



## Question What Is and Imagine What Can Be

### Services

#### Friday Evenings

January 1  
Kabbalat Shabbat/  
Birthday Blessings 7:30 pm

January 8  
Kabbalat Shabbat/  
Social Responsibility Shabbat 7:30 pm

January 15  
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm

January 22  
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm

January 29  
Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm

#### Saturdays

January 2  
Sh'mot 10:00 am

January 9  
Va-eira 10:00 am

January 16  
Bo 10:00 am

January 23  
B'Shalach 10:00 am

January 30  
Yitro 10:00 am

One of my most cherished mentors, Dr. Michael Zeldin, taught me to “question what is and imagine what can be.” These are words to live by. How can we see the many, many disparate situations in which we find ourselves to be opportunities for growth and transformation? At CRC, we strive to live out this value each and every day. The first members who came together to form CRC thirty one years ago were responding to this very call. The asked, “Can we create a dynamic and socially responsible synagogue which engages with our urban community?” In creating our core values, we promised to “embrace struggle as a way to continually challenge and grow our beliefs as individuals, as a congregation and as members of the broader Jewish community.” But even as we embrace the struggle, we recognize that it’s never easy.

It’s easy to “question what is” when what we’re doing isn’t working; the hard work comes when we begin to question what is working. But we know that this is the only way to grow and stay true to our promise to continually reinvent ourselves. We live in a world that changes faster than the blink of an eye. As we seek to meet the growing needs of our ever evolving community, we must find a balance between respecting our traditions and ancient customs, and finding new ways to bring those traditions to new generations of Jews in meaningful and authentic ways. Sometimes, this can mean questioning our successes and considering ways to push ourselves even further.

How do we do this? How do we engage in the process of bringing the past into the present to create a vibrant future? Education

is the key. When we create and participate in lifelong learning opportunities that touch us at different stages of our lives, we make Judaism relevant and we bring it with us wherever life takes us.

Just over a year ago, we formed CRC’s Education Steering Committee. This group of talented individuals has come together with the intention of envisioning what lifelong learning can be. They seek to create a community that is rich in educational opportunities that can help to feed our insatiable appetite for Jewish education (another of CRC’s core values).

The first step in this process is evaluation and assessment – before we start developing new and innovative lifelong learning opportunities, we want to understand our current programs and classes. What parts are successful? Which pieces might need further consideration? To that end, we have launched our “**Listening Campaign**” to elicit your feedback. We want to know what speaks to you, which opportunities excite you and your family, and conversely, which opportunities you may be able to provide some constructive feedback?

Right now, we have several surveys open (see the Education Steering section in subsequent pages of the memo to participate), and our committee members have started making phone calls to engage in more personal discussions with CRC members. We hope that you will be open and honest in your feedback so that we can continue to evolve and grow our lifelong learning opportunities to serve our community in the best way possible.

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### Mazel Tov

- b Sam Siwak on his bar mitzvah
- b Max Blatter on his bar mitzvah
- b Dan and Rose Lynn Sokol on the marriage of their son David to Michelle
- b Dr. Robert Koff on the publication of his book *Human Behavior in Extreme Situations*

### Sincere Condolences

- b Anna Roshal on the death of her father, Zinovy Roshal
- b Barbara and Jay Mathews on the death of their nephew, Josh Sugarman
- b Lori Becker on the death of her cousin, Josh Sugarman
- b Rodi Booker on the death of her brother, Mel Mueller
- b Mitch Waks on the death of his mother, Rebecca McCarthy
- b Mark Silvermintz on the death of his mother, Naomi Silvermintz
- b Daria Redel on the death of her father and our member, Ray Redel
- b Eric Friedman on the death of his father, Irv Friedman

### END OF THE YEAR APPEAL

Thank you so much to all of you who have donated to our end of the year appeal. We are so incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity. Please remember that we accept donations all year round!

### JOINT VENTURE MLK SERVICE AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 pm at CRC*

For over 22 years, one of CRC's premier events has been our annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration held the week before the MLK National Holiday. The Joint Venture of Metropolitan St. Louis voted to extend our programs and dialogue out into the greater St. Louis region and again pair with Christ The King United Church Of Christ in Florissant as we did last year. Their pastor is Reverend Traci Blackmon who, along with Rabbi Susan, was recently named a "Troublemaker of the Best Kind" by Cultural Leadership. Also joining us will be our friends (and Holy Ground partners) from Second Presbyterian Church and their Interim Pastor, Susan Andrews.



This will be a moving and important gathering in our St. Louis region so we encourage your attending along with your family and friends. We especially want to encourage the attendance of our youth and young adults. For more information, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).

### LIFELONG LEARNING LISTENING CAMPAIGN SURVEYS

Below you will find three survey links to provide feedback for our lifelong learning programs. Your participation is essential in helping us to understand how we can better meet the needs of our constantly evolving community. Please follow the links below to access each of these **SHORT** surveys (no longer than 5 minutes, we promise!).

CRC's Early Childhood Programs (Tot-Shabbat through 2nd Grade):  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crcearlychildhood>

CRC's Religious School, Grades 3-6:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crcreligiouschool>

CRC's Bnai Mitzvah Program: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crcbnaimitzvah>

CRC's Teen Programs: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/crcteenprograms>

As a reminder, if you would like to be contacted by a member of the Education Steering Committee to provide feedback for our research, please contact Tristan at 314-361-1564, ext. 100 or at [tristan@centralreform.org](mailto:tristan@centralreform.org) with your contact information. Please indicate how you would like to be contacted, the best times to reach you, and in which areas you would be interested in providing feedback.

We are looking forward to connecting with everyone and are excited to hear your feedback, which will be invaluable in helping us continue to grow our already incredible educational opportunities! Wishing you all a happy 2016!

### MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW - WHAT CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2016?

The 2016 Missouri Legislative session kicks off on Wednesday, January 6. There are several issues that were identified as priorities by our 2014 Tikkun Olam survey that will also be tackled by our legislators in Jefferson City. Since CRC encourages its members to take an active role in advocating for important social justice issues that reflect our mission and core values of Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world, we wanted to give you a preview of what to expect over the next few months.

**Medicaid Expansion** - It is hard to believe, but we are once again having to fight for Medicaid expansion in 2016. Eligibility for Medicaid is so low in Missouri that there are hundreds of thousands of people who don't qualify. They are in the Coverage Gap - too rich for Medicaid, but too poor for the Marketplace - with no way to get affordable insurance. Expanding Medicaid will help nearly 300,000 uninsured Missourians gain access to healthcare and save 700 lives every year. Expansion will also create jobs and bring Missouri taxpayer money BACK to Missouri. Failing to fully expand Medicaid will continue to cause some hospitals and clinics to curtail services, and some will close. The entire state will be affected. In 2016, we will continue to work with a broad coalition of health care providers, social groups, and business organizations to advocate for expansion.

**LGBT Issues** - In light of last summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of marriage equality, it can be easy to forget that there are still many areas in which LGBT individuals and couples are denied equal treatment. Unfortunately the reality is that LGBT Missourians can be fired and denied accommodations for being who they are. The Missouri Non-Discrimination Act (MONA) will again be a focus of ours and our coalition partners (such as PROMO) in the 2016 session. MONA is bipartisan and supported by hundreds of businesses throughout the state. Workplace protections are good for Missouri because it places the focus on merit and performance and encourages diversity and inclusion.

**Reproductive Justice** - Not surprisingly, several restrictive bills have already been pre-filed but our coalition partners do not have a strong sense of which ones will really gain traction this session. Some potential challenges include unnecessary health inspections on abortion providers, undue benefits for "crisis pregnancy centers," and coercion bills aimed at a problem that doesn't actually exist. Their legislative priorities will focus on fighting new restrictions to abortion and family planning in a way that reduces negative impact on Missourians and helping to cultivate a youth-led movement advocating for comprehensive sex education and beyond. In 2015, Missouri took a small step forward in advancing the sex education curriculum, but we can and must do more. In a recent national report, three Missouri counties (of over 3,000 nationwide), had the highest infection rates for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Missouri has the 14th highest infection rate for gonorrhea. The bottom line is that even with this new law, Missouri young people can be subjected to ineffective and dangerous abstinence-only sex education in our public schools.

**Gun Violence Prevention** - Despite the fact that a majority of Missourians want common sense gun laws, legislators continue to push extreme initiatives that, for example, would allow dangerous criminals to own or carry concealed, loaded guns in public. We will work hard this session on trying to improve this situation. CRC member and State Representative Stacey Newman recently received national attention for her creative idea for tackling the high rates of gun violence in Missouri: regulate gun purchases as tightly as abortion services. Newman's bill, which she recently pre-filed, would mandate that gun buyers be required to wait 72 hours, the same waiting period those who require an abortion must wait in Missouri, which is one of the most restrictive states and home to only one abortion provider. Further echoing the abortion laws, they would have to get written permission from a doctor, purchase the gun no closer than 120 miles from their legal residence, watch a video about fatal firearm injuries, tour an emergency trauma center to see the impact of gun violence, and meet with those who have lost family members and faith leaders who have performed funerals for victims. Though this bill is unlikely to be heard, it is a very powerful example of the hypocrisy we often face when dealing with members of our legislature.

**How can you get involved?** We would love to have you join us in any capacity, whether it is writing letters to the editor, making phone calls to legislators, or travelling to Jefferson City. Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to join CRC on lobby and action days in Jefferson City. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).



**Maggie's Corner...****FRIDAY TANAKH STUDY***Fridays, 2:30 - 3:45-ish pm*

We are now reading the Book of Judges, primarily in English, with Hebrew explanations. As usual, there is a lot of discussion that will surely take us down many interesting and fun roads!

In Rabbi Rami Shapiro's book, he asks, "Do the Hebrew prophets matter?" If you answer, "yes," it places you in direct conversation with them. It allows the prophets to speak directly to you about your life right here, right now.

The period of the Judges or Shoftim spans about 400 years. It is not so much about the Role of the Judges, but rather the Role of the Leaders. We will explore..."You were those guys."

If you're thinking about joining our study and journey...this is a great time! No need to RSVP...you are always welcome.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Maggie anytime at [maggie@centralreform.org](mailto:maggie@centralreform.org).

**UDGY POTLUCK NON-BOOK CLUB***Monday, February 1, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at CRC*

Please join this new group of folks who want to read books that make us wonder, question, and learn...and maybe feel even a little bit uddy! Want to talk about them with other like-minded folks? Want to share and eat good food while we do it? We would love for you to join us! We plan to meet every other month on the first Monday of the month. Our next session will be February 1.

**The February book is...The Middle Step, written by CRC's own Denise Bogard.** In Bogard's debut novel, which can be purchased at Left Bank Books or online, Lisa Harris, a white, suburban woman, finds herself in deep despair after a series of miscarriages and a failed marriage. Eager to embrace parenthood in any way possible, she accepts a job as foster mother in an impoverished area of North St. Louis to four teenage girls. Overwhelmed by the challenges of parenting troubled girls with a vastly different background, culture, religion and race, Lisa learns that healing herself and others requires more than good intentions. If you have questions, or have book suggestions, please contact Maggie Duwe at [maggie@centralreform.org](mailto:maggie@centralreform.org).

**MUSSAR CLASS WITH FELICE JOYCE***1st and 3rd Mondays of Each Month Starting on January 18, 6:30 pm at CRC*

A millennium-old Jewish tradition of personal spiritual development, Mussar offers insight and guidance for living, so that we understand what it is and what we can do to become holy. Contemporary students describe Mussar as "the science and craft of becoming a Mensch." Mussar offers insight and guidance for living by directing us to be aware of the impact our character traits (middot, such as Humility, Gratitude, Patience, Generosity, Honor, and more) by reflecting on our thoughts, words, and deeds. We become more skillful parents and more attentive partners as we engage with family, friends, co-workers and the larger community. And who better to learn from than our Sages who give us exquisite insight into human nature, a healthy and joyful perspective on life, and guidance on how to spur inner growth so we can achieve shalem -wholeness- and shalom -inner peace.

The course will be facilitated by CRC member Felice Joyce, a TMI trained and experienced mussar va'ad facilitator who has been studying and practicing mussar for 8 years. The class will cover 6 middot (Character traits) and will delve into text study, chevruta learning and spiritual practices to help us understand and integrate this wisdom so it has an impact in our daily lives. If we need to take longer to work with the material we will. The class fee is \$136. No prior knowledge is required. To register please contact Cyndee Levy at [clevy@cajestl.org](mailto:clevy@cajestl.org). If you are in need of scholarship assistance please contact Cyndee Levy at [clevy@cajestl.org](mailto:clevy@cajestl.org); 314-442-3754.

**JANUARY UNIVERSITY SERIES: THE REST OF THE STORIES***Tuesdays in January, 7:00 pm*

After a month hiatus, CRC's University Series is back! Join Rabbi Randy on Tuesdays in January from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for a look at some of the personalities, stories and teachings that are in the Hebrew Bible beyond the Torah.

**BE A MENSCH MAKER WITH THE BIRTHDAY JOY FOUNDATION!***Saturday, January 23, 12:30 - 2:30 pm*

Join us to help make a birthday special for an underserved child. We will meet in the CRC multipurpose room and hear from CRC member Cindy Wallach about what inspired her to create Birthday Joy Foundation, an organization which provides birthday presents for children in need. After designing birthday cards and preparing gift bags, we will travel off-site to the store Five Below in Brentwood where our kids will pick out special birthday gifts for their designated child. Birthday Joy Foundation will provide the funds for the gifts. Kids of all ages and their parents/caretakers welcome! **Please RSVP to [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org) by Tuesday, January 19.**

**PANEL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING***Thursday, January 7, 6:30 pm at CRC*

Are you concerned about human trafficking in your hometown? Did you know that according to the Department of Justice, St. Louis ranks among the top 20 human trafficking jurisdictions around the country? Come hear how you can help! The Rescue and Restore Coalition and the Covering House has convened a panel of experts to help raise awareness of this ongoing issue and what we, as St. Louis residents, can do about the situation. Panelists will include Amanda Mohl, the Anti-Trafficking Community Coordinator at the International Institute, and Amanda

Colegrove from the Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation. It should be an enlightening and informative evening. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).

**JANUARY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SHABBAT WITH AUTHOR JOHN SHUCHART***Friday, January 8, 7:30 pm*

Author of the humorous, new book "You Are Not the Brightest of my Four Sons"... and Other Depressing Things That Have Been Said to Me, John Shuchart will appear at our January Social Responsibility Shabbat. Shuchart, a successful entrepreneur and founder of The Shuchart Foundation for Mental Health Awareness, will share his moving story about growing up in an emotionally abusive home, suffering through life-threatening accidents and an addiction to prescription painkillers, and ultimately planning his suicide before starting his recovery from depression.

Shuchart is on a mission is to help end the stigma associated with mental illness. His presentation CRC will include:

\*Stories from his life that led to his depression and how he uses humor to reframe the traumatic events from his past and "unstuck" the negative emotions tied to them.

\*A personal account of what mental illness is, the stigma associated with it, and why we should not be embarrassed when talking about our mental illness.

\*A call-to-action on how we can help those with a mental illness and what we can do to help end the stigma.

An engaging speaker, Shuchart's message is informative, inspiring and reassuring that with the proper treatment and support, most can successfully manage their mental illness.

He will be signing books following the service, and each book sold will result in a \$5.00 donation to Central Reform Congregation.

For more about John Shuchart, visit his website at [www.nottthebrightest.com](http://www.nottthebrightest.com).

**JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER PROGRAM**

We have great news. After a year-long hiatus, we have been meeting with the Juvenile Detention Center in St. Louis City in order to get our partnership back up and running again. The new Detention Program Coordinator, Ellen Goldwasser, is very excited about our collaboration. Due to their schedule, we will not be presenting our workshops on a monthly basis until the 2016-2017 school year, however, there will be several "vacation day" opportunities in which you can participate during the current school year. For example, we plan on holding a basketball tournament on President's Day and a barbecue on Memorial Day. **Ellen is also looking for people to act as mentors to boys who are being released from the Juvenile Detention Center.** Since a majority of the program's teens are male, Ellen would prefer male mentors.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).

**RABBI RANDY'S 2016 TRIP TO ISRAEL**

It's not too late to join Rabbi Randy's Israel trip to Israel from May 30 - June 10, 2016.

With our fantastic guide Jared, who has been with CRC groups on two previous trips, we will combine travel, outdoor adventure, spirituality, history and friendship. We already have a wonderful group of 12, but there is still room for you and yours!

If you are interested in this journey, please contact Rabbi Randy (randy@centralreform.org) ASAP because the registration deadline is quickly approaching.

**TRIPLE CHAI + BRUNCH AND PROGRAM (ANYONE 55 AND OVER)**

*Sunday, January 10, 10:30 am at CRC*

Arnie Kaplan, our Professor of Jewish Humor (just kidding) will bring us the movie: "Hava Nagila," which focuses on the history, mystery, and meaning of the

song and its journey around the world.

Caterer Leslie Caplan is going to be preparing the entrees for the January Brunch, so the food is sure to be good and plentiful. All you need to bring is fruit or salad (last names A-L) or dessert (last names M-Z). The cost per person is \$2.00.

Please RSVP so that we can know how many will be attending. RSVP to Claire Hyman at [claire.j.hyman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:claire.j.hyman@sbcglobal.net) or Anita Wilson at [anita63146@yahoo.com](mailto:anita63146@yahoo.com) or (314) 878-3502.

**A NEW YEAR OF SECOND THURSDAYS -- CRC MEMBER ENGAGEMENT**

*Thursday, January 14, 6:30 pm*

**It's a new year, do you have a resolution? How about making a difference at CRC! We need your input!**

**Want to get involved at CRC, but don't know how?**

**Fancy a great way to get involved and want to learn more?**

**Looking to hear inspirational talks from our rabbis and occasional guests?**

**Then Second Thursdays are for you!** Most CRC committee and circles have been holding their meeting dates on the 2nd Thursday of the month. It's our way to "marry" the work of the synagogue while bonding and socializing with our fellow members. A lot of fantastic programming has emerged from these meetings. Just come to CRC on January 14 at 6:30 pm for a brief learning, announcements, and a blessing. At 7:00 pm we will break into our committees and circles for the next hour or so. Because we all value our community so much, we think this is the perfect outlet to enable all of our members to stay engaged with and excited about CRC.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).

**SPECIAL SCREENING OF THE FILM "THE FIRST SECRET CITY" WITH DIRECTOR ALISON CARRICK**

*Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 pm at CRC*

Before the creation of the secret cities of Los Alamos, Oak Ridge and Hanford, the Manhattan Project hired the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of St. Louis to refine the first uranium used in the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. For the next two decades, Mallinckrodt continued its classified work for the Atomic Energy Commission during the Cold War. The resulting radioactive waste contaminated numerous locations in the St. Louis area some of which have not been cleaned up 70 years after the end of World War II. Told through the eyes of an overexposed worker, the story expands through a series of interviews that careen down a toxic pathway leading to a fiery terminus at the smoldering, radioactively-contaminated Westlake Landfill. The First Secret City is a feature-length documentary that reveals a forgotten history and its continuing impact on the community in the 21st Century, uncovering past wrongdoing and documenting the renewed struggles to confront the issue.

The film recently premiered at the St. Louis International Film Festival. To view its trailer, please go to <http://firstsecretcity.com/trailer/>. For more information, please contact Jennifer Bernstein at (314) 361-1564, ext. 117 or [jenniferb@centralreform.org](mailto:jenniferb@centralreform.org).

**BLESSING BUDDIES SPRUCE FRASER AND DEBBIE SEIGAL (BY SPRUCE FRASER)**

In the summer of 2015, my horizon expanded to include a new friend, my blessing buddy Debbie Seigal. Debbie has lived in a retirement home for the past eight years. She is the proud President of the Red Hat Ladies Society. We discovered we both love the color purple! And dogs! Debra's home has two dogs that visit during the weekdays - Lucy, an eight-year-old Shih Tzu, and Fritz, a six-year-old Lhasa Apso. Fritz comes to visit Debbie more often, probably because he loves her special dog treats. I have visited Debbie with my nine-year-old goldendoodle Max. Everyone is so excited to see us visit Debbie as Max is a friendly BIG dog! He also enjoys Debbie's dog treats as much as Fritz!

Debbie and I have both have had relatives that were directly affected by the Holocaust. Debbie's father came from Poland and was a survivor. He met her lovely mother in Saint Louis. Both have been gone for about 20 years. I shared with Debbie that my only grandparents that I knew were my mother's. They all left Czechoslovakia in 1938, as they lived in the Sudetenland, the northern part of Czechoslovakia. Unfortunately, the participants in the Munich Conference, namely Great Britain and France, in an attempt to prevent a world war, handed this geographic area over to the Germans in September of 1938, hoping no war would break out. The Czechs were given until October 10, 1938 to cede the Sudetenland to Germany. However, this action did not help. Instead, my mother and her parents left as if on a day trip and traveled to find freedom in Canada. 31 family members were not so fortunate. Because of our family histories, Debbie and I appreciate what we have, live each day the best we can, and enjoy our new friendship with each other. It is a blessing to know Debbie and to be her friend. We both enjoy eating out!

Over the years, both Debbie and I have enjoyed travelling. We shared our stories about traveling with each other. Debbie's biggest vacation was to Mexico, back in the early 90's. When her husband was alive, Debbie would travel with him often to see his family in Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, her husband, Steven, passed away a few years ago and due to her health she has not traveled much recently. Although I have traveled around the world throughout my life, for either study, work, or pleasure, I have now settled into life in Saint Louis. We both appreciate this blessing buddy program, for we would not have met each other otherwise. We enjoy our travels around Saint Louis together, especially to discover new places to eat. Being a member of a congregation that stands up for everyone, that has created this blessing buddy program, has given us both a new friend to share our up and downs with.



**Debbie Seigal and Spruce Fraser**

**To sign up to be a Blessing Buddy, or for more information, please contact Wendy Bell at (314) 361-1564, ext. 104 or [wendy@centralreform.org](mailto:wendy@centralreform.org).**



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IN MEMORY OF MARILYN PROBE, MOTHER OF KAREN WILSON

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IN HONOR OF RABBI TALVE, RABBI GOODMAN, WENDY BELL, STEWART HALPERIN AND ALL MY FELLOW TRAVELERS FOR AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE

IN HONOR OF RABBI SUSAN FOR HER BEAUTIFUL CHANUKAH SPEECH AT THE WHITE HOUSE

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IN HONOR OF THE BAR MITZVAH OF AL ROSE  
IN MEMORY OF ELLEN ROSE  
IN MEMORY OF LAUREN SCHWARTZ

**SHERRY LONDE**  
IN MEMORY OF HER DAD, PAUL LONDE

**SUSAN AND JACK RUDIN**  
WITH WARMEST WISHES TO RABBI TALVE

**SIDNEY AND STEPHEN GARRETT**  
IN APPRECIATION OF RABBI RANDY FOR HAVING HIS BAR MITZVAH SERVICE AT CRC

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I know that I speak for myself and the Education Steering Committee members in saying that we are excited to partner with each and every person in our community to question what is and imagine what can be, here at CRC.

B'Ahavah (With Love),  
Rabbi Deana



## yahrzeits

**January 1 20 Tevet**  
NORMAN K. COHN  
Father of Sue Lynch  
MARY PALAZZOLA  
Grandmother of Linda Thomson  
THOMAS PECK  
Friend of Alan Freed  
JACK SOULE  
Father of Gary Soule  
ROSALYN STEIN  
Aunt of Denise Bogard

**January 2 21 Tevet**  
DR. MORTON A. BINDER  
Father of Ellen Binder  
SARAH COHEN  
Mother of Rosalie Rotenberg  
ADOLPH FREMDER  
Grandfather of Lise Bernstein  
BEN LASS  
Father of Kathryn Lass  
IDA SELIGMAN MATZ  
Mother of Linda Mantle  
LEONARD NISENSEN  
Father of Ellen Soule  
LINDA SOBEL  
Cousin of Anne Hess  
SYLVIA ROTHMAN STEIN  
Mother of Toby Epstein

**January 3 22 Tevet**  
SADIE FEMAN  
Mother of Stephen Feman  
HOWARD A. FREED  
Father of Alan Freed

**January 4 23 Tevet**  
HARRY FEMAN  
Father of Stephen Feman  
MAURICE (SONNY) GLAZER  
Husband of Susanne Stern Glazer  
ARNOLD GOODMAN  
Father of Mark Goodman  
PERRY KEYS  
Brother of Eva Marie Keys  
VERNEIDA KEYS  
Mother of Eva Marie Keys  
ALICE STERN PETERS  
Mother of Susanne Stern Glazer  
SUSAN KRUPNICK SNYDER  
Cousin of Stuart J. Epstein

**January 5 24 Tevet**  
HENRY T. HUNDMAN  
Father of Dennis Hundman

JAMOULE TOTAH  
Mother of Vicky Zimmerman  
HANNAH TUCK  
Grandmother of Brian Vetruba

**January 6 25 Tevet**  
OLGA FRANCISKA GAERTNER  
Grandmother of Spruce Fraser  
LEON GOFFSTEIN  
Grandfather of Tracy Jasper  
GEORGE KRAUSS  
Father of David Krauss  
SANDRA KRONEMER  
Mother of Keith Kronemer  
NANCY MOVSHIN  
Mother of Mary Ellen Movshin

**January 7 26 Tevet**  
JAMES BOEHM  
Cousin of Dennis Hundman  
CANTOR ED FOGEL  
Our Friend  
ANNIE GOLDSTEIN  
Great aunt of Staci Kramer  
BONNIE KONDLA  
Mother of Tracy Kondla  
EVELYN KRAUSE  
Aunt of Debbie Monfort  
HAROLD TUCK  
Grandfather of Brian Vetruba  
PRISCILLA VANDERVELDE  
Mother of Michael VanderVelde

**January 8 27 Tevet**  
LOTTIE R. BARNHOLTZ  
Mother of Martin Barnholtz and Beverly Turken  
RACHEL BERKOWITZ  
Mother of Rebekah Berkowitz  
TED GRAZMAN  
Father of Essie Mitchell  
\*ROSE SIEGEL  
Our Member  
HENRY E. WHITWORTH  
Father of Deneen Dickler

**January 9 28 Tevet**  
SALLY BOHM  
Grandmother of Stephen Bohm  
PHILIP COFFIELD  
Brother of Edward Coffield  
FRED FEIGENBLATT  
Father of Lois Rubin  
RAYMOND HYATT  
Grandfather of Karen Deguire and Susan Kronemer  
ELNORA B. LOVE  
Friend of Staci Kramer  
MARK MILLER  
Son in Law of Melvyn Brown  
\*C. J. PLEITNER  
Our member  
DAVID SALESKY  
Grandfather of Inda Schaenen

**January 10 29 Tevet**  
EARL B. ABRAMS  
Father of Aly Abrams  
CALVIN DESHIELDS  
Brother of Maria Deshields  
JERRY HYMAN  
Remembered by Albert Rose  
IRMA L. KLEIN  
Grandmother of Albert Rose

**January 11 1 Shevat**  
MARIAN MAY BLOOM  
Mother of Margie Rosenthal  
BERNARD BORNSTEIN  
Father of Alan Bornstein  
THOMAS BURKE  
Father of Kellie Trivers  
SOPHIE CRASILNECK  
Grandmother of Robert Bogard  
MARY JANE M. EDWARDS  
Sister of Carol Portman  
LOUIS FERNANDEZ  
Father of James Fernandez

HARRY SOULE  
Remembered by Shirley Soule  
EUGENE WEISS  
Father of Marsha Graeber

**January 12 2 Shevat**

DAVID KATIMS  
Nephew of Samuella Shoss  
JACK M. LIPSITZ  
Grandfather of Lois Soffer  
\*ROBERT LOUIS SKRAINKA  
Brother of Stephen Skrainka  
MORRIS TAMAREN  
Father of Allen Tamaren  
STUART WILLIAMS  
Brother of Scott Williams

**January 13 3 Shevat**

\*MARKUS BLUESTEIN  
Brother of Karen Kotner  
LUZIE GOLDMANN  
Adopted Grandmother of Aly Abrams  
THEA MATTHEWS  
Mother of Justice Matthews  
STANLEY TUCKER  
Father of Lauren Tucker  
ANNA ZOLL  
Grandmother of Daniel Zoll  
LAWRENCE ZWEIG  
Father of Linda Leipziger

**January 14 4 Shevat**

CHARLES EHRENWERTH  
Father of Susan Block  
MELVIN SHAPIRO  
Father of Bruce Shapiro

**January 15 5 Shevat**

RUTH BENSON  
Mother of Gary Benson  
THERESA DIPLACIDO  
Grandmother of Michael DiPlacido

GARY RONALD EPSTEIN  
Cousin of Stuart J. Epstein  
\*PATRICIA RUPE-SMITH  
Our member  
DOLLY SITZER  
Mother of William Sitzer

**January 16 6 Shevat**

YURIY FISH  
Father of Yelena Fish  
\*ANNE LEVIN  
Our member  
MARJORIE OGLANDER  
Mother of Jeffrey Oglander  
LUCILLE PATTIZ  
Mother of Denise Bogard

**January 17 7 Shevat**

GERALDINE GHERTNER  
Mother of Marjorie Silverblatt  
ANN KORNBLATT  
Mother of Gloria Grodsky  
HARRY HART SNELLENBERG, JR.  
Uncle of Prue Gershman  
MARVIN WEITZMAN  
Nancy Mednik

**January 18 8 Shevat**

WALTER BAKER  
Grandfather of Rachel Delston  
MOSES PADAWER  
Grandfather of Gerald Padawer  
MARGARET S. SCHLICHTER  
Mother of Jerry Schlichter  
IDA SHINDELMAN  
Mother of Daniel Rosen  
PAUL WEISMAN  
Father of Michael Weisman

**January 19 9 Shevat**

SYLVIA ROSE LEWIS  
Mother of Roger Lewis

ADAYOUNG  
Great grandmother of Heather Lea

**January 20 10 Shevat**

BEBE (CHAYA JUDAICA) ZWERLING  
Mother of Risa Zwerling  
MARION KAPLAN  
Grandmother of Steven Rosenbloom  
MARY LEVINSON  
Grandmother of Neil Davis  
MARA MILLMAN  
Friend of Aly Abrams  
JAMIE RYAN  
Mother of Max Eisenberg  
STEWART B. WATSON, III  
Grandfather of Karen Watson

**January 21 11 Shevat**

IRVING ACHTENBERG  
Father of Joel Achtenberg  
KENNETH MILLER  
Father of Karen Margo  
\*RICHARD A. NOVICK  
Our Member

**January 22 12 Shevat**

BEATRICE ADELSTEIN  
Step mother of David Adelstein  
Grandmother of Cheryl Adelstein  
PETER CATS  
Father of Susan Merrick  
BERNICE COOPER  
Sister of Rose Mass  
SYLVIA SCHACHTER  
Mother of Laurie Polsky  
JACK STONE  
Grandfather of Julianne Stone

**January 23 13 Shevat**

LUCILLE SCHNEIDER  
Grandmother of Marjorie Hartman

**January 24 14 Shevat**

\*BARNEY KLEARMAN  
Our Member  
PAUL KOSNIK  
Father of Dr. Lea-Rachel Kosnik  
MARY CATHERINE WEIXLMANN  
Mother of Joe Weixlmann  
JANET WINKLER  
Aunt of Harriet Baron

**January 25 15 Shevat**

ALVIN BLOOM  
Father of Ilene Bloom-Ellis  
SHIRLEY DENLOW  
Mother of Robert, Ruth, and Harold Denlow  
ROBERT JOYCE  
Father of Gerald Joyce  
\*HENRY SHIFRIN  
Husband of Julie Kaplan  
Father of Josephine and Ezra Shifrin  
BERTHA SITEMAN  
Grandmother of Andy Kanefield and Susan Weissman

**January 26 16 Shevat**

ALBERT ZOLO "TODDY" BECKER  
Father of Jon Becker  
JERRY BLUMENTHAL  
Cousin of Shirley Poticha  
SAM CHAZEN  
Father of Lee Chazen  
BEVERLY HOLTZMAN  
Mother of Ellen Langston  
WILLIAM KLEIN  
Father of Jacob Klein  
ROSE MEYER  
Mother of Ronald Meyer  
MICHAEL POUSNER  
Cousin of Harriet Entin  
JULIUS ROSENTHAL  
Father of Shera Kafka

**January 27 17 Shevat**

BESSIE KESTEN  
Remembered by Elaine Lapofsky Kesten  
DR. ALAN KRASNOFF  
Father of Elizabeth Krasnoff  
IRVING WEIL  
Grandfather of Sheila Michaels

**January 28 18 Shevat**

\*ROBERT BROD  
Father of Jessica Brod  
WILLIAM S. COHEN  
Grandfather of Mark Goodman  
GEORGE W. KAHLOR  
Father of Mary Ann Goldberg  
SARAH MITCHELL  
Grandmother of Bonnie Mitchel  
MARLENE RUTH ORENSTEIN  
Sister of Larry Raskin  
WILLIS NELSON PIERCE  
Father of Dale Schreiber  
LENORE SUGARMAN  
Grandmother of Lori Becker  
Mother of Barbara Matthews  
MATILDA WINER  
Mother of Mark Winer

**January 29 19 Shevat**

PEARL BRODIE  
Mother of Claudia Brodie  
JANE COOPER  
Aunt of Elisa Roth  
JAMES LUDEN  
Uncle of Lynn Jacobs  
MARIAN MAJEWSKI  
Father of Barbara Lehocky  
RALPH MEDOL  
Father of Claire Hyman  
Grandfather of Carolyn Hyman  
ABE MICHELS  
Grandfather of Lee Kaplan  
EDITH TURROW  
Grandmother of Ellen Amarnek and Pamela Lester  
Remembered by Bunny Gerstenfeld

**January 30 20 Shevat**

SAMUEL GOLDMAN  
Father of Gail Glenn and Kenneth Goldman  
MIN PLATT  
Aunt of Shirley Poticha  
\*MAX RIEKES  
Father of Linda Riekens  
ROBERT S. SHLESINGER  
Uncle of Carol Portman

**January 31 21 Shevat**

ELIHU ARONOFF  
Father of Donna Smith  
LYNDA KRAMER  
Mother of Staci Kramer  
ANNA EPSTEIN MOSS  
Grandmother of Patti Teper  
\*ROBERT M. SILVER  
Husband of Susann Silver  
SARAH TRIVERS  
Mother of Andrew Trivers  
Aunt of Sarah Anne Patz

\*Our member





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	<b>2</b> 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service 12:30 Basic Judaism
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:30 Hebrew 103 with Maggie 1:00 Hebrew 101 with Maggie	<b>5</b> 7:00 University Series	<b>6</b> 4:00 Religious School 6:30 Hebrew 101 with Linda 7:00 Melton Program	<b>7</b> 6:30 <b>Human Trafficking Panel</b>	<b>8</b> 12:30 Hebrew 102 with Maggie 1:45 Tanakh Study 7:30 Shabbat Service/ Social Responsibility Shabbat	<b>9</b> 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service 10:00 Shabbat School/ Rainbow
<b>10</b> 10:00 9th Grade Class 10:00 Confirmation Class 10:30 Triple Chai Brunch	<b>11</b> 11:30 Hebrew 103 with Maggie 1:00 Hebrew 101 with Maggie	<b>12</b> 7:00 University Series	<b>13</b> 4:00 Religious School 6:30 Hebrew 101 with Linda 7:00 Melton Program 7:00 Israel Circle 7:00 MLK Celebration	<b>14</b> <b>SECOND THURSDAYS</b> 5:00 CRC Board Meeting 6:30 Brief Service Before Committee Meetings 7:00 CRC Committee Meetings	<b>15</b> 12:30 Hebrew 102 with Maggie 1:45 Tanakh Study 7:30 Shabbat Service	<b>16</b> 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service 10:00 Shabbat School 12:30 Grief Support
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	<b>19</b> 7:00 University Series	<b>20</b> 4:00 Religious School 6:30 Hebrew 101 with Linda 6:30 Secret City Movie Screening 7:00 Melton Program	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:30 Hebrew 102 with Maggie 1:45 Tanakh Study 7:30 Shabbat Service	<b>23</b> 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service 10:00 Shabbat School/ Shabbat School Tu B'Shevat Seder 12:30 Mensch Makers Program
<b>24</b> 8:00 7th Grade at Ronald McDonald House 10:00 9th Grade Class 10:00 Confirmation 5:15 7th Grade at Ronald McDonald House	<b>25</b> TU B'SHEVAT 11:30 Hebrew 103 with Maggie 1:00 Hebrew 101 with Maggie 6:00 Tu B'shevat Seder	<b>26</b> 7:00 University Series	<b>27</b> 4:00 Religious School 6:30 Hebrew 101 with Linda 7:00 Melton Program	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:30 Hebrew 102 with Maggie 1:45 Tanakh Study 7:30 Shabbat Service	<b>30</b> 8:45 Torah Study 9:30 Family Service 10:00 Shabbat Service 10:00 Shabbat School
<b>31</b> 5:00 Room at the Inn						