



Announcements

Friday, January 27, 2012
4 Shevat 5772

*IN REVERENCE TO GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS PLEASE SILENCE ALL
CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.*

Service Leaders, Michael Helfgott &
Alan Helfgott

Cantorial Soloist, Judith Golden
Greeter, Elise Miller, Gala Chair

Parashat Bo / פרשת בא
Torah Portion: Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

*Welcome guests – Please fill out a green card found on the information
table just outside the chapel.*

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Sponsored by Lilli Kornblum in memory of her
grandfather - Joseph Confino

OC Gala

6:30 pm Saturday, February 25th

Embassy Suites, 511 N. Columbus Drive

Honoring Past President *Robin Sampliner*, long-time member *Howard I. Aronson* and *John McGowan*, national practice leader of Northern Trust's LGBT and Non-Traditional Family Practice

Room Rate Deadline

The special hotel room rate at the Embassy Suites expires **January 31st**. So if you are planning to book a room please call Embassy Suites at 1-312-836-5900 and mention Congregation Or Chadash to get your room rate special.

Shabbat Shira Service

8 pm Friday, February 3rd

Please join the choir to celebrate **Judith Golden's 10th anniversary** with us and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Max Janowski, a wonderful composer of Jewish liturgical music (including the Avinu Malkeynu that we sing on Yom Kippur), by sharing some of his pieces. We will also be honoring the 1st Yartzeit of Debbie Friedman by joining with many congregations across the world singing a setting of Shalom Aleichem, one of her last compositions before she died. Here is a link to an article in the "Jewish Daily Forward" about this piece and the movement for everyone to sing it together for Shabbat Shira this year:
<http://www.forward.com/articles/149394>

Shabbat Service with Deb Shore

8 pm Friday, February 10th

Please join us welcoming out Lesbian, Deb Shore, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner of Greater Chicago, to the bimah for D'var Torah

In addition to her elected position, Debra has been active in her community, serving on the board of Congregation Sukkat Shalom in Wilmette, and as vice chair of the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute. Debra is also a member of the Women's Board of the University of Chicago and the board of the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality

7 pm Thursday, February 16th

Center on Halsted, 3656 North Halsted Street

Religious people should support equality for gays and lesbians not despite religion — but because of it. Contrary to the myth that the Bible prohibits homosexuality (the myth of “God versus gay”) actually the handful of Biblical verses sometimes used against LGBT people are ambiguous, and subject to interpretation. The real question is not “what about Leviticus?” but what values cause us to choose one interpretation or another, and how we as human beings grow when we encounter other people. In this text-based and no-holds-barred discussion, scholar and activist Jay Michaelson, author of the new bestselling book *God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality*, discusses his own personal journey of acceptance and affirmation, and how the overwhelming majority of our religious values support inclusion of LGBT people. Plenty of time will be allowed for questions and conversation.

Birthdays

January 29

Jakov Neiditch

January 30

Debrah Goodman

Yahrzeits

(4 Shevat) 1/28

Sidney Mogul, father of
Edward Mogul

(4 Shevat) 1/28

Mary Boone, mother of
Susan Boone

(4 Shevat) 1/28

Debbie Friedman, friend
& teacher of Reuben Lewy

(6 Shevat) 1/30

Casper Rodman, father of
Cheri Rodman

(6 Shevat) 1/30

Arthur Jungmann,
partner of Yehuda Jacobi

(8 Shevat) 2/1

Goldina Schwartz,
grandmother of
Susan Jacobson

(9 Shevat) 2/2

William B. Hamilton,
lover of Edward Mogul

9 Shevat (2/2)

Babette Posen, mother
of Larry Posen

2/2

John Preston, brother-in-
law & uncle of Linda
Preston & Elisha Preston