

It's August Whats Sappening?



Sunday School Begins August 13 at 10:00 AM

Craft Fair at Clermont Arts and Recreation

August 20



From the Bimah

Today, July 19th, is the 1st day of the Hebrew month Av. Traditionally, in the Jewish faith, the next few days are considered to be somewhat subdued as we approach Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av. According to our tradition, Tisha B'Av is the day of the destruction of both Solomon's Temple and the second Temple in Jerusalem, the former by the Babylonians and the latter by the Romans. Whether the date is accurate or not is of little relevance. The reality is that a specific way of religious life was and is no longer available to the Jewish people. Therefore, the result is that Tisha B'Av is a day of mourning and fasting in the Jewish calendar. Many people will read the book of Lamentations in the synagogue on that day. Subsequently the Rabbis, the religious leaders of our people taught that prayer would take the place of Temple sacrifice until the Temple could be rebuilt which would enable our earlier religious practices to resume.

There is however a different mindset in recent years. Many Jewish people including myself feel that since Israel came into existence in 1948 and acquired control of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in 1967 there is no cause for mourning. Rather there is cause for rejoicing! After the destruction of the second Temple by the Romans, Rabbi Akiva, the leading rabbi of his time viewed the ruins. He was heard to remark that he was filled with joy. His reasoning was that the destruction of the Temple was prophesied, as was the rebuilding, therefore if the first prophesy was fulfilled, so would the latter. I am not positive that I completely understand these prophesies, however it would seem to me that the Holocaust brought the Jewish people to the lowest point in our collective history. It further seems to me that the restoration of control of Israel to our people is nothing short of a modern day miracle. In conclusion, I look to the future with positivity and although I respect our traditions, I can find no place for mourning this month. We hope you will consider these thoughts and come to a proper conclusion for yourself.

Stay well, Joe & Robin

From our President



Hi Everyone! I hope everyone has had a great summer so far.

As I write this, we are a week away from Joe's concert at Royal Highlands, and I know that we will have a great time, as we had last year. The following week will be our 20th Anniversary Dinner. I hope that everyone will be able to join us.

It seems that every Friday night, someone walks up to me to tell me that they have tried the new payment system, and how easy it is. I hope by the time that you read this that we will have the Temple account started for the Payment System. That should make paying easier for everyone, and save you money at the same time.

Coming up, the ladies of Shalom Y'All, right after Joe's Concert, will be wrapping up preparations for the next Craft Fair on August 20th at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center. The first Craft Fair at that venue was tremendous, and another is already scheduled for October 1st. If you know anyone who may want to sell their goods or services, reach out to Joyce, Joan, or Bev as tables are still available. And plan on coming out yourselves on August 20th to see some wonderful items being offered by our neighbors.

In September, we will have the High Holidays. This year, the congregation will have a choir. Yom Kippur services will be held at the Clermont Arts and

Recreation Center for Kol Nidre and for Yom Kippur the following morning, and it will be free to the public. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Tickets are required, so we will be sending out a flyer with a link to register. Please note that while Yom Kippur services are free, Break the Fast is not. Please sign up for Lunch and Learn on Rosh Hashanah, and Break the Fast, both at our Temple.

Finally, it's great to see new faces so often at the synagogue. We have new members, and others that are considering joining. It takes all of us to get word out of our wonderful temple. Spread the word!!!

I look forward to seeing you on Friday night.

Lou



From the Sisterhood

I hope everyone is staying healthy and enjoying the summer. Our 1st Sisterhood Board Meeting is next week. I am very lucky to have a fantastic group of board members to work with and who will brainstorm to make exciting plans for the upcoming year. Our 1st Sisterhood General Meeting will be September 21st, so please save that date. More details to follow next month.

We really need your help with sponsoring an Oneg. There are many available dates from August through the end of December. You can sponsor an Oneg in honor of a special occasion; in memory of a loved one or just because you want to help. Please contact Karen Mandel for more information.

Another ongoing fundraiser is to send a tribute to someone in honor of a special occasion; in memory; get well; or just to stay in touch. It's only \$6.50 and Karen Miller will do it all for you. Please send your payment online or by check to Marsha Norden.

To sign up for Raise Right, which are e-gift cards, please contact Bev Chern. These can also be given to someone as a gift. If you aren't using this program, please sign up and try it once. Every time you purchase scrip, a percentage of your order is rebated back to Sisterhood. If we get only \$1 back on your purchase it might not seem like a lot of money, but it adds up. If 100 people did it, that \$1 would be \$100 so please try it. YOU can help make a difference.

Remember, you do not have to be a member of the congregation to be a Sisterhood member. Dues are only \$25 for the year and can be paid online by going to www.congregation-sinai.org Go under 'About Us' and then 'Sisterhood' and look for sisterhood membership dues. Click on it and fill out the information and it's as easy as that. Our Sisterhood usually meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at noon. Besides socializing with each other, we enjoy lunch, playing games, outings, guest speakers, help with fundraisers, make donations to local charities, help with food drives and participate in our awesome **annual** gala fashion show. With your help, we are able to make a sizable donation back to Congregation Sinai. I sometimes feel that we are always asking for a donation, but the most important donation that you can give us is your time by coming out to our meetings and supporting us. Thank you. Bev



Men's Club

- * The meetings are suspended during July and August and will resume on September 3 at 10 AM at Panera.
- * The auction of donated meals by Share the night restaurants has been very successful.
- * As a new fundraiser, Rick is investigating starting a Photo service at various events.
- * Pierre has suggested establishing a reporting service that will feature events or the life story of some of our Members. (on a voluntary basis)

Do you think it is a good idea? Please send your comments to Pierre

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Sunday School

Sunday School registration and classes begin August 13. We are looking forward to learning about prayers,, bible stories, and reading Hebrew. Miss Gwen will be coming by with craft projects for the holidays. All children between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to join us.

Adult Education

Classes are held Monday-Wednesday on Go to Meeting at 7:00 PM Monday is Advanced Hebrew and translation, Tuesday is Prayers, Wednesday is beginning and intermediate Hebrew . For all information call Karen Miller at 407-729-9823



Yahrzeits

In Memory of	By		
Catherine Cagan	Rosalind and Steven Silpe		
Michelle Mandel	Karen and Joel Mandel		
Irving Halpern	Susan and David Mandell		
Melvin Gold	Evelyn and Stuart Gold		
Elaine Gold			
Alter Silver			
Lee Silver			
Elly Stryker Toch	Steffi and Alan		
	Morgenstern		
Katherine Blodstein	Basha Schlazer		
Francis Brown	Harold and Carole Lovitz		
Ida Flaxman Topping	Gwen Levy		



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

1 Jeff Warren 10 Evelyn Gold

2 Corey Gaynes 17 Connie Lawrason

3 Roz Silpe 19 Stuart Gold

4 Susan Mandell 25 Brad Farber

7 Andrew Feldman 25 Roger Steinberg

8 Peter Sobel 26 Susan Tchon

8 Linda Simontacchi 27 Ilene Feldman

31 Rick Vincent

August Anniversaries

2 Karen and Joel Mandel 17 Evelyn and Stuart Gold

9 Michele and Peter Sobel 28 Nesta and Eitan Aharoni

9 Lynne and Rick Vincent 28 Roz and Steve Silpe

12 Barbara and Evan Cronson

As I get older I realize:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes outloud.
- I dont need anger management, I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- 6. When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- 8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
- 9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
- 10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

(Type 'Yes' if you agree)

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Book Club Schedule

Hi everyone,

Hope you are enjoying our very warm summer. And, that you have some time to read. Please think about books that you would like to share with our group.

Our next meeting is on September 5th at the Cooper Memorial Library. The book we will be discussing is the White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear. Karen Miller will be our presenter. This heart-stopping novel, set in Post WWII Britain in 1947, follows the coming of age and maturity of former wartime operative Elinor White—veteran of two wars, trained killer, protective of her anonymity—when she is drawn back into the world of menace she has been desperate to leave behind.

In October we hope to discuss the film Skokie. A remarkable story of anti-semitism in the city of Skokie Illinois. The movie will be presented by Stu Miller..

We are also planning a lunch meeting in December.

If you like reading and seeing movies, you should consider joining our group.

For more information Call Roz at 352 241 6664

"I had a date last night. I really enjoyed it. So, tonight, I think I will try a fig."

Birthday	Tributes
То:	From:
Susan Hoffman	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
David McKean	Phil & Janet Bloom
	Gwen Levy
	Ruth Borsky
David Mandell	Gwen Levy
Joyce Kotlowitz	Gwen Levy
Ava McKean	Ruth Borsky
	Phil & Janet Bloom
	Gwen Levy
	Karen & Stu Miller
Ryan Milchman	Gwen Levy
Jay Foreman	Gwen Levy
Sheila Mueller	Gwen Levy
Josh Lederhandler	Gwen Levy
Ashley Caslin	Gwen Levy

Anniversary	Tributes
To:	From:
Lew & Dale Blass	Gwen Levy

Get Well	Tributes
То:	From:
Stephanie Morgenstern	Gwen Levy Karen & Stu Miller Sisterhood

li I	n Memory			
Linda Schwamm	Karen Miller			
Steve & Roz Silpe	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern			
	Roberta Gapin			
Thank You				
То:	From:			
Susan Hoffman	Sisterhood			

Schedule of Services

Selichot Saturday September 9, 7:30PM

Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 15 7:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Saturday, September 16, 10:00 AM. Lunch and Learn to Follow

Tashlich at 2:00 PM Clermont Pier

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 AM Continental Brunch to Follow

Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 PM Black Box Theater Clermont Arts and Recreation Center

Yom Kippur Monday, September 25 at 10:00 AM Black Box Theater. Yiskor 12:00 Noon

Yom Kippur Closing Service Monday, September 25 at 5:30 Congregation Sinai.

Break the Fast to follow.



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CRAVE FOOD TRUCK WILL HAVE FOOD FOR PURCHASE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023 from 12 pm to 4 pm

CLERMONT ARTS & RECREATION CENTER 3700 S. Hwy 27 (in the gymnasium) CLERMONT, FL 34711

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Joe"s Concert July 22,2023



Alberto, Regina, and Liz



Shalom Y'All Bev, Joyce, /

And Joan and Susan Horowitz



Karen and Stu and "Moon River"



Walter Leder and Daughter



A good time was had by all!!!

Thank you Rick Vincent for photos



The Cooking Corner Jewish Apple Cake

"A delicious cake filled and topped with apples and cinnamon." Ingredients

14 servings

- □ 3 cups all-purpose flour □ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- \square 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- \square 2 cups white sugar
- □ 4 eggs, beaten
- □ 1/4 cup orange juice
- □ 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- □ 3 apples peeled, cored and sliced thinly mixed witht □ 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon □ 5 teaspoons white sugar

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour one 10 inch bundt pan.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, salt, baking powder and 2 cups of the sugar. Stir in the vegetable oil, beaten eggs, orange juice and vanilla. Mix well.
- 3. Place ½ of apple /sugar/cinnamon mixture on the bottom of the pan.
- 4. Pour 1/2 of the batter into the prepared pan. Top with 1/2 of the sliced apple /sugar/cinnamon mixture . Pour the remaining batter over the top .
- 5. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 70 to 90 minutes.



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew 7:00 PM	3	4Healing Service 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7: 30 PM	5 Torah Study at Synagogue 10-12 AM
6	7 Beginning and advanced translation 7:00 PM	8 Prayers 7:00 PM Spirit Night Smokin Joe's	9 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 Sisterhood Board 10:00AM Synaogue	Congregation Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM Synagogue	 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	Torah Study online 10- 11:30
13 Religious School 10:00-12:00	14 Beginning and advanced translation 7:00 PM	15 Prayers 7:00 PM	16 Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew 7:00 7:00 PM	17	18 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	Torah Study online 10- 11:30
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