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March 2023

Read the Megillah with Joe on March 6 Online

Celebrate Purim Friday March 10

Things and Blings Craft Fair March 26

Get Ready for Passover Seder April 6



We all have opinions about holidays, don't we? Some of us look forward to them with joyful anticipation while others think there is altogether too much fuss and work. After all a Pesach Seder for 15 or 20 people is a lot of work for mom. The same for a pre Rosh Hashanah dinner. Having said that there are still those of us who so enjoy the festivities with family and friends that the preparation is happily done. Purim is just a couple weeks away and Pesach is only six weeks from now. Time to think about cleaning the house, planning the Seder menu etc. Our synagogue essentially does the same. The sisterhood is already planning our congregation Seder and others are planning for Purim. As with so many other events and projects, these require as many hands as possible to make the work easier.

There is a spiritual component to all of the holidays included in our Jewish calendar. Purim is about forces behind the scenes working to protect and defend the Jewish people. Pesach is about redemption from slavery and the freedom to serve our God. Let us remember as we plan these events, as we dress in costume or make charoset that we are telling and retelling the story of our people and our relationship to our God. May we from generation to generation continue to do so.

Joe & Robin

Our President



Dear Friends,

Spring is right around the corner. This means Purim and Pesach are almost here. Congregation Sinai will be celebrating both holidays in our usual fashion. Stay tuned for all the announcements as far as dates and times. Prompt RSVPs will be appreciated.

The Men's Club will be hosting a wine and cheese party on March 3rd at 6:30pm prior to our regular Kabbalat Shabbat service. There will be a wine tasting contest with a prize for the winner, so sharpen up those taste buds. The Men's Club will also sponsor the Oneg after services.

Elections to Congregation Sinai's Board of Directors is coming up. A notice will be sent to all members with the date of our General Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2023-2024 Budget for discussion and approval and to elect a Nominating committee and an Election committee. The nominating committee will accept and qualify potential candidates and pass the names to the Election committee to prepare the ballots. They will then send the ballots out to the full membership, count the returns and announce the successful candidates. We need fresh ideas and energy on our Board so please consider putting your name in the hat. If you have any questions on the duties and responsibilities, are you can call me at 352-394-4828 or email me at jack@gartnerone.com. I hope to hear from you.

Prez Jack



Our Sisterhood

Dear Sisters, in February we enjoyed Liz Perez's discussion about her book, ***A Cry of Victory and a Garment of Praise. What a moving and inspirational story!*** On March 23rd at noon we will have our Outreach meeting. This year we will be doing a Passover Seder and inviting several women's groups from Zion Lutheran, United Methodist, and Blessed Sacrament churches. Sisterhood members will be asked to pay \$10. Please make your checks payable to Congregation Sinai Sisterhood and send them to Marsha Norden, 21348 Royal Troon Drive, Leesburg, FL. 34748-2330. The deadline is March 14th for checks to be received. Space is limited!

We will have Game Day on April 20th so please get your teams together. We will be ordering lunch from TooJays. We have many board positions available this year, please let me know if you're interested in serving on the Sisterhood Board. Elections will be held in April. My email address is amckean15@gmail.com. See you soon!

Ava



Our next event is on March 3rd at 6:30 PM before the Kabbalat Service at 7:30. It will be a wine tasting and cheese event. And, as usual, there will be lovely desserts after the services.

Our Golf outing is planned for Monday May 1st. More information to follow...



BAGELS AND BIBLE TORAH CLASS

This month we will be reading the following sidraote:

3/4, Tetzaveh -- Ex.27:20 - 30:10 Haftarah - Sam. 15:2-34

3/11, Ki Tisa -- Ex. 30:11 - 34:35 Haf. Ezek. - 36:16 - 38

3/18, Vayakhel/Pekudai -- Ex. 35:1 - 40:38 Haf. Ezek. 45:16 - 46:18

3/25, Vayikra -- Lev. 1:1 -- 5:26 - Haf. Isaiah 43:21 - 44:23

Please join us each week as we nosh a bit, pray a bit and study our ancient past.



Hi Congregation Sinai Family,

As always, we hope everyone is doing well. We believe that Torah study is essential to the continuity and wellbeing of every Jewish community. It is also necessary for those teaching to do so in a way that pleases the student. In some orthodox yeshivot candy is offered to students that do well. The thought is that study of Torah would be sweet. We do not feel so much that we teach Torah, but rather we discuss and try to understand it together. That said Congregation Sinai is about to offer a different approach for our Saturday morning Torah study sessions. The first Saturday of each month, we will meet in the synagogue and study together from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Breakfast will be offered as well. The remaining Saturdays of each month Torah study will be online only from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will also try to approach the studies in a somewhat different manner so we do not cover the same material we have already done for a few years. It is our hope that more of our members will take advantage of these sessions and participate. Let us know your thoughts.

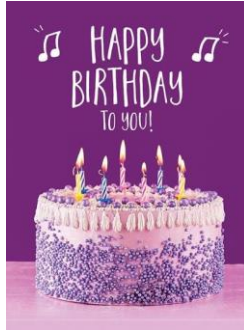
Joe & Robin



Hi Congregation Sinai Family,

We hope everyone is doing well. Monday March 6th in the evening, we will read the Megillah of Esther with blessings. This will be online only and we will send the link a couple days before. The following Friday March 10, we will celebrate Purim in the synagogue. We will do our "Pizza For Purim" meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by a brief Kabbalat Shabbat service beginning at 7:15. We will then tell the story of Esther again. Everyone should come in costume if possible and of course, we will have a best costume contest with prizes. Please RSVP to Karen Miller at 407-729-9823 or Karen4701@aol.com if you will join us for Pizza so she can order the appropriate amount. There is a nominal charge of \$5.00 per person for pizza with no charge for children 12 and under. Karen will have all information. See you all then.

Joe & Robin



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 3 Roberta Gapin**
- 6 Alberto Behar**
- 6 Debra Schumacher**
- 8 Frank Cyzick**
- 25 Gail Steinberg**
- 29 Estelle Kaufman**

March Anniversaries

- 23 Deb & Mike Schumacher**

Shalom Y'All presents
our SPRING

"THINGS AND BLINGS"

FOOD AND

CRAFT FAIR

LOCAL ARTISANS FEATURING HAND MADE CRAFTS, PURSES, JEWELRY, PLANTS, WREATHS, HOME DECOR, TRAVEL, HANDBAGS, ART WORK, SPARKLE HAIR, KIPOT, METAL SCULPTURES, BAKED GOODS , NY STYLE BAGELS, CHOCOLATE COVERED GOODIES, CAKE POPS, COOKIES, SKIN CARE, CENTERPIECES, COLOR STREET, MARY KAY, DISCOVERY TOYS, PAMPERED CHEF, TRADING CARDS, TUPPERWARE, AN AUTHOR AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

ALSO SELLING HOT DOGS AND MORE

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 from 12 pm to 4 pm

CLERMONT ARTS & RECREATION CENTER

3700 S. Hwy 27

CLERMONT, FL 34711



Birthday	Tributes
To:	From:
Harold Lovitz	From Gwen Levy
Eiton Aharoni	From Gwen Levy
Stuart Milchman	From Gwen Levy
Stephanie Morgenstern	From Gwen Levy
Lynne Vincent	From Gwen Levy
Alberto Behar	From Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern

Anniversary	Tributes
To:	From:
David and Susan Mandell	From Gwen Levy

Get Well		Tributes	
To:		From:	
Sandy Gartner		From Gwen Levy	
Sandy Gartner		Sisterhood	
Sandy Gartner		Ava and David McKean	
Jody Stancliff		Sisterhood	
Jody Stancliff		Ava and David McKean	
Caren Weiss		Sisterhood	

Condolences			
To:		From:	
Karen Mandel		Michele and Pete Sobel	
Karen Mandel		Ava and David McKean	
Karen Mandel		Gwen Levy	
Karen Mandel		Karen and Stu Miller	
Dale Gary		Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern	



Yahrzeits

In Memory of...	By
Rosaline Tepper	Basha Schlazer
Herman Tepper	Basha Schlazer
Dr. Al Schlazer	Basha Schlazer
Mildred Kaufman	Janet & Phil Bloom
Anita Resnick	Janet & Phil Bloom
Leila Kartzmer	Janet & Phil Bloom
Benjamin Donow	Rich Donow
Lillian Gapin	Roberta Gapin
Daisy Weill	Rosalyn & Pierre Haskelson
Benjamin Miller	Karen & Stuart Miller
Abbot Erwin Wolf	Connie & Paul Lawrason

Book Club

The Congregation Sinai Book Club will be meeting March 7th at the Cooper Memorial Library in Clermont. We will meet in the conference room on the second floor.

The book we are reading is *The Shelters of Stone* by Jean Abel. It is available at the Library in many forms.

It is the 5th book in the series of the Mammoth Hunters, the story of Ayla. How our ancestors lived in the ice age 35,000 years ago. Many of you may have read the first 4 in the series but were not aware that there was a 5th and 6th. I found *The Shelters of Stone* the most interesting because of how our ancestors learned communication, medicine, how to survive living in the ice age, etc.

Any questions, call Roz 352 241 6664
See you on the 7th



Everyone Is Invited! Bring your children and grandchildren!

Congregation Sinai's Men's Club Presents:

The SECOND *At Rosen* Mini-Golf Outing

Sunday Morning, April 30, 2023 – 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, 2023. Please make checks payable

To:

Congregation Sinai Men's Club

329 Salt Marsh Lane

Groveland, FL 34736

For more information, contact Peter Sobel at 352-989-4900 or email petesobe@gmail.com

Al Rosen Mini-Golf Outing

Sunday April 30, 2023

Sign In At 10:15, Shotgun start at 10:30AM

Select One per player:

1) TOOJAY's Box Lunch

Includes sandwich, black and white cookie, pickle, coleslaw & drink

- Turkey Breast Sandwich
- Roast Beef Sandwich
- Corned Beef Sandwich
- Roasted Veggie Wrap

2) Flippers 16" Cheese Pizza, includes drink and chocolate chip cookie

Player registration form:

List each player and choice of lunch

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age (if 12 or under)</u>	<u>Lunch Choice</u>

PRIZES AND AWARDS AT LUNCH

COST – \$36 per adult, \$20 per child 12 & under

PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 20, 2023

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: CONGREGATION SINAI MEN'S CLUB

(notate GOLF on your check)

MAIL CHECKS TO: CONGREGATION SINAI MEN'S CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT

329 Salt Marsh Lane

Groveland, FL 34736

For more information, call Pete Sobel at 352-989-4900, or E mail: petesobe@gmail.com



Passover Seder

with Congregation Sinai and Joe and Robin Goldovitz

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Arrive by 5:15 P.M., Seder begins at 5:30 P.M

Congregation Sinai, Groveland, Fl 34736

Menu

- Gefilte Fish Chopped Liver (Too Jays)
- Choice of ½ roasted Chicken or Brisket of Beef
- Carrot Tsimmes Potato Pancakes
- Coffee, Tea, Dessert

COUPON ~~XXXXXX~~ **COUPON** ~~XXXXXX~~ **COUPON**
~~XXXXXX~~

Roasted Chicken # _____ @ \$36.00 Total _____

Brisket of Beef # _____ @ \$36.00 Total _____

Children 12 and Under Chicken # _____ @ \$18.00 Total _____

Total Dinners # _____ Check Total _____

NAME _____ Telephone _____ Ck # _____

Mail check to Congregation Sinai, 4327 South Highway 27, BOX
315 , 34711 **No Later than March 28.**

**We are limited to 60 People. No reservations will be accepted
after March 28.**

*We are aware of the rising food costs and have attempted to keep our
price as low as possible. If you have some extra change in your piggy,
please help us by adding an additional donation with your check.*

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 6:30 Wine & Cheese Pre-Service Men's Club 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	4 10:00 Torah Study in person with Brunch
5 10-12 Sunday School 10-12 Men's Club	6 Megillah Reading Online	7 1:00 Book Club – Cooper Memorial Library 7-8 Prayer Class Online Spirit Night Texas Roadhouse	8 7-8 Beginning Hebrew	9	10 6:00 Pizza 4 Purim Costume Contest 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	11 10:00 Torah Study online
12 No Sunday School	13 7-8 Advanced Hebrew with Joe 7-8 Intermediate Hebrew with Robin	14 7-8 Prayer Class Online	15 7-8 Beginning Hebrew	16	17 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	18 10:00 Torah Study online
19 10-12 Sunday School	20 7-8 Advanced Hebrew with Joe 7-8 Intermediate Hebrew with Robin	21 7-8 Prayer Class Online Spirit Night Outback	22 10:00 Sisterhood Board Meeting 7-8 Beginning Hebrew	23 Noon – Sisterhood Outreach Meeting 7:00 Synagogue Board Meeting	24 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	25 10:00 Torah Study online
26 10-12 Sunday School 12-4 Blings & Things	27 7-8 Advanced Hebrew with Joe 7-8 Intermediate Hebrew with Robin	28 7-8 Prayer Class Online	29 7-8 Beginning Hebrew	30	31 7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat	