

CHAI



September / October 2017

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

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from the desk of:

Rabbi Steven Engel

The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as "The Ten Days of Awe". I find it awesome that each year the entire CRJ family has this opportunity to come together to pray, to reflect, to socialize, to catch up with each other. The feeling that you help to create inside and outside the sanctuary is wonderful and truly inspiring and gives me a deep sense of pride and satisfaction as your Rabbi. To me, all of this is reminiscent of a very important Mitzvah, a very significant Jewish obligation, called Hachnasat Orchim, to be welcoming.

At present our world seems so filled with so much stress and tension. Vitriolic behavior seems to be the norm and our connection to each other seems to be widening as time goes on. Real conversation is fading and listening is certainly not the priority of many. With all of this in the world outside the sanctuary, it is comforting to know that inside the walls of CRJ the mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim is alive and well as a core value.

We will continue to be a place that welcomes a variety of perspectives and ideas. We will continue to welcome people who want to engage, listen, and respond with respect. We welcome people who want to explore and grow, who want to connect to others knowing that genuine relationships are important. CRJ will continue to be a place that welcomes based on the essence of the person and not on who they are or what they have.

I hope you will join with me as we do what we can do to ensure that we continue to grow as a welcoming community. One way we can perform the Mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim is to share it with others who may be looking for a sanctuary in their lives. "Do a Mitzvah-Bring a Friend" is a part of our congregational mantra. We have a lot to offer at CRJ and we should share it with others. Talk to friends, people at work, others who are looking for a creative, caring, dynamic and invigorating Jewish community and invite them to come with you to CRJ. "Do a Mitzvah-Bring a Friend" to a service, to a social event, to a class, to a meditation experience. Share the gifts of our congregation with someone else. And make sure to introduce them to me so that I can do a mitzvah too!

I wish you a very sweet and healthy new year of 5778.

Steve

Check out Sisterhood's Gift Shop!

The gift shop window display featuring the "Splendor of the Holidays". All things Judaica for gifts and your holiday table.

Steinmetz Family School of Chai



SAVE
THE
DATE!

Meet the Teachers

Sunday, September 10th
From 12:45pm – 1:45pm

Meet our morim & hear about the exciting things your children are learning & doing!



from the Executive Director:

Michael Kancher

We had an amazing summer ending kickoff weekend here at CRJ with Welcome Back Shabbat, Bagels and Bible, Sips and Sweets, the start of The

Steinmetz Family School of Chai, and the CRJ family fun day with a bar b q and open house. It was great to see all of our members and potential new members join in all these activities.

By now you should have received your High Holy Day invitation. The High Holy Day “season” begins with Selichot on Saturday, September 16th and Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 20th. Please consult your Chai for the remaining holiday schedule or the High Holy Day packet, which includes information about services, prayer books, programming for children and much more. The latter is posted on our website www.crjorlando.org. Click on the High Holy Day packet button.

Increased security measures will be in place this year and only attendees with invitations will be permitted to enter the Temple. All invitations will be checked and as a reminder the invitations are non-transferable. For your safety and security we need to know everyone who enters our services. Police officers and security guards will patrol inside and outside our services at the Temple.

As you know parking at the Temple is very limited. Please be considerate and do not park on the streets in the neighborhood. If cars are illegally parked the police will issue tickets. This year parking and round-trip shuttle service will be available at the back parking area at Cash America located at 825 Lee Road. For your safety Orange County Sheriff Officers will be on duty at the Cash America parking lot during services.

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

Thanks to a generous donor we now have a portable defibrillator at the Temple. It is located on the wall by the Holocaust case with signage in the hallway. Another generous donor will be instructing all of our staff members on how to use the device and on basic CPR techniques.

The staff is available for all your needs so if you have any questions please do hesitate to give any one of us a call at the Temple.

Pam joins me in wishing everyone *L’Shana Tova*. May you have a year filled with good health, happiness and above all, peace.

Michael



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D

“Listening is being, when we can, as completely present to whatever is before us with all of who we are.” – **Mark Nepo**

We are commanded to act as though our next act will tip the balance for ourselves, for our community, and for our world. – *Hilchot T’shuvah 3:1*

As you read this article, another exciting year of religious school has begun and we are looking toward the High Holy Days. In reflecting at this time, I think about our school theme, “There is only one you.” You may remember that we ended the last school year with our collective puzzle project which now beautifully hangs in the multipurpose room. In continuing with the idea of connectedness, this year we are focusing on the themes of individuality and that we are all created *B’tzelem Elohim*, in the image of God. Although we are all unique, each one of us contributes toward making our community a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy place.

Our opening day project is based on the children’s book “Only One You” by Linda Kranz. The book is illustrated with beautifully painted rocks which represent the characters in the story. In each classroom, one way that the students and teachers began to build their community was through each decorating a rock with their own unique style. The themes in the story are perfect for what we hope to inspire at the Steinmetz Family School of Chai. They include making new friends, finding your own path, and making the world a better place. Certainly, these are the Jewish ideas that we want to impart! Look for our students’ rock path showing you the uniqueness and the community that we build together.

In The Steinmetz Family School of Chai, it is the philosophy that everyone is honored for their influence on learning. Each of us has something to contribute, and we will strive to listen to each other and grow from each experience. At this Rosh Hashanah, it is truly my desire to have each classroom be a place of fun, caring, love and sincere appreciation for learning. May we continue to grow together and strengthen one another.

On behalf of my family and the faculty and madrichim of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai, I wish you all a good and sweet new year!

L’Shanah Tovah U’metukah,
Sheryl





Support Steinmetz Family School of Chai

We will be having an extra exciting fundraiser for the Steinmetz Family School of Chai this year during Chanukah and we need YOU, parents of the students at the School of Chai.

there will be a themed list provided to each class this year and we will be asking each student to donate to a themed basket that will be put together and displayed for auction at the Chanukah dinner on December 15, 2017. The class that completes their list first will earn a popsicle party and each class will donate one of their items to a special basket that CRJ will donate to Jewish Family Services to help other children that are in need to have a better Chanukah by sending them some gifts. You do not have time to shop? That is ok, you can send a monetary donation and the class parent will shop for you. The better the basket, the more money we can raise for the School of Chai which will directly benefit our children.

Our goal this year will be to raise money for technology. Do you have a grandchild at the school? You too can get involved, all donations are welcome to enhance the baskets. Feeling generous and want to help raise money for technology? Please contact Camy@cbswlaw.com for more details. Together we can improve the technology at our school and increase the benefits for our children for a better Jewish future for our community. Thank you, Camy Schwam-Wilcox (VP of Youth and Education, CRJ Board of Directors)



Mazel Tov

Barbara and Gary Borenstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Yael Borenstein on July 8th

Amy and Vanessa Scotland on the birth of their daughter Shay Robbie on July 5.

Tony Moreno who was awarded Outstanding Actor in a Leading Role at the Dr. Phillips Center Applause Awards as part of the National High School Musical Theater Awards (The Jimmy Awards).

Vicki and Eric Peisner on the birth of their granddaughter Hailey Madison on July 11

Karen and Smokey Knudsen on the engagement of their son Jonathan to Rachel!

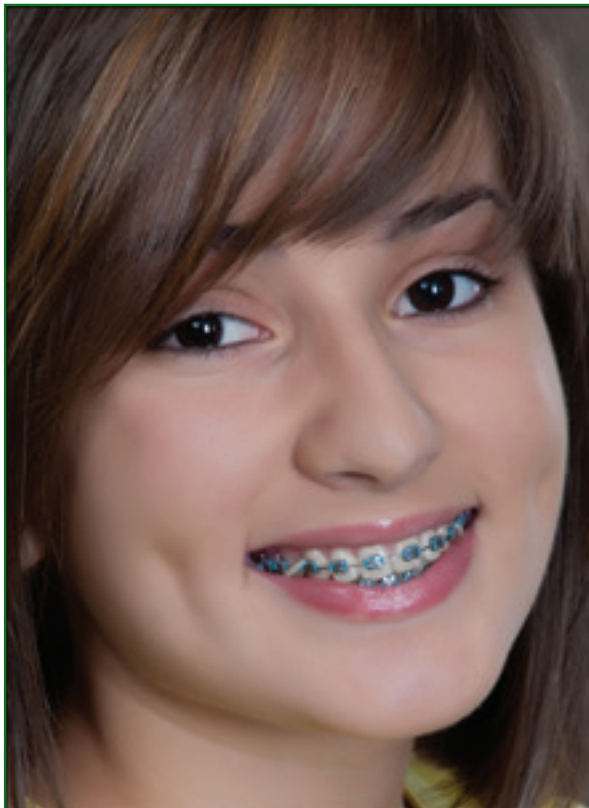
Do you have good news to share? Send to: jbegani@crjorlando.org to have your news placed in the mazel tov section!



Sheloshim List

*Zichronam Livracha,
May their memories be a blessing*

Marian Rich, Mother of Geoff Rich
Mildred Goldberg, Beloved Member



*“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

Dear CRJ Fam,
5778! It is going to be a great year. I see it as a year

of possibilities! We have another exciting year planned for our kids and teens. In addition to our 6 vibrant youth group programs, CRJ's YALA program (formerly known as YALE) for 7th-12th graders is back and EVEN BETTER! In addition to delicious dinners and exciting youth group programming with our Youth Advisors, there is MORE to love about this program! Ready?

- 7th graders will take part in Chevruta with Rabbi Engel
 - 8th graders will experience "J-Time" with Cantor Jacki
 - 9th-12th graders will choose between various chuggim (Hebrew for electives) that rotate every 7 weeks
 - 12th graders (beginning in October) will join Rabbi Engel for Confirmation Class
- You think that's all? NOPE! We've been busy this summer!

As a part of YALA, consider taking part in Katan-Gadol (Hebrew for Little-Big [Mentorship Program]), Atid (Hebrew for future [Jr. Youth Advisor Program]), Jewman Group and GirlSpace!

There are so many exciting things happening at CRJ for our kids and teens! I hope to see ALL of our kids and teens at an upcoming kick-off program!

B'ahava,
Lauren

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
at
CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

Check out all of our
2017-2018 Kick-off programs!

GORFTY PEE-WEES
Pre-K & Kindergarten
October 8th
Bricks & Kidz
Animals Edition

GORFTY YELADIM
1st & 2nd Grades
October 8th
Bricks & Kidz
Animals Edition

GORFTY CHAVERIM
3rd & 4th Grades
September 24th
Circus Training!

GORFTY CLUB56
5th & 6th Grades
September 17th
Watersports!

JR. GORFTY
7th & 8th Grades
September 15th
Shabbaton Lock-In!

GORFTY
9th-12th Grades
September 16th
SSSSS'lichot
Sushi, Sundaes &
Something Spooky!



Sneakers That Fit
In memory of Dr. Barry Levin



It's just around the corner! SNEAKERS THAT FIT in memory of Dr. Barry Levin! Last year, with your generosity, we were able to purchase (from the Reebok outlet) over 200 pairs of quality sneakers and socks for students at local Title I schools (nearly

100% of the students are on government subsidized lunch plan) in Orange and Seminole counties. A donation of \$25 allows us to purchase one pair of shoes and a package of socks for a child in need. Delivery of the shoes takes place prior to or during Hannukah (this year 12/12/17). It is NEVER TOO EARLY to begin this project. Donations of any amount are most welcomed at any time (personalized student information for shoe purchasing is coming in November!)

Please address your donation to: CRJ Social Action Fund/Sneakers That Fit, 928 Malone Dr., Orlando, FL 32810. More information to follow!

Thank you. Pam Levin,
Sneakers That Fit Chairperson, CRJ Social Action Committee



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:

Tishri 9/16 5:00 pm

Cheshvan 10/18 7:00 pm

Kislev 11/15 7:00 pm

Tevet 12/18 7:00 pm

Please RSVP online to <https://crjorlando.org/rosh-chodesh/>
For further information, please contact Annie ahernandez@crjorlando.org



Shabbat Yoga

Shabbat Yoga at CRJ led by Candace Martin

Sat Sep 16, 2017 10:00am – 11:00am

Sat Nov 18, 2017 10:00am – 11:00am

Sat Dec 16, 2017 10:00am – 11:00am

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the serenity of Yoga blended with the peacefulness of Shabbat on the above 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. *Namaste and Shalom!*

RSVP Requested at www.crjorlando.org/calendar



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



Prime Timers

A New Year... and New Beginnings! Many of you have heard the stories circulating around CRJ these last few months...and they're true!! Introducing...the "Prime Timers"!

Who are we, you may ask? Well...

1. A vibrant social group for adults 60+
2. Offering new and exciting programming
3. Varied gathering times – some in the afternoon, some in the evening

We've all spent time obtaining an education, working in our careers and at home, raising families, being active in our communities...and we now find ourselves at a point in our lives when we realize it's now time...the best time, the prime time...for us to enjoy ourselves. So if you're 60+, (we won't check birth certificates!) join us for our kick-off event on Thursday, September 14th, at 5:30 pm at CRJ for Trivia and Tacos! There WILL be PRIZES! Come check us out!!

L'Shalom,

Allen, Eloise, Gary, Louise, and Paula

For more information, please contact Lauren Oback, Director of Programming and Youth Engagement at Loback@crjorlando.org



THURSDAY, September 14th
5:30pm - Sign in & Shmooze
5:45pm - Dinner Begins
6:15pm - Trivia Competition!
\$7/pp

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

TRIVIA + TACOS

Think you have the knowledge?
Get ready for a fun night of food, fun and friends!
Adults 60+ are invited to join us for Trivia & Tacos



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CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

I am thrilled to share the presidency of Sisterhood this year with the very talented Allison Levie.

As a team, our goal is to build on the foundation and example set by Helene Becker and Carolyn Weinstein. We hope to increase awareness of all that Sisterhood does for CRJ and, on a larger scale, we are also active with Women of Reform Judaism, an international organization that supports youth programs, scholarships for rabbinical and cantorial students, women's rights issues, and many other worthy causes. We are excited about our programming this year and we encourage you to attend our events and see what we are all about.

It's hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since we renewed our WRJ memberships at CRJ but it has and it's time to renew again or join us if you are not already a member! Thanks to your involvement we had a very successful 2016-17. Fundraising through the mahjong tournaments, Chanukah Dinner, YES Fund Luncheon, Women's Seder, Fashion Show, Gift Shop, Invitations, and other events will enable us to begin projects that will improve Sisterhood, WRJ, CRJ and our community.

Please visit the CRJ website and click on Get Involved and then Sisterhood to download the membership application for mailing or go directly to the online application and renew your membership today. Your CRJ/WRJ Membership is a vital part of our synagogue and we look forward to your participation as we worship, do good deeds, and grow together.

Mark your calendars for our Membership Appreciation Event which this year will be Sisterhood and Sangria under the Sukkah on Oct 8th.

Please let us know your ideas. Our board meetings are open to everyone. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the CRJ Social Hall. Sisterhood is all about YOU! Without you, we are one sister short!

Jean White & Allison Levie

Calling All Hostesses..

for a new exciting social Sisterhood program called **TABLES for 8**. Do you want to have 7 lovely women at your home or a place of your selection? This is a great opportunity to socialize with other sisters at CRJ and potential Sisterhood members. All you have to do is pick a date, time and theme and send it to Camy at camy@cbswlaw.com to advertise your "table" and you will have 7 women to entertain and get to know better. Do you want to invite your sisters to learn how to decorate a cake, make sushi, watch hockey, attend a mystery murder dinner party, or cruise down the St. John's River, or will you attend my table for 8, Bunco, Bar-B-Q and Beer (date to be announced)? Please contact me if you want to be a hostess or if you want to be sure to be an attendee to this new and exciting way to get to know your sisters at CRJ.

SISTERHOOD WOMEN OF CRJ
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR ALL PROGRAMS VISIT WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG/SISTERHOOD

WOMEN'S CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH 09.10 AFTER SHOPPING THE EGGS OFF AT SECKER, MEET US AT DANIEL'S	SUSHI AND SANGRIA IN THE SUKKAH 10.08 START THE YEAR OFF WITH THE FREE EVENT FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER MEMBERS
MAH JONG TOURNAMENT 10.22 FOR ALL LEVELS OF MAH JONG PLAYERS, LUNCH INCLUDED	SIP AND ART 11.09 MEET, DRINK, AND DISCUSS SOME FASCINATING ART!
CHANUKAH DINNER 12.15 CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND DINE ON LATKES AND DREKLES	YES FUND LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW 01.21 JOIN US AS WE HONOR A SPECIAL WOMAN IN SHIPP, SHAW-WITTY
PASSOVER BEER 03.31 2ND NIGHT PASSOVER BEER-LED BY GLENNY MEET GARY BECKER	STAY TUNED FOR OUR CUPCOMING SPRING CALENDAR

Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) strengthens the roles of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.

For more details you can reach Camy Schwam-Wilcox, the VP of Programming for Sisterhood at camy@cbswlaw.com I cannot wait to see my current friends and to make some new friends.

CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM
Mom's Brunch
Sisterhood Presents
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
10 AM - NOON
Special \$20
REGISTER ONLINE IN ADVANCE, LIMITED DAY OF SEATING
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WINTER PARK, FL 32789

Complimentary CHAMPAGNE OR BELLINI

CRJ Brotherhood

Fall Events 2017

CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

09/07
6:30PM

No-Limit Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament

Registration and dinner is 6:30 PM. Tournament starts at 7 PM. CRJ gives \$40 donation towards 200 chips and may "buy" for an additional \$40 donation an unlimited number of chips used to 10 PM. Hand prize pool is 10% of all donations received for tournament and is split 50/25/25 by 3 largest chip stacks at 11 PM. 15% discount for registering by Sept 4. More info & register: www.cjrbrotherhood.org/calendar



10/05
7:00PM

Brotherhood Social/Meeting

CRJ Brotherhood Social/Meeting
Taproom in Dadehead
RSVP to cjrbrotherhood@gmail.com



11/02
6:30PM

Men's Night Out

Men's Night Out will invite Greater Dade's Jewish men on evening of comedy, cocktails and great food in the Show Station Ballroom.

Organized by the Men's Dads of CRJ, TR, CRJ, CRJ, and in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Dade. For more information and to purchase tickets/refreshments go online at www.jfy.org/MNO



12/10
10:00AM

Sunday Brunch & Speaker

Brunch starts at 10 AM, speaker to start at 10:30 AM. Brunch includes bagels/loaf, meat, yogurt, juice, coffee. Speaker will address 2017 tax planning. Open to both men and women. Cost: Free. RSVP required to cjrbrotherhood@gmail.com



01/04
7:00PM

Brotherhood Social/Meeting

CRJ Brotherhood Social/Meeting
Taproom in Dadehead
RSVP to cjrbrotherhood@gmail.com



www.cjrbrotherhood.org/brotherhood - cjrbrotherhood@gmail.com

CRJ SHABBAT AT SEA

NOVEMBER 3-6, 2017



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

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

- from \$282 Inside Stateroom (Cat N, Deck 2)
 - from \$292 Inside Stateroom (Cat M, Deck 3)
 - from \$329 Ocean View, (Cat I, Deck 2)
 - from \$329 Ocean View, (Cat H, Deck 3)
 - from \$811 Junior Suite with Balcony (Cat JS, Deck 10)
- Passports are required for this cruise. Prices are per person double occupancy & include cruise fare, program fee & port fees. Optional Cruise Care (\$29-\$59) is recommended & will be quoted at time of booking. Taxes are an additional \$81.83/person. Credit Card Deposit of \$200/cabin is required at time of booking. Final Payment is due July 28, 2017



ITINERARY

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

ENJOY THESE CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- Shabbat Services on the Sea
- Havdalah Service under the stars
- Beach, Water Sports & FUN on Royal Caribbean's Private Island
- AND MORE!



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Marcy Brown
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Marcy@zenith-travel.com
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Save the Dates!

Coming to CRJ this Purim!



Auditions:
Thurs Dec 14, 2017
at 7:00pm

Performance:
Sat Feb 24, 2018

To schedule your audition time, please RSVP to Annie at ahernandez@crjorlando.org before Dec 8, 2017

ESTHER

A PERSIAN MUSICAL

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

2.24.18

CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR SHOT TO AUDITION

12.14.17

www.cjrbrotherhood.org/calendar

SELICHOT



The month of Elul culminates with Selichot (forgiveness) services when we gather in our congregations to recite prayers of penitence. The Selichot liturgy contains some of the finest Jewish religious poetry ever composed.

Traditional Jews recite Selichot beginning late at night on the Saturday before Rosh HaShanah and continue before dawn on the days between the New Year and Yom Kippur. Reform congregations usually observe Selichot in the hours before midnight on the Saturday night just prior to Rosh HaShanah. This moving service urges us to reflect on the year that is ending. With strains of the High Holiday melodies as a backdrop, we utter our first confession of the season, as well as Sh'ma Koleynu, asking God to hear our voices.

For more information about CRJ's Selichot Service and Program go to page 15

סליחות

From <http://reformjudaism.org/preparing-high-holidays>



KIDS KEHILLAH

***2017-2018
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The CRJ "Kids Community" Calendar is designed especially for kids ages 6 and under!

Friday, August 18th | 5:30pm
Tot Shabbat

Sunday, August 20th | 12:30pm
Family Fun Day
Open House, BBQ, Bounce Houses, Activities

Friday, September 15th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat
&
A Rosh Hashanah Birthday Party!



Thurs., September 21st | 2pm
Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Saturday, September 30th | 2pm
Yom Kippur Family Service

Friday, October 6th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Sukkot ShaBang!



Saturday, November 18th | 5:30pm
Pajama Havdalah

Friday, December 15th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & "Fire On Ice" Hanukkah Celebration



Friday, January 19th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Planting for Tu B' Shevat

Friday, February 2nd | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Matzoh Ball Shabbat Dinner

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



Friday, March 2nd | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Taco Shabbat Dinner

Friday, April 13th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Yom Ha'atzmaut Blue & White Party

Friday, May 11th | 6pm
Tot Shabbat & Sammy's Spider's First Shavuot

Friday, June 8th | 5:30pm
Tot Shabbat & Splish Splash Shabbat

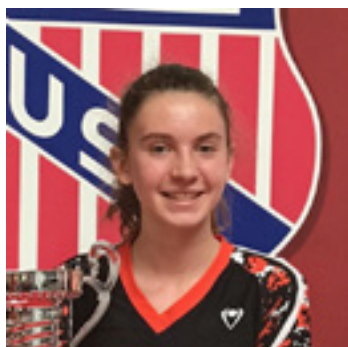


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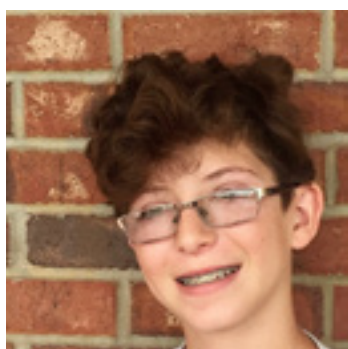


B'nai Mitzvah



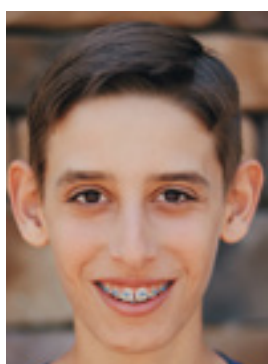
Madeline “Maddi” Zornek, daughter of Meredith and Scott Zornek, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Maddi is a seventh grade honors student at Maitland Middle School. Her passion is volleyball. Maddi has been playing volleyball with Winter Park Volleyball Club for the past 4 years. Her volleyball team is truly a second family. This past summer she trained with the USA Volleyball Florida Regional High Performance Team as well as the USA Volleyball High Performance National Team. For her Mitzvah project, Maddi and a group of friends spent time volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida assembling care packages. Through her mitzvah project Maddi learned firsthand how so many in our community struggle on a daily basis with life's basic needs. She noted “Spending time sorting, packing or stacking food can make a huge difference for the food bank and the families they serve.” We are so proud of the young woman she is becoming.



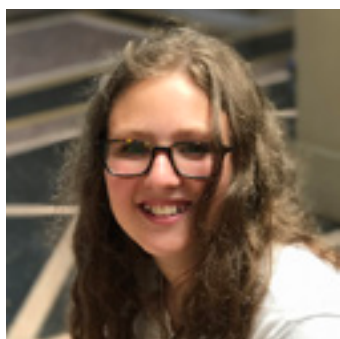
Zachary George Odza, son of Sheryl and Keith Odza, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

Zachary is a 7th Grade Honors Student at Chain of Lakes Middle School. He enjoys music, Beta Club and many sports including skiing in Colorado and surfing in Florida. He is an active member of Boy Scout Troop 6 in Dr. Phillips Area. Zachary constantly is helping others in various capacities such as volunteering in the school office, being a LIT at Cub Scout camp and donating time in a program called “Give Kids the World”. For the past 4 years, Zach has participated in “Relay For Life” a community based fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. We are very proud of all his hard work and practice during the year and even throughout the summer months. A special thanks to Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jacki, and Dr. Sacharoff for their time and patience in helping Zach become a Bar Mitzvah.



Hannah and Benjamin Shapiro, children of Shawn and Jessica Shapiro, will be called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Hannah and Benjamin are 7th grade honors students at Markham Woods Middle School. At school, Hannah enjoys being a member of the Concert Chorus and volleyball team. She also plays volleyball for Winter Park Volleyball Club and loves to dance. Benjamin is on the school's yearbook staff, math team, and Science Olympiad team. Benjamin also plays baseball and volleyball, and enjoys creating board games and mazes. Hannah and Benjamin are looking forward to celebrating their B'nai Mitzvah with all of their family and friends. They would like to thank Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jacki and their tutor, Dr. Sulkes-Freeman, for helping them prepare for their B'nai Mitzvah.



Sarah Paige Bachrach, daughter of Lynne and Dan Bachrach, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

Sarah is a 7th grader at Trinity Preparatory School. She loves school, especially math, playing volleyball and pursuing her creative passions in art and music. On weekends, she volunteers at the library to help younger students learn to read. She has also been a volunteer this past year with Hands On Orlando. To prepare for her Bat Mitzvah, Sarah enthusiastically and diligently practiced with her teacher, Robin Kunkel, and is thankful for her support. She would also like to thank Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for their guidance. Sarah is looking forward to celebrating this momentous event with her friends and family.



No experience necessary—just come try it!

Torah Study | 12:00 PM— 1:00 PM |
 Dates: Wednesdays (visit www.crjorlando.org/calendar for class cancellations or schedule changes due to holidays). Bring your lunch and join us for stimulating conversation with Rabbi Steven Engel.

Attention all Book Readers!

Who is eligible to join our group? All interested people, male and female, who not only enjoy reading, but like to review books and share comments about what they have read. As we begin to regroup from summer vacation time, we are reorganizing our Book Club.

Our goal is to read a wide assortment of types of books suggested by our members. We will choose books for the calendar year at the first meeting of the year which is scheduled for September 12th.

Please bring a friend who also enjoys reading and meet us in the Social Hall of Congregation of Reform Judaism. Please contact Zena at zwsf116@gmail.com or 407-353-6789 to answer questions and to let us know that you are coming and the guest that you are bringing.

2017-2018 | All Meetings begin at 10:30 am

- September 12: "The Snow Child" by Edwyn Ivey
- October 10: "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls
- November 14: "Wherever You Go" by Joan Leegant
- December 12: Hannukah Luncheon
- January 9: "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner
- February 13: "A Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich
- March 13: "The Children's Crusade" by Ann Packer
- April 10: "My Name is Memory" by Ann Brashares

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH PROGRAMS 5778

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SEPTEMBER 21ST

YOM KIPPUR
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Youth Services

Pre-K through 2nd GRADE

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with Morah Lazev & Morah Yasgur and Yom Kippur with Morah Scanlon & Morah Bauer.

Experience the holidays through arts & crafts, stories, games & more! A snack will be provided.

DROP OFF: 9:15am PICKUP: 12:15pm
LOCATION:
 Rosh Hashanah – Art Room #9
 Yom Kippur – Classroom #300

3rd through 6th GRADE

Get ready for exciting holiday fun Blaine and Sarah, Youth Advisors. Enjoy an interactive service called "iPod Rosh Hashanah", fun and innovative rotations including "JEWpardy" Creative Challah Baking, the New Year-New Me Challenge Course (wear shoes with backs), Random Acts of Kindness Journals, Gaga Ball and more!

DROP OFF: 9:15am PICKUP: 12:15pm
LOCATION:
 Rosh Hashana: Multi-Purpose Room (Drop off)
 Sanctuary (Pickup)
 Yom Kippur: Multi-Purpose Room

For more information contact Dr. Sacharoff
E: ssacharoff@crjorlando.org P:407-645-0444

For more information contact Lauren Oback
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Babysitting

Ages 2-4

CRJ will be offering babysitting services for children ages 2 years (must be walking and potty trained) through 4 years during the High Holidays. FOR THOSE 5+ please register for the youth service NOT babysitting. There is no fee, but you MUST RSVP. All children are to be dropped off and picked up by parents in the Library. Kosher snacks and water will be provided during babysitting time.

DROP OFF: 9:15am PICKUP: 12:15pm LOCATION: Library
 For more information contact Julie Begani, jbegani@crjorlando.org

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BY SEPT. 19TH

Easy Honey Cake Recipe

This recipe is featured in Tina Wasserman's book, *Entrée to Judaism for Families*, filled with tools to help children learn to cook with confidence, with clear, step-by-step instructions for every recipe and tips for adults to make the experience safe and rewarding. In addition to Rosh HaShanah, this recipe is also great for the holiday of Shavuot, observed as the birthday of the Torah. The beauty of the Torah has been compared with the nourishment and sweetness of milk and honey.

Ingredients:

- ¾ cup warm coffee (or ¾ cup water with 1 teaspoon instant espresso)
- ¼ cup honey
- 14.5-oz box gingerbread mix
- Eggs, as needed in mix
- Oil or margarine as needed in mix

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven according to package directions.
2. Microwave the coffee with the honey for 30 seconds on high. Stir to combine.
3. Prepare the cake following the package directions except substituting the warm coffee and honey for all of the liquid in the recipe. Use the appropriate amount of oil and eggs called for on the package.
4. Grease a 9 x 4-inch loaf pan. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and bake loaf according to the time on the package mix. Cool completely and then serve or use in Apples and Honey Cake Bread Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce (*Entrée to Judaism*, page 444).



Congregation of Reform Judaism
HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

2017-5778

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



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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!**

September 2017

1 Joel Baumgarten
1 Patrick Jacques
1 Robbee Reents
1 Frederic Schott
2 JonPaul Scheff
2 Kevin Toye
2 Rebecca Welch
3 Rachel DeHayes
3 Jessica Echterling
3 Barry Render
3 Harlee Samuels
4 Coral Ambuter
4 Madison Bovis
4 Hannah Fidelo
4 Randy Rawiszser
5 Alice Harper
5 Rachel VanDemark
6 Shira Brown
6 Albert Marcus
6 Erika Puccio
7 Joel Bornstein
7 Benjamin Perreault
7 Benjamin Shapiro
7 Hannah Shapiro
7 Louis Slone
7 Charlotte Weinberg
8 Diana Barcus
8 Hilary Marx
8 Myrna Newman
8 Lynda Pollack
8 Adam Weiss
9 Jay Kaplan
9 Matt Leavitt
9 Jeffrey Posdamer
9 Brieanne Salzman
10 Jack Alonso
10 Jean Becker
10 Amy Krieger
10 Samantha Krieger
10 Susan Newman
10 Madeline Zornek
11 Rebecca Blechman
11 Jack Laribe
11 Rachel Pierce
12 Rachel Helman
12 Wendy Henner
12 Risa Katz
12 Jeffrey Miller
12 Esteban Scornik
13 Edward DeAguilera
13 Melanie Maulfair
14 Christopher Begani
14 Allison Driscoll
15 Hunter Goldberg
16 Adam Landa
17 Sarah Gabel

17 Paige Keiner
17 Cecelia Miller
17 Debra Robinson
17 Bea Travitsky
18 Margarete Sieger
18 Jeffrey Yarmuth
18 Brent Ziegler
19 Harry Seligman
20 Stewart Anderson
20 Jeffrey Ross
21 Mary Ellen Caplan
21 David Isaacson
21 Hannah Kurzon
21 Justin Unell
21 Brian Ziegler
22 Nathan Esquenazi
22 Richard Maulfair
22 Louis Reents
22 Sally Silberman
23 Seth Armbrust
23 Andrew Burnstine
23 Amelie Fanciullo
24 Sophie Freid
24 Jacob Kassander
24 Jason Mendelsohn
24 Ian Reents
25 Florence Adler
25 Jola Cope
25 Archer Marx
25 Judith Rosenbluth
26 Gina Fiere
26 Jessica Rosenblatt
26 Jason Toye
26 Alexa VanDemark
27 Isabella Albert
27 Susan Godorov
27 Lee Goldring
27 Addison Rose
27 Hochstetter
27 Mitchell Stein
27 Lora Wolf
28 Emily Glickstein
28 Maxwell Goldberg
28 Renee Kaplan
28 Stephen Kaplan
28 Zachary Odza
28 Wolf Santizo
29 Joseph Berrios
29 Zaborosky
29 Gabriella Chepenik
29 Penny Glickman Toye
30 Sara Brodsky
30 Karen Burnstine
30 Rosalie Klein
30 Seth Miller

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

Send information to:

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October 2017

1 Elvia Birnholz
1 Alan Breus
1 Riley Nicholson
1 Elijah Tabb
2 Howard Robinson
2 Jason Rottenberg
3 Siddalee Bauer
3 Molly Brennan
3 Alexis Cousins
3 Michele Niemi
3 Marc Shore
3 Joel Weiss
4 Tracy Elfand
4 Marilyn Goldman
4 Rachel Heimovics-
Braun
4 Ellie Moreno
4 Jesse Render
5 Leslie Feinberg
5 Jay Fisher
5 Richard Gleick
5 Adrienne Kristall
6 Martin Glickstein
6 Kevin Kutschinski
6 Lois Lilling
6 Cynthia Milligan
7 Kristin Abramson
7 Lauren Epstein
7 Lindsay Feinberg
7 Paula Reidy
7 Lois Silverberg
8 Howard Demsky
8 David Goldman
8 Ava Gurian
8 Audrey Hochstetter
9 Adrienne Katz
10 Norma Ball
10 Michael Behr
10 Joseph Kunkel
10 Jeannie Leavitt
11 Barbara Bogle
11 Florence Goldman
11 Daniel Halperin
11 Jeffrey Keiner
12 Sharon Harrow
13 Rosalind Levitt
13 Ira Nodelman
14 Sheri Lewis
14 Michael Martin
14 Dale Perreault
15 Micah Abramson
15 Jake Gurian
15 Shelly Helman
15 Quinn VanDemark
16 Pam Alonso
16 Lauren Oback
17 Jeffrey Barkin
17 Georgia Bernbaum
17 Ashley Katz

17 Michael Lacey
17 Mikhael Ser
17 Eli Ziegler
18 Barnett Chepenik
18 Michael Kahky
18 Emery Rosenbluth, Jr.
19 Ruth Borenstein
19 Sadie Church
19 Pamela Levin
19 Ori Scanlon
19 Noah Elliot Scheff
20 Craig Fleishman
20 Mary Kaplan
20 Deana Schott
20 Eloise Stiglitz
20 Murray Toborowsky
21 Nina Chatham
21 Elizabeth Rudd
21 Vanessa Scotland
21 Kevin Stevens
21 John Weiss
22 Rachel Cooperman
22 Alma Di Gloria
22 Ilana Flores
22 Zachary Haile
22 Deborah Seligman
Gordon
24 Joshua Warren
24 Zachary Warren
24 Zackary Weiss
25 Ellen Snyder
26 Dana Baumgarten
26 Peggy Benson
26 Reese Shams
26 Ana Weiser
26 Aida Welner
27 Tyson Fiore
27 Scott Fisher
27 Ben Landerman
27 Laura Landerman
27 Katie Lehr
27 Evan Reich
27 Amanda SelfScheff
27 Bonnie Toborowsky
28 Joseph Freid
28 Diane Myers
28 Joseph Schwartz
28 Charles Silverman
29 Tim Niemi
29 Shirley Silverton
30 Joanne Fink
30 Brandon Harper
30 Rona Weiss
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Anniversaries

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

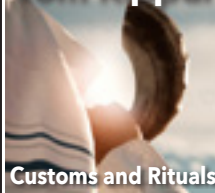
September 2017

1 Tasos Paindiris & Stephanie Adler Paindiris
1 Jason & Ronni Mendelsohn
1 Justice & Rachel Milsom
3 Thierry & Corinne Brunschwigg
3 Steven & Sheryl Kurland
4 Richard & Jane Gleick
4 Michael & Pam Kancher
4 Joe & Robin Kunkel
5 Jay & Wendy Fisher
5 Vince Long & Randi Kaufman Long
5 Lawrence & Barbara Steiner
6 Barry & Ilyse Katz
7 Marvin & Myrna Newman
7 Randall & Mindy Warren
8 Geoff Rich & Gail Malkenson
9 Brian & Rachel Wheeler
11 Michael & Cookie Meyer
11 Roy & Jeanne Silberstein
12 Michael Kahky & Diane Horowitz
13 Scott & Diane Sanchez
14 Michael & Lisa Brodsky
15 Gerry & Heidi Fiacco
17 Murray & Betsy Brooks
18 Arnold & Marilu Esquenazi
19 Lee & Deborah Goldring
24 Glenn & Debra Behr
28 Scott & Christine Miller
28 Esteban & Natasha Scornik
30 Joseph & Judy Weinberg

October 2017

2 Michael & Candace Martin
6 Stewart & Robin Anderson
9 Anthony & Leni Puccio
9 Jeffrey & Bethanne Weiss
10 Lawrence & Etta Lazarus
11 Neil & Sharon Harrow
12 Fred & Deana Schott
13 Howard & Jamie Demsky
13 David & Lisa Goldman
13 Kevin & Kari Miller
14 Martin & Lois Alpert
17 Sammy Goldstein & Bill Yahner
19 Joseph & Debbie Kantor
21 Charlie & Michelle Carlton
21 Omar & Wendy Cintron
21 Eli & Sue Subin
22 Lawrence Kahn & Amy Goodblatt
22 Brett & Nina Scanlon
23 Jeffrey & Renee Ross
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25 Marc & Debi Bartnick
25 Jessica & Seth Rosenblatt
28 Stephen & Mary Kaplan
28 Allan & Diane Myers
29 Tony Moreno, Jr. & Karen Moreno
29 Scott & Gwen Richman

Yom Kippur



Customs and Rituals

Tradition teaches that on Rosh HaShanah the Book of Life is written and on Yom Kippur our decree for New Year is sealed. We are taught that by doing *t'shuvah* (repentance), *t'filah* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (charity), we can have an effect on the severity of the decree. As a result, much of the Yom Kippur liturgy and the prescribed acts for all of the *Yamim Noraim* are aimed at achieving this goal. Yom Kippur, like Shabbat, is a day when one refrains from work. Leviticus 23:32 describes Yom Kippur as a Shabbat Shabbaton - a sabbath of complete rest. One of the greetings for this day is "*G'mar chatimah tovah*," "May you be sealed for a good year ahead." For more info, visit: <http://reformjudaism.org/yom-kippur-customs-and-rituals-0>

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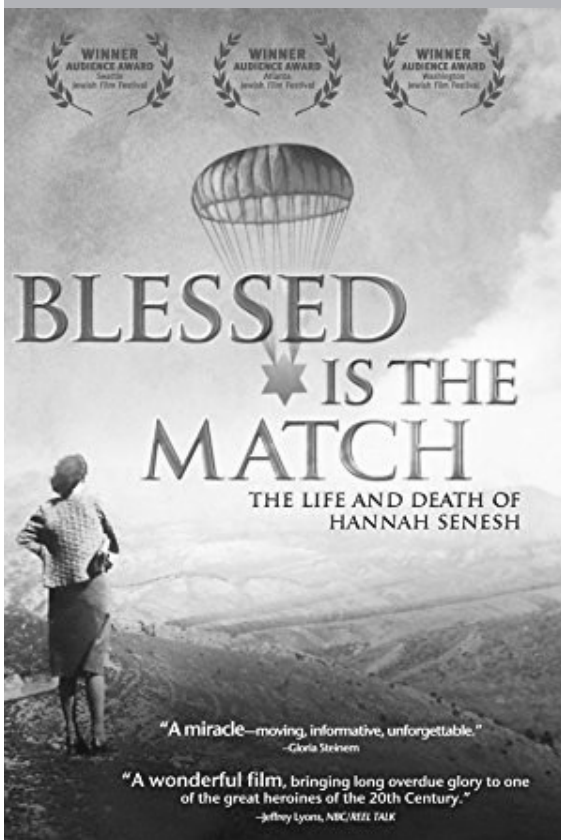
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*Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.
 Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart.
 Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.
 Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.*

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:00 P.M



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

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

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

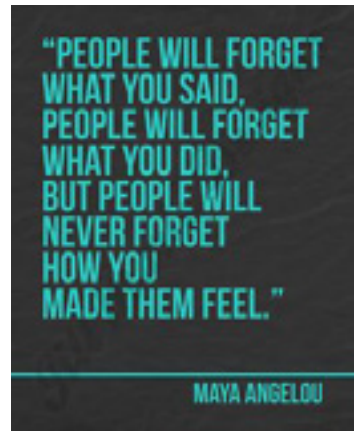
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Please help Jewish Family Services & Mazon Please help ease the involuntary fast of millions by caring for "the stranger" - not only Jews but people of all faiths in our country and around the world, whose hunger does not end at sundown on Yom Kippur.

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How You Can Help?

Envelopes will be distributed during Rosh Hashanah services or you can send a contribution to CRJ. Your donation will sent it to the appropriate organizations.

Please make checks payable to Jewish Family Services or Mazon and send to:
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Gift Shop

The shop is prepared for the High Holidays!

We have candlesticks, wine cups, challah covers, apple and honey dishes and much more.

Beginning in October the shop will be sparkling with all your needs for Chanukah - Toys, dreidels, both elegant and basic Chanukah Candles, Chanukah cookies and much more.

- Gifts for all occasions and Judaica merchandise always available
- Huge stock of tallit sets for both men and women, always discounted
- Don't forget our very popular "Nobody Loves ME" table with deeply discounted items!

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

- **We are open:**
- Regular Sunday volunteer hours (beginning on August 20, 2017) when Religious School is open from 9:15am-12:45pm.
- Otherwise, the gift shop available during these office hours: Monday 9:00am-5:00pm, Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. Please call first so a staff member will be available to help you.

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KIDS ACTIVATES, SING-A-LONG, AND BBQ. HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS*, & CHIPS* VEGGIE BURGERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

SING-ALONG SERVICE - 6:00PM
DINNER - 6:30PM

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OCTOBER 4TH

2017 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					7:00 PM Shabbat Services	10:00 AM Shabbat Service
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No School of Chai	CRJ Office Closed NO YALA		12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai	7:00 PM Brotherhood Poker Tournament 7:00 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Shabbat Services	Bat Mitzvah of Madeleine Zornek 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:15 AM GORFTY Gastropub 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Temple Clean Up 10:00 AM Brotherhood Brunch (off-site) 10:00 AM Sisterhood Brunch (off-site) 11:00 AM Youth & Teen Choir 12:45 PM SOC "Teacher Meet & Greet" 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	5:30 PM YALA (7th-12th Grades) 7:00 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	10:30 AM CRJ Book Club 5:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:30 PM Rehearsal 7:15 PM Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM Caregivers Connection 7:00 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM CRJ Tot Shabbat Series 6:45 PM Jr. GORFTY 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	(5:00 PM) GORFTY Selichot 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Shabbat Yoga 5:30 PM Rosh Chodesh Dinner 7:00 PM Selichot Dessert Reception 7:30 PM Selichot Service 8:00 PM Selichot Movie & Discussion
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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8 9:15 AM GORFTY Gastropub 9:30 AM 4th Grade Mishpacha Day 9:30 AM School of Chal 12:30 PM Pee-Wees 2:30 PM HaZemir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Sisters in the Sukkah	9 5:30 PM YALA (7th-12th Grades)	10 10:30 AM CRJ Book Club 5:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	11 Erev Simchat Torah 10:00 AM Yikar 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:30 PM School of Chal 5:30 PM Simchat Torah - So You Think You Can Dance?	12 CRJ Office Closed 10:00 AM Simchat Torah Service	13 NFTY-STR Fall Kallah 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	14 B'nai Mitzvah of Benjamin and Hannah Shapiro 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
15 NFTY-STR Fall Kallah 2:30 PM HaZemir Rehearsal	16 NO YALE 9:30 AM Cooking for the Homeless @ CRJ 5:45 PM Serve homeless @ Coalition	17 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chal 7:00 PM Rosh Chodesh 7:15 PM Board of Directors Meeting	18 12:30 PM Caregiver's Connection	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Services	20 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 10:00 AM Shabbat Yoga	21
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