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CHAI

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ANCHORS AWEIGH!



SAIL AWAY ON THE CRJ "CHAI" SEAS FOR AN EXPERIENCE YOU WON'T FORGET

Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 5pm-9pm

Congregation of Reform Judaism
928 Malone Drive, Orlando Florida 32810

Enjoy an event on the **S.S. CRJ** and try your hand at casino,
bingo and trivia games. Dive into the tasty "midnight" buffet,
snap photos on the Lido Deck, *and more!*

\$\$ EARLY BIRD SAVINGS \$\$

Event tickets are **ONLY \$35** each if purchased by September 14

After September 14, tickets are \$40 each

For every donation of 5 food items for the Pearlman Food Pantry,
receive \$25 worth of playing chips.



TOURNAMENT TABLE OPTION

Enter for only **\$60**

GREAT prizes will be available for the
1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners



Register online at:

www.crjorlando.org



from the Rabbi:

Steven Engel

Our youth are our future here today. This saying is extrapolated from the words of the Prophet Joel. And so one of our new initiatives at CRJ is Youth Engagement. We are revamping,

revising and adding to what we do to be responsive in reaching out to our Jewish young people. We want to provide them with meaningful Jewish moments and a loving connection to Judaism. To these ends, we are so delighted and honored that in October we will be hosting over 350 Jewish High School youth from around Florida in our congregation. They will be holding a Kallah, their own creative services on our bima, discussion groups around the campus, eating together and celebrating together during the weekend of October 9-11. Our youth are our future here today and I am appealing for your help in making this wonderful opportunity a reality. Your participation is critical to making this happen so please get involved.

What can you do?

- Host out of town youth at your house. You don't have to have your own teenagers to be inspired by the Jewish teenagers you will house. They bring sleeping bags so all they need is some space on the floor.
- If you have an 8th-12th grader make sure they sign up to attend the weekend. They will have an experience of a lifetime and will get connected to their Judaism in a very special way and make lifelong friends.
- Volunteer to help with the weekend to serve a meal or help with setup. Observing the young people while you are there will give you a renewed sense of a great Jewish future with young people like these.
- If you can't give your time make a financial donation to help support our Jewish Youth.

For more information please contact Youth Advisor Stephen Wolf at morehwolf@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your help and wishing you and yours a sweet and inspiring New Year.

Steve

Taglit-Birthright Israel Gift

The **Taglit-Birthright Israel** gift is perhaps our single best opportunity to engage the next generation of Jewish young adults with their Jewish identity and foster a connection to Israel and the Jewish community worldwide. URJ Keshet is the only Reform Birthright Israel provider and we are committed to taking nearly 2,000 young adults per year on an inspirational journey to Israel, but we have an opportunity to grow and you can help us.

Birthright Israel registration for Winter trips (December to March) opens September 8th, right before Rosh Hashanah and the High Holiday season. If you are interested in a CRJ teen trip or any teen trips please contact Rabbi Engel at swengel@crjorlando.org



from the Executive Director:

Michael Kancher

The Steinmetz Family School of Chai celebrated another wonderful beginning at CRJ. "Todah rabah" to Rosh Morah

Sacharoff and her talented staff for making the opening day a huge success for our religious school families.

Please join me in thanking everyone who volunteered their time for the Temple clean-up day. Getting ready for the High Holy Days is always a group effort; polishing silver, cleaning the sanctuary and sprucing up our gardens – our CRJ volunteers are the best!

By now you should have received your High Holy Day invitation. The High Holiday "season" begins with Selichot on Saturday, September 5th and Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 13th. Please consult your Chai for the remaining holiday schedule or the High Holy Day packet, which includes information about services, prayer books, programming for children and much more. The latter is posted on our website www.crjorlando.org. Click on the High Holy Day packet button. As you know parking at the Temple is very limited. Please be considerate and do not park on the streets in the neighborhood. If cars are illegally parked the police will issue tickets. As in the past, off-site parking and round-trip shuttle service will be available at Home Depot on Lee Road. For your safety, Orange County Police Officers will be on duty during services. If you will be worshiping at another Reform synagogue during the High Holy Days please contact me so that I may send that congregation a letter indicating that you are a member in good standing at CRJ. This will allow you to receive reciprocal tickets. Likewise, if you have family or friends joining you at CRJ and they belong to another Reform congregation, please ask them to have your guest's Temple notify us of the same.

Our fall main event, Anchors Aweigh, will take place on Sunday, October 18th. Come and enjoy an evening on the S.S. CRJ and try your hand at casino games, poker, bingo, trivia and dive into our cruise ship buffet. Please plan to attend and join your CRJ family for a great night. Ticket information is in the Chai or you can call the temple office.

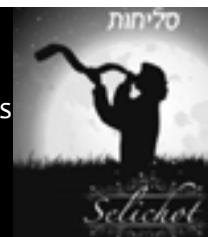
Aspire Charter Academy is CRJ's new tenant. Aspire Charter Academy is considered a model Orange County Charter Elementary School with specialized focus on positive behaviors and activities that uplift young minds and spirits. They create and foster a 'family' atmosphere so that every child can realize their full potential. Please help us welcome them to our campus. Pam joins me in wishing everyone *L'Shana Tova*. May you have a year filled with good health, happiness and above all, peace.

Michael Kancher

Saturday, Sept. 5 @ 8:30pm

(Dessert Reception at 8:00pm)

Selichot, meaning forgiveness, refers to the penitential prayers recited prior to the onset of the High Holy Day season.





from the President:

Mark S. Blechman

I hope you all had a fun filled summer. With the number of congregants we have and all the trips taken, I'll bet that most of the United States and planet were well documented with photographs (I know that Cindy and I personally covered Italy) Now that the summer has breezed by, we now enter our busiest time of the year CRJ. We have already welcomed back our members at the Shabbat Dinner on August 21st, opened our proverbial house at Steinmetz Family School of Chai on August 23rd and are ready to dive headlong into the High Holy Days.

The cornerstone of the holiday season has been set and we now look forward to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, followed closely (and on a Sunday this year!) by Sukkot. After that, however, there is no rest... We are hosting NFTY-STR Fall Kallah October 9th – 11th, having a casino and game night on October 18th at our "Anchors Aweigh on the CRJ Chai Seas" and immediately following that, the URJ is having its Biennial Convention right here in our Orlando area backyard. In fact, I invite you to visit our webpage and click on the calendar to see just how many things are going on in the next few months....

If you have not taken the opportunity to get involved with your religion and your synagogue, this is a great time to do so. There are many opportunities to volunteer at the High Holiday services and spend time with fellow congregants that you might not have seen in a while. In addition, CRJ is asking you host Jewish girls and boys (adolescents) for the Fall Kallah that we are hosting. Lastly, the opportunity to attend The Biennial Convention, where over 5,000 reform Jews will congregate right here in Orlando is one that you should not miss. Come and get energized, inspired and connected to the Reform Jewish movement. We will also have our very own CRJ Youth Choir performing on the "Jewish Rock Radio Stage" at the Convention!!! I also wrote in my last message that there will be a 2016 U.S. Presidential Candidate Forum, moderated by Chuck Todd of Meet the Press at the convention.

For those of you that remember my remarks at Rosh Hashanah service last year, I spoke about a fictitious congregant Mordecai. I invited him and all of you to get involved in our congregation and to be a role model for our children to follow. I renew that request now, and offer the above noted activities as a vehicle for you to take that action.

Cindy and I, along with our five children, wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Mark S. Blechman

Congregant Gary Becker, along with his many other volunteer roles he participates in at our Synagogue, is a member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Federation. He has asked that I share the following information with our congregation:

Due to the importance of the discussion taking place in regard to the proposed nuclear agreement with Iran, our Federation has created an informational web site that is being kept up-to-date through the period of the discussions and vote in Congress. It has information and links to resources covering both those that support and oppose the agreement. The Federation is not taking a position on this issue and is not using the website as a means to convince readers to take one side or another, just to become informed.

<http://www.orlandojewishfed.org/iran>

If you are interested, I hope you will take advantage of this information.



from the Director of Education:

Sheryl Sacharoff

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

I recently read an essay that has appeared in many different forums including the Kveller website. The premise of the particular article asks the question, does my child need to attend Hebrew school in order to be a good Jew. Of course, as the Director of Education in a supplemental religious school setting, this question has really stirred my thoughts. The immediate answer that I would give is, no your child does not need Hebrew school in order to be a good Jew. Upon deeper reflection though, I would respond to the essay's author that there is nothing that quite compares to being a part of a synagogue school for connecting young children to the community that it has to offer. Aside from being a student at Jewish Academy of Orlando, our students for the most part do not have the chance to be with other Jewish children during the school day. This is, to me, the greatest reason for why Hebrew schools are necessary. One of our 5th graders said it best when asked what he likes about being a student at Steinmetz Family School of Chai. "In 'regular school' I don't get to be myself like I do here." There is nothing better than a sense of community!

Speaking of a sense of affinity, our teens are strengthening our religious school in great numbers! We are starting the school year with several new and returning post b'nai mitzvah young adults who have become wonderful role models for our younger children. It is a wonderful feeling that our teens want to continue being a part of the community and see themselves as the future of Judaism. A wonderful class that we are offering our 8th-12th graders is called #SeeMediaJewishly. Please see the flyer in the CHAI for more information on registering. Through the uses of social media and technology, we will explore the most current news stories while communicating with journalists and others.

With the High Holy Days upon us, I look forward to many new beginnings and continued strengthening of our minds and spirits. This year our school theme, The Power of One, seeks to instill an understanding that each one of us can make a difference. As Maimonides espoused in the above teaching, we are commanded to act as though each decision that we make impacts the world around us. It is our desire to instill that knowledge in the hearts and minds of our students in order that they continue to develop as fine young Jews.

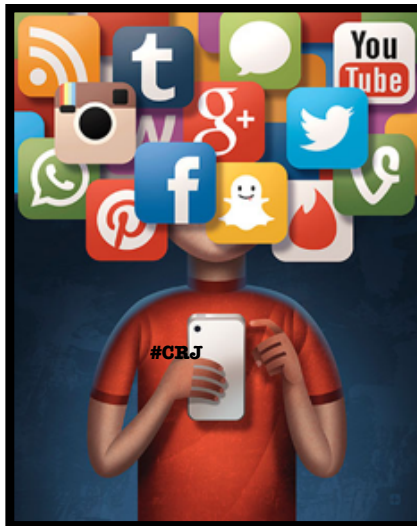
From my family to yours, we wish you a sweet year filled with peace and love.

L'Shanah tovah u'metukah,

Sheryl

YEP Presents: #SeeMediaJewishly

Tweet, Post, and Chat about today's news through a Jewish lens.



Be a part of YEP's 2015-16 program, **#SeeMediaJewishly**, and use social media to investigate the hard-hitting news stories that affect you now and in the future.

Over lunch, you and your friends will be able to view today's biggest stories, from multiple perspectives, and also discuss the issues that matter. There will also be opportunities to Skype, chat, and interact with the journalists who write the stories, as well as other guests who will bring a Jewish perspective to these news stories.

**Classes will meet from
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm on Sundays &
LUNCH IS INCLUDED!**

Session Dates & Tuition:

Session 1: October 18, November 15, November 22, December 13

Session 2: January 10, January 24, February 21, March 6

Tuition: \$100 (If you are in 8th grade, or had your Bar/Bat Mitzvah in 2014/15, your first year in YEP is free as a B'nai Mitzvah gift!)



This program made possible in part by a grant from the Jewish Teen Education Network of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando.

**Your Media Managers
are
Dr. Sheryl Sacharoff
& Justin Sacharoff**

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CRJ & GORFTY NEED YOU!

CRJ & GORFTY are hosting over 300 teenagers this October for NFTY-STR's Fall Kallah, and they all need a place to stay! Please help our youth group and congregation by volunteering to house teenagers for the weekend. It's fun and easy! HOST HOMES only need to provide space for the teens to sleep (they are asked to bring sleeping bags and pillows), a seat belt per person, and feed them Saturday breakfast, dinner, and snacks. Contact Stephen Wolf, GORFTY advisor, at morehwolf@gmail.com or 407-937-8165, if you have questions. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

- **What:** CRJ & GORFTY are hosting NFTY-STR's Fall Kallah
- **When:** October 9-11, 2015
CRJ & GORFTY are hosting. Visit www.crjorlando.org to sign-up today to volunteer your home for this wonderful weekend.



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



Join Rabbi Engel and Cantor Jacki for a 30 minute music filled Shabbat Service for kids 0 - 6 years & siblings.

Join us Friday evenings at 5:30pm
September 4
October 2
November 6
December 4
February 5
March 4
April 1
May 6

FOOD DRIVE

**Please help Jewish Family Service's
Pearlman Food Pantry & Mazon**

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

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Envelopes will be distributed during Rosh Hashanah services

OR

Bring in canned goods anytime you come to the temple in the month of September.





CRJ Sisterhood

Without You, We Are One Sister Short"

Hello Ladies!

I would like to personally invite each of you participate in the Sisterhood at CRJ. Our Sisterhood is an integral part of CRJ and our Orlando community. Sisterhood supports various groups with the temple; School of Chai, OAFY/GORFTY, Social Action and the spiritual and organization leadership. The Community Wide Women's Passover Seder is one of Sisterhood's most successful and well attended events. Our Sisterhood is part of a larger organization, the Women of Reform Judaism, with members from around the world. Our efforts support WRJ, and WRJ supports the YES Fund and NFTY. The YES Fund and NFTY reaches thousands of Jewish scholars, spiritual leaders and youth. The efforts of our CRJ Sisterhood, united with WRJ, can be appreciated world wide.

We have spent the summer brainstorming and developing programs of interest to our diverse congregation, while keeping the Mission and Vision of CRJ in clear focus. The major goals of our programming are to provide events and activities to engage our congregants, foster a Jewish culture and social relationships, develop worship opportunities, and promote social responsibility and volunteerism.

There are many ways to participate in Sisterhood. There are opportunities to work on program committees, to lead a committee or to develop a new idea or program. We welcome new faces and fresh ideas. If you haven't participated lately, please give it a try. I think you will be drawn in once you see our efforts on behalf of CRJ, the Orlando community and WRJ. The Sisterhood Board has a dinner meeting each month, on the second Tuesday at 5:30 at Imperial Dynasty in Longwood. The Board meetings are open to all members and prospective members. (No RSVP is required, each attendee is responsible for the cost of their own dinner.) This year, our Membership Appreciation event will be in place of our usual board meeting on October 13 at CRJ.

Below is a list of our activities for the 2015-2016:

- October 13 - Membership Appreciation Dessert Party & Programming Preview
- November 1 - CRJ 2nd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament
- December 11 - Family Chanukah Dinner
- January 24 - YES Fund Luncheon
- February 16 - All Fired Up
- March 6 - Blanket Making to Benefit Children of the Orlando Coalition for the Homeless
- March 11-13 - Sisterhood Get Away Trip to St Augustine
- April 11 - Community Wide Women's Seder
- May 22 - Spring Mah Jongg Madness
- June 4 - Chant Circle and BBQ
- June 24 - Sisterhood Shabbat
- June 25 - Sisterhood Havdalah, Pot Luck Dinner & Installation of Officers

I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Please contact me if you have questions or you want more information. Remember, without you we are one sister short!

Carolyn Weinstein, Sisterhood President
CarolynLW66@aol.com

CRJ Seniors

The CRJ Seniors are beginning the year with a program on September 17, 2015 at noon, featuring Rabbi Steven Engel and our President, Mark Blechman. The October 15, 2015 program will be Nancy Ludin speaking for The Jewish Pavilion.

We welcome guests of any age to attend our programs and all youngsters of 60 years of age or older to join our group. There will be exciting programs every month from September through May, 2016. Hope to see you there.

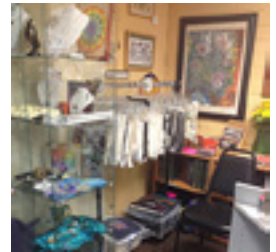
Dr. Allan Myers, President, CRJ Seniors

EVENTS:

- 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



Sisterhood Gift Shop



Rosh Hashanah is here. Gift Shop has everything you need: Honey and Apple Plates, Honey Servers, Candlestick sets- all types, beautiful Shabbat Candles from Sefed, Israel and Colorful Challah Covers by Emanuel from Israel.

Your Gift Shop always carries a large stock of Tallit Sets, Wedding Gifts and Ceremonial Items and Judaica items of all types. Check out our display windows for gifts for all occasions.

Advanced Notice: On Sunday, December 6th along with the students shopping tables, the gift shop will have an adult table with drastically reduced items from the gift shop. We are clearing out the shop to make way for new stock!!!

"Hours of Operation: Sunday (when Religious School is in session) 9:15am - 12:45pm, Monday thru Thursday 9am - 5pm, and Friday 9am - 3pm. Please call before coming Monday - Friday, 407-645-0444.

Sisterhood Gift Shop Looking for Volunteers

Easy, Fun, One on One Orientation. Spend time in our beautiful gift shop. Meet fellow congregants.

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

No experience necessary—Just come try it!

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

Torah Study

September 2, 9, 16, 30 and October 7, 14, 21, 28 at noon.
Bring your lunch and join us for stimulating conversation with Rabbi Engel.

Book Club

Our group reads a wide variety of titles and a facilitator from the group presents 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. All meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each Month. The next meeting will be on September 8 (“The Good Dream” by VanLiere) and October 13 (“In the Unlikely Event” by Blume) at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. We invite all Temple members (both male and female) to join us. For further information, Contact Zena Sulkes at Zwsf116@gmail.com. Register for the classes below at www.crjorlando.org/adulted.html

“What Do the Rabbi’s Say”

Taught by Clergy Aide Gary Becker
Thursday evenings, Oct. 22, 29 & Nov. 5 from 7:00 - 8:15pm.

What are the Reform Rabbi’s responses to contemporary questions posed by congregants? These four sessions will cover a wide range of topics and will involve attendees in discussing what they think the response to a question would have been, followed by sharing what the Rabbis have said. Great opportunity to find out how modern day, Reform Judaism, provides answers and guidance to a wide range of real life issues and concerns. The sessions will include group discussion and the opportunity for attendees to pose questions. Although attendance at all sessions is encouraged, each session is stand-alone so please feel free to register even if you know you cannot attend all sessions.

Session Price: \$18 CRJ Members | \$36 Community Members

Hebrew 1

Mondays at 6:30pm October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7

Description: Designed for those with little or no previous exposure to Hebrew, this introductory course will focus on developing the foundation for reading comprehension and a basic Hebrew vocabulary. We will learn the basics of prayerbook Hebrew, beginning with the alphabet and moving through the basic grammar and vocabulary of the siddur (prayerbook), including the key texts and melodies of some prayers and blessings found in the siddur. Required text: Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way (available for purchase the first session). This textbook is not included in the price of the class.

Session Price: \$18 CRJ Members | \$36 Community Members

Abraham Lincoln and the Jews

Taught by Murray Toborowsky

9:45am – 11 Sundays Oct 11, 18, Nov 1, 8, and 22

Description: (1)How did he become so friendly with the Jews,(2)what effect did this have on his election to president,(3) how did he handle three major problems effecting the Jews during civil war,(4)how did Jews react to his assassination
Session Price: \$18 CRJ Members | \$36 Community Members

From Lincoln to Leo Frank to Ferguson: A History of the Relationship between the Black and Jewish Communities in the U.S

Taught by Rabbi Steven Engel

Mondays at 7:30pm October 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7

Together using primary documents we will explore this long and varied relationship from slavery to Civil Rights, from business owners to slumlords, from sharing a common history to instances of Black Anti- Semitism we will cover it all. Join in this informative and interactive class taught by Rabbi Engel, whose Rabbinic Thesis was in this area of study.

Session Price: \$18 CRJ Members | \$36 Community Members

A Time to Prepare: Making Decisions about the End of Life.

This event is free to CRJ members. Non Members \$25. I will work on a schedule for the time from Sunday, September 27, 2015 10:00am-12:30pm.

Register online at www.crjorlando.org. Join your CRJ family for discussion on End of Life decisions. Each participant will receive info and a workbook to take home and fill out and we will have guests with in the following areas:

- Funerals and Burial
- Cemetery Plots and Memorial Plaques Sales
- Estate Planning
- Medicare
- Hospice Care
- End of Life Medical Issues and Advanced Directives
- The Jewish Perspective on End of Life
- Memory Loss-Understanding and Prevention

***Save the Date* for Hot Topic Discussion Panel**

Sunday, November 15 at 9:45am

Hot Topic: The Line Between Free Speech and Hate Speech: Where Do We Draw It?

Join Rabbi Engel and fellow panelist discuss the Ethical and Jewish Perspective of Free Speech.RSVP online www.crjorlando.org

MY NAME IS ASHER LEV

A private screening of "My Name is Asher Lev" at the Mad Cow Theatre for CRJ Members and their friends on November 18, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$50 per person includes a show ticket as well as a "talk back" with rabbi and

the actors afterwards. To purchase your ticket visit www.crjorlando.org.

One boy's struggle between tradition and art.

Based on the best-selling novel by Chaim Potok (*The Chosen*), *My Name is Asher Lev* is a new American play set in post-war Brooklyn, which tells the powerful story of a boy brodigy who must be a painter at any cost - against the will of family, community and tradition. This follows an acclaimed sold-out run at the Tony Award-winning Wharf Theater.

Mah Jongg

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

Dates: Sept 1, 15, Oct 6, 20 @ 6pm



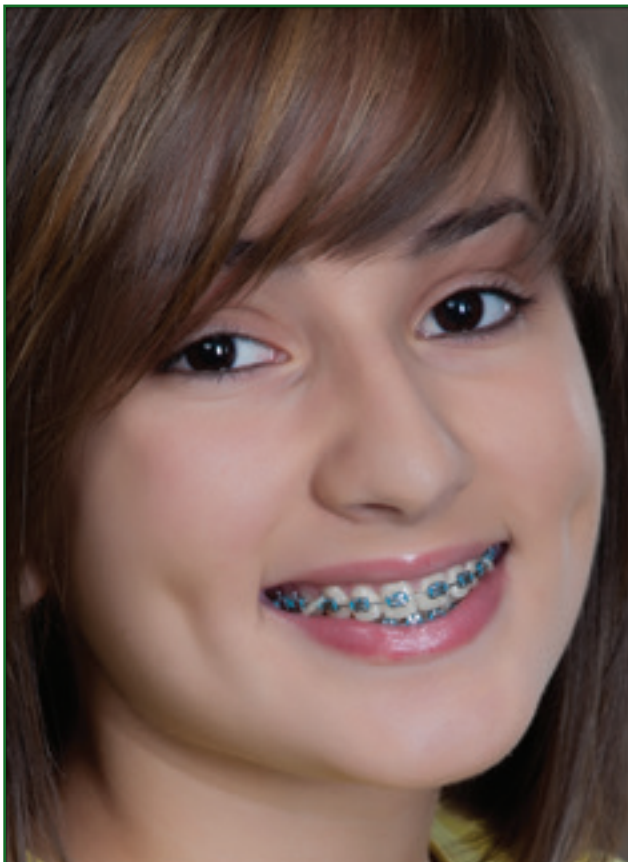
SNEAKERS THAT FIT 2015

SNEAKERS THAT FIT, in memory of Dr. Barry Levin, is just around the corner! Last year, with your generosity, we are able to purchase (from the Reebok outlet) over 200 pairs of quality sneakers and socks for students at local Title 1 schools (nearly 100% of the students are on government subsidized lunch plan) in Orange and Seminole counties.

A donation of \$25 allows us to purchase one pair of shoes and a package of socks for a child in need. Delivery of the shoes takes place prior to or during Hanukkah this year (12/9 to 12/14). It's NEVER TOO EARLY to begin this project. Donations of any amount are most welcome at any time (student information for shoe purchasing comes in November.) Please address your donation to: CRJ Social Action Fund/Sneakers That Fit, 928 Malone Dr. Orlando, FL 32810

More information to follow! Thank you.

Pam Levin, 2015 Sneakers That Fit Chairperson
CRJ Social Action Committee



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B'nai Mitzvah



Jordan Michael Weiss, son of Kevin and Rona Weiss, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

Jordan attended Jewish Academy of Orlando through 7th grade, and is currently an 8th grade student at Lake Highland Prep. Jordan is very active in musical theatre. Most recently, he appeared in the professional production of "A Christmas Story - The Musical" at the Orlando Rep Theater, as well as the Orlando Rep youth academy productions of High School Musical and Mary Poppins. For his bar mitzvah project, Jordan led sing-alongs to songs at local Assisted Living facilities around town. Jordan also enjoys performing magic, piano, reading, soccer, video games, and technology.



Evan Dee Reich, daughter of John and Shayna Reich of Lake Nona, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on September 12, 2015

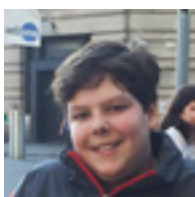
Evan will attend Lake Nona High school, where she plans to play both volleyball and softball and sing in the chorus. She is an honor student and member of the National Junior Honor Society. She just finished her third season as Libero on her nationally ranked competitive volleyball team at the Orlando Volleyball Academy. Evan lives on a ranch with cattle and horses and competed in rodeo events up until she fell in love with volleyball. She loves to spend her summers in Montana riding horses and working cows at her grandparents' ranch there.

Evan's Mitzvah project involves finding creative ways to help the homeless students who attend the schools in her community.



Sidda Lee Tressa Bauer, daughter of Rebecca and Rob Bauer will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, October 3, 2015.

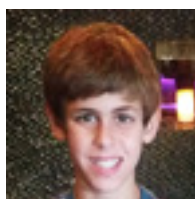
Sidda Lee is in seventh grade at SunRidge Middle School where she enjoys singing in the school choir. She is a voracious reader with a passion for writing and filled with creativity. SiddaLee is a kind and caring young lady who naturally puts the needs of others before her own. Sidda is excited and grateful to be sharing this special day with her friends and family.



Logan Fleming, son of Rich and Heather Fleming, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

Logan has spent the past year learning more about himself and what it means to be part of the Jewish Community. Logan worked very hard to learn his prayers and Torah portion. He asked many questions and engaged in great conversations with his teachers. Logan is caring and loves spending time with his family and close friends. Building and discovering new things in Minecraft is his current fascination. Logan's parents, Rich and Heather, have enjoyed watching Logan become his own person and make great decisions. Rich and

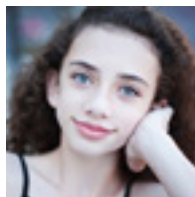
Heather are fantastically proud of Logan!



Harrison Slone, son of Lisa and Michael Slone of Winter Park will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Harrison is thankful for his strong Judaic education he received from the Jewish Academy of Orlando. Harrison currently attends Tusawilla Middle School where he runs cross country and plays the French Horn in the band. Harrison loves the outdoors and spending summers at Camp Weequahic. His hobbies include playing baseball, where he recently was selected to the All Star Team and also enjoys fishing and biking. Harrison's Bar Mitzvah project is unique in that he turned it into a true "community project," participating in various activities

such as feeding pets through the Pet Alliance and teaching kids to bike at the Down Syndrome Foundation's iBike Camp this summer. Harrison is excited to be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah with all his family and friends near and far!



Georgia Helena Bernbaum, the daughter of Elizabeth and Lee Bernbaum, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

In preparation of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Georgia started The Dance Happy Project to bring dance lessons to under-served children. Georgia looks forward to celebrating with family and friends from near and far. As the fourth generation of her family to worship at Congregation of Reform Judaism, Georgia hopes that her synagogue family will join her on the twenty-fourth as well.



Mazel Tov to..

Jessica & Derek Smith on the birth of their son, Sawyer Atlas Smith, on July 8, 2015

Olivia and Matt Gordon on the birth of their son, Calvin Zachary Gordon, on July 30, 2015

Steven and Diana Barcus on the birth of their granddaughter, London Sky Rice, on July 30, 2015.

Matthew G. Brenner, partner with Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed P.A., was appointed president-elect of the Florida Bar Foundation.

Pam Kancher on her Jewish Communal Professional Award from the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando

Wedding Announcement



Sammy Goldstein and Bill Yahner invite their friends to celebrate with them at their Auf Ruf - blessing before their wedding - and at the Oneg Shabbat on Friday, October 16, at 7 PM.



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Congregation of Reform Judaism
HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
2015-5776

Saturday, September 5	Selichot	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 Service - 3rd - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)	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 - 3rd - 6th Grades (Yarmuth MPR)	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.crjorlando.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.crjorlando.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.crjorlando.org)	5:30 PM
Monday, October 5	Simchat Torah	
	Morning service (Sanctuary)	10:00 AM

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1 Robbee Reents
1 Frederic Schott
2 JonPaul Scheff
2 Kevin Toye
2 Rebecca Welch
3 Rachel DeHayes
3 Jessica Echterling
3 Barry Render
3 Harlee Samuels
4 Coral Ambuter
4 Madison Bovis
4 Hannah Fidelo
4 Amy Kalin
4 Robyn Loscutoff
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5 Zachary Cronson
5 Alice Harper
5 Christina Hartman
5 Rachel VanDemark
6 Shira Brown
6 Erika Puccio
7 Joel Bornstein
7 Emma Katz
7 Benjamin Perreault
7 Benjamin Shapiro
7 Hannah Shapiro
7 Louis Slone
8 Diana Barcus
8 Hilary Marx
8 Elijah Morris
8 Myrna Newman
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22 Sally Silberman
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OCTOBER 2015

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21 Nina Chatham
21 Vanessa Scotland
21 Kevin Stevens
21 John Weiss
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1 Justice & Rachel Milsom
3 Thierry & Corinne Brunschwag
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4 Joe & Robin Kunkel
5 Jay & Wendy Fisher
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9 Brian & Rachel Wheeler
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13 Scott & Diane Sanchez
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16 Murray & Betsy Brooks
21 Ron & Kimberly Schiller
24 Glenn & Debra Behr
28 Scott & Christine Miller
30 Joseph & Judy Weinberg

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13 David & Lisa Goldman
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21 Charlie & Michelle Carlton
21 Omar & Wendy Cintron
21 Eli & Sue Subin
22 Lawrence Kahn & Amy Goodblatt
22 Brett & Nina Scanlon
23 Jeffrey & Renee Ross
24 David & Judi Isaacson
24 Matthew & Julie Levine
25 Marc & Debi Bartnick
26 Jason & Samantha Goodowens
27 Doug & Karen Anderson
27 Marc & Gail Auster
28 Stephen & Mary Kaplan
28 Allan & Diane Myers
29 Andrew & Angela Hull
29 Tony Moreno, Jr. & Karen Moreno
29 Scott & Gwen Richman
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Mah Jongg	2 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai	3 11am Sr. Board 7:00pm High Holiday Prep Course 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Service	5 10:00am Shabbat Service 8:00pm Selichot Reception 8:30pm: Selichot Service
6 No School of Chai TBD: Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 Labor Day CRJ Office Closed TBD: Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 1:30pm Book Club 5:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	9 4:00pm School of Chai 7:00pm Board of Directors Mtg.	10 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	11 7:00pm Shabbat Service	12 Bar Mitzvah of Evan Reich 10:00am Shabbat Service
13 No School of Chai Erev Rosh Hashana 8:00pm Service	14 Rosh Hashana CRJ Office Closed 9:30am Morning Service 10:00am K-2 & GR 3-7 Service 1:00pm HHD Kol Tikvah & Teen Ensemble Rehearsal 2:00pm Family Service	15 6:00pm Mah Jongg	16 4:00pm School of Chai 7:30pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 12:00pm Seniors Program (Rabbi and President of CRJ)	18 7:00pm Shabbat Service	19 10:00am Shabbat Shuvah
20 9:30am School of Chai 10:00am Kever Avot Memorial Service TBD: Adult Choir Rehearsal	21 9:30am Cooking for the Homeless 5:45pm Serving the homeless 7:30pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal	22 Erev Yom Kippur 8:00pm Kol Nidre Service	23 Yom Kippur CRJ Office Closed 9:30am Morning service begins 10:00am K-2 & GR 3-7 Service 12:15pm Meditation Service 12:30pm HHD Kol Tikvah & Teen Ensemble Rehearsal 1:30pm High Holiday Discussion 1:30pm Family Service 3:30pm Yizkor 4:30pm Healing Service 5:30pm Neilah	24	25 9:30am Build the Sukkah 6:00pm Shabbat Service	26 10:00am Shabbat Service
27 9:30am School of Chai 10:00am Estate Planning Breakfast 5:30pm Sukkot BBQ and Service	28 Sukkot CRJ Office Closed 10:00am Service	29	30 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai 7:00pm Program Council Mtg			

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:00am Sr. Board	2 5:30pm Tot Shabbat 7:00pm Shabbat Service	3 Bat Mitzvah of SiddaLee Bauer 10:00am Shabbat
4 No School of Chai 10:00am Yizkor 5:30pm Pizza and Dancing with the Torah	5 Simchat Torah CRJ Closed 10:00am Service	6 6:00pm Mah Jongg 7:15pm Grief Counseling Group	7 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai	8 7:00pm Deborah Lipstadt Anti-Semitism Lecture	9 7:00pm Shabbat Service 10/9—10/11 NFTY STR Kallah	10 Bar Mitzvah of Logan Fleming 10:00am Shabbat Service
11 9:30am School of Chai 9:45am Relationship b/w Black and Jewish Communities	12	13 1:30pm Book Club 7:15pm Grief Counseling Group TBD: Sisterhood Membership Appreciation	14 12:00pm Torah Study 4:00pm School of Chai 7pm Board of Directors Mtg.	15 12:00pm Seniors Program (Jewish Pavilion)	16 Aufuf of Sammy Goldstein and Bill Yahner 7:00pm Shabbat Service	17 Bar Mitzvah of Harrison Slone 10:00am Shabbat Service
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