Marc Chagall (1887-1985) was a Russian-French artist. As an early modernist, he created works in virtually every artistic format, including painting, book illustrations, stained glass, stage sets, tapestries and fine art prints. In his early 20s, Chagall was part of the Russian avant-garde while living in St. Petersburg. When he moved to Paris and Berlin, he developed his unique mixture of styles that incorporated Eastern European and Jewish folk culture.

This program is dedicated to Ellie Altman

Make your reservation through the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism office:
Phone 941-929-7771 or e-mail chjsarasota@hotmail.com
Register at least one week before the program.
For members and non-members:
By e-mail or phone, leave your name, phone number and the number of people who will attend.
Free to members. $5.00 for non-members. Non-members may pay at the door.
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.

It’s been a while but, here I am again - a tad out of practice, a few years gone, but still committed to CHJ and all it stands for.

I need your support, CHJ needs your support and I’m sure we all agree that growth must be at the top of our agenda. There are far too many people whose hearts and minds share our philosophy yet they do not know we exist. We need each one of you to tell a friend, who will tell a friend and spread the word. Every time a "newbie" steps through our door, we all need to reach out and make them feel SO welcome that they simply can't wait to see us again. At each and every oneg, make a point of sitting with someone new and letting them know what's coming so they are sure they won't miss an exciting speaker or service or us.

We need you to look at what you bring to CHJ not only in terms of sponsorships but as potential board members and volunteers who are committed to keeping CHJ alive and, more than that - thriving.

I look forward to meeting the many members whom I do not know, hearing from the "oldies", working with Paul Golin, SHJ's new Executive Director, and to making CHJ not only a smart place to be, but one that's fun as well. Cordially,

Rick

CARING
Do you know any members who would appreciate a card from CHJ? Do you know anyone who has suffered a recent or lingering illness, or to whom we can offer our condolences? Alice D’Souza

Please contact the office, Alice D’Souza or Sandy Fishman.
All phone numbers and e-mails are in the directory.

No June Board Action

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The Board meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Roskamp Center for Arts and Humanities 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota All CHJ members are welcome

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Board Appointed Designee to SHJ: Ellie Altman
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CONGREGATION FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM  
HIGH HOLIDAYS 2017 RESERVATION  

Rosh Hashanah: 10:30 AM Thursday, September 21, 2017  
Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre: 7:30 PM Friday, September 29, 2017  
Yom Kippur Memorial, Closing Services and Break-the-Fast: 3:00 PM Saturday, September 30, 2017  

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 & if they plan to bring Kugel on September 30  
E-mail: chjsarasota@hotmail.com  

A $25 charge for each adult family member 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 14, 2017, 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:    #_______  
Yom Kippur Kol Nidre:                           #_______  
Memorial Service and Break-the-Fast: #_______     I will make & bring Kugel _____ type______

NON-MEMBERS INFORMATION

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

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

Non-members with questions, please call CHJ Office at 929-7771  
**Non-members who join within 60 days will receive a reduction in dues for 2017-18 fiscal year equal to the cost of their reservations.**

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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 at bottom of page 4 for all details.  
Return no later than September 14, 2017, 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.
**Cecilia (Ceci) Sigalowsky Katz** passed away on May 30, 2017. Longtime CHJ members, she and her husband, Stan, joined CHJ in 2003.

She earned a B.A. degree in English from Syracuse University in 1955 and married in the same year, then moved to the Washington, DC area where she taught English Literature. She also lived in France, several years in London, England, in Honolulu, Hawaii, and in Manila, the Philippines. During her 12 years in the Philippines, Cecilia taught English to adults.

Ceci, along with Stan, Terry Langlois, Joan Fox and Ivan Krakowsky, were instrumental in starting the very successful CHJ Jewish History Seminar group which is ongoing.

Arlene Pearlman wrote, “I never saw Ceci Katz without Stan - or without a hat! - She made every hat look wonderful. Ceci, always stylish, always with a smile, always with a warm welcome, had, as was said at her service, a most wonderful speaking voice. A few years ago at a Klezmer concert presented by the Katzes as a CHJ fund-raiser, the historical narrative read by Ceci equaled the fabulous music made by Stan.

“I often ran into them in a couple of their favorite restaurants - Ceci with her soup and Stan with a real meal. The staff was always happy and attentive to their needs. Ceci made every one of them feel special. I will miss seeing her. This tiny woman left a huge impression on all who knew her.”

Ceci grew up in the Workmen’s Circle community and was fluent in Yiddish. In Sarasota, she was a member of the Yiddish Leyenkreiz, a Yiddish reading circle that reads and translates Yiddish literature.

She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Stanley; a son, Mitchell; and a daughter, Raquel.

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**Natalie Forman,** a longtime CHJ member, passed peacefully at Sarasota Hospice at the age of 89 on June 17, shortly after a sudden medical emergency.

She was caring, kind and nurturing, an engaged and vital educator all her life. She took much pleasure in using Face Time to connect with grandkids around the world and keeping her Yiddish roots alive. Her dynamic intellect was expansive and she was a mentor to many.

She was the beloved wife of the late Manuel Forman; cherished mother of Erica, Jon and Dan; adored grandmother of Andrew, Doug, Rachel, Rebecca, Robin and Sarah; devoted sister; treasured mother-in-law; dear aunt and cousin of many, and closely attached to numerous friends in her Long Island, Berkshire and Sarasota communities. We miss her very much.

Contributions in Natalie’s memory may be made to the Yiddish Book Center, 1021 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002.

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**Henry Levy** passed away on June 24, 2017. We regret to write that due to time constraints his obituary will appear in the September issue of *The Connection*. We extend our sincere condolences to Kay, his wife, his family and friends.

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**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOKLET**

Read This If You Want Your Loved Ones’ Names To Be Remembered at the September 30 Service

On Saturday, September 30, 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 database, 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.)
WHY CHJ BELONGS TO SHJ

by Louis Altman,
Member of CHJ Sarasota, Kol Hadash, Illinois,
Past president of SHJ

I am sometimes asked, “Why should a congregation pay its assessment? What dollar value does a congregation get from the Society for Humanistic Judaism?” That’s when I do my best imitation of President Kennedy and reply, “Ask not what SHJ can do for you; ask what you can do for SHJ.” And that is a serious, if somewhat theatrical, answer.

If there were no central body for the Humanistic Jewish movement, we would be trying to create one. If we knew that there were about 30 Humanistic Jewish congregations and communities scattered about the U.S. and Canada that had no formal relationship to each other, our first thought would be:

“Shouldn’t we band together on a permanent basis for mutual support, and for sharing of Shabbat and High Holiday services, Sunday school curricula, and other resources? Shouldn’t we band together on a permanent basis in opposition to the Christian fundamentalists who want to impose their religious ideology on the rest of us?”

We would want to unite all the Humanistic Jewish congregations and communities because Jews are a small minority, and we Humanists are a small minority even among Jews, so we really should stick together. In other words, we would want to form some sort of mutual benefit society. Well, that’s what we already have!

That’s exactly why the SHJ got started in the 1960s. There were three original unrelated congregations: one in suburban Detroit, founded by Rabbi Sherwin Wine; one in suburban Chicago, founded by Rabbi Dan Friedman; and one in Connecticut, founded by Jeanne and John Franklin; and when they discovered each other they got together to form the Society for Humanistic Judaism as a national umbrella group.

After that, the SHJ grew to connect many congregations and communities all over the U.S. and Canada. As a result, people can now move to a different city and know that they can find a Humanistic Jewish congregation there. In fact Ellie and I specifically chose our winter home just because we knew about the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in Sarasota!

And how did CHJ Sarasota get formed in the first place? Because my wife Ellie introduced Joan Fox, whom she knew from the Chicago congregation, to Ellie’s cousin’s friend Betty Pelletz, who met with SHJ Executive Director Bonnie Cousens, and Bonnie put Betty in touch with Ettie Handelman from Detroit’s Birmingham Temple, and the rest is history. Good things happen when people network.

And that’s not all. As CHJ began to function, SHJ provided resources to support the fledgling community and sent Rabbi Wine to visit again and again and again.

Over the years the SHJ has grown beyond the original three congregations. It has an office and pays rent. It has an Executive Director plus several part-time employees, including a rabbi who serves all the congregations (most of which do not have their own rabbi). It publishes a journal and multiple e-newsletters. It continues to provide programs, resources, and support for all the Humanistic Jewish congregations and communities in North America.

Of course there is a cost for all this. So each congregation pays a share of that cost, not only for what they get in return, but in order to give back i.e., in order to support the entire Humanistic Jewish community in North America, to support the ethical voice of humanism in government, and to sustain the idea of Humanistic Jewish solidarity. There is no way to put a dollar amount on the value of that idea. We are fortunate to have an organization such as SHJ in which to make that investment.
Little White Lies: (2hrs 34 min) 2011. A French comedy-drama.

Ludo, a party animal, takes off late at night on his scooter from a Parisian nightclub, where he's blindsided by a truck. Lying between life and death in the hospital, Ludo is visited by his band of longtime pals, who decide that the gruesome crash should not prevent them from embarking on their coveted summer holidays.

Prior to the trip, another major problem had arisen when one of the friends confessed his attraction to nervous-wreck restauranteur Max - their initial tête-à-tête is one of the film's comic highlights. Both are married, and Max clearly isn't game, so when they arrive later with their families at his pristine seaside cottage, tensions are sky-high.
AUGUST LIFE CYCLES

August Yahrzeit

Steven Auderieth, husband of Judy Auderieth
Ira Berman, husband of Cheryl Berman
Dr. Charles Berney, father-in-law of
    Ronald Sheff
Bertha Bernstein, loved one of
    Adrienne & Howard Feltman
Douglas Cadman, stepson of Sandy Cadman
Noah Cohen, nephew of Susan Boston
Ruth Devorsetz, loved one of Amy Eliezer
Kaethe Eckstein, mother of Susan Friedman
Mika Eilon, granddaughter of Bina Nadler
Lilyan Farber, wife of Bernard Farber
Miriam Finell, mother of Iris Hinden
Philip Finell, father of Iris Hinden
Bessie Freed, mother of Pauline Kabcenell
Joseph Freed, brother of Pauline Kabcenell
Jamie Freeman, nephew of Norman Freeman
Rose Freeman, mother of Norman Freeman
Leah Hollander, mother of Marty Hollander
Benjamin Laub, father-in-law of Jerry Levinson
Harry Levine, father of Edith Sack
Jeanette London, mother-in-law of
    Stanford Weiss
Maurice London, father-in-law of Stanford Weiss
Esther Mervine, aunt of Mark Rickman
Anna Rickman, mother of Mark Rickman
Ira Spiegeland, brother of Barbara Relles
Herman Van Der Ryn, father of
    Frederika Jacobson
Nathan Weinraub, loved one of
    Judith & Donald Black
Morton L Weiss, brother of Stanford Weiss
Barbara Wendrof, sister of Henry Levy

August Birthdays

Bina Nadler August 1
Edie Kaplan August 2
Henry Levy August 2
Adrienne Feltman August 3
Louis Altman August 6
Stephen Cooper August 6
Carol Levy August 10
Toni Gartner August 18
Adelaide Rosen August 18
Sheldon (Shelly) Zelizer August 19
David Berman August 20
Cheryl Berman August 21
Marvin Rosen August 29

Father’s Day 2017

For many years like many others
I have written poems dedicated to mothers.
Alas father’s day came and went
And never was a poem written or sent.

However this year I said, “That ain’t right”
And proceeded to correct this oversight.
For too long fathers have been timid and mild,
Don’t you know it takes two to Tango or have a child?
It is time that fathers are recognized for their true worth
Without us how would you populate the earth?

But this is not about who is worth more.
I do not want to start a gender war.
For it must be apparent that in order to populate
Both sexes must agree and cooperate.
For it takes love and affection
To move this world in the right direction.

Just because this world is presently in turmoil
Is even more reason to promote love between boy and girl
And as their fruit appears and matures
Teach them the road to peace has no detours.

As adults we are all members of the human race,
Where we are all equal and entitled to our own space.
When there is enough for all, why should anyone want more?
And that’s the way we will put an end to selfishness and war.

Al Koral, June 2017

One of the saddest lessons of history is this: If we’ve been bamboozled long enough, we tend to reject any evidence of the bamboozle. We’re no longer interested in finding out the truth. The bamboozle has captured us. It’s simply too painful to acknowledge, even to ourselves, that we’ve been taken. Once you give a charlatan power over you, you almost never get it back. Carl Sagan
This is a very stressful time and we cannot sit back and be complacent. The Senate has released its version of the Health Care Bill. It is as heartless as the House Bill. It will adversely affect the everyday lives of millions of people. This newsletter might come out too late to ask that you call, protest, or write letters concerning the Health Care bill in the Senate. Millions of lives will be adversely compromised if this Bill passes. An e-blast has been sent, and I urge you to take action. It has been proven that protests, phone calls, letters and postcards help in swaying and changing the vote of Senators and/or Representatives. Please continue to make your desires known.

There will not be a Social Action Committee meeting during the summer months. We will resume again after Rosh Hashanah. Please do email me about any projects you would like to see enacted by CHJ. Social Action affects all of us in our community and beyond.

With thanks and wishes to all who have been available by participating and helping CHJ’s contributions to the community. I look forward to a vibrant and dedicated group of people participating in the new season. There is much to do and some only takes a few minutes of your time.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer,

Annette Wolfe, Vice President and Social Action Chair

Volunteering: Getting back much more than you put in!

Thursday afternoons were open; my husband was taking a class. I stopped at the local botanical garden for a stroll. An hour later, I left, feeling relaxed but somehow unfulfilled. The next Thursday, I returned. When I arrived I saw a woman I recognized from CHJ. I invited her to join me on my walk; she happily agreed. We discovered we had much in common – our mutual love of nature, our delight in orchids, and grandchildren of the same ages. We were pleased to have reached out to each other and pledged to meet each week. On the drive home, I realized, that the feeling of the week before was not there. We took a class together, became volunteers, and soon feeling like loyal aficionados – part of something bigger – we were also friends..

CHJ is just like that; the more you put in, the more you get back. Want connection? Volunteer on a committee. Want something more academic? Join the History Seminar Group. Something creative? Come sing with the Humanaires. Searching for community? It’s all there at CHJ. YOU have to reach out; it’s waiting there. After two terms on the Board, six years singing in the chorus, and two years each serving as two Committees’ Chair, I learned how much I loved CHJ and everyone I got a chance to work with. We all need CHJ in our different ways and CHJ needs us, too. Please take a part, help CHJ be everything it can be – for yourself and CHJ’s future, too. Sandi Cooper

SHJ Calls for the Unaltered Retention of the Johnson Amendment

The Society for Humanistic Judaism (SHJ) vigorously supports the Johnson Amendment as fundamental to American democracy and the separation of church and state. The Johnson Amendment prohibits 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organizations, including churches and synagogues, from “directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.”

Enacted in 1954 under President Eisenhower, the Johnson Amendment states that nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations cannot endorse specific candidates, collect contributions on behalf of political campaigns, or make any statement for or against a particular candidate. Under current law, nonprofits including churches can – and often do – educate the public on a myriad of social and political issues and even advocate positions on such specific issues. The crux of the current statutory limitation in the Johnson Amendment is restricting the support of specific candidates while allowing these organizations the freedom to take positions on issues. May 2017. To know the reasoning for this resolution, you can read the full article at www.shj.org.
SPECIAL & SOCIAL GROUPS

BIKERS
We will resume riding in the fall after the holidays. For information, contact Sandy Siegel.

LIFE STORIES
We meet to learn about the fascinating lives of the members in our group. We all have stories to tell. We meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Our meetings will resume in December.

DIGITAL IMAGING GROUP (DIG)
Our class is closed for the summer. We will resume on the 4th Tuesday of October—10/24/17. New members are welcome. For further information contact Jules Altenberg.

JEWISH HISTORY SEMINAR
We will resume our regular monthly meetings in September.

WINE GROUPS
Our meetings will resume in September. For information, please contact Joan Fox.

FILM FORUM
The Forum is still active, but we are off for the summer. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17. Please contact Jules Altenberg for information.

We Marched for Science
SHJ-affiliated congregations throughout North America participated in the April 22 March for Science. Falling on the same weekend as the twice-yearly SHJ board meeting in Michigan, Rabbi Miriam Jerris coordinated a joint contingent from SHJ and The Birmingham Temple to participate in the Detroit march. It was a powerful experience for all who attended, to stand together as a Jewish community and declare our support for reason, logic, and empirical scientific methods.
TRIBUTES

BERMAN MUSIC FUND

"Honoring Margo Restrepo and Jerry Moore’s wedding," from Susan and Stan Gordon
"In celebration of the marriage of Margo Restrepo and Jerry Moore," from Carol and Erwin Segal
"Mazel tov to Margo Restrepo and Jerry Moore with wishes for much happiness," from Sandy Cadman and Mel Kalfon

For Betty Pelletz - in memory of her husband, Stan Pelletz - "As founding members of the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism I want to thank you for your many years of devoted service to CHJ," from Marilyn Golden

In memory of Ceci Katz - "I mourn the loss of my dear, sweet friend, Ceci Katz. She was bright and caring and I treasured her friendship. We shared a love for the Yiddish language and the Humanistic Congregation. Ceci and Stan were a loving, devoted couple," from Marilyn Golden

For Stan Katz – in memory of Ceci Katz - "Sorry for your loss of your dear wife. She will be greatly missed," from Sandy Siegel and Marty Hollander

“In memory of Ceci Katz,” from Bill Lakin and Lois Altman

EDUCATION FUND

“In memory of Ceci Katz. Thinking of the family at this time of great loss,” from Alice D’Souza

For Stan Katz – “In memory of Ceci Katz,” from Jo Arora

“In memory of Ceci Katz,” from Amy Eliezer

“In memory of Ceci Katz,” from Harriet Lane

GENERAL FUND

“In memory of Ceci Katz,” from the Gilman Family

PROGRAM FUND

"In memory of Stanley Pelletz, a co-founder of the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism," from Priscilla and Paul Molnar

“In memory of Ceci Katz,” from Joan and Ron Fox

"In memory of Ceci Katz, whose gentle voice will no longer be heard," from Sim Lesser

In memory of Ceci Katz - "a unique and special 'lady', with deepest sympathy to Stan and her children,” from Edith and Barney Sack

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.
**BEAT THE HEAT: SUMMER FUN**

*Tuesday, August 8: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

*Board Games and Pizza*

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