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from the Cantor:

Jacqueline Rawiszer

Welcome to the CRJ Coffeehouse!

Dictionary.com defines a coffeehouse as: Coffeehouse (kaw-fee-hous)
Noun, 1. A public place that specializes in serving coffee and other refreshments and that sometimes provides informal entertainment.

Often times you will find acoustic or indie rock, poetry readings and other performance genres presented in a laid back, comfy and chill atmosphere. I have always had an affinity for the coffeehouse scene, especially when there is some live local quality music playing.

One day, CRJ President Susan McKenna and I were brainstorming about some possible musical programs that would reach beyond the bimah and engage some of our professional talent at CRJ, especially younger members of the community. How could we create an environment that was super informal yet feature some of our gifted members?

The idea of the CRJ Coffeehouse was born. **On Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. the inaugural event of the CRJ Coffeehouse will kick off featuring the talented singer, songwriter and musician Paige Keiner.** Paige grew up and became Bat Mitzvah at CRJ and her parents Jeff and Sheila have been loyal supporters of our community for many years.

Paige Keiner has been performing with her own band since she was fifteen and can play guitar, piano and harmonica. She is currently enrolled at a prestigious University where she is double majoring in English and Music. Her first EP was released in October 2014 and titled *Throne*. The album is comprised of six tracks and garnered notable attention, even landing Paige a consideration for a 2015 GRAMMY nomination. *Throne* is available on iTunes and Amazon, and streaming on ReverbNation, YouTube and on PaigeKeiner.com. Paige has 11 new songs written and arranged, and is excited to release them in 2016.

This wonderful event is sure to wipe away the summertime blues. We hope to see you then!
B'shir (In Song),

Cantor Jacki

Summer Shabbat Service Schedule

**Fridays at 6pm - July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,
August 5, and 12**

Join us for a casual Erev Shabbat Service
in the Schott Family Chapel

7 pm Services in the Sanctuary will resume August 19

Friday, August 26 at 5:30pm

Special Tot and Preschool age Shabbat Service
with Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki

Friday, August 26 -

Welcome Back Shabbat!

6pm Dinner | 7pm Service | 8:15pm Oneg

RSVP by August 24th to

www.crjorlando.org

or 407-645-0444

(See back cover for more details)



from the President:

Susan McKenna

It is my genuine privilege to serve as the President of the CRJ Board of Directors following the election of the new Board at the Annual Meeting on May 18. I am appreciative of and humbled by those of you who have been so generous in your expressions of congratulations as I begin my tenure. As I stated at the Annual Meeting, although I'm sure I will make my share of mistakes along the way, please know that I will work hard and try my very best to further the interests of this wonderful congregation.

With a dedicated Board of Directors, both those who are continuing (thank you Ian, Camy, Cathy, Brian, Lynn, Mark and Mark) and those new to the Board (thank you, Frannie, Ana, Roberta and Karen), and an enthusiastic and caring staff (thank you Rabbi, Cantor, Michael, Sheryl, Julie, Annie, Arlene, Mike, and Jerry), we have two of the three ingredients necessary to ensure our temple continues to meet its important mission, namely: "... to offer a synagogue culture that is inviting and respectful, with inspiring worship services and programs that promote lifelong Jewish learning, within a caring, innovative and vibrant congregation."

What about the third ingredient to CRJ's continued success? Well, on that score our cup runneth over because we are blessed with the best group of auxiliary presidents and committee chairs any organization could desire. This group of hard-working lay leaders and the many dozens of volunteers who serve with them help makes CRJ hum with activity and fellowship. How fitting, then, that as one of my first tasks as President I was honored to recognize some of these dedicated individuals at the Membership Appreciation Shabbat on June 3. We are thankful to each and every one of you who give so generously of your time and talents:

Anil Aggarwal – Budget & Finance; Brotherhood President

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Gary Becker – Clergy Aide

Helene Becker – Interim Sisterhood President

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Frannie Haynes – Membership Appreciation

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Beverly Smith – Hospital Team; CARE Team

Ellen Snyder – Gift Shop

Marcy Turnbull – Boomers Plus

Nancy Walk – Leadership Development

Marni Ward – New Member Reception

Carolyn Weinstein – Sisterhood President

Exciting developments loom on the horizon. Our new Director of Programming and Youth Engagement, Lauren Oback, joins us on August 15 thanks in no small part to the generosity of those congregants who contributed to the High Holiday fund raising appeal last year. A dynamic new website is about to go live thanks to the tireless efforts of VP of Communications, Marketing & Social Media Brian Margolis and Events & Marketing Manager Julie Begani. Modifications to and improvements in our programming, operations, communications, youth engagement and educational offerings are all in the works.

Stay tuned, please – there is much to look forward to, I promise!

Welcome to new Director of Programming & Youth Engagement, Lauren Oback



Beginning August 15, 2016 the Congregation of Reform Judaism (CRJ) is thrilled to announce the addition of Director of Programming and Youth Engagement, Lauren Oback, to their team. Lauren is originally from Brooklyn and comes to CRJ from Congregation Kol Tikvah in Parkland, FL where

she served as the Director of Youth and Family Programming. At Kol Tikvah she was at the helm of several youth groups engaging over 300 children and teens, implemented Kol Tikvah Teen Camp, Camp Messibah for children grades K-7, and fabulous family programs.

Lauren began her career in Youth Engagement at Temple Beth Orr in Coral Springs. There, she taught in the Early Childhood Center, was the Director of Camp Yeladim, taught Religious School and served as Youth Director for the middle school and high school youth groups.

Lauren has been married to her husband, Michael, for almost 3 years and they have a dog named Lola. They enjoy cruising, traveling, tennis and spending time with their family. Spare time is spent enjoying sushi, anything and everything Harry Potter and video games!

Lauren is excited to expand the youth program at CRJ to include all ages, including tots and pre-school age children. She is looking forward to working with the CRJ Board, Parent Liaison Committee, GORFTY Board and staff to create and implement fun and diverse programming for children, teens, and our CRJ families!



from the Executive Director:

Michael Kancher

I am so excited to welcome Lauren Oback (and her husband Mike), our new Director of Programming and Youth Engagement, to our CRJ family.

Lauren brings a wealth of experience to our Temple that will energize both our youth and family programming. In her words, she looks forward to the “opportunity to dream, innovate and create”. Lauren’s first day will be August 15th.

An exciting series of programs is already being planned for the fall. Please add these important dates to your calendar:

Sunday, August 21st - First day of Religious School

Friday, August 26th - Congregational welcome back Shabbat dinner

Saturday, September 24th - Selichot service and dessert

Sunday, October 2 - Erev Rosh HaShanah

Our 6pm casual Friday night Shabbat services will continue through August 12th. Please check our website for a complete list of program events and times.

During the summer staff and volunteers will be hard at work on a number of projects including our annual membership directory and High Holy Day memorial booklet. Over the next few months a number of facility projects will be implemented, inside and outside to spruce up the Temple.

As a reminder, Temple policy requires congregants’ accounts to be up to date in order to register for Religious School and to receive High Holy Day invitations. High Holy Day packets will be mailed the beginning of September. Please know that we value your membership and understand that extenuating circumstances may make payment difficult. To confidentially discuss your account, please call me at the Temple.

We are about to begin our busiest time for membership and religious school inquiries. The membership committee is always looking for volunteers to help meet and welcome new members to our CRJ family.

Please give me a call if you are interested in getting involved with this or any other committee.

On behalf of the entire staff I would like to congratulate CRJ’s newly-installed President, Susan McKenna, and the entire 2016-2017 Board of Directors. We look forward to working with you during the upcoming year. I would also like to personally thank Mark Blechman for both his leadership and friendship during his past two years as CRJ President.

Thank you,

Michael Kancher



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

“Education is an unfinished symphony.” – **Zalman Aranne**

I hope this message finds you all enjoying summer break and hopefully finding the time for some beach relaxation! I am so pleased with this past school year and truly look forward to beginning the next year of fun, learning and engagement at the Steinmetz Family School of Chai, which will begin on Sunday, August 21st. You may find everything that you need to enroll for the coming year at www.crjorlando.org.

I truly love the above quote from former Israeli Minister of Education Aranne. What a wonderful way to view education and our partnership in creating the foundation for our lives! It especially resonates with me from the perspective of Reform Judaism. As a people who are continually evolving, we create our own individual symphonies and work together to strengthen our community as a whole. Welcoming back our students and their families, as well as greeting our newest families, adds to the continuous creation of our collective symphony. Our dedicated morim (teachers) and madrichim (teen assistants) are excited to be a part of this partnership.

I am also looking forward to the many programs and special opportunities that we have planned for our families throughout the year. Our Mishpacha Day program offers a morning filled with the highest-quality family learning about a topic of Reform Judaism for every student and their parents. As always, we look forward to our family Shabbat services on the first Friday of each month. Most months throughout the school year include a family service that is led by a class. There will be many opportunities for enrichment and participation throughout the year as we celebrate holidays with special programs and events.

It is our hope that parents will continue to be involved as Parent Liaisons as we continue to build and enrich our Youth Education Committee. I am excited to welcome Ana Weiser as CRJ’s newest Vice President of Education and Youth Engagement. Together we will enhance our collective symphony and continue to build the highest quality educational experiences.

As always, I welcome your thoughts, questions, ideas and concerns. The greatest gift that you can give us is welcoming your friends and families into our synagogue! Please let me know if there is anyone that you would like for me to contact.

My door is always open and you are always welcome.

L’Shalom,

Sheryl



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Steinmetz Family School of Chai 5776 Year in Review





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:

Tamuz – Wednesday, July 6 @ 7:15 PM
 Av – Monday, August 1 @ 7:15pm
 Elul – Sunday, August 28 @ 11:00 AM at Congregation Ohev Shalom. Join us to visit the Mikvah, facilitated by Barbara Grossman.

For further information, please contact Cantor Jacki at jrawiszer@crjorlando.org.

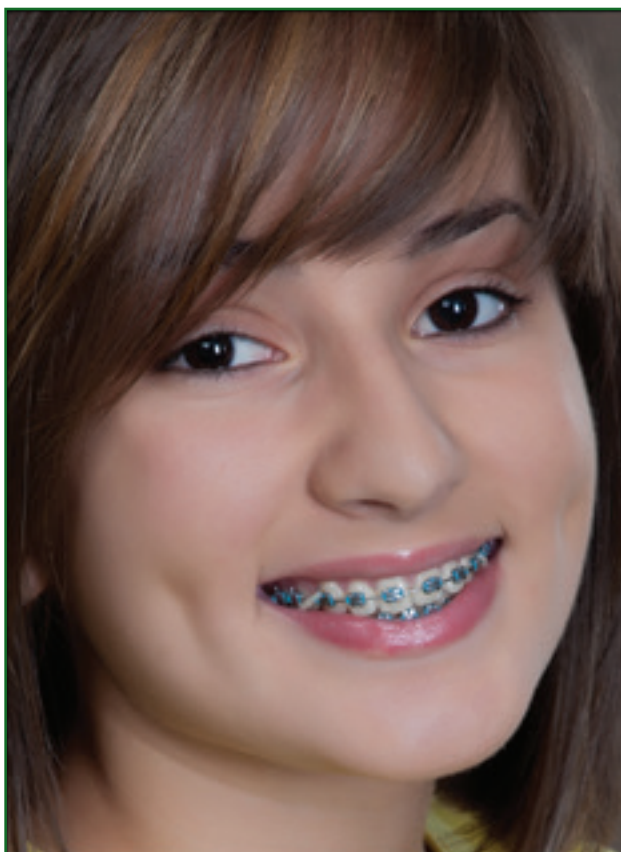
We love our CRJ Members!

I know it seems far away, but the summer goes faster than we would like. Please mark your calendars now to attend our amazing Open House on the 21st day of August 2016 and the Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner on the 26th day of August 2016. See the back of the Chai for more information.

The Open House is a fun way to see what you want to get involved with this year...all of our committees and auxiliary groups will have a table and signup sheets to join their group so you can get involved, make new friends and experience all that CRJ has to offer to keep you coming back for more. We even offer discount tickets for early registration for the fall fundraiser, so be sure to visit the Open House and bring your friends too! We will have ice breakers, light snacks and fellowship.

At our Welcome Back Shabbat you will get to enjoy a nice dinner (you will have to sign up in advance and pay the minimal fee for the meal) and then when you enter the sanctuary you will get energized by the amazing duo of our Rabbi and Cantor. They will provide you with an uplifting Shabbat (as they always do) and you will feel so spiritually fulfilled when you enter the social hall for an amazing oneg with your CRJ family. If you would like to help put on either of these fabulous events please contact me at camy@cbswlaw.com to be part of my committee.

Camy B. Schwam-Wilcox, VP Membership



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CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Hello and welcome to the start of a new year of Sisterhood activities! There are so many ways to get involved, to volunteer and to serve CRJ, our Orlando community and the Women of Reform Judaism with Sisterhood.

Our membership campaign is underway now. Sisterhood membership dues start at only \$42.00. Your dues entitle you to local CRJ Sisterhood membership and membership in Women of Reform Judaism. Sisterhood members enjoy several free social events each year. Members are able to attend the Southeast Regional WRJ conference and the URJ/WRJ Biennial conference. You will receive an email about membership soon. You may pay your dues by check or on-line.

Events for 2016-17 include: Mah Jongg Tournaments, the Chanukah dinner, the YES Fund luncheon, a spring fashion show and the Community Wide Women's Seder. Sisterhood will host an event with Brotherhood and a Sisterhood Shabbat. In addition to our usual enjoyable events, additional social events are in the works!

We are starting this year with our Member Appreciation High Tea with guest speaker, Adrienne Katz Katz, from the League of Women Voters on September 18 at 2:00 pm. We are looking forward to a large turnout to receive information, just in time for the November election. This event is free for Sisterhood members!

There are many ways to participate in Sisterhood. Did you know our CRJ Judaica Gift Shop is completely organized and operated by the Sisterhood? All of the gift shop volunteers are Sisterhood members. We welcome you to serve on or lead a committee to coordinate an event, a fund raising project, a mitzvah project, or a social activity.

In the right column is a table of the incoming Sisterhood Board members. Please feel free to contact any one of us. We would welcome your comments and participation. When we say "Without you we are one sister short," we really mean it! Join us!

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CRJ Brotherhood

The joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood/Chant Circle End of Year Celebration was a great way to kick off the summer season. Special thanks to Linda Flower Gross for heading the event and David Armbrust for his grill skills.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, July 24th - Take a break from the heat this summer and join us for an afternoon of bowling at Aloma Bowl in Winter Park. The fun starts at 4 PM and the cost is only \$9 for shoe rental and 2 games of bowling. Bring the kids and enjoy family fun time. RSVP: crjbrotherhood@gmail.com by July 20th.

Monday, August 29th - If you are looking for more brain stimulation we will be gathering at Bikes Beans & Bordeaux for a trivia night at 6:30 PM.

Remember to check the CRJ online calendar for the most current date, time, and location for all events.

Enjoy the summer and hope to see you soon.

Anil Aggarwal, crjbrotherhood@gmail.com



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 would be in need of this support, please contact

CRJ's Care Team Director, **Beverly Smith**
thetink@hotmail.com



CRJ Seniors

Our "CRJ Seniors" is a wonderful, fun loving group of adults 60 years and older. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at noon, from September through May, enjoying exciting programs of interest and entertainment. New members and guests are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$10 and a light lunch will usually be served to members for \$5 and to guests for \$8.

The first meeting of the 2016-2017 year, will be at noon on September 15, 2016, featuring our own, Rabbi Steven Engel and the President of the CRJ Board of Directors, Susan McKenna.

2016-2017 Seniors Board

- President--Dr. Allan Myers
- Vice President--Richard Gleick
- Secretary--Louise Frankel
- Treasurer--Joseph Weinberg
- Past President (for 8 years)--Melvin Kohn
- At Large--Florence Goldman
- At Large--Gary Becker

We would like to have you join our Seniors group. If you have any questions, contact me, allanmyersdmd@gmail.com
Hope to see you on September 15th,

Dr. Allan Myers, President, CRJ Seniors

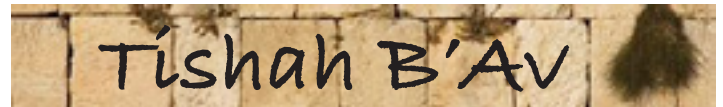


Boomers Plus

Boomers Plus is a social group for baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964). Contact: Marcy Turnbull mousteach1@hotmail.com

Join us for a tasting at The Wine Barn at 959 W. Fairbanks Avenue/Winter Park. Thursday, July 14th from 6-9pm.

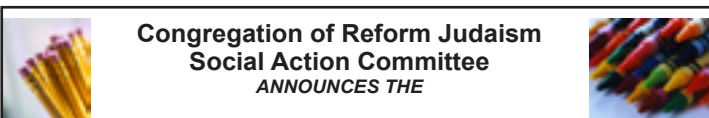
The cost is \$25PP which includes their specialty pizzas and 6 different wines to taste. RSVP to Emily Glickstein- emglic928@gmail.com no later than July 7th. Questions? call me at 407-353-1266.



Tishah B'Av, observed on the 9th (tishah) of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day of mourning the destruction of both ancient Temples in Jerusalem. In contrast to traditional streams of Judaism, liberal Judaism never has assigned a central religious role to the ancient Temple. Therefore, mourning the destruction of the Temple may not be particularly meaningful to liberal Jews. In modern times, Jews understand Tishah B'Av as a day to remember many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history.

For more information visit:

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/tishah-bav>



Congregation of Reform Judaism Social Action Committee ANNOUNCES THE

2016 School Supply Drive

Almost half of the students in Central Florida can't afford lunch, let alone school supplies

CRJ Social Action is helping Jewish Family Services and Mending Hearts Charities, A Gift for Teaching this year helping students get ready for school.

1. Please bring in the following items, or fill a backpack (per student) and place in the CRJ Grocery Cart near the office.

- PENCILS (# 2)
- SCISSORS
- CRAYONS
- WIDE-RULED NOTEBOOK PAPER
- WASHABLE MARKERS
- NOTEBOOKS (1.5")
- PENS (Red & Black Med.)
- PENCIL BAG FOR NOTEBOOK
- FOLDERS with POCKETS
- GLUE STICKS & BOTTLED GLUE
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
- 2 ROLLS OF PAPERTOWELS
- CALCULATORS
- BOX OF TISSUES
- RULERS

2. You can also make a monetary contribution to the CRJ Social Action Fund earmarked School Supply Drive. Payable to CRJ and sent to CRJ c/o School Supply Drive 928 Malone Drive, Orlando, FL 32810

For additional information, please contact Robert Kushner, kushnewyork@aol.com, or the office 407-645-0444



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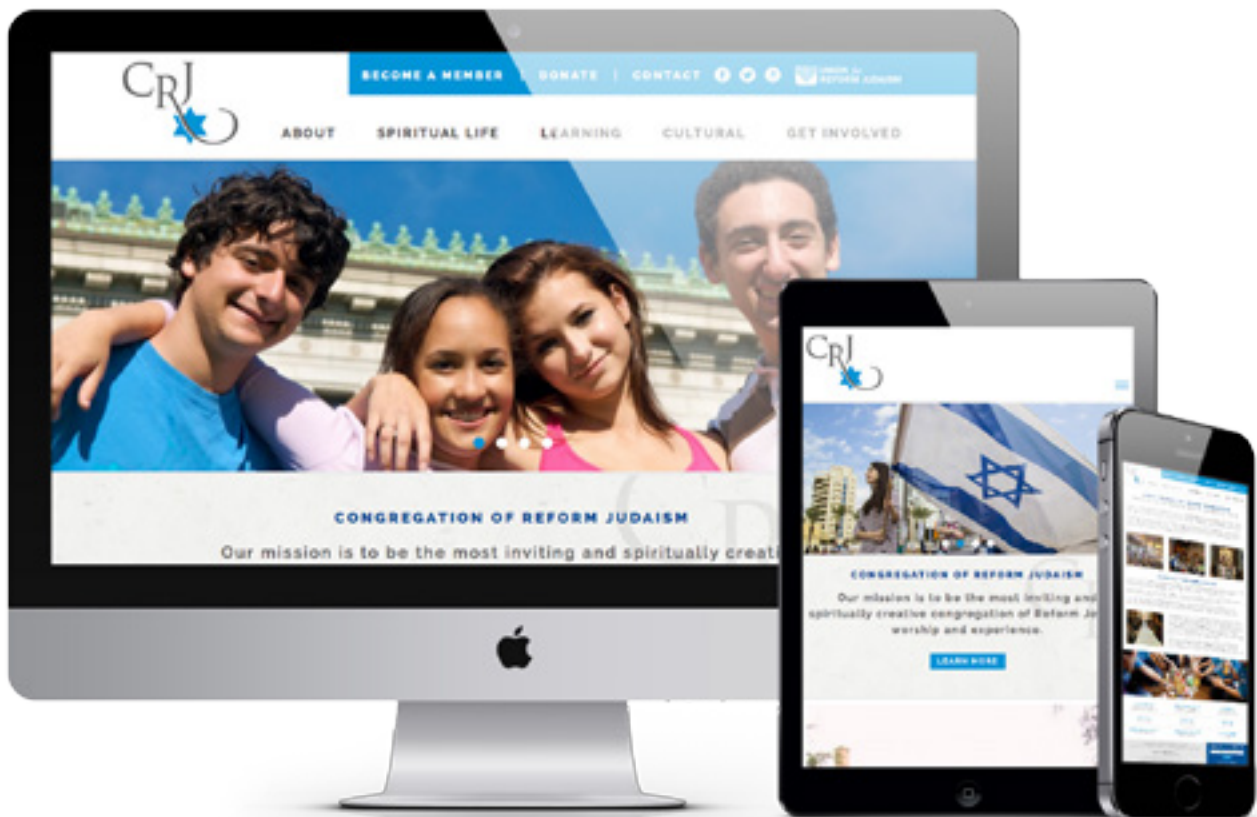
For more information, please contact Heidi Flacco at 386.303.1889 or deffambase@gmail.com

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CRJ Gift Shop

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Gift Shop has a large selection of children's books and special selections for adults. REMEMBER: It is fun to shop at our "Nobody Loves Me" table. Birthdays, Anniversaries and other special occasions occur throughout the summer. Our gift shop is always available to you. Large selection of gifts for all occasions and something special for YOU!!!



...until August 21st when Sunday School returns and our volunteers are back in the shop on Sundays- will be CRJ office hours of Monday and Wednesday, 9am-5pm and Friday, 9am-3pm.

Please call first 407-645-0444 so the office staff can be ready to serve you.

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

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 Take a chance at CRJ's
2nd Annual Casino & Game Night
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Steve Wolf and Maya Mielsom lead Havdalah,
photo credit: Sheryl Sacharoff



Cantor Jacki shares a special blessing with the Flores and Lilling families as Ilana Flores is honored as a star student of the week at the Jewish Academy of Orlando in May! It was wonderful to celebrate a great Jewish community moment with CRJ families at JAO.

MEET YOUR 2016-2017 / 5776-5777 CRJ Board of Directors

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Susan McKenna, President

Susan McKenna is a recently retired employment law attorney who spent her entire professional career practicing in Orlando after graduating from Duke Law School in 1982, first at Akerman, then Garwood McKenna, then Jackson Lewis. She converted to Judaism after taking Rabbi Engel's very first Nosh of Judaism class 18 years ago. Prior to joining the Board, Susan was involved in various temple committees including Youth Education, Social Action, and two search committees. As a Board member, Susan has been the Legal and By-laws representative, Trustee, Vice President and President-Elect. While an officer of the Board, Susan has worked in numerous capacities including staff and facilities, membership appreciation, fundraising, special events, contract negotiations and zoning issues involving the religious school tenant. Susan is also a member of Women of Reform Judaism. Other philanthropic interests include Mad Cow Theatre, Enzian and Planned Parenthood. Susan and her partner Suzan Abramson, a corporate and securities law attorney, live in Winter Park and daughter Allison Sokol, age 24, currently resides in Marin County, CA.

Mark Levitt, President Elect

Mark moved to Orlando in 2007 and his and his wife, Noreen, joined CRJ at that time. Mark has been an attorney with Allen, Norton & Blue, for 38 years, practicing in the area of labor and employment representing employers. He has served on the CRJ Board for 6 years in the capacity of a Trustee, Secretary, Second Vice President, and as Vice President for Human Resources. Mark has shown his commitment to CRJ by being an active and valued member of the Board and has worked diligently to implement CRJ's new governance structure. He is looking forward to serving as President Elect and to eventually move into the President's position.

Lynn Dictor, Secretary

Lynn Dictor a/k/a Lynn Warner AND her alter ego/radio name of Moira. She has been a part of The Philips Phile on WTKS/Real Radio 104.1 for 23 years and a radio news anchor for 10 years before that. Lynn has been a resident of Central Florida and a member of CRJ for more than 33

years, after growing up in Miami as a member of Beth Am. She served on the local and national boards of Women's American ORT and the local board of the JCC.

CRJ has been her family's spiritual home since 1983, celebrating many simchas with the temple. Wayne and Lynn were honored to have Rabbi Engel perform their wedding in January 2014 here at CRJ and her two daughters, Robin and Amy, were named, consecrated, educated, and became B'nai Mitzvah at the synagogue.

She has been honored to serve as President of the congregation, Past President, various Vice-Presidents, and now Secretary. Lynn also serves on the URJ-Camp Coleman board.

Fran Haynes, VP of Fundraising and Development

Fran Haynes has been working in the non-profit world for more than 30 years. She is the Executive Director of the Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida. She was president and served on the Jewish Family Service Board for 5 years and chaired the School Advisory Council at Winter Park High School. Fran is married to Commander David Haynes and has 2 wonderful children- Rachel Haynes (soon to be Dr. of Education) and Dr. Michael Haynes and a fabulous granddaughter – Lily Grace. Fran is looking forward to serving on the CRJ Board and hopes to make a difference. She and her husband reside in Winter Park.

Karen Knudsen, VP of Worship and Compassion

Karen Knudsen has been a member of CRJ for the greater part of her life when she moved to Orlando from New Jersey as a child. Karen married in 1991 and left her career to raise her son, Jonathan, who was born in 1992; a decision she has never regretted. She has been active at CRJ for more than 23 years having worked on, and chaired, numerous projects including cooking for the homeless, Meals on Wheels and other Social Action projects.

Karen is currently working, part time, as a swim instructor for children and CPR instructor. She and her husband Smokey, a television producer, live in Altamonte Springs, and their son is now a civil engineer and currently resides in Tampa, FL.

Ana Weiser, VP of Education and Youth Programming

Ana was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and then immigrated to New York City. She was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from John Dewey High School where she was an editor of the yearbook. This great high school experience with the yearbook unleashed her passion for education and inspired her to become a teacher and an advisor. She would later go on to become a yearbook advisor for over 15 years during her New York State public education career.

Ana began her college career at Niagara University before finishing her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University at Albany in Albany, NY. She has a BA and MA in Education.

Ana was a Spanish teacher for 17 years in New York State and has been teaching in Florida since 2013. During her career, Ana has taught Spanish to all levels in the K-12 environment. While teaching in NY, she created a new Foreign Language Program (FLES) for the elementary schools in her district. This program was recognized as the most outstanding FLES program in NYS in 2012.

While at the University at Albany, Ana met her husband, David, a fellow University at Albany student. They dated for a short time while in graduate school and married after graduation. Ana and David have been married for almost 19 years and have two wonderful children, Sofia who is 11 and Diego who is 9. They also have two dogs-Emma, a Chocolate Lab and Cheekie, a Rhodesian Ridgeback. Their dogs are both rescues from families who could no longer care for them. David was an Assistant Superintendent of Schools while in NY as well as Chief of his fire department. Currently, he is a firefighter for the New Smyrna Beach Fire Department.

Brian Margolis, VP Communications; Marketing & Social Media

Brian Margolis founded Crank Communications, a marketing, advertising and public relations agency in 2010, and still strives to create an environment that inspires forward-thinking creativity. He has built an adaptable agency structure and a team of marketing experts. Brian oversees all partnerships, business development, and the evolution of the agency, while still being intimately involved in clients' business every single day. His team has created award-winning work for clients such as La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries, Pita Pit, Victory Casino Cruises, and the Orlando Regional Realtor Association, as well as non-profit organizations like Michele Puppets, Foundation for Foster Children and the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando. He and his wife (Shana) have a one year old daughter (Maya) and two long haired dachshunds (Harley and Bailey).

Roberta Marowitz, VP Human Resources

Roberta Marowitz is currently in private practice as a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Family Law Mediator,

Parent Coordinator, Family Collaborative Mental Health Professional, Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor and Clinical Supervisor. Roberta received her doctorate from The George Washington University, working as an Area Coordinator in Residence Life, a Crisis Counselor and completed a residency in the DC Federal prison system. Roberta came to UCF as a Professor of Counselor Education and Program Coordinator on both the Orlando and Daytona Beach campuses. After thirteen years, she worked, as a Program Director for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the National Institute of Mental Health directing national longitudinal research on parenting. She is the Past President of the American Mental Health Counselors Association where she sat on the Board of Directors for six years. Prior to joining the Board, Roberta was involved in various temple committees including Youth Education, Social Action and Membership. She has served on several Boards of Directors for Orlando/Daytona Beach non-profit agencies as an officer and trainer. Roberta lives in Casselberry and daughter, Ally Driscoll, age 27, is an Off-Site Web Marketer at DiscoverTec in Jacksonville, FL.

Ian D. Robinson, VP Budget and Finance

A native of Winter Park, FL, Ian has been a member of CRJ for over 45 years, celebrating numerous life events at the synagogue and being an active leader since youth including GORFTY President and Sunday School teacher. Professionally, Ian is an accomplished business leader with a wide berth of demonstrated expertise including IT, HR, service operations, finance, acquisitions, and business development. He currently serves as the VP, Business Development for Massey Services where he has been employed for over 13 years.

Communally, Ian has been and is involved with a number of causes including the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando (Personnel committee, Treasurer, VP, President), CRJ Foundation (Treasurer), CRJ Board of Directors (Trustee, 2nd VP), Jewish Family Services (Adoption Initiative Committee), Kinneret (Board Member), American Heart Association (Executive Leadership Team-Heart Ball 2014), and The Holocaust Memorial & Resource Education Center's Board of Directors.

Ian has two sons, Jacob and Jonah, who attend CRJ's Steinmetz School of Chai, Beit Ivrit, and temple youth activities.

Camy-Schwam Wilcox, VP of Membership

Camy has been a member of CRJ since June of 2014, and is very excited continue to be on the board, as she has served since she joined CRJ. Camy and her husband Jeffrey have two children, Riley and Bradleigh who are 9 and 8 years old.

Camy has been practicing as an attorney since 2000, and has experience in the legal field as a legal assistant, legal secretary and paralegal since 1994 (prior to her attendance at law school).



Mazel Tov

City of Orlando Honors Rabbi ...Again!

When the City of Orlando recognized Rabbi Engel on April 16th at the celebration of his 18 years at CRJ, the Rabbi was not expecting to be honored again on Monday, May 23rd, when he appeared before the Orlando City Council to deliver the invocation prior to the Council meeting. Following the invocation, Mayor Dyer recognized Rabbi Engel one more time, thanking him for his friendship as well as his service to the community.

Brandon Mintzer Named Valedictorian

CRJ member Brandon Mintzer, son of Craig and Debbie Mintzer, was named valedictorian of his graduation class at Lake Highland Prep School on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Brandon will attend Princeton University in the fall.

Tony Moreno was the big winner at the Applause Awards at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Arts. In competition with students from 45 area high schools, he won the Applause Award for the best male lead performance in the Orlando five county area. Next stop New York City for the national Jimmy Awards with students from all over the United States. He goes to New York for an eight-day intensive experience with Broadway actors and producers, etc., and then he performs at the Minskoff Theater on Broadway!

Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszser has been elected by her colleagues to the position of Vice President of Member Relations and External Partnerships of the American Conference Cantors (ACC), the largest professional cantorial organization in the United States, for the 2016-19 term.

Rabbi Shana Goldstein Mackler has been named one of the 32 Most Inspiring Rabbis in the U.S. by the Jewish Daily Forward. Mazel Tov to Sammy Goldstein and Bill Yahner! Mackler is rabbi of Congregation Ohabai Sholom in Nashville, Tenn.

Lila Gerber's Softball Team is the District Champs for the 8U Division! She and her Coach Doug Gerber are so excited!

Camy is also very active in the community, volunteers at her children's school, participates in Teach In, organizes food drives for JFS, and is on the board for several legal organizations. Camy is the class liaison for her children and the school of Chai.

In her spare time Camy enjoys boating, the theater and spending as much time with her family as possible; her most proud achievement is being "mommy".

Cathy Lieblich, VP of Volunteerism and Congregant Engagement

Cathy has been a member of CRJ for 16 years along with her husband, Mark. Their daughters, Stephanie and Jessica, became B'nai Mitzvah at CRJ, 12 years and 9 years ago, respectively, and Cathy was a member of the 2013 Adult B'Not Mitzvah class. Cathy led the effort to establish a Care Team at CRJ and has been an active member of the Sisterhood Board since 2011. She has been a member of the CRJ Board since 2012.

Mark Blechman, Past President

Mark was born and raised in Florida and attended both undergraduate and law school at the University of Florida. Subsequent to law school, he was a prosecutor in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida (Orlando) for approximately five years. He then practiced in private practice for 25 years, whereupon after a Synagogue trip to Israel, led by Rabbi Engel, he decided to run for the office of Circuit Court Judge and has been in that position since.

Mark started his relationship with CRJ in 1984, and became active in the leadership approximately 10 years ago. After sitting on the Board in various positions, he served as President for the last two years. The Board and congregation achieved much over the last two years, but he believes CRJ's biggest legacy may well be the creation of and filling of the position of a youth engagement and congregational programming director.

Mark and his wife Cindy have five children, all attaining B'nai Mitzvah at CRJ and four out of the five are out in the "real world", with the fifth currently attending the outstanding University of Florida.

Selichot



Join us on September 24th beginning at 7:30pm for a Selichot Dessert Reception, Service and Movie/Discussion. More information to follow in the next Chai!

A little about Selichot: For many Jews, the High Holy Day season begins with Rosh HaShanah and the start of the new month of Tishrei. Jewish tradition, however, teaches that the preceding month of Elul is a time of soul-searching and reflection to prepare oneself for the magnitude of the Days of Awe. It is during this time that we observe Selichot.

In Hebrew, selichot translates to "forgiveness," and in many ways the prayers which make up

the Selichot service mirror what we find on the Day of Atonement which follows soon after. The language of these qualities should sound familiar to anyone who has recited the liturgy throughout Yom Kippur when we speak about God's ability to forgive "transgression, iniquity, and sin." We begin and end the season of repentance with the same words, calling out to the compassionate God who we hope will accept our prayers.

For more information visit:

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/what-selichot>



Birthdays

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

JULY 2016

3 Lee Bernbaum
 3 Abigail Carlton
 3 Sydney Goldberg
 3 Randi KaufmanLong
 3 Steven Rich
 3 Jack Titen
 4 Emily Schwartz
 5 Maya Anderson
 5 Claudia Falk
 5 Tasos Paindiris
 5 Haley Peckett
 5 Rena Wilensky
 6 Matthew Auster
 6 Beverly Engel
 6 Barbara Rothman
 6 Barry Weinstock
 7 Desiree Slone
 7 Micah Weiss
 8 Michele Brennan
 8 Laura Cohn
 8 Joan Gray
 8 Donald Zerivitz
 9 Emma Cohn
 9 Kenneth Goldberg
 9 Alana Slone
 10 David Katz
 10 Chet Peckett
 10 Gertrude Weiss
 11 Howard Hawkins
 11 Rivka Selsky
 12 Abby Goldsmith
 12 David Kahn
 12 Avery Sauls
 13 Michael Freedman
 13 Michael Potesman
 13 Shawn Shapiro
 14 Rosa Bachrach
 14 Julia Stein
 15 Stella Keiner
 15 Wayne Taylor
 16 Charles Haile
 16 Arielle Kaplan
 16 John Reich
 16 Gail Robinson
 16 Colby Wiener
 16 Corey Zehngebot
 16 Jay Zehngebot
 17 Lynn Esko
 17 Samuel Fender
 17 Jordan Weiss
 18 Scott Sanchez
 18 Mark Sperling
 19 Richard Bernstein
 19 Rachel Cohn

19 Tracy Devove
 19 Edward Levine
 19 Michael Ruddy
 21 Natalie Tabb
 21 Emily Welch
 22 Morgan Bornstein
 22 Julie Levine
 22 Larry Slung
 23 Kaden Bauer
 23 Krista Berman
 23 Jennifer Cronson
 23 Jeremy Sheiber
 24 Seymour Benson
 24 Rick Klein
 24 Richard Seidman
 24 Barbara Shargaa
 24 David Watzman
 24 Bill Yahner
 25 John Blankemeier
 25 Jane Clayman
 25 Shana Margolis
 25 Kori Theisen
 25 Madelyn Ward
 26 Ida Freedman
 26 Sammy Goldstein
 26 Susan Halperin
 26 Roger Jacobson
 26 Charlotte Kain
 26 Allan Myers
 27 Jerome Africk
 27 Justin Katz
 27 Spencer Katz
 27 Ronni Mendelsohn
 27 Andrew Miller
 27 Barry Sieger
 27 Barbara Zaslofsky
 28 Libbyan Dodge
 28 Monique Eyal
 28 Ryan Katz
 28 Noreen Levitt
 28 Brian Margolis
 28 Candace Martin
 29 Beth Fidelo
 29 Jacqueline Greenblatt
 29 Macene Zusmann
 30 Jackson Church
 30 Calvin Gordon
 30 Nicole Isaacson
 30 Harrison Slone
 31 Suzan Abramson
 31 Olivia Chepenik
 31 Maggie Morrison
 31 Jason Rasmussen
 31 Joy Zerivitz

AUGUST 2016

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

17 Wesley Croft
 17 Jessica Leabu
 18 Chloe Bauer
 18 Audrey Beck
 18 Robyn Cooperman
 18 Debbi Pariser
 18 Cory Sacharoff
 18 Isabel Tanner
 19 Brooke Chepenik
 19 William Katz
 19 Carol Reiss
 19 Ellie Watson
 19 Tracey Watson
 20 Norman Abramson
 20 Stephanie
 20 AdlerPaindiris
 20 Jack Echterling
 20 MaryAnn Kaplan
 20 Jacob Turnbull
 21 Lauren Alonso
 21 Dean Benzion
 21 Valerie Kirsch
 21 Emily Sexton
 22 Roger Cunningham
 22 Susan Smith
 23 Paul Goldsmith
 23 Justin Sacharoff
 23 Lisa Slone
 24 Reid Steinmetz
 25 Zoe Chepenik
 25 Scott Feinberg
 25 Al Gross
 25 Terri Misesk
 25 John Siegel
 26 Payton Mendelsohn
 26 Amy Scotland
 26 Michael Tabb
 27 Sasha Berman
 27 Reid Chatham
 27 Elijah Dawson
 27 Randy Gittess
 27 Shelia Grubstein
 28 Micah Berger
 28 Pamela Cantor
 28 Paul Goldberg
 28 Ellen Goldman
 28 Stephen Guss
 28 Daniel Kennon
 28 Joshua Ossinsky
 28 David Reiss
 28 Andrea Sasser
 28 Allison Sokol
 28 Samantha Warren
 29 Chloe Elisabeth Anders
 29 Shoshana Scanlon
 30 Mark Freid
 30 Martin Prague
 30 Alexandra Stein
 31 Lucas Falk
 31 Melanie Forman



Anniversaries

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

JULY 2016

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

AUGUST 2016

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

Mah Jongg



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

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Welcome New Members

Rosa Bachrach
 Mike & Jen Carey
 Lee Delnick
 Arnold & Marilu Esquenazi
 David & Deborah Goldring
 Talia & Shelly Helman
 Jeffrey & Renee Lempert
 Mike & Jen Ser



Sheloshim List

*Zichronam Livracha,
 May their memories be a blessing*

Ruth Schultz, mother of Nancy Walk,
 grandmother of Cymbre Walk
 Betty Ginsberg, family member of
 Zena Sulkes Freeman
 Helen Stewart, friend of Beth Kassander
 Ellie Tross, friend of Judy Godorov
 Ira Lee Falk, brother of Jay Falk
 Janet Rosenblatt, mother of Lynne Sherman
 Joyce Gould, mother of Gary Gould,
 grandmother of Jenna & Kayla Gould
 Joe Lefkowitz, husband of Eileen Lefkowitz
 Bernard Lieblich, father of Mark Lieblich
 Terry Simon, mother of David Simon
 Phyllis Raskin, aunt of Marcy Turnbull
 Eileen Lefkowitz, beloved member
 Steven Solomon, son of June Solomon
 Elaine Gaston, sister of Morton Kotler
 Robert Scotland, father of Vanessa Scotland



Upcoming Jewish Holidays 5777



Rosh HaShanah

OCT 2-4 2016

Yom Kippur

OCT 11-12 2016

Sukkot

OCT 16-23 2016

Simchat Torah

OCT 23-24 2016

Hanukkah

DEC 24 2016 - JAN 1 2017

Tu BiSh'vat

FEB 10-11 2017

Purim

MAR 11-12 2017

Passover

APR 10-17 2017

Yom HaShoah

APR 23-24 2017

Yom HaZikaron & Yom HaAtzmaut

APR 30 - MAY 2 2017

Lag BaOmer

MAY 13-14 2017

Shavuot

MAY 30-31 2017

Tishah B'Av

JUL 31 - AUG 1 2017

Selichot

SEPT 16 2017

Note about Jewish Holidays -
 All Jewish holidays begin at sunset.
 Dates specified at this
 site are for those evenings, so
 the holiday extends from sunset
 on the noted date until dusk
 on the next.

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July / August Donations

ALLAN BURNSTINE FUND

Sammy Goldstein & Bill Yahner
In honor of Andrew Burnstine's college graduation
In honor of Benjamin Burnstine's Law Degree

Gary Baumgarten & family
In memory of Allan Burnstine

Ruth Darwin
In memory of Allan Burnstine

THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN FUND

Mark Pinsky & Sallie Brown
In memory of Charlotte Pinsky, mother of Mark Pinsky, Grandmother of Asher and Liza Brown-Pinsky

CANTOR HAROLD DWORKIN LRC FUND

Simon & Ellen Snyder
In memory of Ruth Schultz, mother of Nancy Walk
In memory of Carol Blechman, mother of Mark Blechman

Jim & Cynthia Milligan
Best wishes for Jean Becker's speedy recovery

Jean Becker
In memory of Esther Zell

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Ellen Prague
In memory of Allan Burnstine

Ira Nodelman
In memory of Joseph Nodelman

Sandy Goodkind
In memory of Aline Lorber

Ida Freedman
In memory of Fanny Lipof, beloved mother

Mark Blechman
In loving memory of mother, Carol Blechman

Barbara & Paul Grossman
In memory of Carol Blechman

Ronni & Bert Schoemann
In appreciation of Cantor Rawiszer for her caring & concern during Bert's recent illness

Dan & Zena Sulkes Freeman
In memory of Betty Ginsberg

Nancy & Mitchell Walk
In memory of Ruth Schultz

Sammy Goldstein & Bill Yahner
In honor of Signature Serenade, A Recital Mati Braun, Holly Small & Cantor Jacki

Sammy Goldstein
In honor of Bill's retirement

Paula Streimish
In memory of beloved mother-in-law, Dora Streimish

Bernard & Betty Ginsberg
In honor of Zena Sulkes & Dan Freeman

Raymond Kristall
In memory of Herbert Kristall

Lynne & Arnie Sherman & Elaine & Gary Rosenblatt
In memory of Janet Rosenblatt

Linda Flower Gross
In appreciation of opening the Ark on Scott's yearzeit

Judy Godorov
In honor of Cantor Jacki

CULTURAL ARTS FUND
Morton & Gwen Kotler
In memory of Rebekka Kotler

DENISE COHEN LIBRARY FUND
Allison Levie
In honor of the wedding of my cousin Laura Salpeter

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Ellen & Martin Prague
In memory of Beulah Schiffman, mother of Ellen Prague
In memory of Flora Prague, mother of Martin Prague

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In memory of mother, Rhoda Rubin
In memory of brother, Harvey Rubin
In honor of Pearl Metz's birthday

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In memory of Ruth Schultz

Sally Silberman
In memory of Eddie Baumgarten

Florence Goldman
In memory of father, Louis Schwartz
In memory of sister, Freda Kane

Betty Monroe
In memory of mother, Sarah Denmark
In memory of husband, Milton Watzman
In memory of father, Joseph Denmark
In memory of brother, Morris Denmark

Claire Rosenberg
In memory of Max Becker, beloved father

Rosalind Levitt
In memory of Morris Friedman, beloved father

Barbara Bogle, Diane & Wayne
In memory of Debra Bogle Rothschild

Helene & Gary Becker
In memory of Debbie Becker

Jack & Dolores Titen
In memory of Robert Titen

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In memory of Marjorie Henley

Alma DiGloria
In memory of beloved brother-in-law, Milton Gilbert

Carmen Berrios
Donation

Billi Arditi
In memory of Cecil Abramovici
In memory of Adolf Abramovici

Allison Levie
In memory of Dr. Brenna Segal

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In memory of Lilly Benson

GENERAL FUND
Nancy Weber
In memory of Ruth Schultz

Susan McKenna & Suzan Abramson
In memory of Carol Blechman

Pearl Metz
In memory of Mae Leventhal
In memory of Elias Leventhal
In memory of Eva Cohen

Susan & David Newman
In memory of Barnett L. Newman

David Bottomley
In memory of grandmother, Eva Mae Bond
In memory of friend, Martin Cherry

Marty & Emily Glickstein
In memory of Bernard Lieblich, father of Mark Lieblich
In memory of Janet Rosenblatt, mother of Lynne Sherman
In honor of Rabbi Shana Mackler's recent recognition

Pearl Metz
In memory of beloved grandfather, Morris Lindenberg

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Donation

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Marty & Emily Glickstein
In memory of Elinor Rothstein, sister of Allan Myers
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In memory of Ruth Schultz, mother of Nancy Walk
In honor of Cathy Lieblich's birthday

Dan & Zena Sulkes Freeman
In honor of Cathy Lieblich's special birthday

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Bonnie & Jeff Yarmuth
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In memory of Ruth Schultz, mother of Nancy Walk

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In honor of Rabbi Engel's 18th Anniversary at CRJ

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In memory of Aline Lorber

Alfred Lorber
In memory of Aline Lorber

Albert & Barbara Gingold
In memory of Aline Lorber

Alan & Marjorie Helman
In memory of Benjamin Helman, father of Alan Helman

Helen Tetenbaum
In memory of beloved sister, Elsie Abrams

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In memory of Ted Lowenthal

Mildred Goldberg
In memory of Judith Spring Bach

Ira Nodelman
In memory of Joseph Nodelman

Paula Streimish
In memory of beloved husband, Marty Streimish

Dorene Kramer
In honor of Rabbi Steven Engel's exceptional 18 years of service at CRJ

Michele & Stewart Bloom & Andrew
In honor of Rabbi Steven Engel's exceptional 18 years of service at CRJ

Sarah Wood
In honor of Rabbi Engel's afikomen negotiation skills on behalf of Jacob Goldberg

Severyn & Phyllis Lieblich
In honor of Rabbi Engel's 18 years of service to CRJ

Lora Wolf
In memory of Ruth Schultz

Hali Potesman
In memory of Joseph Weisman

Gerald Weiss
In memory of beloved wife, Nita

Marilyn Crotty
In memory of Beatrice Ettinger

Mark Blechman
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Mark Pinsky & Sallie Brown
In honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary

Florence Adler
In memory of mother, Bella Berger

Fayge & Freddy Cohen
In memory of Aline Lorber
In memory of Bernie Lieblich
In honor of Rabbi's meaningful memorial service at Village on the Green for Bernie Lieblich

The Mintzer Family
In memory of Ronald Mintzer

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					1 6pm Shabbat Service	2 10am Shabbat Service
3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CRJ Office Closed	5	6 7:15pm Rosh Chodesh	7 7pm ABM	8 6pm Shabbat Service	9 10am Shabbat Service 6pm Interfaith Couples Wine Tasting
10	11 7pm HHD Choir	12 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	13 7:15pm Board Meeting	14 6pm Boomers+ Wine Tasting 7pm ABM	15 6pm Shabbat Service	16 10am Shabbat Service
17	18	19	20	21 7pm HHD Choir	22 6pm Shabbat Service	23 10am Shabbat Service
24 4pm Brotherhood Bowling	25	26	27	28 7pm HHD Choir	29 6pm Shabbat Service	30 10am Shabbat Service
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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:15pm Rosh Chodesh	2	3 7pm Coffee House with Paige Keiner	4	5 6pm Shabbat Service	6 10am Shabbat Service
7	8	9 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	10 7:15pm Board Meeting	11 7pm HHD Choir	12 6pm Shabbat Service	13 10am Shabbat Service
14 Tish'a B'av 9am Teacher Planning 3pm Madrichim Planning	15 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:45pm Serve the Homeless	16	17 7pm Program Council	18 7pm HHD Choir	19 7pm Shabbat Service	20 10am Shabbat Service
21 1st Day School of Chal 10am CRJ Open House	22	23	24 12pm Torah Study 7pm ABM School of Chal	25 7pm HHD Choir	26 5:30pm Toddler and Preschool Shabbat 6pm Welcome Back Dinner 7pm Shabbat Service	27 10am Shabbat Service
28 11am Rosh Chodesh at Cong. Ohev Shalom School of Chal	29 6:30pm Brotherhood Earth Trivia at Bikes, Beans & Bordeaux	30	31 12pm Torah Study 7pm ABM School of Chal			

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Friday, August 26, 2016

5:30pm Tot and Preschool Shabbat
6:00pm Special Shabbat Dinner
7:00pm Shabbat Service
8:15pm Oneg Dessert

Dinner Cost:
\$10 per adult • \$6 per child (under 12)
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