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**December 2021**

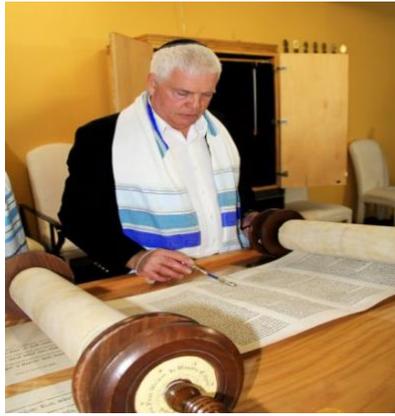
**What's Happening?**



**Sappy Chanukah**

**November 28– December 5, 2021**

**Sappy New Year 2022**



## From the Bimah

As I write this letter, we are 1 week away from the start of Chanukah. Although our synagogue will not have a congregational party for Chanukah, we will, all together, light our Chanukias Friday evening December 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of December our synagogue will begin to ease some of the covid restrictions we have been dealing with assuming the infection rate stays low enough in our area. The reason I mention all of this is to be encouraging. For what seems like half an eternity we have felt restrained which has been necessary to be safe. We will still continue to be safe, but the great news is that we finally are scheduling a Pesach seder for our congregation. Friday evenings in January we will again have Oneg Shabbat following our evening services. Israel is opening again to tourism. Plans are in the early stages for a Congregation Sinai trip to Israel for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence in the spring of 2023. Congregation Sinai continues to be healthy and vibrant only because of you, the members and your involvement. May 2022 be a wonderful year for our synagogue and may we together go from strength to strength.

Happy Chanukah, Chag Sameach,  
Joe & Robin

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## **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER**

Hi Congregation Sinai Family,

We always hope everyone is doing well, but sometimes we find ourselves having to deal with an illness or the results of an accident. If you, a member of your family or even a friend is ill or in the hospital, please let me know so I could at least pick up the phone and call. It is always comforting to know that someone cares and I have only known prayer to be helpful, never harmful. So please think to call me or ask someone to be in touch if necessary.

Thank you,

Joe Goldovitz

508-272-7562



## Prez Jack Says

Dear Members,

As I write this it is just a little over a week to Chanukah and just as the miracle of our ancient past we rededicate (Chanukah translates to Dedication) our Sanctuary rituals during this joyful time. On the Shabbat of December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be celebrating and honoring our new members and we will be easing our Covid 19 protocols. Masks will be optional and Congregants will be given honors on the Bima. We will again conduct the Torah procession in the Sanctuary. A caution, however, each of us must make their own decision to attend, to be masked or not based on our personal health situation and advice of their medical professional.

Just as when the Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated after the Maccabee victory we will be rededicating ours. Come, enjoy the event, meet your friends, and let us get back to normal.

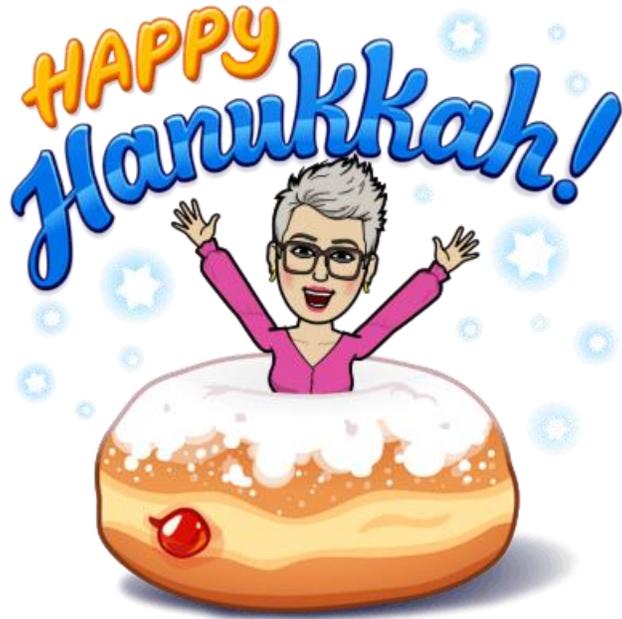
Our "go to meeting link" will be maintained for all those who feel it is unsafe or too difficult to attend in person. Remember, if you are concerned about driving at night, reach out to a fellow member for a lift.

As a point of caution, we will not have our regular Onegs until the start of 2022, and all of the above is subject to change should it be necessary due to changing conditions. We will not host our traditional Chanukah party this year as we feel it is too early to do so but stay tuned for our announcement regarding our Family Seder.

Happy Chanukah to all.

Prez Jack.

A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to G-d.  
The man asked, "G-d, what's a million years to you?"  
And G-d said, "A minute."  
Then the man asked:  
"Well, what's a million dollars to you?"  
and G-d said: "A penny"  
Then the man asked:  
"G-d..... can I have a penny?"  
And G-d said:  
"Sure....In a minute." **Prez Jack**



### *Our Sisterhood Speaks*

Happy Chanukah Sisters! We enjoyed a very nice game day in November. Our Chanukah party and meeting for December is on the 2nd at noon. Hopefully you've sent your \$10 check to Marsha! We are going to have a Zoom farewell on December 22nd at 1 p.m. for Sisterhood member Ellen Rosen who has moved back to NY to be near her family. The Zoom link will be sent closer to that date. Hope you can join us.

Please remember to buy your mahjong cards from a Sisterhood member. Marsha Norden is in Royal Highlands, Susan Mandell in Heritage Hills, Ilene Feldman in King's Ridge, and Karen Miller in Summit Greens. On January 20th, Trish Kry from Faith Neighborhood will be our speaker. Thank you all for your support of our fundraising efforts. Bev Chern will work with anyone interested in signing up for the ShopWithScrip program which is such an easy fundraiser for the Sisterhood and ultimately the temple.

Your Sisterhood Board is trying to plan activities and would welcome any ideas you have for programs. Please contact me and share your thoughts!

Ava



*MENS CLUB*

Hi Everyone!

Our December Men's Club meeting is scheduled for December 5th. The meeting will be held in-person at the temple at 12 noon, and will also be streamed via GoToMeeting.

Our December Share Day schedule is:

December 7      Outback

December 28    Goomba's

I hope everyone can come out and join us!

Personally, Bev and I are looking forward to the Sisterhood cruise from December 9-19. It's a 10-day cruise to the southern Caribbean, with a partial passage through the Panama Canal.

We had a great time on our last Sisterhood cruise, and I hope you can all join us for our next trip.

I would also like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during my bout with bronchitis.

It hasn't been fun! And the timing couldn't be worse, with Bev and I closing on our new home on November 29.

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](mailto:LChern@comcast.net).

As always, please feel free to make suggestions for share nights or events.

Have a Happy Hanukah!

Lou Chern 610-247-6358



# How to Play Dreidel

BY NOAM ZION

Playing with the dreidel is a traditional Hanukkah game played in Jewish homes all over the world, and rules may vary. **Here's how to play the basic dreidel game:**

1. Any number of people can take part.
2. Each player begins the game with an equal number of game pieces (about 10-15) such as pennies, nuts, chocolate chips, raisins, matchsticks, etc
3. At the beginning of each round, every participant puts one game piece into the center "pot." In addition, every time the pot is empty or has only one game piece left, every player should put one in the pot.
4. Every time it's your turn, spin the dreidel once. Depending on the side it lands on, you give or get game pieces from the pot. For those who don't read Hebrew, some dreidels also feature a transliteration of each letter. If yours doesn't, use the photo below as a cheat sheet

## Mashed Potato, Turkey and Cranberry Knishes with Cranberry

**Mustard**

BY SHANNON SARNA

Ingredients

- 2 sheets puff pastry, thawed for 30 minutes
- 1 cup cranberry sauce, divided      1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp whole grain mustard      ½ cup leftover mashed potato
- ½ – ¾ cup leftover turkey, diced      1 egg, beaten
- All purpose flour for rolling out puff pastry

## Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the puff pastry on all sides so that dough stretches slightly. Cut into 9 even squares.

Using fingers stretch each square just a little bit more. Add tsp of mashed potatoes, a few pieces of turkey and tsp of cranberry sauce on each square.

Fold each point of the puff pastry up and pinch at the top. Twist puff pastry and then push down. Repeat.

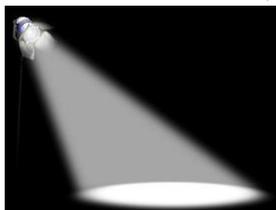
Brush each knish with beaten egg.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until golden brown.

While knishes bake, mix ½ cup cranberry sauce with 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard and ½ tsp whole grain mustard. Spicy brown mustard can also be substituted. Whisk together until smooth.

Serve knishes while warm with cranberry mustard.

## *Welcome to Congregation Sinai: Wendy and Alan Payne*



**We came to the area from Orlando. Both of us are life long Floridians, Wendy is from Jacksonville and Alan grew up in Palatka. We have a son, Seth and daughter Elyse who both live in the Orlando area. We love to travel and are glad to be taking our first cruise in 2 years and have several more trips in the pipeline . We love the Florida Gators . Alan frequents the gym 4-5 days a week. Wendy loves playing Mah Jong and baking.**

## *Happy Chanukah*

### **ZUCCHINI LATKES**

#### **2 SMALL FIRM ZUCCHINI SLICED IN HALF AND SEEDED**

**1 medium onion**

**2 EGGS**

**oil for frying**

**2 LARGE IDAHO POTATOES peeled**

**½ T kosher salt**

**½ CUP MATZAH MEAL**

**¼ t black pepper**

1-pulse onion, one zucchini and one potato in food processor until fine

2-shred one zucchini, and one potato in processor

3-mix all ingredients and drop into hot 1" deep oil

4-brown on each side turning once.

Serve with sour cream and applesauce

# *Yahrzeits*



## **In Memory of**

Barnet Goldsmith

By Michael and Judith Goldsmith

Fay Cronson

By Evan and Barbara Cronson

Jacob Irving Friedman

By Bunnie and Walter Friedman

Max Geller

Florence Levine

By Sandra and Karl Geller

Bernard Lowitz

Anita Lowitz

By Vicki Dingee

Ruth Miller

By Karen and Stuart Miller

Evelyn Jacobson

By Karen and Joel Mandel

Linda Karzner

By Harold and Carol Lovitz

Sheila Goldman

Melvyn R. Levy

By Gwen Levy

Barry Lieberman

By Ellen Lieberman



**Pete Sobel**

## **BAGELS AND BIBLE TORAH STUDY FOR DECEMBER:**

**Dec.4 --- MIKETZ, Gen.41:1 -- 44:17**

**Dec.11 ---Vayigash, Gen. 44:18 -- 47:27**

**Dec. 18 ---Vayechi, Gen. 47:28 -- 50:26**

**Dec. 25 ---Shemot, EX. 1:1 -- 6:1**

## **Do You Have Plans For New Year's Eve ?**

**For the first time that I can remember, New Year's Eve falls on Friday evening, Shabbat. Would you be interested in a short Shabbat service on 12/31/2021 and a party with our Congregation family? Plans are in the works to make this a possibility. Appetizer Buffet? Pizza from Domino's? More suggestions? If you are interested, email Michele Sobel [grammichele5@gmail.com](mailto:grammichele5@gmail.com) with your thoughts.**



### *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

#### **December**

**4 Steve Silpe**

**5 Michele Sobel**

**5 Rocky Coleman**

**6 Darlene Hornstein**

**8 Sandy Gartner**

**8 John Levy**

**9 Evan Cronson**

**10 Judith Hague**

**11 Ellie Hess**

**11 Tobie Koskie**

**12 Alan Morgenstern**

**24 Alan Spickler**

**Happy Anniversary**

**28 Steffie and Alan Morgenstern**



## **OVER THE RAINBOW**

At the 2014 Oscars, they celebrated the 75th anniversary of the release of the "Wizard of Oz" by having Pink sing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." But what few people realized, while listening to that incredible performer singing that unforgettable song, is that the music is deeply embedded in the Jewish experience.

But perhaps the most poignant song emerging out of the mass exodus from Europe was "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The lyrics were written by Yip Harburg. He was the youngest of four children born to Russian Jewish immigrants. His real name was Isidore Hochberg and he grew up in a Yiddish speaking, Orthodox Jewish home in New York.

The music was written by Harold Arlen, a cantor's son. His real name was Hyman Arluck and his parents were from Lithuania.

Together, Hochberg and Arluck wrote "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", which was voted the 20th century's number one song by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

In writing it, the two men reached deep into their immigrant Jewish consciousness – framed by the pogroms of the past and the Holocaust about to happen - and wrote an unforgettable melody set to near prophetic words.

Read the lyrics in their Jewish context and suddenly the words are no longer about wizards and Oz, but about Jewish survival:

Somewhere over the rainbow  
Way up high,  
There's a land that I heard of  
Once in a lullaby.  
Somewhere over the rainbow  
Skies are blue,  
And the dreams that you dare to dream  
Really do come true.  
Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me.

Where troubles melt like lemon drops  
Away above the chimney tops  
That's where you'll find me.  
Somewhere over the rainbow  
Bluebirds fly.  
Birds fly over the rainbow.  
Why then, oh why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly  
Beyond the rainbow  
Why, oh why can't I?

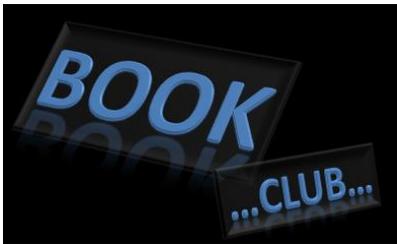
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The Jews of Europe could not fly. They could not escape beyond the rainbow. Harburg was almost prescient when he talked about wanting to fly like a bluebird away from the "chimney tops". In the post-Auschwitz era, chimney tops have taken on a whole different meaning than the one they had at the beginning of 1939.

Pink's mom is Judith Kugel. She's Jewish of Lithuanian background. As Pink was belting the Harburg/Arlen song from the stage at the Academy Awards, I wasn't thinking about the movie. I was thinking about Europe's lost Jews and the immigrants to America.

I was then struck by the irony that for two thousand years the land that the Jews heard of "once in a lullaby" was not America, but Israel. The remarkable thing would be that less than ten years after "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" was first published, the exile was over and the State of Israel was reborn.

Perhaps the "dreams that you dare to dream really do come true"



## **Book Club**

Hi everyone.

We have decided to have lunch together for the December meeting. I have chosen Wednesday December 1st as the Sisterhood has a meeting on our usual Thursday.

We have reservations at the Olive Garden on 27 for lunch at 12:45 . Please let me know if you are available so that I

can give them the number of people coming. Of course, spouses are always welcome at our functions....

Our January presenter is Joan Mager and the book by James Patterson is The Jailhouse Lawyer....

Please call with attending info for lunch. 352 241 6664 or send email...

Have a safe Thanksgiving.....

# Mah Jong 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.

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

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## 2021 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.



## **Tributes**

The cost for each card (tribute) is \$6.50. Please fill out a tribute form, your check and write Tributes on the bottom left side of the envelope.

This is a wonderful way to support our Temple. They can be sent to:  
Congregation Sinai c/o Karen Miller 2515 Squaw Creek, Clermont, Florida 34711 Please put tributes on envelope

Your greeting card will be sent and listed in our monthly tablet. Tributes received after the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month will appear in our next issue.

### **Happy Birthday**

To Susan Levy  
Michael Sail  
Paul Lawrason  
From Gwen Levy

### **Happy Anniversary**

To Alberto and Regina  
Behar  
From  
Gwen Levy  
Janet and Phil Bloom

### **Mazel Tov**

To Wendy and Alan  
Payne  
From Michele and Pete  
Sobel

To Karen Miller

From  
Marsha and Lee Norden  
Gwen Levy  
Janet and Phil Bloom

To Bradley and Ruth

Baker  
John and Susan Levy  
From  
Gwen Levy

### **Get Well Soon**

To Milton Rosenthal  
From  
Karen and Stu Miller  
Gwen Levy

To Eli Crain our Shema  
reader

From Karen Miller

To Karen and Stuart  
Miller

From  
Gwen Levy  
Janet and Phil Bloom

### **Get Well Soon**

To Bev Chern  
Lou Chern  
From Ava and David  
McKean

**Thank You**  
for your hospitality

To Gwen Levy  
From  
Milton and David  
Rosenthal

**Thank You**  
to Congregation Sinai  
for welcoming us  
to your family

From  
Milton and David  
Rosenthal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Chanukah			1 Sisterhood Board Meeting Synagogue 10:00 AM Book Club Holiday Lunch 12:45 Olive Garden <b>Chanukah</b>	2 Sisterhood Chanukah Party Synagogue 12:00 Noon <b>Chanukah</b>	3 Healing Service 7:00PM <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM</b> <b>Chanukah</b>	4 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30-11:30AM <b>Chanukah</b>
5 Sunday School online 10:30-11:30 <b>Chanukah Mens Club Meeting Synagogue 12:00 Noon</b>	6 Hebrew translation 7:00 Online	7 Mens Club Spirit Night Outback	8 No Hebrew Class	9 <b>Sisterhood Cruise Sails Away</b>	10 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM</b>	11 Morning Service 10:00 AM Torah Study 10:30-11:30AM
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26 No Sunday School	27 Hebrew translation 7:00 Online	28 Mens Club Spirit Night at Goombas	29 Beginning Hebrew and Translation 7:00	30	31 <b>Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 PM</b> Possible New Years Eve party	

