



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

Interested in a few fun facts about our national holiday? Read on...

1. **The Declaration of Independence was actually approved on July 2nd, 1776.** The Continental Congress voted for independence two days before the famous date, leading John Adams to predict that July 2nd would be celebrated with parades and festivities.
2. **Only two people signed the Declaration on July 4th, 1776.** Despite popular belief, most delegates didn't sign until August 2nd, 1776, when the official parchment copy was ready.
3. **The Liberty Bell didn't ring on July 4th, 1776.** The famous story of the Liberty Bell ringing to announce independence is a myth—the bell was actually cracked and couldn't ring at that time.
4. **Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey as America's national bird.** While debating national symbols, Franklin argued that the

bald eagle was a “bird of bad moral character” and preferred the turkey as more respectable.

5. **“The Star-Spangled Banner” was written during the War of 1812, not the Revolution.** Francis Scott Key penned the national anthem in 1814 after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry.
  
6. **The Pledge of Allegiance wasn’t written until 1892.** Francis Bellamy created the pledge for the 400th anniversary of Columbus’s arrival in America, and it became associated with patriotic holidays like Independence Day.
  
5. **The first 4th of July celebration happened in 1777 in Philadelphia.** The city marked its first anniversary with a thirteen-gun salute, festivities, and fireworks, establishing traditions that continue today.
  
6. **Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4th, 1826.** Remarkably, both founding fathers passed away on the exact 50th anniversary of the Declaration’s adoption, just hours apart.
  
7. **Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4th, 1872.** The 30th President of the United States shares his birthday with the nation, making him the only president born on Independence Day.

**May you have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Links for Our Services and Classes:**

#### **Friday Nights On Zoom**

Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Kabbalat Shabat

Time: Jan 17, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Fri, 99 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87690076724?pwd=hIKJWdXvxRjkusB3FNnUik0o604bVt.1>

Meeting ID: 876 9007 6724

Passcode: 9UKTGX

### **Saturday Morning Torah study**

Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

#### **Topic: Saturday Torah Study**

Time: Jan 11, 2025 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sat, 99 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89585548554?pwd=kYrRHlxRerHQ9MY9BWs2PdymUSrdN7.1>

Meeting ID: 895 8554 8554

Passcode: 865091

Monday to Thursday Evening Classes – Same link for all nights

Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

### **Congregation Sinai Evening Classes**

Time: Jan 13, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, 68 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81066316451?pwd=A21Mh3ohf04fpoG8F1GCMwYOXCrgiC.1>

Meeting ID: 810 6631 6451

Passcode: 474625

## From the Bimah, Joe Goldovitz



CS Newsletter July 2025

As this letter is written, the news of the bombing of Iran's nuclear sites is just hours old. No one knows exactly how this situation will turn out, but we hope that this action will change the paradigm in the middle east eventually in favor of peace. For Iran to ever gain nuclear weapons would be a disaster for Israel and the world. No nation should have to live under the constant threat of attack with the intent of annihilation. I speak of course of Israel. If Hamas had the capability to destroy Israel, they would. If Hezbollah had the capability to destroy Israel, they would. In the years 2000 and 2001 numerous Palestinians walked into Israel and detonated bombs with the intent to kill as many Israelis as possible. In 1948, 1967 and 1973 Israel's neighbors endeavored to destroy Israel. There are many voices in the world that have constantly accused Israel of mistreating Palestinians and lately of genocide. My

understanding is that Israel has offered technical, medical, and agricultural assistance to neighboring countries for years. The same was offered to the Palestinians. Much of the time Israel's offers were turned away. The Palestinians were offered an opportunity for a path to statehood minimally 5 times since the 90's. Each time the Palestinians refused to accept. There is much more conversation that could be had about these issues, Israel and Jewish people worldwide want peace. Peace to live, to work and to enjoy the good world that God has given us. We also want peace for Israel's neighbors. We pray to God that these recent events will lead us to that peace.

Joe & Robin

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem*

*Shaalv Shalom Yerushalayim, Psalm 122:6*



## President Lou Chern



### President's Message July 2025

Happy Summer Everyone!

I don't know about you, but I keep up with what's happening back home in Philadelphia. I find it interesting how they react to hot weather. But it has been hotter there than here, with temperatures over 100 degrees and very high humidity.

June has been interesting. My home computer broke down and couldn't be repaired, so I lost many of my files. It has been difficult at times trying to find things.

I've found myself having trouble on Friday nights, operating both the Zoom camera and the system to show the transliterations of our prayers. I reached out to the congregation, and want to thank Alberto, Bradley Sprinkle, and Lew Blass for offering to help.

We got a Popcorn Machine! We used it for the first time on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Sisterhood showing of The Jazz Singer, starring Neil Diamond. It was a great day, and everyone enjoyed the popcorn and the movie.

We also got a button machine, which will allow us to make our own buttons that are 3 inches across. Please let Rick Vincent know if you would like a picture placed on a button. We even have magnets to put on the back, so you can put the button on your refrigerator.

For our service on June 20<sup>th</sup>, we had the children of our Sunday School, and a graduate (Tyler Miller) participating in several prayers. They all did a great job.

Coming up in July, we have Joe's Concert at Heritage Hills on July 19<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will join us. Tickets can be purchased on our website, or checks mailed to our mailbox.

Also, it's time for me to send out emails for the Yom Kippur Yizkor book. We ask for \$5 or more per name, and your names will be read during the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

I hope to see you at services, and at the concert.

Lou

### **Joke –**

Sarah and Suzy have been married to their husbands for many years and are the best of friends. Sarah doesn't think her husband finds her attractive anymore.

"As I get older he doesn't even bother to look at me!" said Sarah.

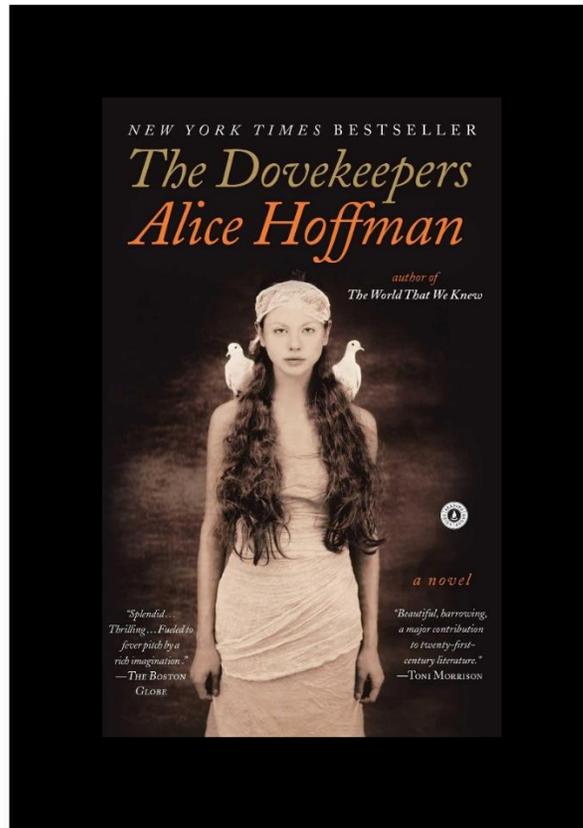
"It's the opposite for me", replied Suzy. "As I get older, my husband says I get even more beautiful every day."

"But that's because your husband is an antique dealer!"

*Our Special Shabbat with the Sunday School families participating*



## Book Club Announcement!



The book club will be resurrected as the **Pageturners**. The meetings will be facilitated by Susan Chern with the assistance of Roz Haskelson. It will resume in September and take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm at the Cooper Memorial Library in Clermont.

The first meeting date will be Thursday, September 11th.

The book selection will be *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman.

We would like to have a lunch get-together sometime in July to discuss details. Your input is important. Everyone and anyone are welcome. Look for more details to follow!

## Joyce Cohen for Ritual



We had a nice turnout for Shavuot. We honored family and friends during our Yiskor Service. Chef Pete cooked delicious blintzes, and several members contributed food.

Have you noticed how some of our members kvell as they carry the Torah? I know first hand that Hebrew School teachers kvell when their students learn the Shabbat and holiday prayers. On Friday, June 20, Kabbalat Shabbat honors were given to our Hebrew School students and their parents, Thank you Joe.

Lou Chern has been working hard on the High Holiday transliteration prayers. We will watch them on our T.V

Our committee will begin working on the High Holidays. Look for the honor forms in August's tablet.

## Men's Club President Pierre Haskelson



Congregation Sinai's Men's Club is sponsoring a fundraiser. Send Rick your favorite pictures and the quantities you would like. They are \$5.00 each. The following subjects are great: your children, grandchildren, pets, your graduate, car, just about any subject. You can pay by Zelle, PayPal or cash. For more information call Rick Vincent at 609-351-4200. Leave a message and he will call you back. Examples can be seen in the picture below.



The next Men's Club meeting will be held at the Rainbow Restaurant in Mascotte, 704 E Meyer Blvd on July 6th. Don't forget to pick up donation letters at the back of the synagogue which you can give to your doctors, hairdressers, or anywhere you do business. Your participation will be a great help to the synagogue to generate funds.

### **Our Sisterhood President Bev Chern**



Congregation Sinai is now a member of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce. In June, I had the pleasure of attending numerous chamber events representing Congregation Sinai Sisterhood.

At one event, I met someone from the South Lake Pregnancy Center who thanked me for the large donation of baby items that we gave them last year when Sisterhood had a baby shower for the pregnancy center. She was very grateful to us for everything they received. At another one, I met someone from the Neighborhood Center of South Lake who said that

Congregation Sinai is one of their largest contributors and thanked me for all the food we donate to them and all we have done for them. Let's keep it going and continue to donate non-perishable foods for them. In return, I would like to **THANK YOU**. We are a Sisterhood and Congregation made up of wonderful caring people who go out of your way to help others. We are getting noticed and we **ARE** making a difference for others. Again, thank you for your continued support of our many outreach programs.

As of June 1st, our Sisterhood dues went up to \$30. I know we have many sisters that support us by making a donation of \$30 for their dues and never attend any of our events. We would love to have you join us. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month from noon - two pm. Look for our email for the location. We would love to see you. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay them online at [www.Congregation-Sinai.org](http://www.Congregation-Sinai.org) and scroll to Sisterhood and to dues. Also, please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. You do not have to be Jewish to be part of our Sisterhood. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations Jenny on the birth of your daughter. We can't wait to meet her and see you back at the temple. They are both doing well.



(Jenny's daughter Adina was born on May 24, 2025)

On Sunday, June 22 we watched "The Jazz Singer" starring Neil Diamond at the temple. We had pizza and popcorn. Thank you to Darlene who read the Prayer for Israel. Thank you to Lou who made the popcorn and showed the movie on the big screen tv. Thank you, Pierre, for sharing your wine. Stay tuned for next month's movie. If you have any suggestions for a movie/Broadway show, please let Bev know.



We are looking for volunteers to sponsor an oneg. If you can't do the shopping, we will do it for you. Speak to Karen Mandel. We have many dates available from September thru December.

Thank you to the sponsors of our June onegs:

June 6th        Joan Mager, Sue Levy, Rosalyn Goldwich

June 13th      Janet and Phil Bloom

June 20th      Linda and Bob Simontacchi

June 27th      Michele and Pete Sobel

Thank you to everyone that makes our Sisterhood great.



*“Every word of one’s prayer should be like a rose that is picked from a bush. One gathers rose upon rose until a bouquet is formed and can be offered to God as a beautiful blessing.” Nachman of Bratzlav*



Happy July Birthday to...



Susan Hoffman, July 7

Joyce Kotlowitz, July 7

Ruth Baker, July 8

David McKean, July 9

Ben Ruiz, July 9

David Mandell, July 10

Trisha Ruiz, July 11

Stewart Kahn, July 14

Ryan Milchman, July 16

Sheila Muller, July 24

Ava McKean, July 26

Josh Lederhandler, July 27

Michael Goldsmith, July 29

Ashley Casler, July 30



Happy July Anniversary to...



Michael and Judy Goldsmith, July 3



*"Pray as if everything depended on God. Act as if everything depended on you." From Mishkan T'filah*

## Yahrzeit Contributions



June 2025

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## Tributes

For anyone who would like to send a Tribute, please let Karen Miller know at [karen4701@aol.com](mailto:karen4701@aol.com) and she will be happy to send a card for you. You can pay online, and it is a very reasonable \$6.50!



To:

From:

### Birthday

Lee Norden

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Janet and Phil Bloom

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Janet Bloom

Bev and Lou Chern

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Marsha and Lee Norden

Michele and Pete Sobel

Rocky Coleman

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Jordan Pritzker

Gwen Levy

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Gwen Levy

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Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Sisterhood

Susan Levy

Marsha and Lee Norden

Michele and Pete Sobel

Rocky Coleman

Carole and Jordan Pritzker

Bev and Lou Chern

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Bunny Friedman

Bev and Lou Chern

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Linda Schwam

Sisterhood

Karen Miller

Anniversary

Carole and Jordan Pritzker

Karen Miller

Gwen Levy

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Carole and Harold Lovitz

Gwen Levy

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Janet and Phil Bloom

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Michele and Pete Sobel

Bev and Lou Chern

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Marvin and Joyce Cohen

Gwen Levy

Janet and Phil Bloom

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Joseph and Trudy Berger

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

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Pierre and Roz Haskelson

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Janet and Phil Bloom

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Mort and Ellen Hess

Gwen Levy

Janet and Phil Bloom

Thank you!

Ellen Hess

Janet and Phil Bloom

Congratulations

Jenny Perez

Sisterhood

Sympathy

Linda Sobel

Michele and Pete Sobel

Dr. Amy Sobel

Michele and Pete Sobel

***Miscellaneous***

If you know of anyone in the hospital, please let the Sunshine Committee know and we will get a card from the congregation out to them. For Sunshine, you can contact Sue Levy at [josulevy@icloud.com](mailto:josulevy@icloud.com).

For recipes or any other information for the Tablet, please send the information by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to Sue Levy at [josulevy@icloud.com](mailto:josulevy@icloud.com).

Comments? Please let me know at [josulevy@icloud.com](mailto:josulevy@icloud.com).

# July

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Kabbalat Shabbat, healing service 6:30pm	5 Torah Study in Temple, 10 am
6	7 Hebrew Classes, 7pm online	8	9	10 CS Board Meeting, 7pm	11 Kabbalat Shabbat, 7pm	12 Torah Study Online, 10am
13	14 Hebrew Classes, 7pm online	15	16	17	18 Kabbalat Shabbat, 7pm	19 Torah Study online, 10am Joe's Concert
20	21 Hebrew Classes, 7pm online	22	23	24	25 Kabbalat Shabbat, 7pm	26 Torah Study, 10 am
27	28 Hebrew Classes, 7pm online	29	30	31		

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- Chief Resident, Bethesda Hospital, Boynton Beach, Florida (July 2017- 2018)
- Dean's Award (Cumulative 4.0 GPA), BUSPM (2011-2015) •President's List, BUSPM (2011-2015) Dean's Honor List, BUSPM (2011-2015) •Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society.



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