

# CHAI



September / October 2018

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from the desk of:

## Rabbi Steven Engel

The Torah tells us that the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. This was so that the generation that experienced slavery would die out and a new generation, that did not know slavery, would be ready to enter and conquer the promised land. From this, we learn about the importance of each generation and its relationship to the other. Each generation brings its own perspective, its own abilities, and its own vision. Our Rabbis teach that each generation should reinterpret the Torah according to their generation. Judaism is a religion that strongly values each

generation and the relationship of one generation to another.

Yet, outside of the synagogue walls, there seems to be a disconnect between generations and the importance of linking one generation to another. We are creating silos between generations and between people who may think or act differently than us. More and more, each generation seems to be critical of the generation before them or after them. This is of great concern because this allows people to forget or contort the past, to disregard the important lessons that we learn from history, and to lack appreciation for those who come before them who worked to ensure their present. This stratification in our society is of concern for many reasons.

The words *La Dor V'dor*, from generation to generation, appear many times and in many ways in our Jewish Tradition. Historians have argued that it is this principle that has allowed us as Jews to not only survive, but to thrive. Here at Congregation of Reform Judaism, we are particularly focused on the importance of each and every generation that makes up our Temple community and the importance of connecting these generations one to the other. This is why we have invested so many of our resources and our time on the youngest members of our congregation, from newborns to four-year-olds, and created our new Kehillah Kids Program. This is also why we are so focused on creating the best Religious School possible for our pre-K to Sixth graders. This is also the reason why, over the last several years, we have dedicated so much effort to our very successful Youth Engagement Program for 7th to 12th graders. We also continue to focus on young couples, families and children, those in the middle age years, retirees, prime timers and also the most age-experienced members of our congregation. We are also doing programs where different generations sit with each other and talk with and learn from one another.

The theme and focus for this year's High Holy Days will be "*La Dor V'dor*, Loving and Linking Generations of CRJ". From the honors to the sermons, from the liturgy to the music, from the participation to the recognition of others, these 10 days will be dedicated to the idea that we need to appreciate each and every generation represented in the synagogue and to be connected to one another in order to not only survive but thrive as a dynamic, creative, and meaningful congregational community. I hope you will be there to proudly represent your generation and make these 10 days very special for all of us.

I certainly look forward to welcoming you and all the generations to a year filled with goodness, blessing, health, and opportunity.

**Rabbi Steven W. Engel**



from the President:

### Mark E. Levitt

For my first article as President I would be remiss if I did not start with thanking Susan McKenna who so ably served as our President for the last two years. She worked tirelessly

to move our synagogue forward to meet the needs of our congregants and the challenges facing all Jewish congregations. I was also reminded by the recent passing of one of our former presidents that I follow a long line of talented and committed predecessors. I want to thank all of our former presidents for the contributions each of them have made that has created the CRJ of today.

When my wife, Noreen, and I moved to Orlando in 2007, it was important for us to find a vibrant temple where we could be part of a family and have the opportunity to make good friends and that supported our religious needs. We quickly learned that CRJ would be that place. Perhaps the most telling factor in that choice is that we actually got married in the butterfly garden one sunny Friday afternoon. Of course, when we first joined I was the "other Mark Levitt" because Mark Leavitt (and Jeannie) were already members. (Mark, if you get any of my calls by mistake, please send them on to me.)

At this time in my life, I was ready to become a greater part of my synagogue. I wanted to be part of the leadership that could help CRJ move forward to serve the Jewish community in Orlando and continue the great traditions that CRJ offers to our congregants; little did I know that it would lead me to the honor of serving as President of the temple.

One of the themes of this year's high holy days will be *L'dor V'dor*, "from generation to generation". The spirit to serve one's Jewish community can be a part of that which is passed on. When I was growing up, my mother served as sisterhood president of our temple for many years and my father served as temple president. That inspired me to be president of our temple youth group (not to mention president of my eighth grade class). In high school they voted me most likely to be temple president.... Just kidding.... there were not enough Jews in high school to make a minyan. Perhaps when I went to the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) at Camp Blue Star when I was sixteen, some of the lessons they taught may have settled in the recesses of my brain. So here I am, following in those footsteps.

I understand the awesome responsibility that comes with this title and I am committed to serving our congregants. My goal is to ensure that CRJ achieves its mission "to offer a synagogue culture that is inviting and respectful, with inspiring worship services and programs that promote lifelong Jewish learning within a caring, innovative and vibrant congregation." However, I also understand it cannot be done alone. I look forward to working with our Board, clergy, and staff to serve the needs of our congregation in every respect. My door is always open

to hear from you as well. Please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone with your thoughts, concerns and suggestions.

While there are always challenges, the future of CRJ is bright. The year ahead will be an exciting one as CRJ continues to be your connection to your faith, family and friends. Many of you have heard me use that catchphrase and you will continue to hear me say that CRJ is your connection to faith, family and friends. The reference to faith is obvious; CRJ should be your spiritual home which enables you to connect to your faith, however you choose to connect with God. The reference to family is not just the fact that many family members belong to CRJ, though you may not have actual relatives who belong; the relationships that are developed with your fellow congregants create a family that you can count on to always be there for you in good times and bad.

Finally, CRJ is your connection to your friends. Everyone no doubt has friends who are not Jewish and may not belong to CRJ, but I am sure each and every one of you have developed close friendships within our congregation. Let CRJ be YOUR connection to faith, family and friends.

During this time of High Holy Days, I am asking you to look within yourself and recommit to CRJ. We need you as a volunteer, as a leader, as someone who participates in programs, as a friend, and for those of you who have the means, to help us financially. Help spread the word of the great things that are happening at CRJ to our community so we can continue to be the most vibrant and welcoming synagogue in our community.

*B'shalom*

**Mark**





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

*"As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has - or ever will have - something inside that is unique to all time."* - **Mr. Rogers**

*"From every human being there rises a light."* - **Baal Shem Tov**

It's always exciting for me as we begin the new school year and think about the approaching Jewish New Year! Seeing the growth in our students as they return to us from their summer fun fills me with gratitude. Meeting our new students and their families inspires me as well, for it means that we continue to build and strengthen our family. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who bring their children to us as partners in their children's Jewish journeys.

Judaism teaches that our children are the guarantors of the future of the Jewish religion. The staff of CRJ's Steinmetz Family School of Chai are committed to guiding children to believe in their own unique gifts and to understand the deep roots of which we are all a part.

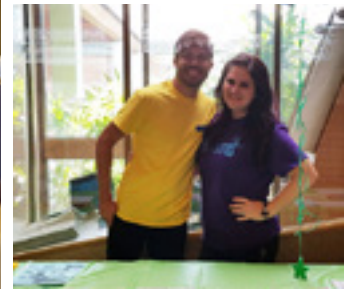
In The Steinmetz Family School of Chai, it is the philosophy that everyone is honored for their influence on learning. Each of us has something to contribute, and we will strive to listen to each other and grow from each experience. It is our uppermost goal to meet the needs of each individual. Our Hebrew Help class, taught by Dr. Zena Sulkes, is a place where students can go to gain confidence in Hebrew reading. Hearing the positive feedback from students and their parents from the skills and strength that are achieved is most encouraging. The addition of iPads in our classrooms has added another layer of learning for our students. The many engaging Hebrew apps and platforms for learning will give both our students and their teachers new opportunities for discovering.

I am most grateful for our VP of Education, Camy Schwam-Wilcox and all of the parents who give of themselves to support our school programs. We have lots of ways for everyone to contribute. Let's talk and find the way that you would like to be involved!

At this Rosh Hashanah, it is truly my desire to have each classroom be a place of fun, caring, love and true 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!

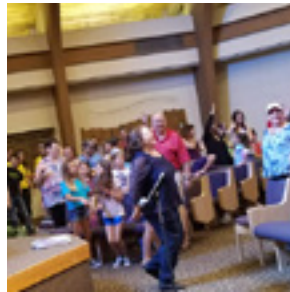
*L'Shanah Tovah U'metukah,*  
**Sheryl**



## Steinmetz Family School of Chai



## 1st Day!





from the Youth Director:

### Blaine Smith

Hello everybody! The new school year is among us and the new youth group year is off and running. Along with our youth group events starting back up, our 7th-12th grade

confirmation program "Yala" has also just begun. With a total of 5 youth groups, everybody is excited to see what is in store for them this year. There will be over 20 different events and programs happening right away at CRJ and we are excited to begin!



**YELADIM**, youth group for pre-k, kindergarten and 1st graders, is kicking off with "YELADIM, Yala!" which means "Let's go, YELADIM!" We are pleased to welcome back returning friends and excited to meet our new friends! We hope you'll join us on September 30th!



**CHAVERIM**, which is our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade youth groupers, get to start off their year with one of the favorite programs throughout every youth group "Kickball H2O." We are excited to see you, September 23rd!



**CLUB56**, the youth group that is made up of 5th and 6th graders are all going to be getting a little soaked in their opening program on September 16th with a "CLUB56 SPLASHTACULAR." Club 56 will also be enjoying their second event on October 28th with a "COOK-OFF!" See you all really soon!



**JR. GORFTY**, our 7th and 8th grade youth groupers, have already enjoyed the start of YALA and will also enjoy their very own "JR GORFTY's SHABBAT SPLASHTACULAR Kick Off" on September 8th! JR GORFTY will also be the first youth group to be having a Shabbaton Lock-In October 19th and 20th!



**GORFTY**, our oldest youth group consisting of 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade youth groupers, have enjoyed

their "pre-neg" that was in August. They have also got started with Yala that began August 27th. GORFTY are sticking with the theme of getting a little wet in their event of "GORFTY SHABBAT SPLASHTACULAR" that will happen on September 22nd. NFTY-STR Fall Kallah will be October 12th-14th and registration will open up shortly!



**YALA** has begun and is always the program every JR GORFTY and GORFTY member looks forward to on Monday nights. With over 7 YALA's that will be occurring the next couple months we are all relieved we are back at CRJ on Monday nights with all of our friends and family.

The new year is upon us and there are so many exciting things in store for our kids and teens at CRJ! We look forward to the new friendships and the new thrills that will occur this upcoming year in youth group! We hope you'll join the fun and be a part of the memories about to be made!

L'Shalom,  
**Blaine**

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**from the Director of Youth & Experiential Education**  
**Lauren Oback**

Over the last 10 years, I have written countless letters of recommendation, over 60% have been for those teens graduating high school. This is probably not a surprise

to you... but did you know that almost every one of my high school seniors applying to college or for scholarships has chosen to write about something interesting info having to do with their JEWISH IDENTITIES?! Each essay is COMPLETELY unique... but their experiences through youth group, leadership roles through youth, and Jewish confirmation programs have been significant enough to write about. Reading through them has added fuel to my religious and professional "fire" and has motivated me to continue on this path and to work even harder. Nowadays, it's no longer just about good grades, sports and clubs. Schools are looking for something else... and I wholeheartedly believe that the "something else" can be found in every single high school senior who has had active roles in their Jewish youth communities.



our 7th-12th graders to try it out. We had 24 active participants that year and we were thrilled! We are now entering our 3rd year with over 50 active participants already enrolled... and we haven't even begun yet!

"Yala makes me look forward to Mondays!" - Yala participant  
 If you have ever been at CRJ on a Monday night from 5:30pm-8:00pm, you have felt it... There's an undeniable energy and excitement that fills the space. You can hear the sounds of laughter, talking, and dinner being chewed with (most) mouths wide open! Our participants are excited to get to CRJ and dread missing out!

Yala combines experiential education and social experiences in a cohesive program that fosters Jewish identity development, community-building, leadership skills and deep connection to Jewish life. When our teens participate in Yala, they learn about and connect to Jewish life by actively experiencing it! Our 7th-12th grade participants grow socially, spiritually and Judaically through a variety of diverse experiences including chuggim (electives), chavurot (interest-based groups) and learning sessions designed for each individual group of participants. Teens come together for dinner to kick off Monday nights and also come together for youth group activities with our terrific team of youth advisors.

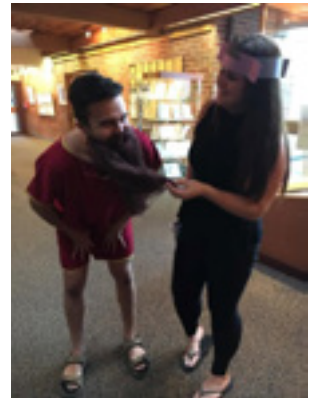
Yala and our many youth groups do not exist as another option to add to your growing list of responsibilities, programs, school, etc. The Jewish youth community at CRJ exists to enhance all of those things and to support our kids and teens during this crazy game we call LIFE! The opportunities and learning experiences that take place through CRJ Youth and Yala are unlike anything else offered out there... 5779... new year... new beginnings!



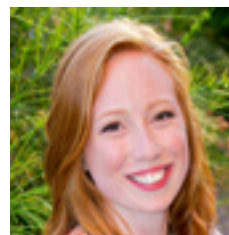
**"Tie dye La" & Blaine!**

**MY ASK**

Rarely do I make any requests, but I am going to make ONE... "My ask" to our CRJ community is this: Every 7th through 12th grader is to come meet with Blaine Smith, our Youth Director, and with me. Come meet with us, get to know 2 people you have probably heard so many wonderfully crazy things about (most of it is probably true), OR come try out 1 night of Yala... there's no charge and no commitment. Just let me know you'll be joining us.



*B'ahava (with love),*  
**Lauren**



**from the Kids Kehillah Coordinator**

**Kaitlyn Dunn**

Hello! I am filled with excitement for Kids Kehillah to kick off in September!

We will explore Jewish holidays, traditions, and values through hands-on, musical experiences. To start off the year, we will have our first Tot Shabbat August 24 at 5:30pm in the chapel! We will be bringing in the new year sweetly for Rosh Hashana, so get ready for apples and honey! I am eager to meet you at Tot Shabbat and CRJ open house on August 26!

**See calendar of events on page 6.**



# KIDS KEHILLAH

at CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

All Programs listed are open to the community

Friday, August 24th | 5:30pm

Rosh Hashana Celebration & Candy Apples

Sunday, August 26th | 12:30pm

**Family Fun Day**

Open House, BBQ, Bounce Houses, Activities!



Friday, September 7th | 6pm

Tot Shabbat & SukkahFest

Monday, September 10th | 2pm

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Wednesday, September 19th | 2pm

Yom Kippur Family Service

Sunday, September 23rd | 9:30am

Mommy & Me

New Year Birthday Party

Friday, October 5th | 6pm

Sammy Spiders first TOT Shabbat!



Sunday, October 21st | 9:30am

Mommy & Me

Dance with the Torah!

Friday, November 2nd | 6pm

Tot Shabbat &

Channukah Oh, Channukah Come Light the Menorah!

Saturday, November 3rd | 11:30am

BUBBLES ON THE BIMA &

CRAZY DREIDEL CONTEST just for KIDS!



Which program is right for me?

**\*\*RED\*\*** Special Program for the entire family

**\*\*BLUE\*\*** Tot Shabbat for kids under 6

**\*\*ORANGE\*\*** Mommy & Me for children under 4 and their caregiver

**\*\*GREEN\*\*** Bubbles on the Bima kids under 8

Saturday, November 17th | 5:30pm

Havdallah Bubble Mania

A Fun Family program for kids up to 10

Sunday, December 9th | 9:30am

Mommy & Me

Latkes, Latkes Good to Eat!

Saturday, December 22nd | 11:30am

BUBBLES ON THE BIMA CELEBRATES MITZVOT

Friday, January 4th | 6pm

The Lorax and Tu B'Shevat Tot Shabbat



Sunday, January 13th | 9:30am

Mommy & Me

Nature Walk & Butterflies

Saturday, January 19th | 11:30am

BUBBLES ON THE BIMA CELEBRATES

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE TREES

Friday, February 1 | 5:30pm

Tikkun Olam Tot Shabbat &

Matzo Ball Soup Shabbat Dinner @ 6pm



Sunday, February 10 | 9:30am

Mommy & Me

Random Acts of Kindness: Tikkun Olam

Saturday, February 16 | 11:30am

BUBBLES ON THE BIMA



\*Calendar subject to change | RSVP & Info [crjorlando.org/kids\\_community](http://crjorlando.org/kids_community)



## Sisterhood

*"Without You, We Are One Sister Short"*

The dog days of summer are almost behind us which means it's a good time to reflect on the end of an incredible 2017 - 2018 Sisterhood year.

In May, Barbara Zaslofsky and committee put on a very successful Spring Mah Jongg tournament that featured 57 players battling for supremacy and prizes. Congratulations to the champion Jill Cousins Levy, second place finisher Dorothy Grayson, and third place finisher Barbara Simons.



On June 8th, Sisterhood officers for 2018 - 2019 were installed during the Sisterhood Shabbat service and we are proud to present this new slate:

Co-Presidents: **Jean White and Allison Levie**

VP of Membership: **Shoshanah Dietz**

VP of Fundraising: **Barbara Zaslofsky**

VP of Programming: **Camy Schwam-Wilcox**

Treasurer: **Helene Becker**

Recording Secretary: **Dana Sussmann**

Corresponding Secretary: **Wendy Silver**

Gift Shop Manager: **Ellen Snyder**

Gift Shop Treasurer: **Jean White**

Advisor: **Beverly Smith**

Advisor: **Rebekah Barkowitz**

Advisor: **Marsha Freeman**

Advisor: **Meredith Zornek**

Committee for Social Justice Chairperson: **Joan Kaspin**

Immediate Past President: **Carolyn Weinstein**

Thank you to outgoing officers Linda Bender, Jill Goldsmith, Cathy Liebllich, and Rachel Sacks for serving so honorably during your terms as the past year would not have been as outstanding as it was without you.

Your board is diligently working on an exciting calendar of events for the 2018 - 2019 Sisterhood year. Please join us along with Brotherhood and the Prime Timers for an informative program on Sunday, September 16th, featuring CRJ's very own Adrienne Katz Katz of the Orange County League of Women Voters as she explains amendments and initiatives that are on the ballot this November.

As a reminder, Sisterhood board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month (with occasional exceptions) at 5:30PM at CRJ and meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

With the high holidays approaching we'd like to wish you and your family *Shanah Tovah Umetukah*.

**Jean White and Allison Levie**

## Sisterhood Gift Shop

**Check out the gift shop window display - Palm Trees and Oranges with Apples and Pomegranates are here this for Rosh Hashanah.**

Your Gift Shop has all things Rosh Hashanah for you. While northern cities are having their first nip of Fall, Orlando will be at the height of our Indian Summer!

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**Regular volunteer hours are 9:15 AM to 12:45 PM when Religious school is in session. Otherwise, call the office on Monday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 1 PM, and Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please call first so a staff member can be available to help you.**

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.



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### CRJ Task Force Launches Accessibility Initiative

The Congregation of Reform Judaism has launched an ambitious new inclusion initiative. It is aimed at removing all barriers to physical access to the campus, as well as any impediments to participation of people with psychological, emotional and intellectual challenges. It also includes outreach to the wider disability community. The CRJ task force is made up almost entirely of people with disabilities, or immediate family members of those who do.

The Task Force is dedicated to the concept that CRJ should be accessible to all as well as provide opportunities for inclusion for all. They seek to create an exemplary environment that can include all participating in worship, education, and social activities including accessibility throughout and around the building complex, from parking to all programming planned within the temple, and sponsored by the congregation. When you come back for the High Holy Days you will notice a shortened walk from the handicapped parking lot with the opening of the side office doors. In addition to determining what is needed for the CRJ campus and new programs, the task force is also preparing an inventory of services and accommodations already available, which congregants may not be aware of. These include an audio loop in the main sanctuary that enables those with hearing challenges to follow the service.

Because CRJ is on one floor, it is largely barrier-free, except for door thresholds, and there are accessible bathrooms. On the task force's wish list: new, automatic doors.

If you have suggestions for the committee, please send them to Mark Pinsky at [osopinsky@aol.com](mailto:osopinsky@aol.com).



## HIGH HOLY DAYS

Erev Rosh Hashanah  
Sept 9 - 8pm

Rosh Hashanah Day  
Sept 10 - 9:30am

Erev Yom Kippur  
Sept 18 - 8pm

Yom Kippur Day  
Sept 19 - 9:30am

See full High Holy Day Schedule on page 9



## SUNDAY Champagne BRUNCH

WOMEN OF CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd  
10 AM - NOON

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## CONGREGATION OF REFORM JUDAISM

### Selichot

#### Preparing ourselves for the High Holy Days

**Saturday, September 1st**

Dessert Reception 7:00 PM  
Songs of Selichot 7:30 PM  
Movie and Discussion 8:00 PM

Join us for a showing of Masterpeice Theatre's "God on Trial" followed by an interactive discussion led by Rabbi Engel. Following the harrowing ritual of selection for death or hard labor, a group of Jews begins to ask how God could allow so much suffering. The men decide to put God on trial for abandoning God's chosen people.

RSVP [www.crjorlando.org/calendar](http://www.crjorlando.org/calendar)

Congregation of Reform Judaism  
**HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE**

5779

Saturday, September 1	<b>Selichot</b>	
	Dessert Reception	7:00 PM
	Service (Schott Family Chapel)	7:30 PM
	Movie and Discussion	8:00 PM
Sunday, September 9	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b>	
	Evening Service (Sanctuary)	8:00 PM
Monday, September 10	<b>Rosh Hashanah Day</b>	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	9:30 AM
	Youth Service – Pre-K - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)	9:30 AM
	Babysitting – 2 - 4yrs (Check-in Room 12)	9:30 AM
	Family Service (Sanctuary)	2:00 PM
	Tashlich (at The Springs)	5:00 PM
Friday, September 14	<b>Erev Shabbat Shuvah</b>	
	Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 15	<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 16	<b>Kever Avot Memorial Service</b>	
	CRJ Cemetery (Woodlawn Memorial Park)	10:00 AM
	Build the Sukkah in the Courtyard	10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 18	<b>Erev Yom Kippur</b>	
	Kol Nidre Service (Sanctuary)	8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19	<b>Yom Kippur Day</b>	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	9:30 AM
	Youth Service – Pre-K - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)	9:30 AM
	Babysitting – 2 - 4yrs (Check-in Room 12)	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)	3:45 PM
	Healing Service (Sanctuary)	5:00 PM
	Neilah (Concluding) Service (Sanctuary)	6:00 PM
	Break the Fast RSVP <a href="http://www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days">www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days</a>	6:15 PM
Monday, September 24	<b>Sukkot</b> Morning service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Wednesday, September 26	Holy Smokes Sukkot BBQ!	6:00 PM
	RSVP <a href="http://www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days">www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days</a>	
Sunday, September 30	<b>Erev Simchat Torah</b>	
	Pizza Dinner & Dancing w/ the Torah	5:30 PM
	RSVP <a href="http://www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days">www.crijorlando.org/high-holy-days</a>	
Monday, October 1	<b>Simchat Torah</b>	
	Yizkor (Memorial Service) (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM



## SNEAKERS THAT FIT

In memory of Dr. Barry Levin

Who doesn't enjoy a new pair of sneakers? For a child, it is the promise of running races, shooting baskets, an air of "cool", and just plain being comfortable! That is the case for most of our children, but right here, in our local Orlando area community, there are children for whom this is only a dream. This is the reason that, over 20 years ago, Congregation of Reform Judaism began the project SNEAKERS THAT FIT.

Each year, beginning November 1 and lasting through December 7, the Social Action Committee of CRJ presents the SNEAKERS THAT FIT project. During this period of time, we partner with 4 Title I schools, one of which is ASPIRE Academy housed here at CRJ, for students in need of new sneakers. For one month, with the participation of the congregants, we collect monetary donations as well as donations of shoes in specific sizes to deliver to the designated schools before the winter holiday break.

We need you! This is one of the easiest, yet one of the most impactful, projects we undertake during the school year. The information will appear in the Chai as well as on a bulletin board placed outside the sanctuary. The bulletin board will contain ID cards for the needs of specific students. Last year we provided over 300 pairs of sneakers. In addition to the shoes that are donated by you we need to raise approximately \$4,000 to fill the need. You have the choice of making the shopping a Hanukkah family life lesson or donating to the project. Your dollars go far in this endeavor. A \$25 donation will buy a new pair of sneakers as well as a pair of socks. Our partner, The Reebok Outlet, has loyally assisted us with purchasing the most for our money in fitting these little feet in need.

Start now! It is never too early to start sending in your donations! Please designate on your check, SNEAKERS THAT FIT. NOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE using the CRJ website. Click on "Donations", November 1 will be here before you know it!

Corporate or business sponsors are most welcome in addition to individuals. Thank you for your continued support!

**Pamela Levin**, Chairperson

## Yom Kippur Discussion



# Sanctuary Cities: A Sign of Our Times, or is it?

**Wednesday, September 19 | 2 PM**

We have songs about sanctuaries. We pray in our sanctuary. We have sanctuary cities. Is the idea of a sanctuary a recent development? Do we need sanctuary cities? Does our Torah speak to this issue? Be prepared for a lively learning/discussion experience on this topic.

CRJ Members only, no RSVP required

A photograph of a meal featuring salmon, bread, and vegetables.

Please join us to  
*Break the Fast*  
Immediately following  
Nefiah at 6:15 PM  
**Wednesday, September 19**  
CRJ is proud to host a Break the Fast light dairy meal for our CRJ Family and friends.  
\$18/Ages 13+ \$13/Children  
Free under 5  
Please RSVP by September 10th  
[www.crjorlando.org](http://www.crjorlando.org)

A green apple with the logo of the Congregation of Reform Judaism.

**SEPTEMBER 30**

# SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

**SING! DANCE! CELEBRATE!**

**5:30 PM**  
GOLDMAN SOCIAL HALL

JOIN YOUR CRJ FAMILY AS WE UNROLL THE TORAH WITH A CELEBRATION FILLED WITH MUSIC AND RUACH FOLLOWED BY A PIZZA DINNER.

**RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 25**  
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# HOLY SMOKES! SUKKOT BBQ

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 6:00 PM**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**HOT DOGS & BURGERS**  
**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**RSVP BY SEPT. 20** [WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG](http://WWW.CRJORLANDO.ORG)



**Adult Education** - Chai'er Learning. Register for all classes online [crjorlando.org/adult-education](http://crjorlando.org/adult-education). Lifelong learning is vital to CRJ's mission. Our community of adult learners offers engaging lifelong Jewish knowledge. There is always something interesting and inspirational in which to take part!

For more information about the Chai'er Learning Program contact Director of Education, Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff [ssacharoff@crjorlando.org](mailto:ssacharoff@crjorlando.org) RSVP for all classes at [www.crjorlando.org/adult-education](http://www.crjorlando.org/adult-education).

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### Torah Study

Bring Your Lunch and Join Us For a Stimulating Conversation Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon  
September 5th, 26th, October 17th, 24th, and 31st

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### Philosophy & Judaism

Wednesdays, Oct 10, 17, & 24 | 7:00-8:15pm  
What have Jews contributed to Philosophy, and how do those contributions fit into the many epochs and schools of Philosophy? How have Jews responded to the perennial quandary of faith vs. reason? Together, we will take a look at the lives and thought of important Jewish philosophers and philosophers who happen to be Jews.  
Instructor: Jean White, M.A.  
Free CRJ Members / \$5 per class Community Members  
Schott Family Chapel

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### Understanding the Reform Jewish Siddur (Prayerbook)

Thursdays, October 11, 18, 25 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
Do you want a better grasp of the meanings of the beautiful prayers in our liturgy? Did you ever wonder why there are some prayers in the evening (ma'ariv) service and others in the morning (shacharit) service and many of the same prayers throughout? Do want a better understanding of the difference between Reform and Conservative prayerbooks (siddurim) and customs (minhagim)?  
Instructor: Cantor Jacqueline Rawiszer.  
Free CRJ Members / \$5 per class Community Members

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### Recycle Your Newspapers at CRJ



Don't forget to bring your newspapers to the Temple for recycling. Please place them in the big green dumpster. No plastic and phone books please!

### NEW! CRJ Justice Advocacy Group

Due to Cantor Jacki's work as a member of the URJ Commission on Social Action and her experience at the Religious Action Center's (RAC) Consultation on Conscience, she brought the RAC's Brit Olam document to the CRJ Board of Directors to review, discuss and consider signing. The Board approved our congregational commitment to the Brit Olam, and specifically committed to reach out to others across lines of difference, help and support vulnerable communities and continue meaningful dialogue. By doing so, CRJ joined over 170 other URJ congregations in North America in committing to meaningful social justice work, grounded in our sacred and enduring Jewish values.

Following Board approval, an update was sent to the congregation in a Chai article that discussed the Brit Olam and shared the experience of the CRJ teens who had attended the L'Taken Social Justice Seminar in DC with Rabbi Engel and Lauren Oback. The response to the Chai article was overwhelming and a CRJ Justice Advocacy Group was formed in May 2018, co-led by Cathy Lieblich, Joan Kaspin and Cantor Jacki. The group met to determine the first two non-partisan issues that it would focus on and decided on the Second Chances Florida ballot initiative and Gun Violence Prevention.

Second Chances Florida is an initiative to restore the eligibility to vote of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole, probation, and restitution. It will be Amendment 4 on the November ballot and would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses. The Justice Advocacy Group's Second Chances Work Group, chaired by Robert Kushner and Donna Abramson, will be educating CRJ congregants about Amendment 4 and encouraging them to vote Yes on Amendment 4 in November.

The Gun Violence Prevention Work Group, which will be chaired by Beverly Smith and Jacqui Gerber, GORFTY Social Action Vice President, will be working closely with GORFTY to determine its activities in the coming months. A group consisting of GORFTY members, their parents, CRJ clergy and other congregants participated in the March for Our Lives rally and march in Orlando on March 24th and Lauren Oback and some youth and adult congregants participated in a second rally with some of the Parkland students, their parents and PULSE survivors on July 13th.

If you're interested in receiving emails about issues the Justice Advocacy Group is addressing and ways you can participate, please send your name and email address to Jill Goldsmith at [jillsg1234@icloud.com](mailto:jillsg1234@icloud.com)

## 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 2018

1 Joel Baumgarten	8 Lynda Pollack	17 Debra Rosenbluth	25 Helena Gurgone
1 Patrick Jacques	8 Adam Weiss	17 Bea Travitsky	25 Archer Marx
1 Robbee Reents	9 Jay Kaplan	17 Issac Weiner	25 Judith Rosenbluth
1 Frederic Schott	9 Jeffrey Posdamer	18 Margarete Sieger	26 Gina Fiore
1 Jared Weiner	9 Brieanne Salzman	18 Jeffrey Yarmuth	26 Jessica Rosenblatt
2 Kevin Toye	10 Jack Alonso	18 Brent Ziegler	26 Jason Toye
2 Rebecca Welch	10 Jean Becker	19 Harry Seligman	26 Alexa VanDemark
3 Rachel DeHayes	10 Amy Krieger	20 Stewart Anderson	27 Isabella Albert
3 Jessica Echterling	10 Susan Newman	20 Jeffrey Ross	27 Susan Godorov
3 Barry Render	10 Leslie Weiner	21 Mary Ellen Caplan	27 Lee Goldring
4 Coral Ambuter	10 Madeline Zornek	21 David Isaacson	27 Addison Rose
4 Hannah Fidelo	11 Rebecca Blechman	21 Hannah Kurzon	Hochstetter
4 Randy Rawiszser	11 Jack Laribe	21 Justin Unell	27 Lora Wolf
5 Alice Harper	11 Rachel Pierce	21 Elena Weinberg	28 Emily Glickstein
5 Rachel VanDemark	12 Rachel Helman	21 Brian Ziegler	28 Renee Kaplan
6 Shira Brown	12 Wendy Henner	22 Nathan Esquenazi	28 Stephen Kaplan
6 Albert Marcus	12 Risa Katz	22 Ashton Kelmacher	28 Zachary Odza
6 Erika Puccio	12 Jeffrey Miller	22 Richard Maulfair	29 Joseph BerriosZaborsky
7 Joel Bornstein	13 Edward DeAguilera	22 Louis Reents	29 Gabriella Chepenik
7 Benjamin Perreault	13 Melanie Maulfair	22 Sally Silberman	29 Penny Glickman Toye
7 Benjamin Shapiro	14 Christopher Begani	23 Seth Armbrust	30 Sara Brodsky
7 Hannah Shapiro	14 Allison Driscoll	23 Andrew Burnstine	30 Karen Burnstine
7 Louis Slone	15 Hunter Goldberg	23 Alyse Hyatt	30 Karlah Gonzalez
7 Charlotte Weinberg	16 Adam Landa	24 Jacob Kassander	30 Rosalie Klein
8 Diana Barcus	17 Sarah Gabel	24 Jason Mendelsohn	30 Seth Miller
8 Hilary Marx	17 Paige Keiner	24 Ian Reents	30 Geoff Rich
8 Myrna Newman	17 Cecelia Miller	25 Jola Cope	

### OCTOBER 2018

1 Elvia Birnholz	7 Lindsay Feinberg	17 Georgia Bernbaum	24 Joshua Warren
1 Alan Breus	7 Paula Reidy	17 Ashley Katz	24 Zachary Warren
1 Riley Nicholson	7 Lois Silverberg	17 Michael Lacey	24 Zackary Weiss
1 Elijah Tabb	8 Howard Demsky	17 Mikhael Ser	25 Bernard Mirel
2 Howard Robinson	8 David Goldman	17 Eli Ziegler	25 Ellen Snyder
2 Jason Rottenberg	8 Audrey Hochstetter	18 Barnett Chepenik	26 Dana Baumgarten
3 Siddalee Bauer	9 Adrienne Katz	18 Michael Kahky	26 Peggy Benson
3 Molly Brennan	10 Norma Ball	18 Emery Rosenbluth, Jr.	26 Ana Weiser
3 Alexis Cousins	10 Michael Behr	19 Ruth Borenstein	26 Aida Welner
3 Michele Niemi	10 Joseph Kunkel	19 Sadie Church	27 Tyson Fiore
3 Marc Shore	10 Jeannie Leavitt	19 Pamela Levin	27 Scott Fisher
3 Joel Weiss	11 Barbara Bogle	19 Ori Scanlon	27 Ben Landerman
4 Tracy Elfand	11 Florence Goldman	20 Craig Fleishman	27 Laura Landerman
4 Marilyn Goldman	11 Matthew Gurgone	20 Mary Kaplan	27 Evan Reich
4 Rachel Heimovics Braun	11 Daniel Halperin	20 Deana Schott	27 Bonnie Toborowsky
4 Ellie Moreno	11 Jeffrey Keiner	20 Eloise Stiglitz	28 Diane Myers
4 Jesse Render	12 Sharon Harrow	20 Murray Toborowsky	28 Joseph Schwartz
4 Leslie Feinberg	12 Carole Rubin	21 Nina Chatham	28 Charles Silverman
5 Jay Fisher	13 Rosalind Levitt	21 Elizabeth Rudd	29 Tim Niemi
5 Richard Gleick	14 Skylar Goldberg	21 Vanessa Scotland	29 Shirley Silverton
5 Adrienne Kristall	14 Dale Perreault	21 Kevin Stevens	30 Joanne Fink
6 Martin Glickstein	15 Micah Abramson	21 John Weiss	30 Brandon Harper
6 Kevin Kutschinski	15 Shelly Helman	22 Rachel Cooperman	30 Rona Weiss
6 Lois Lilling	15 Alfredo Melhado	22 Jessica Delman	31 Robin Anderson
6 Cynthia Milligan	15 Quinn VanDemark	22 Alma Di Gloria	31 Stuart Dropkin
7 Kristin Abramson	16 Pam Alonso	22 Ilana Flores	31 Beth Gittess
7 Lauren Epstein	16 Lauren Oback	22 Zachary Haile	31 Edward Kerben
	17 Jeffrey Barkin	22 Deborah Seligman Muller	31 Michael Sperling

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact  
Julie Begani at [jbegani@crjorlando.org](mailto:jbegani@crjorlando.org) so we can celebrate with you!

## Anniversaries

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

### SEPTEMBER 2018

1 Tasos Pindiris & Stephanie AdlerPindiris
1 Jason & Ronni Mendelsohn
1 Justice & Rachel Millsom
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 KaufmanLong
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
14 Michael & Lisa Brodsky
15 Gerry & Heidi Fiacco
16 Murray & Betsy Brooks
18 Arnold & Marilu Esquenazi
19 Lee & Deborah Goldring
24 Glenn & Debra Behr
28 Scott & Christine Miller
30 Joseph & Judy Weinberg

### OCTOBER 2018

1 Brian & Ashley Chaney
6 Stewart & Robin Anderson
9 Tony & 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
18 Mike & Kai Kelmacher
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 Chris & Kelly Handrahan
23 Jeffrey & Renee Ross
24 David & Judi Isaacson
24 Matthew & Julie Levine
25 Marc & Debi Bartnick
25 Seth & Jessica Rosenblatt
28 Mark & Meredith Goldberg
28 Stephen & Mary Kaplan
28 Allan & Diane Myers
29 Tony Moreno, Jr. & Karen Moreno
29 Scott & Gwen Richman

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The Congregation of Reform Judaism respectfully requests a minimum donation of \$10.

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In memory of Gertrude Goldman

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In memory of Gail Rose, sister of Emily Glickstein

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In honor of Alyssa Anderson's Bat Mitzvah

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**Helen Tetenbaum**  
In memory of beloved father, Morris Blumberg

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In memory of Solomon Kushner

### Helen Tetenbaum

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In honor of the naming of Shay Scotland, daughter of Amy & Vanessa Scotland  
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In memory of Gail Rose, sister of Emily Glickstein

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In appreciation of Shabbat Service honor

### Katherine Bornstein

In memory of Manuel Bornstein

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In appreciation of our Anniversary Blessing

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In memory of Claire & Jay Horowitz

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In memory of Martin Jacoby

### THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION FUND

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In memory of beloved brother, Robert Darlow

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In memory of Joseph Wolmark, beloved uncle  
In memory of Sam Wolman, beloved husband

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### Beverly B. Smith

In memory of Gail Rose, sister of Emily Glickstein

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In memory of Cynthia's wonderful grandparents, Esther & Paul Morgenroth

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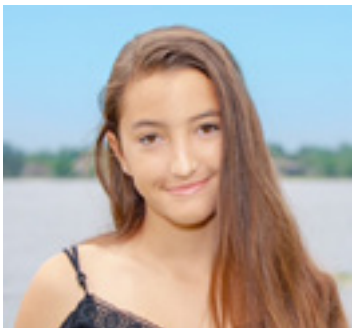
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### THE YOUTH ENRICHMENT TRAVEL FUND

**Shelia Grubstein**  
In memory of Evelyn Koenig, beloved sister  
In memory of Sheryl Pope, beloved niece  
In memory of Elaine Sonne, beloved friend



## Bat Mitzvah



**Alyssa Rae Anderson daughter of Andrea Anderson and granddaughter to Susan and Ed Souza and Ina and Robert Fritsch will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, September 29, 2018.**

Alyssa is a 7th grade student at Rock Lake Middle School. She is an exceptionally gifted student

and talented athlete. She is a star athlete on her lacrosse team and enjoys surfing, sailing and swimming. Alyssa is a born leader and has the wisdom of an adult. Alyssa has no fear and is allergic to nothing. She has proven her survival skills in the many opportunities her mother has provided. Her heart is humungous; do not let her strong and somewhat controlling personality fool you. Alyssa cares deeply for animals and people with little access to material. Although she enjoys her luxuries, she would be the first to give to someone in need. Alyssa is incorporating her passion into her Bat Mitzvah project. She is withdrawing her own money from her account to create bundles of helpful items to our community's homeless. Her mom, Gram, Pop, brother, and cousins are so grateful for Alyssa's dedication to Judaism, her hard work and accomplishments. A special thanks to her wonderful tutor, Dr. Sulkes, and a big thank you to Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for the years of support and guidance. Alyssa is looking forward to celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her family and friends.



## Mazel Tov

**Bill Yahner** on being elected to the Board of Directors for RAISE (Recognizing Abilities & Inclusion of Special Employees).

**Linda & Morton Bender** on the birth of g randdaughter, Sela Gilat Bender

**Louise Frankel** on the marriage of her grandson Eitan Frankel to Alexandra Crooks

**Adam Baumgarten** was accepted to the 2019 Urologic Trauma, Reconstruction and Prosthetics Fellowship at University of Texas Southwest Medical Center Dallas.

**Tony and Leni Puccio** on the birth of their granddaughter Lillian Grace Holt born on July 8, 2018.

*Find Your Fabulosity*, the nonprofit founded by **Sheryl Kurland**, has distributed 10,000+ new lipsticks to domestic violence victims.

**Michele and Tim Niemi.** Their sons, **Dr. Sean Niemi**, successfully defended his dissertation at the University of Florida and, **Cantor Jacob Niemi**, was ordained as a Cantor at HUC- JIR DFSSM.

**Vicki and Eric Peisner** became grandparents again in May, 3 Granddaughters!

**Dr. Stuart Dropkin** who became a grandpa to a beautiful baby boy in May.



## Sheloshim List

Zichronam Livracha, May their memories be for a blessing

**Marcia Paulette Banks**, Grandmother of Holly M. Gross, Great Grandmother of Mackenzie & Brandon Moffitt

**Gail Rose**, Sister of Emily Glickstein

**Martin Jacoby**, Father of Hedy Blinderman

**Florence Adler**, Mother of Marshall Adler, Grandmother of David Adler

**Matthew Adler**, Son of Marshall Adler, brother of David Adler

**Paul Grossman**, Husband of Barbara Grossman, Father of Felecia Ziegler, Grandfather of Eli & Brian Ziegler

**Alan Berman**, Husband of Marcia Berman, Father of Reid Berman, Father of Vicki Berman



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# 2018 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Aug 31	1
						10:00 AM Bagels & Bible with Rabbi Engel 7:00 PM Selichot
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11:00 AM Kol Tikvah & Shir Joy Rehearsal	CRJ Office Closed Labor Day	7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	12:00 PM Torah Study 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOC Pizza & Snack Sales 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM GORFTY 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Shabbat Oneg	10:00 AM Bagels & Bible with Rabbi Sherwin 2:00 PM Jr. GORFTY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No School of Chai 8:00 PM Erev RH Service	CRJ Office Closed Rosh Hashana 9:30 AM Babysitting 9:30 AM Morning Service 9:30 AM Youth Service 2:00 PM Family Service 5:00 PM Tashlich; The Springs Community,	5:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	4:00 PM Brotherhood Sukkah Building 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM Jr. GORFTY Lounge Night 4:15 PM SOC Pizza & Snack Sales 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service 8:30 PM Shabbat Oneg	Shabbat Shuvah 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 12:00 PM Rosh Chodesh
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 AM EJI: Kitah Aleph 9:30 AM School of Chai 10:00 AM Kever Avot; Woodlawn Memorial Park 12:30 PM Club56 1:30 PM What's on the Ballot 2018 - 2:00 PM HaZamir Rehearsal	9:30 AM Cooking for the Homeless @ CRJ; Kitchen 5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades) 5:45 PM Serve homeless @ Coalition 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8:00 PM Kol Knidre Service	CRJ Office Closed No School of Chai Yom Kippur 9:30 AM Babysitting 9:30 AM Morning Service 9:30 AM Youth Service 12:45 PM Meditation Service 2:00 PM Discussion: Sanctuary Cities 2:00 PM Family Service 3:45 PM Yiskor 5:00 PM Healing Service 6:00 PM Neliah 6:15 PM Yom Kippur Break Fast		7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Shabbat Oneg	10:00 AM Bagels & Bible with Cantor Jacki
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Erev Sukkot 9:30 AM Mommy & Me 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM SJM: Creating happy families with Roberta Marowitz 10:30 AM Sisterhood - Mom's Champagne Brunch 12:30 PM Chaverim	CRJ Office Closed Sukkot 10:00 AM Sukkot Service 5:30 PM Yala (7th-12th Grades)		12:00 PM Torah Study 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOC Pizza & Snack Sales 6:00 PM Holy Smokes Sukkot BBQ	9:30 AM Mommy & Me 6:00 PM Gameshow Mania!	6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Oneg in the Sukkah	Bat Mitzvah of Alyssa Anderson 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 3:00 PM GORFTY Shabbat Splashtacular
30	Oct 1					
Erev Simchat Torah 9:30 AM EJI: Kitah Bet 9:30 AM School of Chai 12:30 PM Yeladim 2:00 PM HaZamir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Dancing with the Torah						



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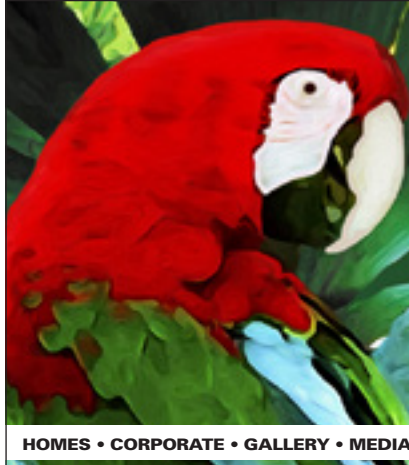
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9:30 AM ES: Kish Aleph 9:30 AM Matpacha Day - 4th Grade 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:30 AM SS: Souffle Eating with Lisa Golden 12:45 PM SOCParent Teacher Meet & Greet 2:00 PM HaZano Rabavnael	5:30 PM Yale (7th-12th Grades)	5:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOCPass & Snack Sales 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting Gabelev Serial Hall 7:00 PM Philosophy & Judaism (Adult Ed)	9:30 AM Morning & Me 7:00 PM Understanding the Return Jewish (Payerbook)	<b>NETY-OTR Fall Kallah</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Shabbat Oreg	10:00 AM Bayels & Bites with Rabe Sherrin
<b>NETY-OTR Fall Kallah</b> No School of Chai 12:15 PM Sisterhood Poker Tournament 12:15 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament 2:00 PM HaZano Rabavnael	9:30 AM Cooking for the Homeless @ ORJ Kitchen 5:30 PM Yale (7th-12th Grades) 5:45 PM Serve Homeless @ Coalition Coalition for the Homeless, E3W Central Blvd, Orlando, FL, 32817, USA		12:00 PM Torah Study 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOCPass & Snack Sales 7:00 PM Philosophy & Judaism (Adult Ed)	<b>WJ Regional Seminar (Miami, FL)</b> 9:30 AM Morning & Me 7:00 PM Understanding the Return Jewish (Payerbook)	<b>Jr. GORFTY Shabbaton Lock-In</b> 7:00 PM Shabbat Services 8:30 PM Shabbat Oreg	10:00 AM Bayels & Bites with Center Jesh 12:00 PM Rosh Chodesh
<b>WJ Regional Seminar (Miami, FL)</b> 9:30 AM Morning & Me 9:30 AM School of Chai 9:45 AM 3rd Grade Kabbalah Unit 10:00 AM LEAD (Leadership Exploration and Development) Training, School Chapl 12:30 PM Yizkor 2:00 PM HaZano Rabavnael	5:30 PM Yale (7th-12th Grades) 6:15 PM SS: A Soulful Journey from Hineni to Gratitude through Chai and Mindfulness with Linda Flower Gross		12:00 PM Torah Study 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOCPass & Snack Sales 7:00 PM Philosophy & Judaism (Adult Ed)	9:30 AM Morning & Me 7:00 PM Understanding the Return Jewish (Payerbook)	6:00 PM Shabbat Services	<b>Prime Steaks, Suk Comedy Lab</b> 10:00 AM Bayels & Bites with Center Jesh
9:30 AM ES: Kish Bet 9:30 AM Gof, Torah & Israel K-2nd Grades 9:30 AM School of Chai 10:00 AM LEAD (Leadership Exploration and Development) Training, School Chapl 12:30 PM ChaiM 12:30 PM Bark Moshavim 2:00 PM HaZano Rabavnael	5:30 PM Yale (7th-12th Grades)		12:00 PM Torah Study 4:00 PM School of Chai 4:15 PM SOCPass & Snack Sales			



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