

SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS

December 7	7:30 pm
December 14	7:30 pm Social Responsibility Service
December 21	7:30 pm
December 28	7:30 pm

SATURDAY MORNINGS

December 1	10:00 am <i>Vayeishev</i>
December 8	10:00 am <i>Mikeitz</i>
December 15	10:00 am <i>Vayigash</i>
December 22	10:00 am <i>Va-y'chi</i>
December 29	10:00 am <i>Sh'mot</i>

SATURDAY EVENINGS

December 8	5:00 pm <i>Vayigash</i> Havdalah bat mitzvah of Lindsey Berman
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DO NOT MISS THE CRC BOOK FAIR 5768, OR

HOW A BOOK CHANGED MY LIFE

Jim and I had the privilege of visiting the "eclectic" chavurah last Saturday night. This chavurah had members that have belonged since our attempt at connecting every member with a chavurah about 15 years ago. We had a big meeting, discussed the value of connecting every member household with a smaller more intimate group as we began to grow and then divided into smaller groups based on interest and other defining and non-defining characteristics. Some wanted to be with members with children, some without, some with and without, some wanted more learning, some more social, etc. You get the picture. About 10 chavurot were formed. This one has taken many forms and continues to meet monthly. The food was amazing, the conversation stimulating and fun. We made Havdalah, talked some more and never got to the subject I had been asked to discuss but I don't think anyone missed it. It was very touching for me and I felt so grateful for the moment, sitting with couples I had married, buried loved ones for, prayed for, converted, known through sorrow and simchah, even been coached through birth by.

Jim noticed a copy of *Ivanhoe* on the coffee table. I told a story from over 30 years ago. If it had not been for *Ivanhoe*, I would never have been there that night. *Ivanhoe* got me into rabbinical school. To make a long story short, I was in Tunisia after college working at the excavations at Carthage and came home to apply to graduate programs. I was encouraged to apply to the Reform Seminary, HUC-JIR, by the wife of one of my childhood rabbis. I had no intention of being a rabbi; too new for women. But it looked like a good aca-

ademic program. I applied and was given an interview quickly because I had to return to Tunisia. The interview was a nightmare; all men with just one older woman who didn't ask anything. It is mostly a blur but I remember questions like, "what happens if one of your congregants makes a pass at you?" "What if you want to get married and have children?" I remember thinking I had made a terrible mistake and asking if they asked male candidates the same questions. I knew that we were in the process of rejecting each other when one older professor who I thought was sleeping broke through the tension with a question, "What is your favorite book of English Literature," he asked. "*Ivanhoe*", I replied without missing a beat. We had a 20 minute discussion of *Ivanhoe* and I believe that is what got me into rabbinical school and why I found the path and life that I am grateful for every day.



Linda Cohen and Camille Greenwald, in partnership with Left Bank Books, have a wonderful weekend planned for us. Filled with books and learning and prayer there are many opportunities to connect with each other with books filling the spaces between us. Many members have shared their favorite "picks" and we have presentations planned by the rabbis and local authors Inda Schaenen, Sally Altman and Dick Weiss and the amazing Howard Schwartz. Friday night services on the 30th will be a special presentation by three of the couples who went on the Interfaith Partnership's three faith tradition trip to Israel including our own David and Joy Sterneck and Rev's Michael and Katherine Kinnamon. Michael is the new Director of the National Council of Churches and will be leaving for New York to assume

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Mazel Tov to . . .

- ✧ Jessica Rosen on her bat mitzvah
- ✧ Keaton Hentoff-Killian on his bar mitzvah
- ✧ Ali Hunter on her bat mitzvah
- ✧ Sarina Grebler on her bat mitzvah
- ✧ Sally Altman and Richard Weiss on the publication of their book, *Forest Park, The Jewel of St. Louis*
- ✧ Rebecca Brown, Emily Coen, Betsy Hawkins-Chernof, Kara Newmark, Christy Singer and Vicki Singer on their b'not mitzvah
- ✧ Emily and Matt Coen on the birth of their son, Noah Joshua
- ✧ Dorothy Mayer on her bat mitzvah
- ✧ Gwen Cullinane who won the wonderful djembe drum at Robert Fishbone's benefit concert
- ✧ Ken and Carole Chackes on the birth 11-16-07 of their grandson, Henry Alexander Chackes, son of Beth and Andrew

Sincere Condolences to . . .

- ✧ Rhea, Sarah and Seth Oelbaum on the death of their husband and father and our member, Stuart Oelbaum
- ✧ Fran Weintraub on the death of her mother, Ethel Weintraub
- ✧ Barbara Shaffer on the death of her mother and our member, Betty Schwartz
- ✧ Margaret Phillips on the death of her husband and our member, Herman Blumenthal
- ✧ Jane Ettelson on the death of her mother, Alice Kratzman
- ✧ Nancy Goldstein on the death of her brother, David Neustadt

Welcome New Members . . .

- ✧ Traci Lato
- ✧ Alex and Barbi Berg
- ✧ Bart and Patti Holtzman and Madeline, Emma and Greta
- ✧ Cyndy and Stuart Nayer
- ✧ Joshua Porter

TIDBITS

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER BRUNCH

Sunday, January 20, 10:30 am

Contact Joy at (314) 361-1564 ext. 109 or joy@centralreform.org to RSVP.

COLLECTING

Blankets for **Blanket St. Louis**
Unwrapped gifts for **Chanukah Hugs**
Collections boxes are in the oneg near the congregant coat closet.

Winter clothing for **our tikkun closet**

PART-TIME CAREGIVER

NEEDED FOR THE ESSTMAN FAMILY

Our dear member, Don Esstman, is looking for a mature, experienced caregiver for his three wonderful kids, ages 9, 14 and 16, in his Chesterfield home weekdays after school from 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

This person must have their own car, be able to start dinner, engage his 9 year old daughter in activities, pick up and drop off kids occasionally, and do some light grocery shopping.

To apply or for more information, call Diane Maier at (314) 520-2638.

CORRECTING AN OMISSION

In the story describing our successful benefit concert with Robert Fishbone, we unintentionally forgot to thank a wonderful volunteer, Maisha Hamilton. Maisha drove from Wentzville to take charge of the ticket table. Thank you, Maisha!

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this position in January. I am so honored that he will be spending one of his last Shabbats with us. On Saturday morning we will be joined at services and taught by St. Louis legend Harry Offenbach.

Please join us for as much of the Annual Book Fair as you can from November 30th to December 2nd. It's a great way to prepare for Chanukah, a great way to be open to the miracles that come from learning. You never know if you will find the book or make the book connection that will be a guide for and change your life.

Susan

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM TO MEET MONTHLY

Monday, December 3, 7:00 pm
St. Louis County Library, Bridgeton Trails branch, 3455 McKelvey Rd.

Children of Abraham will begin monthly meetings of open dialogue, discussion of current events in the Middle East, sharing of stories, socializing, song and readings on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

On December 3, we will watch the HBO Documentary "To Die in Jerusalem". The film focuses on the deaths of a Palestinian teenager and an Israeli teenager in a bomb blast. Through the two families' personal losses, the film explores the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, mutual pain despite cultural differences and diverse perceptions of death; and ultimately, the hope for peace. The film's most revealing moment is an emotionally charged meeting between the mothers of the two dead girls. A discussion will follow the movie.

Free and open to all.

Meeting Times

Basic Judaism

Saturday, December 1, 12:15 pm

Book Club

Saturday, December 1, 2:00 pm

Board Meeting

Thursday, December 13, 7:30 pm

Continuing Interfaith

Sunday, December 9, 9:30 am

Development Circle

TBA

Drum Circle

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Education Steering Committee

Sunday, January 6, 9:00 am

Gathering the Sparks

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 am

Grief Support Group

Saturday, December 15, 1:00 pm

Meeting Times

Healing Circle

Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm

Hospitality Circle

TBA

Interfaith 101

Sunday, December 16, 12:00 pm

Interfaith 102

TBA

Israel Circle

Monday, December 10, 7:00 pm

Membership Circle

Sunday, December 2, 9:00 am

Naomi Group

Friday, January 11, 12:00 pm

Religious Events Circle

Sunday, December 16, 8:30 am

Ruth Group

Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 pm

Meeting Times

Social Responsibility Circle

Sunday, December 9, 10:00 am

Soul of the Building

TBA

Tikkun Olam Education Team

Sunday, December 9, 3:00 pm

Tikkun Olam Environment Team

Sunday, December 9, 12:00 pm

Tikkun Olam Healthcare Team

Sunday, December 9, 1:30 pm

Torah Study

Fridays at noon

Saturdays at 8:45

Yad b'Yad (Men's Group)

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 pm

Year of Living Responsibly

TBA

BASIC JUDAISM LATKE PARTY

Sunday, December 9, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Now that we've learned about Chanukah, lets eat a lotta latkes and share a Shabbat dinner! Please call Maggie at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 so we can decide the ingredients to bring. Feel free to bring you menorah and candles.

LGBT LATKE PARTY

Friday, December 7, 6:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate Chanukah! Let's eat a lotta latkes and share a Shabbat dinner. We will also be celebrating Kristi Foster's conversion. Please bring:

- A - G vege dish or salad
- H - P vege main dish
- Q - Z dessert and wine

RSVP to Maggie at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

CRC SHARE SHABBAT

Friday evening, February 1

Open your home to other members or request a place to go! On January 17, Karen Sher will teach a Shabbat workshop. To sign up complete the insert in this issue of the MEMO.

We have a different date!

BASIC JUDAISM

Sunday, December 1, noonish

What is Chanukah and how do you spell it? We'll talk and learn together about this supposed "minor" holiday. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Maggie Duwe at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

ISRAEL CIRCLE CELEBRATES



*Sufganiot Tasting and
Dreidel Spinning Tournament*

Monday, December 10 at 7:00 pm

Sometimes you just have to celebrate the miracles. So, at the Israel Circle Sufganiot Tasting and Dreidel Spinning Tournament, we'll rekindle our connections to one another and light seven lights to dedicate ourselves to another year of study and action. If you've wondered about the Israel Circle, this is a good time to hear our monthly update followed by this month's test of dreidel spinning prowess. Join us! RSVPs appreciated to Gmrmrg@aol.com.

For more information on the programs below, contact Maggie Duwe at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or maggie@centralreform.org.

BOOK CLUB

Saturday, December 1, 2:00 pmish

For those interested in exploring conversion or those just interested!

We will begin discussing our next book: *The Thirteen Petalled Rose* by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz. Please read to page 70 for our next gathering. All are welcome.

NAOMI GROUP

Friday, January 11, noon to 1:00 pm

Naomi Group is for women interested in re-envisioning and re-kindling their Judaism. We study Jewish women from Biblical to modern times.

RUTH GROUP

Wednesday, December 12
noon - 1:00 pm

Ruth Group is for women, not born Jewish, but connected with Judaism. We begin our next adventure. Please read through page 119 in our new book: *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs. Please join us for study and good community.



MORE CRC NEWS &

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SHABBAT

Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm

Sar Moriel
of the African Hebrew Israelite Community

Sar and his community of 'Black Hebrews' who are based in Dimona, Israel have become great friends to CRC. Sar will speak about the efforts of the community to support African nations, particularly Ghana. Sar will also speak to the general benefits of greater Israeli-African partnerships.

CRC'S CHANUKAH BOOK FAIR 2007

Friday, November 30, 10 am - 10 pm
Saturday, December 1, 10 am - 10 pm
Sunday, December 2 11 am - 6 pm
at Left Bank Books

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Susan
Friday, November 30, noon

Kabbalat Shabbat with Reb Ed Harris
Friday, November 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Jewish Renewal with Rabbi Randy
Saturday, December 1, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Family Book Talk with Ina Schaeenen
Saturday, December 1, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Havdalah with Honi, Rabbis Randy, Michael
Saturday, December 1, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Art with Sally Altman and Richard Weiss
Sunday, December 2, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Music with Rabbi James Stone Goodman
Sunday, December 2, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

THE MR. JAZZ SHOW

Sunday, December 2, 4:00 pm at CRC

Music and poetry ... sacred story and song ... something original.

Featuring Rabbi James Stone Goodman, Dahveed Nelson of the Last Poets, Robert Fishbone and Mr. Jazz Master Zimbabwe Nkere. Modest donations requested at the

Teacher Feature

Shalom! Welcome to this month's edition of Central Reform Congregation's Teacher Feature. We are proud to introduce you to one of our most outstanding educators. New to our team this year is Mrs. Mara Hicks. Mara is one of our leading Hebrew educators and she carries the title of Master Teacher. Mara is a language specialist, a mentor and much more. Mara can always be found teaching, tutoring or simply helping to brighten people's spirits.

Mara completed her BA in Spanish at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA in 1998. She is currently working on her final project to complete her MA in instructional design and learning technologies at SIUE. Mara has been teaching Spanish at the middle and high school levels for eight years in Virginia and Illinois. Currently she is on a leave of absence so that she may stay home with her daughter, Zoe, who was born in April. This has also allowed her the opportunity to teach Hebrew for the first time at CRC. She is really excited to become more involved here at CRC with the religious school. The small class size and the 4th and 5th grade age group is so refreshing, coming from a public high school. She looks forward to sharing her excitement and enthusiasm about Hebrew and language with her students. In her free time, Mara enjoys scrapbooking, watching movies and spending time with her husband, daughter and two dogs.

Please remember that the doors of our school house are always open to you. Mara and the rest of the staff invite you to join us every day for powerful and uplifting worship services led by our teachers, our students, Rabbi Michael and Associate Director Jordan.

Children's services are held at 9:30 on Shabbat Mornings as well.

L hitraacht, we look forward to seeing you soon!

THANKS FROM THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CIRCLE

The Social Responsibility Circle would like to thank some of our volunteers who have made a difference with specific projects sponsored by the Circle.

Members Margie Gottlieb and Brad Sanders worked as volunteers for Habitat for Humanity at our November 10 build in the Mark Twain neighborhood.

CRYC member Niki Shaffer was in charge of CRC's involvement in the first ever St. Louis area CROP walk to help eradicate hunger. She put in many hours to make sure that CRC had a presence at the walk and that we raised money and

22nd ANNUAL WORLD PEACE DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, December 31, 6:00 am at CRC

This is an amazing service, part of a synchronized world-wide observance, presented by Jeanie Breeze and the St. Louis New Age community and hosted by CRC. Find your way in the darkness with the aid of beautiful luminaries and try the meditative labyrinth walk in the oneg room. Then, join the packed sanctuary for words of welcome from Rabbi Randy, blissful music courtesy of the acoustic rock group Jami Lula and flautist Ravenwolf. Our own Robert 'Honi' Fishbone will be on hand for story-weaving and there will be a variety of chants and meditations along the way. The joyous finale is courtesy of the percussion group JOIA. Afterwards there is a

Would the generous donors of Exxon Mobil and Clear Channel stock please contact Sharalyn Saks, Finance Director so that they may be properly thanked.

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GENERAL FUND

Sheila Greenbaum and Gary M. Wasserman

*With a healing prayer for Harriet Blickenstaff
& In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca Brown, Emily Coen, Kara Newmark, Christy Singer, Victoria Singer, and Betsy Hawkins-Chernof*

Marylen Mann and Frank Jacobs

In honor of the B'not Mitzvah of Rebecca Brown, Emily Coen, and Kara Newmark

Claire Jacobs

*To thank Mem Movshin for taking OASIS on a grand tour of CRC
& To thank Sharalyn Saks for setting up the tour and having coffee available*

The Chasnoff Family

To thank CRC for so generously opening its doors and hearts to our family during our time of loss

Lee and Lise Bernstein

In honor of Steve Friedman's special birthday

Richard Plotzker

With gratitude for CRC's hospitality

Ron and Ginny Weil

*In honor of Fred and Sara Epstein's 50th wedding anniversary
& In honor of the wedding anniversary of Linda Riekes and Rob Koff*

Ron Fagerstrom

*In memory of Mary Fagerstrom
& In memory of Rose Goodall*

Sarah Siegel and Paul Stein

& Susan Spiegel and Stewart Halperin

& Ray and Alberta Slavin
In honor of the 18th wedding anniversary of Linda Riekes and Rob Koff

Susan Spiegel and Stewart Halperin

In memory of Stuart Oelbaum

Daniel and Ilene Joseph

In honor of Kara Newmark's Bat Mitzvah

Ione S. Comess

& Betty Tureen

In honor of Dorothy Mayer's Bat Mitzvah

Ray Davidson

With healing prayers for Eric Sinyavskiy

Vicki and Barry Singer

In honor of Ed, Leslie, Marty, Honi, Rabbi Randy, and all of the staff at CRC for creating a sacred space filled with music and warmth at the B'not 6 ceremony

Bunny Gerstenfeld

With love to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Randy on their birthdays

Carol Iglauer

RABBIS' TRIBUTE FUND

Carmen Davis

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve

The Redel, Krojanker, and Yaffe Family

With thanks to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Jim

Mark and Edyta Grazman

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve for her spirituality and kindness

Judy Presberg

With gratitude to Rabbi Talve for her kindness and support

Debby and Ralph Wafer

*In gratitude for Rabbi Talve's blessing of their son and daughter in law, Joshua and Barbara
& In honor of Ralph's 60th birthday*

Rob and Nancy Mohr

*With love and thanks to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Randy for guiding Chelsea through her Bat Mitzvah
& With thanks to Ed, Marty, and Leslie for their beautiful music at Chelsea's Bat Mitzvah*

Hedy Ehrlich and Fuzzy Murov

With thanks to Rabbi Susan and the CRC community for the beautiful Bat Mitzvah service for their daughter, Nina Leah Murov

Barry and Vicki Singer

With deepest appreciation to Rabbi Susan for making this past year's b'not mitzvah experience unforgettable

The Graeber Family

With deep gratitude to Rabbi Susan for her kindness and support

Mary L. Suter

& Amy Smoucha, Leslie Holt

and Tara Grand

To honor Rabbi Susan, the CRC Board, and the CRC Family for living their values

Barbara Shaffer and Robert Schwartz

With thanks to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Jim

Robyn and Tim Hunter

& Roxanne Greenberg

& Scott Goffstein

In gratitude to Rabbi Susan and Rabbi Randy and Rabbi Ed FOR HELPING Ali Hunter with her beautiful Bat Mitzvah

Emily and Matt Coen

In honor of the birth of their son, Noah Joshua and for his wonderful brit

Linda Riekes and Rob Koff

In appreciation to Rabbi Talve for helping them celebrate 18 years

Kari and Silas Ellis, III

To thank Rabbi Talve for their very special wedding day

EDUCATION FUND

Barry and Vicki Singer

With thanks to Rabbi Michael for teaching the Banot 6 the art of tallit-making

CHALLAH FUND

Sue Gallop

In honor of the B'not 6

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Isadore Rosen
Grandfather of David Baron

Joseph M. Steinback
Father of Marsha Steinback

Judith Strauss
Mother of Michael Strauss

Leon Tannenbaum
Uncle of Ronald Meyer

December 28 Tevet 19

Ralph Blumenthal
Father of Carol Esrock

Herbert Kulwin
Uncle of Stephen Kurland

Albert S. Rose
Father of Albert Rose

Harold Storch
Cousin of Steven Fleisler

December 30 Tevet 21

Sam Harris
Uncle of Ed Harris

Milton Miller
Father of Neil Miller

Esther Weinbach
Mother of Jo Seltzer

December 31 Tevet 22

F. Bert Baer
Father of Lois Miller
Grandfather of Leslie Caplan

Florence Davis
Mother of Neil Davis

Greg Freeman
Our friend

Leon Hoffman
Father of Carin Thyssen

Lee Pierce
Grandfather of Lisa Graivier Barnes

Ceal Shapiro
Mother of Bruce Shapiro



December 1 Kislev 21

Murray Margo
Father of Mitchell Margo

Matthew Pendergrast
Friend of Heather Lea

December 2 Kislev 22

Lucille Harwood
Aunt of Marilyn Probe

Meyer Levin
Grandfather of Niki Nymark
and Kathy Steen

December 3 Kislev 23

Sylvia Eveloff
Mother of Vivian Eveloff

Kathryn Gividen
Mother of Judith Dawson

Steve Marcus
Cousin of Cecilia Lacks

Louis Rosenbloom
Grandfather of Steven Rosenbloom

December 4 Kislev 24

Gail Anita Achtenberg
Mother of Joel Achtenberg

Mildred Ettelson
Mother of Charles Ettelson

Irvin Schneider
Father of Bruce Schneider

December 5 Kislev 25

Esther Carpey
Mother of Dorothy Mayer

Max Chervitz
Father of Nancy Brown
Father-in-law of Harold Kravin

Ruth Epstein
Grandmother of Daniel Davison

Jay Stephen Kessler
Brother of Sheila Michaels

Maurice Pepper
Father of Sara Epstein

Sigmund Trattner
Father of Sylvia Ehrlich

December 6 Kislev 26

Sol Levinson
Father of Barbara Barnholtz

December 7 Kislev 27

Lisa D'Agrosa
Sister-in-law of David and Linda
D'Agrosa

Milton Goldstein
Father of Alan Goldstein

Ralph Kaplan
Father of Henry Kaplan

Bessie Newman
Mother of Burton Newman

December 8 Kislev 28

Jack Hexter
Father of Christopher Hexter

Melvin Kayman
Father of Nancy Mohr

Jerome D. Mendoza
Uncle of Howard Nathanson

December 9 Kislev 29

Gertrude Astroff
Mother of Estelle Rochman

Bram Lewin
Father of Roslyn Dubinsky

Anthony Ruffino
Father of Anita Stiffelman

December 10 Tevet 1

Bertha Fein
Aunt of Susan Schlichter

Eva Gitterman
Remembered by Brian, Alice, David and
Rachel Hackett

Mark Goldstein
Uncle of Risa Brown

Grace Rosenthal
Mother of Grace Brod

December 11 Tevet 2

Goldye Hoffman
Mother of Joy Sterneck
Grandmother of Jamie Sentnor

Alfred Thomas
Remembered by Barbara Nanette
Portnoy and Mariah Thomas

December 12 Tevet 3

Herman Rubin
Father of Milton Rubin

Robert Sokol
Father of Daniel Sokol

Morris Meyer Stoner
Father of Bradley Stoner

Evelyn Vogel
Great-aunt of Laura Seleman

December 13 Tevet 4

***Ralph Gerstenfeld**
Husband of Bunny Gerstenfeld
Father of Ellen Amernek and Pamela
Lester

Eugene Kornblatt
Father of Gloria Grodsky

December 14 Tevet 5

Nelson Nymark
Father of Niki Nymark
and Kathy Steen

December 15 Tevet 6

Phyllis Gibbs
Mother of Kate Gibbs

Helen Neff
Grandmother of Jane Rubin

Oliver Sweitzer
Father of Sharalyn Saks

December 16 Tevet 7

Louis Bola
Uncle of Judith Dawson

Flora Silverstein
Mother of Gloria Morgenstern

December 17 Tevet 8

Ralph Berg
Father of Edward Berg

Donald Donato
Father of Cynthia Donato

Howard Hartman
Father of Brad Hartman

December 18 Tevet 9

Lisa Friedman
Sister of Diane Friedman

Jean Gochman
Grandmother of Rabbi Susan Talve

Louis Greenberg
Grandfather of Steven Engelhardt

Louis Lacks
Father of Cecilia Lacks

Gussie Parmet
Grandmother of Howard Weissman

Dick Schwartz
Uncle of Edward Kohn

***Samuel Joseph Zoll**
Infant son of Ericka Zoll
and Daniel Zoll

December 19 Tevet 10

Lee Krupnick
Aunt of Stuart and Toby Epstein

Ben Portnoy
Uncle of Harvey Earl Portnoy

December 20 Tevet 11

Ely Bornstein
Father of Mindy Berkowitz

Norman Goldman
Husband of Carol Goldman
Father of Tami Goldman

Sam Katz
Father of Benjamin Katz

***Nancy Lampert**
Our member

Rose Marcus
Aunt of Cecilia Lacks

Esther Weiner
Mother of Linda Weiner

David Weinhaus
Father of Sheldon Weinhaus

December 21 Tevet 12

Alfred H. Frager
Father of Maris Berg

Sherman Neff
Father of Jane Rubin

Maurice Rebhan
Father of Debbie Harris

Margaret Shaffer
Mother of Trey Shaffer

December 22 Tevet 13

Eugene Landesman
Father of Ben Landesman

Rose Sperling
Aunt of Laurie Sperling

***Ellen Wasserman**
Our member

December 23 Tevet 14

Rose Calodney
Mother of Dede Berg

John Kepler, Jr.
Father of John Kepler

Gertrude Schwartz
Aunt of Laurie Sperling

Simon Spitzer
Grandfather of Michael Hess

Samuel Wolin
Father of Karen Blank

December 24 Tevet 15

Sidney Goldner
Father of Jesse Goldner

Regina Pierce
Grandmother of Lisa Graivier Barnes

December 25 Tevet 16

Jack Cohn
Grandfather of Dorie Bertram

Bluma Frumhoff
Mother of Marvin Frumhoff

Harold Kirkland
Grandfather of Heather Lea

Jeanne Nisenson
Mother of Ellen Soule

Ethel Ottenstein
Grandmother of Jordan Ottenstein

Marjorie Robinson
Mother of Anne Hess

Joseph Welply
Father of Emma Ehll

Shirlee White
Mother of Larry White

December 26 Tevet 17

Lottie Goldner
Mother of Jesse Goldner

Mollie Turken
Mother of Alan Turken

Tess Weil
Aunt of Ronald Weil

December 27 Tevet 18

Harry Enger
Father of Joyce Weinstock

Valerie Feldman
Cousin of Kathleen Sitzer

Samuel Harwood
Uncle of Marilyn Probe

DECEMBER 2007



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CRC CHANUKAH HAPPENING

Saturday, December 8
after services and religious school

Latkes * Jelly Donuts
Applesauce / Sour Cream
Children's performances * Music and Dance
Games / Dreidel

Bring a dairy dish for 8 - 10 people to share such as: fruit salad, green salad, tuna salad, egg salad, cheese, vegetarian side dish. Please bring an unwrapped holiday gift.



FIRST NIGHT / FIRST LIGHT CANDLELIGHTING

Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm

Bring your chanukiyah (Chanukah menorah)

FALL ADULT EDUCATION AT CRC

Introduction to Hebrew

Monday evenings, 6:20 to 7:30

RSVP to Rabbi Micahel at (314) 361-1564 ext. 102 or michael@centralreform.org.

Mystical Texts: The Later Masters

with Rabbi Jim Goodman

Sunday, December 9, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

We continue with the Sources: the later mystical texts including a sampling from the Ari, his students, and from Chassidut. To register, please contact Jordan at (314) 361-1564 ext. 106 or jordan@centralreform.org.

Magic: Read to Me

with Rabbi Jim Goodman

Sunday, December 16, 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Let's recover the essential magic of our sacred texts. We'll examine how we articulate our texts, what we learn along the way, and what sacred chanting teaches us about language, spirituality, life and art. RSVP to Jordan at (314) 361-1564 ext. 106 or jordan@centralreform.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, January 26- Sunday, January 27 - 3:00 pm - 3:00 pm

We will be gathering at Toddhall again, near Belleville, Illinois. Our weekend will be spent exploring the Feminine Face of God and how images of godliness, from the Shekinah to Kali to Aphrodite to Mary, help us find the God-place within ourselves. Please join Rabbi Susan and Maggie Duwe for a time of learning, reflection, and fun.

Prices are \$88 for a single room, \$68 for a double, and \$56 for a triple. This includes dinner, breakfast and lunch. RSVP to Maggie at (314) 361-1564 ext. 112 or at maggie@centralreform.org. We need to hear from you and have your money to hold your spot by January 18. They will not take any reservations after that and must have the money to hold all reservations.

Also your RSVP must include whether you want a single, double, or triple room and roommate preference, if any. Include your address, e-mail address and phone number. We will be mailing information to you, so we must have this information.

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