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 writings have appeared in many journals. 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 other publications is Hidden Children of the Holocaust: Belgian Nuns and Their Daring Rescue of Young Jews from the Nazis.

The Oneg is Sponsored by Ceci & Stan Katz

Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m.
Yom Hashoah Service, the Humanaires, and play reading of Address Unknown

Following the April 16 Yom Hashoah Service, there will be a reading of Address Unknown, a short novel by Kathrine Kressmann Taylor, directed by Carole Kleinberg. 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, vent an anti-Semitism that he tortuously rationalizes.

Carole Kleinberg is 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. This will be an exciting piece of theatre art at CHJ.

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

Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
ANNUAL MEETING for All Members of the Congregation

During the rest of the year our Board is the engine that keeps our Congregation going. Once a year, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for all members to participate in decision making for CHJ.

Our Annual Meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7. It will include the Treasurer’s report for the fiscal year to date and the election of new Board members. The Agenda and all background material will e-mailed to all members with e-mail capacity. U.S. Post Office will be used for those who do not have e-mail.

Plan on attending this very important meeting of your Congregation.
Spring is again with us here in Florida. The cold days are almost over, and we can smell the breezes of summer moving in. The wonderful yellow, blue and red blossoms that signal our Florida spring are peeking out. Some of our snowbirds will be leaving very soon, although it seems like they just arrived.

For me and maybe for many of us, these past months of our Congregation have been months of wonderful Ritual, Programs, Education Series and many other occasions that have made us feel we have spent our time well invested in learning and sharing. We have met several new members and lost a few senior members; wonderful gains and bittersweet losses. Happiness and sadness, but that’s the way of life and we strive to go forward.

When we come out the other side of these very hate-filled times caused by fear, the election cycle and the endless political attack ads on TV—and we will come out on the other side, though for now it seems like we never will—life will calm down a bit once more. When we live in a world of such violence and hate it’s hard not to be full of stress, and we are. So we put up our tent and come together to celebrate in our little Shul. Our people have had stress and turmoil forever; as Jews we are very aware of hate created by fear. In our world, here in our Shul, we have two wonderful days a month. We smile and say Shalom, our stress and fear are calmed down for a few hours and our world becomes a warm and friendly place.

We will have Suzanne Vromen at our Friday, 7:30 p.m. service on April 1. She will be speaking on The Making of a Totalitarian State.

As part of our Education Series, Cheryl Brandi from the Roskamp Institute, will speak on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Her topic: Is My Forgetting Normal?

Our Yom Hashoah Service on Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. will include a short play: Address Unknown.

Remember to make your reservations for 2nd Night Seder at Michael’s On East, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. Send your reservation payment to the office. You can pay by check or use PayPal on our website.

Many thanks go out to all our Volunteers. Without them we would not be able to do the many things we do.

HIRING: NO PAY, BUT LOTS OF “THANK YOUS”
We need two or more people to help set up the tables and chairs for the Onegs. After Saturday services they can stay up; after Friday Services they have to be put back.
We also need one or two people to help set up and put away things we use for our services. Anyone interested call me at 941-735-1937 for an interview.

Shalom and Shanti, Alice

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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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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.
Passover Seder - Second Night
Saturday – April 23rd at 6:00 P.M.

Michael’s On East
1212 East Avenue South, Sarasota

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

Name | Choice of Entrée | Member | Non-Member
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Contact Phone ______________  Total Enclosed __________

Please list the people you wish to sit with on the back of this form. Otherwise seating will be open.
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.
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 name(s), home phone and address to chjsarasota@hotmail.com or phone CHJ office at 929-7771.

CHJ members free. Nonmembers - $5.00

CHJ Member ( ) ( )
Yes No

# of people______ Name________________ Address_________________________

Amount enclosed $__________________
April Yahrzeit
Irma Appenzeller, mother of Ernie Kent
Gladys Cahn, mother of Robert Cahn
Erwin Eckstein, father of Susan Friedman
Marvin Eichenblatt, brother-in-law of Irv Horowitz
Leon Franco, husband of Marilyn Franco
Dora Gelewitz, mother-in-law of Sandra Siegel
Joe Glassman, father of Susan Boston
Ruth S Gluck, mother of Carol Rickard
W Howard Gluck, father of Carol Rickard
Sidney Haines, loved one of Adrienne & Howard Feltman
Judy Hollander, wife of Marty Hollander
Louise Kabcenell, mother of Martin Kabcenell
Regina Kast, mother of Harriet Lane
Shirley Kast-Josephs, sister of Harriet Lane
Elisa Lakin, wife of Bill Lakin
Eli Lane, husband of Harriet Lane
Judith Levinson, wife of Jerry Levinson
Rae Marder, mother of Ann Orkin
Mary Pollay, loved one of Ellie & Ben Chemerow
Ida Rabinovich, mother of Alla Rabinovich
Michael L Robinson, son of Sandy Cadman
Sam Sack, father of Barney Sack
Stan Vendeland, brother of Jack Vendeland
Morris Weiss, father of Sandy Weiss

April Anniversaries
Sheila Rosenthal & Phil Silverstein April 4 23rd
Ellie & Ben Chemerow April 10 67th
Sylvia & Kenneth Stock April 13 58th

April Birthdays
Arnold Factor April 1
James Moore April 1
Betty Weiner April 4
Diane Schulman April 5
Barnet Sack April 7
John Zimmer April 8
Daniel Juda April 10
Nancy Kaplan April 12
Ann Orkin April 12
Ronald Sheff April 12
Irwin Stupack April 12
Michael Hirsh April 13
Sima Lesser April 14
Barbara Shapiro April 18
Martin Friedman April 23
Judy Auderieth April 24
Lois Friedman April 27
Jules Altenberg April 30
Arlene Horowitz April 30

Welcome New Members
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4767 Oak Hill Ct.
Sarasota, FL 34232
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Glendale, WI 53209
Phone: 414-351-0062

March Board Action
At the time of publication we do not have the completed March Board Meeting Minutes.

HAIKU FOR JEWS
“Through the Red Sea costs extra.” Israeli movers overcharge Moses.

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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.

Board Appointed Designee to SHJ:
Ellie Altman 847-323-2104
Advisor to SHJ: Lou Altman 847-530-2104
SOCIAL ACTION

Social Action Committee Update
by Lois Altman, SAC Chair

We are a generous congregation: During the past month you have donated:

Food for the homeless veterans encamped in Sarasota and cared for by the Jewish Children’s and Family Service. Please continue to donate your nonperishable food items, as they are always welcome.

Eyeglasses to be given to the Lion’s Club for dispersal.

ONGOING:
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, normannfrmn@comcast.net or Judy and Michael Beltzman, mikebeltzman@comcast.net.

ONGOING:
Family Promise: CHJ volunteers are partnering with Temple Beth Sholom folks during the week of April 3-9 in providing dinners for 12 at the Family Promise home on the campus of Concordia Lutheran Church. Our assignment for those who have expressed interest in helping recently homeless families get back on their feet is to provide only the evening meal.

Our thanks go out to Terry and Marvin Dolgov, Marilyn Golden and Marilyn Oslander, who are joining me in volunteering their time, food and culinary talents.

Please call Lois Altman at 941-923-4347 or email altmanlois@gmail.com if you are interested in helping during the future assigned dates of June 19-25. Check www.familypromisesarasota.org for more information.

Mitzvah Day: A Resounding Success!
by Annette Wolfe

Mitzvah Day was the work of nine Jewish congregations coming together to help organizations in Sarasota/Manatee Counties on one day. Working together was truly gratifying, fun, and worthwhile. Teens, children of varying ages, and adults volunteered at various places doing a myriad of requested projects.

Some of the entities and organizations where we worked were All Faiths Food Bank, Cat Depot, Family Promise, JFCS, Mothers Helping Mothers, Anchin Pavilion, Nate's Animal Rescue, Circus Arts Conservatory, Resurrection House, sorting of the donations and breakfast preparation at Temple Beth Sholom. There were approximately 230 volunteers and many others who donated the requested items.

Thank you to the following CHJ volunteers with my apologies if I have left anyone off the list. If so, please contact me. Lois Altman, Jo Arora, Susan Boston, Renee Crames, Alice D'Souza, Bill Lakin, Marcy Moore, Solo Schiffrman, and Annette Wolfe. Thanks also to the many CHJ members who donated an abundance of white socks, food, hotel-sized toiletries, etc.

It is with great pride that I am a member of CHJ and that we were instrumental in helping with the very first-of-its-kind joint effort of the Jewish Congregations of Sarasota/Manatee First Mitzvah Day.

Mothers Helping Mothers
Pictured center: Alice D'Souza & Jo Arora
On Tuesday, February 23, Port of Manatee (4th largest port in the state of Florida) welcomed 10 of us, along with some 75 others, to a pre-arranged, tram-driven escorted tour of the facility. There was no charge for an interesting/entertaining hour and a half. New security regulations require passengers remain on the tram – a fact that makes for little or no walking. Ask anyone in the photo. They’ll tell you all about it!

Pictured, from left to right:
Pat Seftel, Harriet Lane, Sandy Cadman, Mel Kalfon, Marty Friedman, Renee Crames, Edith Sack, Susan Friedman and Hugh Upton. Not shown: Barney Sack.

March 4 Speaker, Carol Kaufman (right) and presenter, Renee Crames (left)

After our Shabbat Service Carol Kaufman treated us to a wonderful program: George Gershwin – An American Musical Treasure.

Kaufman introduced us to original recordings of the top vocalists singing Gershwin’s songs, including Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong and Rosemary Clooney. We sang along and a good time was had by all.
CHJ Fund Raiser a Huge Success!

The CHJ Board of Directors extends its appreciation to both Robert Lischetti and Don Bryn as well as those who supported our fundraising concert with their contributions and attendance. Robert and Don delighted an enthusiastic audience on Sunday, March 13, with their fine performance of Music from Broadway and the American Song Book by Jewish composers. After expenses, the concert raised $2010 for the CHJ General Fund. Thanks especially to Robert, our Humanaires conductor, who offered to do this fundraiser for the congregation.
**HUMANAIRES**  The Humanaires are currently preparing for the Yom Hashoah service. We are also practicing some other music that we will do during the High Holiday services in the Fall and in the year ahead. The concert by our conductor Robert Lischetti and pianist Don Bryn on March 13th went very well, with an enthusiastic audience and successful fund raising for CHJ (see article on page 9).

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.

**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 Rabinovich 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 we go out to dinner afterwards to a casual restaurant. Bring chairs, of course. If you’d like to join us, contact Barbara Shaprio at ms.shappy@verizon.net or 941-365-3756.

**CHJ FOREIGN FILM GROUP**  The Foreign Film Group is comprised of the original 10 members who started the Group. Each month, a different member chooses a foreign film with subtitles usually shown at Burns Court Cinemas to see, and the members view it independently. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, then we meet at a restaurant to discuss the film. The Group prefers to remain small so there are no openings at this time.

For information please contact Barbara Chertok at barbchert@gmail.com.

**BIKERS**  In April, the Bikers are planning to ride at Myakka Park and afterwards have lunch together. So far, the date is undecided. For further information, contact Sandy Siegel at sandrasiegel3600@gmail.com or 941-228-8905.

Our March riders, from left: Linda Purves, Marty Hollander, Ken Heckert, Carol Heckert, Craig Harris, Bernie Gerbarg, and Naomi Gerbarg.

**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.
TRIBUTES

Berman Music Fund

For Marilyn - "In memory of Sy Golden - it was a privilege to know and work with him,"
from Joan and Ron Fox

For Helene Hirmes - "In memory of your dear husband, Menachem. Remember the many good years you had together," from Marilyn Golden

Education Fund

"In appreciation to Annette and Barry Wolfe for a wonderful Valentine's Day Party - and for their friendship," from Sonia Fuentes

“In memory of Irv Lesser," from Alice D'Souza

“In memory of Menachem Hirmes,” from Alice D’Souza

“In memory of Jerry Paskovitz,” from Alice D’Souza

“In memory of Don Marshall," from Alice D’Souza

General Fund

“In memory of Irv Lesser, from Amy Eliezer

"For Sim Lesser - in memory of Irv Lesser, knowing how much you loved each other," from Renee Crames

In memory of Menachem Hirmes," from Amy Eliezer

SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS, cont.

JEWS AND HISTORY SEMINAR

JEWS HISTORY IS UNIQUE. To learn more about it, come to the CHJ Jewish History Seminar which meets from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month in Unity, Classroom B.

Topics for Discussion at the April 13th Meeting:
*The Jews of India (Barnavi, pp. 182-83); *Jewish Emancipation in Muslim Lands (pp. 184-85); *Modern Antisemitism, (pp. 186-87).

Topics for Discussion at the April 27th Meeting:
*Colonialism and Modernization (Barnavi, pp. 188-89); *State Antisemitism in Eastern Europe (pp. 190-91); *Yiddish; the Dialect of Ashkenazi Jews (pp. 192-93).

Hope you can make these provocative Sessions!!

FYI: The Travel Section of the March 13, 2016 NY Times has a long and fascinating article about Venice, Italy, and the 500th anniversary of the Ghetto in which for 300 years all Venetian Jews were forced to live. (The article is available from the Times web-page; or phone Stan Katz at 343-0095).

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.
**CHJ Calendar March — May 2016**

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**SUMMER MOVIES**

We are planning to run our Summer Movie Program in Fellowship Hall on the following dates and times: Saturdays: June 11; July 9; and August 6.

*Please note: the dates have still to be confirmed.*

Anyone who would like to suggest a film or documentary, please contact Alice D’Souza at Abdsouza4@gmail.com

**HUMANAIRES ANNUAL PARTY**

Around the table from left:
Marty Hollander, Ivan Krakowsky, Alice Schwartz, Zara Baroyan, Diane Schulman, Peter Woodall, Annette Krakowsky and Sandy Siegel.
Also at the party: Robert Lischetti, Judy Lischetti, Carol Levy, Margo Restrepo, Jerry Moore, Iris Hinden, Sandi and Steve Cooper, Susan and Stanley Gordon, Marilyn Golden, Mel Kalfon and Sandy Cadman

Photo by Carol Levy

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