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## October 2024



**L'Shana Tova to all**



## *From the Central Florida Bimah*

CS Newsletter October 2024

Eleven times each year, we bless the new incoming month during our Shabbat service just before the end of the current month. This relates directly to the Torah instruction to celebrate the new moons along with Shabbat and Holidays as part of our religious observance. The reason we do not celebrate the new moon 12 times is that the Talmudic rabbis felt that Tishrei, which begins the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah), is especially holy and needs no extra recognition. Rosh Hashanah is a time when Jewish people are introspective and examine their behavior during the previous year. The desire would be to try to be a better person in the coming year. The same could be true for groups of people and even entire nations.

That said, this year in particular I feel that we as Jews are really ready for a reset. Everyone is acutely aware of the events of October 7, 2023 in Israel and all that has occurred since. These events have caused an uproar in the entire world and the Jewish community in the diaspora is again under attack. We are the

targets yet again of vicious anti-Semitism. Evidently, all of the problems the whole world faces is the fault of the Jews. I actually remember when I was eight years old being accused of killing Christ. Not quite sure how I could accomplish that at eight years old. Some people I speak with feel that we should be mindful of security in our synagogues, our homes and Jewish community centers etc. There is also a feeling among many that we should lay low and hope that there will be some diplomatic solution to the situation in Israel. Then we can return to a more peaceful existence in the USA and elsewhere.

Others feel that we Jews have turned the other cheek altogether too many times already. I for one am proud of Israel. I wish that Jews could live in peace in the Middle East and elsewhere. If we are denied that peaceful existence, so be it. There is no place to flee to anymore. There is no safe place to hide. This is the time in history for Jewish people to stand and say never again. We will not be passive as we are persecuted. I stand for Israel's right to defend its citizens and its territory. The situation as it currently exists is untenable. Hamas must never be allowed to regroup. Hezbollah must be completely neutralized or pushed back into Lebanon far enough to allow Israelis to return to their homes in the north of Israel. Iran needs to be put in their place. The judgement of Israel and the Middle East situation by the UN and other governments is so lopsided as to be absurd. I could go on. Let me conclude.

May this New Year be the year that Israel and the Jewish people realize our fondest wish. May God grant peace for us and for everyone. Oseh Shalom Bimromav Hu Yaaseh Shalom Aleinu, V'al Kol Yisrael, V'imru Amin *Joe & Robin*



**Lou Chern**

## President's Message October 2024

Hi Everyone! I realize that this message is for October's Tablet, but I'm writing it on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, just a day after being discharged from the hospital.

We have an amazing temple FAMILY!!! Yes, we are far more than a congregation or community. The outreach that I received by phone, email, and text was truly touching. At a time when so many others in our family have been ill or hospitalized, you all excel at caring. I can't say when it all started but I'll begin with Joyce and her surgery. It was a surprise to most of us, but we are all thrilled with her progress. Next, I believe, was Lynn Vincent with very serious surgery. So far, so good. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Then came Joel Mandel with his own surgery. There were Gwen and Karen who were ill after returning from their cruise. I'm sure there were others that I'm missing. Your Mishebeirach prayers were greatly appreciated.

I'd like to talk a bit about how we handle these health issues. I've received correspondence from a couple of our members who were ill and hospitalized, but never received any communication from the temple and were upset. I want you all to know that I take this very seriously, and the Board of Directors concurs. Recently, Sue Levy has taken the reigns of the Sunshine Committee to reach out to our members that are ill or hospitalized. Sue and Janet Bloom both spend time at South Lake Hospital and will visit our members IF THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE THERE. Many times, Joe will be the first to hear, and will contact Sue and me. But our problem is for those who we don't know about. The Board will be implementing a rotating phone calling program, where four people will make five calls per month. Since we don't need to call those that we see at services, we

should be able to reach everyone within about three months. Now for your part. I ask that if you hear of anyone from the congregation or Sisterhood that is ill, that you contact either Sue Levy for the congregation, or Bev for the Sisterhood. We don't want anyone to feel alone when they have health issues. I've received offers from Ralph Block and Alberto who are willing to help Sue, but if there are other willing to help, please let me know.

We're coming up on the High Holidays very quickly. All services will be conducted in the temple. I hope that you will sign up for the Lunch & Learn and the Break the Fast. If you haven't sent me your Yizkor Book entries, please do so as soon as possible. I need to print them in advance of Yom Kippur.

Wishing you all a Happy, Health New Year!

Lou

Just one joke –

Abe comes home one day and finds his wife Esther in tears.

"Darling, what's the matter?"

"Oh Abe," cries Esther, "Doctor Cohen says I have tuberculosis."

"What! A big healthy woman like you has tuberculosis? Ridiculous," says Abe, "I'll call Doctor Cohen and get this sorted out right now."

So Abe calls his doctor. "Doctor, Esther says you told her she has tuberculosis."

The doctor says something to Abe and with that, Abe begins laughing.

"So what's so funny about my having such a dreadful disease?" asks Esther.

"Esther, Doctor Cohen didn't say 'tuberculosis', he said 'too big a toches



**Beverly Chern, Sisterhood President**

**Last week was my birthday and instead of aging one year, I feel like I aged 10 years. In a one week period, four of our Congregation Sinai members were ill and admitted to hospitals. Three had surgery and one was helped with antibiotics and did not need surgery. This is in addition to others not feeling well. I always knew that our Sisterhood had great members but the last two weeks really showed me how awesome you are with all the text messages and calls checking on Lou and me. I'm wishing everyone a full and speedy recovery and hopefully, by now, everyone has recovered and doing well**

**Unfortunately, with Lou in the hospital and so many being sick, I cancelled our Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Luncheon on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't paid your dues yet, it's not too late, as the new date for our luncheon will be October 17, 2024. You can pay your dues using our online system; pay Marsha or pay at the door. Whatever you decide to do please make sure you RSVP to me by October 15<sup>th</sup> as I need a head count. I'm hoping to see our Sisters at the temple at noon. We have a lot of fun and exciting events**

**planned for our Sisterhood so make sure you don't miss our October Sisterhood Membership Paid Up Luncheon to hear first hand all about it.**

**Please see the attached flyer about our Sisterhood Cruise on Princess Cruise Lines roundtrip from Port Canaveral in 2025. Hope you will join us for this fundraiser. Remember....what happens on the cruise, stays on the cruise. Call Bev to book your cabin and for information.**

**Wishing our congregation family: the healthiest and happiest New Year. L'Shana Tova**

**Bev Chern**



REMINDER OF WHAT'S COMING

**High Holidays Coming:**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah: October 2 7:00 PM**

**Rosh Hashanah Day1: October 3 10:00 AM**

**Lunch and Learn following services: info to follow soon Tashlich 2:00 PM**

**Rosh Hashanah Day 2: October 4 10:00 AM**

**Brunch to follow**

**Erev Yom Kippur: October 11 (Kol Nidre)6:30PM**

**Yom Kippur: October 12, 2024 10:00 AM**

**Yiskor: Approximately 12:00 noon**

**Closing Service: 5:30 PM Break the Fast**

**following closing service about 6:45-7:00PM**

**Sukkot October 16-23**



## **HIGH HOLIDAY HONORS YOM KIPPUR FORM**

Erev Yom Kippur Friday, October 11 at 6:30

Readings: Hebrew\_\_\_\_ English\_\_\_\_ Open Ark\_\_\_\_

Yom Kippur Saturday, Oct.12 at 10:00 AM

Readings: Hebrew\_\_\_\_ English\_\_\_\_

Aliyah \_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name\_\_\_\_\_

Haftarah: Hebrew\_\_\_\_ English\_\_\_\_

Carry Torah \_\_\_\_ Hold up Torah\_\_\_\_ Dress Torah\_\_\_\_

Open Ark\_\_\_\_

Closing Service October 12 at 5:30 PM

Reading: Hebrew\_\_\_\_ English\_\_\_\_

Aliyah \_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name\_\_\_\_\_

Haftarah: Hebrew\_\_\_\_ English\_\_\_\_

Maftir\_\_\_\_ Open Ark\_\_\_\_

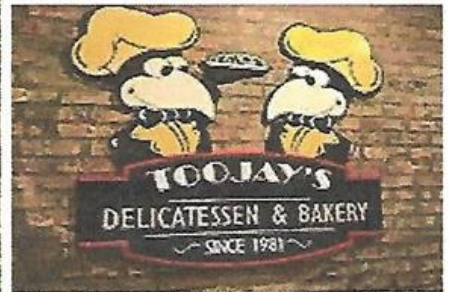
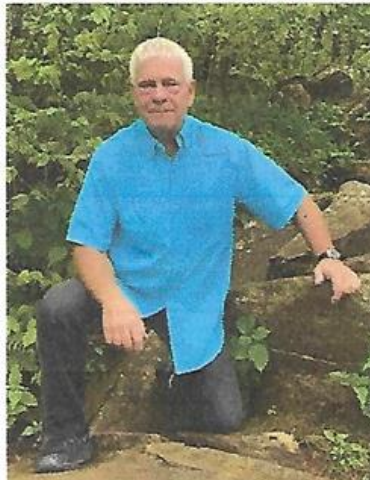
Carry Torah\_\_\_\_ Dress Torah\_\_\_\_ Hold up Torah\_\_\_\_



# Rosh Hashanah Lunch & Learn!

At Congregation Sinai

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:30 – 1:30pm



**Discussion Topic:** *Are there any connections between modern Israel's military conflicts and what the bible teaches?*

Select from the following:

Sandwich	Quantity
Turkey	
Roast Beef	
Corned Beef on Rye	

Number attending at \$22 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Orders cannot be accepted after September 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please use the electronic payment system. If you prefer to pay by a paper check, please send your check to the address below and send an email with your menu choices to Michele Sobel at [grammichele5@gmail.com](mailto:grammichele5@gmail.com)

Michele Sobel \* 176 Crepe Myrtle Drive Groveland, Fl. 34736

# **\*Men's Club, Pierre Haskelson**

Men's Club is sponsoring " Share the Night at the Texas Road House " on October 29.

\* We will be erecting our Sukah this month and invite our new and old members to join us in prayer in it.

\* We are all looking forward to celebrate Selichot, Rosh Hashanah , Yom Kippur

## **PIERRE's { Delire. Wondering }**

\* Do you see a parallel between the actions of Germany and Austria in the 1920's and 1930's and what is happening today in Europe ?

\* How do we as individuals deal with Anti semitism In the US today

If you wish to discuss any of the above please call me at 352-241-6664 or E mailMe at [phaskelson@gmail.com](mailto:phaskelson@gmail.com) .

Shalom,

Pierre

# Yahrzeit Contributions

**September 2024**

Donor

Loved One

Phyllis Klafter

Gerald Klafter

Irving Bank

Betty Bank

Andrew & Ilene Feldman

Neil Schoenfeld

Barbara & Evan Cronson

Sylvia Davison

Harry Cronson

Karen Miller

Charlotte Blonder

Ann & Michael Sail

Arnold Sail

Joe & Trudy Burger

Harvey Burger

Vicki Dingee

Dora Lowitz

Marsha & Lee Norden & Larry Mann

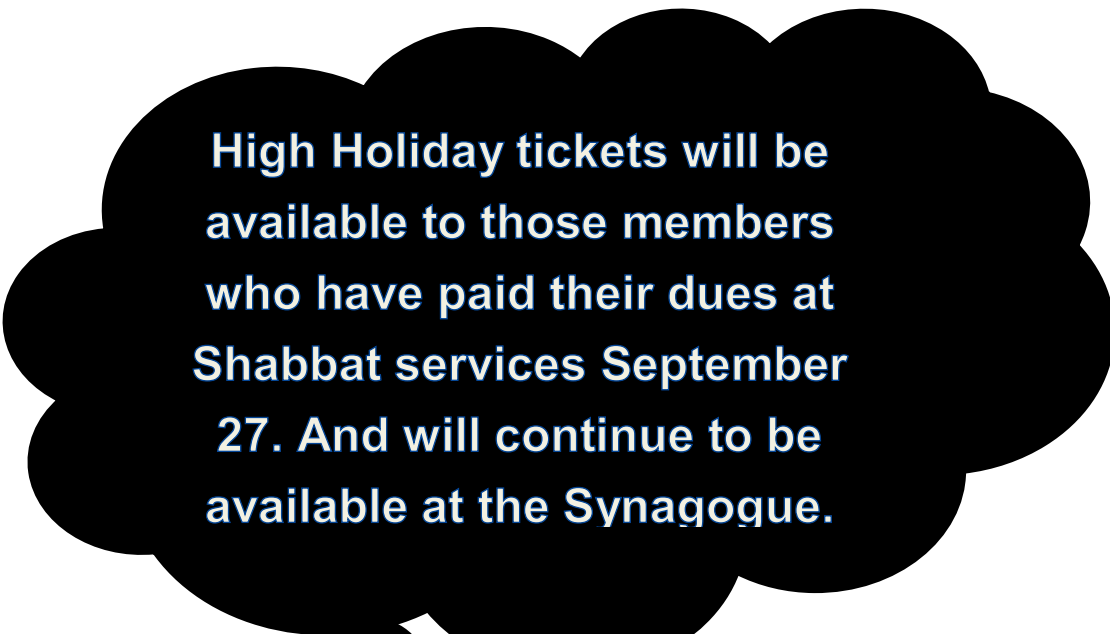
Harriet Mann

Bashe Schlazer

Katherine Blodstein

Wendy and Alan Payne

Morton Payne



**High Holiday tickets will be available to those members who have paid their dues at Shabbat services September 27. And will continue to be available at the Synagogue.**



The Riviera Maya is a dreamer's gateway to Cozumel, Playa del Carmen and Tulum. Arriving early and departing late from Mexico—and with a day and sunset spent at The Beach Club at Bimini—you'll have plenty of time to ramp up the adventure and wind down to chill while seeing each port from every sun and moonlit angle.



- Day 1** Miami, Florida, USA
- 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.

🌙 Late Night 🛏 Overnight Stay

### Always Included Luxury

Luxury inclusions on every adults-only voyage. Brilliant perks that put you at the helm of VIP treatment. Dining at 20+ unique eateries, tips, WiFi, essential drinks, group fitness classes.



Come join us for an awesome cruise on this very unique cruise line. This special offer must be deposited by November 26th to take advantage of:

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.

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I have been told that I omitted September Birthdays and anniversaries. sorry



Happy Birthday to our September babies!

<i>Barbara Cronson</i>	<i>September 03</i>
<i>Evelyn Gold</i>	<i>September 10</i>
<i>Joel Mandel</i>	<i>September 11</i>
<i>Lou Chern</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Bev Chern</i>	<i>September 23</i>
<i>Trudy Burger</i>	<i>September 25</i>

**Joe and Robin Goldovitz**



*Happy Anniversary to September couples*

<i>Andrew and Dlene Feldman</i>	<i>September 12</i>
<i>Ava and David McKean</i>	<i>September 20</i>

## *October babies*

Marsha Norden	October 10
Jody Stancliff	October 10
Nesta Aharoni	October 14
Jack Gartner	October 20
Gwen Levy	October 25
Michael Rosenfeld	October 29
Judith Goldsmith	October 30

## *October Anniversaries*

Bradley and Bonnie Farber	October 13
Jenna and Christopher Worthen	October 17

## **Tributes: Happy Birthday Tributes**

<i>Barbara Cronson</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom</i>
<i>Lou Chern</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom Regina and Alberto Behar</i>
<i>Bev Chern</i>	<i>Regina and Alberto Behar Gwen Levy Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom</i>
<i>Trudy Burger</i>	<i>Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Robin Goldovitz</i>	<i>Bev and Lou Chern</i>
<i>Joe Goldovitz</i>	<i>Bev and Lou Chern</i>
<i>Joel Mandel</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom</i>
<i>Evelyn Gold</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom</i>

## Happy Anniversary

Ava and David McKean	Gwen Levy Regina and Alberto Behar Marsha and Lee Norden Karen Miller Janet and Phil Bloom
Andrew and Ilene Feldman	Gwen Levy

## Condolences

Roz Silpe

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Ava and David Mc Kean

Alberto and Regina Behar

Michele and Pete Sobel

Karen and Joel Mandel

Barbara and Evan Cronson

Marsha and Lee Norden

Bev and Lou Chern

**Sisterhood**

**Roberta and Sandy Gapin**

**Jeanne Lazev**

**Sisterhood**

Michele and Pete Sobel



## **Mazel Tov**

Karen and Joel Mandel

**On your Grandson's  
Bar Mitzvah**

Michele and Pete Sobel

**Karen Miller**

**Ava and David McKean**

## **Thank You**

Stu Gold

Karen Miller

Gwen Levy

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Bev Chern

Bev Chern

## **Get Well**

Ellen Lieberman

Joyce Cohen

Sisterhood

**Bev and Lou Chern**

**Ava and David McKean**

Janet and Phil Bloom

Michele and Pete Sobel

Rocky and Forrest Coleman

Regina and Alberto Behar

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Bev and Lou Chern

Joyce Cohen

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Sisterhood

Ava and David McKean

Vicki Dingee

Barbara and Evan Cronson

Liz Perez

Stu and Evelyn Gold

Karen and Joel Mandel

Janet and Phil Bloom

Wendy and Alan Payne

Marsha and Lee Norden

Lou Chern

Karen Miller

Gwen Levy

Karen and Joel Mandel

Ava and David McKean

Larry and Darlene Hornstein

Pete and Michele Sobel

Stu and Evelyn Gold

Wendy and Alan Payne

Marsha and Lee Norden

Rocky and Forrest Coleman

Janet and Phil Bloom

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Lynne Vincent

Ava and David McKean

Bev and Lou Chern

Karen and Joel Mandel

Wendy and Alan Payne

Karen Miller

Gwen Levy

Michele and Pete Sobel

Darlene and Larry Hornstein

Stu and Evelyn Gold

Marsha and Lee Norden

Sisterhood

Liz Perez

Janet and Phil Bloom

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Rocky Coleman

Joel Mandel

Roz and Pierre Haskelson

Gwen Levy

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# CALENDAR

October 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	<b>2</b> <b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah Day 1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Lunch and Learn</b> <b>Tashlich</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Brunch to follow</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10AM – Torah Study</b>
<b>6</b> Religious School 10:00 AM	<b>7</b> 7:00PM to be decided	8	9 Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 AM Torah Study 7:00:Online	<b>10</b> Board Meeting Congregation Sinai 7:00 PM	<b>11</b> <b>Kol Nidre</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Yiskor app</b> <b>12:00</b> <b>Neilah 5:30</b>
<b>13</b> Religious School 10:00 AM	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM to be decided	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Torah Study 7:00:Online <b>Sukkot Begins</b>	<b>17</b> Sisterhood General Meeting 12:00 noon	<b>18</b> 7:00 Shabbat Service	<b>19</b> <b>10AM – Torah Study online</b>
<b>20</b> Religious School 10:00 AM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Torah Study 7:00:Online <b>Sukkot Ends</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 PM</b> <b>Services for Shabbat 7:00 PM</b>	<b>26</b> 10AM – Torah Study online6
<b>27</b> <b>Religious School</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Spirit Night Texas Roadhouse</b>	<b>30</b> Tora Study Online 7:00 PM	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2</b>