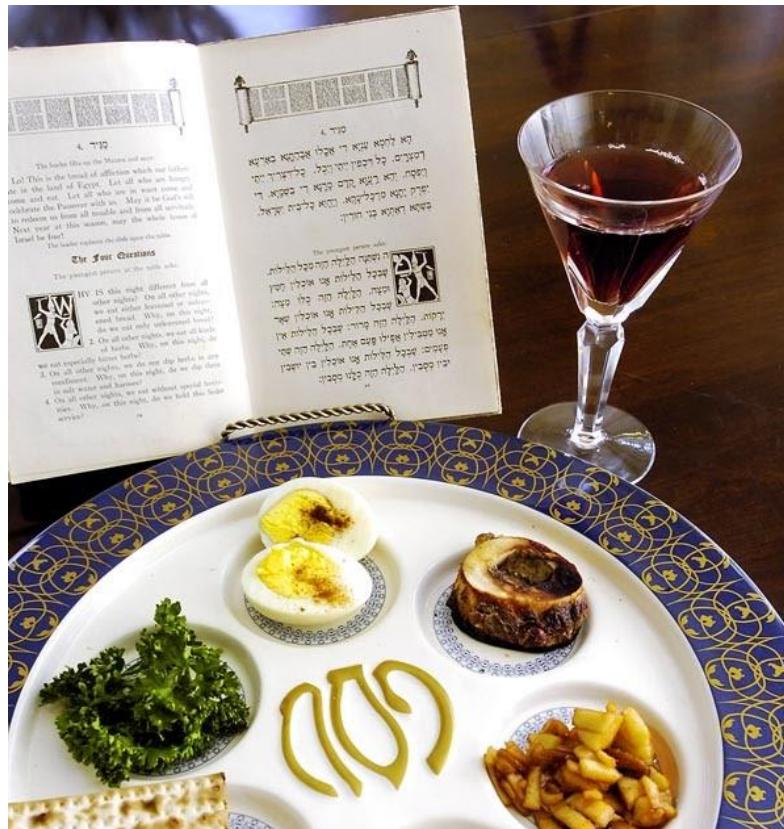
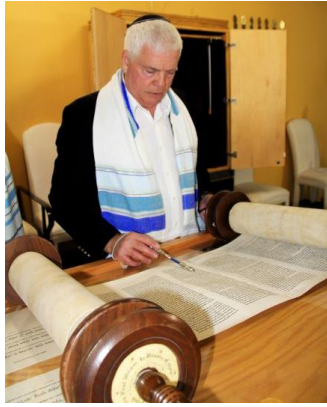




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April 2024
Happy Passover



From the Bimah

CS Newsletter April 2024

Purim came and went in 2024. One recently asked question was; “How do we celebrate a festive holiday when Israel is fighting a war for survival?” At least one answer is; “When are the Jews not fighting for survival?” In our Pesach Haggadah, it states, “In every generation one arises that would destroy Israel.” So now, we look to Pesach, which is only a few weeks from now. I am reminded of the documentary “The Gefilte Fish Chronicles”. Every Jewish person should see that film at least once. It is in our DNA to cycle through the year with Jewish holidays. They are the stops along life’s way. I spoke with our Sunday school students recently about their family trees. The idea was this. Knowledge of our parents, grandparents and beyond helps us to understand who we are. We share not only genes, but in many ways, we are much like our forebears. We undeniably have various traits that are easily identifiable with those of our family. In a similar sense, Jewish holidays help us to understand who we are and who we should strive to be as a people. Pesach is the most widely observed holiday in our calendar for a reason. It defines who we are as a people. We were slaves in Egypt and God took us out with a mighty hand to be a treasured, holy people. God gave us His Torah and told us that it is the blue print for correct living. God did this because he promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would do so. Therefore, now we know who our collective ancestors were. We begin to understand where some of our personality traits derive. Perhaps more importantly, we begin to understand our great responsibility as a people. We are, to some degree, God’s representatives on earth. We also have the added responsibility of living up to the standard set by our ancestors. As we prepare for Pesach and as we enact the Seder yet again, let us have in mind the great and wonderful relationship we have with the past. We hope that we as a people honor our parents, grandparents and ancestors with our actions and our lives.

Joe & Robin



President's Message April 2024

Can you believe that we are only three weeks away from Passover? As of the time of this writing, we have 51 people paid. I hope we get many more. Please let your friends and family know that this is open to anyone, not just members.

Let's do a quick recap of March. I started out by sending out the flyer for the Passover Seder. So far, so good. Next, we had our Purim and Pizza event. Everyone had a great time. Thanks go to Joyce, Regina, Lew, Janet, and Liz for putting it all together.

We posted a flyer about the congregation on social media, and got a lot of views. This tells us that there are Jewish people out there. Hopefully, some will come by. I intend to re-post the flyer every few weeks, and the Seder flyer every week. We need YOUR help with this. I can only post to Facebook and NextDoor to those groups that I'm subscribed to. Joyce and Bev helped since they belong to many more groups. But we need your help, posting to your groups and communities.

Our GoFundMe for the Seder has led to a very generous donation that will allow us to keep the price down for at

least another year. Of course, no one can predict what the economy will be like next year.

We had issues with our streaming for a couple of Fridays. Our service is on the slow side, and I will need to make sure that I reboot the modem every week before services. Last week was much better.

Coming up in April will be the Passover Seder. Many thanks go to Ava for putting this together.

Have a great month!

Lou



At our last meeting we discussed the book Exile Music.on Thursday March 28th.

The book club has watched and discussed the film Skokie.

We have read and discussed

The White Lady -Jacqueline Winspear

All the broken places - John Boyne

Shelters of Stone - Jean Duel

The Paris Apartment - Kelly Bowen

1984 - George Orwell

If you like reading and watching movies and then discussing the characters, the story and purpose of the book or movie -

JOIN US

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From Shalom Y'All

Hi Congregants

Our president, Lou Chern has graciously communicated to those who attend services, that Shalom Y'All has initiated a GoFundMe account to build a reserve to secure bigger venues for the events and activities planned for our Congregation and the public. To date, our craft shows and Joe's concert are two of our very successful events requiring bigger venues.

To be blunt, we need your help. We are asking you to donate what you can to show that we, as congregants, are contributing and working toward our goal. Remember. we are, The Little Temple that Could!

**Your GoFundMe money is already at work.
Your generous donations paid for the venue for Passover!**

Thank you!

It is easy to donate. The steps to donate are below..

- 1. Google GoFundMe**
- 2. In the rectangle that says 'results' type in.**

The Little Engine that Could

- 3. Click on Congregation Sinai**

**4. Fill in informationn. Be sure to scroll down Shalom
Y'All thanks everyone of you. With your help, bigger events
and activities are in our future.**



Two Fisted? You only know what happens on the cruise if you are on the cruise!!

We need YOU!! There are 3 Directors and 1 Corresponding Secretary position that are one year positions and coming to the end of their term. Some might not be coming back so we need to find some awesome Sisterhood members (all are awesome) to be on our Sisterhood Board and participate in our monthly Board Meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and also to participate in our Sisterhood General meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. This is a volunteer position but the rewards you get are priceless!! If YOU are interested or know of anyone that is interested in becoming a board member, please let me know as soon as possible so I can forward their names to our nominating committee.

We are also looking for 3 members to be on our nominating committee to gather names and contact prospective board members so we can vote and have an election. Please contact Bev Chern if you would like to be on our nominating committee.

Please sign up for the Onegs. There is no one signed up for July and the rest of the year. Thank you for your support. A special THANK YOU goes to Janet Bloom, Joyce Cohen and all that participated in making our Outreach Program a big success. We also invited women from neighborhood

churches to join us to learn about PURIM. It was a fun, informative event with delicious food. We had over 40 women who participated in our event.

We have boxes on the front counter when you enter our temple for our continuing donations of non-perishable food, hoodies, toiletries, pet supplies and for April, we are adding baby supplies to the donations. Donations of baby supplies to include diapers, baby wipes, baby lotion, sippy cups, gently used clothes etc will be presented to the director of the South Lake Pregnancy Center in Clermont at a 'baby shower' for the center after learning about how they help the community. The 'shower' will be held at the Rainbow Restaurant (about 3 minutes past us on Highway 50 in Mascotte) where lunch will be on your own followed by some fun games of "Baby Bingo". Please drop off your donations to us or bring it with you on April 18th at noon. See the flyer. Neighborhood Center of South Lake is requesting shelf stable milk (can purchase at dollar store). Thank you.

I know many of you went to the Garden Theater to see "All Shook Up" and really enjoyed the show. Please join us on Thursday, May 30th at 2 pm at the Garden Theater to see "Shake Baby Shake". We have a limited seats so get your family and friends together and we can all Shake, Baby Shake. **May 10th is our Sisterhood Shabbat so save the date.**

Don't believe you aren't important to our Sisterhood because that's not a funny joke for April Fool's Day. Each and everyone of you are very important and make a difference and that's no joke. Happy April Fool's Day

Bev Chern



Please join Congregation Sinai for our Annual

Passover Seder

The 2nd night of Passover

Tuesday Evening, April 23rd, 2024

5:30 PM

Heritage Hills Clubhouse, Clermont, FL

Seder conducted by Joe Goldovitz

Menu:

Chopped Liver

Gefilte Fish

Matzo Ball Soup

Brisket or Roasted Chicken

Herb Roasted Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Matzah

Dessert

Iced Tea or Lemonade

Adults - \$40

Children 12 and under \$18

Pay Online with Check or Credit Card at: [Pay Here](#)

OR

Mail check to Congregation Sinai ,4327 S. US 27 Box 315, Clermont, FL
34711



Men's Club

Pierre Haskelson, President

The next meeting will be at 9/30 AM on Sunday April 7. The earlier time is to allow us, Following our meeting ,To go to the Synagogue to prepare the Yellow Candles for Yom Hashoa .

*** We will discuss the mechanics to hold a silent auction for 2 Brass & Steel artworks made by Pierre commemorating “ Never Again* We will plan the sponsoring of an Oneg to be held on Friday April 19.**

*** The next Share the night restaurant is at Bonefish on April 16.**

*** We remind every one of the fine portraits can be made by Rick Vincent.**

Pierre



**Princess Darlene and
Huntress Robin**



**The oldest and most tired
handmaiden in Sinai**



Tres Amigos Pierre, Alberto and Marvin





Alberto the Gaucho and his queen Regina



The People of Shushan...Robin the Huntress, Princess Darlene, Jax the Baseball star, Lynne the Queen, Linda the Vocalist, Joan, Handmaiden to the Queen, and Joseph, who had a coat of many colors and a very long rifle. He led the pack with his guitar playing and was the clinic's psychiatrist in his spare time

Renting Space at the Synagogue for a Special Occasion

Did you know that you can rent our synagogue for a special occasion? Below is the section of our Policies and Procedures document that discussed it, and the prices.

G. RENTAL OF CONGREGATION SINAI

POLICY: Congregation Sinai may be rented to both members and non-members for a variety of functions. Those functions include Celebration of Life Memorial Services, Funerals, Weddings, and B'nai Mitzvot. Use of the Sanctuary would be available if the Synagogue calendar is open on the requested day.

The Social Hall may be rented for a small reception following a Celebration of Life Memorial Service. The reception will take the place of a Shiva reception in the home and can be for no more than 100 guests. Menu for the reception will be determined by the Committee and mourning family and with the permission of the Ritual Chairperson.

PROCEDURE: The following charges will be in effect for the use of Congregation Sinai:

Rental by a Member of Congregation Sinai	\$150.00
Rental by a Non-Member	\$250.00
Set up Fee	\$100.00
Clean up Fee	\$ 75.00
Refundable Security Deposit	\$ 100.00



Everyone Is Invited! Bring your children and grandchildren! Congregation Sinai's Men's Club
Presents:

The THIRD Al Rosen Mini-Golf Outing

**Sunday Morning, May 5, 2024 – Starting At 10:30
AM 175 South Rolling Acres Road**

Lady Lake, FL 32159

Phone: 352-259-2313

treetopsgolf@gmail.com

Registration at 10:15 AM - Scramble Format

ONLY \$36 Adults - \$20 Children 12 and under

Includes: 1 Round Mini Golf

Lunch - Choice of a Box Lunch from Toojays OR

Pizza From Flippers;

Prizes and Awards after the Tournament

Payments: Due by April 20, 2024. Please make checks payable To:

Congregation Sinai Men's Club

329 Salt Marsh Lane

Groveland, FL 34736

**For more information, contact Pierre Haskelson at 352-241-6664 or email
phaskelson@gmail.com**



RIVIERA MAYA

5 - NIGHTS
VALIANT LADY
December 1 - 6, 2024

Call Bev at 215-219-5400

COZUMEL, MEXICO

The Riviera Maya is a dreamer's gateway to Cozumel, Playa del Carmen and Tulum. Arriving early and departing late from Mexico—and with a day and sunset spent at The Beach Club at Bimini—you'll have plenty of time to ramp up the adventure and wind down to chill while seeing each port from every sun and moonlit angle.



Day 1 Miami, Florida, USA
Day 2 Sailing Day
Day 3 Cozumel - Playa del Carmen, Mexico 🌙
Day 4 Sailing Day
Day 5 The Beach Club at Bimini, Bahamas
Day 6 Miami, Florida, USA

Itinerary details, including arrival/departure times and days of port calls, are subject to change.

🌙 Late Night 🌙 Overnight Stay

Always Included Luxury

Luxury inclusions on every adults-only voyage. Brilliant perks that put you at the helm of VIP treatment. Dining at 20+ unique eateries, tips, WiFi, essential drinks, group fitness classes.



Come join us for an awesome cruise on this very unique cruise line. This special offer must be deposited by November 26th to take advantage of:

30% off the cabin price; \$600 on board credit; and a \$300 bar tab.

The price of only **\$1,040 per person** is based on a double occupancy for 5 nights in a Sea Terrace Balcony Cabin. This price also **includes** your specialty dining, WiFi, Gratuities, Essential Drinks such as soda, juices, water (non alcoholic beverages), Shows, Exercise WorkOuts and much more.

Special is good for other sailings also if deposited by November 26th. You have 2 years to take advantage of it.



Itinerary details, including arrival/departure times and days of port calls, are subject to change. Prices are per person, cruise only, based on double occupancy, specified stateroom category, in USD and are subject to availability. Governmental departure taxes and fees are additional. Prices and promotions are for new individual bookings, are subject to availability, may change without notice, are capacity-controlled, and may be changed or withdrawn at any time. Ask your Travel Advisor for the most up to date pricing and promotions.



Yahrzeit Donations

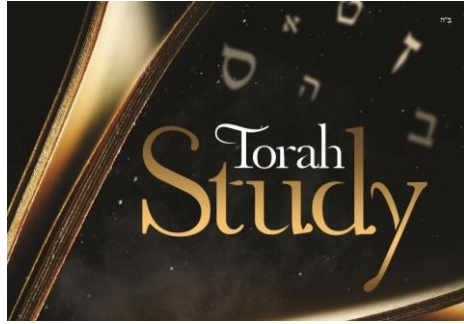
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Benjamin Miller	Karen Miller
Dr. Albert Schlazer Herman Tepper	Basha Schlazer
Roger Courshan Wolfe	Connie Lawrason
Dorothy Feldman	Andrew and Ilene Feldman
Meyer Gomer Gussie Weindrug Charlotte Gomer	Linda and Bob Simontacchi
Flora Kagan	Steven and Rosalind Silpe
Alfred Lovitz	Harold and Carole Lovitz
Jennie Berger	Roz and Pierre Haskelson
Baraba Trebes Maida Fraden	Wendy Payne

April Yarzheits Hebrew Dates

Nisan	1	Aaron Cohen
Nisan	6	Maida Drell Fraden
Nisan	8	Marsha Gropper
Nisan	10	George Cronson
Nisan	14	Robert Lichter
Nisan	15	Barbara Trebes
Nisan	15	William Hershberg
Nisan	16	Harry Slaw
Nisan	17	Harvey Mann
Nisan	19	Lillian Sobel
Nisan	19	Evelyn Klein

April Yarzheits English Dates

Herman Tepper	Basha Schlazer	04-02
Samuel Friedman	Bunnie & Walter Friedman	04-03
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Alec Scott Friedman	Bunnie & Walter Friedman	04-04
David Schlazer	Basha Schlazer	04-08
Gloria Cooperman	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern	04-13
Mildred Halpern	Susan & David Mandell	04-16
Edna Rosen	Ellen Rosen	04-18
Marie Courshon Wolf	Connie Lawrason	04-21
Bernice Schneider	Letty & Len Reeser	04-22
Sandy Langer	(leave on list, no notices)	04-23
Dorothy Ruth Bader	Ellen Lieberman	04-24



These are the sidras we will be studying this April:

- 1). 4/6 Shimni, Lev. 9:1 - 11:47
- 2). 4/6 Tazria, Lev. 12:1 - 13:59
- 3). 4/13 Alisonwo, Lev.14:1 - 15:33
- 4). 4/20 Passover special reading, EX.33:12 - 34:21

Please join us each Saturday. morning @10, as we study our ancient traditions and customs.

Pete

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PETER B. SOBEL, D.D.S. RET.

Remember -- loud noise -- duck down
It could save your life PETER B. SOBEL, D.D.S. RET.

Birthday Tributes

To:	From:
Roberta Gapin Bob Simontacchi	Gwen Levy
Gail Steinberg	Gwen Levy

Get Well Tributes

To	From:
Larry Oskin	Gwen Levy Karen Miller
Phyllis Klafter	Karen Miller Gwen Levy
Marci McCally	Pete and Michele Sobel
Sandy Gartner	Michele and Pete Sobel
	Condolences
Roger and Gail Steinberg	Rhonda and Randy Hunt

CALENDAR

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1 7:00PM – Adv. Hebrew	2 7PM – Prayer Class	3 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	4	5 Healing Service 6:30 PM 7PM – Shabbat Service	6 10AM – Torah Study Synagogue brunch
7 Religious School 10:00 AM Mens Club Meeting	8 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	9 7PM – Prayer Class Share Night	10 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	11	12 7PM – Shabbat Service	13 10AM – Torah Study online
14 Religious School	15 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	16 7PM – Prayer Class Share Night Bonefish	17 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew Sisterhood Board MTG 10:00 AM	18 Sisterhood Baby Shower Rainbow Restaurant	19 7PM – Shabbat Service	20 10AM – Torah Study online online
21 Religious School 10-12 am	22 First Night Passover	23 Congregation Seder Heritage Hills 5:30 PM	24 Beg/Int Hebrew Passover Night 3	25 Passover Night 4	26 PM Services for Shabbat 7:00 PM Passover Night 5	27 10AM – Torah Study online Passover Night 6
28 Religious School 10:00 AM Passover Night 7	29 7:00 PM Advanced Hebrew Passover Night 8	30 7:00 PM Prayers	1 May Beg/int Hebrew	2 May	3 May 7:00 Pm Shabbat Service Healing Service 6:30	4 May Torah Study 10:00 AM Brunch at the Synagogue