

# CHAI

CONGREGATION OF  
REFORM JUDAISM

January / February 2018

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

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**PURIM CARNIVAL**

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and Temple Programming

**SUNDAY ★ FEBRUARY 25, 2018**  
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**Purchase by Feb. 5:** CRJ Members - \$18/Community Members - \$20  
**Purchase at door:** CRJ Members - \$22/Community Members - \$25  
**Additional meal tickets: \$6**

# Purim

A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND FUN

Saturday, February 24th at 7 pm



## ESTHER

A PERSIAN MUSICAL

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

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\$8 seniors / \$10 CRJ Members / \$18 General Admission  
\$25 Reserved Seating and Pre-show reception

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from the desk of:  
**Rabbi Steven Engel**

I like to think of our congregation and our community as a constant "work-in-progress". I am always thinking about what we do

and why we do it. I am always reflecting upon how we do it and how we might do it differently and better. And why not? If you and I as human beings are constant works in progress, shouldn't the community that we make up also be one as well?

CRJ is a place true to the values of Judaism. Judaism has never been about being static, unbending and unyielding. Instead, it has always been fluid and dynamic, grappling with modernity and the changes in the world, while at the same time being true to Judaism's core values and teachings.

In this spirit, we have refocused a lot of our energies on both ends of the age spectrum. We are directing our attention toward the younger and older members of our congregational family. Our youth program is strong and growing every day. From four year olds to high school seniors the activity level for our youth is amazing in numbers and energy. They are connecting to their Judaism in meaningful ways and building a strong sense of Jewish identity and community. We are helping them to create wonderful Jewish Memories that will propel them into their future Jewish Connection. We are shaping our Jewish future.

At the same time we have re-energized activities for our older members. Our new "Prime Timers" (age 60 plus) group is off to a blazing start with programs that are relationship building and evocative. In the prime of their lives this will give them an added dimension of community, of new friends, of intergenerational relationships. We are honoring the more "life-experienced" members of CRJ by telling them that they are important to us.

All of this has been made possible under the leadership of our talented Director of Programming and Youth Engagement Lauren Oback with support from our great

Events and Marketing Manager Julie Begani.

We are all on a journey as individuals and as a community. Each day we look for something interesting and challenging to move us along our way or to get us back on track. You can find this at your congregation through the activities and programs that are offered at CRJ. I feel very blessed to be a part of your journey and I hope you feel the same. May you find in this new year a lot of remarkable moments and a lot of fun along the way.

Wishing you a healthy and fulfilling 2018!

**Steve**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

6 PM: **Tot Shabbat Music and Stories**  
with Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki

6 PM: **Matzo Ball Soup and Salad Bar Shabbat Dinner**  
(Tot Families can join us at 6:30 PM, high chairs available)

7 PM: **Family Shabbat Service**, featuring Steinmetz Family School of Chai 1st and 2nd grade.

Also happening... GORFTY Cardboard City Lock-in

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**

Please join us as we celebrate **Shabbat HaOlam—Shabbat Around the World with the Jews of Greece**. Experience the beautiful sights, unique sounds, and flavors of Jewish Greece as we discover the rich traditions of this ancient community.

6 PM Greek Shabbat Dinner | 7 PM Shabbat Service

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018**

6 PM: **Tot Shabbat Music and Stories**  
with Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki

6 PM: **Taco Shabbat Dinner**  
(Tot Families can join us at 6:30 PM, high chairs available)

7 PM: **Family Shabbat Service**, featuring Steinmetz Family School of Chai 3rd & 4th grade.

Also happening... Chaverim Shabbaton Lock-in

**TO REGISTER FOR ALL DINNERS AND VIEW A FULL LIST OF SHABBAT SERVICES AT CRJ AT [WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG](http://WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG)**



from the President:

**Susan McKenna**

Please mark your calendars NOW for Saturday evening, April 14 when CRJ's annual spring fundraiser will take place. We are returning

this year to the beautiful Mezz in the Thornton Park neighborhood of Orlando, the site of last year's very successful and thoroughly enjoyable event. This year's celebration promises to be just as wonderful, as its planning committee co-chaired by Carole Adler and Julie Begani has been hard at work for many weeks to ensure the music, entertainment, decor and refreshments will make for a truly memorable evening while helping CRJ raise revenues critically necessary to provide the programs and services that make our temple such a special place.

This year's recipients of the CRJ Lifetime Achievement Award who will be honored at the April 14 event are Nancy and Mitchell Walk. The Walks need no introduction to long-time members of CRJ, as both Mitch and Nancy each served as President of CRJ for multiple years, in addition to serving in many other volunteer roles since they joined CRJ (then known as Congregation of Liberal Judaism) in 1989.

Nancy was raised in Hazleton, Pennsylvania and received a B.A. in Mass Communications from the University of Hartford in 1978. Mitch, a very proud graduate of Flagler College in St. Augustine where he majored in Psychology, was raised in Levittown, New York. Their paths crossed in Washington, D.C., where they both were living in July of 1986, at a decidedly unromantic destination: a national Chili Cook-off sponsored by the beer distribution company for which Mitch worked at the time.

As is often the case in such circumstances, it certainly was NOT love at first sight. Mitch readily acknowledges that he called Nancy every day for two months until she finally agreed to go out with him! They became engaged six months later. Anyone who knows Mitch can appreciate how this story exemplifies some of the traits that helped make him such a successful businessman and entrepreneur in a broad range of industries: fearlessness and tenacity. Nancy's traits as evidenced by this story - careful reflection and straightforwardness, among others - likewise have served her well in various successful business and philanthropic endeavors. Currently, Nancy owns an equine boarding facility and Mitch is co-owner of Retirement Wealth Specialists with CRJ member Bruce Udell.

Immediately upon relocating to Central Florida in 1989, the Walks joined the temple and became very involved. Their daughter Cymbre grew up and became a bat mitzvah at CRJ, and most of the family's closest friends are fellow temple members. In addition to serving as President for 3 years, Nancy served as First Vice President, Education



Committee chair, Leadership Development chair, and chair of the search committee that recruited and hired Rabbi Engel. Mitch served two separate terms as President, held various other Board positions, has been active on Budget & Finance and other committees, was president of Brotherhood, and is a founding donor and officer of the CRJ Foundation. They have been very generous supporters of CRJ and other Jewish-related organizations, including the Holocaust Center. In addition, Mitch has been an extremely active member of the Flagler College alumni community ever since he graduated in 1979, including 12 years as Alumni Association President and 6 years on the Board of Trustees.

Needless to say, Nancy and Mitch are well deserving of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for all they have contributed to our temple. I look forward to honoring them and partying with all of you who join us for what I promise will be a fun and festive evening on April 14!

*L'Shalom,*

**Susan**

**got shabbat?**  
 Java | Jams | Jews  
 April 21 | 7pm at CRJ  
 Experience this musical rock Shabbat featuring an 8 piece band led by Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki. Also featuring members of the CRJ Temple Choir and Teen Ensemble!



from the Director of Education:

**Sheryl Sacharoff, Ed.D**

*And the old shall dream  
dreams, and the youth shall see  
visions,*

*And our hopes shall rise up to  
the sky,*

*We must live for today; we*

*must build for tomorrow.*

*Give us time, give us strength, give us life.*

**- Words and music by Debbie Friedman z"l**

Our synagogue is in the midst of a very exciting time for some of the youngest members of our Jewish community. Seeing the smiling faces and the enthusiasm of our newest students is so exciting! Our latest program for three and four year olds, known as "Chai Lites", is now offered in CRJ's Steinmetz Family School of Chai. Teachers Amy Feinberg and Debbie House are experts in the field of early childhood education and bring their expertise to our twice monthly Sunday morning program.

During the summer, CRJ's Events and Marketing Manager, Julie Begani, identified a need to provide supplementary religious pre-school educational opportunities for 3 and 4 year-olds in the Greater Orlando Community. Realizing that this has always been a vision of Rabbi Engel's, in collaboration with Julie, we set out to make this goal a reality. The program was announced at family service on Rosh Hashanah and was so well received that we added a second session and have begun with twenty-two children!

We are thrilled to have Amy Feinberg join our teaching staff! As a matter of fact, Amy has made such an impact on children and families, announcing the class with her name attached quickly built enthusiasm! Amy, who is starting her 29th year teaching at the Roth JCC Early Childhood Learning Center, is excited to be teaching CRJ's new "Chai-Lites" class for 3 and 4 year olds. Through her extensive experience with this age group, Amy will explore Jewish holidays, traditions,

and values through touch, taste, feel, and listening. Learning through hands-on, brain-on experiences leading to enhanced social and emotional skills is certainly Amy's gift. Amy and her husband Larry have been members of CRJ for many years!

Equally as talented and sought after is our second Chai-Lites class teacher, Debbie House. Debbie has been in the Orlando community for more than 40 years and grew up at CRJ and at the JCC. Debbie worked at the Orlando Jewish Community Center as a preschool teacher in the Early Childhood Learning Center with all age groups and as the Physical Education specialist. Presently, she is a Pre-K teacher at the Orlando Science Center. She has taught Judaics and Hebrew to various aged children for more than 15 years. Debbie is married to David and they have two sons. Alex, 21 years old, is a baseball pitcher for the Houston Astros, and Austin, 15 years old, is a student at Lyman High School and is active in the Marching and Jazz bands.

We are also delighted to have Sarah Cotler join the teaching staff as assistant teacher in both sessions. Sarah brings her love of children and her enthusiasm and dedication to teaching. The children are also very lucky to have Madricha Maddy Ward sharing her talents as the teen assistant in each class.

More than 20 three and four year-olds are presently enrolled and we anticipate further growth of this program as we move into the new calendar year. Making challah covers and tzedakah boxes, decorating Thanksgiving bags for homebound seniors for Jewish Family Services and making Chanukah menorahs, are some of the fun projects that our youngest children have done so far. An exciting morning of Jewish learning will take place on April 15th as we have our first Chai-Lites Mishpacha Day!

*Chazak chazak v'nitchazek...* may we continue to go from strength to strength in educating children and building strong Jewish minds.

*L'Shalom,*

**Sheryl**

**Friday, January 19th | 6:00pm**

**Tot Shabbat & A Tu B' Shevat Nature Fest**

with Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jacki & Lauren Obeck

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It's the birthday of the trees! What better way to celebrate than with birthday cake, lots of yummy fruit we receive from trees, storytime and a very SPECIAL planting activity!

RSVP online by January 16th at [https://crjorlando.org/tot\\_shabbat/](https://crjorlando.org/tot_shabbat/)

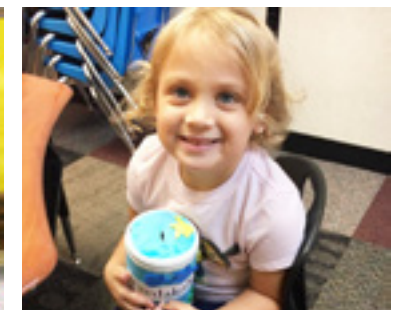
## Chai Lites Class



Steinmetz Family School of Chai is excited to announce new classes and programs beginning in August 2018 for children as early as age 6 months. Programs will include Sunday parent/child classes for children under 2 and Chai Lites classes for children age 2 - PreK. For more information contact Julie Begani [jbegani@crjorlando.org](mailto:jbegani@crjorlando.org) or Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff [ssacharoff@crjorlando.org](mailto:ssacharoff@crjorlando.org)



We're having in a blast with the Steinmetz Family School of Chai CHAI-LITES!





## Prime Timers

### Tacos and Trivia: A True Test

So what was the single highest grossing movie of all time? Great trivia question!

Seems like that should have been easy, but our team tossed around

movies from Star Wars to Titanic, Gone with the Wind to Avatar. We debated the merits of each and landed on—the wrong one!

“Tacos and Trivia” for Prime Timers was a huge success. With a new venture like this, you never know who will show, how many will come, what their expectations will be and will they enjoy? Clearly, from the laughter in the room- we hit the mark!

The whole evening was a lot of fun. We tested our memories—Who could remember the number of NBA teams, or how many red balls there are in the game of snooker. Actually, who ever heard of snooker? For most of the questions SOMEONE on our team had SOME idea of what we might give as an answer and much to our surprise, we did quite well! (Although there were some questions that we were all totally clueless about!)

We also tested our trust of our friends’ memories. More important than the competition (who ever said Jews were not competitive?) was the bonding with old friends and making new friends. So how did he know that song? Or, could she be right about something having to do with golf? I never knew Jews had so much brain power about sports! We were all in this together, learning about each other’s strengths, knowledge and memories. We laughed, clapped, hooted and moaned in disappointment—all together.

When you are over, let’s say 60, and you are asked about things that occurred in in the decade of the 60’s—that is a stretch! And stretch we did! We travelled down memory lane with song titles, and had “aha” moments when trying to resurrect infamous people who committed heinous crimes. We all journeyed these decades together, and experienced the same events—but not all in the same way. That was one of the fun realizations of the evening. Depending on where we were, our lifestyle choices and our age, “All you need is love” conjured up different memories for each of us. But each one of us had SOME old memory pop up when hearing that song title.

For me, as a newcomer to CRJ, the evening was a wonderful opportunity to get to know some new people. I see people at events or services, but never really get to know them. Here, I could chat, and share food, with these ‘CRJers’ in a different, more relaxed context. And as Jews, we all know the value of sharing food together!

I knew, as I looked around the room, that many people knew each other. Many had not seen each other in a while, and immediately started catching up with life events. Others had visited just days earlier and fell easily into tables together. Still others, like my husband and me, knew just a few people. The warmth of watching

**“Prime Time Line Up”  
EVENT  
SCHEDULE**

Updated 11/15/17

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

<b>THURSDAY,</b> <small>December 14th</small>	<i>Lake Brantley Choir</i> <b>Holiday Performance</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY,</b> <small>January 18th</small>	<b>Painting &amp; Pizza</b>	<b>5:30PM</b> \$8
<b>MONDAY,</b> <small>February 12th</small>	<b>L’DOR VA DOR</b> <small>HOT TOPICS LEARNING SESSION WITH YALSA HIGH SCHOOL TEENS</small>	<b>6:30pm–8:00pm</b> \$5
<b>THURSDAY,</b> <small>March 8th</small>	<b>“Traditional” Jewish Cooking Class</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> \$8
<b>SATURDAY,</b> <small>April 28th</small>	<i>Be Our Guest</i> <small>hosted by Eloise &amp; Alan</small>	<b>6:00pm</b> \$7
<b>SATURDAY,</b> <small>May 12th</small>	<b>ROARING 20’S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> \$9

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people reconnect and the delight in experiencing the “hamisha” congregation, made me grateful to be part of CRJ.

There is no time like PrimeTime. Whether you are 60 or 90, or anywhere in between, you can join in the fun. I hope to see you at our coming events. Check the schedule to be sure that you don’t miss out!

*L’Shalom,*

**Eloise Stiglitz**, Prime Timers Member

**CRJ joins the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in creating a World of Compassion, Justice and Wholeness.**

Together WITH OVER 125 Reform Congregations across North America, CRJ has created a Brit Olam – a Covenant with our World – because we seek the world we want, not the world as it is. Around the world, vulnerable populations face profound challenges. As the Reform Jewish Movement, we are committed to meeting the urgency of now with moral leadership through congregational and community-based action. In the Brit, the Congregation of Reform Judaism agrees to act in solidarity with vulnerable communities, build relationships across lines of difference in our local community, and foster a culture of sacred and civil dialogue in our congregation where all opinions are heard. The Board of Directors, with Cantor Jacki as clergy liaison, will be identifying how best to implement the brit to meet needs in our Central Florida Community, such as human trafficking and homelessness.



If you have questions about this pledge to repair our world, please contact Cantor Jacki at [jrawiszer@crjorlando.org](mailto:jrawiszer@crjorlando.org).

**Caregiver Support Group at CRJ**

A few congregants expressed interest in CRJ offering a support group for people caring for a loved one. A caregiver support group allows those caring for a loved one the opportunity to benefit from interaction and support from other people who are also caregivers. After a wonderful caregiving workshop facilitated by Margie Pabst Steinmetz earlier this year, we are exploring whether sufficient interest exists to team with Jewish Family Services (JFS) for ongoing support group sessions. A professional counselor from JFS would facilitate the group at CRJ and start each session with an educational topic that will then be used as a springboard for discussion.

In order for this to happen, there needs to be interest from a minimum of 8 congregants so please let Cathy Lieblich, [clieblich@me.com](mailto:clieblich@me.com) or 321-277-7309) know if you're interested in participating. The dates and times for the support group meetings will be determined based on the availability of the participants.



**Mah Jongg**

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

**From the Vice President of Membership, CRJ Board of Directors: Cathy Lieblich**

Welcome Home! That's how the CRJ Membership Committee wants us all to feel when we come to CRJ for services, religious school, youth group, classes, meetings and other activities and events. CRJ strives to exude a culture that is warm and welcoming, optimistic and vibrant and to be a community where people feel cared about, valued and connected. Toward that end, the committee started a "Greeter Initiative" this year where CRJ members volunteer to greet other members and guests as they enter the sanctuary for Friday night Shabbat Services and in the sanctuary during the Oneg where the CRJ "Welcome Home" table is set up with a calendar of upcoming events, flyers about our fabulous youth programs and activities, Sisterhood and Brotherhood information and activities, Prime Timers events and other opportunities to get involved at CRJ. Getting involved provides an opportunity to meet and get to know fellow and sister congregants and to feel even more a part of the CRJ congregational family.

Another Membership Committee initiative is the Ambassador Program in which CRJ congregants volunteer to be the ambassador for new members which entails calling to welcome them to CRJ and inviting them to meet the ambassador at CRJ services and events over the course of their first year as members.

If you're interested in volunteering to be an Ambassador and/or a Greeter, please contact me at [clieblich@me.com](mailto:clieblich@me.com).



# JR. GORFTY

7th grade  
Greater Orlando Future Federation Temple, FL

## Program Schedule January-May 2018/17TS

<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>1/5 YASA 1/10 No YASA 1/22 YASA 1/26 Camp Jonny Dinner Fundraiser 1/28 Bubble Soccer @ OF-3 4:00pm-5:00pm 1/29 YASA</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>2/6 YASA 2/6 Day of Service 12:00pm-4:00pm 2/12 YASA 2/19 No YASA 2/26 OF-3 Purim Carnival hosted by GORFTY</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>3/4 Kickball H2o 3/6 YASA 3/12 YASA 3/19 No YASA 3/26 YASA</p> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>4/2 No YASA 4/9 YASA 4/15 Jr. GORFTY Shabbaton Look-in 4/16 YASA 4/23 YASA 4/27 GORFTY-led Shabbat, GORFTY Board Installation 4/29 Sunday at the Springs 4/30 YASA</p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p>5/6 Mitzvah Maccabiah   COLOR. MAR. FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY 5/7 YASA 5/14 YASA 5/19 7th grade Yasa induction 5/21 YASA Banquet</p>
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**Jr. GORFTY Membership**

ORI Member \$72  
Community Member \$18  
Includes Jr. GORFTY membership & youth t-shirt  
Yasa Only: \$18/\$199

Bubble Soccer - \$25 - Register by Jan 15th  
Day of Service - \$15 - Register by Jan 20th  
Kickball H2O - \$30 - Register by Feb 20th  
Shabbaton - \$25 - Register by March 20th  
Springs - \$25 - Register by April 10th

# GORFTY

8th-12th Grades  
Greater Orlando Future Federation Temple, FL

## Program Schedule January-May 2018/17TS

<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>1/5 YASA 1/10 No YASA 1/15 GORFTY Lounge Night + G3 Dinner Prep @ OF-3 5:00pm-8:00pm 1/22 YASA 1/26 Camp Jonny Dinner Fundraiser 1/29 YASA - GORFTY Board Applications Due!</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <p>2/2-2/5 Cardboard City Look-in 2/6 YASA with special guest Scott Fried 2/12 YASA (Lider Vdor) 2/16-2/18 STAY TIGER! 2/19 No YASA 2/26 OF-3 Purim Carnival hosted by GORFTY</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>3/6 YASA 3/6 Murder Mystery Dinner 3/12 YASA 3/16-3/18 NFTY-STE Spring KASHA (Open to 8th-12th graders!) 3/19 No YASA 3/26 YASA</p> <p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>4/2 No YASA 4/7 Sunrise-Sunset Shabbat Experience 4/9 YASA 4/16 YASA 4/20-4/22 NFTY-STE-LLTI KASHA 4/23 YASA 4/27 GORFTY-led Shabbat, GORFTY Board Installation, GORFTY Shabbaton 4/30 YASA</p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p>5/6 Mitzvah Maccabiah   COLOR. MAR. FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY 5/7 YASA 5/10 Kickball H2o @ OF-3 4:00pm-5:00pm 5/14 YASA 5/19 12th grade Confirmation Dinner + Service 5/21 YASA Banquet</p>
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**GORFTY Membership**

ORI Member \$72  
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Includes GORFTY membership & youth t-shirt  
Yasa Only: \$18/\$199

Lounge Night - \$5 - Register by Jan 15th  
Cardboard City - \$50 - Register by Jan 22nd  
Murder Mystery - \$25 - Register by March 15th  
Sunrise Shabbat - \$60 - Register by March 18th  
Shabbaton - \$50 - Register by April 9th  
Kickball H2O - \$25 - Register by May 7th



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the whole world  
smiles with you.”*

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## Sisterhood

*"Without You, We Are One Sister"*

### Happy 2018!

January is always an exciting month for the Women of CRJ as it's when we have our annual YES Fund Luncheon where we honor someone special and deserving from our CRJ family. The YES Fund (Youth, Education, and Special Projects) represents the collective financial efforts of individual donors and WRJ-affiliated sisterhoods to strengthen the Reform Movement and ensure the future of Reform Judaism. YES Fund grants provide Reform Jewish institutions and individuals worldwide with the tools necessary for religious, social, and educational growth and enhance Jewish life by supporting clergy, cultivating women's leadership, advocating for social justice, providing programming, and offering support.

This year's YES Fund luncheon honoree is the inimitable Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff who not only inspires our children to learn and grow but adults as well, and who embodies the mission of the YES Fund. Please join us on Sunday, January 21st for this terrific event as you won't want to miss it especially if you are, were, or will be the parent of a child in the School of Chai. The cost for the luncheon is \$20.00 through December 15th and \$25.00 after that date. Registration is a must and can be done online at [www.crjorlando.org/event/sisterhood-events/](http://www.crjorlando.org/event/sisterhood-events/).

Also coming up in early 2018 is the second night Passover Seder on March 31st led by clergy aide Gary Becker. Keep an eye out for more information about this great event.

If you are not already a member we invite you to join the Women of CRJ!

Check out our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115881329071481/> for all the latest programming information and photos from past events.

Women of Reform Judaism strengthens the voice 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. Without you we are one sister short.

Your Sisterhood Co-Presidents:

**Jean White and Allison Levie**



### 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 - E: [thetink@hotmail.com](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com), P: 407-461-1663



### WHAT THE CRJ HOSPITAL TEAM DOES FOR CRJ CONGREGANTS:

- Visits to the hospital when a congregant is admitted for an extended stay
- Celebrate Shabbat and holidays with congregants in the hospital
- Be a cheery face to talk to during your stay!

If you would like a member of the Hospital Team to visit you, please contact Beverly Smith - E: [thetink@hotmail.com](mailto:thetink@hotmail.com), P: 407-461-1663

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**Dates: Wednesdays**

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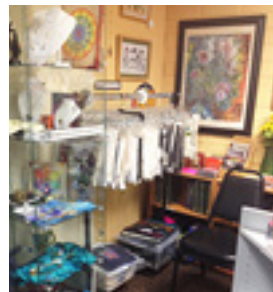
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### Attention all Book Readers

Calling all book lovers! Join us monthly at 10:30am at CRJ for stimulating conversations and a few great books! Feel free to bring a friend and meet in the Goldman Social Hall of Congregation of Reform Judaism.

Please contact Zena at [zwsf116@gmail.com](mailto:zwsf116@gmail.com) or 407-353-6789 to answer questions and to let us know that you coming and the guest that you are bringing.

- **January 9** "Wherever You Go" by Joan Leegant
- **February 13:** "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Messiner
- **March 13:** "A Bridal Chair" by Gloria Goldreich
- **April 10:** "The Children's Crusade" by Ann Packer
- **May 8:** "My Name in Memory" by Ann Brashares



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### Mazel Tov

**Erika Puccio and Brandon Holt** on their marriage.

**Michael Kancher** for earning the credential of Senior Member of the National Association of Temple Administrators.

**Ashley and Brian Chaney** and big brother **Aiden** on the birth of Teagan Ava, born on December 12, 2017



### Sheloshim List

Zichronam Livracha, May their memories be for a blessing

**Beatrice Hecht**, Mother of Robbee Reents, Grandmother of Ian & Katie

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## B'nai Mitzvah



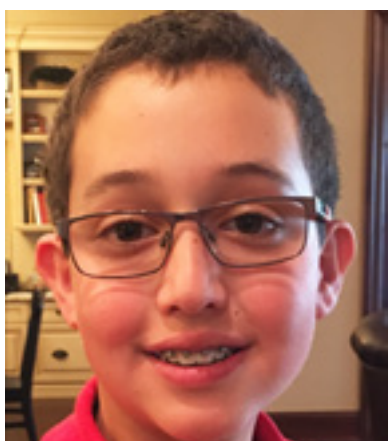
**Abigail Brooke Kutschinski, daughter of Michelle and Kevin Kutschinski, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 3, 2018.**

Abby is a 7th grader at Lake Highland Preparatory School where she is a member of their volleyball team. Abby enjoys school, especially math, and is an avid reader. She is passionate about the arts specifically musical theater, painting, sewing, and photography. This year, Abby began the hobby of crocheting and is making newborn hats for the local hospital as part of her mitzvah project. She also adores animals, especially dogs. She has volunteered at Pet Rescue by Judy and donated needed items there as well as Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. A special thanks to her wonderful tutor, Robin Kunkel, and big thank you's to Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for the many years of support and guidance. Abby is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.



**Annalise Shaine Ward, daughter of Marni Ward and David Ward, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, February 10, 2018.**

Annalise is a 7th grade honor student at Windy Ridge K-8. She is a talented artist and enjoys taking art classes at school as well as privately. She also enjoys Spanish class and has an affinity for learning new languages, Hebrew included! Annalise has played many sports throughout the last few years and remains active without picking one favorite just yet! She is a lover of all animals, especially dogs, and cannot wait to get home to hers, Buddha, at the end of the day. Annalise is incorporating her love of animals into her mitzvah project. She is gathering supplies for Chrissy's Critters, a one-woman transport system for rescues in high kill shelters. Annalise will be collecting gift cards for gas and other supplies to use in the transporting of animals. Chrissy is also on the lookout for the perfect rescue pal for Buddha. Annalise would like to thank Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jacki and Dr. Sacharoff for their guidance in helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah.



**Samuel Ethan Poteshman, son of Hali & Mike Poteshman, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, March 3, 2018.**

Sam is in the seventh grade at Lake Highland Preparatory School where he is on the robotics and archery teams. His favorite subject is science, and he enjoys playing piano, watching YouTube and hanging out with friends. For his mitzvah project, Sam has been volunteering at Give Kids The World. His parents are very proud of all the hard work he has put into studying for his Bar Mitzvah. Sam is looking forward to celebrating with his friends and family. A special thanks to Rabbi Engel, Cantor Jackie and especially Dr. Sacharoff for helping Sam become a Bar Mitzvah.

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### JANUARY 2018

2 Max Intro	13 Martin Kirsch	22 Richard Reis
2 Scott Richman	13 Antonio Tejada	22 Frank Silverman
2 Elliot Schwartz	14 Norman Hull	22 Robert Yeager
3 Helene Becker	14 Dexter Lagina	23 Madison Kerben
3 Douglas Gerber	14 Jennifer Peisner	23 Helen Tetenbaum
3 Payton Hayes	14 Emma VanDemark	24 Murray Brooks
4 Lucy Scheff	15 Matthew Albert	24 Adam Cantor
5 Sarah Demsky	15 Alexandra Goldman	24 Hannah Jacobson
5 Lauren Kaplan	15 Dana Kruger	24 Madison Jacobson
5 Carrie Miller	15 Lane Silberstein	24 Austin Morrison
6 Paige Adler	15 Julie Steinbauer	24 Rabbi Anne Perry
6 Alyssa Anderson	15 Andrew Weinstock	24 Renee Ross
6 Seth Borenstein	16 Wendy Cintron	24 Joshua Salzman
6 Bobby Hayes	16 Jacob Freid	24 Charlotte Schwartz
6 Rachael Schott	16 Charlotte Hendelson	25 Stephen Reich
7 Harold Kaplan	17 David Adler	25 Elyse Rosenblum
7 Natalie Salem	17 Kai Kelmacher	25 Mark Silverberg
8 Jonathan Albert	18 Judith Echterling	25 Logan Sonne
8 Wendy Fender	Hawkins	26 Daniel Hyatt
8 Kate Kaplan	18 Jordan Friedman	27 Jose Alonso
8 Joseph Lacey	18 Daniel Perreault	27 Marsha Freeman
8 Madeleine Vilmos	18 Cindy Weiss	27 Bari Ruddy
9 Gerard Fiacco	Blechman	28 Daniel Broussard
9 Rachel Forman	19 Lisa Bahrami	28 Risa Nicholson
9 Stephanie Lieblich	19 Amanda Harper	28 Helene Rasmussen
9 Carolyn Weinstein	19 Elena Morrison	28 Avi Selsky
10 Carol Esner	19 Mollie Solomon	29 Marc Morrison
10 Jessica Lieblich	20 Michael Harman	30 Donna Abramson
10 David Weiser	21 Billi Arditi	30 Jack Delman
11 Paul Lilling	21 Opal Benson	30 Barbara Steiner
12 Vyacheslav Makler	21 William Dunbrack	31 Adam Baumgarten
13 Leslie Benzion	21 Devi Thompson	31 Michael Osber
13 Joshua Fidelo	21 Lee Zehngbot	
13 Rosalyn Haskelson	22 Lila Gerber	

### FEBRUARY 2018

1 Elliot Cooperman	8 Joseph Kantor	15 Jason Ser	22 Harriet Weiss
1 Judy Doyle	8 Vicki Peisner	15 Daniel Welch	22 Leo Weiss
1 David Forman	8 Inca Silver	16 Heather Gurian	23 Doris Wolf
1 David Kassander	9 Anabelle Adelson	16 Heather Sauls	23 Harrison Wolf
1 Sydney Regenstreif	9 Coby Scanlon	17 Irving Benedon	24 Ruby Albert
2 Martin Alpert	9 Francie Schaffer	17 Lillian Berkowitz	24 Alana Brenner
2 Gary Baumgarten	9 Ellis Seltzer	17 Ava Maxwell	24 Caroline Carlton
2 Alex Kaufman Long	10 William Harper	17 Timothy Olsson	24 Amy Dictor
2 Kelsey Maxwell	10 Robert Kushner	17 Michael Schneider	24 Harold Forman
2 Rachel Milsom	10 James Wetmore	17 Rachel Wheeler	24 Isaac Robinson
2 Emily Sasser	10 Nancy Wolf	18 Chris Anders	24 Bernice Walker
3 Sean Bogle	11 Ely Delman	18 Philip Perreault	Schwartz
3 Gail Chernak	11 Phillip Rosenberg	18 Carrie Rich	25 Alexandra Weinberg
3 Simon Kuritzky	11 Donna Smargon	18 Maya Salem	26 Lily Adler
4 Eden Goldsmith	12 Wendy Silver	18 Brian Shams	26 Rebecca Bauer
5 Stuart Lewis	13 Andrew Goldman	18 Louise Sheehy	26 Benjamin Isaac Begani
5 Tony Moreno	13 Marilyn Greenhut	19 Jamie Demsky	26 Richard Cohn
5 Penelope Robinson	13 Lexi Landa	19 Jordan Goldman	26 Delaney DeAguilera
5 Kayla Steinmetz	13 Jeanne Silberstein	20 Lindsay Jacques	26 Jonathan Friedman
5 Kayla Steinmetz	13 Zachary Watson	20 Allison Sykora	26 Ken Mickenberg
6 Jill Cousins	14 Joy Dreyfus	21 Sarah Bachrach	27 Elliot Albert
6 Allana Katz	14 Daniel Esquenazi	21 Marjorie Helman	27 Justice Milsom
6 Jenna Richman	14 Sheryl Sacharoff	21 Jack Rottenberg	27 Brandon Mintzer
6 Eric Toye	14 Roy Silberstein	21 Ashton Sauls	27 Lee Seltzer
7 Alex Dunbrack	15 Heather Barkin	21 Esther Wolman	27 Beth Weiss
7 Joseph Galkin	15 Hannah Harman	22 Robin Dictor	28 Marshall Adler
7 Shyla Reich	15 Maya Milsom	22 Jane Gleick	28 Max Amon
7 Diane Sunshine	15 Carli Moreno	22 Barry Katz	28 Alexander Bisbee
7 Nicole Sykora	15 Levi Robinson	22 Ella Mendelsohn	28 Mark Kaplan
8 Steven Bedell	15 Nathaniel Robinson	22 Annalise Ward	28 Hannah Martin
8 Mason Hayes	15 Seth Rosenblatt		

## Anniversaries

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

### JANUARY 2018

1 Dick Bernstein & Judi Redlich  
 1 Jason & Alicia Silver  
 1 Floyd Sykora & Valerie Feldman  
 1 Scott & Meredith Zornek  
 3 Whit & Tracey Watson  
 4 Donald VanDemark, Jr. & Rachel VanDemark  
 6 Howard & Carole Levene  
 6 Bill & Bev Murphy  
 8 Ben Robinson & Debra Rosenbluth  
 10 Mitchell & Marsha Stein  
 12 Stephen & Dorey Wolf  
 15 Emery Rosenbluth, Jr. & Judie Rosenbluth  
 15 Cliff & Rivka Selsky  
 16 Gary & Barbara Borenstein  
 17 Luis Flores & Jeannette Leon Yanez  
 19 Wayne & Lynn Dictor  
 26 Stephen & Shyla Reich  
 31 Stephen & Arlene Guss  
 31 Albert Marcus & Estelle Stetz Marcus

### FEBRUARY 2018

1 Ben & Alexandra Weinberg  
 2 Amy Scotland & Vanessa Scotland  
 3 Andrew & Brooke Kuritzky  
 12 Michael & Susan Harman  
 14 Lee Sasser & Nancy Weber  
 17 Chris & Julie Begani  
 17 Alan & Marcia Berman  
 18 Murray & Bonnie Toborowsky  
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In honor of Joanne Fink for all her kindness to Sisterhood

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In honor of Bill singing in the Choir  
In appreciation of Bill & Sammy's Anniversary Blessing

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In appreciation of our High Holy Day Aliyah

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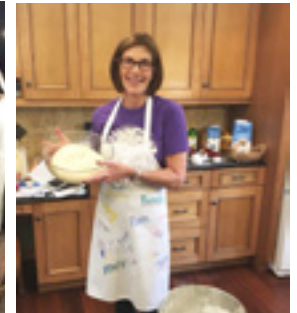
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- Dozens of pillows handmade for the Jewish Pavilion
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- A 1 hour wait time to donate blood
- 6 adorable puppies and dogs (who received a ridiculous amount of love and attention) showcased that are available for adoption through Pet Rescue by Judy
- Of the 120 Mitzvah Day shirts... only 6 remain available for purchase!
- A delicious breakfast sponsored by The Women of CRJ Sisterhood
- Approximately 200 participants!

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# 2018 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	No YALA		No School of Chai	7:00 PM Brotherhood Program (off-site)	7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Oneg	10:00 AM Shabbat Service
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No School of Chai 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades)	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 7:15 PM Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 PM Program Council 7:00 PM Chai'er Learning - Bridges for Peace	7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Oneg	10:00 AM Shabbat Service
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
No School of Chai	No YALE Temple Office Closed		12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 7:00 PM NOSH	5:30 PM Prime Timers Painting & Pizza	6:00 PM CRJ Tot Shabbat Series 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Oneg	10:00 AM Shabbat Service 5:00 PM Club56
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Chai-Lites (Kitah Bet)  1:00 PM YES Fund Luncheon honoring Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff  2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades)		12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 7:00 PM NOSH	7:00 PM Chai'er Learning - Bridges for Peace	6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:00 PM GORFTY Camp Jenny Dinner Fundraiser	10:00 AM Shabbat Service
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3
9:30 AM 2nd Grade Mishpacha Day 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Chai-Lites (Kitah Aleph) 12:30 PM Chaverim 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Jr. GORFTY	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades)		Tu B' Shevat 12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 5:00 PM SOC Tu B'Shevat Seder 7:00 PM NOSH			


  
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# 2018 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2	3
				7:00 PM Cha'er Learning - Bridges for Peace	5:30 PM GORFTY 6:00 PM Matzo Ball Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM 1st & 2nd Grade Shabbat 8:30 PM Oneg	Bat Mitzvah of Abigail Kutschinski 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 AM School of Chai 12:30 PM Pee-Wees 12:30 PM Yeladim 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades) Yala Special Guest: Scott Fried (5:30pm-8:30pm)		12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 7:00 PM NOSH		6:00 PM Greece: Shabbat Ha'Olam Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Oneg	Bat Mitzvah of Annalise Ward 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 AM 1st Grade Mishpacha Day 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Chai-Lites (Kitah Bet)  12:30 PM Club56 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades) 6:30 PM Prime Timers L'Dor V'Dor	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 7:15 PM Board of Directors Meeting		7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Oneg	10:00 AM Shabbat Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No School of Chai 2:30 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	No Yala		3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai 7:00 PM NOSH		6:00 PM Kindergarten Consecration 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	Bar Mitzvah of Seth Kaplan 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 7:00 PM CRJ Purim Spiel
25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3
9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM Chai-Lites (Kitah Aleph) 12:30 PM CRJ Purim Carnival	5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades)		Erev Purim 12:00 PM Torah Study 3:30 PM GORFTY Gastropub 4:00 PM School of Chai			

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