

Craig Neuman - Regional Director, City Central Region
John Simmons - Director, Property Management & Security
Adina Torchman - Director, Northern Region
Marty Levine - Associate General Director

Avinu Malkeinu

Avinu Malkeinu be gracious and answer us, even when we have little merit; treat us generously and with kindness, and be our help.

A-vi-nu Mal-kei-nu, cho-nei-nu

Va-a-nei-nu, ki ein ba-nu

Ma-a-sim, a-sei i-ma-nu

Tse-da-kah va-che-sedm ve-ho-shi-ei-nu



TEKIAH GEDOLAH

Shofar Blower: Allan Bogan Director, Recreation & Membership Services, MKJCC

L'shana Tova Tikateivu

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*May you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life
for a good, sweet, and healthy New Year!*



Jewish Community Centers of Chicago

"I Am Jewish"
*Personal Reflections
Inspired by the Last
Words of Daniel Pearl*

Rosh Hashanah 5766

*Thursday, September 29, 2005 | 25 Elul 5765
10:15 am ~ Zollie and Elaine Frank Theatre*

Opening Niggun (song without words)

Welcome - Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi

Hinei Ma Tov

How good and wonderful it is that we sit here together as our community.

Hi-nei ma-tov u-ma na-im, she-vet a-chim gam ya-chad.

"I Am Jewish"

Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl

History will record that, in the midst of chaos, there was a young man who, in a moment of extreme crisis, looked straight in the eye of evil, and said: "My father is Jewish, my mother is Jewish, I am Jewish." What did he mean by those eleven words?

These words motivate and challenge us as JCC professionals to explore our identity, heritage, faith, humanity, ethnicity and the world as Jews or non-Jews working in the Jewish community.

Each of us has a personal, special definition of and relationship to Judaism. This is particularly pertinent now when we are in the process of defining who we are as a Jewish organization

Daniel Pearl's last words encourage and inspire us to find the meaning of these words in our own lives. It is hoped that the personal reflections of the Cabinet inspired by these words will encourage you to find the meaning of these words in your own lives.

Dr. Avrum Cohen - General Director

Jean Alletag - Director, Department of Human Resources

Judy Fleischer - Regional Director, Southern Region

(Read by Pam Lantz)

Sid Jacob - Chief Financial Officer

Shema Koleinu

Vocalist: David Feiler, Director of Operations, BHIJC

Hear our voice, Eternal God; have compassion upon us, and with that compassion accept our prayer.

Help us to return to you, O God; then truly shall we return.

Renew our days as in the past.

Consider our words; look into our inmost thoughts.

Do not cast us away from Your presence, do not remove

Your holy spirit.

Do not cast us away when we are old; as our strength diminishes, do not abandon us.

For You, God, do we wait; and You, our God, will answer.

Jay Levenberg - Assistant General Director

Ron Levin - Director, Resident Camping

Nancy Levinsky - Regional Director, North Central Region

Gayle Malvin - Director, Day Camping Services

(Read by Ronna Weinstock)

**Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi - Director, Pritzker Center
for Jewish Education**

Mi Shebeirakh - Rabbi Nina J. Mizrahi

Mi Shebeirakh

Vocalist: Czerina Salud, Administrative Aide, Marketing & Creative Services

Mi Shebeirakh avoteinu

Mekor Habrakha l'imoteinu

May the Source of Strength

Who blessed the ones before us

Help us find the courage

To make our lives a blessing,

And let us say: Amen.

Mi Shebeirakh imoteynu

Mekor Habrakha l'avoteynu

Bless those in need of healing

With refuah shleyima:

The renewal of body,

The renewal of spirit,

And let us say: Amen.

~music & lyrics by Debbie Friedman