CHJ HIGH HOLIDAYS 2015 RESERVATION FORM See page 3

Rosh Hashanah: 10:30 A.M., Monday, September 14, 2015
Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre: 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Yom Kippur Memorial, Closing Services and Break-the Fast: 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015

Saturday, October 10 at 10:30 A.M.
Shabbat Service & Speaker Suzanne Cunningham Dickie on The Affordable Care Act: The Law & Some Recent Developments

Following our 10:30 A.M. Shabbat Service, Speaker Suzanne Cunningham Dickie will speak to us on The Affordable Care Act: The Law & Some Recent Developments.

Dickie is Professor Emerita of Philosophy at Loyola University Chicago where she taught for 19 years. On retirement, she and her husband moved to Bradenton where she has been active with the Democratic Party, Florida League of Women Voters’ Speaker Bureau, and is the 2014-2015 Chair of the LWV-Manatee Health Committee. She is also a member of the Manatee Healthcare Alliance and a participant in County Health Assessment. She has received many awards, and has made more than 50 presentations on The ACA.

Saturday, October 24 at 10:30 A.M.
Shabbat Service & Tony D’Souza speaking on Man About Town

After our 10:30 A.M. Shabbat Service, we will welcome award winning journalist, Tony D’Souza. The title of his presentation will be Man About Town when he will discuss what he learned while investigating the homeless dilemma in Sarasota, along with other Sarasota problems that fly under the radar. He is an investigative journalist, a writer of fiction, a guest on A&E, NPR, BBC, CNN and was twice selected by his peers to present speeches to United States ambassadors and foreign presidents at Peace Corps ceremonies.

Among the numerous awards he has received, D’Souza was the winner of the Florida Book Award, Florida Magazine and Arts and Cultural Alliance award of Sarasota County. His work has appeared in Mother Jones, The New Yorker, The Literary Review, Esquire, and this month he was honored by the State of Florida with the Florida Magazine Award for Social Justice.

D’Souza received a B.A. in English from Carthage College, Wis., an M.A. at Hollins University, Va., and an M.F.A. from the University of Notre Dame, after which he worked on a kibbutz in Israel, and cycled across Europe. Later he joined the Peace Corps and worked in Cote D’Ivoire, where he said that his greatest challenge was not the language, diet, work, or using a brick outhouse, but the overpowering ongoing violence.

He is the father of two and son of CHJ President Alice D’Souza. He will present inside information on what is happening in Sarasota that we don’t usually, if ever, hear about.
From our President Alice D’Souza

For all of us who have spent the summer here in Sarasota, it’s almost over. But restaurants still have great offers, it’s easy to get from one place to another, there is still parking at the beaches, and it’s just fun to be here.

What a summer it has been full of history making events in our world. Should I mention we now have equal marriage across the U.S.A? The Confederate Flag is being removed from places where it is a painful reminder of hate? The courts have restated we do have separation of Church and State, and many symbols that represent religion are being removed from government properties? And, we still have The Affordable Care Act, which is the subject of our October 10 speaker’s presentation. With all of that, we must continue to be on guard and aware of the many ways some people continue to insist that their religion is the only religion.

As Humanists we represent a very small segment of our society and as Humanistic Jews we become even smaller. We are a very determined people committed to preserving our history and culture in a very Humanistic way. As we approach the High Holidays we will be reminded of all the good we do and of all the losses we have endured over the past year. We will also be reminded how important Humanistic Judaism is in our lives and how diverse we all are and, yet, how much of a family CHJ is. No matter how much we love CHJ, we can’t grow unless we have new members. It’s up to each of us to reach out to another person about who we are. Bring someone to a Service or a Program. It’s also important that when we have guests and new members we make them feel welcome. Each of us is an ambassador representing CHJ. Please help new people feel welcome and prove that ours is a welcoming congregation.

Our CHJ Ritual Committee has been hard at work preparing for the Holidays; we think you will find the services to be truly beautiful and meaningful. Your Board, Committee Members and all those involved are planning for a New Year which we hope will give us all more reason for being with CHJ.

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By now you should have received your packet with the dues information. PayPal is a great way to pay; you will get your credit card points and won’t have to worry about the mail.

As a reminder, we can always use your help. We need greeters for visitors and new members, with the Oneg, with setting up for services, programs and education and many other things. From my perspective, if you like and enjoy what we are doing, please tell everyone. If not, tell me.

With sincere appreciation for all you do and who you are, Alice D’Souza

July Board Action

- Approved a CHJ Education program be held in Fellowship Hall on December 19, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.
- Approved all High Holiday Service charges for members and non-members remain unchanged. Non-members who join within 60 days will receive dues reduction equal to the cost of their High Holidays reservation fee.
- Approved a High Holiday ad be placed in the Jewish News of Sarasota-Manatee. Also, an ad be placed in the annual Federation Jewish Connection.

No August Board Action

Board of Directors

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The Board meets at 3:30 P.M. on the second Monday of every month at the Roskamp Center for Arts and Humanities, 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

All CHJ members are welcome.

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Board Appointed Designee to SHJ:

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CONGREGATION FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM  
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All Services will be at Unity, on the North side of Proctor Rd. between US-41 and Beneva Rd  

No tickets will be sent. A reservation list will be kept at the door.  

RESERVATION COUPON  
Members attend free. Members without guests can e-mail their reservation but must indicate names, services they will be attending & if they plan to bring Kugel on September 23.  
E-mail: chjsarasota@hotmail.com  

A $25 charge for each adult family member guest covers all services.  
Children under 18, College Students and Members of the Armed Services are free.  

Non-Members and Members with guests must send in this coupon!! Please send coupon and check payable to CHJ no later than September 4, 2015 and mail (no e-mail) to: 
CHJ, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231.  

Name/s: ____________________________________________________________________  
Phone: _____________________________________________________________________  
Address: ___________________________________________________________________  

Please indicate which services you will attend and the number of people attending. (We need to know which services you will attend so we can adequately prepare for seating and meals.)  
Rosh Hashanah Service and Lunch: #_______  
Yom Kippur Kol Nidre: #_______  
Memorial Service and Break-the-Fast: #_______ I will make & bring Kugel _____ type_____  

NON-MEMBERS INFORMATION  
Number Attending Cost  
$100 per person flat fee to attend any or all services _______ $______  

Please indicate in coupon above which services you will attend. Total Enclosed $______  

Non-members with questions, please call CHJ Office at 929-7771  
**Non-members who join within 60 days will receive a reduction in dues for 2015-16 fiscal year equal to the cost of their reservations.**  

Make checks payable to CHJ and mail with coupon no later than September 4, 2015 to: 
CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.  

YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOKLET  
CHJ Members: Please indicate below names of loved ones - not already in our Yahrzeit data base - whom you would like to have listed. Print clearly! See article at bottom of page 4 for all details. 
Return no later than September 4, 2015 to: CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.  
Names will be listed whether or not you are present at the service. There is no charge.
September Yahrzeit

David Abrams, brother of Carol Heckert
Gordon Arora, husband of Jo Arora
Jacob Black, father of Donald Black
Paulette Block, mother of André Block
Leah Chemerow, loved one of
   Ellie & Ben Chemerow
Benson T. Chertok, husband of Barbara Chertok
Sidney Factor, father of Arnold Factor
Sam Farber, father of Bernard Farber
Bernice Gadon, sister of Sandra Siegel
Ruth Gordon, loved one of
   Pamela Gordon & Marvin Waldman
Lee Hecht, mother of Sora Yelin
Albert Himfar, loved one of Betty Weiner
Lance Jacobson, son of Frederika Jacobson
Esther Levy, mother of Carol Levy
Jake Levy, father of Carol Levy
Sydney Louis, husband of Stephanie Louis
Nahum Rabinovich, father of Alla Rabinovich
Michael Rifkin, loved one of Shirley Rifkin-Cohen
Clayton Shore, husband of Sheila Namiot Shore
Herman Spiegeland, father of Barbara Relles
Rosalie Temmer, wife of Paul Temmer
Helene Ulin, mother of Walt Ulin
Edith Vendeland, mother of Jack Vendeland
Edith Weiner, loved one of Betty Weiner

September Birthdays

Alice Berman         September 1
Pauline Kabcenell    September 2
Sylvia Stock         September 3
Rhoda Rothschild     September 5
Lola Laubheim        September 7
Terry Dolgov         September 11
Helen Faden          September 15
Samuel Kaplan        September 17
Sora Yelin           September 18
Joseph Boston        September 21
Sandra Rickman       September 22
Stephen Loewenthal   September 24

September Anniversaries

Joan & Donald Bornstein Sept. 8 52nd
Carol Heckert & Ken Heckert Sept. 8 24th

MEMBERS' OBITUARIES

When a fellow member who is a close friend dies, please consider submitting an anecdote or story which made your friend special to you and the Congregation. Your submission could then be incorporated into the obituary article on our We Will Remember Them page. On the other hand, a full obituary would be very welcome. Please contact Jo Arora at tajdurbar@yahoo.com.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Ilse Mack has moved to:
1299 N. Tamiami Trail, Apt. 725, Sarasota, FL34236.
Her phone number and e-mail remain the same.

OOPS! Apologies To Marvin Rosen

We are sorry for omitting your birthday in the August Birthday listing. Marvin’s birthday is August 27.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOKLET

Read This If You Want Your Loved Ones’ Names to Be Remembered at the September 23 Service

On Wednesday, September 23, at our 3:00 P.M. Memorial Service, a booklet will be available that includes the names of our loved ones whose Yahrzeit we observe throughout the year. The only names that will be read aloud will be of those CHJ members who have died since the last High Holidays.

Only those names in our data base will be included in the booklet, which will be printed at no cost to our members. If there are names you wish included that are not already in our data base, send that information to the office by completing the coupon at the bottom of the High Holidays reservation form on page 3. (You do not have to be present at the service for the names to be listed in the booklet.)
**Coming Events**

**Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 A.M.**
**Thanksgiving Service and presentations by**

**Denise Cotler on What Hunger Looks Like in Sarasota, and**

**Ann Morrison on Community Haven**

After our **10:30 A.M. Kristallnacht Service**, there will be a brief introduction to the history of Kristallnacht. We will learn what this night brought to two individuals with quite different exposures to the tragic event and the impact it had on their lives. They will share deeply personal and poignant perspectives. Sit back and bring to mind your memories. There will be a 15 minute period for audience participation.

**Laszlo Biro**. In 1944 when he was 15, Laszlo Biro and his parents were moved by the Germans from their native Hungary to an Austrian labor camp. Laszlo’s comment from the camp reflected the reality: “We were thrilled that the American bombers overhead meant the end of the war was near. On the other hand, those bombs they were dropping were landing on us.”

At the end of the war, the family returned home where Laszlo continued his education, graduating from Kossuth University with an M.D. He finished a specialization in dermatology before the 1956 Hungarian uprising. Then he got himself across the border and came to America. A nine-month comprehensive course and an internship at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, enabled him to be relicensed in this country. Forty years ago, Biro founded Bay Ridge Skin & Cancer Dermatology, Brooklyn, which is still in operation.

**Joe Newman** will share his experience of Kristallnacht from an American perspective. Newman, a CHJ member, was born in Chicago on January 13, 1913. Two years later his family moved to South Bend. He attended South Bend High School, and graduated cum laude in Accounting at Notre Dame University. He moved to Boston where he had hopes of going to law school, but due to lack of funding he accepted a job with the Social Security Administration. In 1945, he went into private practice as an accountant, retiring in 1979.

**Saturday, November 11 at 10:30 A.M.**
**Kristallnacht Service, and**

**Speakers Laszlo Biro and Joe Newman on A Remembrance**

Following our **10:30 A.M. Thanksgiving Service**, Denise Cotler of All Faiths Food Bank will speak on What Hunger Looks Like in Sarasota. Cotler joined All Faiths Food Bank in January 2014 as Senior Director of Development. Previously she served as Director of Development for the Jewish Housing Council Foundation, Associate Director for the American Cancer Society and Development Associate for The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.

Cotler earned her B.Sc. in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Stony Brook University and recently earned her CFRE, Certified Fund Raising Executive. Originally from New York City, she has 2 sons ages 17 and 20, a new husband and stepson, and a dog named Charley.

We will also welcome back Annie Morrison speaking on Community Haven. Performer/Writer/Theater Award Winner Morrison is also the Co-Founder/Artistic Director of Kaleidoscope Theater...a musical theatre program for persons with developmental differences, and Gotta Van Productions celebrating solo performances and new small cast plays that illuminate the human condition especially that of those who are perceived as “other than.”

Community Haven empowers independence and inclusion in all aspects of society for children, teenagers and adults with disabilities by meeting their needs for therapy, education, socialization, housing, fitness, vocational training, job placement and recreation.

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**ANOTHER INTERESTING 2015 EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE WORKS:**

**IRENE MIRKOVIC - A NEW 4-PART SERIES OF HOLOCAUST FILMS**

**DATES & TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED**
Do you have someone you would like to honor, a special event, an occasion, or perhaps you would just like to sponsor a 2015-16 CHJ Program?

After you've had a chance to check our Calendar for 2015-2016, please think about what you might like to sponsor. There is a new list of Sponsorship Funds:

- A SPECIFIC SHABBAT SERVICE FUND
- SPEAKER/PROGRAM FUND
- ONEG/HOSPITALITY FUND
- ADDITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND

Your $200 contribution will make you the sponsor for any one of the above. You may do it on your own or with one or two others. You will be identified as the sponsor(s) of that program on our Calendar and below the articles about that program in The Connection. You will also have the honor of lighting the candles during the service preceding the program. Please contact the CHJ office at 941-929-7771, to let us know your preference.
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Coordinator: Norman Freeman
Biking: Sandy Siegel
Board Games: need volunteer
Book Group: need volunteer
Bridge: (monthly evening)
Chavurah: Renee Crames
Digital Photography: 3rd Tuesday:
Foreign Film Group: 4th Tuesday
Foreign Film Group: 4th Tuesday
Film Forum: 4th Tuesday,
Foreign Film Group: 4th Tuesday
4:30 p.m.: Joan Fox
Humanaires: Sandy Cadman
Jewish History: Stan Katz
Movie Group 1: Last Friday
3:30 p.m.
Men’s Group: Jerry Paskovitz
Reel Talk (foreign films):
Singles Group: Barbara Chertok
Sunsetters: Barbara and Gerry Shapiro, 3rd Sunday at Lido
Wine Tasting Groups: Ron & Joan Fox

Committee Contacts:

BackPack Kids: Don Marshall
Caring Committee, Cards &
Tributes: Alice D’Souza, Solo
Schiffman
Chavurah Groups: Renee Crames
Data Base Manager: Barb Shapiro
Education: Harriet Lane, Pat Seftel
Funerals: Terry Langlois, Joan Fox
Hospitality: Amy Eliezer
Member Name Tags: Stephanie Louis
New & Prospective Members:
Susan Friedman, Arlene Pearlman,
Judy & Mike Beltzman
New Member Brunch/Coffee:
Susan Friedman, Arlene Pearlman,
Judy & Mike Beltzman
Noteworthy Activities: Edith Sack
Reservations: CHJ Office
Visitor Desk: Eileen & Stephen Brown, Lois Altman

By-Laws: Lou Altman

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All telephone numbers and emails are in your CHJ Members list. If you find mistakes in your listing, call or email the office with changes.
All corrected, up-dated and new member information will be in the CHJ Connection.
A Clique in the Congregation
(Adapted from article in June 2015 e-issue of Speedster Antique Automobile Club of America)

Word has been received by the Board of your Congregation that it is being run by a clique.

Upon investigation, we have found this statement to be true. Furthermore, we find the clique is composed of faithful members who go to meetings, who give willingly of their time, energies and efforts, and who sincerely believe that the more one puts into his or her congregation, the more they will get out of it.

There is no question that the enthusiasm, responsibility and efforts of those members are of inestimable value to the Congregation and we would therefore suggest that you join this clique. It's easy. Begin by attending meetings, take a lively interest in congregation activities, make helpful constructive suggestions and accept responsibilities to serve on committees.

Before you realize it, you will become a member of the clique and you will be surprised to find how anxious they are to have YOU. Submitted by Alice D’Souza.

Calendar & Who’s Who
Our new Calendar and Who’s Who can be found back-to-back on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.
Don’t forget to cut it out and keep for future reference.

American Bar Association’s Women Trailblazers Project
CHJ member, Sonia Pressman Fuentes has been interviewed on six occasions for the American Bar Association’s Women Trailblazers Project. For details: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/senior_lawyers/resources/women_trailblazers_project.html. The oral interviews themselves will be housed in the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America in Cambridge, Mass. and the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Special & Social Groups

CHAVURAH We have two Chavurah groups embarked on new friendships and experiences. Become involved in starting the next Chavurah and enjoy the fellowship, intellectual contact and pleasure of sharing with fellow CHJ members. Contact Renee Crames at Reneecrames@yahoo.com to join or for information.

BIKERS The group rides monthly, usually on a Saturday morning. We ride about 1-1/2 hours and try to choose new scenic routes. The group will resume in the fall. Contact Sandy Siegel at 927-4645 or sandra-siegel3600@gmail.com.

Photo “Decisions”, by Sandy Siegel, taken on one of the rides.

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR A FUN YEAR FOR ALL!!!!
As the New Year approaches, as always, there's room for new Special and Social Groups within the CHJ family. We need volunteers to lead both our Book Group and Board Games Group. All interested, please e-mail Norman at normannfrmn@comcast.net or call the CHJ office at 929-7771.

Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity. It affirms that human beings possess the power and responsibility to shape their own lives, and that ethics and morality are not divine in origin but are human responsibilities. Our mission is to meet the needs of humanist, secular Jews as well as their non-Jewish family members/partners and friends in the greater Sarasota and Manatee area.
HUMANAIRES. Our chorus is now well engaged in rehearsals with conductor Robert Lischetti as we prepare for the High Holiday services. We meet every Wednesday from mid-August to the end of April in the Unity Sanctuary at 2:30 P.M. If you love to sing and especially if blending your voice with voices of others gives you joy, then this is the group for you! It is a perfect time to join with us as we prepare our music for the High Holidays when we will sing at all three of the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Though the rest of the specific services at which we'll be singing haven't yet been selected, we will be part of about a total of 14 CHJ services. There is no audition. Please check us out. We are a warm and welcoming group and we'll be delighted to see you.

If you don't sing but would like to be part of the gift of song the chorus brings to our congregation, please consider becoming a Humanaires Associate. We're seriously in need of more associates who are able to help in the AV booth projecting lyrics on the screen for the benefit of those assembled at our services, plus associates to do other tasks related to the chorus.

For further information about being a singer or an associate with The Humanaires, please contact Sandy Cadman at s.g.cadman@hotmail.com or 941-379-9894.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH APPLES AND HONEY, AND A TASTE OF JEWISH HISTORY!!

THE JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR will meet next on Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 PM at Unity, Classroom B. It will be our only meeting in September since Yom Kippur is September 23rd. Lois Altman will lead our discussion. The topics and pages for the September 9th session (Barnavi, Historical Atlas of the Jewish People) are:

1. The Ashkenazi Mosaic (pp. 122-123)
2. Mamluk Palestine (pp. 124-125)
3. The Jews of Italy (pp. 126-127)

For information call Stan Katz at 343-0095.

DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP (DIG) We meet at 1:30 P.M. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at The Fountains Cinema, Parking Lot #4. An assignment is made and members e-mail their required pictures, along with the best picture taken during the past 30 days. Photos are projected onto a large screen and editing software is applied to demonstrate possible enhancements. In addition, tutorials are presented with some guidance for the next month’s assignment. Camera functions and general photography tips are addressed. New Members are welcome. For further information contact Jules Altenberg at jules@altenberg.com.

SUNSETTERS Ours is always an open group that can accommodate an infinite number of people. We meet on the 3rd Sunday every month on Lido Beach – in front of the pavilion. Our only agenda is the sunset. It is very informal and casual. We arrive about 1-1/2 hours prior to sunset. Bring your own picnic dinner (something you can grasp, like a sandwich, because the seagulls are hungry.) Bring chairs, of course. If you’d like to join us, contact Barbara Shapiro at ms.shappy@verizon.net or 365-3756.

Yet again outdone by Mother Nature, a group of intrepid Sunsetters adjourned to Harry’s for a very social outing sans sun, sand and/or surf. A good time was had by all.
BACKPACK PROGRAM for KIDS
The All Faiths Food Bank is starting its BackPack Program for schools on September 9.
Packing will be done from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. every Wednesday - with a few holiday exceptions.
We can use one or two volunteers throughout the school year.
Filling the Back Packs can be done sitting if you wish.
If you are interested in this Mitzvah please contact
Don Marshall at 371 5567 or sarasotadon2msn.com.

Caring Committee Needs Volunteers!
The Caring Committee needs volunteers to help with hospital/home/assisted living visits and telephone calls.
If you wish to volunteer – or if you need help - please call
Alice D'Souza at 735-1937 or the Office at 929-7771.

"Lawsuit, Shmawsuit"

The first reported use of "chutzpah" was in 1972, in an opinion of the Georgia Court of Appeals. We’re happy to say it was quite apt: breaking into a sheriff’s office to steal guns qualifies as chutzpah in our book. The four times "chutzpah" was used in published opinions in 1973, the courts didn’t even bother to give a definition. ….it’s been used over two hundred times since 1980. During the same period, the word “temerity” (a woefully inadequate substitute) was used only about two hundred sixty times, and “unmitigated gall” a mere thirteen.

There is, of course, one obvious question that must be on every reader’s mind at this juncture: what about "schmuck"? Regrettably, we were stymied in our schmuck search by the fact that many people are actually named Schmuck. This is an unfortunate circumstance for researchers, and even worse for the poor Schmucks themselves.

The same happens to be true of “putz” and of “mensch.” We’d much rather be named "mensch" than "schmuck," but, oddly enough, a search for NAME (SCHMUCK) found 87 cases and NAME (MENSCH) found only 63 cases. Perhaps this is because there are more schmucks than mensches in the world; but wouldn’t the real schmucks change their names so as to better fool people, and real mensches change theirs out of modesty? Excerpts from article in 103 Yale Law Journal 463.

IMPORTANT!
As of September 1, please note that the specific funds for Sponsors and Tributes will change.
New Sponsor funds ($200, or more) can be found on page 6, beneath our 2015-2016 Calendar.
The changes to Tribute funds ($10, or more) are listed below.

A tribute is a wonderful way to recognize any occasion and benefit CHJ.
Complete this form and send your check for $10 or more made out to CHJ.

Please circle the fund in which your donation should be placed:

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Please accept my donation to the Berman Music Fund in honor of my son, Neil B. Schiffman, who passed away July 29, 2015. The cards, e-mails and phone calls from the congregation are much appreciated. Neil was an Eagle Scout and an Iron Man Triathlete. His body was donated to Stanford University for further studying of "Non Smoking Lung Cancer" so that he may be of help to others as he was helped these past four years. Solo Schiffman

Berman Music Fund

"For Marilyn Golden - to commemorate your 60-year partnership with Sy - a Special Union!"
From Fagie and Dan Perlmutter

"For Sy Golden - to remember a wonderful, thoughtful human being," from Carol and Erwin Segal
"For Solo - in memory of her son, Neil Schiffman," from Adrienne and Howard Feltman

Education Fund

“Happy Anniversary to Sandi and Steve Cooper,” from Alice D’Souza
In memory of Sy Golden, from Amy Eliezer
For Solo Schiffman on the loss of her son - "Solo, you are not alone - many arms are around you," from Alice D’Souza
For Solo Schiffman - "In memory of your son, Neil. We all share your great loss," from Jo Arora
"For Sim and Irv Lesser on the loss of your loved one," from Alice D’Souza

"Happy Anniversary to Edith and Barney Sack - just think, you’re still talking to each other!"
From Alice D’Souza

“Happy Anniversary to Barbara and Howie Relles,” from Alice D’Souza

General Fund

"In memory of Neil Schiffman - Solo Schiffman's son," from Sonia Fuentes

"In memory of Solo Schiffman’s son, Neil - with deepest sympathy,” from Edith and Barney Sack

“In memory of Sy Golden, from Sonia Fuentes

"In memory of Sim and Irv Lesser’s son-in-law, Scott 'McKenzie' Friedman, with love from Edith and Barney”

"In honor of Sylvia Stock's birthday, with love from Edith and Barney”
For Solo Schiffman - "May the outpouring of sympathy, the acts of kindness from friends and the comfort of knowing your loss is felt by many, help you through this difficult time. Hoping you find the courage and strength to move forward in peace and in knowing that his was a life well lived. Sending you peace and good will," from Norine and John Zimmer

"In memory of a fine man - Sy Golden," from Judith and Donald Black

Speaker/Program Fund

For Solo Schiffman - "In memory of her son, Neil Schiffman," from Lois Altman
For Sim and Irv Lesser - "In memory of their son-In-law, Scott, with our deepest sympathy," from Susan and Marty Friedman
For Solo Schiffman - "In memory of her son, Neil, with our deepest sympathy," from Susan and Marty Friedman

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.
Blaise Pascal, (1623-1662)
SHJ Signs onto Coalition Statement Opposing Reinstatement of Global Gag Rule

We join together as diverse voices from a variety of sectors to oppose any effort to reinstate the harmful global gag rule, also known as the Mexico City Policy. While the Helms Amendment restricts U.S. foreign assistance funding for abortions “as a method of family planning,” the global gag rule goes a step further by preventing foreign organizations using their own funds to provide information, referrals, or services for legal abortion or to advocate for access to abortion services in their own country from receiving U.S. international family planning assistance.

The global gag rule causes serious harm in countries around the world. The policy interferes with the doctor-patient relationship by restricting medical information healthcare providers may offer, limits free speech by prohibiting local citizens from participating in public policy debates, and impedes women’s access to family planning by cutting off funding for many of the most experienced health care providers who have chosen to prioritize quality reproductive-health services and counseling over funding that restricts care and censors information.


SHJ Celebrates SCOTUS Marriage Equality Decision

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled by a 5-to-4 vote that the Constitution guaranteed a right to same-sex marriage. This long awaited ruling made marriage equality the law of the land. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority, "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were." Marriage is a "keystone of our social order," Kennedy continued, adding that the plaintiffs in the case were seeking "equal dignity in the eyes of the law." On the Move, August 2015.

DELI MAN

A New Film about an Endangered Species: The Jewish Deli Submitted by Edith Kaplan

There’s something about the Jewish deli. Every bite into piping hot pastrami and corned beef, kreplach and goulash, is a step back in time. In the 20th century, the gastronomic traditions of Jewish immigrants from Eastern and Central Europe combined to create a culinary institution that’s distinctly American.

But with today’s low-calorie food trends, schmaltz-soaked smoked meat sandwiches have fallen out of favor. And young assimilated Jews don’t crave whitefish salad and cabbage soup like their grandparents did. There were once thousands of Jewish delis in New York City alone. Now there are only 150 in all of North America.

Erik Greenberg-Anjou’s new documentary Deli Man celebrates the stubborn deli owners keeping the American tradition alive. Its star is the affable and obsessive Ziggy Gruber, a third-generation deliman and owner of Kenny & Ziggy’s in Houston. “When I cook, I feel my ancestors around. And that’s what drives me.”

With the rising price of meat, running a deli is a “mental illness,” one owner says, half-jokingly. Gruber even visits an acupuncturist to treat his stress. So why do it? Because, says actor Jerry Stiller in the film, “it’s more than just food. It’s for the soul, for the heart.” Excerpt, 02/27/15, by Avishay Artsy. From www.TheJewniverse.com.

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