

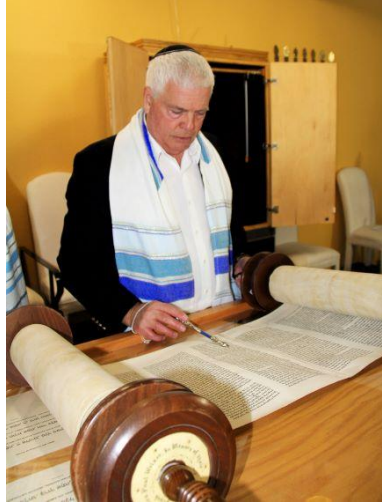


September

Selichot

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur



From the Bimah

Rosh Hashanah is now only about three weeks away. We have discussed the thoughts we have each year such as holiday traditions, teshuvah and new beginnings. These are worthy items to consider anew each year. Beyond these, I want to offer a different thought. Obviously, a group as small as our synagogue cannot change the world no matter how energetic and committed we might be. That said; a friend some years ago, was lamenting an encounter she had witnessed between a Jewish person and a non-Jewish person. The Jewish man was a bit unscrupulous in the transaction and it became obvious to the person he was dealing with. My friend's lament was this; "this might be the only encounter this individual ever has with someone Jewish. What impression of our people does this leave?" That has stuck with me for more than twenty years now. I made a conscious decision that any dealings I might have with anyone would be straightforward and openly transparent. I think the easy translation of this is that I say what I mean and I mean what I say. My word is solid. I really feel that this is not only Torah based, but should be foundational to our society. I imagine that many people reading this will think that this is or should be normal behavior. May it be so in our community and may everyone we deal with see our Jewish community to have integrity.

L'Shanah Tova,
Joe & Robin



From our President

Hi Everyone! I hope everyone has had a great summer. (I know, it's ALWAYS summer here.) It has been a tough month for the congregation, as we have lost friends and family, as well as the illnesses of others. I won't mention names, as I know that I'll leave some out.

August has been busy, with a craft fair organized by the ladies of Shalom Y'All (Joyce, Joan, and Bev). They continue to work extremely hard to raise funds for our Temple. Another thing that they did was to create a GoFundMe to raise funds to support our off-site events, such as the Craft Fairs, Yom Kippur services, and the Passover Seder. If you go online, it will say that I created it, but Joyce did most of the work.

Coming up, we have a very busy month with the High Holidays. It starts with Selichot at our temple. Rosh Hashanah will be at our temple with our first Choir! Lunch and Learn will follow after the morning service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur will be at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center in the Black Box Theater. Services will be Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 PM for Kol Nidre, and Monday, September 25 at 10 AM for Yom Kippur morning service and Yizkor. Closing services and Break the Fast will be at our temple.

We will be building our Sukkah on Sunday, September 10th. It's earlier than usual because of the calendar of the High Holidays. Sukkot begins Friday evening, September 29.

The next Blings and Things Craft Fair will be Sunday, October 1st at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center. If you have something to sell or offer, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Bev.

I know that many have been using the Electronic Payment system. Keep looking for additions to the options available.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year! See you at services.

Lou



From the Sisterhood

September. Being from up north, when I think of September I think of children going back to school after Labor Day; the weather starting to get chilly; preparing for the holidays and the warmth of spending time at our synagogue for Rosh Hashana where we saw some people only on the Holy Days. Here in Florida, school started in August; it's still hot in September; we are preparing for the holidays but the warmth from our Congregation Sinai members and sisters are ongoing.

Our paid up Sisterhood luncheon will be September 21st at noon at the temple. You should have received the information by now. If you haven't paid your \$25 dues yet, please do, so you can join us too. Thank You for being a sisterhood member. You'll feel the warmth of your friendships as you reconnect with other sisters after the summer months.

Speaking of friendships and warmth, why not join us on our awesome sisterhood cruise in December and celebrate New Year's Eve with you temple family. We have so much fun and REALLY get to know each other. That's why.....what happens on the ship, stays on the ship. The best ship is your friendship.

We count on YOU and really appreciate all you have done helping us in the past. Please consider signing up to use Raise Right (scrip/e gift cards) for some of your everyday needs. You can make a difference and help us raise more money for our sisterhood. It's so easy to use and I would love to help you get started. There's over 750 brands to choose from.

We love to send out cards. Well, Karen Miller does. If you want to acknowledge someone's birthday, get well, congratulations etc please don't run out to the store in this heat to look for a card. I'm there for an hour looking at every card and then I finally find the perfect card and can't find the matching envelope. Then I go home and look up their address and look for a stamp. All ready to go and now I have to drive to the post office where I can never find a parking spot. It's such a hassle. Forget it. It's so much easier to call Karen and tell her what I need and like

magic she takes care of all of it. Then I go online to www.congregation-sinai.org and in a minute I send Marsha my payment. In 3 minutes, sisterhood has the payment.

See you in September. I'm wishing you and your family "L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'teichateimu"

Love, Bev

Sunday School

Sunday School registration and classes began August 20. We are looking forward to learning about prayers,, bible stories, and reading Hebrew. Miss Gwen and Miss Gena 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 |
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| Betty Bank Irving Bank | Phyllis Klafter |
| David Brian Wolf | Connie and Paul Lawrason |
| Sylvia Davison | Barbara Cronson |
| Lee Silver | Stuart and Evelyn Gold |
| Alter Leslie Silver | Stuart and Evelyn Gold |
| David Psachie Dora Lowitz | Vicki Dingee |
| Harriet Mann | Marsha and Lee Norden and Larry Mann |
| Morton Payne | Alan and Wendy Payne |



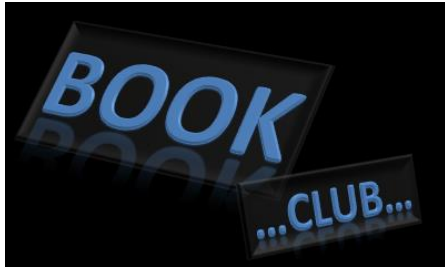
Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

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| 3 | Barbara Cronson | 22 | David Allyn |
| 10 | Evelyn Gold | 23 | Beverly Chern |
| 11 | Joel Mandel | 25 | Robin Goldovitz |
| 12 | Joe Goldovitz | 25 | Trudy Burger |
| 19 | Lou Chern | | |

September Anniversaries

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| 12 | Andrew and Ilene Feldman |
| 20 | David and Ava McKean |



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 We will be meeting online with go to meeting. Look for an email from Roz.

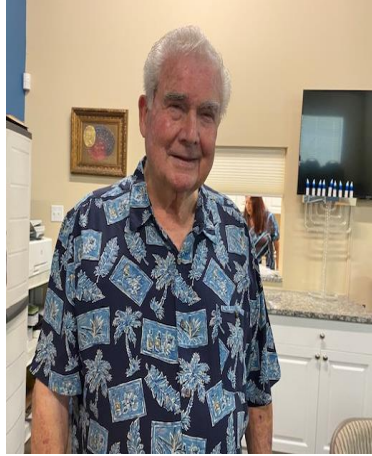
. The book we will be discussing is the White Lady by Jacqueline Winspear. Karen Miller will be our presenter. **This heart-stopping novel, set in Post WWII Britain in 1947, follows the coming of age and maturity of former wartime operative Elinor White—veteran of two wars, trained killer, protective 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



Mens Club

- * Since we did not want to interfere with Labor day we scheduled the Men's club meeting for the second Sunday of September. We will meet on September 10 at 10 AM at Panera.**
- * Our thanks to David for all the arrangements he has made with Panera.**
- * The Share a Night free ticket raffles will be held once a month by the Men's Club. An Announcement will be made A little later.**
- * We would like to help everyone know each other a little better. The Club has created the position of STAR REPORTER. This position will be filled by a volunteer and rotated.**

I volunteer to be the first STAR REPORTER. I will report on outings, Meetings and individual congregants background, past history, accomplishments etc.

The Information will come from interviews by the reporter with the volunteer congregant, * We wish everyone a sweet New Year.

Pierre

| Birthday Tributes | |
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| To: | From: |
| Susan Hoffman | Gwen Levy Roz and Pierre Haskelson |
| Pete Sobel | Phil & Janet Bloom Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller |
| Joyce Kotlowitz | Roz and Pierre Haskelson |
| Evelyn Gold | Gwen Levy |
| Stu Gold | Gwen Levy |
| Brad Farber | Gwen Levy |
| Roger Steinberg | Gwen Levy |
| Susan Tchon | Gwen Levy |
| Ryan Milchman | Gwen Levy |
| Rick Vincent | Gwen Levy |
| Ilene Feldman | Gwen Levy |
| Jeff Warren | Gwen Levy |
| Ruth Borsky | Karen and Stu Miller |
| Corey Gaynes | Gwen Levy |
| Roz Silpe | Gwen Levy |
| Susan Mandell | Gwen Levy |
| Connie Lawrason | Gwen Levy Stu and Karen Miller |
| Andrew Feldman | Gwen Levy |

| Condolences | |
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| TO : | From |
| Ruth Baker | Walter Leder |
| Jack Gartner | Marsha and Lee Norden Janet and Phil Bloom Wendy and Alan Payne Walter Leder |
| Mazel Tov | |
| To: | From: |
| Rick and Lynne Vincent | Marsha and Lee Norden Karen and Stu Miller |

| Get | Well |
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| To: | From: |
| Stu Miller | Michele and Pete Sobel |
| Stu Gold | Marsha and Lee Norden Michele and Pete Sobel Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller |

| Happy | Anniversary |
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| To: | From: |
| Steve and Roz Silpe | Gwen Levy Roz and Pierre Haskelson Janet and Phil Bloom |
| Stu and Evelyn Gold | Gwen Levy |
| Pete and Michele Sobel | Phil & Janet Bloom Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller Ruth Borsky |
| Barbara and Evan Cronson | Roz and Pierre Haskelson Gwen Levy Ruth Borsky |
| Ilene and Andy Feldman | Gwen Levy Roz and Pierre Haskelson |
| Rick and Lynne Vincent | Gwen Levy Roz and Pierre Haskelson |
| Karen and Joel Mandel | Gwen Levy |
| Nesta and Eitan Aharoni | Gwen Levy |

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 David Park, Groveland

**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.



Break the Fast

*Following Closing Services at
Congregation Sinai*

*Name*_____ *Phone*_____ *Email*_____

*Check Number*_____ *Check Amount*_____

#Adult Members_____ @ \$ 20.00.....\$_____

of Children (13 and under) @ \$ 8.00.....\$_____

Please Print clearly

**Fill in form and mail with check to Michele Sobel,
Break the Fast 176 Crepe Myrtle Drive, Groveland, FL
34736. If paying on line email Michele Sobel at
grammichele5@gmail.com to record your payment.**

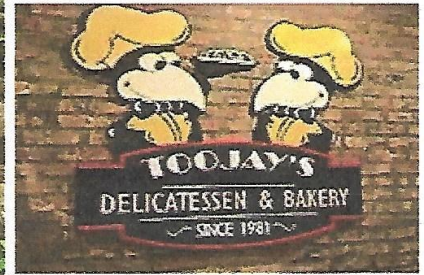
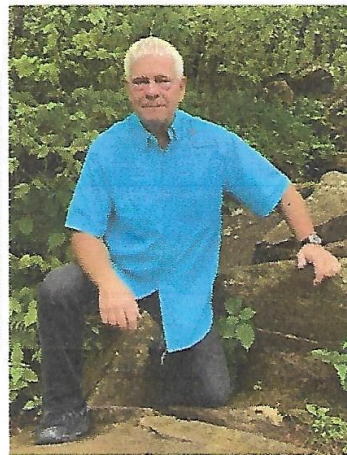
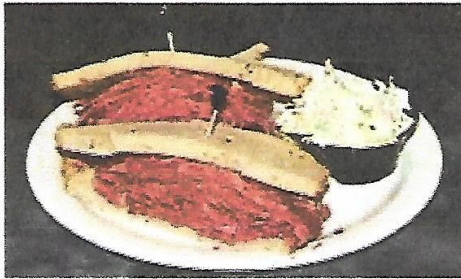
Deadline for Break the Fast is September 18.



Rosh Hashanah Lunch & Learn!

At Congregation Sinai

Saturday, September 16 ~ 12:30 to 1:30 PM



Discussion Topic: What could Judaism look like in 2024 / What should Judaism look like in 2024?

LUNCH: Your TooJay's catered sandwich choice will include cole slaw, potato salad & a pickle; served along with condiments and fruit salad.

Select from the following:

| | Rye | Wheat | Quantity |
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| Corned Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Dietary Restrictions? Ex Gluten Free | | | |

Names: _____

Number attending at \$20 per person: _____

Deadline is Saturday, September 9. Orders cannot be accepted after September 9.

Please use the electronic Payment System at the following Link: [Click here to order and Pay](#)

If you prefer to pay by a paper check, please send your check to the address below, and send an email with your menu choice(s) to Ava McKean at amckean15@gmail.com



Why Do We Dip Apples in Honey on Rosh Hashanah?

Apples and [honey](#) have become synonymous with [Rosh Hashanah](#) in many Jewish homes around the world – but where does this tradition come from, and what does it symbolize?

[Honey](#) is one of the central foods enjoyed by the Jewish people during [Rosh Hashanah](#). Popularly incorporated into cakes, cookies, meat glazes, challah, and other [foods](#), honey is also enjoyed on its own with apples throughout the High Holidays.

Honey has become an iconic symbol of Rosh Hashanah, just like [pomegranates](#) and [shofars](#). But why do we eat honey and apples on Rosh Hashanah? What does honey symbolize? How did this tradition start?

We have all of the answers — and more! — so you can wow your friends and family with your sweet knowledge during [Rosh Hashanah dinner](#). Read on to learn some un-bee-lievable facts about honey and its connection to Rosh Hashanah and Judaism!

Israel as “the Land Flowing with Milk and Honey”

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In Exodus 3:8 in the [Hebrew Bible](#), God promises [Moses](#) that the Israelites would be rewarded with a “good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.” Of course, God was referencing the [Land of Israel](#). The Midrash says that God called *Eretz Yisrael* this because milk provides nourishment and [honey](#) is known for its sweetness, so within the Promised Land, the Israelites would find both. It also alludes to the fertility of the land, and the better life of sustenance and sustainability awaiting the Israelites.

The phrase “[the Land of Milk and Honey](#)” has stuck throughout history as another name for the Land of Israel and in modern times, as a nickname for the [State of Israel](#).

However, in his commentaries on the Torah, Rashi explained that this excerpt was actually talking about [date honey](#) (known in Hebrew as *silan*), which has historically been made by Jews in the region since Biblical times.

What does honey symbolize on Rosh Hashanah?

Many Jewish thinkers throughout history have come to the same simple conclusion: [eating honey on Rosh Hashanah](#) symbolizes our hope for a sweet new year, and honey has been readily available in Jewish communities for thousands of years. It is important to remember that during the time of the Israelites, sugar canes did not exist in the desert or in the Land of Israel. Honey, whether from [bees](#) or [dates](#), would've been our ancestors' go-to sweetener.

Is it required by Jewish law to eat honey during Rosh Hashanah?

Nope! Eating honey during [Rosh Hashanah](#) is a *minhag*, or a custom.

Thank you to Shalom Y'All. Your craft fair was a HUGE success

The Bagel Boys want to thank Congregation Sinai of Groveland for putting on a wonderful craft fair yesterday.

We sold out quickly and we are already looking forward to the next Things and Blings on October 1.

We met so many of our awesome neighbors. It was a great day and we loved sharing our bagels with everyone!

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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
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2 cups white sugar
 - 4 eggs, beaten
 - 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 3 apples - peeled, cored and sliced thinly mixed with 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 1/2 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.

September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Healing Service 7:00 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 | 2 Torah Study in Temple Brunch at 10:00-12 noon |
| L' S H A N A T O V A | | | | | | |
| 3 No School Labor Day Weekend | 4 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM | 5 Prayers 7:00 PM Book Club 1:00 PM online | 6 Hebrew Beginning and Intermediate 7:00 PM | 7 | 8 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM | 9 Torah Study online 10:00-11:30 Selichot at 7:30 PM |
| 10 Men's Club Panera Religious School 10-12 | 11 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM | 12 Prayers 7:00 PM | 13 Hebrew Beginning and Intermediate 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board 10:00 | 14 Congregation Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM Temple | 15 Rosh Hashanah Begins at 7:30 PM Temple | 16 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 10:00 Lunch N Learn Tashlich |
| 17 No Religious School Rosh Hashanah Day 2 10:00 AM | 18 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM | 19 Prayers 7:00 PM | 20 Hebrew Beginning and Intermediate 7:00 PM | 21 Sisterhood General Mtg Paid up Luncheon 12:00 Noon Temple | 22 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM | 23 Torah Study online 10:00-11:30 |
| 24 No School Erev Yom Kippur Black Box Theater 6:30 | 25 No Class Yom Kippur Black Box Theater 10:00 AM Closing Service 5:30 Break the Fast | 26 Prayers 7:00 PM | 27 Hebrew Beginning and Intermediate 7:00 PM | 28 | 29 Sukkot Blessings in Sukkah 6:30 Services at 7:30 | 30 Torah Study online 10:00-11:30 |