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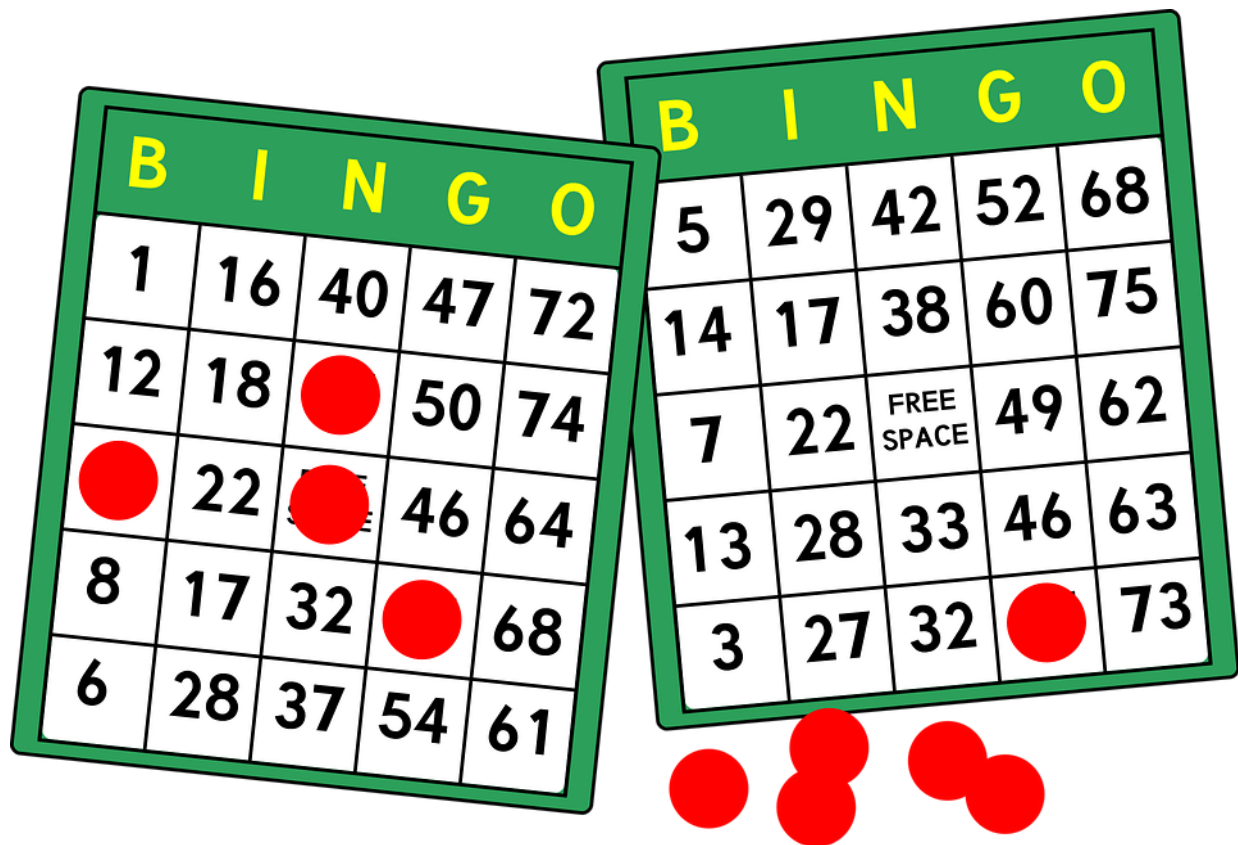
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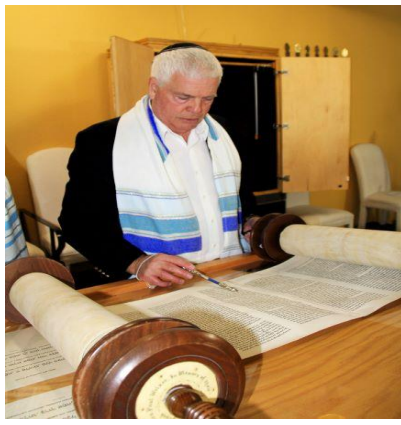
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## What's Happening?



*Share Night Atkina April 17, 2021*  
*Congregation Meeting April 21, 2021*  
*Congregation Bingo April 22, 2021*



## From the Bima

Pesach is just about here. This holiday is the most widely observed in the Jewish calendar. We see more people in the synagogue for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but more people participate in a Seder than participate in any other Jewish holiday. We've been busy cleaning chametz out of the cupboard and preparing for our Seder and we imagine many of our congregation are doing similar things. Even though we are busy getting ready we remember what happened in 2020. Covid put a damper on our celebrations last year and we do not yet feel that we can gather for a congregational Seder. Many of us are still being careful, but some of us feel a bit more like we could gather at least some for the first night this year.

Pesach is about freedom. Freedom from what? Actually that is not the right question. It's about the freedom to be Jewish and to worship our God as Jews. This freedom has at times been tenuous, but in America we have always been able to practice our faith without restriction. The political system didn't change that, a virus did. Perhaps this year we can thank God for the health and ability to celebrate this most joyous occasion. As we say Shehecheyanu, let us be mindful of the difficulties Jews have faced throughout the centuries and rejoice in the freedom to be Jewish.

May you have a sweet Pesach,  
Joe & Robin

***Celebrate Your Birthday, Your Anniversary or any Special Occasion with a Virtual Oneg Shabbat***



**No muss, no fuss, no Dishes, No Cleanup**

**Would you like to share a special occasion in your family with your Congregation Sinai family? Sponsor a virtual Oneg Shabbat. No set up, no clean up, no shopping. You may also honor your friends by selecting special readings for the evening. Contact Bev Chern for more information. [Bchern923@gmail.com](mailto:Bchern923@gmail.com) or 267-808-5558**



## Prez Jack Says

Dear fellow members,

By the time you read this the Passover Seders have come and gone. I trust everyone had a happy and kosher Pesach. In the next few weeks, we will be removing the limits on in person attendance as a trial to determine the interest. All protocols will still be in place, i.e. spacing, masks, temperature checks, and hand sanitizer. We will then evaluate when to ease off on some of the protocols and possibly return to real Onegs. We will continue to offer “go to meeting” online access to all our services during these trials.

I want to thank our membership and our spiritual leader, Joe Goldovitz for the continued loyalty and support shown during this past very difficult year. This month of Nissan is the start of one of the four New Years in the Hebrew calendar. So have a happy, health, prosperous and Covid 19 free New Year.

### A Pesach Story

A man is eating his Passover lunch on a park bench. A homeless, blind man sits down on the bench beside him. The first man thinking the homeless man is hungry offers him a sheet of matzah. The blind man takes the matzah, runs his fingers across it and exclaims, “Who wrote this junk?”

Prez Jack



**Book Club First Thursday 1:00 pm**

**Hi Everyone**

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**The book for April is Outrun the Moon by Stacy Lee and our presenter is Janet Bloom**

**May is Dog On It by Spencer Quinn -An amazing mystery with a detective and a dog. - The presenter is Karen Miller**

**For June we are hoping to do a Film.**

**Stay well and keep reading..... Roz**



Happy Pesach Sisters! What a wonderful presentation at our March 18th meeting with Sheila Asato who is a dream artist. I found her talk amazing. Upcoming important dates include April 8th General meeting at noon with Chavi Dubinsky from South Lake Chabad who will do a virtual challah baking class;

April 22nd at 7 p.m. Sisterhood is sponsoring virtual bingo for the congregation and the flier is in the tablet,.Our year end meeting luncheon is on May 20th at noon on the patio at Piesano's on SR 50 and Citrus Tower Boulevard..

May 7th is our Sisterhood Shabbat and Karen Miller is coordinating it. Please let Karen know if you want to participate. Her email address is [Karen4701@aol.com](mailto:Karen4701@aol.com) or call her at (407)729-9823. If you want to run for Sisterhood Board, please email Joan Mager - [joanmager1@msn.com](mailto:joanmager1@msn.com), Joyce Cohen - [jyce524@aol.com](mailto:jyce524@aol.com), or Carole Lovitz- [clovitz@gmail.com](mailto:clovitz@gmail.com). You must be a member of Congregation Sinai in order to run for the Sisterhood board. The deadline for emailing the nominating committee is April 8th. Last but not least, we are still looking for a chairperson for the fashion show in January. We need that one organized person who can coordinate the committee. Thanks and Stay Well!



Ava

## *Yahrzeits*



### *On Memory Of*

*David Schlazer*

*by Basha Schlazer*

*Robert Lichter*

*by Joseph and Trudy Burger*

*Berdie Levy*

*by Gwen Levy*

*Michael Muller*

*Harry Slaw*

*By Sheila Muller*

*Oscar Schneider*

*by Letty and Len Reeser*

*Sally Miller*

*by Mimi and Bob Miller*

*Lillian and Max Sobel*

*by Peter Sobel*



# Men's Club

Hi Everyone!

This month, we have a Men's Club Meeting virtually via GoToMeeting on Sunday, April 11th at 9:30 AM.

Please note the change. Our meetings are usually the first Sunday of each month, but we have Yizkor service scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup>, as it is the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Passover. Even if you are not currently a member, feel free to join us. Contact me at [LChern@comcast.net](mailto:LChern@comcast.net) and I will forward the link to the meeting.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our FIRST Share night at Goomba's. For those who haven't been there, it's a very good Italian restaurant next door to the Epic Theaters. Also, they have a good selection for those who are gluten-sensitive. Thanks to Barry Horowitz for arranging for Share Nights with Goomba's. For the Sisterhood Bingo on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Goomba's will also contribute to the temple for our TAKEOUT orders, so you can have pizza (or anything you want) while playing Bingo.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be lighting the Yom Hashoah candles for remembrance of the Holocaust. We will also have a remembrance the following night during our Kabbalat Shabbat service.

On April 13th, we will be returning to Akina's for a share day. Please remember to call for a reservation if you desire to dine in.

I'd like to get some feedback (pardon the pun) regarding Ellie Lou's. I've had comments that the brisket was not prepared as ordered. While we are happy with the contribution from Ellie Lou's for our Share days (\$206 and \$196), I would not feel right if our congregants don't participate because of issues they've had. If we were all eating at the restaurant, you would be able to go to the counter and have the issue resolved, but many of us are getting takeout, and if the brisket isn't right, you wouldn't want to go back to the restaurant to have it resolved. Thanks to those who have already let me know of issues, but I usually don't hear from those who are happy, just those who aren't. Please email me at [lchern@comcast.net](mailto:lchern@comcast.net).

Have a great Passover and STAY SAFE!

Lou Chern

## Please Read

**In these difficult times of the Pandemic, our Congregation has been very supportive and we thank you for all you have done. Because we are not in the Synagogue very often, we are unable to use our inside mailbox and it becomes a long time between the receipt of mail.**

**Checks are being delayed and important mail is not being received by the proper person.**

**Please note the following information so that all mail can be processed properly:**

**All mail to the Congregation should go to the U.S. postal box at Congregation Sinai 4327 S Highway 27, box 315, Clermont, FL 34711.**

**Tributes should go to Joyce Cohen 2225 Merry Rd, Tavares, FL 32778**

**Sisterhood mail should go to Marsha Norden 21348 Royal Troon Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748**

**Mens Club mail should go to Joel Mandel, 329 Salt Marsh Rd. Groveland, FL 34736**



# Tributes



**The cost for each card (tribute) is \$6.50. Please fill out a tribute form, your check and write Tributes on the bottom left side of the envelope. Please mail to Tributes, c/o Joyce Cohen, 2222 Merry Rd, Tavares, FL 32778**

## Happy Birthday

### **Marvin Cohen**

Janet and Phil Bloom

### **Lillian Spilke**

Sisterhood

### **Roberta Gapin**

Gwen Levy

### **Larry Oskin**

Gwen Levy

### **Debra Schumacher**

Gwen Levy

Bev and Lou Chern

### **Kari Riley**

Gwen Levy

### **Gail Steinberg**

Gwen Levy

### **Mimi Miller**

Gwen Levy

Rocky Coleman

Bev and Lou Chern

## Happy Anniversary

### **Bunny and Walter Friedman**

Ellen Lieberman

### **Deb and Mike Schumacher**

Gwen Levy

## Speedy Recovery

### **Michele Sobel**

Marlene Koslan

Rocky Coleman

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

### **Ellen Lieberman**

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

### **Barry Horowitz**

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Joyce Cohen

Bev and Lou Chern

## Thinking of You

### **Basha Schlazer**

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Sisterhood

### In Memory Of Al Schlazer

Ava and David Mckean

Marlene Koslan

Sisterhood

Janet and Phil Bloom

Joyce and Marvin Cohen

Marlene Koslan

Gwen Levy

*In Memory of Robert Mitchell*

*Barbara and Evan Cronson*

*Gwen Levy*

## **Thank you for sponsoring our Vitual Oneg for February and March**

Ava and David McKean

Joan Mager

Joyce and Marvin Cohen

Gwen Levy

Bev and Lou Chern

Ellen Rosen

Rhonda and Randy Hunt



## ***Bagels and Bible***

### **BAGELS AND BIBLE TORAH CLASS**

**4/3/21 -- Passover special reading, 7th day -- Ex. 14:30 -- 15:21**

**4/10/21 -- Shemini - Lev. 9:1 -- 11:47**

**4/17/21 -- Tatzria-Metzorah - Lev. 12:1 -- 15:33**

**4/24/21 -- Achare mot - Kedoshim -- Lev. 16:1 - 20:27**

**1). Passover 7th day special reading**

**2). Shemini, meaning "8th" and deals with the 8th day, which is actually the 1st day of the new Israeli Priesthood.**

**3). Tatzria-metzora, a double sidra, dealing with the laws of impurity, and their associated purification rituals.**

**4). Achare Mot - Kedoshim, Achare Mot, meaning after the death of, and Kidoshim, meaning, Holiness.**

**Please join us each week as we discuss and enlarge on these topics.**

### **AND REMEMBER:**

**LOUD NOISE -- DUCK DOWN IT COULD SAVE your life!**



## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***

### **April**

**5 Donna Horowitz**

**6 Phil Bloom**

**8 Marlene Koslan**

**9 Russell Koskie**

**10 Helen Miller**

**10 Stuart Miller**

**13 Judith Pape**

**14 Bunnie Friedman**

**21 Scott Miller**

**23 Richard Donow**

**3 Marsha and Lee Norden**

**5 Darlene and Larry Hornstein**

**10 Michael and Ann Sail**

**28 Jay and Letty Reeser**

**24 Pierre Haskelson**

**25 Joseph Burger**

**30 Linda Horowitz**

A British Jew is waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. He is to kneel in front of her and recite a sentence in Latin when she taps him on the shoulders with her sword. However, when his turn comes, he panics in the excitement of the moment and forgets the Latin. Then, thinking fast, he recites the only other sentence he knows in a foreign language, which he remembers from the Passover Seder:

"Ma nishtana ha layla ha zeh mi kol ha laylot."

Puzzled, Her Majesty turns to her advisor and whispers, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

A little boy once returned home from Hebrew school and his father asked, "What did you learn today?"

He answered, "The Rabbi told us how Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt."

"How?"

The boy said "Moses was a big strong man and he beat Pharaoh up. Then while he was down, he got all the people together and ran towards the sea. When he got there, he has the Corps of Engineers build a huge pontoon bridge. Once they got on the other side, they blew up the bridge while the Egyptians were trying to cross."

The father was shocked. "Is that what the Rabbi taught you?"

The boy replied, "No. But you'd never believe the story he DID tell us!"



## Adult Education

**We continue on Monday nights at 7 PM with beginning Hebrew and on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm with Torah Trope online. We welcome any new participants**

**Our Tuesday morning Adult Education continued with Shalom Alechem "IN DEPTH". We then took a hiatus until after Passover when we will have a new program.**

## Student Education

**Our religious School continues virtually at 11:00 AM on Sundays where we study Holidays, Hebrew words and stories from the Torah. We had a virtual model Seder on March 21 at 10.30AM. Our teachers, Karen Miller, Gena Lederhandler, and Mr. Joe continue to meet separately with all of our students to study Hebrew. We thank them for all of their hard work**



# *In Honor of Lynn Goldovitz*

*This Torah Table was created by Pierre Haskelson and presented to Congregation Sinai by Pierre and Roz Haskelson*



*This Plaque honoring Lynn Goldovitz is being hung on the Bimah. This Memorial Board plaque remembers Lynn and all the wonderful things she gave to Congregation Sinai*

# CONGREGATION SINAI SISTERHOOD

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## Join Us For Our Exciting: **Virtual Bingo Night!** Thursday, April 22

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BINGO				
14	29	38	46	65
9	18	39	54	72
8	16	☆	56	75
13	25	35	52	67
5	21	32	51	69

Our Congregation Sinai Sisterhood will be holding their first Virtual Bingo Night fundraiser on Thursday April 22 starting at 7 PM. Bingo cards can be purchased ahead of time with 1 for \$10, 2 for \$15 or 3 for \$18. The bingo cards will be emailed to you and can be printed at home. Prizes will be given out to all of our winners. Checks need to be made payable to 'Congregation Sinai Sisterhood'. Please mail them to Marsha Norden at 21348 Royal Troon Drive, Leesburg, FL 34748-2330. Bingo card checks must be received by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Goomba's Italian Restaurant** has agreed to work with us that night as part of our fundraiser event. If you call ahead and mention

our Congregation Sinai Sisterhood, we will receive donation with a percentage of our sales. Whether you participate in our Bingo Night or not, you will merely need to present a copy of this flier when eating in or picking up your takeout food. Goomba's is located at 2395 South Highway 27 in Clermont, FL 34711 next to Epic Theatres. Call 352-989-4403 for reservations and takeout orders.

Visit: <https://www.TheOriginalGoombas.com/> to see their full menu.







Congregation Sinai's Men's Cub Presents:

## **Asian Spirit Night: Tuesday, April 13, 2021** **EAT IN & TAKE-OUT! ~ 4 TO 8 PM**

At Akina, their chefs prepare all meals fresh to order every day of the week. They offer amazing sushi and signature Asian Fusion entrees made with their own unique flavorful twist!

**4300 South Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34711 ~352-243-8988**

**See Website For Menu: [www.AkinaDining.com](http://www.AkinaDining.com)**



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## **Elvis**

**At the same time that Gladys Presley told her son, Elvis, that they were Jews, she also warned him to keep it to himself, because “some people don’t like Jews.”**

**Elvis Presley was a lifelong member of the Memphis Jewish Community Center, to which he was given free admission while still a relatively poor youth. Presley never forgot the JCC when the annual fund drive rolled around, and when he was tapped for a \$1,000 donation to the Memphis Jewish Welfare Fund, Presley surprised them with a check for \$150,000.**

**When Gladys died in 1958, at the young age of 46, when Elvis was only 23, his father, Vernon Presley, a vicious Jew-hater, oversaw the design of her gravestone, including the image of a cross on an upper corner. A few years later, Elvis, determined to honor his beloved Jewish mother, had a Star of David added to the opposite corner of her grave marker to balance out the cross and to acknowledge his mother’s Judaism.**

**Elvis always surrounded himself with Jews.  
Almost all of his song writers were, in fact, Jews.**

**For his hits, he hired Wally Gold, Ben Weisman, Florence Kaye, Aaron Schroeder, and the songwriting duos of Mort Shuman & Doc Pomus and Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller.**

**The latter duo wrote six Top 10 hits for Presley, including “Hound Dog,” “Jailhouse Rock,” and “Don’t” (as well as supplying hits to the Drifters, the Coasters, the Clovers, Ben E. King, and dozens of others).**

**Elvis was deeply hurt by the Jew-hatred of the South.**

**He told Larry Geller — one of the Jewish members of the Memphis Mafia and the one who served as Elvis’s “spiritual advisor, with just a hint of bitterness:**

**“Man, it used to confuse the hell outta me as a kid. In church all they talked about was how great all the Jews were, Abraham, Moses, Ezekiel, and all those other prophets. They were all Jewish. But outside of church, they would talk about ‘those damn Jews.’ They would put them down. I just couldn’t understand it.”**

**Elvis responded by letting the entire world know that the King of rock and roll was a Jew--and damn proud of it.**

**He never missed an opportunity to wear his beloved Star of David and Chai so the whole world could see he was a Member of the Tribe. While his managers wanted Elvis to wear them under his shirt, Elvis kept his shirt wide open**

**This and more is recounted in the new book “The Jewish World of Elvis Presley,” by Roselle Kline Chartock.**

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Congregation Sinai's Men's Cub Presents:

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# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Day Passover No religious School	Second Day Passover	Third Day Passover	Fourth Day Passover	1 Fifth Day Passover	2 Sixth Day Passover Shabbat Service 7:30	3 Seventh Day Passover  Bibles and Bagel 10:00 AM
4 Last Day Passover No Religious School Yiskor 10:00 AM	5 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	6 Share night Goombas	7	8 Sisterhood General Meeting 12:00 Challah Baking Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM Light Yom Hashoah Candles	9 Shabbat Service 7:30 / Yom Hashoah Remembrance	10 Shabbat Service 10:00  Bibles and Bagel 10:30 AM
11 Mens Club Meeting 9:30AM Go to Meeting Religious School 11:00 AM	Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	13 Share Night Akina 4-8 PM	14 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 AM	15	16 Shabbat Service 7:30	17 Shabbat Service 10:00  Bibles and Bagel 10:30 AM
18 Religious School 11:00 AM	19 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	20	21 Congregation Meeting 7:00PM	22	23 Shabbat Service 7:30	24 Shabbat Service 10:00  Bibles and Bagel 10:30 AM
25 Religious School 11:00 AM	26 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30 Shabbat Service 7:30	1 Shabbat Service 10:00  Bibles and Bagel 10:30 AM

