



Services

Friday Evenings

December 6 Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 pm
December 13 Kabbalat/Social Responsibility Shabbat	7:30 pm
December 20 Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 pm
December 27 Kabbalat Shabbat	7:30 pm

Saturday Mornings

December 7 Vayigash Bat mitzvah of Molly Green	10:00 am
December 14 Va-y'chi	10:00 am
December 21 Sh'mot Bat mitzvah of Bryn Sentnor	10:00 am
December 28 Va-eira Bat mitzvah of Alaina Baumohl	10:00 am

Eight Points of Light

At its most primal level, Chanukah is about bringing light to the darkness. Physically, this means kindling candles against the longest nights of the year, and symbolically it teaches us to maintain hope and all that makes us unique even in challenging times. The ancient Israelites who fought back against Hellenist domination were determined to define their spiritual way of life as they saw fit. In doing so, they demonstrated for us how courage, diversity-within-unity, and faith can overcome even the most powerful forces. As the blessing says, there were miracles *ba-yamim ha-hem-in* days of old, and there are still miracles *ba-zman ha-zeh* to this day!

This year, try letting each candle of Chanukah represent a point of light, a present day 'miracle.' Here is an example, based on some of what is happening within and around our shared sacred community.

1. *Hospitality*: I cannot tell you how grateful I am at how many CRC households volunteered to host teens during the recent Youth Group weekend event held here. Not only did every one of the 100 teens get housed, but ultimately, the organizers needed to tell more than ten families (a Youth Group record, I'm told) that all the kids were taken care of and their generous offers were not needed.
2. *Youth*: The students who gathered at CRC from all over Missouri and Southern Illinois brought so much energy, passion, and laughter to our Sukkat Shalom! It is written that "The youth shall see visions," and these young people brought us new ideas, songs, and ways to define

Judaism in the 21st century.

3. *Spirit*: At the same time, the teens from other synagogues loved being exposed to services, CRC style (and the CRC teens loved showing us off!)—many remarked upon the music, the spontaneity, and the diversity they witnessed here. At one point, as we were singing Oseh Shalom, everyone started waving their hands in the air and I mentioned that the movement was started by our Shabbat morning regulars, not the teens. Leslie Caplan then quipped, "They are the CRC version of adults!"
4. *Community*: On Shabbat afternoon of the conclave, four of the churches in our Holy Ground neighborhood opened their doors and hearts to our teens. Each church was the site of a conclave program, and in groups of 25, the Jewish high school students walked around our urban neighborhood, meeting the ministers and leaders who stayed to welcome them. The participants from more suburban and rural congregations were able to appreciate how walking distance proximity can have an impact on the quality of interfaith relationships.
5. *Enlightenment*: Switching gears a bit, our series we call 'Movies With the Rabbis' begins again with a four part series starting this month (see details on page 4). Each movie, both dramatic and documentary, will address the crucial issue of educational equity and will conclude with a facilitated discussion (popcorn included).

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a Jewish presence in the City of St. Louis

Mazel Tov to...

- ★ Aaron Zoll on his bar mitzvah
- ★ Daniel Hochberg on his bar mitzvah
- ★ Elijah Ballard on his bar mitzvah
- ★ Jake Sher on his bar mitzvah
- ★ Cole Padawer on his bar mitzvah
- ★ Jason Heisserer on being chosen by Washington University to receive the James M. Holobaugh honor which recognizes individuals who engage in supporting and educating about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Ally (LGBTQA) community
- ★ Jerry Schlichter, the founder and president of Arch Grants, on being chosen to be the recipient of the 2013 St. Louis Award

Sincere Condolences to . . .

- ★ Lilli Kautsky on the death of her husband, John Kautsky
- ★ Jim Rubin on the death of his father, Gene Rubin
- ★ Robert Cropf on the death of his father, Allen Cropf
- ★ Chuck Freedman on the death of his father, Jim Freedman

Welcome to New Members . . .

- ★ George and Beatrice Lamb
- ★ Noah Cohan and Carla Federman and Theodore
- ★ Evy and Louis Copilevitz and Andrew and Eliza

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- ★ Margarita Gomez-Albarello and Jebreel and Sara



CRC teens at youth conclave

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SHABBAT

Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Come and hear the wonderful students of Cultural Leadership speak about their experiences with this program which brings together teens from different racial and religious backgrounds to learn about one another and how to be agents of positive social change.

LGBT LATKE PARTY

Friday, December 6, 6:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate Chanukah! Or learn how to spell it! Let's eat a lotta latkes and share a Shabbat dinner! Please bring the following to share for about 12 people: A-F (vegetable side dish or salad), G-N (vege main), O-Z (dessert and wine). Feel free to bring your menorah and candles! Please RSVP to maggie@centralreform.org.

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6. **Solidarity:** Everybody has been having fun with the fact that Chanukah coincides with Thanksgiving this year. At CRC, we did "Thanksgivukkah" our way! Jobs with Justice brought some of the fast food workers who have been organizing for higher wages to join us for the lighting of the first Chanukah candle, and then we served the workers and allied clergy a Thanksgiving dinner (that couldn't be beat!).

7. **History:** Believe it or not, next month begins our celebration of CRC's 30th year as a congregation. Look for a number of events throughout 2014 that will help us celebrate where we have been and all that is to come.

8. **Engagement and You:** The first of the anniversary events will be held on Saturday, February 8th as our "CRC Connects" Open House. This will be everybody's opportunity to encounter the people and programs that continue to make our community the loving, inclusive, dynamic, educated, diverse, joyous, spiritual, compassionate, and socially aware synagogue our founders envisioned.

On Chanukah, we are asked to place our menorahs in the window, *pirsum ha-nes*, to publicize the miracle. Let this tradition of the eight lights inspire us to continuously shine our values and miracles unto the world.

B'ahavah. Rabbi Randy

People Counting by Counting People

CRC is fortunate that our Directors of Finance put people first--it's not always about the numbers. That's the CRC way.

SHARALYN SAKS has been a dedicated CRC employee for fifteen years and a supporter for even longer. She retired as our Director of Finance at the end of November.



Sharalyn managed CRC's finance and accounting department in a professional and confidential manner,

using her institutional knowledge and experience to balance the business needs of the congregation with the individual situations of members. During periods of rapid growth in the number of members and difficult economic times, she provided wisdom and advice to lay leaders, Rabbis and staff.

Sharalyn is looking forward to spending more time with her family and in her volunteer activities in the community. But don't expect her to be a stranger at CRC!

WENDY BELL, long active in our Mitzvah Corps and a CRC member since 1990, has joined our staff as Director of Finance. She grew up in Maine and Massachusetts, so don't ask her what high school she attended. Her undergrad studies took her to a few colleges in her search to "find herself": Colgate University, Brandeis University and then Washington University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.



Wendy's professional career is varied; working in a neurology research lab at Children's Hospital, teaching PE to middle school and coaching middle and high school girls basketball teams, eventually going back to school to major in accounting and acquire her CPA license. After over 10 years in public accounting, she is delighted to find herself "doing the books" at CRC. In addition to her paid positions, she also co-parents with her husband, Steve, three children—Taylor, Samantha and JJ.

HUGE TURNOUT FOR CRC'S B'NAI MITZVAH WORKSHOP

For the first time, our B'nai Mitzvah program combined the fifth and sixth grade workshops due to common issues. Seventy-five families were invited and they packed the multi-purpose room. We broke out later into grade-specific sessions with the fifth graders receiving their Torah portions and notebooks. The sixth graders also received new notebooks with updated information and discussed preparing their siddurim. The families now know there is help all along the way during this process.

For those families unable to make the November workshop, we will hold the workshop again early next year, so stay tuned.

NOMINATIONS FOR CRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CRC's Nominating Committee is looking for members who would like to serve on the Board of Directors. The Board is active and participatory and provides a wonderful opportunity to help set direction for our community and ensure that we continue to live our core values.

The CRC Board includes members with experience in business / finance, education, fundraising, communications, advocacy, and other areas. Take this opportunity to nominate yourself or other qualified individuals. Please send names along with any activities that you or your nominee is involved with at CRC or in the community, and any areas of special expertise.

Send in nominations by Friday, January 3 to Janet Rodgers, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at janetrodgers@swbell.net or (314) 726-3050.

In addition to Board positions, there are opportunities for CRC members to serve on circles and committees (i.e. Development, Membership, Education, Tikkun Olam). Because there are a limited number of Board seats available, nominees may be contacted regarding their interest in joining a circle or committee.

UPCOMING CRC BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm
Thursday, December 12
Thursday, January 9

crc programs

MOVIES WITH THE RABBIS SERIES

Sundays, December 15, January 12, February 16, March 23
4:00 to 6:00 pm

Our winter months 'Movies with the Rabbis' series returns with a theme. All of the movies we show--dramatic and documentary--will deal with the education system in our country. Each program will include popcorn and a discussion facilitated by a CRC rabbi. Looking forward to seeing you at the movies!



December 15 - A RIGHT DENIED

Today, four million children--mostly low-income children of color--attend a school that has been identified as failing for six consecutive years. The result is that 54% of African-American and 50% of Latino 4th graders are functionally illiterate--they cannot read a simple children's story--and the average African-American and Latino 12th grader reads and does math at the same level as white 8th graders. The large number of failing schools and the resulting vast achievement gaps are the shame of the nation. Tens of millions of our children, especially low-income children of color, are not being given a fair shot at the American Dream, one of the fundamental promises of this great nation.

January 12 - THE EXPERIMENT

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, it destroyed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. But when the flood waters finally subsided, many more problems were unveiled, including a disastrous school system. But instead of rebuilding a broken system, the city decided to try something new. The result was a radical change in education in New Orleans that some say is the model for education reform across the country and around the world. The film examines the public school v. charter school debate through the eyes of those it affects most. It also poses questions that no one seems to be asking: Is this a great experiment or school privatization? And are these changes ultimately in the best interests of the children of New Orleans?

February 16 - TWO MILLION MINUTES

Regardless of nationality, as soon as a student completes 8th grade, the clock starts ticking. From that very moment, the child has approximately two million minutes until high school graduation. Two million minutes to build their intellectual foundation. Two million minutes to prepare for college and ultimately career. Two million minutes to go from a teenager to an adult. How students spend this time--in class, studying, playing sports, working, sleeping, socializing, or goofing off--will affect their economic prospects for the rest of their lives.

This groundbreaking documentary takes an in-depth look at how students in the United States, India, and China are spending their two million minutes. Following two students from each country, the film creates a global snapshot of education through the eyes of students preparing for their future. It also addresses what the differences in time allocation in different countries will

mean for the 21st century global economy.

March 23 - A CLASS DIVIDED

The day after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in April of 1968, students in Jane Elliot's third grade class in a small, all-white Iowa town were confused about why anyone would kill Dr. King. In an effort to teach her students what discrimination feels like and what it can do to people, Elliot divided her class into blue-eyed and brown-eyed groups. One day she treated the blue-eyed group as the superior group with the brown-eyed group being inferior. The next day she switched. What she saw, and what the students learned, was astonishing. This is the story of that lesson, its lasting impact on the children, and its enduring power thirty years later.



TU BISH'VAT SEDER/SERVICE

THE NEW YEAR FOR TREES

Friday, January 17, 7:30 pm

Tu BiSh'vat, one of the "new year" celebrations spread throughout the Jewish calendar year, has evolved for many into a Jewish environmental celebration. At CRC we celebrate with a seder of fruits and nuts, along with red and white wine/grape juice, and celebrate the gifts that the Earth offers us.

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CRC Kicks Off a Year of 30th Anniversary Celebrations

CRC CONNECTS

Open House
Saturday, February 8, 2014
From 10:00 am till 12:30 pm

Includes Lunch

Save the date for what is sure to be a memorable day for the whole family. It's Shabbat but this will be a little different, get Connected! For the first time in many years, we're turning CRC into an Activity Fair. Meet our staff and volunteers. Learn about:

- Social Responsibility Programs (Tikkun Olam)
- Diversity and Inclusivity Programs
- Life Cycle Events
- Celebration of Jewish Holidays
- Activities for Kids
- Adult/Child Education
- Social Activities for all Ages
- Cooking and Baking
- CRC Circles and Committees
- Radical Hospitality and more

There will be live demonstrations on Challah Baking, Social Action, a special performance from the Band, Torah Study in 10 minutes and fun activities for the kids. Our dedicated volunteers will be scattered around the facility to explain what we do and how you might get involved. We'll share stories and we hope you'll find meaningful ways to connect to CRC. Our Shabbat will conclude with a final blessing for the entire congregation from the Rabbis followed by a delicious lunch from our top 3 caterers and plenty of pizza for the kids.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to Connect. Questions: Please contact Lori Becker at (314) 954-4364 or lorithea@gmail.com.

A TRIPLE CHAI+ DINNER/ PLANNING SESSION

Friday, December 6, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

(\$5 per person for dinner; dessert will be served at the oneg after services.)

Rabbi Susan will facilitate a discussion which we are calling "RECONFIGURING TRIPLE CHAI+." Join us as we reflect upon our 2013 Triple Chai + programming, and discuss possible alternatives/additions to this Sunday Brunch/Program model with an eye to creating a variety of opportunities/experiences.

The Dinner-Planning session will be followed by the Friday Night Service 7:30-9:00 pm. The theme for the service will be: "A Tribute to the Triple Chai+ Generation." In Rabbi Susan's words: "The Baby Boomers are Back! The generation that grew up in the 60's believed that we could change the world. We had vision and energy and the kind of holy chutzpah that challenged the status quo and believed that we could vision a better world and that we could do the work to make it happen. We are older and wiser and have many more resources and time AND we still care.

Join us as we make plans to engage our "triple chai plus" generation and continue the work we began long ago to bring quality of life, and blessings to ourselves, each other and our community!" Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can know how many will be attending the dinner.

RSVP to Claire Hyman, at claire.j.hyman@sbcglobal.net or Anita Wilson, anita63146@yahoo.com or (314) 878-3502.

**UNIVERSITY SERIES IN
DECEMBER****Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 pm**

Prepare for Yossi Klein Halevi's visit. Rabbi Susan will discuss her most recent visit to Israel and her meeting with the Bedouin of the Negev.

**Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 pm**

Yossi Klein Halevi (see below) discusses his book.

Our University Series will resume in January.

**LIKE DREAMERS: THE STORY OF
THE ISRAELI PARATROOPERS
WHO REUNITED JERUSALEM AND
DIVIDED A NATION****Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 pm**

Join author **Yossi Klein Halevi** at CRC for a talk about his new book, *Like Dreamers: The Story of the Israeli Paratroopers* Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation.



After years of research and interviews, Yossi Klein Halevi has produced a humanizing narrative history of Israel from the Six Day War to the

present. As author Samuel G. Freedman writes, "Halevi has long been the most incisive and eloquent journalist writing for an American audience. This is his masterpiece." Do not miss the opportunity to hear first-hand from the author about the incredible journey of the Israeli Paratroopers.

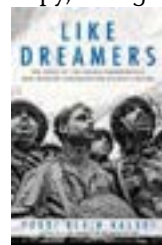
CRC Members having read "Like Dreamers.." recommend the book.

"Yossi Klein Halevi has captured, in a beautifully woven story, the organic discourse and diversity that is articulated in the many voices that love Israel. "Like Dreamers" is like living in that moment of our people and understanding it's relevance to us today." (Nathan Cohen)

"The book is excellent and it reads very, very well." (Micky Mange)

**YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI'S BOOK IS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT
CRC**

The book is available at a discounted price. The publisher's price is \$35 but you can purchase your copy for \$30 and benefit CRC programming at the same time. To purchase your copy, bring a check or cash in an envelope marked "Like Dreamers" to CRC and one of the office or facility staff can provide a copy of the book for you. If you would like to use a credit card (Visa or Mastercard), call the office in advance during regular office hours, M-F from 9:00 - 5:00, with your credit card number. We'll set a book aside for you to pick up at your convenience.

**Maggie's Corner...****BASIC JUDAISM****Saturday, December 21, noonish**

Please join us as we learn about the different movements within Judaism and the Reform Platforms that show how Reform Judaism came to be and how we grew. We will have a different date in January—the 11th!! Call Maggie Duwe at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 for more information.

FRIDAY TORAH STUDY**Fridays, 1:45-3:00pm**

Join us as we continue to discuss Deuteronomy. The emphasis is on reading the Torah, primarily in English, with Hebrew explanations. Our discussions don't strictly follow the portion. We always find enough in every portion to last us several weeks. Please contact Maggie Duwe at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

NEW BEGINNING HEBREW**Begins Friday, January 10
12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Please join us for the newest beginning Hebrew class. We will learn the alphabet and how to read some beginning words. You will be amazed at how much you will understand! Please RSVP to maggie@centralreform.org or (314) 361-1564 ext. 112.

**CRC/COTE BRILLIANTE JOINT
VENTURE MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. CELEBRATION****Wednesday, January 15, 7:00 pm at
CRC**

Please join CRC and Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church for our annual Martin Luther King Service. Share great music from the church and synagogue.

WE ARE COLLECTING...

★ Men's, women's, and children's gently worn coats/gloves/hats for the International Institute to assist recent immigrants and others in need.

★ Yarn to make scarves to be distributed through Centenary Methodist Church and St. Cronin's as they hand out blankets to the homeless.

★ Gently used books appropriate for children ages 3-12 to benefit the students of two St. Louis Public Schools in the Succeeding with Reading (SwR) program.

★ Toiletries to be distributed on Christmas to Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital.

★ Non-perishable food and winter clothes for our tikkun closet.

WEATHERIZATION 2013**Sunday, December 15
12:00-4:00 pm**

As one of Central Reform Congregation's longest community partnerships, we have been helping weatherize in the Grace Hill neighborhood since 1990. Work with a team of other community volunteers to place plastic on interior windows of select area resident homes to keep our neighbors warm this winter. This year we will focus on elderly residents within the Grace Hill service area. Last year we added a community garden project in Peace Park which was a great success. We cleaned and secured the beds for winter so they were ready for spring planting. No special skills are needed, so please bring your friends or family (12 and older) and join us for this worthwhile project.

Meet your team at Grace Hill Business Center, 2125 Bissell, St. Louis 63107 before each shift. If available to you, please bring scissors, hammer, rags, rubbing alcohol and stepstool or small ladder for weatherizing, or gardening tools if working in Peace Park.

Contact: Marcy Brodsky, (314) 302-8957 or marcy.brodsky@aon.com to volunteer, for questions or directions (map will be provided).

JEWISH-MUSLIM DAY OF SERVICE**December 25, 10:30 am at CRC**

CRC will again host the St. Louis Muslim and Jewish community for a Day of Service on Christmas Day. Last year we packaged over 400 individual toiletry bags put together with donations from CRC congregants and members of the community that went to the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital.

Please donate toiletries. We need individual size personal toiletry items: hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo (travel size), baby shampoo, razors (individual) men and women, shaving cream (travel size), personal hygiene (women), or, a cash donation of any size made payable to JCRC's Muslim Day. For more information, contact Rick Isserman at (314) 807-4330 or richardisserman@yahoo.com.

*STL Style Presents:***BROTHERS LAZAROFF
HANUKKAH HULLABALOO****Wednesday December 4
Show at 8:00 pm | doors at 7:30 pm
Plush, 3224 Locust St., St Louis, MO
63103 (314) 535-2686**

Featuring: Brothers Lazaroff, Rabbi James Stone Goodman, and The Eight Nights Orchestra performing "Eight Nights" (with members of the Funky Butt Brass Band, Will Soll's Klezmer Conspiracy, and The Vaad), local Doo-Wop legends Nostalgia. Chosen sets by The Soul Selector - DJ Tom "Papa" Ray. Special readings by author Laura Roodman-Edwards-Ray and poet/spoken word artist, Cheeraz Gormon. Latkes will be fried live on stage! Rabbi Susan and other community rabbis will participate. Ticket prices are undetermined at this time, check later on at www.brotherslazaroff.com. All proceeds go to One Life-Whole World Project of Neve Shalom with programs on addiction, mental illness and prison outreach. <http://plushstl.com/>

**SPECIAL INTERFAITH (POST-)
CHANUKAH/ADVENT SERVICE****Wednesday, December 11, 7:15 pm
at CRC**

Our friends at St. Cronan's Catholic Church, who stood with CRC during the Womenpriests ordination in 2007, have once again asked to share a special joint Advent/Chanukah service together. Join us for a short service to light the Advent candles and celebrate the special interfaith relationship between our two congregations.

When making a tribute, specify which fund.

GENERAL FUND

DON AND KRISTIE SKOR

In memory of Michelle Mills' mother, Margalite Abady

DORIS AND HAROLD ZINN

In appreciation to Michael DiPlacido for the beautifully prepared challah for our daughter's wedding

AVA AND BILL COOPER

In memory of Allen Cropf, father of Bob Cropf

STEPHANIE, GEOFFREY, NORAH AND SARI GROSS

In honor of the naming of Tierney, Harper, and Isaac Sweeney

ROBERT AND SUSAN BERNSTEIN

In honor of the marriage of Bill Lane and Steve Cranford

BRANDY MELTON

RABBIS' TRIBUTE FUND

THE FAMILY OF WILBUR KERMAN

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve for all her support and comfort

STEVE AND TERRI LEYTON

With gratitude to Rabbi Randy for Mollie and Jason's beautiful marriage ceremony

MOLLIE AND JASON GLAZER

With special thanks to Rabbi Randy for conducting our beautiful wedding ceremony

MARK S. MOLONEY

With appreciation

BILL LANE AND STEVE CRANFORD

With thanks to Rabbi Talve

SUSAN AND GEORGE NEWMAN

In honor of the marriages of Lee and Lise Bernstein's children

In honor of the marriage of David and Jessa Schlichter

In honor of the birth of twin granddaughters of Denise and Robert Bogard

CYNTHIA, DODIE, DAVID AND LUCK KERMAN

With thanks for Rabbi Randy's presence, warmth, and love during our dad/zaida's hospitalization and shiva

BEVERLY SHABANSKY

With gratitude for the beautiful service Rabbi Randy performed for my dear husband, Shelly

BILL JACOBY AND KAREN PEPPER

With great thanks to Rabbi Randy for such an intimate, joyous, and warm wedding service

STEVE AND GAIL HOCHBERG

With gratitude to Rabbi Susan, Rabbi Randy, and Rabbi Ed



yahrzeits

December 1 28 Kislev

GENE BLOCK

Father of Sheri Glantz

MELVIN KAYMAN

Father of Nancy Mohr

LEE KRUPNICK

Aunt of Stuart and Toby Epstein

MURRAY MARGO

Father of Mitchell Margo

MATTHEW PENDERGRAST

Friend of Heather Lea

December 2 29 Kislev

MEYER LEVIN

Grandfather of Niki Nymark

SUSAN MARTIN

Remembered by Gil Nussbaum

*NATALIE LOIS SIMMONS

Our member

December 3 30 Kislev

SYLVIA EVELOFF

Mother of Vivian Eveloff

STEVE MARCUS

Cousin of Cecilia Lacks

LOUIS ROSENBLOOM

Grandfather of Steven Rosenbloom

December 4 1 Tevet

GAIL ANITA ACHTENBERG

Mother of Joel Achtenberg

KIRK CASHMERE

Friend of Mark Winer

MILDRED ETTELSON

Mother of Charles Ettelson

BEATRICE LEVENTHAL

Step mother of Joyce Leventhal Lodato

IRVIN SCHNEIDER

Father of Bruce Schneider

LAURA SCISSORS

Mother of Carla Scissors-Cohen

December 5 2 Tevet

JACK ANSEHL

Grandfather of Jennifer Fishing

ESTHER CARPEY

Mother of Dorothy Mayer

RUTH EPSTEIN

Grandmother of Daniel Davison

MAURICE PEPPER

Father of Sara Epstein

CLARA VITA

Mother of Orietta Kohn

December 6 3 Tevet

HENRIETTA KAHN

Mother of Rhoda Kahn Nussbaum

SOL LEVINSON

Father of Barbara Barnholtz

December 7 4 Tevet

LISA D'AGROSA

Sister in law of David and Linda D'Agrosa

MILTON GOLDSTEIN

Father of Alan Goldstein

RALPH KAPLAN

Father of Henry Kaplan

BESSIE NEWMAN

Mother of Burton Newman

December 8 5 Tevet

JACK HEXTER

Father of Christopher Hexter

JEROME D. MENDOZA

Uncle of Howard Nathanson

JOHN F. O'REILLY

Father of Erin O'Reilly

December 9 6 Tevet

MARJORIE FLOWER BLUMENHORST

Mother of Chris Blumenhorst

BRAM LEWIN

Father of Roslyn Dubinsky

ANTHONY RUFFINO

Father of Anita Stiffelman

December 10 7 Tevet

BERTHA FEIN

Aunt of Susan Schlichter

EVA GITTERMAN

Remembered by Brian Hackett

MARK GOLDSTEIN

Uncle of Risa Brown

GRACE ROSENTHAL

Grandmother of Jessica Brod

December 11 8 Tevet

RALPH BERG

Remembered by Maris Berg

HARRY ENGER

*Father of Sheldon Enger and Joyce Weinstock
Grandfather of Marc Enger*

GOLDYE HOFFMAN

*Mother of Joy Sterneck
Grandmother of Jamie Sentnor*

AL LEWIS

Father of Larry Lewis

ALFRED THOMAS

Father of Mariah Thomas

December 12 9 Tevet

JOSEPHINE (JO) FELDMAN

Mother of Kathleen Sitzer

JEAN GOCHMAN

Grandmother of Rabbi Susan Talve

HERMAN RUBIN

Father of Milton Rubin

ROBERT SOKOL

Father of Daniel Sokol

MORRIS MEYER STONER

Father of Bradley Stoner

December 13 10 Tevet

JOHN P. DOERING

Father of Tamara Brent

*RALPH GERSTENFELD

*Husband of Bunny Gerstenfeld
Father of Ellen Amarnek
and Pamela Lester*

DAVID KOGGAN

Father of Beverly Berla

EUGENE KORNBLATT

Father of Gloria Grodsky

December 14 11 Tevet

CLARICE LENEAVE

Mother of Kathy Davenport

NELSON NYMARK

Grandfather of Niki Nymark

December 15 12 Tevet

PHYLLIS GIBBS

Mother of Kate Gibbs

HELEN NEFF

Grandmother of Jane Rubin

FRANCES ROSENBLUM

Mother of Edith Feman

OLIVER SWEITZER

Father of Sharalyn Saks

JERRY TUCK

Uncle of Brian Vetruba

December 16 13 Tevet

FLORA SILVERSTEIN

Mother of Gloria Morgenstern

December 17 14 Tevet

HOWARD HARTMAN

Father of Brad Hartman

GERTRUDE SCHWARTZ

Aunt of Laurie Sperling

December 18 15 Tevet

LISA FRIEDMAN

Sister of Diane Friedman

LOUIS GREENBERG

Grandfather of Steven Engelhardt

LOUIS LACKS

Father of Cecilia Lacks

FAYETTE MINDLIN

Mother of Michael Mindlin

GUSSIE PARMET

Grandmother of Howard Weissman

DICK SCHWARZ

Uncle of Edward Kohn

DIANE SOKOL

Mother of Daniel Sokol

*SAMUEL JOSEPH ZOLL

*Infant son of Ericka Zoll
and Daniel Zoll*

December 19 16 Tevet

LAWRENCE M. LARSON

Father of Margaret Weintraub

December 20 17 Tevet

ELY BORNSTEIN

Father of Mindy Berkowitz

NORMAN GOLDMAN

*Husband of Carol Goldman
Father of Tami Goldman*

*NANCY LAMPERT

Our member

ROSE MARCUS

Aunt of Cecilia Lacks

December 21 18 Tevet

VALERIE FELDMAN

Cousin of Kathleen Sitzer

ALFRED H. FRAGER

Father of Maris Berg

GARY I. LINDER

Uncle of Wendy Jaffe

SHERMAN NEFF

Father of Jane Rubin

MAURICE REBHAN

Father of Debbie Harris

MARGARET SHAFFER

Mother of Trey Shaffer

LEON TANNENBAUM

Uncle of Ronald Meyer

December 22 19 Tevet

FRANCES SEARS

Mother of Robert Sears

ROSE SPERLING

Aunt of Laurie Sperling

*ELLEN WASSERMAN

Our member

December 23 20 Tevet

- ROSE CALODNEY**
Mother of Dede Berg
- THEODORA "TEDDY" HERMELIN**
Mother of Cheryl Martin
- JOHN KEPLER, JR.**
Father of John Kepler, III
- KATHERINE MARTIN**
Sister of Claire Jacobs
- SIMON SPITZER**
Grandfather of Michael Hess
- SAMUEL WOLIN**
Father of Karen Blank

December 24 21 Tevet

- SIDNEY GOLDNER**
Father of Jesse Goldner
- REGINA PIERCE**
Grandmother of Lisa Graivier Barnes

December 25 22 Tevet

- JACK COHN**
Grandfather of Dorie Bertram
- MAXILLA EVERETT EVANS**
Mother of J. Claude Evans
- SADIE FEMAN**
Mother of Stephen Feman
- HAROLD KIRKLAND**
Grandfather of Heather Lea
- JEANNE NISENSEN**
Mother of Ellen Soule
- MARJORIE ROBINSON**
Mother of Anne Hess
- GIDEON SCHILLER**
Father of Patricia Padawer
- JOSEPH WELPLY**
Father of Emma Ehll
- SHIRLEE WHITE**
Mother of Larry White

December 26 23 Tevet

- HARRY FEMAN**
Father of Stephen Feman
- LOTTIE GOLDNER**
Mother of Jesse Goldner
- JOEL HILLMAN**
Father of Thomas Hillman

SUSAN KRUPNICK SNYDER

- Cousin of Stuart J. Epstein*
- MOLLIE TURKEN**
Mother of Alan Turken
- TESS WEIL**
Aunt of Ronald Weil

December 27 24 Tevet

- JOSEPH SHLES**
Father of Linda Glickman
- JUDITH STRAUSS**
Mother of Michael Strauss
- CASSANDRA ELAINE WENDLER-HARRISON**
Mother of Adaine Harrison

December 28 25 Tevet

- RALPH BLUMENTHAL**
Father of Carol Esrock
- HERBERT KULWIN**
Uncle of Stephen Kurland
- ALBERT S. ROSE**
Father of Albert Rose

December 30 27 Tevet

- MEYER CHAPNICK**
Uncle of Sharon Hollander
- *IRVIN CHINSKY**
Our member
- SAM HARRIS**
Uncle of Edwin Harris
- *ANN REHME**
Wife of Joel Achtenberg
- ESTHER WEINBACH**
Mother of Jo Seltzer

December 31 28 Tevet

- F. BERT BAER**
*Father of Lois Miller
Grandfather of Leslie Caplan*
- FLORENCE DAVIS**
Mother of Neil Davis
- GREG FREEMAN**
Our friend
- LEON HOFFMAN**
Father of Carin Thyssen
- LEE PIERCE**
Grandfather of Lisa Graivier Barnes

CEAL SHAPIRO

- Mother of Bruce Shapiro*
- Daughter of Nancy Rose*

DOROTHY SNOW

- Mother of Nancy Snow*

***ROSELYN SPERLING**

- Mother of Laurie Sperling*

NEW MOUNT SINAI OPPORTUNITY

The cemetery has a new opportunity for members of the Jewish community who purchase property--single graves or family lots, crypts or niches. They will receive 20% off their pre-need purchase and the interment fee. This offer is limited as purchases must be paid in full by December 31, 2013. Contact Dan Brodsky at (314) 353-2540.

WORLD PEACE DAY

Tuesday, December 31, 6:00 am

Yes, That's 6:00 am! World Peace Day is celebrated at the same time around the world (It's at 4:00 am on the West Coast.) And in St. Louis, CRC has been its annual host. The celebration is an amalgam of world spiritual practices --both reflective and joyous. CRC is transformed with prayer flags, crystals, and incense. Come early, walk the labyrinth created on the oneg floor and meditate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHANUKAH 10:00 Confirmation	2 CHANUKAH 11:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew 12:30 Adult Intermediate Hebrew 12:30 Mahjongg	3 CHANUKAH 7:00 University Series	4 CHANUKAH 4:00 Religious School	5 CHANUKAH	6 1:45 Torah Study 5:30 Triple Chai+ Dinner 6:00 LGBT Latke Party 6:00 Adult Hebrew 7:30 Shabbat Service	7 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Religious School 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Molly Green 12:30 Lunch and Learn with the Rabbis
8 10:00 7th Grade at Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry 10:00 9th Grade 10:00 Confirmation 11:30 Prospective & New Member Welcome	9 11:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew 12:30 Adult Intermediate Hebrew 12:30 Mahjongg	10 7:00 University Series / Yossi Klein Halevi and his book "Like Dreamers" 7:00 URJ Introduction to Judaism	11 4:00 Religious School 7:15 Chanukah - Advent Service with St. Cronans (at CRC)	12 7:30 Board Meeting	13 2:00 Torah Study 6:00 Adult Hebrew 7:30 Social Responsibility Shabbat Service	14 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Religious School 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:30 Talmud Class
15 10:00 9th Grade 4:00 CRC Film Series	16 11:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew 12:30 Adult Intermediate Hebrew 12:30 Mahjongg	17 7:00 URJ Introduction to Judaism	18 4:00 Religious School	19	20 2:00 Torah Study 6:00 Adult Hebrew 7:30 Shabbat Service	21 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Bryn Sentnor 12:15 Basic Judaism 12:30 Everyday Holiness Book Club 1:00 Grief Support Group
22	23 11:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew 12:30 Adult Intermediate Hebrew 12:30 Mahjongg	24	25 <i>Office is Closed</i> 10:30 Jewish / Muslim Day of Service NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	26	27 2:00 Torah Study 6:00 Adult Hebrew 7:00 Shabbat Service	28 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Alaina Baumohl 12:15 Magic of Hebrew Chant
29 5:00 Room at the Inn	30 11:00 Adult Beginning Hebrew 12:30 Adult Intermediate Hebrew 12:30 Mahjongg	31 6:00 (am) World Peace Day	1 NEWYEARS DAY <i>Office is Closed</i> NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	2	3 12:30 Beginning Adult Hebrew 2:00 Torah Study 6:00 Adult Hebrew 7:30 Shabbat Service	4 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Rainbow Connection 10:00 Religious School 10:00 Shabbat Service and bat mitzvah of Sally Young 12:30 Lunch and Learn with the Rabbis

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New Year