CHJ HIGH HOLIDAYS 2016 RESERVATION FORM See page 3

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Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre: Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Memorial, Closing Services and
Break-the-Fast: Wednesday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m.

WELCOME BACK POTLUCK – SIT – SCHMOOZE – CATCH UP
Friday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE! And let us know ASAP
Guests are welcome. $15.00 per guest, by mail-in check or at the door
After the responses are all in you will be contacted and assigned which dish to bring.
   It may be a main course, or a starch, or a dessert.
BUT WE CANNOT DO THIS UNLESS YOU RSVP by September 7

   Call the office or send in the form. Do it today!

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Make your reservation with the CHJ office.
Phone 941-929-7771, e-mail: chjsarasota@hotmail.com or mail the form
below (with check if applicable) to CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231
Give your name, phone number and number of people who plan to attend.

Register by September 7

Name(s): _______________________________________________________________

Phone No.(s)____________________________________ No. of people ___________________

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From our President Alice D’Souza

This long, hot summer will soon come to an end. So many members who left are still away so there is really a huge void. Nevertheless our summer movies have been a fantastic hit. We have had an average of almost 60 people for each movie, several of that number being non-members. Breaking bread following the movies has also served for many of us to get to know each other so much better.

The Renewal of Membership letters have been mailed out. If you have not received yours please let the office know. If you have thought of not returning to CHJ, please let me know what we did right or wrong, how we can improve, and what we can do to have you stay with us.

Along with the Renewal form is an Activities and Committees form which lists 20 ways you can volunteer with CHJ. We always need volunteers! Remember CHJ is not a private club. We need volunteers to work with the Ritual Committee before and after services. We need greeters before services to welcome visitors and newcomers. We need volunteers to man the name tag table and the visitors’ table. These are just a few of the ways in which you can help. Look at the Activities List and choose the ones you would enjoy. Become involved and join our loyal group - it's rewarding. Every one of us has a gift to offer.

Your Board has been hard at work putting together our upcoming High Holiday Season, our programs, Education Series, movies and other events for the entire year. We hope everyone will be pleased with our efforts.

Edie Kaplan and her elves will be creating the Onegs. She is also organizing the Pot Luck planned for Friday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. We hope everyone gets on board so we can enjoy getting to know each other and just have a good time. Once you have registered, Edie will contact each person about what to bring so that we have a variety of dishes. We have hired David Gould to set up and takedown tables and chairs at Fellowship Hall.

Please be sure to check the 2016-2017 Calendar on the insert in this issue of The Connection. There have been additions and changes to some Programs and Services since the July-August issue.

We have lost many loved members since December and we are all feeling the loss of those we called family. They will not be forgotten.

I wish all our members a safe close to the summer. I often use the word ‘Shanti,’ and some have asked why I do that and what it means. Having lived in India, embracing an Indian family as my own, the word means Peace.

Shalom and Shanti,

Alice

No July Board Action
August Board Action
Approved the proposed 2016-2017 budget

andal the sign said

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:
"Invite us to your next blowout."

Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck:
"Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises"

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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
Advisor to SHJ: Lou Altman
CONGREGATION FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM
HIGH HOLIDAYS 2016 RESERVATION

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3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2016

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

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

RESERVATION COUPON

Members attend free. Members without guests can e-mail their reservation but must indicate names, services they will be attending and if they plan to bring kugel on October 12.

E-mail: chjsarasota@hotmail.com

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

Non-Members and Members with guests must send in this coupon!!

Please send coupon and check payable to CHJ no later than September 23, 2016 and mail (no e-mail) to:
CHJ, 3023 Proctor Rd., Sarasota, FL 34231.

Name/s: _____________________________________________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate which services you will attend and the number of people attending.
(We need to know which services you will attend so we can adequately prepare for seating and meals.)

Rosh Hashanah Service and Lunch: No._______
Yom Kippur Kol Nidre: No._______
Memorial Service and Break-the-Fast: No._______ will make & bring kugel _____ type________

NON-MEMBERS INFORMATION

Number Attending Cost
$100 per person flat fee to attend any or all services** _______ $_____

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

Non-members with questions, please call CHJ Office at 941-929-7771

**Non-members who join within 60 days will receive a reduction in dues for 2016-17 fiscal year equal to the cost of their reservations.

Make checks payable to CHJ and mail with coupon no later than September 23 to:
CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231

YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOKLET

CHJ Members: Please indicate below names of loved ones - not already in our Yahrzeit data base - whom you would like to have listed. Print clearly! See article on page 11 for all details.

Return no later than September 29, 2016 to: CHJ, 3023 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Names will be listed whether or not you are present at the service. There is no charge.
Janet Berney Sheff

Janet Berney Sheff, 90, of Sarasota, formerly of Great Neck, New York, died peacefully in her home July 15, 2016, surrounded by her husband and three sons.

Born in New York City, she married Ronald Sheff and raised three boys, all of whom became doctors. Once her children were older she graduated with a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College and an M.S.W. from Hofstra University, and then worked as a psychiatric social worker.

Over 17 years she and her husband spent much of their time sailing between Maine and Venezuela before settling in Sarasota in 1993. Together they became well known and much loved regulars at the Senior Friendship Center, where they ballroom danced up a storm five days a week, her contagious smile and their beautiful dancing lighting up the room for so many others.

In addition to dancing, music was a big part of her life and for many years she was a member of the Humanaires where her sweet soprano voice enhanced the harmony of the chorus.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Ronald Sheff, and their three sons, Dr. Alan Sheff of Rockville, Maryland, Dr. Richard Sheff of Saunderstown, Rhode Island, and Dr. Daniel Sheff of Lexington, Massachusetts, their spouses, Vivi Shamash Sheff, Virginia Chapin-Sheff and Dr. Hanna Sherman, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Labor Day in Lexington, Massachusetts. Those wishing to honor her memory are invited to make a contribution to the Senior Friendship Center of Sarasota at http://www.friendshipcenters.org/Giving/OnlineDonations.aspx.

Irwin Stupak

Irwin Sheldon Stupack, 87, of Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Southbury, Connecticut and Rockville Centre, New York, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2016. His wife, Fredy, said he fought a long, hard five-year battle with Mantle-Cell Lymphoma, but nevertheless he enjoyed life as much as he could and never gave up.

Irwin was a graduate of James Madison High School in Brooklyn and Long Island University, where he was one of the first people in the United States to receive an M.B.A degree. Irwin served as a desk sergeant in the U.S. Army. While stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he married Betti Hamburg-er and the couple had two children. They remained married until Betti’s death in 1999. Later, Irwin married Frederika Jacobson and the couple lived in Sarasota.

During his long career in the men’s apparel business, Irwin worked for J.P. Stevens, Wamsutta Mills, Fair-Tex Mills, and Kellwood Corporation. He was instrumental in obtaining the first licensed NFL clothing line and was at the forefront of the "Made in America" trend of the 1990s when his clientele included the major catalog companies of L.L. Bean, Clifford & Wills, Lands’ End, and Patagonia.

He is survived by his wife, Fredy, his son Robert Stupack of Larkspur, California, daughter Barbara Anton of Boulder, Colorado, and grandchildren Stephanie Stupack, Michael Anton and Joel Anton. He will be missed by his cousins and nieces, Philip and Susan Cohen, Carol Cohen, Claire and George Tornay, Ellen Seh, and JoAnn Berman.

Irwin requested that there be no memorial service. Donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice. He will be missed by many.
Coming Events

Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Sukkot Service & Speakers Donald Gould and Jacqueline Bevan on
From the Street to a Recording Deal

Following our 7:30 p.m. Sukkot Service, Donald Gould and Jacqueline Bevan will speak on From the Street to a Recording Deal.

Donald Gould was living on the streets of Sarasota, playing a street piano to make enough money to survive. In 2015, a passerby filmed Donald playing a piano version of STYX’s Come Sail Away, and placed it on YouTube. It became a viral sensation, with over a million hits within 24 hours. He was swept up by local media, and within days was given a complete makeover by Inside Edition, which put him on national television.

Donald was invited to play the Star Spangled Banner for the season opener of the San Francisco 49ers, has appeared on a Japanese television show, and joined Ted Williams on his radio show. He has been active giving back to the community that lifted him up by playing for the local Senior Friendship Center as well as benefits for local organizations such as Turning Points and Meals on Wheels.

Donald had studied music theory at Spring Arbor University in Michigan, and as a former marine, he had played clarinet worldwide with the US. Marine Corps Band. However, after struggling with addiction, losing his wife to cancer, and losing custody of his son, his life spiraled downward and he was left struggling on the streets, homeless and hopeless.

Jacqueline Bevan is a Christian Life Coach who with her husband Ray and nine-year-old son Tristan are involved in street ministry for the homeless. She had met Donald in 2014 through ministering on the streets. Over the past year, Jacqueline has started a GoFundMe account for Donald, raising over $40,000, and entered him into drug rehabilitation. She has visited him daily, addressing his everyday needs and becoming his music/PR manager as well as friend.

Donald now has made contact with his son, has his own home, and is working on his recovery. Triple Pop has given him a record contract, and his full album, on which Jacqueline is singing, is scheduled for release in the fall of 2016.

How to Sponsor a Program and/or an Oneg
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Our members sponsor speakers and onegs to commemorate and/or honor an event or a person in their lives, and/or to honor the speaker or the subject presented by the speaker.

Sponsorship for the speaker is $150 and for an oneg $150. Sponsors may choose to do it alone or with others and share the cost and CHJ’s appreciation. It’s totally up to you and it’s up to you to decide the event.

You will be identified as the sponsor(s) of that program on our calendar, and in articles about that program in The Connection.

Send your check to the CHJ office indicating the date and if you are sponsoring the program or the oneg.
## September Yahrzeit

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

## September Birthdays

- **Alice Berman**  
- **Pauline Kabcenell**  
- **Peter Koral**  
- **Sylvia Stock**  
- **Rhoda Rothschild**  
- **Terry Dolgov**  
- **Helen Faden**  
- **Sora Yelin**  
- **Joseph Boston**  
- **Sandra Rickman**

## September Anniversaries

- **Carol & Ken Heckert**  
- **Eileen & Ira Miller**

## SECULAR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM ON THE WEB

**SHJ Facebook Public Group** This is a new public group that encourages free discussion among those interested in Secular Humanistic Judaism and the Society.

**Kesher and On the Move Now Available on SHJ Website** Two years of our e-newsletters are now accessible to everyone on the SHJ Website. The link is on the front page of the Website under recent news.

**SHJ YouTube Channel** The Society for Humanistic Judaism posts videos about the philosophy and the movement.

**IISHJ YouTube Channel** You can also find the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism (IISHJ) on YouTube.

**Sherwin Wine Legacy Website** This website newly launched by the IISHJ provides a look at the life and work of Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine, founder of Humanistic Judaism. Don't look just once. The site is continually being updated.

**Library of Secular Humanistic Judaism** The Library of Secular Humanistic Judaism has videos of weekly Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Jeff Falick and the weekly Study Hour led by Natan Fuchs as well as other Birmingham Temple programs.

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**HUSTLING HITLER** submitted by Sonia Fuentes

One of the things I miss about living in the D.C. area is going to the Politics & Prose bookstore with my friend Fann and listening to authors discuss their books. So it is always a pleasure for me to turn on C-Span 2 for Book TV and hear an author speak at Politics & Prose…I hit the jackpot when I came in on the tail end of Walter Shapiro, a well known author I’d never previously heard of, discussing Hustling Hitler, a book about his great-uncle, a NYC con man in days gone by. I didn't learn about the Hitler caper but will soon as I’m about to buy the book. (Well, maybe not so soon as I'm reading the terrific bio of Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow, on which the musical was based, and it's 800 pages.)

*From acclaimed journalist Walter Shapiro, the true life story of how his great-uncle—a Jewish vaudeville impresario and con man—managed to cheat Hitler's agents in the run-up to WWII.*
I am planning to present a motion to the Board at our next meeting. The motion will be for a charitable plan, TZEDAKAH, for the Social Action Committee to institute for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Since the Board is looking favorably on this and since our desire is to help the Sarasota-Manatee communities, I will be asking each CHJ member to think of the role in which you would like to participate. Each charity will specify what will be required for their clientele.

Our job will be to collect those items, to decorate and fill the containers, and finally to deliver them to the individual charitable organizations. An example is a laundry basket filled with cleaning items, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, etc., for a Veteran and his/her family moving into a new house.

There will be something each of you can do to help make this a CHJ success for those in need. Once the motion is approved, I will list the organizations, items needed, and other particulars. There will be a meeting of the Social Action Committee on September 14 at my house at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to join the Committee, please contact me, Annette Wolfe, or by leaving a message anytime with the CHJ office at 941-929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com, and I will get in touch with you immediately.

Tzedakah is this year's Social Action, along with the All Faiths Food Bank, BackPacks for Kids, and Community Haven, as well, of course, as AmazonSmile. Please also remember to use AmazonSmile when purchasing from Amazon. Directions on how to use AmazonSmile are in The Connection, July-August issue.

Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you in making life a bit easier for those in need. Together we can accomplish much; and as an extra benefit get to know each other and have a rewarding experience. Thank you in advance for participating. Annette Wolfe

CHJ BACKPACKS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of our annual BackPack for Kids campaign through the All Faiths Food Bank. This will be our fourth year of supporting children in Sarasota by providing them with needed nourishing food for their weekends. I will be telling you more about our particular efforts at our first High Holiday Service on Monday, October 3.

Please come to our Rosh Hashanah service with your checkbooks so we can continue providing backpacks for the 50 children we have been helping this year. Renee Crames

Welcome Back Potluck

September 16, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

How did it get to be almost September? Before you know it we will be in full season and busily welcoming back the snowbirds, greeting the tourists, and bucking the traffic jams. Before it gets really hectic, please make plans to attend CHJ’s first gathering of the season, a potluck supper, and—good news – you may also bring guests. The charge for guests is $15.00 for each guest. The reservation form is on page 1.

PLEASE LET US KNOW NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 7 IF YOU WILL ATTEND

After the responses are in you will be contacted and assigned a dish to bring. It may be a main course, a starch or a dessert. Please write a list of the ingredients to be shown with each dish so that we may accommodate those with food sensitivities.

Remember … if you are open to having fun, you will! Edie Kaplan
SECURITY NOTICE
As a security precaution we will no longer list Group contacts' telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Please check your Membership Directory for that information.

JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR  CHJ Jewish History Mavens -- Please Note: The CHJ Jewish History Seminar did not meet in August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at Unity, Classroom B. The topics to be discussed are:
1. Jewish Culture in Eastern Europe, 1881-1939 (Barnavi, pp. 206-07);
2. Modern Palestine, 1860-1918 (Barnavi, pp. 208-09); and

Many thanks to Kay Levy for agreeing to chair the September 14th session.

All CHJ Members: If you would like to learn more about the universal teachings of the great Jewish philosopher, Maimonides, find out about the treasure trove two British ladies found in the attic of an Egyptian synagogue, discover who opposed using Hebrew as the spoken language of Israel, and much more about your history and culture, you are invited to join the Jewish History Seminar. Contact me, Stan Katz, or leave a message at the Office 929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com.

OPERA BUFFS  Any members interested in getting together for dinner after the Sunday matinee performances of the Sarasota Opera this coming season are invited to contact Jeff Lipkes. The first performance is Donizetti's Don Pasquale at 1:30 p.m. on October 30. Contact me, Jeff Lipkes, or leave a message at the CHJ Office 941-929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com.

HUMANAIRES  We're baaack! After a fine summer break The Humanaires resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 31, as we begin preparations for the High Holidays. Our members and conductor Robert Lischetti always welcome new folks to the chorus, and this is a great time to join us. We are a warm and friendly group, and we would love to have you sing with us. There are no auditions. We meet from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday in the sanctuary at Unity from our starting date in August until the end of April (although this year we'll have a bonus service celebrating Israel Independence Day at the start of May).

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 please leave a message for Sandy Cadman with the CHJ office at 941-929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com and she will return your call. You may also speak with any member of the chorus.

WINE GROUPS  There are openings in our Wine Tasting Groups which resume in October. If anyone wishes to become a Wino, please contact Joan Fox or leave a message at the Office 929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.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 item 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 pretty hungry.) Bring chairs, of course. If you’d like to join us, Contact the Office at 941-929-7771.
DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP (DIG)  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.

BIKERS  There are no definite plans for September. We meet monthly and welcome all bike riders to join us for a scenic 1-1/2 hour bike ride with lunch afterwards. If you are interested, contact Sandy Siegel, or leave a message at the Office 929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com.

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. Then contact me and I will be pleased to help you organize your beginning. You will be so happy you did. Call Renee Crames or leave a message at the Office 929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com.

REEL LOVERS  The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15, 2017 at 2.00 P.M., movie to be announced. See you soon, but until then, be well. Call Norine and John, or leave a message at the Office 929-7771 or chjsarasota@hotmail.com.

SINGERS NEEDED!!

Our wonderful chorus -- The Humanaires -- is looking for more singers, especially men to fill out our tenor/bass section. If you get a kick out of blending your own voice with those of others, then the chorus is the place for you.

Come join this dedicated and welcoming group.

THERE ARE NO AUDITIONS.

You will add joy to your own life and enhance the gift of music that The Humanaires bring to CHJ services. Check out our piece on page 8 for more information and leave a message at 941-929-7771. Someone will get back to you to set up your first rehearsal.

The Rowing Team

Yeshiva University decided to field a rowing team. Unfortunately, they lose race after race. Even though they practice and practice for hours every day, they never manage to come in any better than dead last. Finally, the team decides to send Morris Fishbein, its captain, to spy on Harvard, the perennial championship team. So Morris schlepps off to Cambridge, Mass. and hides in the bushes next to the Charles River, where he carefully watches the Harvard team at its daily practice.

After a week, Morris returns to Yeshiva. "Well, I figured out their secret," he announces "What? Tell us! Tell us!" his teammates shout. "We should have only one guy yelling. The other eight should row."
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
To Ron Sheff - “I am sorry for your loss of your beloved wife Janet. You were a beautiful, devoted couple. Janet was an enthusiastic CHJ choir singer. She will be missed," from Marilyn Golden

Congregant Emergency Fund
"A memorial tribute to honor the long life of Irwin Stupack," from Gerri Elias

Education Fund
"Condolences on the loss of Irwin Stupack - to Fredy Jacobson with my deepest sympathy," from Harriet Lane
"Condolences on the loss of Janet Sheff - to Ron Sheff with my sympathy for the loss of your life partner and wonderful wife," from Harriet Lane
“In memory of Janet Sheff,” from Amy Eliezer
For Jules and Elaine Altenberg - “In honor of your 60th Anniversary," from Ann Orkin

General Fund
"For Fredy Jacobson on the death of your husband, Irwin Stupack - so sorry for your loss," from Lois and Marshall Friedman
"In memory of Janet Sheff," from Lois Altman

Program Fund
"In memory of Shirley Gotthelf," from Joan and Ron Fox

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOKLET
Read This if You Want Your Loved Ones’ Names to be Remembered at the October 12 Service

On Wednesday, October 12, at our 3:00 P.M. Memorial Service, a booklet will be available that includes all of the names of our loved ones whose Yahrzeit we observe throughout the year. The only names that will be read aloud will be of those CHJ members who have died since the last High Holidays.

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

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        PROGRAM

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.
Bold New Executive Director Hire for Secular Humanistic Judaism Movement to Address Rising Numbers of Humanists, Atheists, “Nones,” and Secular Jewish Households

The Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ), the congregational arm of the Secular Humanistic Judaism denominational movement, has hired Paul Golin as its new executive director. Paul joins the movement’s leadership team having previously served as associate executive director of Big Tent Judaism. He is a nationally known writer, speaker, advocate, and consultant on the most important issues facing the organized Jewish community today, including intermarriage, outreach, engagement, and inclusion.

“We are thrilled to welcome Paul Golin to our team,” said Dr. Richard Logan, President of the SHJ Board of Directors. “Paul brings a variety of skills to help grow our movement well into the 21st Century. He has already proven himself a powerful advocate for change within the Jewish community on issues relevant to our movement, and he will work to raise our profile exponentially and engage more stakeholders in our cause.” …

…”We are eager to work closely with the new SHJ Executive Director,” explained Alice D’Souza, CHJ’s President. He brings experience and expertise to many areas that can be of direct assistance to us, including how to engage new people in our programming and how to better market our mission. He’ll be a great help to our leadership and he’ll also help SHJ become an ever more useful resource to our members.”

Individuals who describe themselves as unaffiliated with any religious denomination are on the rise in the United States, as are those who describe themselves as humanist, atheist or agnostic. Jews in particular have for decades now demonstrated a much higher secularity than the rest of the nation, with potentially a majority of them not believing in a God that answers personal prayers. These growing populations represent a great potential for SHJ and the Secular Humanistic Judaism movement.

Paul Golin is summarizing all his goals in one word: growth. “Obviously, my top priorities are to help grow the membership in the locally-affiliated communities, and to cultivate more financial resources for SHJ’s work,” he explained. “But I’m also thinking about a deeper kind of growth, and that is personal growth, mission growth, growth in meaning and impact. What is the positive change we’re trying to make in the world? How does Secular Humanistic Judaism improve people’s lives, or help people improve the world? Humanistic Judaism is a cause. We’re on a mission. How do we describe it? How do we engage more people in it? I can’t answer those questions alone, but I can facilitate a movement-wide conversation that will.”

Humanistic Judaism, one of the five branches of Judaism, combines the Jewish values of loving-kindness (Gemilut Chassadim), charity (Tzedaka), and making the world a better place (Tikkun Olam), with the recognition that the responsibility for putting them in practice lies in human hands. It is a nontheistic movement in which cultural Jews and their families can affirm, celebrate, and enrich their Jewish identity and values. The Society is the central body for the Humanistic Jewish movement in North America. August 15, 2016