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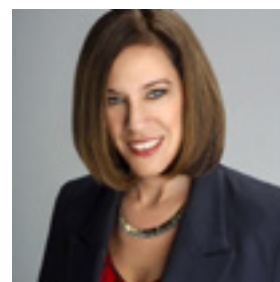
Friends:

It was a real honor to be published in a recent edition of the URJ's "Ten Minutes of Torah" and I wanted to share the piece with you, my congregational family. This is important to me because no discussion of my personal Jewish journey or my journey to the cantorate would be complete, without acknowledging the impact of Congregation of Reform Judaism, it's rabbi, staff, lay leadership and community have had on my professional and personal growth and development.

With warmest wishes for safe and enjoyable summer.

B'ahavah (With love),

Cantor Jacki



The Sacred, the Secular, and the Great American Songbook

BY CANTOR JACQUELINE RAWISZER

I was invited to present a musical performance piece in conjunction with the traveling exhibit based upon David Lehman's seminal work, *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs*. Flattered, I hesitated, at first, to accept the invitation. Since childhood I had lived and breathed the Great American Songbook, with much of my early professional life devoted to its interpretation. But my current sacred calling is to support members of my community as a k'lei kodesh (sacred vessel). Through Jewish liturgical musical experience they can encounter the Divine, and as part of a clergy team, I provide deeply-connected pastoral care to our community. The world in which I choose to live and work is decidedly non-secular.

My reluctance to participate surprised me. What was it that I didn't want to face? As I began to revisit the works of the Jewish composers that shaped me, I began to assess my life's journey. I was drawn to the work of Harold Arlen (Hayim Arluck) as a young, solitary child. The Wizard of Oz was one of the soundtracks of my early life, and the culture of the film and its cast created a welcome fantasy for me.

Years later, I discovered that Hayim Arluck's father was the longtime cantor of temple Adath Yeshurun in Syracuse, and that from the age of seven, Hayim sang in the choir and "listened in awe to his father's improvisations on old liturgical chants." (David Lehman, *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs* (Schocken Books, New York 2009, p.70)

This fact resonated powerfully in me. David Lehman writes, "not only did Shmuel Arluck tolerate his son's defection from the orthodox camp but so proud was he of the young man's music accomplishments he would adapt the Saturday prayer services in shul to the songs written by his son." (A Fine Romance, p. 70-71)

As I began to select pieces for my performance, it was songs like "Blues in the Night," "The Man that Got Away," and "Over the Rainbow" that struck a deeper, different chord within me. How far had I strayed from my roots since my early years of Jewish self-discovery?

I was always drawn to songs by Irving Berlin. Was it something in his life experience that translated unconsciously to my secular but searching young adulthood? Maybe I had something in common with the composer of "God Bless America," "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun," "Easter Parade," and "White Christmas." According to David Lehman, next to Arlen, "Irving Berlin (Israel Baline) had the most Jewish background of the major songwriters, yet it was he who went the furthest in assimilating to American social norms." (A Fine Romance, p. 79)

We opened the show with "Swanee" by George Gershwin (Jacob Gershowitz). In 1919, "Swanee" was at #1 for six weeks, Gershwin's biggest pop hit, when he was just twenty years old. A favorite of mine, I had included "Swanee" in my reviews and cabaret since I was a kid. But I never included

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from the Executive Director:

Michael Kancher

With the High Holy Days just around the corner I'm already hearing, "OMG, Rosh Hashanah is so early this year!" (It starts Sunday, September 13th) and "OMG, Rosh Hashanah so late this year!" Regardless of whether you believe that the high holidays are early or late, your Temple staff has already started preparing for them.

Please consider this as a gentle reminder that the Temple policy requires congregants' accounts to be up to date in order to register for Religious School and receive High Holy Day invitations, which will be mailed in early September. The High Holy Day packet that includes information about service times, prayer books, programming for children and much more may be found on our website also in September. Go to www.cjorlando.org and click on the "High Holy Day packet" button. Please know that we value your membership and understand that extenuating circumstances may make payment difficult. To confidentially discuss your account, please call me at the temple.

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

We are about to begin our busiest time for membership and religious school inquiries. This year we are inviting families who have not been affiliated with CRJ to enroll in Religious School and receive the first year's CRJ membership for free. The membership committee is always looking for volunteers to help meet and welcome new members to our CRJ family. Please give me a call if you are interested in getting involved with this or any other committee.

Please mark your calendar for some important upcoming events. Friday, August 21 is our Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner & Service. Please bring a new prospective member to join us and you will both eat for free! Sunday, August 23 is the first day of the Steinmetz Family School of Chai and CRJ Open House. Our annual Temple clean-up will be held on Sunday, August 30. Please join us as we clean the building and polish the Torah Silver to get ready for the Holidays. Join us for the start of the holiday season with a Selichot service on Saturday, September 5th at 8pm.

As always, the CRJ staff is here for you. If there is anything we can do to make this year a "sweet" one, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Michael Kancher

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the opening verse. In his phenomenal study, Jack Gottlieb writes, The [first] verse to the Gershwin-Irving Caesar 1919 hit "Swanee" yearns for a kind of promised land. Did Gershwin subconsciously recall a synagogue tune that asks God to 'renew our days as of old'? (Jack Gottlieb, *Funny, It Doesn't Sound Jewish: How Yiddish Songs and Synagogue Melodies Influenced Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and Hollywood*, SUNY Press, New York 2004, p.152)

Given the correlation between the opening verse of "Swanee" (I've been away from you a long time. I never thought I'd miss you so.) and the "Hashiveinu" (Help us to return to You, O Lord. Then truly we shall return), I planned to close the performance with a piece that had another surprising and important basis in Jewish liturgical chant, "It Ain't Necessarily So" from Porgy and Bess. With such an interesting character as Sportin' Life introducing this song, "how could the Gershwins not resist making reference to the Bible via the Torah Blessing!" (Jack Gottlieb, *Funny, It Doesn't Sound Jewish*, p. 218)

A story is told that Jerome David Kern was also well aware of his Jewish identity. "At a poker game somebody made a crack about Jews, and it was Kern, one of several Jews present, who rebuked the anti-Semite." (David Lehman, *A Fine Romance*, p. 48)

With the inclusion of "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" from Showboat, I became even more aware of the symbolic nature of these works, related to themes of overcoming challenge and oppression, while furthering cultural blends and trends.

Jeffrey Melnick defines 'sacralization' as "essentially the conflation of cantorial singing and jazz playing [which] forms the secret heart of the conversations linking African Americans and Jews." (*A Right to Sing the Blues: African Americans, Jews, and American Popular Song*, Harvard University Press, Cambridge MA 1999, p. 166)

All in a moment I could see a full circle. The musical influences of a lifetime seemed to truly bring me to a place where I was meant to be both personally and professionally.

When Harold Arlen, composer of the Wizard of Oz, wrote a birthday poem for the seventy-seven year old Irving Berlin, composer of "Easter Parade" and "White Christmas," Arlen incorporated the Yiddish phrase Svet gornisht helfin ("It's no use") and signed his Hebrew name. Deep down it was still Chaim Arluck communicating with Israel Baline, one cantor's son schmoozing with another, two Yeshiva buchers [students] on a secular holiday in Hollywood or New York. (David Lehman, *A Fine Romance*, p. 187)

Svet gornisht helfin this cantor would have to respectfully disagree. It is through the passing of our Jewish cultural heritage, infused with the knowledge that we are standing on the shoulders of all those who came before us, that we will continue to pass our rich traditions to a new generation.

Calling all "Sweet Singers of Israel"!

Please consider adding your voice to the CRJ Adult Choir during the High Holy Days 5776!

New members are always welcome and there are opportunities available for all voice parts (SATB). If you are a member of CRJ, enjoy singing within a group setting, and are looking to enhance your experience of connection and community, please join us!

I would love the opportunity to welcome you into the choir family at CRJ. Please contact me at jrawiszer@cjorlando.org for more information!

B'shir (In song),

Cantor Jacki



from the President:

Mark S. Blechman

Welcome to the dog days of summer.

I am not sure of the etymology of the phrase "dog days of summer" but I am sure that our canine friends were never consulted.

The common understanding of the phrase suggest that people are feeling lazy and under achieving during the hot days of the summer. Of course, at CRJ our busy fall and winter activities and schedules are actually being created during the summer and thus the phrase is in appropriate for the clergy and staff at our synagogue. Two such upcoming functions are the NFTY Fall Kallah and the 2015 Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial.

The new Board approved the request by Gorfty, and its president Eli Ziegler, to apply for our synagogue to be the host for the NFTY Fall Kallah. The target dates for the Kallah are Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11, 2015. We are anticipating over 350 youths from around the state of Florida to attend. Temple Shir Shalom has offered to assist us in housing the participants but we will still need a large outpouring of our congregation to offer their homes for the out of town participants to sleep at. As we get closer to August you should expect to hear from us inviting you to open your home to three youths for the weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for our synagogue and our youth groups and I, for one, am looking forward to spending the weekend with 350 of the future leaders of our society.

The second special event of our fall will include the URJ Biennial Conference. The conference is scheduled in Orlando from November 4 through November 8, 2015. For those who do not know, it is a time when approximately 5,000 Reform Jews gather from North America to learn, pray and discuss common issues. For everyone that has attended such an event, they know the feeling of energy and excitement they left with and carried into their sacred lives as well as their secular lives.

The 2015 Biennial will have four learning tracks which reflect the priorities of the reform movement: strengthening congregations, audacious hospitality, Tikkun olam (repairing the world) and Jewish learning. In addition, there will be a Biennial camp for children pre-K through eighth grade which is geared to highlight the best parts of URJ camping.

Because of the fortuitous timing of this year's Biennial, part of the program will include a United States presidential candidate forum! The forum will be hosted by Meet the Press anchor Chuck Todd, on November 7, 2015.

Along with the learning opportunities and the socializing with fellow reform Jews from around North America, I am most looking forward to a Shabbat service with 5,000 people in attendance! I am urging you all to attend the Biennial and take advantage of the opportunity presented by having it in Orlando. There is no need to have a hotel room (although, of course, you are free to do so – but it is not actually free!) and therefore the expense for the Biennial is tremendously reduced. Please join us at the 2015 URJ Biennial.

Regardless of your attendance at the Biennial, the URJ's General Assembly (the delegate body of Congregational representatives) will meet to determine the reform movement's directions and actions for the coming two years. I have been asked by the URJ to invite our congregation to suggest resolutions for the Assembly to consider. Kindly forward such resolutions you feel are worthy of consideration to me so that I may forward them.

As our summer proceeds, stay cool my friends, and remember that fall is right around the corner.

Mark S. Blechman



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." -Benjamin Franklin

I hope this message finds you all enjoying summer break and hopefully finding the time for some beach

relaxation! I am so pleased with this past school year and truly look forward to beginning the next year of fun and learning at The Steinmetz Family School of Chai, which will begin on Sunday, August 23rd. Thank you to those of you who have returned your school registration forms and tuition payments.

You may register online or print out a registration form at <http://crjorlando.org/steinmetz.html>.

It is my hope that you can all be ambassadors for our school and continue in a partnership for building a holy community together. The goal of Jewish education is not only to prepare students for becoming a bar or a bat mitzvah, but it is most importantly to help children become engaged Jewish young adults who are capable of being critical thinkers and leaders for our future. We hope to give our students the connections that make commitment to Judaism something that is firmly desired.

As educators, we want to be with your children through the challenges of developing self-esteem, creating friendships and understanding tolerance. One of my favorite quotes is by Martin Luther King, Jr., who once said that "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

The enthusiasm that our students bring every week is evident in the smiles on their faces; The Steinmetz Family School of Chai is clearly a great place to learn and to grow. Please let your friends, neighbors and relatives know about our program. What an honor it would be to have another Jewish family contact me about enrolling their children here and having them tell me that they were referred by you! As partners with our families, it is our goal to create a warm, caring and fun environment where respect is the key.

Our teachers, our Vice President of Education, Dori Gerber, and I will be working hard over the summer to make this next school year fun and enriching. We welcome your thoughts and ideas on what you appreciated from this past school year and what you might like to see added in the coming year. Have a wonderful rest of your summer, and don't hesitate to call me if you'd like to discuss anything.

L'Shalom,

Sheryl

**School Registration available online:
www.crjorlando.org**



Babies & Blocks

Babies and Blocks, a mommy and me program for families raising Jewish children. This program features an hour of music, stories, and activates engaging fine and gross motor skills. This group is for children 3-10 months. This group meets on the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in the group please contact Julie Begani, jbegani@crjorlando.org. Mark these days in your calendar: October 20 @ 11am, November 17 @ 11am, December 15 @ 11am.

CRY Chant Circle

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Shavuot at CRY



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I would like to introduce you to the 2015-16 Board Members of the Sisterhood, Women of CRJ. Our local Sisterhood is a part of the greater organization, Women of Reform Judaism, with chapters around the world.

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Diane (Cookie) Meyer, Carol Haile, Linda Bender

Past President: **Helene Becker**

Our Sisterhood was honored at a special Shabbat on June 19, with blessings from the Rabbi. Members of Sisterhood participated in the service. The following evening, the new board was celebrated with a pot luck supper at the home of Cathy and Mark Lieblich. There was a Havdalah service and installation of the new officers led by Cantor Jacki.

We will have committees working hard all summer to plan interesting and enriching activities for the enjoyment of the entire CRJ community. We have activities that are purely social and activities to support the CRJ and WRJ social action causes. Our year starts with our Membership Appreciation luncheon in the early fall. Watch The Chai (mail) and Chai Lights (email) for details about our events. Activities planned include: a Chanukkah Dinner, Mah Jong Tournament, YES Fund luncheon and the Community Wide Women's Seder. With Sisterhood, there are always opportunities to meet new people, attend, coordinate or lead an event, and contribute to the leadership at CRJ. We welcome new faces and new ideas. Without you we are one Sister short!

Thank you,

Carolyn Weinstein

CRJ Sisterhood President

TORAH STUDY

August 26 at noon
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join us for stimulating
conversation with
Rabbi Engel



Membership Appreciation Event—POOL PARTY!

Sunday, August 2nd at 11am

Roth JCC in Maitland

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CRJ Seniors

I hope that all of you are having a great summer season and are looking forward to our CRJ Seniors programs, beginning September 17, 2015, with Rabbi Steven Engel and CRJ President, Mark Blechman. We have a wonderful group of more than 60 persons, of the age of 60 or older who meet on the third Thursday of each month at noon, enjoying exciting programs of interests and entertainment. New members and guests are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$10 and a nice lunch will usually be served to members for \$5 and to guests for \$8. Following is our planned programs for the coming year. We would love to have you join our seniors group. If any of you would like to serve on one of our committees, contact me, allanmyersdmd@gmail.com.

Dr. Allan Myers

Sept. 17, 2015- Rabbi Engel and President Blechman

Oct. 15, 2015 - Jewish Pavillion with Nancy Ludin

Nov. 19, 2015 - Jewish Crafts with Pamela Sonne

Dec. 17, 2015 - Lake Brantley High School Choral Group

Jan. 21, 2016 - BINGO

Feb. 18, 2016 - Our Own, Cantor Jacki

Mar. 17, 2016 - League of Women Voters with Adrienne Katz

Apr. 21, 2016 - Jewish History in the U.S. with Murray Toborowsky

May 19, 2016 - Installation of Officers for 2016-2017

**Congregation of Reform Judaism
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School Supply Drive

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

CRJ Social Action is helping A Gift for Teaching this year helping students get ready for school.

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- BOX OF TISSUES
- RULERS

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Congregation of Reform Judaism
HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
 2015-5776

Saturday, September 5	Selichot	
	Dessert Reception	8:00 PM
	Service (Yarmuth Multi-Purpose Room)	8:30 PM
Sunday, September 13	Erev Rosh Hashanah	
	Evening Service (Sanctuary)	8:00 PM
Monday, September 14	Rosh Hashanah Day	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	9:30 AM
	Youth Services - 3 rd - 6 th Grades and Pre-K – 2 nd Grade	10:00 AM
	Family Service (Sanctuary)	2:00 PM
	Tashlich (at The Springs)	5:00 PM
Friday, September 18	Erev Shabbat Shuvah	
	Shabbat Service (Sanctuary)	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 19	Shabbat Shuvah	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 20	Kever Avot Memorial Service	
	CRJ Cemetery (Woodlawn Memorial Park)	10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 22	Erev Yom Kippur	
	Kol Nidre Service (Sanctuary)	8:00 PM
Wednesday, September 23	Yom Kippur Day	
	Morning Service (Sanctuary)	9:30 AM
	Youth Service - 3 rd - 6 th Grades and Pre-K – 2 nd Grade	10:00 AM
	Meditation Service (Yarmuth MPR)	12:15 PM
	Family Service (Sanctuary)	1:30 PM
	High Holy Day Discussion (MPR)	1:30 PM
	Yizkor (Memorial) Service (Sanctuary)	3:30 PM
	Healing Service (Sanctuary)	4:30 PM
	Neilah (Concluding) Service (Sanctuary)	5:30 PM
	Break-the-Fast Dinner (Yarmuth MPR) (RSVP www.criorlando.org)	6:30 PM
Friday, September 25	Build the Sukkah in the Courtyard	9:30 AM
Sunday, September 27	Erev Sukkot	
	Lulav Shake and BBQ (RSVP www.criorlando.org)	5:30 PM
Monday, September 28	Sukkot	
	Morning service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
Sunday, October 4	Yizkor Service/ Erev Simchat Torah	
	Yizkor (Memorial Service) (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM
	Pizza Dinner and Dancing with the Torah (RSVP www.criorlando.org)	5:30 PM
Monday, October 5	Simchat Torah	
	Morning service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM



No experience necessary—Just come try it!

Contact jbegani@crjorlando.org or call CRJ to register/info about classes

The High Holy Days - How Do The Rituals and Traditions Relate to Our Lives Today!

Taught by Clergy Aide Gary Becker

Thursday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15, August 27, September 3 & 10

This special, three part introduction to the High Holy Days will address contemporary questions about the High Holy Day observances. Some examples of what will be covered are: What makes the High Holy Days so holy? How do the rituals and traditions relate to our modern day lives? What still motivates many Jews to appear at synagogue on the High Holy Days? What is the contemporary meaning of the Shofar sounding? What are the personal steps to Teshuvah? (Side question, what is Teshuvah??) The sessions will include group discussion and the opportunity for attendees to pose questions. A great way to find meaning in your High Holy Day observance this year! To register, visit www.crjorlando.org.

CRJ Book Club

We had our first organizational meeting in June. The group decided to read a wide variety of titles, and have a facilitator from the group present the book of the month. In addition a host/hostess will be responsible for some "nibbles" while the Temple will provide ice water and coffee.

The group decided that all meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each Month. The next meeting will be on July 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

The book chosen by the group is "Clara and Mr. Tiffany" by Susan Vreeland. A reviewer said: "Vreeland brings 1890's Manhattan to vibrant life...Vivid descriptions of window and lamp will surely bring readers a new appreciation for stained glass. And Clara's battles for the rights for her female workers and for artistic originality verses mass production are compelling, as is her complicated relationship with Mr. Tiffany."

We invite all Temple members (both male and female) to join us. For further information, Contact Zena Sulkes at Zwsf116@gmail.com



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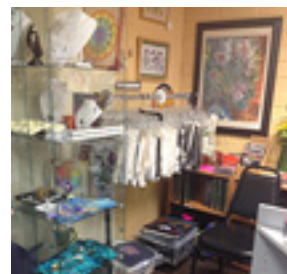
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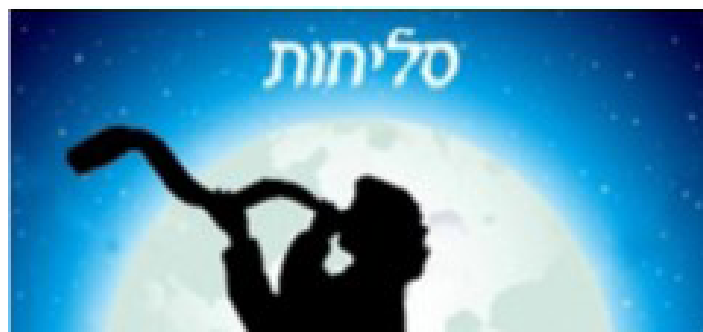
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Jean says "It is always a pleasure to work in the gift shop each month. It is fun to explore the newest inventory while seeing friends and meeting new people".

Mary Ellen says, "I enjoy giving back to the Synagogue that has grown to mean so much to me. It is fun meeting congregants I normally wouldn't meet such as religious school parents".

Requirement: must be Sisterhood member

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Ellen Caplan cell- 407-435-5902 or mecaplan@hotmail.com or Manager-Ellen Snyder cell- 407-538-1405 or ellsny@cfl.rr.com



Selichot Service: Sat. September 5 @ 8:30pm

Selichot is a customary service observed before Rosh Hashanah. Selichot, meaning forgiveness, refers to the penitential prayers.

For more information about this holiday visit www.reformjudaism.org/what-selichot

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It is my honor to support CRJ's Director of Education, Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff, to continue to grow and nurture our synagogue's religious school. It is our goal to engage our student and adult learners with innovative programs and events that link them to their Jewish values and goals. In addition, I look forward to collaborating with Rabbi Engel to assist him in developing exemplary youth programming that will keep our teens and young adults connected to CRJ and their Jewish identity long after their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and ultimately become active members in our congregation. If you would like to join our efforts, please email me at thegeberbers@cfl.rr.com.

Vice President -Volunteerism & Congregant Engagement, Cathy Lieblich

I am honored to be serving on the CRJ Board of Directors as Vice President for Volunteerism and Congregant Engagement. In that role, my goal is to get to know you, your interests and skills and to help connect you with other congregants and to CRJ as your congregational family. For me, a meaningful life is all about relationships, feeling connected to others, having a sense of belonging and creating bonds that will last a lifetime. My own membership and involvement at CRJ and with our Sisterhood, Women of CRJ, over the past 15 years has created those connections, sense of belonging and bonds for me that I know will last a lifetime. If you are searching for the same experience and are not already involved in one of our auxiliaries or a committee or would like to get involved in another one, I hope that you will consider doing so in the coming months.

All Board vice presidents will be forming committees related to their areas of responsibility in addition to the wonderful auxiliaries (Sisterhood and Brotherhood) and committees that already exist. The existing committees are the Care Team, Congregational Youth Committee, Youth Education Committee, Cooking for the Homeless, Hospital Committee, Minhag Hamakom (Ritual Committee), Seniors, and Social Action. The chairpersons of each of the committees and the auxiliary presidents will soon be invited to join the new "Program Council" that will meet quarterly to discuss goals and activities, and to explore how they can work together and better coordinate their efforts and to participate in leadership development activities. I am looking forward to working with the Program Council, along with CRJ Board President, Mark Blechman, Executive Director, Michael Kanher, and a few other Board members, and with all of you to foster "a synagogue culture that is inviting and respectful, with inspiring worship services and programs that promote lifetime Jewish learning, within a caring, innovative and vibrant congregation." (excerpted from our CRJ mission statement). Please contact me if you are interested in joining the Volunteerism and Congregant Engagement Committee, another committee or auxiliary, or for any other reason at clieblich@me.com or (321) 277-7309.

Vice President of Worship and Compassion, Michael Meyer

Under the new bylaws of the Congregation, I am administratively responsible to oversee the Minhag HaMakom Committee (Ritual), the Hospital Committee, the Care Committee and the Social Action Committee. After serving as chair of the Hospital (for visitation) Committee for many years, Robin Siegel is taking a 'leave of absence' and Bev Smith and Charlotte Schwartz have graciously agreed to serve as co-chairs. Bev also continues to serve as chair of the Care Committee which assists congregants with transportation to physicians, dentists, etc.

Camy Schwam Wilcox has chaired social action, but has recently been elected to the Board so we will be looking for a new chair. I was chair of the Minhag HaMakom Committee and will continue for the immediate future as we look to expand the Committee and appoint a replacement.

Please contact Bev, Charlotte, or myself to explore your involvement on these committees. My personal goal for this year is to encourage the participation of congregants on all these committees to enrich personal lives by service to the congregation, to the Jewish community and the greater Orlando community. My email is pampam22@aol.com

From the CRJ Secretary, Barbara Grossman

My responsibility as secretary is to work with CRJ President, Mark Blechman, to set the agenda for each board meeting and to record and distribute the minutes of each meeting. In addition, I am responsible for recruiting congregants to represent CRJ at Friday and Saturday services. Members or friends of future B'nai Mitzvot who would like to represent CRJ during a particular weekend should contact Barbara at bbg104@aol.com

From VP of Membership, Camy Schwam-Wilcox

I would like to ensure that all members feel like a valued member of our congregation. I will select ambassadors to assist me in reaching all of our new members and some older members that may feel a disconnect with the Congregation in hopes that we can get everyone refreshed and excited about the congregation. I will plan the Welcome back Shabbat Dinner (August 21, 2015), the CRJ Open House (August 23, 2015), the New Member Brunch (TBA), and the Membership Appreciation Shabbat (TBA). I will brain storm with the clergy and other board members to see what we can do to get the members active and excited about their CRJ membership.

If you would like to help with the membership committee as an ambassador to new members or planning membership appreciation events, please contact me at camy@cbswlaw.com or text/call 407-340-4354.

From VP of Leadership Development, Roger Jacobson

The Leadership Development team, led by VP Roger Jacobson and Chairman Nancy Walk, will produce several training seminars throughout the calendar year. These seminars will provide leadership skill sets and knowledge bases to the Board of Directors, Congregation Leaders and those interested in furthering the Mission of the Temple and Reform Judaism.

From VP of Human Resources, Mark Levitt

As VP of HR, I intend to insure that our staff and employees continue to be valued as an important asset of CRJ and that procedures and policies are in place from the perspective of human resources. One of the first projects will be to revise the existing Employee Handbook and ensure that employees are given a performance evaluation, so that they will clearly understand their duties and responsibilities and have clear goals and objectives for the future. If any congregant has any comments they would like to share regarding the staff, they should always feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns at mlevitt@anblaw.com

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt to speak at CRJ Thursday, September 17 at 7:30pm



In an effort to educate our Central Florida community about the current state of anti-Semitism Dr. Deborah Lipstadt will speak about the "new" antisemitism; how it is different from the religious and racial antisemitism of yesterday, and how we, as a global community should respond to it.

Sponsorships are available and include opportunities for a pre-event reception with Dr. Lipstadt, Autographed copies of her book, and premium seating.

Contact Michael Kancher 407-645-0444 or mkancher@crjorlando.org

To purchase tickets and to learn more about this program visit

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Date: Sunday, October 18, 2015

Time: 5-9 pm

Where: CRJ

Cost: \$40/person



Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to **Alexa VanDemark**, daughter of **Rachel and Don VanDemark**, graduated with high honors from Emory University in May with a bachelor degree in East Asian Studies and a minor in Music.

Mazel Tov to **Brittany Armbrust** for receiving the Rachel Labensky z"l Memorial Scholarship Award at CRJ. We are very proud of you!



Mazel Tov to **Grandmother Pamela Levin** and **Great Grandmother Bette Ann Leider** on the birth of their granddaughter Fiona Brynn Lazarus.

Mazel Tov to **Robin and John Siegel** on the birth of their new granddaughter Ashley Laren Zitter

Mazel Tov to **Chet and Barbara Peckett** on the birth of their new grandchild Ilan Romm Woodward

Mazel Tov to **Ava and Michael Maxwell** on the marriage of their son Alex to Kelsey McCall

Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Steve and Beverly Engel** on the marriage of their son Zachary to Meredith Leber

Mazel Tov to **Judy & David Albertson** on the marriage of their son John to Jaime Weeg



Welcome New Members

Amy & Vanessa Scotland
Derek & Jessica Smith
Jonathan & Leanne Polhemus
Richard & Jane Gleick



Sheloshim List

Edith Sherman, Mother of Arnold Sherman
Jean Burns, Aunt of Bill Yahner
Risa Ann Kassoff, Friend of Norma Ball & Jola Cope
Raymond Davis, Step-father of Randi Kaufman-Long
Harvey Rubin, Brother of Barbara Rothman
Winnie Benjamin, Mother of Joy Zerivitz
Mary Belle Wilcox, Mother of Jeffrey Wilcox, Grandmother of Riley & Bradley



Recognizing Abilities & Inclusion of Special Employees

The RAISE program for young adults with special needs will be accepting online applications beginning on August 1, 2015. There will be a limited number of positions available.

RAISE is a 6-12 month work and social skills training program offered through the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, that provides paid employment at our partnering Jewish agencies. In addition, RAISE assists its employees in the transition to finding employment in the community.


If you know a young adult who may benefit from RAISE or you are interested in volunteering as a Job Coach for the program, please contact Marisa West at the Federation offices - 407.645.5933 ext 236 or email RAISE@JFGO.ORG

To learn more about the program visit the web page: www.jfgo.org/raise

TEMPLE CLEAN UP

Sunday, August 30
10:00am

Help beautify the temple and cleanup before the holidays. We will be dusting and cleaning the Sanctuary, polishing the silver, and cleaning up the outside gardens. To volunteer contact Michael Kancher at mkancher@crjorlando.org



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July/August Donations

With Love and Sincere Thanks to all of our Dear Friends who sent condolences and contributions when Mo left us unexpectedly last year.

Due to emergency surgery that I underwent three months later, our acknowledgements of your sympathy and kindness may not have been sent. We greatly appreciate your thinking of us at that time.

May your hearts be happy and your days filled with beauty.

Bonnie Shams and Family

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In loving memory of beloved husband, Martin Streimish

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Marty & Emily Glickstein

In honor of our Cantor Jacki's Birthday

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Best wishes for permanent recovery of dear friend, Phyllis Chaney
In memory of beloved brother, Henry "Buddy" Davison

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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of David Coultoff

Claire Rosenberg

In memory of beloved father, Max Becker

Louise Frankel

In memory of Harvey Rubin, brother of Barbara Rothman
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In loving memory of Mort's father, Charles Bender
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In memory of Winnie Benjamin

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In honor of Kaylah becoming a Bat Mitzvah

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In honor of Rabbi Steven & Beverly Engel's Anniversary

Kevin Weiss

In appreciation of Rabbi Engel taking the time to deliver the invocation at my judicial investiture ceremony

Marilyn & Garry Crotty

In loving memory of our son, Kevin Crotty

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In honor of the marriage of Zachary Engel & Meredith Leber

Jean White

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With gratitude to the GORFTY Board for their outstanding participation during the Chant Havdalah Service

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In appreciation for all the caring during Bert's recovery

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In honor of Arnold Zarek's birthday
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Rosalind J. Levitt

In memory of Morris Friedman, beloved father

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In memory of Winnie Benjamin, beloved mother of Joy Zerivitz



Birthdays

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

JULY 2015

3 Lee Bernbaum
3 Abigail Carlton
3 Sydney Goldberg
3 Randi Kaufman-Long
3 Steven Rich
3 Jack Titen
4 Emily Schwartz
4 Christine Spector
5 Maya Anderson
5 Claudia Falk
5 Tasos Paidiris
5 Haley Peckett
5 Jennifer Siegel
5 Rena Wilensky
6 Matthew Auster
6 Beverly Engel
6 Barbara Rothman
7 Desiree Slone
7 Micah Weiss
8 Michele Brennan
8 Laura Cohn
8 Joan Gray
8 Donald Zerivitz
8 Greta Zollman
9 Emma Cohn
9 Kenneth Goldberg
9 Chris Keating
9 Dara Lahav
9 Alana Slone
10 David Katz
10 Chet Peckett
10 Gertrude Weiss
11 Howard Hawkins
11 Rivka Selsky
12 Abby Goldsmith
12 David Kahn
13 Michael Freedman
13 David Glickstein
13 Michael Potesman
13 Shawn Shapiro
14 Julia Stein
15 Stella Keiner
15 Wayne Taylor
16 Charles Haile
16 Arielle Kaplan
16 John Reich
16 Gail Robinson
16 Colby Wiener
16 Corey Zehngebot
16 Jay Zehngebot
17 Lynn Esko
17 Samuel Fender
17 Jordan Weiss
18 Scott Sanchez
18 Mark Sperling
19 Rachel Cohn
19 Tracy Devoe
19 Edward Levine
21 Natalie Tabb
21 Emily Welch
22 Morgan Bornstein
22 Julie Levine
22 Larry Slung
23 Kaden Bauer
23 Krista Berman
23 Jennifer Cronson
23 Jeremy Sheiber
23 Seymour Benson
24 Brian Coan
24 Rick Klein
24 Richard Seidman
24 Barbara Shargaa
24 David Watzman
24 Bill Yahner
25 John Blankemeier
25 Jane Clayman
25 Shana Margolis
25 Amy Siegel
25 Kori Theisen
25 Madelyn Ward
26 Ida Freedman
26 Sammy Goldstein
26 Susan Halperin
26 Roger Jacobson
26 Charlotte Kalin
26 Allan Myers
27 Jerome Africk
27 Justin Katz
27 Spencer Katz
27 Ronni Mendelsohn
27 Andrew Miller
27 Barry Sieger
27 Barbara Zaslofsky
28 Libbyan Dodge
28 Monique Eyal
28 Ryan Katz
28 Noreen Levitt
28 Brian Margolis
28 Candace Martin
29 Beth Fidelo
29 Jacqueline Greenblatt
29 James Patrick
29 Macene Zusmann
30 Nicole Isaacson
30 Harrison Slone
31 Suzan Abramson
31 Olivia Chepenik
31 Maggie Morrison
31 Jason Rasmussen
31 Kevin Spector
31 Joy Zerivitz

AUGUST 2015

2 Scott Abramson
2 Stephanie Freid
2 Bonnie Schwartz
3 Sallie Brown
3 Jeanne Glick
3 Amy Goodblatt
3 Elie Siegel
3 Robin Siegel
3 Kacie Solomon
3 Ricky Taylor
4 Benjamin Falk
4 Mark Leavitt
4 Dallin McBride
4 Brandon Moffitt
5 Jesse Albert
5 Michael Grossman
5 Christa Tabb
5 Jonathan Trattner
6 Raymond Kristall
6 Norah Seltzer
6 Warren Seltzer
7 Paul Goldberg
7 Angie Mendelsohn
7 Ronni Schoemann
7 Larry Travitsky
7 Ben Zerivitz
8 Kyle Benzion
8 Randall Ellington
8 Jennifer Sexton
8 Ellen Silverman
9 Michael Mastando
9 Nancy Walk
10 Julia Devoe
10 Zena Schiff
10 Robert Silverton
10 Amie Tishkoff
10 Randall Warren
11 Julia Berger
11 Emily Fleishman
11 Kendall Wheeler
12 Michael Gurian
12 Anthony Nicholson
12 Julia Sheiber
12 Samantha Trattner
13 Anna Fidelo
13 Brandon Levitt
13 Dee Schwartz
14 Samuel Bogle
14 Robyn Heyman
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25 Terri Miskel
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26 Ruth Patrick
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27 Sasha Berman
27 Reid Chatham
27 Elijah Dawson
27 Randy Gittess
27 Shelia Grubstein
28 Micah Berger
28 Pamela Cantor
28 Paul Goldberg
28 Ellen Goldman
28 Stephen Guss
28 Gary Kalser
28 Daniel Kennon
28 Joshua Ossinsky
28 David Reiss
28 Andrea Sasser
28 Allison Sokol
28 Samantha Warren
29 Chloe Elisabeth Anders
29 Shoshana Scanlon
30 Mark Freid
30 Martin Prague
30 Alexandra Stein
30 Joseph Zollman
31 Lucas Falk
31 Melanie Forman
31 Morgan Keating



Anniversaries

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

JULY 2015

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

AUGUST 2015

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

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If you do not see your birthday or anniversary
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you! Send information to:
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July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 6pm Shabbat Service	4 Independence Day 10am Shabbat Service
5	6	7	8 7pm Program Council Meeting	9	10 6pm Shabbat Service	11 10am Shabbat Service
12	13	14 6:39pm Neighborhood Meeting	15	16	17 6pm Shabbat Service	18 10am Shabbat Service
19	20 9:30am Cook for the Homeless 5:45pm Serve the Homeless	21	22	23	24 6pm Shabbat Service	25 10am Shabbat Service
26	27	28	29	30	31 6pm Shabbat Service	

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August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am Shabbat Service
2 11am Pool Party at JCC— Free for CRJ Members	3	4 6:30pm Mah Jongg	5	6 11am Sr. Board	7 6pm Shabbat Service	8 10am Shabbat Service
9	10 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11	12 7pm Board of Directors	13 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 6pm Shabbat Service	15 10am Shabbat Service
16 9am: Teacher Planning	17 9:30am Cooking for the Homeless 5:45pm Serving the homeless 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30pm Mah Jongg	19	20 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	21 *special schedule* 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 6:00pm Welcome Back Dinner 7:00pm Shabbat Service	22 10am Shabbat Service
23 9:30am: 1st Day of School 10:15am CRJ Open House 11:30am HHID Kol Tikvah & Teen Ensemble Rehearsal	24 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	25	26 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai	27 7:00pm High Holiday Prep Course 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	28 6pm Shabbat Service	29 Bar Mitzvah of Jordan Weiss 10am Shabbat Service
30 9:30am School of Chai Kindergarten changes Torah covers & All School Shofar blowing 10:00am Temple Clean Up 11:30am HHID Kol Tikvah & Teen Ensemble Rehearsal	31 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal					



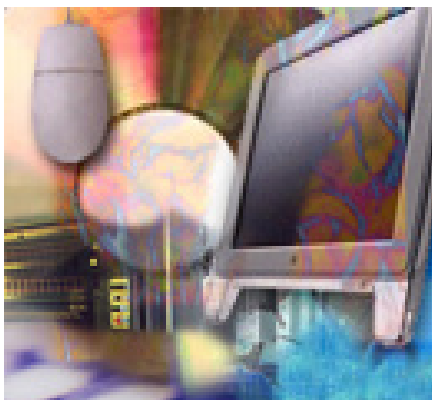
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