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Just a few weeks ago, Robin and I drove up to Tennessee and Kentucky for a brief getaway. The weather and season were just right for us to see beautiful foliage and do some hiking. It seems that we simply continue to just enjoy the world around us that God created. On the home front, there is something different that we also enjoy; namely, the people with whom we interact. Conversations and time spent with our fellow Congregation Sinai people are pleasurable. Folks from Temple Israel in Deland are also a regular part our life. Our home is often filled with people and although most are Jewish a fair number are not.

As you might imagine, most of these interactions revolve around our Jewish faith and religious expression. Even most of our involvement with our non-Jewish friends has something to do with Judaism. I think this is the result of this thought; just about everything we involve ourselves in connects in some way to our being Jewish. It is the most prominent aspect of our lives. I feel that Torah and its various permutations color every event in our regular days. We would not want it any other way. It is something each of us chooses for ourselves. As we move forward in this Chanukah season and beyond, may we all find the time to study a little more Torah. Let us try to connect with it in each thing we do and each person we interact with. We have found this to be a rewarding path to follow.

Joe & Robin

P.S. By the way, mark your calendars for Friday December 23, as we will have a most extraordinary Chanukah event at our synagogue. You will want to be with us that evening.



Dear Members,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving is Sandy's and my favorite holiday. We have had a busy November with a great lay service led by Joyce Cohen and Shalom Y'all's craft show at our building. Kudos to Joyce Cohen, Joan Mager, Bev Chern and others who worked so hard to pull this event off.

We have a new sign donated by David and Susan Mandell in front of our building. Thank you both for this generous gift. New membership interest is increasing, and several inquiries have led to memberships.

Our Yom Kippur appeal still need those who have not pledged to come forward and those who pledged to honor their pledge.

I trust you are ready for a busy December. December 2nd is our new member Shabbat, Michele Sobel is pulling this event together to welcome all the new members who have joined us since the last new member Shabbat.

On December 9th we will be hosting 30 members of the Shalom Roamers, a Jewish RV club for a Shabbat dinner and Kabbalat Shabbat services. Please join us for what will be a fun evening. Reservation forms have been sent out. Please get them back as soon as you can as seats at the table are limited. Accommodations have been made for those who want to attend services but not for dinner.

On December 23rd we will be celebrating Hanukah. Bring your favorite Menorah for the candle lighting ceremony. Joe promises a musical extravaganza, Holiday songs, some klezmer and other fun stuff.

Finally, what do Jews do on Christmas Day, other than eat Chinese food, we go to Congregation Sinai to the movies. Our Producer Michele Sobel will be presenting Top Gun, stay tuned for details.

Prez Jack



Sisterhood Speaks

Hello Sisters,

Thanks to everyone who participated in Game Day. We had 32 Sisters and friends in attendance. Thanks to Pierre Haskelson, Lou Chern, Alberto Behar, Pete Sobel, and David Mandell for their help. Of course, I must thank David McKean for his help as well. We have our Sisterhood Chanukah party on December 15th. We will be ordering food from one of the restaurants and we will play bingo. Details were sent in an email. Reservations with checks included must be sent to Marsha Norden at 21348 Royal Troon Drive, Leesburg, FL. 34748 by December 8th. Mahjongg cards are for sale until the end of the year. There are forms available at the temple. Please contact Marsha Norden at mnorden@comcast.net for any other information. And last but not least, THE FASHION SHOW! JANUARY 25th at 10 am. Please contact Karen Mandel for tickets. Her email address is karenbmandel@gmail.com. We need your help to make this major fundraiser successful. Please consider donating a gift basket for our raffle. Please contact Karen Miller @ karen4701@aol.com for more information.

Hope to see you soon!

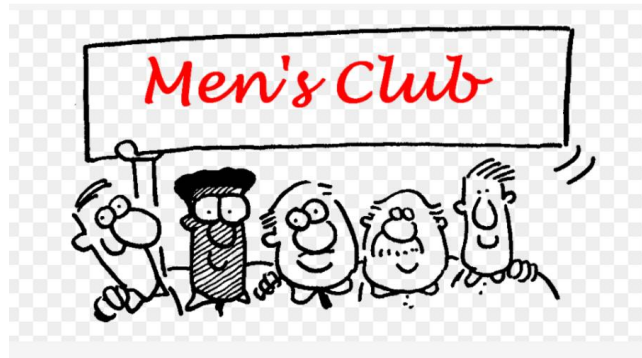
Ava



Support our Sisterhood...Buy Scrip

For further information on how to support our synagogue please contact any Sisterhood Board Member or Bev Chern, our Scrip Leader at bchern923@gmail.com or call her at 267-808-5558.

Thank you for helping.



We had a great time at our yearly picnic at the Hickory Point Pavilion.
Many thanks to:

- Our chief sourcing Officer Evan Cronson and his second in command Barbara who obtained franks, ketchup, buns, hamburgers, pickles etc. to feed our hungry group.
- Our world renowned chefs Behar, Chern, Cohen, Mandelk, Vincent and many sous chef's who cooked everything to perfection.
- Phil Boom and his musical equipment, talent and wonderful voice who will forever be remembered.
- Joan Mager our favorite Bingo girl.
- The multiple tasks performed by our Sisterhood ladies..

We continued with our assistance in setting up for events such as the Dinner with the traveling Jewish RV club.

We want to remind everyone that we are happy to receive new members.

We also wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah
The Men's Club of Congregation Sinai



In December we usually have a Hanukkah luncheon instead of a meeting. So—We have chosen the restaurant Piesanos on Wednesday Dec 7th at 12:30.

Piesanos
1754 E Highway 50
Clermont

352-717-5300

So members and their spouses or other plus ones are invited.

Please rsvp to Roz Haskelson so she has the number of guests for the restaurant.



TORAH STUDY FOR December 2022

These are the sidraote we will be studying this December:

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| 1). Vayetzei | 12/3 | Genesis 28:10 -- 32:3 |
| 2). Vayishlach | 12/10 | Genesis 32: 4 --36:43 |
| 3). Vayeshev | 12/17 | Genesis 37:1 -- 40:23 |
| 4). Miketz | 12/24 | Genesis 41:1 -- 44:17 |
| 5). Vayigash | 12/31 | Genesis 44:18 -- 47:27 |

Please join us each Sat. morning at 10 AM, as we pray a bit, nosh a bit and study our biblical past.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Happy Anniversary to:

4	Steve Silpe	28	Alan and Stephanie Morganstern
5	Michele Sobel	28	Corey and David Gaynes
8	Sandy Gartner		
8	Robert Mandell		
9	Evan Cronson		
11	Ellen Hess		
12	Alan Morgenstern		



Birthday	Tributes
To:	From:
Gwen Levy	Liz Perez
Karen Miller	Janet & Phil Bloom
	Marsha & Lee Norden
	Ruth Borsky
	Gwen Levy
Paul Lawrason	Gwen Levy
	Karen & Stu Miller
	Ruth Borsky
Susan Levy	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
Michael Sail	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
Andy Miller	Karen & Stu Miller

Anniversary	Tributes
To:	From:
Regina & Alberto Behar	Karen & Stu Miller
	Janet & Phil Bloom
	Ruth Borsky
	Gwen Levy
John & Susan Levy	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
Karen & Stu Miller	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
	Janet & Phil Bloom
Ruth & Bradley Baker	Ruth Borsky
	Gwen Levy
Andy & Joanne Miller	Karen & Stu Miller

In	Memory	Of
To:	In Memory Of:	From:
Deb & Mike Schumaker	Natalie Shapiro	Marsha & Lee Norden
		Karen & Stu Miller
		Gwen Levy
		Michele & Pete Sobel
		Ava & David McKean
		Sisterhood
		Men's' Club
		Jack & Sandy Gartner
Ava & David McKean	Orlo McKean	Karen & Stu Miller
		Sisterhood
		Marsha & Lee Norden
		Gwen Levy
		Men's' Club
		Ellen Lieberman
		Jack & Sandy Gartner
		Michele & Pete Sobel
		Wendy & Alan Payne

Get Well	Tributes
To:	From:
Carole Lovitz	Ava & David McKean
Gwen Levy	Wendy & Alan Payne
Marsha Norden	Wendy & Alan Payne
Tobie Koskie	Karen & Stu Miller
	Sisterhood
	Gwen Levy
	Ava & David McKean
	Michele & Pete Sobel

Thank	You
To:	From:
Janet Bloom	Karen & Stu Miller
	Elaine Gardian
	Gwen Levy
Mens' Club	Sisterhood

Mazel	Tov
To:	From:
Janet & Phil Bloom	Gwen Levy



Yahrzeits

<i>In Memory of...</i>	
Sydney Lebowitz Gertrude Lebowitz	By Michele Sobel
Greg Bernhardt	By Karen and Stuart Miller
Carol Rita Donow	By Rich Donow
Gerald Klafter	By Phyllis Klafter
Ryamond Flayman Betty Sall	By Gwen Levy
Robert Cagan	By Steven and Roselind Sall
Gertrude Schlazer Charlotte Schlazer	By Basha Schlazer

Welcome

Dear New Members,

I am delighted to announce that Congregation Sinai will be hosting a New Member Shabbat on Friday, December 2, at 7:30 at our regular Friday night service.

We hope you will attend so that our members can be introduced to you, and to begin to know you.

There is nothing you have to do to prepare for this event, except to BE THERE!

Please let me know if you are planning to attend. Phone 352/989/4900 or grammichele5@gmail.com.

Looking forward to meeting you.

B'shalom.

Michele Sobel
Coordinator



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 New Member Shabbat 7:30	3 Torah Study 10-11:30
4 Religious School 10-12 Men's Club 10- 12	5 Adult Advanced Hebrew 7pm	6 Spirit Night – Texas Roadhouse	7 Beginning Hebrew 7pm	8 Board Meeting 7:00 in synagogue	9 RV Club Dinner 6pm* Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	10 Torah Study 10-11:30
11 Religious School 10-12	12 Adult Advanced Hebrew 7pm	13 Spirit Night - Akina	14 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 Beginning Hebrew 7pm	15 Sisterhood Chanukah meeting	16 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	17 Torah Study 10-11:30
18 Religious School 10-12	19 Adult Advanced Hebrew 7pm	20 Spirit Night - Outback	21 Beginning Hebrew 7pm	22	23 Chanukkah Celebration** 7:30	24 Torah Study 10-11:30
25 Christmas Day Movie – Top Gun Maverick 4pm***	26 Adult Advanced Hebrew 7pm	27	28 Beginning Hebrew 7pm	29	30 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	31 Torah Study 10-11:30

* Shabbat dinner with Jewish RV Club, \$25. Contact Andy Feldman.

** Bring your own menorah to light.

*** Christmas Day Movie, \$10 per person. See Michele Sobel for details.