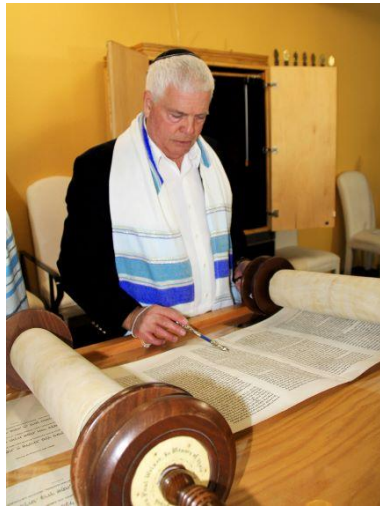




All about **Purim**

A Holiday of
Post Rivalry Revelry

Thursday, March 13 - Friday, March 14, 2025 / Adar 14



From the Bimah

CS Newsletter March 2025

I remember thinking about the times of war that our nation has endured. Thoughts about day-to-day existence come to the surface of my mind. How do we cope with such uncertainty? Will our people prevail? Will our loved ones survive? As we are Jewish, most of us care deeply about Israel and our Jewish brothers and sisters. Obviously, many non-Jews also care about the fate of Israel. So, we pray for the wellbeing of Israelis and the protection of God for the IDF soldiers as well as civilians. We also pray

simply for peace as we have no desire that others would continue to suffer the ravages of war. Our community will celebrate holidays and Jewish life events such as weddings and B'nei Mitzvot. We continue to place our faith in God and hope for better times.

Some of us believe in the eventual coming of Messiah. The rabbi in *Fiddler on The Roof*, when asked, said "we will just have to wait somewhere else". So, we wait, we pray and hope for the best. Purim and Pesach are coming soon. May peace come soon for us and the entire world as well.

Joe & Robin



**Please Join us for our Annual
Passover Seder**

The 2nd night of Passover

Sunday Evening, April 13th, 2025

5:30 PM

Heritage Hills Clubhouse, Clermont, FL

3195 Heritage Hills Blvd

Seder conducted by Joe Goldovitz

Catering by:



**The Seder Menu is below and don't forget to
include your meal choice with your reservation:**

Chopped Liver Gefilte Fish Matzo Ball Soup	Herb Roasted Potatoes Green Beans
Beef Brisket or Roast Chicken	Matzo Macaroons
	Iced Tea or Coffee

Manischewitz wine will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Adults - \$40 Children 12 and under \$18 Pay Online with Check or Credit Card by March 30th.

Recipes of the Month



Joe's Pecan Pie

1 cup karo syrup light
1 cup light brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla
4 eggs
1 pinch salt
1/2 stick of butter (1/8 lb.) melted
1 cup pecan halves

Beat eggs, brown sugar, vanilla, karo and salt using low speed on mixer.
Add melted butter and continue to beat with mixer on low speed just enough to blend.
Put pecan pieces in 9" deep dish pie shell and add liquid mixture.
Bake at 350 for about 55 minutes.



Easy Hamantaschen

A favorite treat for the Purim holiday! It has always worked better for me if I cover the dough and refrigerate overnight. Gwen

Prep:

15 mins Cook: 12 mins Total: 27 mins

Yield: 24 cookies

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup fruit preserves, any flavor

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease cookie sheet .

Step 2

In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in the oil, vanilla, and orange juice. Combine the flour and baking powder; stir into the batter to form a stiff dough. If dough is not stiff enough to roll out, stir in more flour. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out to 1/4 inch in thickness. Cut into circles using a cookie cutter or the rim of a drinking glass. Place cookies 2 inches apart onto the prepared cookie sheets. Spoon about 2 teaspoons of preserves into the center of each one. Pinch the edges to form three corners. Some other favorite fillings are mini chocolate chips, mini M&Ms and Peanut butter.

Step 3

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly browned. Allow cookies to cool for 1 minute on the cookie sheet before removing them to wire racks to cool completely.



President's Message March 2025

March has come upon us. That means Purim this month, and preparations for our Passover Seder next month. Purim will NOT be Pizza and Purim this year. Instead, we will have food prepared by our members. A small donation will be requested (similar to Pizza and Purim) with the proceeds being provided to those making the food.

For Passover, we are doing well so far with purchases of meals, but often people wait until the last minute. Please place your orders early, so we know how many we need to

prepare for. Remember, it's at Heritage Hill Clubhouse on Sunday night, April 13th at 5:30 PM. Catering by TooJay's. Payment required by March 30. Either pay online at www.congregation-sinai.org and click on Donations/Payments or send a check to us at 4327 S. Highway 27, Box 315, Clermont Florida 34711. If mailing a check, please provide your food choices. (See the Flyer above).

I started a campaign to purchase a large TV for the Bima. Our projector is old and has been overheating. A TV will provide many advantages but will only be purchased if we get enough donations. Please go to the same link as mentioned above and go to the item marked Audio – Visual Donations.

We also purchased additional wireless microphones to use on Friday night. Two are handheld microphones, which we may pass around when doing the Mi Shebeirach.

Have a great month!

Lou



Painted and donated to the Temple by Joyce Merlotti

Joke –

Ninety-year-old Abe dies and goes to heaven.

The first person he sees there is his own rabbi, Rabbi Bloom, who had died a few months earlier. Abe was shocked to see the rabbi sitting in a heavenly chair with a very busty and tarty-looking blonde on his lap.

"Oh rabbi," cries Abe, "how could you? In all the time I knew you, you were always the most righteous of men. What has happened to you? Why are you acting in such a disgusting way? Is she your reward?"

"My dear Abe," replies Rabbi Bloom, "you are unfortunately misreading the situation. She is not my reward; I am her punishment."



On the 1st anniversary of Alberto Behar's bar mitzvah

Men's Club, President Pierre Haskelson



.Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting will be held at the Rainbow Restaurant in Mascotte, 704 E Meyers Blvd on March 2nd. Alberto's talk on insurance will be held on March 27th. We are looking for more of our members to speak on topics of interest, so please contact Pierre with your ideas.



Our Sisterhood President Bev Chern

Last month, at our general Sisterhood meeting, we had a pizza lunch (paid for by Sisterhood) as a thank you in addition to watching the movie "Unfrosted".

I'm sure you have heard of Christmas in July, well next month on March 20th, we will be having our Outreach Program at our temple. This is when we invite members from the neighborhood churches to join us at our General Meeting. The theme is..... Hanukkah.

We hope YOU will join us for food, fun and information. It was hard but we managed to book Pete Sobel, the world-famous chef, to cook his famous latkes for us.



We know you won't want to miss our meeting.

Please don't forget to donate any non-perishable foods for the Neighborhood Center of South Lake.

Please don't forget to donate any hoodies and toiletries that are given to the children living in the woods.

Please don't forget about our furry friends by donating unopened dog food, towels, sheets and blankets.


Your contributions to Sisterhood by sending tributes, using Raise Right, participating in our events etc., do make a difference. YOU are greatly appreciated.

You've heard the saying "What happens on the ship, stays on the ship". Why not join us on the *Sky Princess* 8 day sailing round trip Port Canaveral over New Year's this year, and find out what happens and how much fun we have?

Contact Bev for more details.

If you are interested in going on an Avalon Waterways 8-day River Cruise sailing the Danube with 2 additional land days in Prague, or for more information, contact Bev. For a limited time, you will save \$1,000 per person and if booked by March 13, 2025, you will receive an additional \$100 off your price. Bev will donate money and give back to the temple for every booking made. Don't miss the boat.


We have more exciting meetings coming up so please try to come out and join us.



Please Join
CONGREGATION
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on an 8-day

Western Caribbean with Mexico Holiday Cruise
Round Trip to/from Port Canaveral, FL
Aboard
Sky Princess
December 28, 2025 – January 5, 2026



Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sunday, Dec 28	Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida		3:30 PM
Monday, Dec 29	At Sea		
Tuesday, Dec 30	Cozumel, Mexico	10:00 AM	7:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec 31	Costa Maya (Mahahual), Mexico	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday, Jan 1st	Belize City, Belize (water shuttle required, wheelchair access limited)	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Friday, Jan 2	Roatan (Mahogany Bay, Honduras)	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Saturday, Jan 3	At Sea		
Sunday, Jan 4	At Sea		
Monday, Jan 5	Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida	7:00 AM	

Here are some facts about the Sky Princess:

Guest Capacity: 3,660 lower berths
Tonnage: 141,000
Maiden Voyage: October 15, 2019

Here's the deal:
Reduced **REFUNDABLE** deposit of only **\$99 per person**
FREE 2 cabin category upgrade
FREE drink package including service charge (15 alcoholic beverages per day) Unlimited for other drinks
FREE WiFi
FREE gratuities
FREE juice bar
FREE 2 fitness classes
FREE room service
FREE 2 premium desserts daily

Balcony cabin is only **\$1,788 per person** (based on double occupancy) for all the above. **Yes, only \$1,788 per person for an 8 day cruise over New Year's Eve.**
Price is subject to change until deposit is received. My personal opinion is: If you want to think about it, I would pay the REFUNDABLE deposit of only \$99 per person, to guarantee this fantastic deal and if you decide to cancel, you have nothing to lose.

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



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*Prices are based on Double Occupancy and include all taxes & port charges, pre-paid gratuities and \$1000 discounted special group rate.

*Travel insurance, extra nights, airport transfers and airfare are additional. Please inquire.

*Deposit amount is \$250 Per Person, non-refundable. Final Payment due on Dec 5, 2025.

Cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany—stopping at some of Central Europe's most splendid capitals and charming towns along the way.

Begin in Budapest, where guided sightseeing acquaints you with the highlights of the vibrant capital of Hungary. See Heroes' Square, and all the famous sights that make this city come to life! Set sail on the Danube, take pictures of the impressive views of the Parliament Building as you leave Budapest, and head for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Here, enjoy a guided walk through the delightful Old Town and visit the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. Vienna, Austria, makes an immediate impression with its lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace and neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House. Enjoy the magnificent views as your river cruise takes you through the picturesque wine region of the Wachau Valley. Visit the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Melk and enjoy a tasting of some of the renowned local wines. In Linz, walk around the Hauptplatz, Austria's largest medieval square, which forms the center of the city. Take a guided walk around Passau, Germany, known for its maze of narrow cobblestone streets and St. Stephen's Cathedral—a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Regensburg, before heading to beautiful Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Here, you'll be amazed at St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town's Astronomical Clock, a unique and intricate piece of art unlike anything else in the world.

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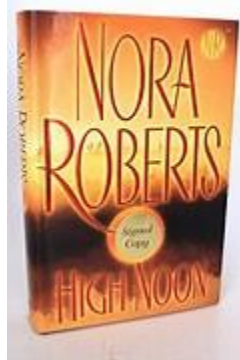
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Book Club President Roz Haskelson

We will be meeting at the Cooper Memorial Library on Wednesday, March 5th at 12:00 noon. Our book is High Noon by Norah Roberts. See you then!



Happy March Birthday!



Happy birthday to Gail Steinberg, March 25th



Yahrzeit Contributions

February 2025

Donor

Constance Lawrason

Andrew and Ilene Feldman

Karen Miller

Basha Schlazer

Stephanie Morgenstern and Dale Gary

Wendy and Alan Payne

Loved One

Abbot Wolfe

Dorothy Feldman

Benjamin Miller

Rosaline Tepper

Dr. George J. Stryker

Maida Drell



Tributes

To:

From:

Birthday

Alberto Behar

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Janet and Phil Bloom

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Ruth Borsky

Marvin Cohen

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Janet and Phil Bloom

Gwen Levy

Stephanie Morgenstern

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Ruth Borsky

Lynne Vincent

Janet and Phil Bloom

Gwen Levy

Rocky Coleman

Karen Miller

Ruth Borsky

Stuart Milchaman

Gwen Levy

Harold Lovitz

Gwen Levy

Get Well

Jack Gartner

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Marsha and Lee Norden

Janet and Phil Bloom

Bev Chern

Janet and Phil Bloom

Ralph Block

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Karen Miller

Don Dingee

Karen Miller

Ava and David McKean

Andrew Feldman

Ava and David McKean

Anniversary

Susan and David Mandell

Gwen Levy

Ruth Borsky

Sympathy

Lew Blass

Darlene and Larry Hornstein

Lynne and Rick Vincent
Karen Miller
Congregation Sinai Sisterhood
Karen and Joel Mandel
Michele and Pete Sobel
Vicki and Don Dingee

Sympathy Continued

Lew Blass

Ava and David McKean
Gwen Levy
Wendy and Alan Payne
Roz and Pierre Haskelson
Liz Perez
Barbara and Evan Cronson
Marsha and Lee Norden
Ava and David McKean
Rocky Coleman

Thank You

Wendy Payne

Michele Sobel

Final arrangements for Dale Blass will be:

Internment at The National Cemetery in Bushnell, 6502 SW 102nd Ave. Bushnell, FL 33513 on Friday, March 7th at 12:15pm.

Celebration of life will be at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 130 S. Lone Oak Drive Leesburg, FL 34748 on Saturday March 8th at 11:00am.

March

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Torah Study, at Temple 10am Terumah
2 Religious School 10am	3 Hebrew 7pm	4 Discussion 7pm	5 Online Torah Study 7pm	6	7 Healing Service 6:30p Kabbalat Shabbat 7p	8 Torah Study Online 10 am Tetzaveh
9 Religious School 10 am	10 Hebrew 7pm	11 Discussion 7pm	12 Online Torah Study 7pm	13 Erev Purim	14 Purim Kabbalat Shabbat 7p	15 Torah Study Online 10 am Ki Tisa
16 Religious School 10 am	17 Hebrew 7pm	18 Discussion 7pm	19 Online Torah Study 7pm	20 Sisterhood Meeting- 12p Outreach Program	21 Kabbalat Shabbat 7p	22 Torah Study Online 10 am Vayakhel
23 No School	24 Hebrew 7pm	25 Discussion 7pm	26 Online Torah Study 7pm	27	28 Kabbalat Shabbat 7p	29 Torah Study Online 10 am Pekudei
30 Religious School 10 am	31 Hebrew 7pm					