

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, BHJCC

*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 shleyma:
The renewal of body,
The renewal of spirit,
And let us say: Amen.*

~music & lyrics by Debbie Friedman