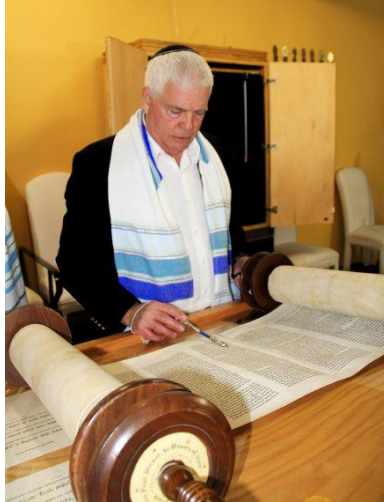




Happy New Year
January 2024



From the Bimah

CS Newsletter January 2024

For we who lived as young people in the 50's 60's and 70's it seems a bit surreal to be entering 2024. I think the creators of the Jetsons had a different picture of life here on planet earth. One thing is for sure, we humans have not figured out how to live in peace with each other and how to best use the resources God has provided. Socialist, Democrat, Republican, Libertarian we all have such different ideas as to the best path forward. Somehow, it always costs us, the taxpayers more. Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Islam and eastern religions have somewhat similar stated views but each owns a radical element. Who is right? If each of us is right because we each have, "our truth" then are the others wrong by

default? May I suggest that Judaism has at least a partial answer? Our tradition suggests, perhaps states that eventually all the earth will recognize the God of Israel as the only God and worship accordingly. I met a Christian man a few nights ago who is convinced that time is near. I don't think he is thinking Jewish thoughts about what things might look like when that occurs. That time may be far away. In the meanwhile, Judaism recognizes that there are many paths to seek and find God. We simply feel that Judaism is the best and most appropriate path for Jews. A serious look into Jewish values will uncover a life path that honors all life and respects the planet we live on. Israeli doctors have for decades treated Palestinians that have attacked Israelis without prejudice. Israel has always been willing to share technology with neighboring countries in an effort to improve their economic situation. American Jews for the most part have been and continue to be exemplary citizens. As we move forward into 2024 let us continue the tradition of our people to be contributors to the betterment of our country and the world at large.

**May your New Year be the best,
Joe & Robin**



From our President

President's Message January 2024

Happy New Year! I'm writing this message prior to New Year's and the Sisterhood cruise, so I hope everyone has/had a great time!

We've had a busy December, starting with another Shalom Y'All Craft Fair, which was successful as usual. Thanks to Joyce, Bev, and Joan for all their hard work to raise money for the Congregation.

We had a wonderful Hanukkah party on Friday, December 8th, featuring music by Joe and Ron. Lew Blass made the potato latkes, and food was prepared by the ladies of the congregation (sorry, I can't find my notes with the names). Joyce organized the party and did a great job!

On the following Thursday, the Sisterhood held their own Hanukkah party. Master Chef Pete prepared the

latkes, and the ladies held a White Elephant gift exchange. Everyone had a great time!

The end of the month will be the Sisterhood Cruise over New Year's. It should be a blast with all of the drinking. I hope everyone has a great time.

Right now, I'm working on the update of our records regarding Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Yahrzeits. If you think about it, the only time that you are asked for that information is with your membership application. Unfortunately, over time we lose loved ones. We don't want anyone upset over their names not being listed with other birthdays and anniversaries, or their loved ones not mentioned during the Kabbalat Shabbat service. Hence, this project.

I have pulled together our records with the help of Gwen, Wendy Payne, and Marsha Norden, as well as our financial records from Lew Blass. After putting everything in the format needed by Microsoft Word for a mail merge, I sent out the emails on Monday, December 18th. Thanks to all that responded so quickly. As some of our members may be out of town for the holidays, I will wait until mid-January to send out an updated listing.

Speaking of Microsoft Word, I need to apologize for some confusion. When I generated the emails, I wasn't prompted for my email address, and they were sent out with my Gmail account. My Gmail automatically sends emails to anyone sending me an email, asking to use my Comcast mail account. I'm

sorry about the confusion that it caused and will try to figure it out for the next time.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Lou



From the Sisterhood

As you are reading this, I'm probably on my way to the Tampa Cruise Port for our Celebrity Cruise Lines Sisterhood Cruise and won't return until next year. I would

like to take this opportunity to thank each of every member of our Sisterhood for your support in 2023. You are an awesome group of women who are constantly volunteering your time, cooking skills and money to help with our many fund raising events. You also help with the set up and clean up of our Friday Night Onegs.

Here's another special Thank You for all members of our congregation that have generously donated non-perishable foods to the Neighborhood Center of South Lake; hoodies, toiletries and other items for the children living in the woods, used Raise Right: ordered Tribute Cards and supported us by going on our Sisterhood Cruises.

Next December, we will be having another awesome Sisterhood Cruise on Virgin Voyages Valiant Lady on a 5 day cruise. Contact Bev Chern at 215-219-5400 for more details.

We have many things planned for the New Year so please save these dates for the first quarter of 2024. I hope to see you at our events.

**January 25th Sisterhood Fashion Show
at Heritage Hills**

**February 22 Watching a Broadway
Show and lunch**

**March 21st Sisterhood Purim
Outreach Program**

2023 has come and almost gone, and now we focus on the year ahead. I know 2024 is going to be a great year for our temple family. Together, we can create wonderful memories and accomplish a lot.

Wishing you and your families, a Happy and especially Healthy New Year. Stay well. See you next year.

Bev Chern

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



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- 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.

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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.



Yahrzeits

In Memory Of	By
Bernard Lowitz	Vicki Dingee Mark Lovitz
Ruth Miller	Karen Miller
Linda Kerzner	Harold and Carole Lovitz
Anne Lovitz	Harold and Carole Lovitz
Eleanor Mandell	David and Susan Mandell
Sheila Goldman	Gwen Levy
Alice Lieber	Gwen Levy
Samuel Levy	Gwen Levy

Donations

In Memory of

Stuart Miller

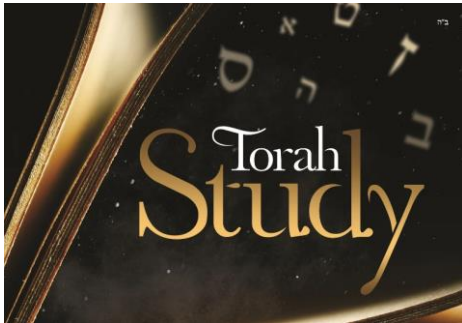
By Hilary Diekow

Stuart Miller

By Gwen Levy

Congratulations To

Gwen Levy 80th BDay **By Brenda and David Wallace**



These Are the sidras we will be studying for the month of January:

- 1). Jan.6- Shemot, Ex.1:1 - 6:1
- 2). Jan13- Va era, Ex. 6:2 - 9:35
- 3). Jan 20- Bo, Ex. 10:1 - 13:16
- 4). Jan. 27 - Bashalach, Ex. 13:17 - 17:16

Please join us each week as we pray a little, nosh a little and learn about our ancient past

Remember -- loud noise -- duck

down It could save your liPETER B. SOBEL, D.D.S. RET.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January

Name	Birthday
Wendy Payne	January 2
Basha Schlazer	January 07
Vicki Dingee	January 12
Rosalyn Haskelson	January 13
Carole Lovitz	January 15
Ellen Rosen	January 15
Phyllis Klafter	January 16
Walter Friedman	January 20
Karen Mandel	January 23
Mort Hess	January 26

HAPPY
Anniversary

Anniversaries

Names	Anniversary
Scott & Helen Miller	January 02
Roger & Gail Steinberg	January 08
Walter and Bunnie Friedman	January 30



**Dear Congregation Sinai,
Thank you so much for supplying the funds to
give the inmates a wonderful High Holiday time
this year! They had 2 weeks of Rosh Hashanah
festivities, 2 weeks of Yom Kippur and 2 weeks
of Sukkot! They are loving Congregation Sinai
for spoiling them. Their institutional food is not
good, so they loved jelly donuts, bagels and
cream cheese, etc.**

**Love,
Rick & Lynn Vincent**

***Special thanks to all
of my friends who
honored me with a tribute
to Sisterhood or to
Congregation Sinai for my
recent BIG birthday!***

Michele



Men's Club

- * Next meeting is on Sunday January 7 at 10 AM at Panera's.**
- * We will shortly announce the date and cost of an outing to the base ball spring training.**
- * Lou is finalizing the share the night schedule.**
- * We are tentatively scheduling the mini golf tournament date as Sunday May 5.**

Date To be CONFIRMED SOON.

All the best.

Pierre



Book Club

Hi everyone

Hope we are all surviving the business of this time of the year.....Hanukah, Christmas, Family, Sinai, cruises etc.

The book for January is Exile Music Book by Jennifer Stell. Our presenter is Ruth Borsky. The available date for the meeting is Wednesday January 17th at 1:00 PM.

Hope to see you all so we can plan the rest of the year. Come with ideas and book selections....

Roz



Birthday Tributes

To:	From:
Michele Sobel	Janet and Phil Bloom Karen Miller Gwen Levy
Judy Levine	Barbara and Evan Cronson
Richard Levine	Barbara and Evan Cronson
Steve Silpe	Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom
Rochelle Coleman	Janet and Phil Bloom
Sandy Gartner	Janet and Phil Bloom Gwen Levy
Evan Cronson	Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom
Ellen Hess	Janet and Phil Bloom Gwen Levy
Alan Morgenstern	Janet and Phil Bloom Gwen Levy
Robert Mandell	Gwen Levy

Anniversary Tributes

To:	From:
Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern	Phil & Janet Bloom Gwen Levy

Get Well Tributes

To:	From:
Gwen Levy	Connie and Paul Lawrason
Roz Silpe	Sisterhood David and Ava McKean Marsha and Lee Norden Michele and Pete Sobel
Paul Lawrason	Karen Miller
Vicki Dingee	Karen Miller Ava and David McKean Sisterhood

Sympathy Tributes

<i>To:</i>	<i>From:</i>
<i>Karen Miller</i>	<i>Connie and Paul Lawrason Darlene and Larry Hornstein</i>
<i>Howard and Danna Morgenstern</i>	<i>Stephanie and Alan Morgenstern</i>
<i>Liz Perez</i>	<i>Ava and David McKean</i>

CALENDAR

January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 7PM – 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
7 Religious School 10:00 AM	8 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	9 7PM – Prayer Class	10 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	11 Sinai Board Meeting 7:00 PM	12 7PM – Shabbat Service	13 10AM – Torah Study
14 No Religious School	15 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	16 7PM – Prayer Class	17 7PM – Beg/Int Hebrew	18	19 7PM – Shabbat Service	20 10AM – Torah Study
21 Religious School 10:00 AM	22 7:00 PM Advanced Hebrew	23 7:00 PM Prayers	24	25 Sisterhood Fashion Show Heritage Hills 10:00 AM	26 7PM – Shabbat Service	27 10AM – Torah Study
28	29 7:00 PM Advanced Hebrew	30 7:00 PM Prayers	31			

Please Note: NEW starting time for Shabbat Services is 7:00PM

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