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June 2023



Mazel Tov Graduates

Mazel Tov Sisterhood Board



Our new Sisterhood Board

Bev Chern President

Joyce Cohen Vice President

Marsha Norden Treasurer

Janet Bloom Recording Secretary

Karen Mandel Corresponding Secretary

Gwen Levy Director

Wendy Palen Director

Lynne Vincent Director

Karen Miller Ritual

Ava McKean Parliamentarian



CS Newsletter June 2023

Israel the apartheid state! Israel home for the Jews and only democratic state in the middle east! America the racist, white supremacist country! America the hope of the world! LGBTQ! Anti LGBTQ! Trans women! Trans men! Anti-trans anything! Electric autos! Climate change! The world will end in twelve years! Reparations! No reparations! Sex education in schools for first, second and third graders! Riots in the streets of many major cities in our country and others! The US president is awful! The US president is wonderful! The former US president is awful! The former US president is wonderful! I am sure I left out many pressing issues, not the least of which would be my sanity!

I once watched a Twilight Zone episode where everything was nonsensical and nightmarish. The episode left viewers considering the essence of reality. We absolutely recognize that there are problems with society and many issues that need to be addressed. I feel that there must be some moral solid ground that makes sense for a majority of people in any society. As an American citizen, I have the freedom to consider where my moral center may be, as do most citizens of democratic countries. As a Jewish person, the same right exists. I choose the Torah as my moral baseline.

The challenge then is to truly understand what the Torah is actually teaching us about society and relationships with others in our neighborhoods, our cities and our nations. There have been and continue to be differing opinions as to the interpretation of what the Torah is teaching us pertaining to any subject we may consider. One concept remains constant in my mind and here it is; we are totally unable to have any idea as to how the Torah might direct us if we do not read it and study it.

It is stated in the book of Proverbs; "The Torah is a tree of life to those who grasp it." I find myself thinking repeatedly that my position is that which is stated in the book of Joshua chapter 24, verse 15; "choose today whom you will serve: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Do let us read and study Torah that tree of life that will unfailingly guide us through life.

Joe & Robin



Our President

Dear friends,

This will be my last letter to the membership as President of Congregation Sinai. My second term expires on June 30th and I have decided not to run again. It has been an honor to serve you over the past four years and I want to thank each and every one of you for the help and support I received during my tenure. We survived the chaos of Covid and we became “the little shul that can”.

When Peter Sobel convinced me to run four years ago, I had no idea how rewarding this job could be. I was reluctant but Pete was like a Jewish mother and would not let me turn down the challenge. I’m grateful he did.

I also want to thank all the members of the Board who served during my term for their help, hard work, patience, and advice. We are so fortunate to have Joe Goldovitz as our spiritual leader. His counsel over the past four years was deeply appreciated.

There are many more folks who helped me along the way. You know who you are so I won’t attempt to name the long list in fear of missing someone.

It is time for new leadership and fresh ideas, and I believe that will come as the result of our annual election process. It is disappointing, however, that more members fail to put their names in to run for positions on the Board. Your Temple/Synagogue/Shul needs you. I was hesitant but I would not trade the experience for anything, so next time around, put your name in the hat. I promise you won’t regret it.

Congregation Sinai is important to Sandy and me and I hope it is to you. We must continue to work together to insure our spiritual home’s survival.

Prez Jack Gartner

Mens Club



*** Last month we had a very successful mini golf outing following a rain cancelation. It was in honor of Al Rosen. We had prizes and lots of enjoyment!**

*** Our next Men's Club meeting is on June 11 at 10 AM at Panera's. Everyone is welcome.**

*** During our meeting we will hold elections for our next President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and 2 Directors.**

*** On Friday June 26. The brother hood will lead the service followed by an Oneg.**

See you then Pierre



Dear Sisters,

What a fabulous year we have had and we owe it all to you!

We made the biggest donation to the temple that has ever been made far exceeding expectations. Your participation in donating baskets, silent auction items for our fashion show, buying tickets to the fashion show, attending game days, shopping during Belk's Charity Days, attending Joe's fabulous concert, buying mahjong cards, sending tributes, participating in RaiseRight (formerly ShopWithScrip), paying dues, and generous donations all contributed to such a fantastic year, so THANK YOU!

We have a Sisterhood New Year's cruise December 28th - January 3rd. Please contact Bev Chern at (267)808-5558 for more information. The fashion show is scheduled for January 25, 2024. We had a wonderful time at Cheeser's in May with a good lunch and bingo. Our winners were Joan Mager, Ann Sail, Michele Sobel, and Karen Miller. I've truly enjoyed being your president and am grateful for all of your support. We are going to have a great upcoming year with Bev Chern as the new President!

Ava

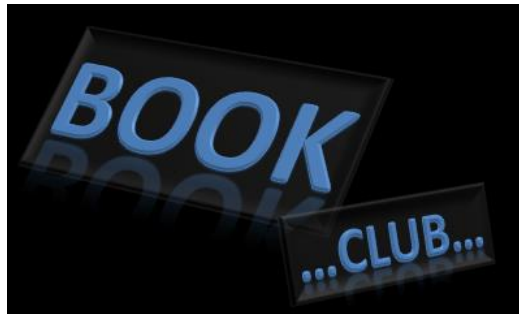


BAGELS And BIBLE

We are studying the book of Joshua.

The first Saturday of every month we will have breakfast and study in the synagogue from 10:00am-12:00pm.

All other Saturdays we will study online from 10-11:30am and you make your own breakfast. Come join us as we learn all about the prophets.



Hello everyone.

Our June meeting is on June 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM.. The book selected by Michele Sobel is ***Falling by Newman***. There are many copies available at the Library. On her way to Israel, Michele confirmed the date. Get your copy and start reading.

Our July meeting is on Thursday July13th. The book is the ***White Lady*** by Jacqueline Winspear. Karen Miller is the presenter.

Hope to see you there, Roz



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

1 Lee Norden

23 Gena Lederhandler

28 Rhonda Hunt

June Anniversaries

4 Connie and Paul Lawrason

12 Carol and Jorden Pritzker

13 Carole and Harold Lovitz

17 Janet and Phil Bloom

18 Joyce and Marvin Cohen

21 Trudy and Joe Burger

21 Roz and Pierre Haskelson

30 Ellie and Morton Hess



Birthday	Tributes
To:	From:
Regina Behar	Janet and Phil Bloom Gwen Levy Ruth Borsky Karen and Stu Miller Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern
Jordan Pritzker	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller
Ruth Borsky	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern
Joyce Cohen	Janet and Phil Bloom Ruth Borsky Gwen Levy
Bradley Baker	Ruth Borsky Gwen Levy
Mike Schumacher	Gwen Levy
Larry Hornstein	Gwen Levy
Michael Heyman	Gwen Levy
Ann Sail	Gwen Levy
Bonnie Farber	Gwen Levy

Anniversary	Tributes
To:	From:
Gena and Josh Lederhandler	Gwen Levy
Lou and Bev Chern	Ruth Borsky Karen and Stu Miller Gwen Levy
Wendy and Alan Payne	Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom
Bob and Linda Simontacchi	Gwen Levy

Jack and Sandy Gartner	Karen and Stu Miller Gwen Levy
Stuart and Ryan Milchman	Gwen Levy

THANK	YOU
Linda and Bob Simontacchi	Sisterhood
Robin and Joe Goldovitz	
Alexis Miller	
Ava Lederhandler	
Anna Palen	

Get Well	Tributes
To:	From:
Charlotte Pine	Sisterhood
	Ava and David McKean
	Karen and Stu Miller Caren, Kenny and Laine Weiss

Condolences	
To:	From:
Ann and Mike Sail	Sisterhood Marsha and Lee Norden Ava and David McKean
Michele and Pete Sobel	Karen and Stu Miller Roz and Pierre Haskelson
Basha Schlazer	Gwen Levy
Mazel Tov To	
Alexis Miller	Janet Bloom Karen and Stu Miller Michele and Pete Sobel
Basha Schlazer	Gwen Levy Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern



Yahrzeits

In Memory of...	By
William Gartner	Jack and Sandy Gartner
Jerome Blonder	Karen and Stuart Miller
Rae Bloom	Janet and Phil Bloom
Roberta Kessman	The Mausser Family
Abe Lieber	Gwen Levy
Phyllis Mandell Stuart Mildred Halpern	Susan and David Mandell
Stanford Mandel Sidney Jacobson	Karen and Joel Mandel



SHALOM Y'ALL

is proud to present

A FUN EVENING OF ROCK 'N' ROLL AND MORE

Featuring

JOE GOLDOVITZ AND FRIENDS

On Saturday evening, July 22 at 7 o'clock

**Royal Highlands Clubhouse - 5350 Monarch Blvd.-
Leesburg FL**

Prepaid Tickets: \$18

At the door: \$20

**For any questions, please email Joyce at
jyce524@yahoo.com**



Please Join
Congregation Sinai Sisterhood
on a 6-Night



New Year 2024 Caribbean Cruise

Round Trip to/from Tampa, FL Aboard

Celebrity Constellation

December 28, 2023 – January 3, 2024

Date	Ports of Call
Thu 12/28	Tampa, Florida
Fri 12/29	Cruising
Sat 12/30	George Town, Grand Cayman
Sun 12/31	Cruising
Mon 1/1	Cozumel, Mexico
Tue 1/2	Cruising
Wed 1/3	Tampa, Florida



Package includes Gratuities, WiFi and the Classic Beverage Package

Price for a Balcony is only **\$1,855.60 per person**, or **\$3,711.20 per cabin** based on double occupancy –

A GREAT price for a New Year's cruise

AFTER MAY 1ST PRICE WILL GO UP \$400

****Classic Drink Package:** The basic drink package that offers everything from cocktails to coffee, beers, wine, bottled water, soda, and more. This package limits you to drinks that are \$10 per glass or less.

Prices are subject to change until deposit is received.

PASSPORTS REQUIRED AND MUST BE VALID THRU July 3, 2024

CALL BEV AT SUNSHINE TRAVEL 215-219-5400 FOR OTHER PRICES AND ANY QUESTIONS.

SHALOM Y'ALL Things and Blings

Well folks, we are more than happy to report that our craft fair, Things and Blings, was a wonderful success. We couldn't have done it without all the people who volunteered their time and effort to setting up tables and to making sure our vendors had all they needed to be successful. We offer a special thanks to Marvin Cohen who managed the hotdog and coffee area, and to Lou Chern who became our overall handyman, helping us anywhere we needed him. We also want to thank Suzanne who manages the facility where our craft fair was held. She and her crew were there to listen to, and to help us when we needed them.

Because we all had a good time, our vendors, along with the many we had to turn away due to lack of space, asked when we are planning another fair. We acted on their request and have scheduled another craft show for Sunday, August 20th, and a second one for October 1st, at the same venue, the gymnasium at The Performing Arts Center in Clermont. So, mark those dates on your calendar!!! More information to follow in our monthly newsletter.

Wait there's more! Read on! Shalom Y'All and Congregation Sinai are presenting Joe Goldovitz and his band on July 22nd. For those who attended last year we had the best time listening and dancing to a variety of music from Joe's band. So, come join us this year, same venue, same time, 7-10pm, at Royal Highland's Great Room. More information to follow.

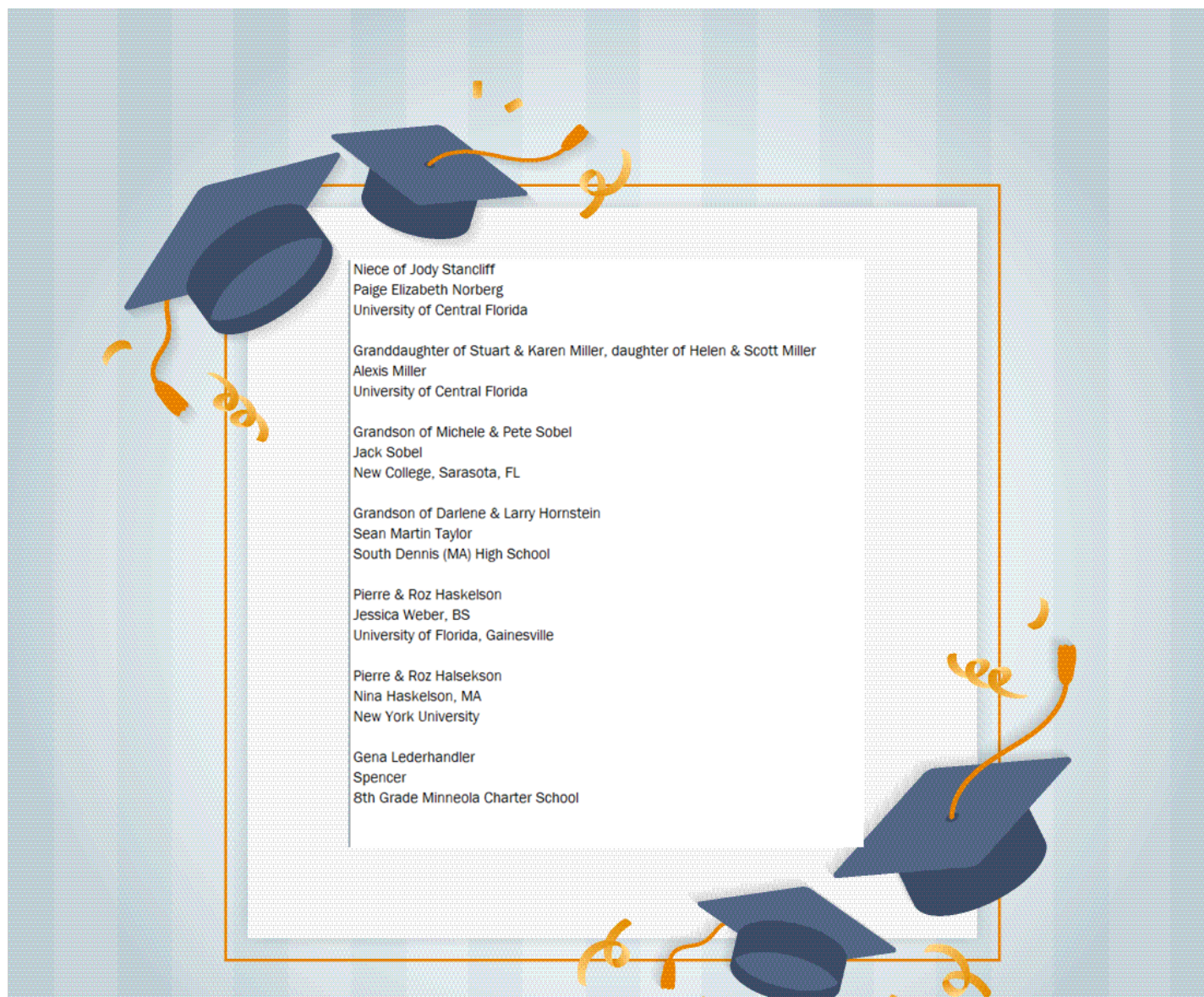
In the coming months Shalom Y'All will be posting a number of events and activities we hope will appeal to your sense of adventure and interest. Joyce, Bev, and Joan are asking any of you with fun ideas to please let us know of your suggestions. We are an interfaith family looking to build on our foundation of friendship and community. Please contact:

Joyce Cohen: 561-504-1651

Bev Chern: 267-808-5558

Joan Mager: 352-978-3507

See ya soon!



Congratulations Graduates!

Many people loved this recipe at Oneg

Fruit Fluff

1 16oz can DRAINED crushed pineapple

1 can cherry pie filling

1 can condensed milk

1 small container cool whip; defrosted

1 cup chopped walnuts

From Michele Sobel

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	3 NO Bagels and Bible
4	5 No Hebrew	6 No Hebrew	7 No Hebrew	8 Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM Synagogue	9 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	10 NO Bagels and Bible
11 Men's Club Merting Paneras	12 No Hebrew	13 No Hebrew	14 No Hebrew	15	16 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	17 Bagels and Bible online
18	19 Hebrew Translation Intermediate Hebrew	20 Hebrew Prayers	21 Beginner Hebrew	22	23 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 Men's Club	24 Bagels and Bible online
25	26 Hebrew Translation Intermediate Hebrew	27 Hebrew Prayers	28 Beginner Hebrew	29	30 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30	

Sisterhood Shabbat May 12, 2023



Mr. Joe, Ava McKean, Anna Palen, Ava Lederhandler, Linda Simontacchi, Alexis Miller sing L'Chah Dodi



**Anna Palen, Ava Lederhandler,
Linda Simontacchi**

Thank you, Karen Miller



Gena Lederhandler, Joan Mager carry our Torahs.



Ava McKean, Gwen Levy share something funny.

Joe's Concert May 7, 2023



Final Sisterhood Meeting for lunch. Ava McKean passes the gavel with roses to incoming President Bev Chern.

