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*June/ July 2024*

# From the Bimah

Last month we wrote about the war in Gaza. We also wrote about anti-Semitism in America and elsewhere. These situations still exist and we do not know when they will be resolved or what things will look like afterward. None of this changes our own ideas about Israel or about our behavior as Jewish Americans. The numbers of people in this country that are supportive of Israel and the American Jewish community outnumber our detractors by a wide margin. The anti-Israel demonstrators, like young children, are simply louder and more obnoxious. It is dismaying that some of our more prestigious educational and governmental institutions cater to the absurd demands of demonstrators that for the most part have little to no knowledge of the realities of the Middle East. As parents, we understand that giving in to the tantrums of our children never ends well. Young people need to learn that real life provides consequences for bad behavior.

Torah teaches us that we should behave a certain way in religious environments. Additionally we are instructed to treat others in ways that we would prefer to be treated. As passions and tempers rise, it is easy to respond inappropriately to attacks on our people. We live with the hope that common sense and right thinking will prevail. To this end, we pray during each of our religious services that Israel, the Jewish people and the whole world would enjoy the blessing of peace. We ask God for this most precious gift.

Joe & Robin

P.S. For the record Robin and I stand completely in support of the state of Israel, period.

## **President's Message With Lou Chern**

Hi Everyone! Wow, it's Summer already. Let's take a look back at a busy May and June.

In May, we were preparing for our Board of Directors elections and annual budget. We had three Director openings that were ultimately filled by Rick Vincent, Michele Sobel, and Susan Chern. Thanks to those that volunteered for the Board, and thanks to David Mandell, Alan Payne, and Gwen Levy for your service. Gwen will continue to serve on the Board as an advisor, as we value her knowledge of the temple's history.

The Men's Club had their annual Yom Hashoah candle drive, yielding a donation to the Congregation and Yad Vashem. On June 14th, they made their contribution, and auctioned off an original piece of metal art from Pierre Haskelson.

Sisterhood's Annual contribution was \$15,000!!! Tremendous work by the Sisterhood. Thanks, Bev, for leading our fabulous ladies!

Shalom Y'All added over \$7500 in contributions! These were from Craft Fairs and Joe's Concert.

On top of Shalom Y'All, Bev contributed \$1500 personally from proceeds of the New Year's cruise. Thanks Bev!

Coming up in July will be Joe's concert on July 20th, and the first Craft Fair to be held at the Minneola Center on Route 27, on Saturday July 27th. I hope that you can all join us at the concert. We always have a great time!

We will have a busy summer, getting ready for the High Holidays.

(Rosh Hashanah begins the night of October 2nd, and Yom Kippur begins the night of October 11th).

Keep an eye out for the Yizkor Book entries, Lunch and Learn, and Break the Fast.

Here's looking forward to a great summer!

Lou

## *Sisterhood News With Bev Chern*

If you missed our Sisterhood Shabbat on May 10<sup>th</sup>, our wonderful Sisterhood presented the President of Congregation Sinai a check in the amount of \$15,000. Yes, \$15,000. That was from all the hard work from our members who pay their dues, supported us by coming out to our meetings/events and all the fund raising we did. Over the past year, serving as President of Sisterhood, really changed me. As I got to know our members, I realized that not only did we work great as a team, but I honestly feel that each one of you is family. Thank you for all your support and dedication. It is greatly appreciated. We couldn't raise \$15,000 without YOUR help!

I cannot believe that 2 weeks ago, we had our end of the year Tea Party luncheon catered by "A Spot of Tea". You could feel the excitement in the room as everyone entered and saw how beautiful the set up was. Even more beautiful were our awesome Sisterhood members and guests as many dressed up for the Tea Party. How nice it was to chat with our Sisterhood family and be waited on. Our Sisterhood deserved it for all the hard work they do all year.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, many of us went to the Garden Theater to see "Shake Baby Shake". It was a really good show and we look forward to going to more shows in the coming year.

Don't forget about our Sisterhood Cruise on Virgin Voyages from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup>. Come join us and don't miss the boat. This is also a great fund raiser for Sisterhood since a large amount of money is donated back to Sisterhood for our group.

Even though we will start back with our Sisterhood Meetings in September, we will be working on some great ideas and look forward to your continuing support. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join you at our meetings. Let's work together to see if we can increase our Sisterhood Membership. The dues remain at \$25 and can be paid online using our online system or by check to Marsha Norden.

Remember to contact Karen Miller to send out tributes and send your payment to Marsha or online. This raises a lot of money for our Sisterhood and you don't leave the comfort of your home.

If you haven't tried using Raise Right yet, please sign up and try it once. I'll give you the code to sign up with so Sisterhood gets credit. I will even walk you thru how to use it.

Until we meet again in September, please stay safe and healthy.

Love, Bev

## **Birthdays June-July**

Lee Norden	June 01
Janet Bloom	June 04
Jordan Pritzker	June 12
Jenna Worthen	June 15
Gena Lederhandler	June 23
Rhonda Hunt	June 28
Susan Hoffman	July 07
Joyce Kotlowitz	July 07
Ruth Baker	July 08
David McKean	July 09
David Mandell	July 10
Stewart Kahn	July 14
Ryan Milchman	July 16
Sheila Muller	July 24
Ava McKean	July 26
Josh Lederhandler	July 27
Michael Goldsmith	July 29
Ashley Casler	July 30

## **Anniversaries June- July**

Jordan & Carole Pritzker	June 12
Lewis and Dale Blass,	June 13
Harold and Carole Lovitz	June 13
Janet and Philip Bloom	June 17
Marvin and Joyce Cohen	June 18
Joseph and Trudy Burger	June 21
Pierre and Rosalyn Haskelson	June 21
Morton and Ellen Hess	June 30
Michael & Judy Goldsmith	July 03

## **From Shalom Y'All**

### **Hi Congregants**

**Our president, Lou Chern has graciously communicated to those who attend services, that Shalom Y'All has initiated a GoFundMe account to build a reserve to secure bigger venues for the events and activities planned for our Congregation and the public. To date, our craft shows and Joe's concert are two of our very successful events requiring bigger venues.**

**To be blunt, we need your help. We are asking you to donate what you can to show that we, as congregants, are contributing and working toward our goal. Remember. we are, The Little Temple that Could!**

**Your GoFundMe money is already at work.**

**Your generous donations paid for the venue for Passover!**

**Thank you!**

**To donate:**

**Either click this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/qmrd5-the-little-temple-that-could?qid=58310f1f6832ebc80db9064ac987e426>**

**Press on the button that says **Donate Now!****

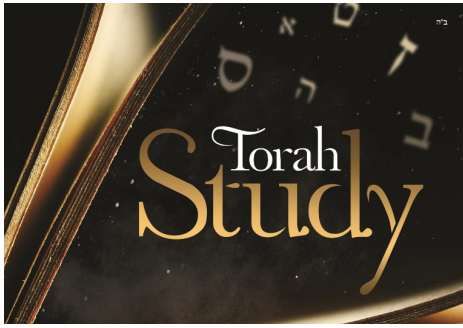
**Or...**

- 1. Google GoFundMe and click on the site**
- 2. Click on "Search" in the upper left corner**  
**In the rectangle that says "search" type in:**

**The Little Temple that Could**

- 3. Click on Congregation Sinai, then click on the button **Donate Now****
- 4. Fill in information. Be sure to scroll down**

**Shalom Y'All thanks every one of you. With your help, bigger events and activities are in our future.**



The sidras we will be studying June 2024 are:

- 1). Bekuchotai, Lev. 26:3 - 27:34
- 2). Sherocks, Nu.1:1 - 4:20
- 3). Inthetreetops, Nu. 4:21 - 7:89
- 4). Alldaylong, Nu.8:1 - 12:16
- 5). Rockinrobin, Nu. 13:1 - 15:4

Sidras for July

- 1). 7/6 Korach, Nu. 16:1 - 18:32
- 2). 7/13 Chukat, Nu.19:1 - 22:11
- 3). 7/20 Balak, Nu.22:2 - 25:9
- 4). 7/27 Pinchas, Numbers 25:10 - 30:1**

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PETER B. SOBEL, D.D.S. RET.

Please join our Bagels and Bible Torah Study Session  
each Sat. morning at 10 AM.



REMINDER OF WHAT'S COMING

Tee Hee !!!

July 20 Joe's Concert Royal Highlands 7:00 PM

July 27 Craft Fair Lots of great stuff Minneola

### **High Holidays Coming**

**September 28 Selichot 7:00PM**

**October 2 Erev Rosh Hashanah**

**October 3 Rosh Hashanah Day 1**

**October 4 Rosh Hashanah Day 2**

**October 11 Yom Kippur(Kol Nidre)**

**October 12 Yom Kippur Day 1**

**October 12 Yiskor Approx 12:00**

**October 12 Break the Fast**





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.



<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Miami, Florida, USA</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Sailing Day</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Cozumel - Playa del Carmen, Mexico</b> 🌙
<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Sailing Day</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>The Beach Club at Bimini, Bahamas</b>
<b>Day 6</b>	<b>Miami, Florida, USA</b>

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.



## Yahrzeit Contributions

**June 2024**

### **Donor**

**Walter Friedman**

**Janet & Phil Bloom**

**Carole & Harold Lovitz**

**Trudy Burger**

**Jack and Sandy Gartner**

### **Loved One**

**Rose Friedman Weber**

**Rae Bloom**

**Jack Brown**

**Anna Bielous**

**William Gartner**

**Lisa Gartner**

## Yarzheits English Dates June-July

Glenn Langer	Sandy Langer	06-04
Rosie Friedman Weber	Bunnie & Walter Friedman	06-05
Karen S. Koslan	Marlene Koslan	06-06
Frances Cohen	Rosalyn & Pierre Haskelson	06-08
Herman Markshield	Bev & Lou Chern	06-10
Frances Cohen	Joyce & Marvin Cohen	06-10
Irving Chern	Bunnie & Walter Friedman	06-13
Golda Silverman	Rosalyn & Pierre Haskelson	06-15
Rose Burach	Karen & Joel Mandel	06-20
Sidney Jacobson	Stacy Mauser	06-22
Roberta Kessman	Letty & Len Reeser	06-26
Jay Schneider	Carl Gordon	06-27
Doris M. Gordon	Marlene Koslan	06-29
Alfred Wolfe	Gena Lederhandler	07-02
Cecile Haskelson	Rosalyn & Pierre Haskelson	07-04
Harry Cohen	Joyce & Marvin Cohen	07-09
Lena Friedman	Bunnie & Walter Friedman	07-09
Steven Wolf	Gena Lederhandler	07-16
Mildred Geller	Sandra & Karl Geller	07-17
Katherine Blodstein	Basha Schlazer	07-21
Mary Margaret Robinson	Karen & Eugne Franklin Cysick	07-26
Jacqueline Piepenbrink	Karen & Eugne Franklin Cysick	07-27
Eleanor Stryker Toch	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern	07-27
Irving Halpern	Susan & David Mandell	07-28
Lester Miller	Mimi & Bob Miller	07-31

## Yarzeit Dates June- July in Hebrew

Iyar	25	George Buxbaum	memorial board
Iyar	26	Helen Sirkes	memorial board
Sivan	1	Rae Bloom	Janet and Phil Bloom
Sivan	3	Laury Gaynes	memorial board
Sivan	9	Meyer Goldovitz	Robin and Joe Goldovitz
Sivan	10	William Gartner	Sandy and Jack Gartner
Sivan	12	Anna Bielous	Trudy and Joe Burger
Sivan	12	Mollie Posner	memorial board
Sivan	15	Dora Goldsmith	Judy and Michael Goldsmith
Sivan	23	Julie Sharpy	Roz and Steve Silpe
Sivan	24	Glenn Langer	memorial board
Sivan	24	Bernie Richmond	memorial board
Sivan	27	Patricia L. Pollack	memorial board
Sivan	28	Jack Brown	Carole and Harold Lovitz
Sivan	28	David H. Levitch	memorial board
Tammuz	3	Sylvia Berlinski	memorial board
Tammuz	3	Alexander Hornstein	memorial board
Tammuz	7	Jack Fink	memorial board
Tammuz	10	Steven Wolf	Gena and Josh Lederhandler
Tammuz	10	Helen Forest	memorial board
Tammuz	16	Olga Landstein	memorial board
Tammuz	17	Samuel Bielous	Trudy and Joe Burger
Tammuz	18	Edna Oskin	Ruth Borsky
Tammuz	22	Louis Psachie	Vicki and Don Dingee
Tammuz	23	Vivian Hersh	Iris Stansfield
Tammuz	23	Catherine M. Cagan	Roz and Steve Silpe
Tammuz	23	Sol Burmil	memorial board

**Sadie and Moshe had fallen in love at the senior center.**

**“Sadie, I am eighty tree end do not heve much time left but vat I heve I vant to spend vit you.”**

**Sadie sighed and smiled, her love for Moshe making her feel like a teenager.**

**“Moshe, I feel the same. I am eighty two end also do not heve much time left but vat I heve lvant to spend vit you.”**

**Moshe grabbed onto a chair and carefully lowered himself to one knee. After catching hisbreath and balancing he reached for Sadie’s hand.**

**“Sadie, my love who fills my heart, vill you merry me?”**

**Holding his hand to keep them both stable she sighed as she looked into her lover’s eyes. “Moshe, my love. I vill.”**

**A few days later the two went to the local pharmacy. They called for the pharmacist who cameover to the elderly couple.**

**Moshe started. “Mr. Pharmacist, ve heve some questions.”**

**“How can I help you, Mr. Rubinstein?” “Do you heve stool softeners?”**

**“We have a wide selection of stool softeners.”**

**Sadie went next. “Mr. Pharmacist, do you heve medicine to tighten my bladder?” “Mrs. Ravits, we have many medicines to help strengthen your bladder.”**

**“Do you heve adult diapers?” “Yes, Mr. Rubinstein.” “Pain killers?” “Many, Mrs. Ravits.” “Band aids?” “Yes.” “Valking sticks?” “All sizes.” “Ensure?” “All flavors.”**

**“Mouthwash? Toothbrushes? Toothpaste? Toothpicks?” “Yes. Yes. We have all these things? Why are you asking?”**

**Moshe stood up a little taller. “Mr. Pharmacist. Ve are getting merried.”**

**“Mazeltov! But why all the questions?” “Mr. Pharmacist”, replied Sadie. “Ve are vondering if you should be our vedding registry**

**Enjoy, Lou Chern**

**If we do not remember the PAST then we risk it happening ALL OVER AGAIN. DeJavu anybody?**

# In 1940, Charlie Chaplin Spoke Up For Jews When Few Others Would

*In his film **The Great Dictator**, 'Chaplin warned the world about Hitler.*

*By Joanna Nissim Nov 27, 2023*

*I have always been fascinated by Charlie Chaplin, from his wiggly walk and funny expressions to the interesting backstory of this complex man. One of the biggest silent movie stars in the 1920s who transitioned into the "talkies," his story is quite extraordinary.*

*Determined to move with the times after being one of the world's biggest silent movie stars, his first "full talkie" film, "**The Great Dictator**," was released in 1940, during World War II, when supposedly the world did not know what was happening to Jews across Europe. It was a parody about the evil Adanoid Hynkle (based on Adolf Hitler), the dictator of the fake country Tomania who despised the Jews, along with his accomplice Dictator of Bacteria, based on Mussolini. Together they want to take over the world and, like the actual Nazi party, manage to convince civilization of the evil ways of the Jews, sending them to concentration camps and even at one point discussing their excitement at discovering the benefits of using gas.*

*Not a particularly funny story, I hear you say, but Chaplin's comical genius gave him a voice to speak up against the Nazi party and try and tell the world of the evils of Hitler by using the medium he knew best.*

*At the time of writing the movie in 1937 and 1938, Hitler was seen by many as a hero*

# **AROUND THE WORLD WITH EVELYN AND STU GOLD**

When Roz asked me to write a few words about our 128 day World Cruise, my first thought was to tell everyone how happy we are to be home in the best country in the world, in the best state in the country and in beautiful Central Florida.

Yes, we did indeed see great Wonders of the World (the Great Wall of China was the highlight) but we also saw tremendous poverty like the shanty towns of South Africa and scary places protected by electrified fences topped with jagged pieces of cut glass and barbed wire.

We had planned for our Grand World Voyage since 2020 but were thwarted by the Covid epidemic several times.

When we decided to try once again for 2024 we never dreamed we would be undone by Houthis blocking

Our Red Sea passage to fabulous ports of call like Dubai and Petra. The cruise line was obligated to reroute almost half of our itinerary to fewer places that were, sadly, no comparison.

The ship had a full-time paid Rabbi on board and we were able to celebrate Purim and Passover together with fellow Jewish travelers. When people asked me about the food I always say that the very best meal was the delicious Passover seder. The chefs had procured Empire kosher chicken (we were in Madagascar at the time so don't ask me how) that I can still taste.

Who else can immediately tell the difference between juicy pink kosher chicken and tref?

I mean no offense to the cruise Rabbi but the weekly Shabbat services made us miss Joe and our joyous singing and camaraderie. Along with our new appreciation for Home Sweet Home we are grateful to be back at Congregation Sinai.

Would we do it again? Yes, if the World is at peace or at least in the interlude that was it was prior to October 7.

Shalom

Evelyn and Stu



## Birthday Tributes

<i>To:</i>	<i>From:</i>
<i>Janet Bloom</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Jack and Sandy Gartner Karen and Joel Mandel</i>
<i>Regina Behar</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Jack and Sandy Gartner</i>
<i>Joyce Cohen</i>	<i>Phil and Janet Bloom Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Lee Norden</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Karen Miller</i>
<i>Jordan Pritzker</i>	<i>Karen Miller Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Gena Lederhandler</i>	<i>Gwen Levy</i>

## Get Well Tributes

<b>To</b>	<b>From:</b>
<b>Randy Hunt</b>	<b>Ava and David McKean</b>
Phil Bloom	Karen and Joel Mandel Marsha and Lee Norden Michele and Pete Sobel Wendy and Alan Payne David and Ava McKean Vicke Dingee

## Happy Anniversary

Joe and Robin Goldovitz	Karen Miller Karen and Joel Mandel Janet and Phil Bloom
Wendy and Alan Payne	Karen and Joel Mandel
Harold and Carole Lovitz	Gwen Levy
Lew and Dale Blass	Gwen Levy
Jordan and Carole Pritzker	Gwen Levy Karen Miller
Marvin and Joyce Cohen	Gwen Levy
Joe and Trudy Burger	Gwen Levy
Pierre and Roz Haskelson	Gwen Levy Karen Miller
Mort and Ellen Hess	Gwen Levy

## Thank you

Karen Miller	For a wonderful job with Sisterhood Shabbat from Pete and Michele Sobel
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## Safe Travels

Karen Miller	Jack and Sandy Gartner
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# CALENDAR

July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:00PM – Adv. Hebrew	<b>2</b> 7PM – Prayer Class	<b>3</b> 7PM – Hebrew :Torah Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Healing Service 6:30 PM</b> 7PM – Shabbat Service	<b>6</b> 10AM – Torah Study Synagogue brunch
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	<b>9</b> 7PM – Prayer Class Share Night	<b>10</b> 7PM – Hebrew :Torah Study	<b>11</b> Board Meeting Congregation Sinai Welcome new Board	<b>12</b> 7:00 Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 10AM – Torah Study online
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	<b>16</b> 7PM – Prayer Class	<b>17</b> 7PM – Hebrew :Torah Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7PM – Shabbat Service	<b>20</b> 10AM – Torah Study online
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7PM Advanced Hebrew	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM Prayers	<b>24</b> 7PM – Hebrew :Torah Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26 PM Services for Shabbat 7:00 PM</b>	<b>27</b> 10AM – Torah Study online6
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Advanced Hebrew	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Prayers	<b>August 1</b> 7PM – Hebrew :Torah Study	<b>2</b>	<b>Aug 3</b> Healing Service 6:00 7:00 Pm Shabbat Service	<b>4</b> Torah Study 10:00 AM Brunch at the Synagogue