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

After our 10:30 a.m. Chanukah Service, Addie Rosen and her cast will be performing several Jewish plays. Addie 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—Joan Fox, Sonia Fuentes, Terry Langlois, Edith and Barney Sack, and Annette Wolfe—want to make us laugh.

This Program is Sponsored by Addie & Len Rosen

Check out the photo on page 6 of Addie Rosen and several cast members at a meeting with the playwright, Richard Orloff.

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 on 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
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From our President Alice D’Souza

It seems like the months go so much faster as we get older. It used to be, when time came to pay the bills I would always write the old year on my checks long into the new one and then mail them in. Now I do neither. My checks have been replaced by on-line banking and the mail has mostly been reduced to a series of ‘lols’ and emoticons. But like me, many of you must keep up with it in order to talk to your children, grandchildren, and friends. Rather than call us, they text and FaceTime. The autocorrect spell checker on my ‘smart’ phone changes what I meant to say to the strangest words and often I don’t even notice because I’m in a hurry, and my FaceTime camera gets turned around and I end up talking to myself with the child or grandchild telling me what button to touch to fix it. So go our new lives.

What does not change is our warm rich history and our rituals. We Humanistic Jews have rewritten rituals to ensure they are meaningful and inclusive for a very diverse population. Here at CHJ I feel a fantastic job is being accomplished. We Jews from many religious backgrounds have taken ownership of who we are and what we believe, and it’s ours. We are strong, relevant, and have among us some very revered members.

November 21 was our Thanksgiving service with speakers representing two Sarasota outreach programs - Community Haven and All Faiths Food Bank. On November 22 many of us attended a moving Interfaith Service at First Presbyterian Church where we heard our Humanaires and several other talented choral groups.

Our year has started with some of the most beautiful and meaningful services we have ever had. The Humanaires under the direction of Robert Lischetti have shown true growth, and the speakers have been outstanding. Everyone working behind the scenes wants this to be the year when we would regret missing any service.

To all our members in ill health: The entire congregation wants you to know you are both missed and thought of often. We’re wishing that you feel better and come back to us soon.

Small reminders: There are still plenty of slots that could use sponsors - Onegs, Programs, Education, and Shabbat Services. All Sponsor money is used to help defray costs. We’re always looking for new members. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who might be interested in Humanistic Judaism, please invite them to a service.

Shalom, Alice

October Board Action
• Approved the new Office Staff Contract
• Approved CHJ support the local chapter of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

No November Board Action

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
We must learn to honor excellence in every socially accepted human activity, however humble the activity, and to scorn shoddiness, however exalted the activity. An excellent plumber is infinitely more admirable than an incompetent philosopher. The society that scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water. John W. Gardner 1912-2002

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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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Coming Events

**Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Service & Speaker** Rev. Roger Fritts on *Reflections on Life. Reflections of Life*

After our **10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service** and the voices of the Humanaires, we will have the pleasure once again of listening to **Rev. Roger Fritts**, minister for the Sarasota Unitarian Universalist Church, who will speak to us on *Reflections on Life. Reflections of Life.*

Rev. Fritts studied Political Science at Arizona State University, after which he entered the Unitarian Universalist seminary in California. After serving in a number of churches across the country, he was called to serve as the Senior Minister of Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D.C. With nearly 900 adult members, it is one of the ten largest congregations in the Unitarian Universalist Association. While in Bethesda, Fritts ministered to congregants working in the White House, on Capitol Hill, federal government agencies, and in state and county government.

After eighteen years in Bethesda, in April of 2011, Roger accepted a call to serve as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota.

*This Program is Sponsored by Arlene Pearlman*

**Saturday, January 23, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Tu B’Shevat Service & Jeff Rodgers Speaking on A Rumination on Earth and Life**

Following our **10:30 a.m. Tu B’Shevat Service**, we will welcome back **Jeff Rodgers**, Director of the Bishop Planetarium and Director of Education at the South Florida Museum, who will speak on *A Rumination on Earth and Life.*

Rogers joined the Museum in November 2004 after nine years at the American Museum of Natural History and Hayden Planetarium in New York City. As a science communicator, he spends the bulk of his time trying to de-mystify the universe and our place in it.

One way to celebrate Tu B'Shevat is to show a little love for trees, life, and the earth. Rodgers will give us a science-based nod (he says it’s more of an “ode”) to the astonishing history of life (with a stanza or two on the majesty of trees) and our wondrously habitable planet that might just give you a newfound regard for our little planet and its diverse inhabitants.

*The Program and Oneg are Sponsored by Susan & Marty Friedman and Edith & Barney Sack*

**Memorial Service for Sy Golden**

A **Memorial Service** will be held for Sy Golden to honor his memory and life.

This service is offered by Marilyn Golden and will be at **Unity on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 10:30 a.m.**, followed by lunch.

**Wanted: Oneg Sponsors!**

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*

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The book exposes the laughable and sad results of segregation on both Negroes and Caucasians, and shows how some of the same issues continue to plague us today.

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A Brave and Startling Truth

Sim Lesser submitted a powerful poem by Maya Angelou: A Brave and Startling Truth, beginning:

“We, this people, on a small and lonely planet
Traveling through casual space
Past aloof stars, across the way of indifferent suns
To a destination where all signs tell us
It is possible and imperative that we learn
A brave and startling truth
And when we come to it
To the day of peacemaking
When we release our fingers
From fists of hostility ....”

The full version can be viewed at: http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~bharath2/poemoftheweek/301212.html

Our Congregant Emergency Fund, created to help CHJ members at times of financial emergencies, could use a new infusion of funds. Please keep it in mind the next time you make a tribute to CHJ.

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CHJ EDUCATION SERIES February 7, 2016

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THE REVISIONARIES
REGISTER for this film by completing this registration form. Registration is required for both members, and nonmembers, along with your check for nonmembers.

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December Yahrzeit
Sally Joan Altman, first wife of Lou Altman
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Irving Devorsetz, loved one of Amy Eliezer
Esther Edelstein, mother of Phil Silverstein
Howard Edman, father of Jill Factor
Fanny Haimowicz, loved one of
Adrienne & Howard Feltman
Milton Hinden, husband of Iris Hinden
Irving Hollander, father of Marty Hollander
Howie Kaplan, husband of Edie Kaplan
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Sheila Rosenthal & Lois Altman
Nathan Shapiro, father of Gerry Shapiro
Deborah Siegel, stepdaughter of Sandra Siegel
Robert Siegel, husband of Sandra Siegel
Leopold Snyder, first husband of
Pauline Kabcenell
Esther Vendeland-Cohen, sister of
Jack Vendeland

December Birthdays

Alice Gochberg  December 1
Geraldine Elias  December 3
Susan Friedman  December 12
Norine Zimmer  December 12
Kay Levy  December 15
Priscilla Molnar  December 18
Frederick Bloom  December 26
Harold Fertig  December 27
Helene Hirmes  December 29
Paul Molnar  December 29
Barbara Relles  December 29

December Anniversaries

Janet & Ronald Sheff  Dec. 4  67th
Priscilla & Paul Molnar  Dec. 8  64th
Adrienne & Howard Feltman  Dec. 9  59th
Jeanette & Jim Gardner  Dec. 21  64th
Addie & Len Rosen  Dec. 24  60th

Welcome New Member
Julian Dorf
8110 Natures Way, Unit #15
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
Phone: 359-3996
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Directory Changes
Norine & John Zimmer
have a new telephone number:
248-825-0125

Our CHJ Theater Guide
by Edith Sack
On Friday, November 13, Florida Studio Theatre
hosted a meet and greet with Rich Orloff, author
of several of the short plays to be presented at
the CHJ Chanukah Service on December 5.

The photo (taken by Len Rosen) shows director
Addie Rosen (far right), playwright Rich Orloff,
and several members of our all-star cast. Orloff
was in town at the invitation/request of an Anna
Maria group putting on some of his other plays.

We are grateful for what we picked up from our
conversation with him. Feel welcome to bring
friends to our Chanukah Service and program –
there is no charge.
A core group of people have joined CHJ’s Social Action Committee this year. All who wish to are welcome to join us in any endeavor. **Contact me, Lois Altman, at altmanlois@gmail.com or 923-4347.**

Some highlights from the past month:

**Food donations.** Thank you for your generous contributions. Ninety-six pounds of food were delivered to the **All Faith’s Food Bank.**

Six bags of nonperishable food were delivered to the **Jewish Family & Children’s Service** food pantry, targeted for Operation Military Outreach. Please continue to bring foodstuffs to each service as there are many in our community who are hungry.

**Community Haven.** Six CHJ members have already begun or have shown interest in volunteering their time at CH. The organization could certainly benefit from more participation!

**Family Promise.** Five CHJers have agreed to partner with volunteers from Temple Beth Sholom to care for recently homeless families. In early January we will have the necessary training to assist these needy families. Our first week of FP service is later in January. Anyone who would like to be added to the list, **please contact me before January 1.**

**Mitzvah Day.** Sign-ups for the February 21, 2016, day of community projects will be forthcoming. To date we have at least four volunteers. See the Mitzvah Day article below for further information.

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**Community-Wide Mitzvah Day, February 21, 2016**

On Sunday, February 21, 2016, the Synagogue Council of Sarasota-Manatee is organizing a Mitzvah Day for the community from Bradenton to south Sarasota County. The kickoff for the day, along with a continental breakfast, will be at Temple Beth Sholom. This Mitzvah Day will be a great opportunity for CHJ members to be visible working for the good of the community. We can show others we are a dedicated and caring congregation.

Collections of numerous items will be taking place to share with a variety of agencies. Collection bins will be on site beginning with our December services.

Please start accumulating the following:

- Hotel/travel size toiletries, soap, deodorants, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Diapers for babies, men’s white socks, shoes of all kinds for men, women and kids
- Non-perishable foods, fun items for gift baskets (single serving cookies, notepaper)

Registration for Mitzvah Day volunteers is scheduled to take place beginning January 1, 2016, via the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee website [jfed.org](http://jfed.org). Detailed information will be printed in the January 2016 issue of *The Connection*. In the meantime, if you wish to volunteer or have questions, please contact Annette Wolfe at annpolo66@gmail.com or 953-1992.

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**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK – THANK YOU!**

This is an excerpt from a letter sent by Susan Brown, Chief Administrative Office of the All Faiths Food Bank, to Renee Crames and Len Rosen for the CHJ Congregation:

"Thank you all so much for your generosity. And please extend our appreciation to your entire Congregation. With the success of your fundraising efforts, we are able to now provide over half of the children at Booker Middle School with BPKs. This is so wonderful. We have a wonderful partnership and we are most appreciative!"

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

Please bring your non-perishable food contributions for **Jewish Family & Children’s Service** with you to **every Saturday morning Shabbat Service.**
A REMEMBRANCE:
This abridged text of Joe Newman’s Kristallnacht presentation is included for those who were unable to attend our Kristallnacht Service.

What I remember when Kristallnacht is mentioned begins my daughter Rita Jo. Rita was one year old on October 27, 1938 - but she was not doing the things that a one-year old should do, and we were concerned. We had taken her to a highly recommended pediatrician for evaluation. On November 7 we received the report: The use of forceps at her birth had broken blood vessels in her head, the damage was irreversible, and it was probable that she would never be able to walk, talk or care for herself. And the usual advice given to parents at that time, consider placing her in an institution. I remember - during the next couple of days - looking at Rita Jo or staring into space and asking, “Why, God, why?”

So, when Kristallnacht occurred I was angered, but my anger was diffused. I probably again asked why, this time not of an absent God but of people. Kristallnacht was not then my center of concern; we were trying to put together the shattered pieces of our own little world.

After many frantic phone calls to and from family, we confirmed that we would seek opinions from other doctors and go on with our life - with Rita Jo. So, we were able to act reasonably normal and, as was usual, my mother and father asked, “What else is going on in the world? What is happening in Germany?” I had brought newspapers with me so I showed them some Kristallnacht pictures and started reading an article. As I was reading I noticed raw anger building in my father’s face and a look of futility in my mother’s. I stopped reading for a moment and my father said, “Read more.” When I finished the article my father spat and swore; my mother sighed, shook her head and said in angry disgust, “Noch a mol men harget yidden. A meshugana Velt.”

I had stopped my reading because when I saw their faces I remembered. To them Kristallnacht was not a new happening. They were recalling their past. They had lived through Kristallnachts, but back then they were called pogroms. My parents were envisioning Cossacks not Gestapo; it was not glass strewn about but goose feathers from pillows. I also remembered that when they were barely twenty years old they had gone out on the streets of Vilna and Bialystok to protest those pogroms and conditions. Their protests had led to their arrest and sentencing as political prisoners with time to be spent in frozen Siberia as guests of the Tsar. I was proud then - as I am now - to say that my parents had not been silent but had acted. My parents had been political prisoners.

I wanted to read more but now they were discussing between themselves, in Yiddish - probably the same discussion they had when they went out on the street passing out leaflets. The same discussions they had at the Arbeiter Ring meetings; meetings they made us attend. Yes, Kristallnacht disturbed and angered them, but they were also disturbed and angry that few seemed to have listened then - would anyone listen now? The next week there was a training session in Chicago for Social Security field representatives. There were three of us who had become close friends during initial training in Baltimore, Matthew, who was Jewish, me, and Wilbur, who was black. Matt and I were sitting at a table when Wilbur came in. He had a newspaper in his hand, threw it on the table and said, “Those M-F German bastards.” After a few seconds he said, “You know I think I am more bitched about this than you are.”

I need to tell you about Wilbur. His parents lived in Southern Illinois but their parents lived in Mississippi. After he had known us for a while he told us that his parents had advised him when he left for school, “Seek Jewish kids to befriend, they will accept and challenge your intelligence and will understand your attitude.” During our exchanges of information he told us the maddening stories his parents and grandparents had told him. What disturbed Wilbur most was the forced-by-fear intimidation which negroes seemed to inherit: the acceptance that you were of an inferior class.

His grandparents, if riding on a one-lane road, had to get off the road to let white people pass. And a generation later, the same for his parents. A violation might create a Kristallnacht or pogrom-like event To them, demonstrations of discrimination were an ever present condition. It was not your window they broke, it was your spirit. He also told us that if we, Matt and I, were in Mississippi meeting with him the way we were we would be subject to arrest. In 1938 there was still a law on the books which made it a misdemeanor for a white to suggest to a negro in any way that he or she was an equal.

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HUMANAIRES We are delighted to welcome back our snow birds who always add depth to our voices and fun to the times we are together. Under the direction of our conductor, Robert Lischetti, we’ve been preparing for Chanukah and the other CHJ services when we’ll be singing. We are always open to new members for the chorus and if you love to sing we welcome you to join us. There are no auditions. 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.

JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR It’s never too late to learn more about our ancestors’ incredible journey. If you’d like to know why they migrated to Barbados instead of the Bronx, come to the CHJ History Seminar. The next meetings are on December 9 and 23, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at Unity, Classroom B. They are always interesting, informative, and will make you think. For more information, call Stan Katz (343-0095) or Terry Langlois (524-3985).

WASHINGTON JERSEY 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. At this time of year (no daylight savings time) we go out to dinner afterwards to a casual restaurant. Bring chairs, of course. If you’d like to join us, contact Barbara Shapiro at ms.shappy@verizon.net or 365-3756.

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.

SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS

CHAVURAH Being part of a Chavurah is warm, engaging, stimulating, and fun! You have a chance to really get to know and understand fellow CHJ members as you meet monthly and shape your group. Think of contacting some of your friends to start a new Chavurah as this new year starts. Then contact me and I will be pleased to help you organize your beginning. You will be so happy you did. Renee Crames@yahoo.com.

WANTED! BOARD GAMERS AND OTHERS for CHJ Fun Day I am looking for some Scrabble, Chess, Bridge, Mah-Jongg, Canasta, Poker, or “you-name-it” players for a CHJ Fun Day. Let's add some spice into our lives. I'll set a time and place once our enthusiasts step forth. I hope to hear from you soon, especially, if you would like to start-up and lead a new group. For your input, contact Norman at normannfmn@comcast.net.
TRIBUTES

General Fund

"For Bernie Gerbarg - in honor of your special birthday," from Lois Altman
“For Edith Sack - Happy Birthday,” from Hugh Upton

REMEMBRANCE: Joe Newman, continued from page 9

Yes, he was more bitched than we were because he personally knew, better than us, what it is to see hate and feel degradation. By the way, we lost Matt on Battan.

Now I would like to jump about 55 years - to Sarasota, but not before stopping for a few minutes in a small city in North Eastern Indiana. It is December 3, 1939, I am assigned to open a Social Security Administrative office in that city. My instructions are to introduce myself to the mayor and other officials. So in proper dress suit, white shirt, tie and hat I go to meet the mayor. In this city the mayor’s job is not a full-time job so I go to his place of business. We do not shake hands but I say, “My name is Joe Newman, I am representing the United States Government and I am opening a Social Security Administrative office.” I get no further. He interrupts me and says in a bitter voice, “What are you a bunch of Russian Jew Communists”? There I saw the face of a man, who, I think, if a Kristallnacht was occurring in his city could stand by and let it happen.

I am now in 1993 or thereabouts, I am not sure of the year. We, Belle Goldstein and I, have had dinner with Rabbi and Rose Shulman at Plymouth Harbor. Rose was a staunch social progressive. She started the discussion by telling us that Rabbi was preparing his words for Kristallnacht and she was suggesting that Rabbi try to insert her vision. It was her dream that Kristallnacht develop into being an international day of remembrance. That the people of the world would stop for a moment to consider what hate and prejudice does, to remember all the atrocities that man was perpetratin on man because of hate and prejudice and seek ways to stop them. She added a phrase that I remembered, “Victimhood grants you some rights, but more importantly it gives you responsibilities.” Rabbi in his pontifical way added, “It has been written, that, ‘Judaism is a road taken, a road on which we encounter hurts as well as healings; and when the hurt is memorialized only for the purpose of remembering, that hurt has served no purpose. Only when it moves us to eliminate or reduce hurt to all does it have value.’” The evening could not end however without Rose asking, “When we say ‘Never Again’, are we saying ‘Never Again’ to Jews or ‘Never Again’ to anyone?” And Rabbi asking, “If it is evil for others to hate Jews, is it not evil for Jews to hate others?”

I end my story of what I remember by going back to the early 1920s. The Ku Klux Klan has a presence in South Bend. There is a fiery cross always lighted in an office window in center town - it has its effect. I am eight years old and am dreaming. In my dream my mother awakens me and says, “Yossele, run away and hide.” I, frightened, look up and ask, “Ma, where shall I run, where should I hide?” Still in my dream, we hug each other, both of us crying.

There are thousands of people today who because of prejudice and hate - frightened, crying, looking for a place to run, for a place to hide - say, “Why, God, why”?

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:

BERMAN MUSIC          CONGREGANT EMERGENCY     EDUCATION     GENERAL

Person/s to be recognized ____________________________________________________________
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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.
**SHJ Supports American Atheists "Patient's Right to Know Act"**

Recently, the American Atheists proposed a "Patient's Right to Know Act." This model act balances the religious liberty of health care providers with the basic health care rights of their patients.

The act requires that any health care provider who uses religious beliefs to determine patient care instead of standard medical guidelines and practices, subsequently resulting in any health care options being omitted or favored based on these religious beliefs, to inform patients in writing of health care services that are not available to the patients through this particular provider; patients must provide signed consent acknowledging they have received this information. *On The Move, October 2015*

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