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November Newsletter



Happy Thanksgiving
Happy Chanukah



From the Bimah

Dear Congregation Sinai,

As always we hope everyone is doing well. With the writing of this newsletter inclusion, Robin and I just returned from a long weekend vacation in the mountains of Tennessee. Among other thoughts, we felt that God's creation is truly magnificent. Whether it's the mountains of Appalachia or the beaches and springs of Florida, we marvel at the intricacy and beauty of all that surrounds us.

400 years ago people came to America in search of a home where they could enjoy religious freedom. Before long Jewish people also came to the New Land. We teach our Jewish children that Thanksgiving is not just a secular American holiday, but it is a day to reflect on and be thankful for all the good that God has given to us along with all Americans. Below we have included a letter George Washington wrote to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. The fourth and fifth paragraphs explain that tolerance of one class of people to indulge another is not the order of American religious freedom, but rather this freedom is a right of all American citizens. Let us not take for granted the opportunity to enjoy all that God has given us and as we approach the Thanksgiving season, let us be truly thankful to God for all we have. It's good to live in this beautiful land where we are free to pursue our faith and our dreams. May we all be healthy, at peace and grateful to God.

Joe & Robin

George Washington's Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport

Gentlemen:

While I received with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger which are past is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just

administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy—a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity.

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. Washington



Book Club Thursday afternoon at 1:00 Pm

Roz Haskelson phone 352-241-6664

> Hi > everyone

>Our book for the November meeting on November 4th is Hidden by Fern Michaels. Our presenter is Ruth Borsky.

>> I was hoping that we will be able to have Lunch together at a Restaurant in December I think we will need to wait and see what is happening in our world. Let me know if you have any ideas..... Roz



Dear Friends,

The chaos of the last few months is now behind us. Joe is back at the helm providing in his unique style a blend of prayer and music in both Hebrew and English. While we are still offering online services, the audio quality is suffering due to our Spectrum internet being overwhelmed by the growth in Groveland. We are working on a fix. To get the total experience you need to come to the Sanctuary. We still require masking, and we will provide safe seating. The need to stay masked will be revisited at our next Board meeting on November 11th.

I asked you during my Yom Kippur address to keep the faith and we will get through the chaos. We now finally have Shalom Beit, peace in the house. Some of us may have been holding back on contributing to our Yom Kippur appeal due the uncertainty of our direction. This uncertainty is now over. Our collections (pledges and cash received) at present are behind previous years' totals, so if you have not pledged, please do so. I have always been proud of Congregation Sinai's members' generosity and I'm confident you won't disappoint me this year.

In closing, I'd like to invite you all to come to services when you feel comfortable to do so, I can't wait to greet you all in person.

Prez Jack

Tributes

I want to apologize to you, our members, for the confusion and delays in handling your Tributes. Thank you so much to Letty Reeser and Karen Miller who have helped to alleviate this situation. Tributes will hopefully continue successfully going forward

Happy Thanksgiving



SISTERHOOD SPEAKS

Happy November Sisters!

It's time to plan Thanksgiving dinner! Hopefully you will all use those exercise tips we learned at our last meeting!

We are having a game day at the temple on Thursday, November 18th which will begin at noon. Get your tables together quickly as it will be limited to 10 groups. Email Gwen Levy at Gwenlevy3606@gmail.com or call her at (407)256-2289. The cost will be \$18 which includes a box lunch from TooJays.

And for December, our meeting will be a little early on Thursday, December 2nd due to our Sisterhood cruise and Chanukah begins November 28th. Please ask Bev Chern about ShopWithScrip. It is an easy to use fundraiser for the temple and we could use your help.

We appreciate everyone who participated in Belk's Charity Days. Thanks for donating to Faith Neighborhood. They can always use non-perishable foods and toiletries. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Their address is 14727 Timber Village Road, Groveland, FL. 34736

Stay well and Happy Thanksgiving!
AVA

BIG BINGO WINNERS Congratulations to our Big Winner..Bev Chern. Other winners were Karen Mandel, Janet Bloom, Marsha Norden, Ruth Borsky, and Judy Pape. A good time was had by all !!!



Men's Club

Hi Everyone!

Our November Men's Club meeting is scheduled for November 7th. The meeting will be held in-person at the temple at 12 noon, and will also be streamed via GoToMeeting.

Our November Share Day schedule is:

November 16	Goomba's
November 23	Texas Roadhouse
November 30	Akina

I hope everyone can come out and join us!

We would like to get more folks involved in the Men's Club. If you join us, there are no membership fees for the first year. Our goal is to raise funds for the congregation, and the more members, the better. If you are not currently a member and have interest, please contact me at LChern@comcast.net. As always, please feel free to make suggestions for share nights or events.

Have a great November, and Stay Safe! Lou Chern



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November

5 Susan Levy
7 Paul Lawrason
14 Karen Miller
22 Michael Sail

9 Alberto and Regina Behar
12 John and Susan Levy
22 Stuart and Karen Miller
27 Bradley and Ruth Baker



BAGELS AND BIBLE TORAH STUDY FOR NOVEMBER

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These are the Torah portions (sidraot) we will be studying in the month of November:

- 1). 11/6, Toledot 25:19 -- 28:9
- 2). 11/13 Vayetze 28:10 -- 32:3
- 3). 11/20 Vayishlach 32:4 -- 36:43
- 4). 11/27 Vayeshev 37:1 -- 40:23

Please join us each week, Sat AM at 10, as we pray a little, nosh a little (maybe one day again) and learn about our past...

Congregation Sinai Religious School

Religious School continues from 10:30 AM –11:30 AM on Go To Meeting with prayers and Judaic studies. . We accept children from Grade 1–Grade 6. We have small classes, taught by knowledgeable teachers for complete Jewish learning which will lead to Bar/Bat Mitzvah studies and ceremony. We presently have 3 students studying for Bar and Bat Mitzvah in the spring. We are excited to see how much we can learn. In addition to our Sunday School classes, our teachers work with the children individually during the week. Thank you to our volunteers Karen Miller and Gena Lederhandler.

***SPOTLIGHT ON MICHAEL ROSENFELD
WELCOME TO CONGREGATION SINAI***



Janet Delfiaccio. I
our oldest
Charlie is now 4
Ashley Casler is
Sinai. We have
Alexander Casler
son Matthew
Park. I work in
and like to play
and travel to
Napa



I am happily married to
have sent you a picture with
grandson Charlie Casler.
years old. Our daughter
a member of Congregation
another grandson Greyson
who is 18 months old. Our
Rosenfeld lives in Baldwin
the foodservice industry
golf, dance with my wife
Chicago, New York and



Yahrzeits

Louis Feldman

By Andrew and Ilene Feldman

George Bernhardt

By Karen and Stu Miller

Raymond Flaxman

By Gwen Levy

Evelyn Jacobson

By Karen and Joel Mandel

Dorothy B. Cohen

By Philip and Janet Bloom

Gerald Klafter

By Phyllis Klafter

Samuel Berger

Irwin Berger

By Pierre and Rosalyn Haskelson

Sidney Lebowitz

Gertrude Lebowitz

By Michele and Pete Sobel

Eleanor Mandell

Jack Mandell

By Susan and David Mandell

George Schlazer

Charlotte Schlazer

By Basha Schlazer

Cliff Rosen

By Ellen Rosen

Fay Cronson

By Evan Cronson



Adult Education

We continue on Monday nights at 7 PM . A new class has replaced Monday Hebrew at 7:00 PM, translating Hebrew, which will be fun. A Beginning Hebrew class with some translating is held on Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM for those who wish to learn Hebrew or began the first class and had to drop out. Please reserve your spot with Gwen Levy or Joe Goldovitz at Goldovitz@comcast.net or Gwenlevy3606@gmail.com.



Join us for
THE MANY FACES OF JUDAISM

Adult Education began on Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 10:00 and will continue through November 9 or for as many weeks as we need.

Are you Orthodox? Conservative? Reform? Reconstruction? Modern Orthodox? Or the many subgroups of our religion.

**We will explore the similarities and the differences.
We will look into where Kabbalah fits into the mix.**

Articles of faith

Main Jewish denominations

	Source of the Torah*	Authority of religious law (<i>halacha</i>)	Ritual and practice	Zionism and Israel	Definition of Jewishness
Ultra-Orthodox (<i>haredi</i>)	Dictated by God to Moses	All God-inspired and thus immutable	Minutely regulated by <i>halacha</i> and therefore unchanging, though emphasis may shift	Originally opposed to Zionism but most now accept Israel. Significant immigration to Israel	Jewish mother, or converted by ritual immersion, circumcision (males), accepting the <i>mitzvot</i> †
Modern-Orthodox	As above	As above but interpreted more flexibly	As above, but some scholars are pushing for change, especially regarding women	See Zionism as a divine manifestation and Israel as religiously significant. Substantial immigration	As above, but accepting the <i>mitzvot</i> interpreted more flexibly
Conservative	Inspired by God but interpreted by humans	Binding but being continuously developed by rabbis	<i>Halacha</i> significantly modernised; women and gay rabbis; ritual non-discriminatory	Support Zionism and Israel. Not much immigration	As above, but <i>mitzvot</i> commitment interpreted much more flexibly
Reform	As Conservative	No longer binding, except for its ethical aspects	Early radical changes but recent restoration of some rituals and practices	Originally opposed to Zionism. Reversed position in mid-20th century. Not much immigration	Jewish mother or father. For converts, some rabbis require immersion and circumcision but not <i>mitzvot</i> acceptance

Source: *The Economist*

*First five books of the Old Testament †Religious precepts

Typically marked by their distinctive black hats (for men) and modest attire (for women), *haredi* Orthodox Jews are the most stringent in their commitment to Jewish law and tend to have the lowest levels of interaction with the wider non-Jewish society. One major exception is Hasidic Judaism's Chabad-Lubavitch sect, which is known for its outreach to the wider Jewish community. *Haredi* Orthodox Jews, who are represented in the United States by Agudath Israel of America, can be further subdivided into two principal groups:

Hasidic

Hasidic Jews are heirs of the spiritual revivalist movement that began in Eastern Europe in the 18th century and, drawing on the Jewish mystical tradition, emphasized direct communion with the divine through ecstatic prayer and joy in worship. There are a number of distinct sects, most headed by a charismatic rabbi, or rebbe, including Chabad, Satmar, Ger and Skver.

Tune in to Adult Education to learn all about The Many Faces of Judaism.

Fabulous Story !!!!!

Louis Brandeis graduated from Harvard Law School at age 20 with the highest grade-point average in that school's history, a record that stood for decades after. Following numerous other legal and academic triumphs, Brandeis was appointed Supreme Court justice.

While studying law at Harvard, an anti-Semitic professor by the name of Peters always displayed animosity toward him. One day Professor Peters was having lunch at the university dining room when Brandeis came along with his tray and sat next to him.

The professor said, "Mr. Brandeis, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Brandeis looked at him and calmly replied, "Don't worry, professor. I'll fly away." And he went and sat at another table.

Peters decided to take revenge on the next test paper, but Brandeis responded brilliantly to all questions. Unhappy and frustrated, Peters asked him the following question: "Mr. Brandeis, if you were walking down the street and found a package --- a bag of wisdom and another bag with a lot of money --- which one would you take?"

Without hesitating, Brandeis responded, "The one with the money, of course."

Peters, smiling sarcastically, said, "Just like a Jew. Unlike you, I would have taken the wisdom."

Brandeis shrugged indifferently and responded, "Well, each one takes what he doesn't have."

Professor Peters' disdain for the Jewish student came to a finale when he scribbled on his student's final exam the word "Idiot," and handed it back to him.

A few minutes later, Louis Brandeis got up, went to the professor and said to him in a dignified but sarcastically polite tone, "Professor Peters, you autographed the exam sheet, but you didn't give me a grade ..."

MAH JONGG CARDS

Ladies, it's time to order your 2022 Mah Jongg cards. This is an IMPORTANT fundraising project for Congregation Sinai Sisterhood. PLEASE get orders NOW from players that you know before someone else does! Each card order must include a completed form. Same price as last year.

Orders can be given to: Ilene Feldman 352-242-5105 Kings Ridge
Susan Mandell: 917-763-1095 Heritage Hills
Karen Miller: 352-536-1641 Summit Greens
Marsha Norden: 352-787-9666 Royal Highlands

Orders can be mailed to: Marsha Norden, 21348 Royal Troon Dr.
Leesburg FL 34748
or put into the Sisterhood box at Temple

2022 MAH JONGG CARD ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

Large Print: \$10 [] Standard Print: \$9 [] Check #:

Please make check out to: CONGREGATION SINAI SISTERHOOD
and write "Mah Jongg" in the left corner.

Congregation Sinai Sisterhood

Presents

Game Day 2021

Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:00 Noon

At Congregation Sinai

1200 West Broad St, Groveland, FL

\$18.00 Includes BOX LUNCH FROM TOOJAYS

For Questions Call Gwen Levy at 352-243-4890



Bridge

Mah Jong

Scrabble

Choices for lunch are corned beef, turkey or veggie wrap. Boxes will include sandwich, coleslaw, pickles and a cookie. Bottled water and bags of chips will be included with lunch as well. Get your tables together and join us. We are limiting our tables to 10 tables in order to practice Social Distancing and masks are optional. Get your table reservations to me asap.

Gwenlevy3606@gmail.com or call me at 352-243-4890.

Tribute Form

Celebrate Special Events & Commemorate Memorable Occasion:

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Births, Weddings, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs,
Get Well, Honors, Congratulations, Mazel Tov, Happy Holidays, Memoriams &
More!!!**

The minimum donation cost for each Tribute Card is only \$6.50. Larger donations are welcomed. Tributes will also be published in our Tablet Newsletter. Please fill out this Tribute Form and send it in with your check. Write 'Tributes' on the bottom left-hand corner of your envelopes. Please Send This Form & Your Check To: Congregation Sinai c/o Karen Miller 2515 Squaw Creek Rd, Clermont, FL 34711

Donor's Name: _____

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The cost for each card (tribute) is \$6.50. Please fill out a tribute form, with your check and write Tributes on the bottom left side of the envelope. Please mail to Tributes, Congregation Sinai c/o Karen Miller 2515 Squaw Creek Rd, Clermont, FL 34711

**In honor of Orlo
and EvelynMcKean's
75th anniversary**

**Ruth Borsky
Joan and Bob Mager
Carole and Harold Lovitz
Janet and Phil Bloom
Joyce and Marvin Cohen
Ellen Lieberman**

Get Well Soon

**Michele Sobel
Sisterhood
Janet and Phil Bloom
Gwen Levy**

**Gwen Levy
Ava and David McKean
Janet and Phil Bloom**

Happy Birthday

**Marsha Norden
Janet and Phil Bloom
Gwen Levy**

**Happy Birthday
Jack Gartner**

**Janet and Phil Bloom
Gwen Levy**

**Happy Birthday
Gwen Levy**

**Marsha and Lee Norden
Janet and Phil Bloom
Stephanie Morgenstern**

**Mazel Tov on your new
Granddaughter
Ellen Lieberman
Ava and David McKean**

**Thank you for creating
the Anniversary card
Larry Oskin
Ava and David McKean**

**In Memory of your Sister
Barbara Cronson
Sisterhood**

November 2021						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM on Go To Meeting	2 Adult Education.. The Many Faces of Judaism 10:00-11:30	3 Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	4	5 Healing Service 7:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	6 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30
7 Sinai Religious School Online 10:30-11:30 Mens Club at Synagogue 12:00 noon	8 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM on Go To Meeting	9 Adult Education.. The Many Faces of Judaism 10:00-11:30	10 Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	11 Congregation Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	13 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30
14 Sinai Religious School Online 10:30-11:30	15 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM on Go To Meeting	16 Mens Club Spirit Night Goomba's	17 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 AM Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	18 Sisterhood Game Day 12:00 Noon Synagogue	19 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	20 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30
21 No Religious School Thanksgiving Break	22 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM on Go To Meeting	23 Mens Club Spirit Night Texas Roadhouse	24 Adult Ed Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	25 Enjoy your Turkey	26 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	27 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30
28 Sinai Religious School 10:30-11:30 Chanukah Day 1	29 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM on Go To Meeting Chanukah Day2	30 Mens Club Spirit Night Akina Chanukah Day 3				



