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**Saturday, November 21 at 10:30 A.M.**  
**Thanksgiving Service with the Humanaires and presentations by Denise Cotler on What Hunger Looks Like in Sarasota, and Ann Morrison on Community Haven**

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 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. She has two sons, a new husband and stepson, and a dog named Charley.

We will also welcome back Ann Morrison speaking on *Community Haven*. Morrison is 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 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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From our President Alice D’Souza

I feel the need to make a few comments that, for me and for all of us, are very important. I also need to be very careful not to become political, but that’s difficult.

I am horrified by the continued shootings in our country. My feeling is that the terrible daily hate rhetoric from leaders of both parties is a contributing factor. We have all lived long enough to know that if you tell the hateful lies often enough they are seen as the truth, and will continue the erosion of civil liberties and encourage total disrespect for the law of the land. Those who hold the microphones own the airwaves, set the tone of our citizens who are already on the fringe and give them the perceived power to discriminate. Anyone who is an immigrant with an accent, a person of color, and any one who is not a Christian can all be targets. Where were we as a nation during the Nazi uprising 78 years ago? We cannot turn our backs now on those in desperate need of help?

We know who we are as humanists, we know the meaning of Tikkun Olam and we continue to strive through our social actions to do our part to repair a fractured world. Every little grain of sand helps build the shore.

This year, we have a series of wonderful program speakers, all of which are listed here in The Connection. Our Education Committee, once again, brought Irene Mirkovic to enlighten us - this time with Holocaust films from an American perspective. Stan Katz has the on-going Jewish History Seminar that welcomes all. Our Ritual Committee, headed by Sandi Cooper, continues to be busy coordinating service topic and speaker; they are doing an absolutely wonderful job. The Humanaires under the direction of Robert Lischetti accompanied by Zara Bahroyan are a joy to hear.

We continue to collect food every Saturday for All Faiths Food Bank. Don’t forget to bring what you can. The BOGOs are a good way to have a bit extra in your pantry.

With great success, Len Rosen has worked hard collecting money for our BackPack Program for Kids. This is one of our major SAC projects as a congregation. All Faiths Food Bank fills 1,500 bags every week for needy school kids just in Sarasota. There are always requests for more, but thus far that’s all the Food Bank can fill.

Our Onegs this year will be more modest than in the past. However, if a person sponsors an Oneg and makes a special request it will be honored by a special Oneg for the occasion.

There are two pews set aside for those who need to be closer to the hearing loop. You will find them on the right-hand side of the sanctuary, facing the podium.

Please be sure to read your copy of The Connection so you don’t miss anything. If you are not here, we will miss you.

Shalom, Alice D’Souza

October Board Action

October Board Action will be included in the December issue.

Wanted: Oneg Sponsors!

Now’s the time to sign up for a favorite speaker or holiday.

Celebrate a significant anniversary or birthday or any other memorable occasion. You can share in what makes CHJ special. The Oneg sponsorship donation is $200 which you can share with another CHJ member or do by yourself. We thank you!

E-mail Amy Eliezer at adeliezer@gmail.com or 342-3413

The nationalist not only does not disapprove of atrocities committed by his own side, he has a remarkable capacity for not even hearing about them. George Orwell

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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: Ellie Altman 847-323-2104

Advisor to SHJ: Lou Altman 847-530-2104
CHJ Sustaining Members & Friend Donors
The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism extends a heartfelt thanks to the individuals and couples named below who have chosen to add to their annual dues. Friend Donors have donated under $100 and Sustaining Members have donated more than $100.

Their combined generosity has added $4590 to CHJ’s coffers, contributing considerably to CHJ’s ability to meet the needs of our members.
We thank you very much!

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Eleanor & Louis Altman
Lois Altman
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Barry Shapiro
Sheila Namiot (Shore)
& Marvin Rosen
Ruth Weinberg

Carl Sagan, a Humanistic Judaism Role Model, Remembered on Carl Sagan Day, November 9

“Sagan recalled taking his first trips to the public library alone, at the age of five, when his mother got him a library card. He wanted to learn what stars were...”

“I went to the librarian and asked for a book about stars ... and the answer was stunning. It was that the Sun was a star but really close. The stars were suns, but so far away they were just little points of light ... The scale of the universe suddenly opened up to me. It was a kind of religious experience. There was a magnificence to it, a grandeur, a scale which has never left me. Wikipedia.

There are beautiful videos available at the Carl Sagan Portal; on You-Tube, e.g. The Fifth Great Ape (Carl Sagan Speaks Zeitgeist); and at Carl Sagan’s Cosmos. Sagan addresses the relationship between science and religion in his video A Universe Not Made for Us, or you can listen to Sagan’s last interview with Charlie Rose. Adaptation of article in Kesher, September 25, 2015.
Coming Events

Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 A.M.
Chanukah Service and the CHJ Readers
performing short Jewish plays. Directed by Addie Rosen

Addie Rosen has been involved in theater for most of her life. In high school and at Douglass College she was an actress, dancer and singer. After settling in New Jersey, she was one of the organizers of a community theater group which flourished for about 25 years. During those years, in addition to acting and singing, she served as choreographer, director, and playwright. Since moving to Florida, Addie has performed in community theater and is an active member of the Asolo Rep Theater Guild Readers who perform for such groups as the visiting Road Scholars and local social groups, raising funds to enable school children to attend live theater.

Some years ago, Addie organized and directed our CHJ Readers in excerpts from *The Bintle Briefs*. Several of the moving selections brought tears to our eyes. This year, the CHJ Readers want to make us laugh.

*This Program is Sponsored by Addie & Len Rosen*

*The Oneg is Sponsored by Janet & Ron Sheff in Celebration of their 67th Wedding Anniversary*

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**The Revisionaries**

December 19, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. – at Unity in Fellowship Hall

*The Revisionaries* is a 2012 documentary film about the re-election of Don McLeroy, the former chairman of the Texas Board of Education. The documentary focuses on McLeroy's opposition to scientifically sound material that he believed should not be taught to Texas students, and to his campaign to insert creationist teaching into public school textbook material requirements.

It also details how the Texas Board's decisions on textbook content influence textbooks across the nation and affect the American culture war. *The Revisionaries* was directed by Scott Thurman and produced by Silver Lining Films, Magic Hour Productions and Naked Edge Films. (92 minutes).

CHJ Members Free. Non-members - $5.00

REGISTER for this film by completing this registration form.
Registration is required for both members, and non members, along with your check if you are a non-member.

Mail to: CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.
CHJ members may e-mail Name(s), Home Phone, and Address, to chjsarasota@hotmail.com or phone the CHJ office at 929-7771. Register by December 12.
CHJ members free. Non-members - $5.00.

# of people_____ $________ CHJ Member ( ) ( )
Yes No

Name(s) Home Phone Address

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NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CARING COMMITTEE

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 CHJ office at 929-7771.

In the first place God made idiots. Then he made school boards. *Mark Twain*
November Yahrzeit

Nate Altenberg, father of Jules Altenberg
Irving Bachman, father of Ruth Weinberg
Henry Cohn, father of Sandra Rickman
Lois Cohn, mother of Sandra Rickman
Rene Edman, mother of Jill Factor
Matilda Feltman, loved one of
   Adrienne & Howard Feltman
Manuel Forman, husband of Natalie Forman
Jerry Gotthelf, husband of Shirley Gotthelf
Rudolph Jacobson, husband of
   Frederika Jacobson
Mercy Jaques Schindler, sister of Damien Jaques
Felix Jay, father of Jo Arora
Ludwig Kahn, father of Barbara Shapiro
Paula Kahn, mother of Barbara Shapiro
Judith Koral, wife of Alfred Koral
Fanny Levin, mother of Elaine Altenberg
Sidney Levin, father of Elaine Altenberg
Edith Machlis, mother of Myrna Block
Marsha Martonyi, daughter of Bernard Farber
Solomon Neumark, father of Terry Dolgov
Yohavet Neumark, mother of Terry Dolgov
Myrtle Nissenthal, mother of Karen Roth
Peggy Paskovitz, wife of Jerry Paskovitz
Freda Rubin, mother of Stephanie Louis
Sara Sack, mother of Barney Sack
Karen Shapiro, wife of Barry Shapiro
Nathan Silverstein, father of Phil Silverstein
Eleanor Thaler, mother of Eileen Brown
Max Thaler, father of Eileen Brown
Cary Yelin, husband of Sora Yelin
Henry Yelin, father-in-law of Sora Yelin
Sidney Young, husband of Irma Young
Abraham Ziskind, father of Marcy Moore

Welcome New Member

Peter Koral
1508 Pelican Cove Rd, #GR-134
Sarasota, FL 34231

Don’t Forget to Bring Food to our Saturday Morning Services

Please bring your non-perishable food contributions for All Faiths Food Bank with you to every Saturday morning Shabbat Service.
There are more hungry Sarasotans in need than ever before.

November Birthdays

Sasha Koulis  November 1
Fagie Perlmutter  November 2
Damien Jaques  November 3
Marilyn Goldman  November 6
Susan Robinson  November 6
Barbara Chertok  November 7
Gilda Nobel  November 7
Bernie Gerbarg  November 10
Jack Vendeland  November 12
Annette Wolfe  November 12
Irv Horowitz  November 20
Renee Crames  November 21
Linda Vendeland  November 25
Kenneth Stock  November 27
Michael Beltzman  November 30

November Anniversaries

Judith & Donald Black  Nov. 2  19th
Susan & Stanley Gordon  Nov. 3  52nd
Helene & Menachem Hirmes  Nov. 24  47th
Annette & Ivan Krakowsky  Nov. 26  63rd
Susan & Joe Boston  Nov. 28  28th

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Lois Altman has a new e-mail address:
altmanlois@gmail.com

Save the Date

MITZVAH DAY
Sunday, February 21, 2016

Sponsorship Changes

Please note the following sponsorship changes were made after the October issue of The Connection went to press. The sponsorship dates have changed to:

October 24, Oneg: Alice D’Souza and Sonia Fuentes
December 5, Oneg: Janet and Ron Sheff (in honor of their 67th Wedding Anniversary).
Social Action Group Reforming!

Please join us and get involved in giving back to our wonderful community. Our first meeting will be held in my home at 750 N. Tamiami Trail, Unit 1617 on Monday, November 16 at 10:00 A.M. Please contact me if you are coming. My contact details are below.

We are already involved with the All Faith's Food Bank Backpack Program collecting nonperishable foodstuffs at every service, and our volunteers packing the BackPacks at All Faiths. During the past year we collected eyeglasses for the Lion’s Club, as well as warm clothing and diapers for dispersal to local charitable elements. We collected signatures in support of gun control. We continued to support Pridefest. We attended interfaith services, supported Separation of Church and State, and other social endeavors.

Our small SAC group has come up with additional community service programs to consider:

The Family Promise Sarasota Program (FPSP) entails supporting recently homeless families placed in temporary transitional spaces (churches, designated homes). We would partner with Temple Beth Shalom and for two weeks at a time, twice per year, would share the required duties in support of the families on-site. Responsibilities include providing dinners, an evening presence, with one person staying overnight in a private room. I have already been in contact with the program manager at FPSP and Beth Shalom’s coordinator, both of whom welcome our involvement and are ready to train those interested in volunteering.

Community Haven (CH) is another program in which several members of CHJ are already involved. You can donate your time assisting staff at the facility that services developmentally disabled children, teens and adults who are on-site daily or reside full time at CH. This remarkable program provides specialized services, including early childhood intervention, occupational training, school-to-career transition, employment, etc. Join us in making a difference in the lives of these Sarasota neighbors facing mental and physical challenges by offering your time, donations of money or items for sale in their shop. One member of our committee has offered to raise money for CH by organizing an outdoor fair on their extensive site.

Community-Wide Mitzvah Day, to be held on February 21, 2016, is being organized by the Synagogue Council of Sarasota-Manatee. This is a great opportunity to help our community. Detailed information will be given in The Connection at a later date.

Let’s make an impact! We cannot do it without your assistance. Please contact me with your offer to get involved in one of these rewarding programs and/or offer other worthy suggestions to be considered. Contact me: Lois Altman, Social Action Group Chair, 923-4347 or altmanlois@gmail.com. Todah Rabah!

Back Pack Appeal a huge SUCCESS!!!

As reported by Len Rosen at the end of the Sukkot service, the generous contributions of the Congregation exceeded our goal.

At the start of the appeal we knew we could support 40 children this year. As Len told us, we planned to add one additional child for every $160 donated over $3000. We hoped for enough to pack for 45 children.

Our congregants donated approximately $5000!!! So we will pack for 50 children this year, and will have a base for the next school year when, hopefully, we can raise our goal even higher.

GIVING THANKS - AN INTERFAITH SERVICE—Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 P.M.

Last year’s service and reception were terrific. Jews, Muslims and Christians shared the service, the music and lots of wonderful food and conversation. This year promises to be even better as our own Humanaires will be singing.

The only thing missing last year was a good showing of CHJ people. Please change that this year. Those few who came had the opportunity to speak to others about what we believe.

Rev. Glen Bell, the Minister of First Presbyterian Church, continues to make this service inclusive. As we all know, Humanists of every stripe are rarely invited to participate in interfaith events. I believe that it’s important that CHJ people have a presence.

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Arlene Pearlman
SHJ JOINS JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE EACH WOMAN ACT

The Society for Humanistic Judaism has joined with other Jewish organizations and signed on to a letter to Congress circulated by the National Council of Jewish Women... 

The letter shows Jewish community support for the EACH Woman Act, HR 2972, a bill to lift the Hyde Amendment that denies abortion coverage to some women because they are poor or are otherwise insured through a federal health plan/program. The letter goes on to say that “Each individual must be guaranteed fair treatment in exercising their constitutional right to access abortion, regardless of their income, type of insurance, or where they live. Ensuring this access to care is critical to uphold a woman’s religious liberty —... it is unjust for Congress to push abortion out of reach from a woman just because she is poor or due to the insurance she holds, and privileging the religious views of those who oppose abortion.” ... SHJ October 14, 2015
Sukkot Service and Speaker by Edith Sack

On October 10, CHJ members and guests were treated to a beautiful Sukkot Service (thank you Ritual Committee members and Robert Lischetti). If word-of-mouth is to be believed, the effort that went into this new service was very much appreciated.

The service dove-tailed nicely with an amazingly informative program; speaker Suzanne Cunningham Dickie held her audience in the palms of her very capable hands. The Affordable Care Act: The Law & Some Recent Developments was the topic for her presentation. Her delivery was SUCH a pleasure. Most of us actually understood all the many points Dr. Dickie made.

GOOD PROGRAMMING!

President Johnson and Sonia Fuentes
A note from, CHJ member, Sonia Fuentes

I thought you’d enjoy the attached picture, which appears on page 36 of the Summer 2015 magazine, Jewish Currents, a progressive, secular voice, as part 2 of an article called “The Jewish Left: A Visual History.”

The text says: “Sonia Pressman (Fuentes), one of several Jews among the founders of the National Organization for Women, shaking hands with President Lyndon Baines Johnson at the White House after the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, known as the Fair Housing Act.”

President Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act in April 1968. I was a lawyer in the Office of the General Counsel at the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) at the time and was invited to the signing and shook hands with the President and First Lady thereafter.

CHJ member Stephen I. Brown’s recent book Insights into Mathematical Thought: Excursions with Distributivity has been selected for inclusion in the collection The Best Writing on Mathematics edited by Mircea Pitici. [Princeton University Press 2015].

Brown held professorial appointments at Simmons College, Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Syracuse University. He has spent sabbatical leaves at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Georgia, and retired as a professor Emeritus from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has taught and authored numerous books on mathematics, education and philosophy.

In Mathematical Thought: Excursions with Distributivity, he has selected the distributive principle as a peephole to view mathematics from a humanistic perspective. Making use of metaphorical thinking, storytelling, interpretations of dreams, and connecting the field with humor, the book is intended to appeal to a wide variety of readers including teachers at many different levels of instruction, as well as others who would like to experience an elaboration of mathematical thought beyond what is viewed as strictly logical and non-personal.

This book confronts a popular misconception that all well formulated problems are solvable in theory. It explores historical examples of joy as well as anguish, frustration and fear associated with mathematicians’ attempts to cope with elusive problems.

In re-examining various popular number systems – “irrational numbers,” “negative numbers,” “imaginary numbers,” “complex numbers,” “transcendental numbers” – he explores why such threatening names are associated with what otherwise appear to be benign extensions of numbers.

The book examines some interesting analogies between mathematics and what is normally considered to belong to the humanities and to “real life.” It explores questions such as when and how newly acquired beliefs can be incorporated within existing belief systems and when they require major modification of previously held world views.

Get all the fools on your side and you can be elected to anything. Frank Dane
SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS

HOW TO JOIN
If you are interested in volunteering to lead a new or existing Special or Social Group or, simply seeking general information, please contact Norman at normannfrmnm@comcast.net or the CHJ office at 929-7771.

HUMANAIRES  Our Humanaires have been preparing for Kristallnacht and learning some new songs. Our director, Robert Lischetti, has started teaching "R'fuah Sh'leimah" (a song for those in need of support) to the congregation so that everyone can join in as we sing it at services. We have been invited to sing at the First Presbyterian Church as part of their Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 P.M. This is the first time we have been included in this program and we are hoping that many of our CHJ friends will plan on attending. (See page 7 for more details).

We are always open to new members for the chorus and if you love to sing we welcome you to join us. We meet from 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. every Wednesday in the sanctuary at Unity. For more information contact Sandy Cadman at 379-9894 or s.g.cadman@hotmail.com.

THE JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR
We will meet on November 11 and 25 at Unity Classroom B from 1:00 – 2:30 P.M.
Readings for November 11:  (Barnarvi) pp.134-139
Readings for November 25:  (Barnarvi) pp.140-145
For more information contact Stan Katz at 343-0095 or Terry Langlois at 524-3985.

(From the History Seminar Archives:  The renowned 17th century composer Johann Sebastian Bach was a great admirer of Klezmer music and the klezmorim who could play for hours without music.)

DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP (DIG) We meet at 2:30 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.

BIKERS  The group rides monthly, usually on a Saturday morning. We ride about 1-1/2 hours and try different places and new scenic routes. Scheduling is flexible depending on the weather. All are welcome. We go to lunch afterward or brown-bag it. The group will resume soon. For information contact Sandy Siegel at 927-4645 or sandrasiegel3600@gmail.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.
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.

TRIBUTES

Berman Music Fund
“For Lois Altman - in memory of Harry Scherzer,” from Sheila Rosenthal and Phil Silverstein
“For Solo Schiffman - in honor of her son, Neil Schiffman,” from Sheila Rosenthal and Phil Silverstein

General Fund
"For Sim and Irv Lesser - in fond memory of their beloved Prince, their very special family member,” from Edith and Barney Sack
"In memory of a dear and special friend, Harry Scherzer," from Lois Altman
"With thanks to the Special Five who put a glow on another old lady’s special day," from Edith Sack

A Message from Marilyn Golden
Thank you to all my CHJ friends who sent condolence notes and donations to CHJ and to charities all in Sy’s memory. My family and I were very moved at your caring and thoughtfulness. Because Sy loved CHJ so much, we will have a Memorial Service at Unity to honor his memory and life on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:30 A.M., followed by lunch.

We Will Remember Her

Betty Lee Piker, a longtime CHJ member with her husband Bob, passed away on September 24, 2015. She was born in Washington, D.C. When she was 18 she enrolled at the University of Maryland where she met her husband-to-be, Bob Piker. Bett and Bob were happily married for 67 years, until Bob’s death in 2014.

Bob secured a position in London and while living there Bett became a very accomplished sculptor, displaying her work in several shows where it won numerous awards. When they moved back to the U.S., she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Philadelphia College of Art.

On Bob’s retirement they moved to Sarasota where they made many friends, joining CHJ in 1997. They were very drawn into CHJ activities. Bett, who was an outstanding gourmet cook and baker, was involved with Onegs and events, and Bob was on the Board and By-Laws Committee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF.

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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Person/s to be recognized__________________________________________

Occasion __________________________________________________________

Donor ____________________________________________________________

A lovely card will be sent to the honoree and a notice will be placed in the next newsletter. Checks should be made out to CHJ noting the specific funds to which they are donated. Send all tributes to the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.
**A Clarification about Sponsorships**

CHJ is actively seeking sponsors for the coming season. Check our calendar and consider sponsoring (in whole or in part) any of the following:

1. A SPECIFIC SHABBAT SERVICE FUND (S)
2. SPEAKER/PROGRAM FUND (P)
3. ONEG/HOSPITALITY FUND (O)
4. ADDITIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND

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**CHJ Calendar November 2015—May 2016**

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