Friday, March 4, at 7:30 a.m.
Shabbat Service & Program: Carol Kaufman speaking on
George Gershwin — An American Musical Treasure

Following our 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Carol Kaufman will speak on George Gershwin — An American Musical Treasure. George Gershwin was the soul of American Music in the 1920s. He had one of the most appealing melodic gifts of any composer. Gershwin stood with one foot in Tin Pan Alley and the other in Carnegie Hall. As we listen to and analyze selections from his individual compositions, and his songs from Broadway musicals, films, and concert works, we will examine how these various styles intertwine.

Kaufman graduated with a B.A. from Smith College and an M.A. from Case Western Reserve University. She has been studying music for over 50 years. For the past nine years, Kaufman has given Sarasota Orchestra pre-concert lectures. In 2008 she gave pre-concert talks at the Van Wezel before the Visiting Orchestra Concerts. She continues to give various Broadway musical theater presentations around Sarasota.

This Program is Sponsored by Myrna & Andre Block

Saturday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m.
Purim Service with the Humanaires, & Program:
Margo Restrepo presents Hooray for Yiddish – a Few Laughs and Reflections on the Jewish Condition

After our 10:30 a.m. Purim Service, CHJ member Margo Restrepo will entertain us with Hooray for Yiddish – a Few Laughs and Reflections on the Jewish Condition. This is a series of original skits and songs, with a Purimspiel presented as "news bulletins" straight from ancient Persia! It's all about Jews in likely and unlikely situations, some of which you will recognize from personal experience, some of which you couldn't imagine!

Restrepo was born and raised in Philadelphia. From the age of 12 she had wanted to be a psychiatrist, but at that time it was not an option for a woman to become a doctor. Although it was late to start at age 12 she decided to become a dancer and began studying both modern dance and ballet. At age 14, Margo began doing summer stock in the Catskills. By age 15 she had started teaching for her teacher.

Restrepo married at 17 but her life was changed when her husband died when she was 29. She remarried, and decided to go to medical school to study psychiatry which she practiced in Houston, Texas, for 37 years. She retired two years ago and then moved to Sarasota with her partner, Jerry. Restrepo is now returning to earlier passions: dance and theatre. She sings alto with the Humanaires. Today's show is her first in Sarasota.

The Program is Sponsored by Terry Langlois
The Oneg is Sponsored by Amy Eliezer & Stephanie Louis
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.

From our President Alice D’Souza

The celebration of Purim is fast approaching - a time to eat, drink and be happy, and Margot Restrepo has planned the entertaining *Hooray for Yiddish* program which will follow our March 19, 10:30 a.m. Purim Service.

Each and every Ritual Service and Program in February was outstanding, so it is hard to say one was better than the other. Ritual continues to knit the Humanaires and Programs into a smooth flow with no gaps.

I want to thank all those members who have so generously sponsored Programs and Onegs. Sponsorship helps defray the cost of speaker fees and Oneg expense for hired help. Ritual is also open for Sponsorships which cover printing of the Ritual booklets.

I would like to encourage anyone who can, to please help with set up in Fellowship Hall. Unity does not set up or take down for us. Putting up and taking down the tables and chairs has been done by the same three or four people every time: They could use a little help!

Thank you to Stephanie Louis and her helpers who pass out name tags, collect them at the end of services, take them home, then come back and do it all over. It would be very helpful to them if you could put the elastic back into the plastic shield.

This is a repeat mention. Our only fund raiser of the year will be on Sunday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Robert Lischetti and Don Bryn will perform “Music from Broadway and The American Song Book” by Jewish Composers. Please buy your tickets and mark your calendars for this event. Tickets cost $15.00, or more if you can. For details, please see page 5 of this issue.

Lois Altman, who is in charge of Social Action, has been doing an excellent job. Anyone interested in joining her Committee can contact her. Thank you all for continuing to bring food for the Food Bank, and a reminder - we are still collecting hearing aids for those less fortunate. If you have hearing aids that you don’t use, they can be adjusted for use by others.

Many members volunteered for Mitzvah Day along with others from our local congregations, making the day a great success. “Thank you,” Annette Wolfe for your organizing skills, and the volunteers for all you have done.

After you have read The Connection, please, please be sure to study the back page for the Calendar of events.

shalom, Alice
The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism (CHJ) warmly invites you to join us for a meaningful and delicious Passover Seder dinner in celebration of hope. There will be a shared reading of our Humanistic Passover Haggadah.

Menu
Gefilte Fish
Matzo Ball Soup

Choice of Entrée:
Brisket of Beef with Natural Juices
or
Sautéed Breast of Chicken, Wild Mushrooms, Caramelized Onions, Pink Peppercorn Sauce
or
Marinated Grilled Portobello Mushroom

All served with Smashed Plain & Sweet Potatoes, Haricot Verts & Roasted Red Pepper
Platter of Mini Pastries - Coffee, Decaf & Tea

Reservation for CHJ Seder, Saturday April 23rd at 6:00 P.M.

Must be received no later than April 18, 2016
To secure reservation, check (made payable to CHJ) must accompany form.
Indicate “Seder 2016” on check.

$55 per member  $25 (child under 12)
$65 per non-member  $25 (child under 12)

Mail to:  CHJ, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231

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Social Action Committee Update

by Lois Altman

We are a generous congregation: During the past month you have donated:
- Food items for Mitzvah Day
- Warm clothing and blankets for the Veterans
- Eyeglasses to be distributed by the Lions Club
- Hearing aids to be distributed by the Hearing Loss Association of America, local chapter
- Food for the Sarasota homeless who are cared for by the Jewish Children’s and Family Service

NEW: Citizens’ Climate Lobby: I have received a request from an attendee to a recent service to make our members aware of this group. If you want to join the fight to save the planet for future generations, there is no more effective step you could take than becoming an active member of this group that is fostering a “political will for a livable world”. For additional information see www.citizensclimatelobby.org.

ONGOING: Winter Item Collection: The cold weather may still linger in March, so consider donating unwanted blankets, quilts and heavy clothes for the many homeless folks in Sarasota. We will make sure they are distributed in a timely manner. Just drop them off at the entry area to the sanctuary before our March services.

Community Haven: Donate your time assisting staff at the facility that services developmentally disabled children and adults. Donate goods for their sales store. Contact Norman Freeman at normannfrmn@comcast.net or Judy and Michael Beltzman, mikebeltzman@comcast.net.

Family Promise: Training will be provided before our April assignment for those interested in volunteering to help recently homeless families get back on their feet. Volunteers provide breakfast, dinner, visit in the evenings with the resident families at a designated facility for a week. CHJ is partnering with Temple Beth Sholom, whose members look forward to working with our volunteers. Please contact Lois Altman at 941-923-4347 or e-mail altmanlois@gmail.com ASAP so you can be trained to assist on our assigned dates of April 3-9 and/or June 19-25. Check www.familypromisesarasota.org for additional information.

THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW -- OR NEED TO REMEMBER

by Arlene J. Pearlman

Like a few of you, CHJ and I go back a very long way. I joined in 1997 and enjoyed watching and helping us grow. We didn’t have a home of our own, and quickly outgrew the places where we were meeting. We schlepped plates, cups, candles, cookies, and coffee home and back again to and from wherever we met. We were an all-volunteer congregation and, with very, very few exceptions, everyone volunteered.

In 2005 I was the CHJ president. When I learned that Unity had sold its former place on Cocadoanut Avenue and moved to its present site, I negotiated with them to rent us space and time. This has worked well for both them and for us. With a place of our own came many changes, among them: We could stop schlepping, the Humanaires had a wonderful place with good acoustics, we had more room for growth, and we were all happy.

What everyone needs to keep remembering is that this is not “our temple”. We do not have access at all times. Unity does and has worked to accommodate us with “extras” that we did not have originally, such as CHJ films, Education Series, Jewish history classes, chorus rehearsals, and memorial services (no bris yet). I mention this because there are those who seem to think the Board does not accept all the suggestions thrown at it. It simply can’t do them all.

We are still an all-volunteer congregation – and I am not the only one who's grown older since 1997. Quite a few of us can no longer do what we used to. In short – set-up chairs (the church does not do it for us), lug out and put back the tables (that's also our job), and help pick up and clean up after we are there for any occasion.

We need our "youth group" – for those under 80 to step up to the plate and take on the jobs we used to do. We need you to bring new people to CHJ. Newcomers have been wowed by the speakers, the services, and the Humanaires. We all look forward to more Jewish Humanists - it's good for everyone. And we hope everyone will pitch in however they can, and keep us growing.

You can call President Alice D'Souza and tell her how you can help, or simply show up and dig in.
The Congregation for Humanistic Judaism invites you to attend its 2016 fundraising concert featuring tenor Robert Lischetti and pianist Don Bryn on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. to be held in the Sanctuary of Unity Hall, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota. They will be performing “Music from Broadway and The American Song Book” by Jewish composers.

Both Robert and Don are well known in the Sarasota/Manatee area. Robert is especially known to CHJ members as conductor of The Humanaires, as well as our soloist for the High Holidays. He is also Music Director for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, and has been teaching voice in this area since 1997.

Robert’s operatic repertoire spans from the lyrical roles of Mozart and Rossini to Verdi, Puccini and Gounod and also to more modern works. He has performed with regional opera companies throughout the U.S. and for ten years Robert appeared as guest artist in numerous opera houses throughout Germany and Switzerland. Locally Robert has sung with the Sarasota Opera, the Venice Symphony, the Southwest Florida Symphony, and has been a regular soloist with the Anna Maria Island Concert Chorus and Orchestra, and the Sarasota Choral Society.

Don Bryn divides his time between playing, writing and teaching. He plays classical music, and pop and jazz with local bands, accompanies services for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, serves as accompanist and soloist for the Anna Maria Island Concert Choir and Orchestra, as well as being a staff accompanist at State College of Florida. Don also teaches Music Theory at SCF as an adjunct professor, teaches private piano lessons, and is a vocal coach for the Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training.

Don has become known for his arrangements for jazz and show bands, and has composed pieces for everything from classical guitar and concert choirs to new music, electronic ensembles and large orchestra. Most recently he has arranged pieces for the Sarasota Pops Orchestra show “Iconic Songs of the 70s”.

Here’s your opportunity to see and hear two great performers and support CHJ as well. Hope to see you then!

CHJ Fundraiser for 2016 tickets are available for a contribution of $15 or more per person. Please send check payable to CHJ and write Concert on memo line. Mail with self-addressed stamped envelope to CHJ, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231.

Enclosed is our contribution of _____.

Please send ____ tickets for “Music from Broadway & The American Song Book”

Name: ________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Phone No: ________________

**Important: Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for tickets.**
March Yahrzeit

Margaret Abrams, mother of Carol Heckert
Min Altenberg, mother of Jules Altenberg
Fred Bernard, husband of Adelle Bernard
Cele Berney, mother of Janet Sheff
Anna Cantor Weiss, mother of Sandy Weiss
Harry Cohen, father of Arlene Lerner
Sheldon Cohn, brother of Sandra Rickman
Haskell Cooper, father of Stephen Cooper
Esther Freeman, stepmother of Norman Freeman
Dennis Craig Gotthelf, son of Shirley Gotthelf
Selwyn Holland, brother of Sandra Siegel
Marion Jaques, mother of Damien Jaques
Michael Kabcenell, loved one of Martin Kabcenell
Stuart Krupkin, loved one of Amy Eliezer
Florence Laub, mother of Judith Levinson
Lawrence Moses, brother of Marilyn Oslander
Charles Rickman, father of Mark Rickman
Henriete Van Der Ryn, mother of Frederika Jacobson
Bernice Wallace, mother of Lois Friedman
Evelyn Weiss Sondheim, sister of Sandy Weiss

March Anniversaries

Arlene Lerner & Evan Paisley  Mar. 3  17th
Frederika Jacobson & Irwin Stupack  Mar. 7  16th
Barbara & Gerry Shapiro  Mar. 22  52nd
Nancy & Jerry Kaplan  Mar. 28  65th
Carol & Craig Harris  Mar. 30  47th

March Birthdays

Lorynne Cahn  March 2
Leonard Rosen  March 2
Arlene Lerner  March 3
Marilyn Oslander  March 4
Phil Silverstein  March 6
Ben Chemerow  March 9
Harriet Lane  March 11
Gerald Kaplan  March 12
Robert Cahn  March 14
Amy Eliezer  March 14
Patricia Seftel  March 17
Lois Altman  March 18
Arlene Pearlman  March 18
Judith Black  March 19
Eileen Miller  March 20
Janet Leon  March 22
Beverly Fertig  March 25
Rick Stein  March 25
Mark Frankel  March 27
Anita Sampson  March 28
Natalie Forman  March 29
Naomi Gerbarg  March 31
Margo Restrepo  March 31

Welcome New Members

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Sarasota, FL 34236
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E-mail: nanojuda@aol.com
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65 W. 90th St. Apt. 19B
NY, NY 10014. Phone: 386-405-0673

Ruth Weinstein, wants members to know that her sister, Addie Myers, who knew many people at CHJ from the times she had visited Sarasota, passed away on January 3, 2016, in Roswell, Georgia.
Coming Events

Friday, April 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.
Service & Speaker, Suzanne Vromen Speaking on
The Making of a Totalitarian State: The Rise of Hitler

After our 7:30 p.m. Service, Suzanne Vromen will speak to us on The Making of a Totalitarian State: The Rise of Hitler. Vromen is Professor Emerita of Sociology at Bard College, where she co-founded the Women’s Studies program and directed it for eight years. Her research includes social theory, gender, collective memory with emphasis on commemorations, memorials and monuments, and the identities of Jewish-American women.

Vromen’s articles and reviews have appeared in many journals, including the Yivo Annual of Jewish Social Science and the History of European Ideas. Recent publications include an essay on Hannah Arendt’s Jewish identity in the Journal of European Political Theory, and a chapter on Maurice Halbwachs in Diverse Histories of American Sociology. Among her numerous other publications is the book Hidden Children of the Holocaust: Belgian Nuns and Their Daring Rescue of Young Jews from the Nazis.

This Oneg is Sponsored by Ceci & Stan Katz

Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m.
Service with the Humanaires, and play reading of Address Unknown,
Director, Carole Kleinberg.

Following the April 16, Yom Hashoah Service, there will be a reading of Address Unknown, a short novel by Kathrine Kressmann Taylor. This epistolary novel is about friendship, betrayal, the Nazi regime, and how two friends take different paths during the years 1932-1938. Through letters between the two men we see the atmosphere quickly move from warmth to a chilling disregard as we watch one of them, seduced by grandiose visions of German destiny and by the rantings of “our Glorious Leader,” vents an anti-Semitism that he tortuously rationalizes.

The production will be directed by Carole Kleinberg, a well known and experienced director in the theatre worlds of Chicago and Sarasota. The staged reading will have excellent actors in the two parts. We look forward to the presentation of an exciting piece of theatre art at the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism.

The Service is Sponsored by Marilyn Golden
The Oneg is Sponsored by Margo Restrepo & Jerry Moore

The CHJ Jewish History Seminar Invites all CHJ members and guests to
A Talk (with illustrative music)
by David Berman

JEWISH LIFE AS REFLECTED IN YIDDISH SONG
Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 1:00—2:00 p.m. at Unity Fellowship Hall

Dave Berman is a Professor Emeritus of the School of Music at Ithaca College. In addition to his teaching duties he was an active recit alist and served as the Assistant Dean and Chairperson of Performance faculty. In the mid-1960s he served as Principal flutist of the Haifa (Israel) Symphony Orchestra.

Raised in a Yiddish speaking immigrant home, he came by his interest in Yiddish song most naturally. His mother loved to sing and both his parents were founding members of what eventually became the Jewish Peoples Choral Society of Chicago.

As an early Member of the Sarasota CHJ, he organized the CHJ chorus—the Humanaires—which he led for 15 years until his recent “retirement”.

This program is free and open to the public.
For more information, phone Stan Katz 941-3430-0095 or Dave Berman 941-355-2515.
Is My Forgetting Normal?
Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Unity Fellowship Hall, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota

Cheryl Brandi, a researcher at The Roskamp Institute in Sarasota, will talk about The Roskamp Clinic, which offers free memory screening for people 55 and over. She will discuss signs and symptoms of abnormal behavior, describe mild cognitive disorders and the mission of Roskamp, which is to effectively treat and cure neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric disorders. The Roskamp Institute Clinic specializes in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, mild cognitive impairment, and cognitive dysfunction secondary to brain damage or disease. The Institute uses a broad range of scientific approaches to understanding the causes of and potential therapies for these disorders, with an emphasis on Alzheimer's disease.

REGISTER by March 29 for this program by completing this registration form.
Registration is required for both members and nonmembers.
Mail to: CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road Sarasota, FL 34231.
CHJ members may e-mail names(s), home phone and address to chjsarasota@hotmail.com or phone CHJ office at 929-7771.
CHJ members free. Nonmembers - $5.00

### CHJ Member ( ) ( )
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Bring your own favorite brown-bag meal. The movies will be shown first, then we will enjoy our meal with friends. Bottled water will be provided by CHJ. Feel free to bring something stronger if desired.

MARCH 8 MOVIE: The Jolson Story. (Movie, 1946, 90 mins.) A pure delight! This is a classic Hollywood biography at its best; a fast-paced, tune-filled extravaganza following the meteoric rise of legendary performer Al Jolson. Asa Yoelson is a talented cantor’s son determined to succeed in show business, who struggles to balance the demands of his personal life with the swelling adoration of millions of fans. It features lavish, show-stopping musical numbers, actually sung by Jolson. This film was nominated for six Academy Awards, winning two: Best Musical Scoring and Best Sound Recording.

MARCH 29 MOVIE: Menachem & Fred. (Documentary, 2008, 90 mins.) Fred Raymes died in 2013. He had been a longtime dedicated CHJ member, Holocaust survivor, and co-author of a memoir written with his brother, Are the Trees in Bloom Over There? The book’s title came from a line his mother had written to her sons, Menachem and Fred, while she was in a concentration camp. The book was the springboard for the documentary Menachem & Fred that subsequently won the Cinema for Peace award in Germany in 2009. The film accompanies the brothers on an emotionally charged journey through which an unexpected relationship develops with the son of the Nazi who deported their family.

REGISTER for these films by completing this registration form. Registration is required for both members, and nonmembers, 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 CHJ office at 929-7771.

Register at least one week before each film.

CHJ members free. Nonmembers $5.00 for each program

Mar. 8: The Jolson Story__________ # of people
Mar. 29: Menachem & Fred_________ # of people
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Yes No

“Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government”

2016 National Women’s History Month Honorees
SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS

EVERY LIFE IS A BOOK  When my husband and I joined CHJ, we were extremely impressed with the interesting people who comprise the membership and the fascinating lives they have led. Fleeting conversations at onegs were insufficient and we wanted to learn more about backgrounds, families, careers and areas of expertise. Everyone has a story to tell, and I am proposing we organize a group to hear them. At Alice d'Souza's suggestion, we are calling the group Every Life is a Book. We will meet monthly to hear one person's story. Participation is, of course, voluntary. If you are interested please contact me Alla Rabino-vich at allatango100@gmail.com I’m looking forward to hearing from you.

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 941-365-3756.

JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR
Wednesday March 9, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Unity, Classroom B.
Modernization in Eastern Europe (Barnavi, pp.176-77)
Mediterranean Capitalism (Barnavi, pp. 178-79)
Jewish Settlement in Latin America (Barnavi, pp.180-81)
Wednesday March 23, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall.
Special Program:  Dave Berman: JEWISH LIFE AS REFLECTED IN YIDDISH SONG
A Review (with Illustrative music) (See details on page 7 of this issue.)
Contact: Stan Katz at 941-343-0095 or Terry Langlois at 941-524-3985
JHS meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month and is open to all CHJ members

HUMANAIRES  The Humanaires look forward to a busy March. We are pleased that our conductor, Robert Lischetti, who has a terrific tenor voice, will be doing a fund raising concert for CHJ along with pianist Don Bryn on Sunday, March 13. They will be performing songs from Broadway and The American Song Book by Jewish composers. (Details in this issue on page 5) We’ll be singing during the Purim service, and also will hold our annual party for all chorus members and their mates in March.

We always welcome new members to the chorus, so if you love to sing we urge 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. When you plan on joining us for one of our rehearsals, please let us know in advance so that we may have music ready for you to use. For more information about joining the chorus, contact Sandy Cadman at 379-9894 or s.g.cadman@hotmail.com, or you may speak with any member of the chorus as well.

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. Reneecrames@yahoo.com.

BIKERS  We plan to ride the Legacy Trail on March 5, and afterwards have lunch together nearby. For further information, call Sandy Siegel at 941-228-8905.

Left to right: Bernie Gerbarg, Naomi Gerbarg, Steve Brown, Ken Heckert, Carol Heckert, Marty Hollander, Peter Woodall, Sandy Siegel, Diane Schulman, Linda Purves, Craig Harris.
TRIBUTES

Program Fund
"In appreciation of and for the many Happy Birthday wishes from my extended family at CHJ - thank you one and all,” from Joe Newman

Berman Music Fund
For Janet Leon - "In memory of Jerry Paskovitz, a Good Man," from Alice and Dave Berman

Congregant Emergency Fund
“In memory of Jerry Paskovitz,” from Gerri and Myles Elias

General Fund
From Ruth Weinberg in memory of her sister, Addie Myers, who passed away after a brief illness. She lived in Roswell, Georgia.

“With deep affection in honor of Len Rosen’s March 2nd birthday,” from Edith and Barney Sack

"In memory of Paul Heyman," from Roselyn Havas

“In honor of Barb and Gerry Shapiro's wedding anniversary,” from Edith and Barney Sack

For Barry and Annette Wolfe - "Thank you for a marvelous program and your hospitality," from Lois Altman and Bill Lakin

“In honor of Carol and Craig Harris’ 47th anniversary,” from Edith and Barney Sack

“Wishing Harriet Lane many more “happy birthdays,” from Edith and Barney Sack

“Special birthday love to the ageless Arlene P.” From Edith and Barney Sack

“To the unbeatable/unbelievable hosts, Annette and Barry—with thanks!” From Edith and Barney Sack

SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS, cont.

DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP (DIG)  Please note new times:  We meet at 3:30 p.m. on the 4th 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.

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
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.
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<td>Education Series. Cheryl Brandi, Roskamp Institute: Is my Forgetting Normal?</td>
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<td>Sat</td>
<td>Apr 16</td>
<td>10:30 am</td>
<td>Yom Hashoah Service. Address Unknown, a play.</td>
<td>Marilyn Golden (S) Margot Restrepo &amp; Jerry Moore (O)</td>
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<td>Sat</td>
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<td>2nd Night Seder – Michael's On East</td>
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*=Not at Unity  H=Humanaires sing.  (O)=Oneg  (P)=Speaker/Program  (S)=Service

Jewish holidays are celebrations and expressions of Jewish identity. They provide a link with Jewish history and bind the Jewish people to each other. Holidays were created by human beings to acknowledge and understand natural events and occurrences, human desires, and human achievements. Holidays consist of layers of development. At first, holidays begin as a response to nature and the environment. Religious figures added a divine layer as a way to elevate it to the realm of the supernatural. Yet, the human themes were not obliterated. Today, it is often those themes to which Humanistic Jews return to observe the holiday.

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The door of a bigoted mind opens outwards so that the only result of the pressure of facts upon it is to close it more snugly. Ogden Nash, (1902-1971)