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Our new Sisterhood Board

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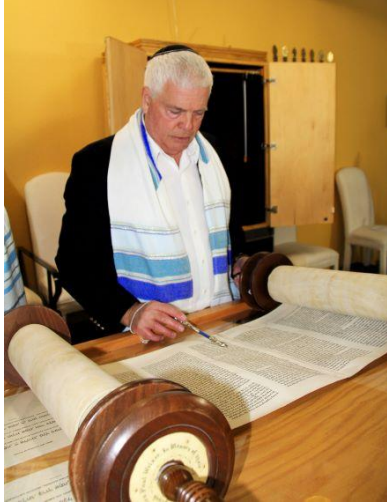
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From the Bima

The Torah portion recently was Shelach L'cha, which rendered the story of Moses sending spies to Canaan in preparation of the Israelites entering the Promised Land. 2 of the spies; Joshua and Caleb said upon their return that the land is good and with God's help the Israelites could surely gain possession. 10 of the spies also agreed that the land was good, but they felt it impossible to take possession as the people there were giants and the spies felt insignificant in their own eyes. The entire Israelite community listened to the 10 spies and were demoralized. The result is that God sentenced the Israelites to 40 years wandering in the wilderness until the generation that doubted passed and the younger generation could enter the Promised Land. The Lubavitcher Rebbe suggests that the motive of the 10 spies was not fear of failure, but fear of success. Success would require leaving the shelter of living daily in close proximity with God. The mission of Israel is not to live in a world where God provides everything, but to live in the real world where we must strive to survive and to be an example to the nations of the world of a Torah led society. This is an interesting thought process and causes me to alter my own view of life in America.

I have spent much of my adult life feeling that I should have more of a desire to make Aliyah and live in Israel. I begin to think that there is a real reason for Jews to live outside those borders. That reason could very well be to demonstrate Torah values to the people of a nation that is predominantly not Jewish. This probably sounds again very repetitive, but we first, as Jews must study Torah to properly understand our responsibilities to God and others so that we may accomplish our mission well. To be Jewish only requires that our parentage is Jewish. To be the people God chooses, as an example to the nations requires that we clearly understand our purpose. The only way I know to do that is to study and embrace Torah.

L'chaim,

Joe & Robin



Our New President Lou Chern

Hi Everyone! Welcome to my FIRST President's Message.

I am honored to be chosen to lead Congregation Sinai. I thank you for your support and hope to lead us in a positive way.

Speaking of Thanks, I want to thank Jack Gartner and Pete Sobel for their support and advice. I'm sure that it will continue. I look forward to working with our new Board, including my Vice President, Alberto Behar. I keep reminding folks that I still work full time, and that I need a strong Vice President to take some of the load. Alberto has assured me that he's willing and able to help me. Another addition to the board is Lew Blass, as Treasurer. Once we get everything organized regarding banking, Lew will be our financial oversight, as Andrew Feldman has been for the past six years. Andy has watched over us closely, and we all hope that his health improves.

Just to provide some insight as to my immediate plans, they start with the electronic payment system that we deployed in April. I just recently created a video that I will be sending out, explaining the benefits to both you and the temple, and showing how to use it. We will continue to accept payments by check, but hopefully you will see that ease of making the payment, without the cost of a stamp and envelope, the time it takes to write out a check and the envelope, and the time to take it to the mailbox will benefit you. And if you are just concerned about having cancelled checks for tax purposes, you will receive an email receipt immediately upon making a payment/donation. Once we have a new checking account established for the temple, we will have numerous items available under the Temple listing. We hope to have that ready by the end of July. If you are not comfortable with computers (you can also use a phone to make payments), feel free to contact me or others for help. I'm always at services on Friday night with my computer.

Next up will be setting up a new video system for streaming of our services. I realize that we don't usually have too many people joining us, but I'd like to improve the quality of the stream, and let Joe concentrate on leading the service, without needing to move the camera. My thanks to Andy Miller (Karen's son) for helping with some of the decisions. FYI, the camera will be moved above the door, and will have presets to focus on different areas (the bima, the torah bima, Candle area, and wider views of the bima). The operator will just need to push a button to move the camera.

Our Yom Kippur evening service, and following morning service, will be held at the Clermont Arts and Recreation Center for the first time. We will be in the Black Box theater, which holds 193 people comfortably. There should not be any issues regarding parking. As we are closer to many folks living in Clermont, especially Kings Ridge and Heritage Hills, we are hoping to get the word out and sell some tickets. Please let your friends and family know about it. Sorry, no Oneg 😊. Also, for both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, we will have a choir for the first time. Plus, Robin will be accompanying with a harp.

Only the husbands of the Shalom Y'All ladies (Joyce Cohen, Joan Mager, and Bev Chern) know how much time and energy they put into each event. Last year, they brought in over \$2,600 to the temple via Joe's concert and two Craft Fairs. This month, they have another Concert with Joe and his band on July 22nd at Royal Highlands, and two more Craft Fairs in the works for August and October.

Regina Behar is working hard along with Lew Blass, planning our congregation's 20th Anniversary dinner for July 28th. Lew will be making the Baked Salmon that was so popular at our last dinner. Roast Turkey Breast is the other entrée option. Tickets are \$25. Please join us. You can purchase tickets through the Electronic Payment System, under the Mens Club.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or issues. I'll see you on Friday nights.

Have a great July!

Lou



Sisterhood News

Our New President Bev Chern

Hi everyone. This is my 1st article for our Tablet as your new Sisterhood President. I know I have a tough and wonderful person to follow and hope I can do half as well as Ava did. Thank you , Ava. We have an excellent sisterhood board who will be working hard to plan our events for the next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

One week ago, Pete and Michele Sobel, Russell and Tobie Koskie, Karen and Irv Kushnick, Stuart and Evelyn Gold, Scott and Victoria Bennett, Hugh and Terri Karangelen; and Lou and I came back from a once in a lifetime Mediterranean Cruise visiting Israel, Egypt, Crete, Sicily, Tunisia, and Malta. All I can tell you is we had a wonderful time really getting to know each other. I can't tell you more because what happens on the ship, definitely stays on the ship. Thank you everyone from our Congregation who has helped make our Sisterhood Cruises great fund raisers in the past and in the future. Speaking of the future, I hope you will join us for our next Sisterhood fund raising cruise in December over New Year's going to the Caribbean. A few cabins are left. Please see the flyer in the tablet or call me at 267-808-5558 for more information.

We have many ways that you can help us. Please volunteer to sponsor an oneg. We have a lot of dates open. Please contact Karen Mandel to sign up or for more information.

These are reminders of the many ways YOU can help Sisterhood raise money. Another way to help us is to contact Karen Miller to send out Tributes for you. A Tribute is a card sent out from you for someone's birthday, anniversary, Mitzvah, get well, sympathy, or just even thinking of you. It's only \$6.50 and you don't have to leave the comfort of your home. Karen will address the card and mail it out for you. Please make your payment to Marsha Norden and either mail it to her or use our online payment system saving you a stamp, envelope and time.

Another easy way is to sign up for Raise Right (formerly Shop with Scrip). This is purchasing e-gift cards on your phone or computer for many of your everyday items that you use. Raise Right gives Sisterhood back a percentage of the amount of the card you purchase. You can also give these as gifts. It might not seem like a lot but it adds up. Call me for more information and I will walk you thru it and answer any questions that you might have. Congregation Sinai has an enrollment code to use to sign up so we get credit for all your purchases. Lastly, the best way you can help us is with your time. Please participate by coming out to our Sisterhood meetings for fun, food, information and forming friendships. I love to travel and cruise but the best ship is your friendship. **Bev**

Mens Club



*** During our last meeting we elected the following officers :**

President— Pierre Haskelson

Vice President —Evan Cronson.

Secretary — Marvin Cohen.

Treasurer —Joel Mandel

Director — Rick Vincent.

Director — Alberto Bahar.

*** The next meeting is on Sunday July 2 at 10 AM at Panera . All are welcome.**

*** The next Share the Night is on June 27 at Texas Roadhouse.**

*** We have received contribution of free tickets at various restaurants (Share the Night)**

They will be auctioned by Rick Vincent. A flyer with details will be sent by Roz Haskelson.

*** During past fund raisers The Men's Club accumulated 4000 \$ which was donated to Sinai.**

Pierre

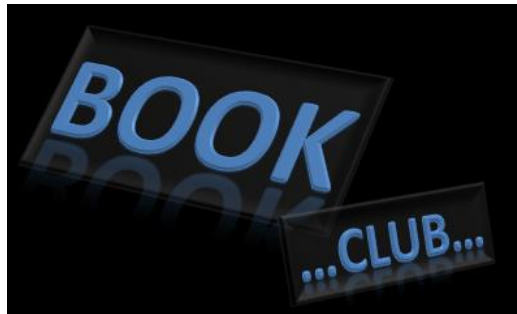


BAGELS And BIBLE

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.



The book club will not meet during July and August. We will begin on September 5 on Thursday when the book we will be reading is *The White Lady* by Jacqueline Winspear. Our presenter is Karen Miller.

Our plan for October is to watch a movie instead of a book. The movie chosen by Stu Miller (who will be our presenter) is *Skokie*, an amazing story of the anti-semitism in the city of Skokie Illinois.

We are also planning a lunch meeting in December and possible excursions to continue our study of books and sometimes movies

We look forward to new members joining our group

Call Roz Haskelson. 352-241-6664

Shalom Y'All

We thank you for all your support for the three events we planned this past year.

We donated \$2800.00 to the temple. This is all because of you.

Our goals are the following:

1. Community Outreach
2. Increasing membership
3. Making money for our temple
4. Collecting data to be used in our grant writing

Tell your family, friends, neighbors, and everyone you know.

Post the flyers on Facebook, your community web Please continue to spread the word for Joe's Concert, Craft Fairs and all events we plan. page, and your bulletin board.

Joyce Cohen: 561-504-1651

Bev Chern: 267-808-5558

Joan Mager: 352-978-3507

See ya soon



Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

July

1 Stewart Kahn

7 Susan Hoffman

8 Ruth Baker

9 David McKean

10 David Mandell

16 Ryan Milchman

21 Jay Forman

24 Sheila Muller

27 Josh Lederhandler

28 Ava McKean

30 Ashleigh Casler

July Anniversaries

**14 Lew and Dale
Blass**

Birthday	Tributes
To:	From:
Joyce Cohen	Barbara and Evan Cronson
Janet Bloom	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller
Lee Norden	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller
Gena Lederhandler	Gwen Levy

Anniversary	Tributes
To:	From:
Jack and Sandy Gartner	Phil and Janet Bloom
Connie and Paul Lawrason	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller
Janet and Phil Bloom	Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller
Carole and Harold Lovitz Roz and Pierre Haskelson	Gwen Levy Gwen Levy
Trudy and Joe Burger	Gwen Levy
Joyce and Marvin Cohen	Gwen Levy

Condolences	
Roz and Steve Silpe	Sisterhood Gwen Levy Karen and Stu Miller Roz and Pierre Haskelson Pete and Michele Sobel Lee and Marsha Norden Ava and David McKean
Mazel	Tov
Alexis Miller	Marsha and Lee Norden

Get Well	Tributes
To:	From:
Pam Camhi	Sisterhood
	Ava and David McKean
Stu Miller	Lee and Marsha Norden
Diane Wolfe	Sisterhood Gwen Levy Stu and Karen Miller

Thank	You
To:	From:
Michele Sobel	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Gwen Levy	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Marsha Norden	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Karen Miller	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Karen Mandel	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Bev Chern	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Janet Bloom	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Ellen Lieberman	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood
Wendy Payne	Ava McKean, Past President, Sisterhood



Yahrzeits

In Memory of...	By
Louis Psachie	Vicki Dingee
Stella Psachie	Vicki Dingee
Jack Brown	Harold and Carole Lovitz
Dora Goldsmith	Michael and Judith Goldsmith



Happy Anniversary to Congregation Sinai

Imagine !!!! 20 Years

Anniversary Dinner on Friday July 28 2023

6:00 PM

Menu

Assorted Appetizers

Baked Salmon

Roasted Turkey Breast

Couscous Salad

Roasted Potatoes

Stuffing

Green Beans Almondine

Anniversary Cake

Fruit Bowl

Coffee, Wine, Lemonade, Water

Price \$25.00

Deadline for reservations July 21 Limited to 50 people

***** **Coupon*******

Name_____ **Phone** _____

Turkey Breast _____ **# Salmon** _____

Number Attending_____

\$_____

Total \$_____

***** **Coupon*******



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At the door: \$20

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



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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



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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.

CONGREGATION SINAI ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to our sponsors, prize donors, and golfers!

Dr. Louis J. Kantounis MD

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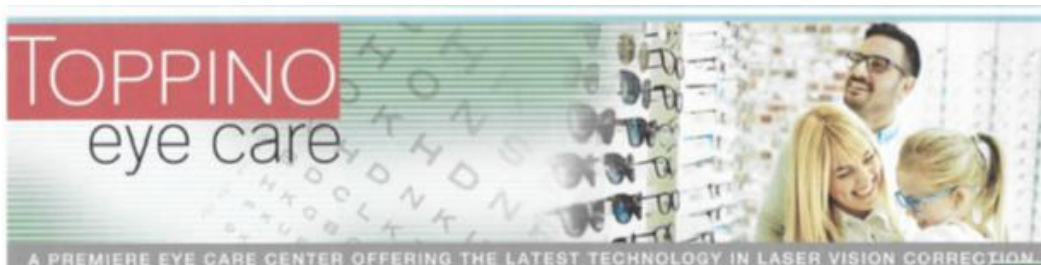


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University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

MD: University of Florida College of Medicine Gainesville, FL



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Bagels and Bible in
2 Men's Club Panera 10:00 AM	3 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM	4 Happy Fourth	5 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	6	7 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	8 Bagels and Bible Online
9	10 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM	11 Prayer's Class 7:00 PM Spirit Night	12 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	13 Congregation Board Meeting	14 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	15 Bagels and Bible Online
16	17 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM	18 Prayers Class 7:00 PM	19 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	20	21 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM	22 Bagels and Bible Online
23	24 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM	25 Prayers Class 7:00 PM	26 Beginning Hebrew 7:00 PM	27 Happy Anniversary	28 Anniversary Dinner 6:00PM	29 Bagels and Bible Online
30	31 Hebrew Translation 7:00 PM					