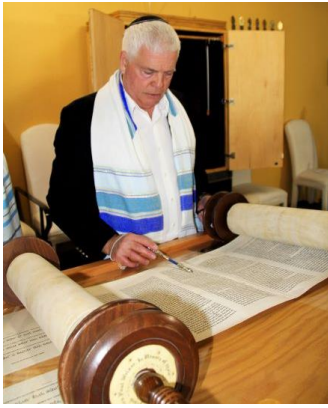




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Sisterhood Shabbat May 10
Congregation Meeting May 15



From the Bimah

CS Newsletter
May 2024

One recently asked question was; “How do we celebrate a festive holiday when Israel is fighting a war for survival?” At least one answer is; “When are the Jews not fighting for survival?” In our Pesach Haggadah, it states, “In every generation one arises that would destroy Israel.” So now, we look to Pesach, which is only a few weeks from now. I am reminded of the documentary “The Gefilte Fish Chronicles”. Every Jewish person should see that film at least once. It is in our DNA to cycle through the year with Jewish holidays. They are the stops along life’s way. I spoke with our Sunday school students recently about their family trees. The idea was this. Knowledge of our parents, grandparents and beyond helps us to understand who we are. We share not only genes, but in many ways, we are much like our forebears. We undeniably have various traits that are easily identifiable with those of our family. In a similar sense, Jewish holidays help us to understand who we are and who we should strive to be as a people. Pesach is the most widely observed holiday in our calendar for a reason. It defines who we are as a people. We were slaves in Egypt and God took us out with a mighty hand to be a treasured, holy people. God gave us His Torah and told us that it is the blue print for correct living. God did this because he promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would do so. Therefore, now we know who our collective ancestors were. We begin to understand where some of our personality traits derive. Perhaps more importantly, we begin to understand our great responsibility as a people. We are, to some degree, God’s representatives on earth. We also have the added responsibility of living up to the standard set by our ancestors. As we prepare for Pesach and as we enact the Seder yet again, let us have in mind the great and wonderful relationship we have with the past. We hope that we as a people honor our parents, grandparents and ancestors with our actions and our lives.

Joe & Robin



President's Message May 2024

Hi Everyone! Wow, it's May already.

April was consumed with preparation for the seder, and what an event it was! We had almost 90 people attending. The venue at Heritage Hills was beautiful. Ava and her team did a wonderful job. Andy and his team were great. Yes, we were surprised with the brisket being corned beef brisket, but we will know to be more specific in the future. Joe and Robin were their usual tremendous leaders for the seder, involving the attendees, and bringing music and singing. There were lots of people who helped out, and I know that I can't mention everyone, but besides Ava, I want to thank Lew Blass, who made the Chopped Liver and prepared the Gefilte Fish. Joe provided the Haroset, which was delicious. And I don't want to leave out Joyce, who organizes the Haggadot, brings kippas, prayer books, and whatever else is needed as Ritual Director. Now we can mostly breathe again.

Sisterhood also had a busy month. Along with their tremendous outreach, collecting food and other items for the Neighborhood Center, Pet supplies for a local shelter, and hoodies and toiletries for homeless children living in the woods, they held a Baby Shower for the South Lake Pregnancy Center. They reached out to the Clermont Sun newspaper, who published a wonderful article, with pictures from the event.

Shalom Y'All held another Craft Fair on the 21st, with 53 vendors. Their efforts brought the temple around \$2,000! I personally know how hard they work and we should all appreciate what they contribute to the congregation.

Coming up in May, we will be having our General Meeting on May 15th in person at the temple, and online. We will discuss our budget for the coming year, and openings on our Board of Directors. Please join us!

The Sisterhood will have their annual Sisterhood Shabbat on May 10th. They will conduct the entire service! Bev will even give the President's announcements, and I will provide a joke for her.

Next for the Sisterhood will be their end of year meeting on May 16th, when they will have a Tea Party! Then two weeks later, on May 30th, Sisterhood has a group going to the Garden Theater in Winter Garden for a performance of Shake Baby Shake, a musical featuring the music of Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, The Beach Boys, Elvis, Chuck Berry and more! Please contact Bev if you would like to attend.

Here's looking forward to May! Have great month.

Lou Chern



Arm and Arm... Our two Presidents

We started April with Easter and ended with Passover. I hope everyone had a nice Passover spent with their family and friends. Thanks to Ava McKean and her hard work planning this year's Passover Seder, which was awesome with a great turn out. Thank you to our many sisterhood members who helped with the set up and clean up. Thank you to Joe and Robin who led our Passover Seder.

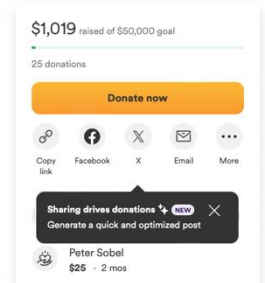
On April 18th, we had a 'baby shower' for the South Lake Pregnancy and Family Center. It was amazing to see so many people who donated baby items along with maternity clothes and gift cards for the moms. Afterwards, we played 'baby bingo' and had 5 winners. We also had an added guest, Sharon Keeble, the editor of Clermont Sun (formerly The News Leader) who said she was going to do an article about our Sisterhood and the outreach we do. I'm hoping it will also be about Congregation Sinai.

We have many exciting events planned for May starting with our Sisterhood Shabbat on May 10th. Please contact Karen Miller if you would like to participate. Speaking of Karen, don't forget to contact her to send out your tribute cards. You can make your payment online. You won't want to miss our last sisterhood meeting on May 16th. We are having a catered Tea Party and you are invited to join in the fun. Please see the flyer for details and the cost. Feel free to dress up if you would like to. We will be ending the month at the Garden Theater on Thursday, May 30th to see "Shake Baby Shake". Please join us. Please see the flyer for more details and the cost.

From December 1st to December 6th this year, many of us will be sailing on Virgin Voyages Valiant Lady. Prices are subject to change until a deposit is received I hope you will also join us. Don't miss the boat. Remember, what happens on the cruise, stays on the cruise.

The Little Temple that Could

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! It is easy to donate.

Either click here: <https://gofund.me/2fa8fd2d>

Or the steps to donate are below..

- 1. Google GoFundMe**
- 2. In the rectangle that says 'results' type in.**

[The Little Temple that Could](#)

- 3. Click on Congregation Sinai**
- 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.



Book Club

Hi everybody

First a happy and Peaceful Passover to Israel, us at Congregation Sinai and all the world.

The book we are reading, Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Grams. Our presenter is Michele Sobel.. I will send information as to room availability as soon as the Library responds....The Library has many copies in different formats

Any questions call 352 241-664



Mens Club

Pierre Haskelson, President

*** We remind everyone === the fine portraits can be made by Rick Vincent.**

**Unfortunately our Golf outing has been cancelled.
Please pick up your Yom Hashoah candle and help support
this charity. Part of your donation goes to Yad Vashem**

Did you know that you can rent our synagogue for a special occasion? Below is the section of our Policies and Procedures document that discussed it, and the prices.

G. RENTAL OF CONGREGATION SINAI

POLICY: Congregation Sinai may be rented to both members and non-members for a variety of functions. Those functions include Celebration of Life Memorial Services, Funerals, Weddings, and B'nai Mitzvot. Use of the Sanctuary would be available if the Synagogue calendar is open on the requested day.

The Social Hall may be rented for a small reception following a Celebration of Life Memorial Service. The reception will take the place of a Shiva reception in the home and can be for no more than 100 guests. Menu for the reception will be determined by the Committee and mourning family and with the permission of the Ritual Chairperson.

PROCEDURE: The following charges will be in effect for the use of Congregation Sinai:

Rental by a Member of Congregation Sinai	\$150.00
Rental by a Non-Member	\$250.00
Set up Fee	\$100.00
Clean up Fee	\$ 75.00
Refundable Security Deposit	\$ 100.00



Name	Birthday
Larry Hornstein	May 05
Regina Behar	May 08
Ruth Borsky	May 16
Lauren Puritz	May 19
Michael Heyman	May 19
Ann Sail	May 23
Joyce Cohen	May 24
Bonnie Farber	May 27

HAPPY Anniversary

Gena & Joshua Lederhandler	May 06
Louis and Beverly Chern	May 17
Linda Simontacchi	May 25
Jack and Sandra Gartner	May 27
Ryan and Stuart Milchman	May 27



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December 1 - 6, 2024

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- 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.



Yahrzeit Donations

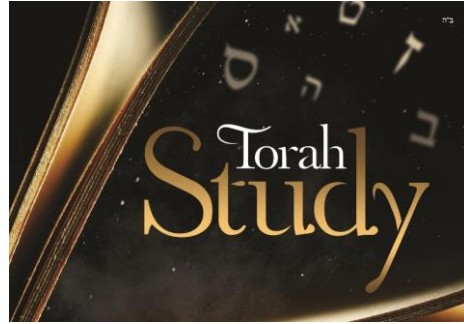
In Memory Of	By
Helen Slaw Harry Slaw Eddie Slaw	Sheila Slaw Muller
Jeffrey Goldberg	Steve and Rosalind Silpe
Lillian Sobel Max Sobel	Michele and Pete Sobel
Sally Blonder	Gwen Levy
Sylvia Payne	Wendy and Alan Payne

Yahrzeit By English Date

Sally Miller	Mimi & Bob Millerbm	05-03
Blanche Goldwich	Roslyn Goldwich	05-04
Fay Chern	Bev & Lou Chern	05-05
Abe Cooperman	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern	05-09
Phyllis Mandell Stewart	Susan & David Mandell	05-11
Rosie Heckman	Roslyn Goldwich	05-13
Arthur Kaufman	Estelle Kaufman	05-16
Stanford Mandel	Karen & Joel Mandel	05-16
Roger Gurshon Wolf	Connie & Paul Lawrason	05-18
Ruth Grinker	Susan Grinker Tchon	05-19
Esther Epstein	Bev & Lou Chern	05-22
Rose Morgenstern	Stephanie & Alan Morgenstern	05-25

Yahrzeit By Hebrew Date

Nisan	24	Jeffrey Scott Goldberg	Roz and Steve Silpe
Nisan	24	Gershom Cardonick	memorial board
Nisan	25	Lt. Col. Donald M. Borsky	Ruth Borsky
Nisan	26	Max Sobel	Michele and Peter Sobel
Nisan	27	Louis Lowitz	Vicki and Don Dingee
Nisan	30	Kenneth Katz	memorial board
Iyar	1	Louis A. Silverman	Roz and Steve Silpe
Iyar	1	Evelyn Sporn	Vicki and Don Dingee
Iyar	1	Laura Weiss	Roberta Gapin
Iyar	1	Donna Horowitz	
Iyar	4	Hadassah Millner	memorial board
Iyar	4	Amihood Millner	memorial board
Iyar	8	Diane B. Silverman	Roz and Steve Silpe
Iyar	9	Sylvia Payne	Wendy and Alan Payne
Iyar	9	Hyman J.D. Silpe	Roz and Steve Silpe
Iyar	10	Helen Slaw	Sheila Muller
Iyar	13	Mo Altholtz	memorial board
Iyar	19	Roberta Kessman	memorial board
Iyar	21	Charles Gapin	Roberta Gapin
Iyar	23	Abe Lieber	Gwen Levy
Iyar	23	Jerome Blonder	Karen Miller



These are the sidras we will be studying this May

- 1). May 4th-- Achare Mot - Lev. 16:1 - 18:30
- 2). May 11th-- Kedoshim - Lev. 19:1 - 20:27
- 3). May 18-- Amorites - Lev. 21:1 - 24:23
- 4). May 25-- Behar - Lev.25:1 - 26:2

Please join us each Saturday at 10 AM to pray a little, nosh a little and study our ancient history and traditions.

Pete.

Remember -- loud noise -- duck down

It could save your life PETER B. SOBEL, D.D.S. RET.

Birthday Tributes

To:	From:
<i>Phil Bloom</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Rocky and Forest Coleman Alberto and Regina Behar Karen Miller Marsha and Lee Norden</i>
<i>Roslyn Goldwich</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Alberto and Regina Beha</i>
<i>Lew Blass</i>	<i>Regina and Alberto Behar Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Pierre Haskelson</i>	<i>Gwen Levy Regina and Alberto Behar</i>
<i>Helen Miller</i>	<i>Karen Miller Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Judy Pape</i>	<i>Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Trent Kulik</i>	<i>Karen Miller</i>
<i>Scott Miller</i>	<i>Karen Miller Gwen Levy</i>
<i>Richard Donow</i>	<i>Gwen Levy</i>

Get Well Tributes

To:	From:
<i>Phyllis Klafter</i>	<i>Sisterhood</i>
<i>Joel Mandel</i>	<i>Ava and David McKean</i>
<i>Roz Silpe</i>	<i>Karen Miller Marsha and Lee Norden Sisterhood Gwen Levy</i>

Happy Anniversary

To:	From:
Marsha and Lee Norden	Karen Miller Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom
Darlene and Larry Hornstein	Regina and Alberto Behar Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom
Mike and Anne Sail	Gwen Levy

Mazel Tov

To:	From:
Janessa Lane and Dave Bennett	Karen Miller Gwen Levy Janet and Phil Bloom

Condolences

To:	From:
Karen Miller	Liz Perez Marsha and Lee Norden
Richard Nemerson	Michele and Pete Sobel

CALENDAR

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	29 7:00PM – Adv. Hebrew	30 7PM – Prayer Class	1 10 AM Sisterhood Board Mth 7PM – Hebrew Trope	2	3 Healing Service 6:30 PM 7PM – Shabbat Service	4 10AM – Torah Study Synagogue brunch
5 Religious School 10:00 AM	7PM – Adv. Hebrew	7 7PM – Prayer Class Share Night	8 7PM – Hebrew Trope	9 Congregation Board Meeting 7 PM	10 7PM – Sisterhood Shabbat Presentations	11 10AM – Torah Study online
12 No Religious School Mothers Day!	13 7PM – Adv. Hebrew	14 7PM – Prayer Class	15 7:00PM Congregation Meeting	16 A Spot of Tea Final Sisterhood Meeting	17 7PM – Shabbat Service	18 10AM – Torah Study online online
19 Religious School 10-12 am	20 7PM Advanced Hebrew	21 7:00 PM Prayers	22 Hebrew Trope	23	24 PM Services for Shabbat 7:00 PM	25 10AM – Torah Study online6
26 No Sunday School	27 7:00 PM Advanced Hebrew	28 7:00 PM Prayers	29 May Beg/int TROPE6	30 Show at WGTheater Shake Baby Shake 2PM	31 May 7:00 Pm Shabbat Service	1 May Torah Study 10:00 AM Brunch at the Synagogue