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from the President:

Mark S. Blechman

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END....

As my two-year term as president of our Congregation comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the fine people that have been present in your congregational life and that have worked selflessly and tirelessly to make our Congregation what it is today. Your leadership consisted of the Board of Directors this past year and the Executive Committee/Board of Trustees the previous year.

Some of the wonderful accomplishments over the past two years include the following: the completion of the “Burn the Mortgage” campaign (paying off our mortgage with the generous donations from our congregants), new carpeting of the sanctuary\hallways and Goldman Social Hall, new air-conditioning units in the sanctuary/social hall, a new lighted Memorial Board and, of course, the stunning Schott Family Chapel. Currently, as a result of a very successful High Holiday campaign, we are interviewing for the new position of Youth Engagement and Congregational Programming Director. Also, a committee is currently examining and evaluating our Steinmetz Family School of Chai to determine if there are programs or methods that will make our great religious school even better.

Each of our accomplishments over the past two years, including a few that are set out above, were the result of hard work and dedication by individual congregants, committees and board members who labored hard to achieve the accomplishment. There is not enough space permitted to me in this issue to acknowledge all the individual congregants and committees that worked to achieve the results. I do wish, however, to acknowledge our current leadership that I have worked with over the past year.

It is appropriate I start with our clergy. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the Rabbi and Cantor over the past 10 years while I was on the board (I get to continue on the board in the position of Immediate Past President). They have proven, time and again, how patient, understanding, knowledgeable and committed they are to us, our Synagogue and our faith. I could not ask for any finer leaders of our Synagogue and am, in fact, blessed to have Rabbi Engel and Cantor Rawiszer as our clergy. I took over this presidency from Lynn Dictor. Lynn was an amazing president who offered boundless energy in leading us. She handed off the presidency during a time when we were in the waning phase of “Burn the Mortgage”. Having gotten the proverbial engine running, it was easy to take the hand-off from her, and continue with her good work. The following vice presidents have generously provided time, hard work, energy and love for our Congregation. You would all be astounded at how much time these individuals

have given to both the governance of the synagogue in general and more specifically to the directed areas that they served as vice presidents. As with the other individual congregants and committees that helped us achieve so much, I do not have sufficient space to tell each of their accomplishments. I would like to acknowledge the current vice presidents and publicly thank Camy Schwam-Wilcox, Michael Meyer, Brian Margolis, Mark Levitt, Dori Gerber, Roger Jacobson and Cathy Lieblich. I thank each one for their willingness to work together and accomplish so much. I would also like to acknowledge and to express my thanks and gratitude to Susan McKenna as our President-Elect, Ian Robinson VP of finance and Barbara Grossman as our secretary. I appreciate their support and counsel during the past year(s) and I look forward to working with them in my next position. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude I have for each of our board/executive committee members that have served with me over the past two years.

I wish to also acknowledge and thank Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff, our Director of Education of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai for her hard work, dedication and love, not just of our synagogue – but of our religious school. She is a “true believer” and has made our school what it is today. Last for me to acknowledge and thank, but certainly not least, is my wingman over the past two years – and maybe even for my entire time on the board! Michael Kancher seems to always be at the Synagogue. I have no recollection of ever calling him with a question or asking for help when he was not in the Synagogue, and more importantly, willing to do anything asked of. Whenever there is a function, whether it be at night or on the weekends, Michael is always there. Whenever food needed to be picked up or served, Michael is always there. Whenever a committee/VP indicated a need of something, Michael volunteered to provide it. Notwithstanding his genetic flaw with a proclivity to cheer for the LSU Tigers, he is still wonderful person and I wish to thank him greatly. To all my fellow congregants, I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as president of our Congregation over the last two years. It has truly been a privilege and honor and an enjoyable experience that be with me forever..... I wish to close with the same encouragement of you that I spoke about at both my Rosh Hashanah speeches. Be a role model for your children and family with your actions, and please get involved at some level with your faith and with our CRJ.

Thank you,
Mark S. Blechman

CRJ Annual Meeting
Wednesday May 18th at 7pm
Ice Cream Sundaes at 6:30pm



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

One person's candle is a light for many.
-Talmud

Choose yourself a teacher; acquire yourself a friend; and make it your habit to judge every person favorably. - Pirkei Avot 1:6

This is always one of my favorite articles to write as I get to reflect on the positive impacts that I have seen as we approach the end of the school year. I find that the above quotes from Jewish tradition capture the quality of the relationships that are formed in the Steinmetz Family School of Chai! Together we depend on each other to contribute creatively in the active pursuit of the continuity of Judaism. As we are all made in God's image, we are mutual partners in being teachers and being students. In this way, we each share each other's light.

These thoughts guide me to reflect on this school year as summer approaches. One of the most wonderful accomplishments of our Parent Liaison Youth Education Committee this year has been the connections made for families. Throughout the year, the goal for each grade was to have at least one family activity outside of school where relationships could be built. Additionally, the committee itself had a family picnic. School spirit was raised for our families who participated in the Crispers lunch! And who can forget our Todah Tie Die school spirit t-shirt day! Feedback from parents and students has been very positive!

Throughout the course of the year, we have educated approximately 135 students in grades K through Chevruta. Additionally, our dedicated, creative and loving faculty of 14 teachers continually helps to enrich and engage the lives of our students. We have participated in some very exciting programs this year. Each grade not only led the congregation in a Shabbat service, but also shared in a day of family learning in grade level Mishpacha Days. Our students participated in such exciting activities as sounding the shofar with Rabbi Engel for Rosh Hashanah, shared their ruach in T'filah Jam sessions with Cantor Jacki, learned about writing a Torah with Sofer Neil Yermin, and sang with Jewish Musician Mark Bloom.

We are very fortunate to have had 25 teens share their enthusiasm as madrichim (teacher aides) in each of our classes. As young Jewish role models, our teens act as positive influences for our students. Each of our madrichim is involved in assisting our teachers in such tasks as making younger students feel welcome, tutoring children, assisting in classroom tasks, and providing additional Jewish connections for our children such as putting on a Purim skit to begin our Purim festivities!

Through a grant from Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, we were able to offer an engaging pizza and discussion group for 8th-12th graders called #SeeMediaJewishly.

We Skyped with news commentator and social advocate Jonathan D. Lovitz, we talked about Israel in the media with journalist Mark Pinsky, we learned about teen Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, and we viewed the movie Race with an esteemed panel of guests with the Holocaust Center.

I also want to extend a special thank you to CRJ's VP of Education and Youth Engagement Dori Gerber. With her incredible support and collaborative efforts, we have accomplished so much in working toward our vision for increasing family connections, including creating a Steinmetz Family School of Chai t-shirt that many of our students (and their families) wear often and proudly. She is a tremendous asset, as well as an all-around cheerleader for the welfare of our school! Thank you to all of our Parent Liaisons who supported every program and effort this year; I look forward to all that the future holds in store!

Our school would be nothing without all of you, our incredible families who bring their children to us and to the study of Torah. We are continually grateful for allowing us the privilege of helping to guide your children in the ways of Judaism. I wish you all a fun and relaxing summer and thank you in advance for your referrals of friends and relatives to CRJ and to our school.

My door is always open and I welcome your thoughts and questions!

B'Shalom,
Sheryl



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registration opens jun 1
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<https://www.facebook.com/SchoolOfChai>



Join Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for a 30 minute music filled Shabbat Service for kids 0-6yrs. & siblings the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm.
May 6 | June 3



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 us on:

Iyar – Wednesday, May 4 @ 7:00 PM

Sivan – Monday, June 6 @ 7:00 PM

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

Shavuot



June 11, 2016 at 7pm

“Experience the Receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai”

More details to follow

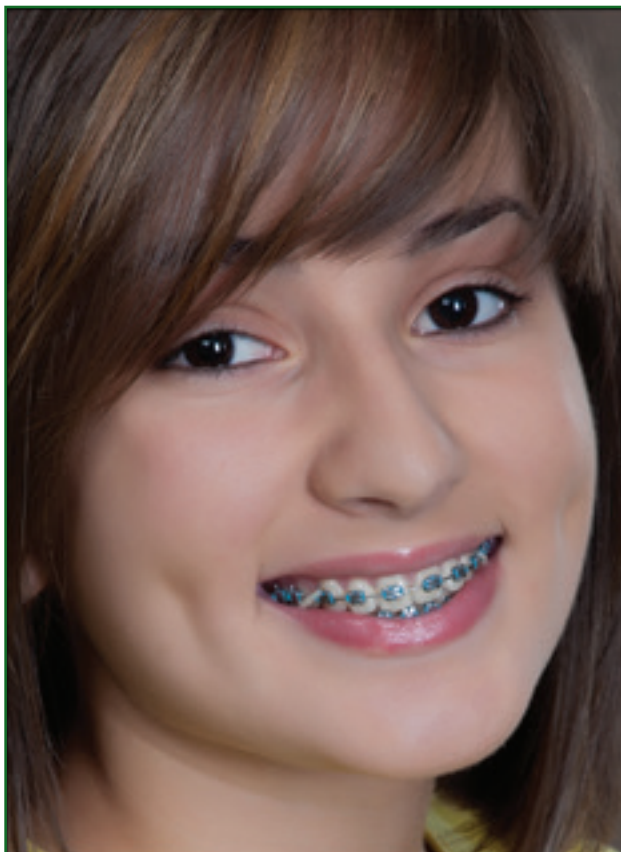
Dairy Dinner will be served

RSVP to ahernandez@crjorlando.org

Volunteer Opportunities at CRJ

An Invitation from Cathy Lieblich

As Vice President for Volunteerism and Congregant Engagement on the CRJ Board of Directors, my goal is to get to know you, your interests and skills and to help connect you with other congregants and to CRJ as your congregational family. If you think you might want to get more involved in CRJ, please call me at 321-277-7309.



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CRJ Sisterhood

"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Sisters by Choice*

We are sisters by choice. We have chosen to be there for each other; and at the end of our days the friendships that we have made will be as important as the relationships that we are born into.

Sisterhood gives us an amazing amount of strength to face the things that came before us, that are seemingly not faceable at the time.

Often I think of my ancestors who relining me to the past, but it is my sisters who are linking me to the future. We get to our future together by joining our hands together in sisterhood.

Sisterhood had a great turn out for an evening of fun and laughter at All Fired Up in Winter Park. We enjoyed refreshments and each other's company, while we created our own masterpieces. It was so nice to have some new Sisters join in a social event.

Another group of Sisters came out on a Sunday morning to make no tie blankets for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. We had a multigenerational group participate in this mitzvah project. We made and donated 15 blankets to the women and children of OUR. They were so thankful to receive them.

We are swiftly moving in to the final months of our Sisterhood events for the 2015-16 year. There are still fun things to do. Please join in!

On May 22 we will be hosting our Spring Mah Jongg Madness at CRJ. 10:30am Registration, 11:00am Play Begins with lunch & snacks served play. See full page flyer in Chai for registration information. Come and try out your new 2016 mah jongg card in a tournament setting. There will be a catered box lunch and prizes. No tournament experience is required. For more information contact Mary Ellen Caplan (mecaplan@hotmail.com).

CRJ Brotherhood and Sisterhood will co host an evening BBQ, havdalah service and chant circle, with Linda Flower Gross. If you have not attended a chant circle, this is your opportunity! It is a relaxing, spiritual exploration with good friends from Sisterhood and Brotherhood. RSVP is required, please contact Linda Flower Gross (crjchant@gmail.com).

Our last celebration of the year will be our Sisterhood Shabbat, on June 24. All Sisterhood members are welcome to participate in this special service. We will have our installation of new officers that night and a special celebratory oneg following the service. Please contact me if you would like to participate in the service - CarolynLW66@aol.com

Sisterhood will continue to meet monthly, on the second Tuesday each month at 5:30pm at Panera Bread (2480 W State Road 434, Altamonte Springs) unless otherwise stated. Meetings are open to all members and prospective members. We are always looking to include new faces and new ideas.

As my term as president winds down, I would like to thank

all of the members of Sisterhood, CRJ community, and especially the Sisterhood Board for their support. Sisterhood at CRJ is a true collaborative effort. We are stronger together - the WRJ motto is alive at CRJ.

Remember, without you we are one Sister short. Join us!

Shalom,

Carolyn - CarolynLW66@aol.com

Additional Upcoming Events:

- May 22 10:30am Registration 11am Play - Spring Mah Jongg Madness,
- Saturday, June 4 at 7:00pm - Sunset Picnic, Havdalah and Chant Circle
- Friday, June 24 at 6:00pm - Sisterhood Shabbat
- Saturday, June 25 at 7:00pm - Installation of Officers, Havdalah Service and pot Luck Dinner

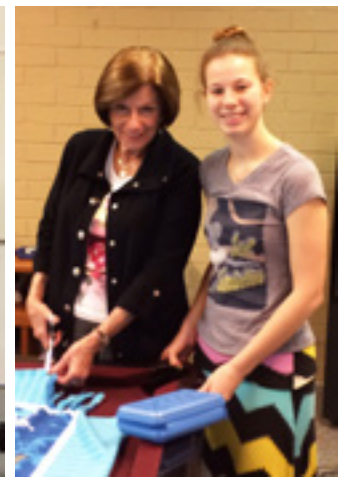
I am looking forward to seeing you at one of our many events. Remember, without you we are one Sister short.

Shalom,

Carolyn

* from Covenant of the Generations, WRJ 2013

CRJ Blanket Making



MRJ CRJ Brotherhood

The mission of the CRJ Brotherhood is to promote the recreational, social, and religious welfare of CRJ's members. We are making plans to restart some previous programs such as the Sunday speaker brunch and Brotherhood Shabbat service while providing new social/recreational opportunities. As programs evolve we will use email and the website calendar to keep you informed of current events. Please help the Brotherhood remain an active and vibrant part of the CRJ community by joining and participating.

At the national level, The Men of Reform Judaism (MRJ) and the Conservative movement's Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Inc. (FJMC) are testing a partnership designed to raise the level of engagement of Jewish men. This project has been created in order to enrich the cultures of both organizations and to strengthen their respective Movements.

Shalom,

Anil Aggarwal - anilaggarwal@cfl.rr.com

CRJ Seniors

We are looking forward to seeing our CRJ Senior members and new members at the last two meetings, luncheons & programs of the Spring of 2016 year. We have a wonderful group of youngsters who are at least 60 and some are just a little older, who enjoy exciting programs of interest & entertainment. New members, former members and guests, are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$10 and a light lunch will be served for \$5 to members and \$8 to guests.

Our April 21, 2016 program at noon will include Election of Officers for 2016-2017. The world famous American Jewish Historian, our own Murray Toborowsky, will speak on "Abraham Lincoln & the Jews during the Civil War--What were the three controversies affecting the Jews and how did they respond?"

The final program of 2015-2016 on May 19th, will include the Installation of our Officers for 2016-2017. We have contacted a special entertainer to sing and play for us, if he is available on that day from his very busy schedule. He will have traveled all the way from Scotland to be with us.

We would love to have you join our seniors' group. If you have any questions, contact me, Allanmyersdmd@gmail.com. Hope to see you there,
Dr. Allan Myers
President,
CRJ Seniors



CRJ Social Action

On April 1st, eight CRJ congregants attended Friday Prayers at the Islamic Center of Orlando, 11543 Ruby Lake Rd., Orlando. This visit was hosted by Dr. Mohammad Afzal and his wife, Naelia. We were greeted with great hospitality and the Imam's sermon included excerpts from Deuteronomy and Leviticus with a greeting to us from the pulpit. The sermon preached that we can all learn from each other and that we can all respect one another.

The Call to Prayer (Adhan) chanted by the Mosque's Muezzin was a highlight of the day's experience. Dr. Afzal and a member (Josh) of the Mosque accompanied the men and Dr. Afzal's wife accompanied the women in our group to the respective sections where people prayed. The day ended in a Q&A discussion where pizza was provided by the Mosque. All in all a wonderful treat for all who attended.



During Christmas day and on Easter Sunday, CRJ volunteers cooked meals at Hubbard House for families away from their home while their loved ones are undergoing troubled times of illness or injury.

Under the guidance of Peggy Smith (Residence Director), Amy and Ryan Feinberg, Judy Godorov, Sharon Silver, Esther Wolman, Joseph Galkin, Bill Yahner and Sammy Goldstein have been doing this mitzvah for 21 years with open hearts and open hands.



SPRING MAH JONGG MADNESS

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Sponsored by Women of CRJ Sisterhood

10:30am Registration 11:00am Play begins, lunch & snacks during play

CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

928 MALONE DRIVE, ORLANDO, FL 32810

\$36 per person fee includes lunch & snacks.

There will be door prizes and CASH prizes
for the top three players!

For more information please contact Mary Ellen Caplan

407-435-5902 or mecaplan@hotmail.com



BEGINNERS WELCOME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN CARD!

REGISTRATION WOMEN OF CRJ SISTERHOOD SPRING MAH JONGG MADNESS 2016

Registration Fee: \$36

Mail to:

Mary Ellen Caplan

2782 Sweet Magnolia Place, Oviedo, FL 32765

Checks and registration should be received no later than May 17, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check enclosed for \$36 (checks made payable to Women of CRJ)# _____

Happy to bring my Mah Jongg set _____

I can help by bringing a card table _____



CRJ Gift Shop

Summer is good time to read.

Gift Shop has a large selection of children's books and special selections for adults.

New selection of tallit sets from Israel for girls/women and boys/men has arrived!

New selections of Jerusalem stone Judaica have arrived. They make wonderful gifts for all occasions and something special for yourself.

Always a great selection of Judaica and non-Judaica gift items for all occasions.

REMEMBER: It is fun to shop at our "Nobody Loves Me table".

Last regular Sunday volunteer hours are on May 15, 2016. Summer hours will be CRJ office hours of Monday and Wednesday, 9 am - 5 pm and Friday, 9 am - 3 pm. Please call first, 407-645-0444, so office staff can be ready to serve you.

Gift shop is run by Sisterhood of CRJ and all profits go to donations to Religious School and CRJ.



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 is in need of this support, please contact CRJ's Care Team Director,

Beverly Smith –

E: thetink@hotmail.com,

P: 407-461-1663



Mah Jongg

Call Beverly Smith, 407-461-1663 or email: thetink@hotmail.com

A joint Sisterhood/Brotherhood/Chant Circle

END of YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 4, 2016
CRJ Social Hall

Barbeque: 6:30 p.m. Havdalah: 7:15 p.m.

RSVP by Tuesday, May 31st to Linda Flower Gross
crjchant@gmail.com

Springtime Serenade

A Recital

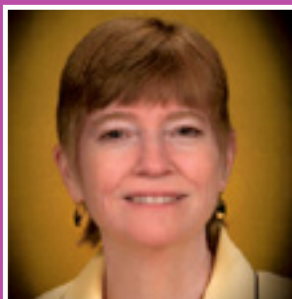
Music to Lift the Senses and Soothe the Soul



Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszer



Matitiah Braun-Violin / Viola



Holly Small- Piano

Composers include:

Handel, Brahms, Massenet, Grieg, Sibelius and others, including Shimon Cohen, Haim Alexander and other Jewish composers.

**Sunday,
May 22, 2016
at 5:30 P.M.**

**General Admission \$18
Seniors and Students \$10**

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In memory of Allan Burnstine

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In memory of Allan Burnstine

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The Goldman Families
In memory of Jerry Thurer

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In memory of mother, Bessie Solomon
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Allison Levie
In memory of grandfather, Howard Levie

The Wiener Family
In honor of Colby Wiener's Bar Mitzvah

Marty & Emily Glickstein
In memory of Natalie Glickstein Haas

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In memory of Allan Burnstine

Dan Freeman & Zena Sulkes Freeman
In memory of aunt, Lillian Chinitz

Linda & Michael Margolis
In honor of Maya Margolis' naming

Sandy Goodkind
In memory of Maisie Goldstein

Jeff & Velaina Koren
In appreciation of our beautiful 10th Anniversary Blessing

Gwen & Mort Kotler
In memory of Robert Gaston

Marty & Lois Alpert
In memory of Minnie Alpert

CULTURAL ARTS FUND
Cindy & Mark Blechman
In honor of Harriet Weiss – Mazel Tov on your JCC Legacy Award

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In memory of beloved sister, Rhona Davison
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Mort & Gwen Kotler
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In memory of uncle, Syd Kruger

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Pearl Metz
In memory of Rose Lindenberg

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In memory of Allan Burnstine

The Bogle Family
In memory of Jim/Bill Bogle, husband, father, grandfather

Barbara Rothman
In memory of Mathew Rothman

Marilyn & Len Goldman
In memory of Fannie Singer

Robin & Stewart Anderson
In honor of Sammy Goldstein's honor at the Jewish Pavilion
In appreciation of Rabbi & Cantor for our anniversary blessing
In appreciation of the new Torah dedication and Joel's lovely singing throughout the year

Judy Godorov
In honor of Logan Hoffman's Bar Mitzvah

Pearl C. Metz
In memory of uncle, Samuel Lindenberg

Eleanor Tross & Sheri & Joe Denberg
In memory of Aline Lorber

Barbie Heller
In memory of Aline Lorber

GENERAL FUND
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In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Richman

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In memory of Seymour Weissman

Bev & Bill Murphy
In memory of William O. Murphy
In memory of Harold Neafach
In memory of Leah Belle Neafach
In memory of Fannie Sykes

Richard Seidman & Audrey Unger
In honor of our marriage

Rosa Bachrach
In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Bachrach

Steve Reich
In memory of Ruth Baker

Shyla Reich
In memory of mother, Regina Giller

Sharon & Ken Chupack
In memory of Ruth Chupack
In memory of Sam Letvin

AI & Aline Lorber
In memory of Michael Feldman

Jeff & Velaina Koren
In appreciation of our beautiful 10th Anniversary Blessing

Alan & Marjorie Helman
In honor of Rachel Helman, daughter of Tally & Shelly Helman

Doris Sunshine
In memory of Herb Sunshine

The Wiener Family
In honor of Colby Wiener's Bar Mitzvah

Scott & Gwen Richman
In honor of Jenna's Bat Mitzvah

David & Judy Albertson
In memory of Murray Albertson
In memory of Geraldine Confer

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In honor of Maya Margolis' naming

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In honor of Rabbi Halperin
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In memory of Sophia Wolfson

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In memory of Aline Lorber

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In appreciation of the recognition of 10 year's membership in CRJ by Rabbi, Cantor and congregation

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Mary Yasgur
In honor of Judy Godorov's Kinneret honor
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Congratulations on being honored for work with the Jewish Pavilion

Pamela Levin
In memory of Agie Janovitz, mother of Ilyse Katz
In memory of Len Silbert, husband of Sandy Silbert
In memory of Phyllis Silver, sister of Marilyn Fish, aunt of Dr. Leslie Fish

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Women's Seder 2016

Judy Godorov

In honor of Sammy Goldstein being honored by the Jewish Pavilion
 In memory of Allan Burnstine
 In memory of Aline Lorber
 In honor of Andrew Goldman's Bar Mitzvah
 In honor of Jeremy Goldman's Bar Mitzvah

Larry & Amy Feinberg

In honor of Mitch Walk's 60th birthday
 In honor of Dr. Bobby Gold's 60th birthday

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Patricia Hassoun

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In memory of Jack J. Levitt, beloved husband

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In memory of Phyllis Israeloff

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In memory of Benjamin Barcus

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1 Noah Katz
2 Caitlin Cantor
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3 Debra Sirkin
3 Amanda Sunshine
4 Kolman Brand
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5 Hedy Blinderman
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13 David & Helene Rasmussen
13 David & Karen Watzman
14 David & Judy Albertson
14 Bobby & Jamie Hayes
14 Eric & Vicki Peisner
14 Gene & Bernice Schwartz

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Tropics.. continued from front cover

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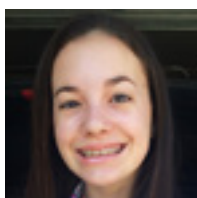
William "Will" Zornek, son of Scott and Meredith Zornek will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

Will is a seventh grade honors student at Maitland Middle School. Will especially loves his Civics class and enjoys getting everyone riled up regarding the upcoming election. After school he stays busy with various activities including swimming, Jr. National Honor Society and various artistic endeavors. For his Mitzvah Project, Will is sharing his Bar Mitzvah with Nissim Hatzis who died in the Holocaust before he could have his Bar Mitzvah.



Carter Kuritzky, son of Andy and Brooke Kuritzky, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 4, 2016.

Carter is an energetic young man who is known for his kindness and zany personality. Carter keeps a busy schedule with acting, singing, swimming, and playing with his two younger brothers Isaac and Simon. We are so proud to take the bimah with him in June for this momentous occasion.



Payton Grace Mendelsohn, daughter of Jon and Angie Mendelsohn, will be celebrating her bat mitzvah this summer in Israel.

Payton is a 7th grader at Maitland Middle School and is very creative. She has a deep appreciation for the arts, chorus, guitar, and she was selected this year to sing in the All County Honor Choir. Payton is involved with many sports including volleyball and tennis. She is a setter for the Winter Park Volleyball Club. In her free time, she likes to read, and spend time with her younger sister, Ella, her cousins and grandparents, and friends. Payton loves to be challenged in school and excels in math. She was honored as part of the top 5 students in her grade and is consistently awarded for earning straight A's. One of her favorite memories is her family trip to Beaver Creek where she hiked, ziplined, and white water rafted.



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...to **Judy Godorov** for being chosen as Senior Volunteer of the Year at Fern Creek Elementary School

... to **Lois Lilling** was selected Volunteer of the Year at Lake Sybelia Elementary School.



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Join the Rabbi and his esteemed panel to discuss: **The End of Life: How Do I Prepare For Myself or For Others?**

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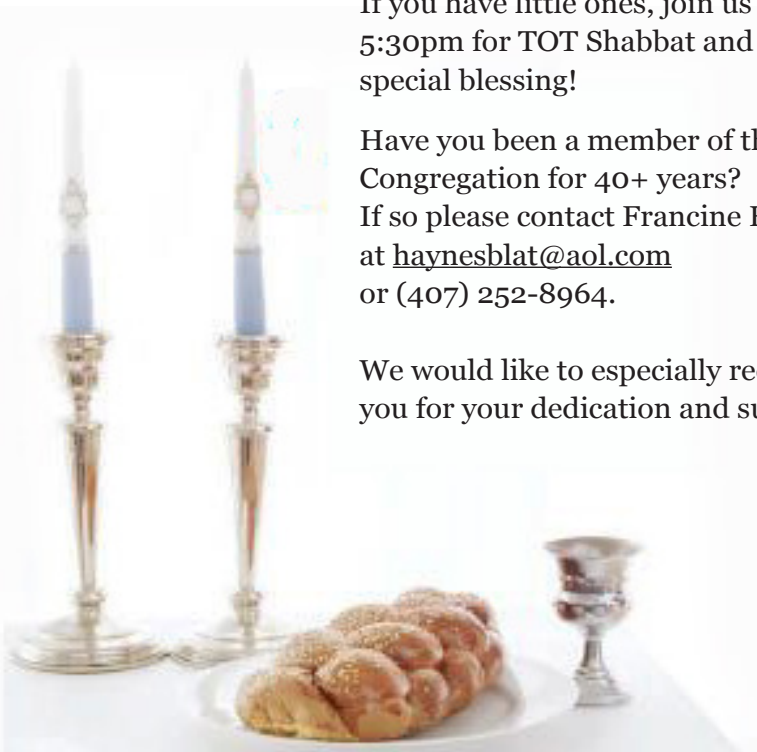
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If you have little ones, join us at 5:30pm for TOT Shabbat and a special blessing!

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May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am School of Chai 9:30am 6th Grade Mishpacha Day 9:45am Abraham Lincoln and the Jews	2 6:30pm Hebrew III 7:00pm Great Stories in the Bible	3 6:30pm Mah Jongg	4 12pm Torah Study 4pm School of Chai 7pm Rosh Chodesh Group	5 Yom Ha'Shoah 11:30am Sr. Board 7pm ABM	6 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Service, Yom Ha'shoah Themed	7 10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Yoga
8 Mother's Day No School	9 6:30pm Hebrew III	10 5:30pm Sisterhood Mtg	11 Yom HaZikaron 4pm School of Chai	12 Yom Ha'atzmaut 7pm ABM	13 7pm Shabbat Service, Yom Ha'atzmaut Themed HS Graduation/ Teacher Appreciation	14 10am Shabbat Service 5th and 6th Grade Shabbat
15 Last Day of School 9:30am School of Chai 9:45am The End of Life: How Do I Prepare	16 9:30am Cooking for the Homeless 5:45pm Serving the homeless 6:30pm Hebrew III	17 12:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Mah Jongg	18 12pm Torah Study 7pm Annual Meeting	19 12pm Serious Program (Installation of Officers) 7pm ABM	20 7pm Shabbat Service	21 Bar Mitzvah of William Zomek 10am Shabbat Service
22 10:30am Spring Mah Jongg Madness 5:30pm Classical Musical Recital	23 6:30pm Hebrew III	24	25 12pm Torah Study	26 Lag B'Omer	27 6pm Shabbat Service	28 10am Shabbat Service
29	30 Memorial Day CRJ Office Closed	31				



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June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12pm Torah Study	2	3 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7pm Shabbat Service Membership Appreciation Service and Oneg	4 Bar Mitzvah of Carter Kuritzky 10am Shabbat Service 6:30pm Chant Circle & BBQ
5	6 7pm Rosh Chodesh Group	7	8 12pm Torah Study 7pm Board of Directors Mtg.	9	10 7pm Shabbat Service	11 10am Shabbat Service 7pm Shavuot Program "Experience the receiving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai"
12 Shavuot 10am Yiskor Service	13	14 12:30pm Book Club 5:30pm Sisterhood Mtg	15	16	17 7pm Shabbat Service	18 10am Shabbat Service
19 Father's Day	20 9:30am Cooking for the Homeless 5:45pm Serving the homeless	21	22	23	24 6pm Shabbat Service Sisterhood Shabbat	25 10am Shabbat Service 7pm Sisterhood Havdalah
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