

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

2017 PARTY HOSTS

Lynn and Wayne Dictor
Back by popular demand, join us for another year of hysterical interactive games hosted by actor, playwright, and of course, MondayMovie Reviewer, Michael Wanzie. You'll laugh, enjoy adult beverages, great food...and be sure to look out for a flashy showgirl (?) wearing a "bagel" dress.
(Adult Humor)

Barbara and Anil Aggarwal
Fall Feast With Friends Wine and dine with friends! A relaxing evening of conversation, libation, delicious dinner, and delectable desserts.

Hali and Michael Potesman
Italian Antics... Join us for an evening of Pantomime, Pasta, Parmesan Chicken, and PLENTY of drinks. Put your antics on display and get ready to play charades while enjoying a catered Italian dinner from Francesco's.

No Party at All
By contributing to the 2017 "No Party At All," individuals are donating what they normally would spend on a one night, high-class party to support CRJ and the programs it provides for the community and its members.

Michael and Pam Kancher & Rabbi Steven and Beverly Engel
A multi-course meal featuring different ethnic cuisines and tastes using special recipes and spices from a 2017 James Beard Award Winning Chef.

Parties fill up fast! Register today!
Register at www.crjorlando.org/calendar
\$50 per person | \$36 per person School of Chai Families
All proceeds to benefit Congregation of Reform Judaism.

SOLD OUT



from the President:

Susan McKenna



Please help CRJ offset the costs incurred due to Hurricane Irma by making a High Holy Day pledge this year. Thank you for giving as generously as you are able!"

Erev Rosh Hashanah remarks..

It's hard to describe the feelings of happiness and relief I'm experiencing right now, seeing all of you in our beautiful sanctuary. Just 4 1/2 days ago, thanks to Hurricane Irma, we were not at all certain we'd be able to hold services on our campus tonight.

I know, I know – some say Jews tend to be overly pessimistic, so maybe you think I'm exaggerating. I'm reminded of the description of three different people facing the same circumstance. The Italian says, "I'm so tired and thirsty. I must have wine!" The Irish person says, "I'm so tired and thirsty. I must have whiskey!" The Jew says, "I'm so tired and thirsty. I must have diabetes!" But trust me when I say that pessimism had nothing to do with it. In truth, we came very close to not being able to meet in this building tonight.

Not only were we without power until Saturday night and without phone and Internet service until Monday, but CRJ also suffered a considerable amount of damage from the storm. Felled tree limbs completely blocked our main driveway and some walkways. The mature tree in the front yard was uprooted and fell squarely on our sign, damaging it and creating a major clean up task. Our large storage shed in the back was demolished and most of its contents ruined. We lost fencing and incurred some roof damage. Executive Director Michael Kancher, one of the hardest working people I know, had an incredibly daunting, additional "to do" list with the High Holy Days just around the corner.

CRJ's damages obviously pale in comparison to losses suffered by many others, perhaps even you or someone you know. Our thoughts and prayers tonight are with the victims of Harvey, Irma, Jose and now Maria. But our damages were so extensive and the loss of power was so prolonged that Rabbi Engel, tapping into one of his many connections in the interfaith community, secured the agreement of a local church to host us on Rosh Hashanah if such proved necessary.

Happily, two factors came into play that obviated the need to accept that church's generous offer. First, we got lucky. After a week's outage, our power finally was

restored in just barely enough time to complete all of the extensive preparations necessary to hold services here. 36 hours later would have been too late. So luck is one factor explaining why we are able to worship here tonight.

But the second factor was equally important. Many of our congregants came together over the course of the last 10 days to help our staff members chainsaw trees, collect debris, empty and dismantle the storage shed, clean up landscaping, and then in the last 3 days assist in the office to complete all of the many tasks that had been delayed by the storm. Without these hard working and cheerful volunteers, we would not be in a position to ring in the new year on our campus.

So, our recent hurricane experience proves that luck is sometimes very important to achieving a positive outcome. But effort and enthusiasm –the contributions of committed, big-hearted people – are always critical to success. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank the committed and big-hearted people of this congregation for the effort and enthusiasm that enable us to usher in 5778 in our own temple home.

Understandably many members did not have the time or means to be able to pitch in as a volunteer, and some of you have reached out to me wanting to help somehow. Well, yes, you can help in a very meaningful way. If you are able, please make an additional, generous High Holy Days pledge this year. Many of the hard costs we incurred are not recoverable from insurance and any financial help you can provide to offset these extraordinary expenses would be very welcome indeed. Please, give as generously as you are able.

This congregation's response to the hurricane was really a microcosm of what CRJ is about all year long, and why I am so proud to serve as President. Through the effort and enthusiasm of our member volunteers, partnering with a small but mighty staff, CRJ was able to succeed on so many fronts last year, as it has in years past.

We remain debt-free and – at least until Irma – on budget after a very successful spring fundraiser spearheaded by Events & Marketing Manager Julie Begani, with a long-term goal of achieving financial stability through the CRJ Foundation. Our new youth programs and YALA University for teens rolled out to great acclaim, and Lauren Oback, Director of Programming and Youth Engagement, reports that this year's participation numbers are even better. We had our first confirmation class in many years last May, a truly joyous event. That same month, under Cantor Jacki's leadership, we offered our first Cultural Arts weekend jam-packed with arts oriented programming and workshops. Hebrew proficiency scores among our students improved and parental evaluations remained high thanks to Director of Education Sheryl Sacharoff and her talented team of teachers, tutors and madraheim. Believe me, I could go

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**from the Director of Education:
Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D**

In this space, mistakes are expected, respected, inspected and corrected.

While listening to an online concert with contemporary Jewish musician, Dan Nichols, I heard him refer to the above quote that he saw on a poster hanging in his daughter’s classroom. Just like Nichols, it struck me as such an important idea for both students and their teachers. Judaism certainly teaches us that mistakes are part of life and that we can take charge of them, and in fact, correct them. All of us who worshipped together on Yom Kippur know that allowing ourselves the space to say that we are sorry for the things that we didn’t do so well and to be able to start anew is most important.

Studies have been done in the field of education on the effects of making mistakes on learning. Carol Dweck, a leading researcher in the field of education, has done innovative work in the area of understanding failure. One of her research studies demonstrated the differences between telling students that they did well because they are smart vs telling students that they showed tremendous effort. The group of fifth graders in one particular study responded to the feedback in much different ways. Both groups were given a basic test and most students achieved high scores. Those who

were told that they did well on the assignment because they were very smart chose to continue with a project that was not as challenging as the students who were told that they did well because they demonstrated great effort. Dweck refers to the differences in motivation as a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. Those who were praised for their efforts over their intelligence were more likely to have growth mindsets along with the understanding that mistakes are an important part of learning. Those who were praised for their intelligence were more likely to see mistakes as simply failure and were therefore scared to reach higher.

As teachers and as parents, we all want to see our children develop resilience and to not be afraid of their mistakes. Some of the ideas that I believe are helpful in guiding our children to develop fortitude are:

- Help children to see that perfection is not expected.
- Focus on guiding children in finding solutions to mistakes in order to develop a growth mindset.
- Be a role model and share some of your own mistakes and what you learned from them.
- As Judaism teaches, teach them to take responsibility for their mistakes and to apologize to others that may have been hurt.

In this space, mistakes are expected, respected, inspected and corrected.

L’Shalom,
Sheryl



*“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**



from the Director of Programming and Youth Engagement

Lauren Oback

November is upon us, which means Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Although I am thankful for all of the blessings in my life, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to show thanks and truly introduce you to our amazing team of CRJ Youth Advisors and Jr. Youth Advisors. We do so many exciting and innovative things throughout the year, that ultimately lead to meaningful interactions and meaningful experiences, but none of it would be possible without these wonderful human beings.



Blaine Smith, CRJ Youth Advisor

Blaine is a 24 year old graduate from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in political science. This is his second year with CRJ youth. Blaine spent this past summer at the URJ Camp Coleman where he was unit head for the 5th grade unit. He absolutely loved this experience and hopes to go back next summer! Blaine really enjoys working with all of our 6 youth groups and plans on becoming a youth director one day. When he is not with the youth group he enjoys playing basketball and going to the beach. Blaine is excited for another year with CRJ and can't wait to see what it has in store!



Sarah Cotler, CRJ Youth Advisor

Sarah is new to CRJ and will be working with our youth group and Kids Kehillah programs. Originally from South Florida, she has a lot of experience working with Jewish youth. She was very involved in youth group growing up and was active in NFTY-STR and URJ camps. She is now going into her 5th year at the University of Central Florida and is studying Event Management. She has interned for the Central Florida Hillel and has worked in a variety of positions at URJ Camp Coleman for the last 4 years. Sarah is so excited to get to know the kids at CRJ and be a part of the team!



Jr. Advisors (Atid Program)

Atid, (Hebrew for future) support the CRJ Youth Program by serving as Jr. Youth Advisors. Our Atid program offers 8th-

12th grade teens the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, to increase self-confidence, express Jewish values, and learn group leading techniques by assisting Youth Advisors during youth programs. Jr. Youth Advisors are selected through an application process. We are very excited to introduce you to them!

Seth Armbrust - Jr. Advisor to Chaverim, Club56 and Jr. GORFTY

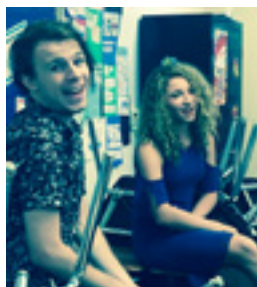
Georgia Bernbaum - Jr. Advisor to Pee-Wees and Yeladim

Sam Fender - Jr. Advisor to Chaverim and Club56

Lexi Landa - Jr. Advisor to Chaverim and Club56

Will Zornek - Jr. Advisor to Pee-Wees, Yeladim and Chaverim

Enjoy some special musical moments of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5778 featuring our talented Adult Choir, Kol Tikvah Youth Choir, Shir Joy Teen Ensemble and Shirim Ensemble Members





"Prime Time Line Up" EVENT SCHEDULE

Updated 10/6/17

RSVP for all programs online at <https://crjorlando.org/calendar/>

THURSDAY, **CHAIR YOGA** 12:00pm
 October 19th with Candace Martin \$7
 & Bagel/Lox Lunch

THURSDAY, **TRIVIA** 5:30PM
 November 16th **+ TACOS** \$7

THURSDAY, Lake Brantley Choir 12:00pm
 December 14th Holiday Performance

THURSDAY, **Painting** 5:30PM
 January 18th **& Pizza** \$8

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MITZVAH DAY

ONE DAY, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
 9:30AM-12:30PM

STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LAUREN ORACK | LORACK@CRJORLANDO.ORG

Coming to CRJ
 This Purim....



ESTHER
 A PERSIAN MUSICAL

By: Cantor Jamie Marx
 Music by: Lin-Manuel Miranda
 Directed by Cantor Jacqueline Rawiser

2.24.18

CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR SHOT TO AUDITION
 ON DEC. 14TH AT 7PM

TO SCHEDULE YOUR AUDITION TIME, PLEASE RSVP TO ANNIE
 AT AHERNANDEZ@CRJORLANDO.ORG BEFORE DEC 8, 2017

Join us for a fun & cozy celebration

Pajama Havdalah Party



Children
ages 6
& under

Saturday, November 18th | 5:30pm
Congregation of Reform Judaism

\$18 Per
Family

What is Havdalah?

The Havdalah service marks the end of Shabbat. Blessings are made over a cup of wine, sweet spices & a special twisted candle.

- Everyone should wear their favorite pajamas!
- Pizza
- Fun Crafts
- Story Time with Rabbi Engel & Cantor Jacki
- Interactive Glow Stick Havdalah
- Special Dessert

Register online by
November 13th!
crjorlando.org/calendar/



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A Eight-Week Course on Basic Judaism

Wednesday Evenings

7:00 - 9:00pm

January 17, 24, 31

February 7, 21 March 7, 21, 28

Join Us!

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the Holocaust, Modern Israel, Ritual Objects,
the Differences between Judaism & Christianity

Experience. . . .

Page of the Talmud, Jewish Cooking, the Jewish Internet

Find Out What Judaism Says About. . . .

God & Prayer, Circumcision & Afterlife

\$80 per person/ \$130 per couple. The fee will cover
supplementary materials & food. Books are extra;
a link will be e-mailed out so everyone can order their
books.

Open To The Community

928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

Register online at www.crorlando.org/adult-education

PosterMyWall.com



Team Rescue - helping clear the CRJ campus after Hurricane Irma





Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

This is Sisterhood

We are each of us unique, but we do not stand alone.

When joy abounds for one of us, we all celebrate;
When sorrow envelopes one of us, we all shed tears.

This is Sisterhood.

We are each of us unique, but we do not stand alone.

When success comes to one of us, we all rejoice;
When failure reaches one of us, we all strive to recover.

This is Sisterhood.

We are each of us unique, but we do not stand alone.

When one of us gives birth, we all share the simcha;
When death descends in our midst, we are all diminished.

This is Sisterhood.

We are each of us unique, but we do not stand alone.

When one of us chooses to pursue a goal,
We band together in common purpose.

When one of us finds the path too steep,
We push and pull together in common strength.

This is Sisterhood.

We bring to each other the warmth of family.

We share in the presence and the promise of each other.

We gather strength from the past to develop faith
in the future.

This is Sisterhood. From Covenant of the Generations: New Prayers, Poems, and Meditations from Women of Reform Judaism, 2013.

We invite all women to join CRJ Sisterhood for our upcoming events:

- **November 9, 2017, 7-9 PM** - Wine Arts: nosh, drink, and create some fabulous art!
- **December 15, 2017** - Chanukah Dinner
- **January 21, 2018** - YES Fund Luncheon & Fashion Show honoring Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff
- **March 31, 2018** - Passover Seder: 2nd Night led by Clergy Asst. Gary Becker

Come join us, get to know us, and join our mission to make CRJ and the world a better place!

Get all the latest updates from our Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115881329071481/>
Sisterhood Co-Presidents, Allison Levie & Jean White



Cantor Jacki and Rabbi Engel with a generation of CRJ kids

Before the 1000 Ministers March this photo was taken of URJ, RAC, CCAR and ACC leadership.



We invite you to join the Rabbi, Cantor, and your congregational family for fun-themed Erev Shabbat Services



Friday, November 10th

This laid-back casual Shabbat service will feature wonderful music and liturgy! Make sure to wear your Blue Jeans!



Friday, December 1st

Get out your 60's tie-dye for a flower power Shabbat Service featuring wonderful music and liturgy. This is also a perfect service for the entire family!



Join Rabbi Engel for a Jewish Heritage Tour to Poland and Germany June 10-22, 2018. For more information, visit www.crojlando.org/heritagetour



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
- If you or someone you know needs this support, please contact CRJ's Care Team Director, Beverly Smith



WHAT THE CRJ HOSPITAL TEAM DOES FOR CRJ CONGREGANTS:

- Visiting the hospital when a congregant is admitted for an extended stay
 - Celebrating Shabbat and holidays with congregants in the hospital
 - Being a cheery face to talk to during hospital stays!
- If you would like a member of the Hospital Team to visit you, please contact Beverly Smith

Beverly Smith can be reached at 407-461-1663 or thetink@hotmail.com



No experience necessary—just come try it!



Torah Study

Wednesdays 12:00 PM– 1:00 PM
(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.



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:

- Kislev 11/15 7:00 PM
- Tevet 12/18 7:00 PM

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

For further information, please contact Annie at Ahernandez@crjorlando.org



Shabbat Yoga

Saturday November 18th at 10:00 AM
Saturday December 16th at 10:00 AM

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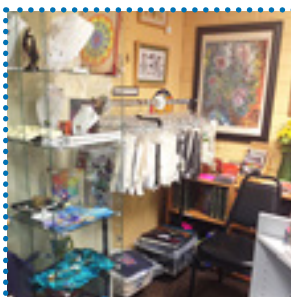
go on and on about the many successful committees, events, programs, classes and services CRJ offered last year.

Suffice it to say that the past year demonstrates how CRJ's members and staff can achieve much, and can weather any storm, by coming together with selfless effort and great enthusiasm. Together, we can continue to create a temple community that is genuinely compassionate, personally enriching and generous of spirit for all.

I wish you and your families an especially sweet new year.

Shanah tovah.

Susan



Sisterhood Gift Shop

Let the Sisterhood gift shop inspire you with our new series:

"Chanukah Around the World"

Check out our display windows featuring "Chanukah in Italy".

- Decorations, ideas and charming gifts will add to your holiday fun, not to mention learning about the Jews of Rome, Florence and Venice!!!
- Variety of Chanukah candles, decorations and gifts for all waiting for you at the shop

Gifts for all occasions and Judaica merchandise always available.

- Large selection of tallit sets -already markdown !!!
- Our "Nobody Loves Me " table is overflowing with bargains.

Gift shop is owned and operated by the CRJ Sisterhood. All proceeds go to CRJ and Steinmetz School of Chai for materials and improvements.

Regular volunteer hours are 9:45 AM-12:45 PM when Religious school is in session. Otherwise, call the office on Monday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 1 PM, and Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call first so a staff member can be available to help you.



Mazel Tov

Benjamin & Alexandra Weinberg on the birth of their daughter, Elena Joy in September.

Kimberly Leabu & Dr. Barry Weinstock on their recent engagement.

Camy Schwam-Wilcox on her Star of the Bar Award from the Orange County Bar Association Foundation.



Sheloshim List

Zichronam Livracha, May their memories be for a blessing

Edward Ackerman, Grandfather of Alexandra Weinberg

Lowell Steinfeld, Friend of Phillip Rosenberg

Lorena Levy Simons, Mother of Dorey Wolf

Corinne Gumson, Mother of Michele Niemi and Grandmother of Sean & Jacob

David Berman, Father of Robin Angel

Harold Landey, Beloved Member

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner

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Friday, December 15, 2017

Service: 6:00pm Dinner to follow
Bring your Chanukkiah and candles!

Adults \$ 16 | Children (under 13) \$ 11

Seniors \$14 | Family of 4 (2 children under 13) - \$45

RSVP by December 8, 2017 -This is a must!

Youth Choir will perform

Contact Beverly Smith thetink@hotmail.com

RSVP Online at www.crjorlando.org/calendar

Sukkot at CRJ



Sisterhood Brunch



Mah Jongg

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 2017

1 Samuel Bernbaum	14 Toby Mendelsohn
1 Allan Clayman	14 Janna Ossinsky
1 Rabbi Steven Engel	14 Dennis Pope
1 Dori Gerber	14 Katie Reents
2 Julie Begani	14 Riley Wilcox
2 Leah Bisbee	15 Brady
2 Arlene Guss	15 Danielle Leavitt
2 Justin Hendelson	15 Natasha Scornik
2 Velaina Koren	16 Jill Shargaa
2 Mark Kruger	17 Harrison Gold
2 Deborah Mintzer	17 Ruth Wallace
2 Marian Posdamer	18 Barbara Aggarwal
2 Jacob Robinson	18 Sarah Cantor
2 Shelley Taylor	18 Nathan Eyal
2 Jennifer Warren	18 Heidi Fiacco
2 Gavin Wheeler	18 Jack Freeman
3 Andrea Anderson	18 Alice Gamson
3 Scott Miller	18 Rosalind Greenhut
3 Andrew Paolantonio	18 Kari Miller
3 Joshua Paolantonio	18 Joshua Weiss
3 Julia Saffer D'Anna	19 Joshua Birnholz
4 Cassandra Flores	20 Beverly Herman
5 Judy Albertson	20 David Newman
5 Sarah Kunkel	20 Sarah Peisner
5 Paige Rosenblatt	20 Brian Wheeler
5 Mia Wolman	21 Afsahneh Eframian
6 Reese Odza	21 Jan Ellington
6 Claire Rosenberg	21 Jordan Ellington
7 Joshua Kahky	21 Jory Engel
7 Matthew Maulfair	21 Cody Henderson
7 Charles Steinmetz	21 Benjamin Makler
8 Ashlyn Hoffman	21 Faye Wall
8 Mitch Menaker	21 James Welch
8 Simon Snyder	22 Joseph Begani
8 Matthew Steinmetz	22 Lee Chepenik
9 Michelle Carlton	22 Reid Intro
9 Bernis Hecht	23 Edith Mintzer
9 Brooke Levitt	23 Betty Monroe
9 Kevin Perry	23 Marc Ossinsky
10 Jake Wheeler	24 Arlene Blackmore
11 Jack Wilson	24 Barry Kudlowitz
12 Lillian Fender	25 Gayle Reis
12 Seth Kaplan	25 Jeffrey Wilcox
12 Nicole Mastando	26 Lois Alpert
12 Jamie Mendelsohn	26 Linda Bender
12 Keith Schiff	26 Sarah Blechman
12 Jill Theisen	26 Bradley Freed
13 Jeanne Armbrust	26 Jay Glick
13 Sarah Fidelo	26 Sharon Kudlowitz
13 Stan Heyman	26 T'anjuiming Marx
13 Danny Rosenblum	26 Gillia Silver
13 Judith Schaffer	27 Corinne Brunschwig
13 Jordan Spector	27 Jason Chepenik
14 Shoshanah Dietz	27 Susan McKenna
14 Raleigh Kaplan	27 Sallee Ann Rosen
14 Herbert Mendelsohn	

December 2017

3 Susan Harman	16 Malcolm David
3 Adam Tanielian	16 Valerie Feldman
4 Nadia Fakira	16 Etta Lazarus
4 Diane Horowitz	16 Ryan Leavitt
4 Leslie Intro	16 Ella Miller
4 Jeffrey Lang	16 Mark Theisen
4 Hayden Lehr	17 Stacy Conrad
4 Suzanne Salzman	17 Marilyn Goldman
4 Samara Schwartz	17 Logan Intro
4 Jason Silver	17 Aaron Smargon
4 Barbara Silverman	18 Elwood Dodge
5 Jason Paul	18 Ellen Prague
6 Melvin Kohn	18 Audrey Unger
6 Abigail Kutschinski	19 Richard Cantor
6 Bethanne Weiss	19 Les Goldberg
6 Karen Wolman	19 Asher Pinsky
7 Cathi Epstein	19 Mindy Warren
7 Ian Pope	20 Aaron Isler
7 Charles Render	20 Adam Milsom
7 Nina Scanlon	21 Diane Sanchez
8 Mimi Hull	21 Gary Weissman
8 Mark Levitt	22 Julia Kahky
8 Elizabeth Stack	22 Arnold Sherman
8 Marni Ward	22 Brian Yeager
9 Adam Berger	23 Philis Intro
9 Michael Conrad	23 Robyn Lagina
9 Sheri Croft	23 Valerie Silberstein
9 Alan Helman	24 Sharon Gralish
9 Danielle Mastando	24 Mitchell Maulfair
9 Renner Silver	25 Austin David
9 Adam Yeager	25 Wendy Fisher
10 Jill Goldsmith	25 Lorie Lee
10 Shelby Kurland	26 Mark Ackerman
10 Jonathan Landa	26 Jeremie Brunschwig
10 Miriam Levy Pope	26 Marni Chepenik
11 Owen Marx	26 Avery Bayla Silverman
11 Lucas Mastando	27 Eric Adelson
11 Jessica Nolte	27 Gary Becker
11 Stacey Paul	27 Morton Bender
11 Matthew Potesman	27 Larry Feinberg
11 Erin Rosenblatt	27 Emma Coco Fiore
12 Jodi Ackerman	27 Bette Ann Leider
12 Rachel Barkowitz	27 Brian Sasser
12 Lisa Gold	28 Casey Henderson
12 Kyle Spector	28 James Knudsen
13 Michele Bloom	28 Rebecca Kurzon
13 Andrea Eliscu	28 Marsha Stein
13 Joseph Herman	28 Jessica Watzman
13 John Lehr	28 William Zornek
13 Jacob H. Rappaport	29 Ryan Rudd
13 Leah Unell	29 Stephanie Schott
14 Robert Birnholz	29 Susan Ventura
15 Jonathan Knudsen	30 Dan Bachrach
15 Marvin Newman	30 Natasha Rudd
15 Mason Osber	30 Jaden Slone
15 Dana Shimkoski	31 Rebekah Barkowitz
15 Hal Shimkoski	31 Luis Flores
15 Michael Slone	31 Gail Gold
15 Beverly B. Smith	31 Kayla Gould
15 Laura Toye	31 Allyson Wolman

Anniversaries

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

November 2017

- Charles & Carol Haile
- Jonathan & Rika Albert
- Richard & Gayle Reis
- Lee & Renee Seltzer
- Marty & Emily Glickstein
- John & Katie Lehr
- Jason & Stacey Paul
- Philip & Dale Perreault
- Dan Freeman & Zena Sulkes Freeman
- Wayne & Shelley Taylor
- Mati Braun & Rachel Heimovics Braun
- Melvin & Betty Kohn
- Martin & Ellen Prague
- Larry & Cathy Slung
- Rob & Becca Bauer
- Lee & Elizabeth Bernbaum
- Joseph & Lindsay Schwartz
- David & Judy Rosen
- Marc & Maggie Morrison
- Marvin & Judith Schaffer
- Mark & Stephanie Freid
- Norman & Mimi Hull
- Jeffrey & Sheila Keiner
- Gary & Andi Gould
- Brent & Felecia Ziegler
- Stuart Lewis & Dana Sussmann Lewis
- Jeffrey & Bonnie Yarmuth
- Harold & Rosalind Kaplan
- Tim & Michele Niemi
- Steven & Laurie Bedell
- Mark & Jodi Ackerman
- Jeffrey & Renee Kaplan
- Michael & Lauren Oback

December 2017

- Lawrence & Cathi Epstein
- Jack & Catherine Adler
- Brian MacLeod & Debra Sirkin
- David & Risa Katz
- Christopher & Heather Sauls
- Jeffrey & Heather Barkin
- Bert & Ronni Schoemann
- William & Adrienne Katz
- Sean Bogle & Lauren Sigman Bogle
- Irv & Vicky Benedon
- Seymour & Peggy Benson
- Stan & Robyn Heyman
- Barry & Sharon Kudlowitz
- Steven & Elizabeth Stack
- Greg & Diane Warren
- Albert Gross & Linda Flower Gross
- Mitch Menaker & Jacki Rawiszer
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Chanukah (alternately spelled Hanukkah), meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. The modern home celebration of Hanukkah centers around the lighting of the hanukkiyah, a special menorah for Hanukkah; foods prepared in oil including latkes (potato pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts); and special songs and games.

Chanukah Blessings

Candles are added to the hanukkiyah (menorah) from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the shamash (the helper candle) first, using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights. As you do, say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

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Sunday, February 25th | 12:30pm
CRJ Purim Carnival

Friday, March 2nd | 6pm
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Friday, April 13th | 6pm
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12 NFTY-STR Hatikvah Kallah 9:30 AM 5th Grade Mishpacha Day 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Chai-Lites (Klitzh Aleph) 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	13 5:30 PM YALA (7th-12th Grades)	14 10:30 AM CRJ Book Club 5:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	15 12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 5:00 PM 5th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Rosh Chodesh	16 5:30 PM Prime Timer's Trivia & Ticots 7:00 PM Caregiver's Connection	17 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	18 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Shabbat Yoga 5:30 PM Tots Pajama Havdalah
19 No School of Chai 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	20 NO YALA 9:30 AM Cooking for the Homeless @ CRJ 4:45 PM GORFTY 5:45 PM Serve homeless @ Coalition	21	22 No School of Chai	23	24 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	25 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
26 No School of Chai	27 5:30 PM YALA (7th-12th Grades)	28	29 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai	30 6:30 PM Brotherhood Poker Tournament	Dec 1	2



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