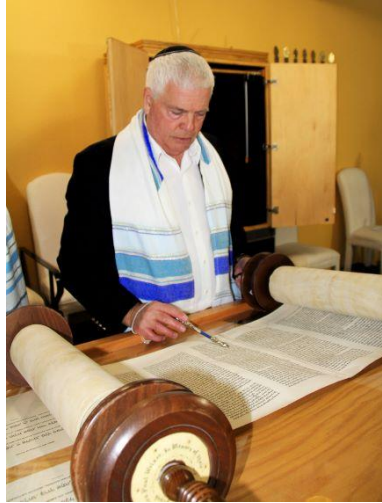




Happy Hanukkah !



From the Bimah

Here we are approximately one month since I wrote a paragraph for the previous newsletter. Since then Israel has begun the war against Hamas and has been militarily successful thus far. There continues to be political turmoil, which was expected. Hamas has actually begun to release some hostages in return for the release of some prisoners held by Israel. There is a four-day cease-fire to allow this to occur. The war will probably continue for some time. All of this is news that is readily available to each of us.

Many of us are deeply disturbed by these events and we should be. It seems to be an unfortunate reality that Israel and the Jews cannot simply exist in peace. We wish it could somehow be different. There are however, some things we can do. We can continue to support Israel with our prayers, thoughts and when possible, our money. The Jewish community has more friends than enemies in the USA and I find that comforting. We still need to be vigilant as we also have some people

that would do us harm. Some suggestions are as follows: write an email to any in our government that support our community to simply say “thank you”. Thank our local friends for their support. Be proud to be Jewish. Lastly be a part of our synagogue community as we celebrate Jewish life.

Chanukah is right around the corner. Let us remember that centuries ago Jewish people were the first in recorded history to fight a war of independence for the right to worship freely. Amazingly, with God’s help, we won. Join us for Chanukah and we will pray for the Jewish people, we will pray for Israel, we will pray for the USA and light our Chanukias with pride.

Joe & Robin Goldovitz



From our President

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are enjoying getting ready for Hanukkah with your holiday shopping. We have a lot going on in December, and I hope that you all can find time to join us.

We start off the month with a Kabbalat Shabbat, preceded by a healing service. Unfortunately, we’ve had many of our members ailing recently, and also need to think of those suffering in Israel.

On December 3, Shalom Y'All will have another Blings and Things Craft Fair at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center from noon to 4 PM. We expect holiday items, both for Hanukkah and Christmas, so please let your friends and family know about it, and come out to support the vendors and our Shalom Y'All team.

We will be having two Hanukkah parties! The temple party will be Friday night, December 8th at 6 PM. The Sisterhood will have their party on Thursday, December 14th at noon. Both parties will feature Latkes, with the Sisterhood party having Chef Pete Sobel, and the temple having Chef Lew Blass. For the Sisterhood, they will be having a White Elephant gift exchange, which is a lot of fun. I hope that you will join us for both events.

At the end of the month, Sisterhood will be having their holiday cruise over New Years. It should be a great time! If you missed out on this one, you have another opportunity to join us next year, December 1-6, 2024, on Virgin Voyages. Bev has a tremendous deal, and we already have a good-sized group. Please contact Bev if you'd like to join us! Bev and I went on Virgin Voyages for the first time in November and had a tremendous time.

Looking back on November, we lost Stu Miller, and had a huge turnout for his Celebration of Life. It was great to see the number of people who came out. Just before, we lost Anne Block. The Celebration of Life with the Block Family was really touching, and we all learned a lot about Anne and the family. We will miss both Stu and Anne.

I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year! And to all those on the Sisterhood cruise, have a wonderful time!

Lou



From the Sisterhood

Wow. It's December already. Where did the year go?

Mahjong cards are on sale. Contact Marsha Norden for the list of your contact person to purchase them from.

Sisterhood has a lot of wonderful things happening and I hope you will be joining us. On December 14th at noon, we will be having our Sisterhood Hanukkah Luncheon with Master Chef Pete Sobel making his famous 'latkes' for us. This year, we will be adding something different and fun as we will be having a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please see the flyer for more details.

The end of this month is our Sisterhood Cruise over New Year's so let me wish everyone a Happy and New Year early. Stay safe.

January 25, 2024 is our annual Fashion Show. This year it will be at Heritage Hills. Look for the flyer coming out.

Sisterhood is also promoting another wonderfully different cruise for 5 nights on December 1, 2024 on Virgin Voyages Valiant Lady roundtrip Miami. The special offer might be gone but you can still join us for the fun, food, friends and a fantastic time at the going price.

Please don't forget that we need your support. Our ongoing programs include: collecting non-perishable foods to be donated to Neighborhood Center of South Lake; collecting hoodies for the children living in the woods; sending tributes to celebrate and remember people; and purchasing scrip (gift cards) from Raise Right to raise funds for Sisterhood. Without your help, we could never accomplish all we do. Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Bev

Please Join



For a HANUKKAH Party

Thursday, December 14th – Noon

Latkes by Pete with sour cream or applesauce

Salads

DONUTS!!!!



Optional White Elephant Gift Exchange - \$15 value. If you choose to participate you must bring a wrapped gift

1. Players draw numbers to determine what order they will go in
2. Players sit in a circle or line where they can see the gift pile
3. The first player selects a gift from the pool and opens it
4. The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pool or steal a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same – choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
5. After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. Anyone whose gift is stolen may steal from someone else (as long as that person hasn't been stolen from yet). When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.

Three Swaps and You're Out. If you get stolen from three times during the game, you are out of the game and can no longer be stolen from.

Three Swaps and *the Gift* is Out. If a present gets stolen three times, it's out of the game and the person who holds it gets to walk away with it.

**\$10 Per person – Payment must be received by 12/5 - Mail check to:
Michele Sobel 176 Crepe Myrtle Drive Groveland, FL 34736**



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.

Just My Opinion....

The following are my opinions not the position of the Men's Club of Congregation Sinai.

My Qualifications

1939 my father was drafted into the French army and before leaving told my mother "If the Germans reach Paris, take the car and drive the family to Bordeaux. I will find you "

1940, I remember the German Stukas planes machine gunning the roads full of refugees, I remember the emergency stops and jumping into the ditches to dodge the bullets. In the ditches the mangled, torn , bloody bodies of people, horses, dogs ! The screams and the smell of death!

History.

During WW2 the allies bomb and destroy Japan and Germany. Civilians are killed by the millions. Ex. Hamberg and Nagasaki. It was war and Democracies survived.

By the way: A very large number of Ukrainians volunteered and served in the German SS. They killed a large number of Jews!

1948. Israel is given a small piece of Palestine by the UN. All the surrounding Arab nations attack The Jews. A Miracle Israel survives!

1967. Once again Israel survives the Arab armies.

1973. Surprise attack by Israel's Arab neighbors. Israel survives!

2023 Surprise attack by Hamas.

**WE MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP!
ISRAEL MUST AND WILL SURVIVE.**

Pierre, President Sinai Men's Club.



Adult Education

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

Adult B’Nai Mitzvah

Beginning just after the first of the year we will be offering an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah course. If you never were Bar Mitzvah as a boy or if as a young lady, you were never presented with the opportunity for a Bat Mitzvah this is your time. The classes will begin early in January and continue for about 12 weeks. This will work for everyone who wishes to participate regardless of your Hebrew ability. Together we will learn to lead some prayers and to read from the Torah. For more information call me, Joe Goldovitz at the number below or speak to me at the synagogue some Friday evening. This can be a very rewarding experience. We hope you will join us.

Joe & Robin

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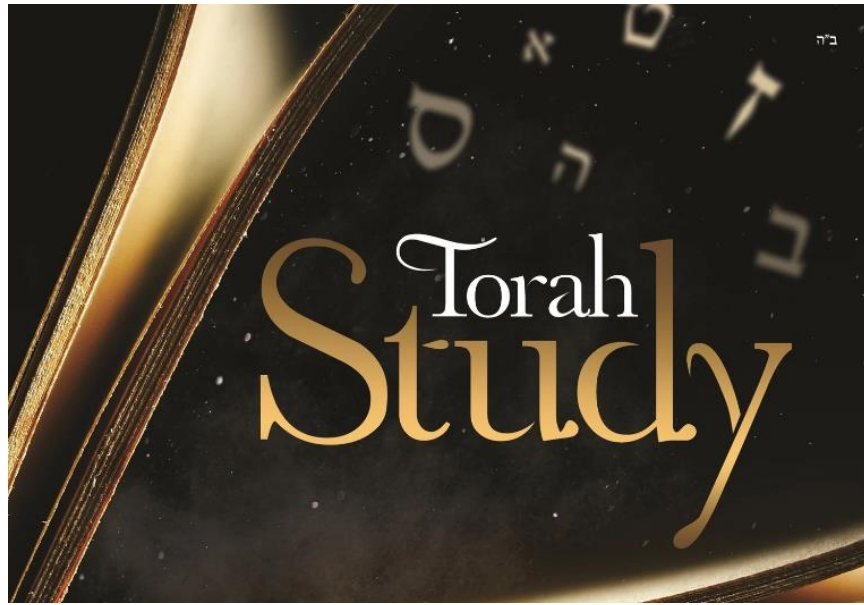


Yahrzeits

<i>In Memory Of</i>	<i>By</i>
Joe Fraden	Wendy Payne
Gertrude & Sidney Lebowitz	Michele Sobel
Mel Levy	Gwen Levy The Avinir Family
George Bernhart	Karen Miller
Carol Rite Donow	Richard Donow
Lous David Feldman	Andrew & Irene Feldman



In Memory Of	By
Stu Miller	Karen Baugh Sue Erickson Joyce Pollack



Torah Class sidraote for Dec.:

12/2 -- Vayishlach, Gen.32:4 - 36:43

12/9 -- Hanukkah special reading

12/16 - Miketz, Gen.41:1 -- 44:17

12/23 - Vayigash, Gen.44:18 -- 47:27

12/30 - Vayechi, Gen.47:28 -- 50:26

Please join us each week as we study Torah and have a short prayer service every Sat at 10 am.

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December

4 Steve Silpe
Morgenstern

5 Michele Sobel

8 Robert Mandell

8 Sandy Gartner

9 Evan Cronson

11 Ellen Hess

12 Alan Morgenstern

Happy Anniversary to:

Stephanie and Alan

December 28

Thank You to our Birthday Challenge Donors:

Rick Vincent

Bev Chern

Gwen Levy

Marsha Norden

Lou Chern

Lee Norden

TO MY CONGREGATION SINAI FAMILY

We know it takes a village, but you are more than a village. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me, from playing driver, bringing food, supporting me in everything I have needed. My surprise birthday was more than anything I could have wished for. To Regina and Alberto and Joyce and everyone who made it happen, it was spectacular.

I am doing well and with lots of therapy, I will see you in the synagogue. To Jody Stancliff. Thank you for having my back with this tablet. It would not have happened without you.

-- Gwen Levy



November & December Birthday Tributes

To:	From:
Gwen Levy	Basha Schlazer Wendy & Alan Payne Jack & Sandy Gartner Gail & Roger Steinberg Alberto & Regina Behar Barbara & Evan Cronson
Karen Miller	Phil & Janet Bloom Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern Lou & Bev Chern Jack & Sandy Gartner
Michele Sobel	Wendy & Alan Payne
Marsha Norden	Lou & Bev Chern Jack & Sandy Gartner

November & December Anniversary Tributes

To:	From:
Alberto & Regina Behar	Phil & Janet Bloom Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern

Get Well Tributes

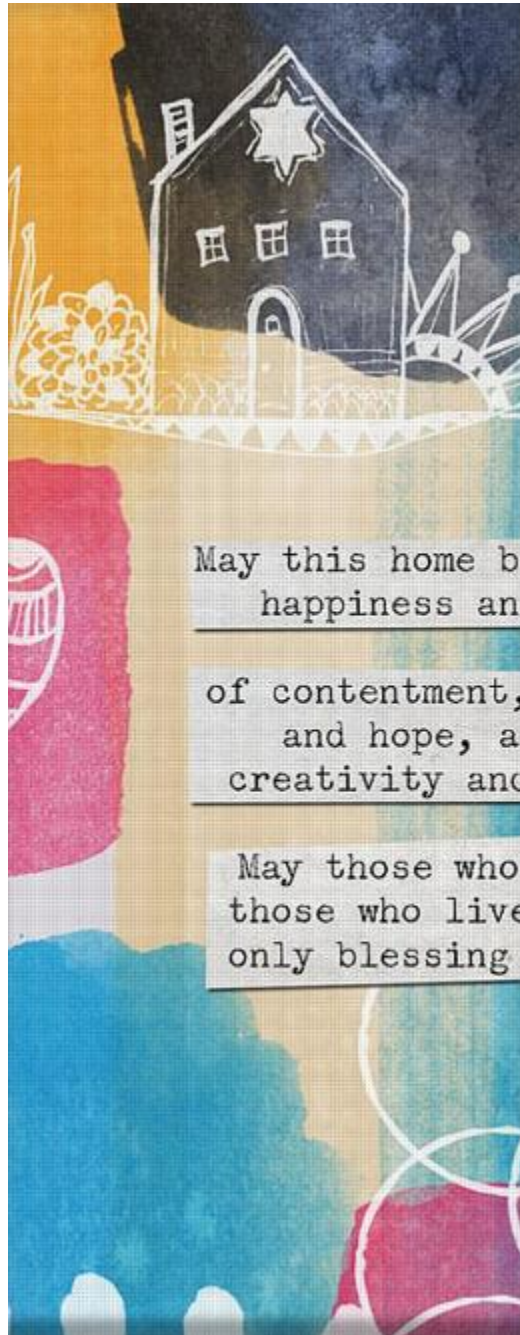
To:	From:
Gwen Levy	Rocky & Forrest Coleman Roz & Pierre Haskelson Sisterhood Vicki Dingee & Family Marc Lowitz Phil & Janet Bloom Jack & Sandy Gartner Wendy & Alan Payne Michele & Pete Sobel Lou & Bev Chern Marsha & Lee Norden Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern Roger & Gail Steinberg Joan Mager Evelyn & Stu Gold
Rob Mandell	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern
Susan Mandell	David & Ava McKean Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern
Roger Steinberg	David & Ava McKean

Sympathy Tributes

To:	From:
Ralph & Bill Block	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern
Regina & Alberto Behar	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern
Wendy & Alan Payne	Michele & Pete Sobel Phil & Janet Bloom Ava & David McKean
Karen Miller	Michele & Pete Sobel Phil & Janet Bloom Ava & David McKean Regina & Alberto Behar Wendy & Alan Payne Marsha & Lee Norden Vickie Dingee & Family Marc Lowitz Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern Pierre & Roz Haskelson Pam & Joel Camhi Lou & Bev Chern Jack & Sandy Gartner Roberta & Sandy Gapin Sisterhood Roger & Gail Steinberg Karen & Joel Mandel

Mazal Tov on New Home

To:	From:
Rick & Lynne Vincent	Pierre & Roz Haskelson Lou & Bev Chern



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7PM – Shabbat Service	2 10AM – Torah Study
3 Religious School 10:00 AM Noon-4PM – Blings & Things Craft Fair	4 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	5 7PM – Prayer Class	6 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	7	8 6PM – Hanukkah Party 7PM – Shabbat Service	9 10AM – Torah Study
10 Religious School 10:00 AM	11 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	12 7PM – Prayer Class	13 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	14 Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM Noon – Sisterhood Hanukkah Luncheon	15 7PM – Shabbat Service	16 10AM – Torah Study
17 Religious School 10:00 AM	18 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	19 7PM – Prayer Class	20 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	21	22 7PM – Shabbat Service	23 10AM – Torah Study
24	25	26	27	28	29 7PM – Shabbat Service	30 10AM – Torah Study
31	Please Note: NEW starting time for Shabbat Services is <u>7:00PM</u>					