



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:**



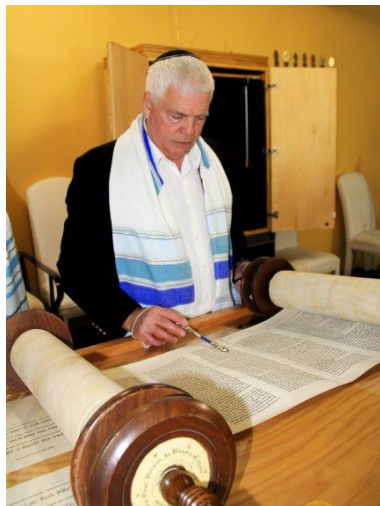
## Seder Menu:

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 30<sup>th</sup>.



## From the Bimah

CS Newsletter February 2025

A presidential election and inauguration in the USA have now come and we are moving forward. Obviously, some folks are pleased, others not. The question in my mind is "how will this effect Israel?" On one hand the possibilities are many as are the variables. We cannot know how other players in the Middle East will react. I feel that the previous administration in Washington did support Israel but tried to restrain Israel at the same

time. The feeling is that there will be less restraint from Washington as we move forward. Opinions vary as to which path is better. Again, I feel that it is difficult to quarterback from the sidelines and that Israelis are in a much better position to understand what needs to happen to return their nation to a safer place. Torah teaches us to act in self-defense and the Talmud reiterates that thought. Just what that might look like is left up to us. We pray for wisdom here at home in the States and in the government of Israel with the hope of some level of peace soon.

Joe & Robin



### [President's Message February 2025](#)

Another month has gone by, and it's been cold. I must have adjusted to Florida weather, since temperatures in the 50s and 60s would be warm up north.

We had a wedding on January 12<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to Trisha and Ben! It was like a family affair, with everyone enjoying the ceremony, music, and food. It was really nice celebrating together.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, we had the Sisterhood's Murder Mystery Masquerade. It was a sold-out event for 99 people. I'm writing this before the actual event (even though I used past tense above). Here's hoping that everyone has a great time, and that the Sisterhood sells all of the baskets that were so generously provided by the attendees and Sisterhood members.

Planning for our Passover Seder is nearly complete. We have the flyer (included in the Tablet) and are already getting reservations! The Seder will be at Heritage Hills

Clubhouse on Sunday night, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, and will be catered by TooJays. Anyone that attended last year's Sisterhood Fashion Show will remember how good the food was from TooJays. See the flyer to make your reservations. Meals are \$40 for adults, and \$18 for children 12 and under. Same price as last year, but with better food. Of course, Joe will lead the seder.

Have a great month!

Lou

**Joke – Peter, John and Shlomo were in the clubhouse talking about the amount of control they each have over their wives. Peter and John are doing all the talking whilst Shlomo remains silent.**

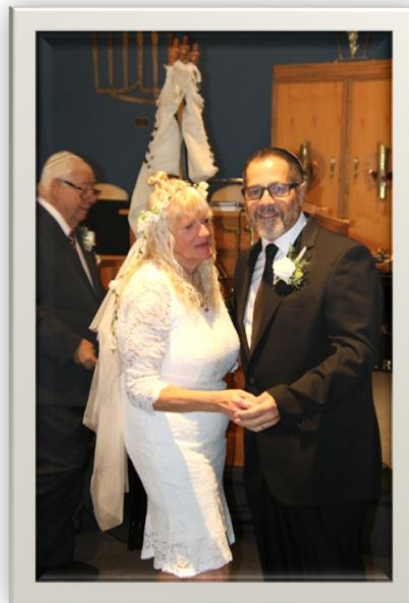
**After a while, Peter turns to Shlomo and says, "Well what about you, Shlomo, are Jewish men any different? What sort of control do you have over your wife?"**

**"Well, just the other night, my wife Hette came to me on her hands and knees."**

**Peter and John were amazed! "What happened then?"**

**"Well," replied Shlomo, "Hette then said, 'get out from under the bed and fight like a man.'"**

**Welcome Trisha and Ben Ruiz to Congregation Sinai!**



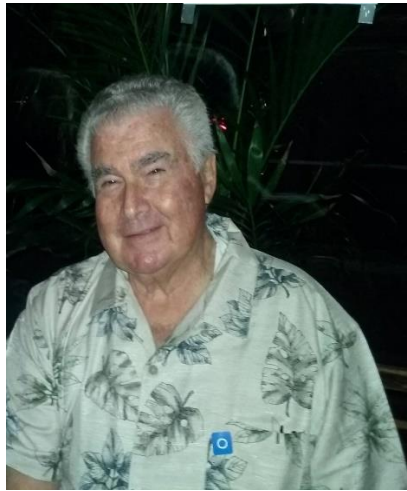
We are delighted to welcome Trisha and Ben as new members and also thrilled to have had their wedding at the Temple. Ben is originally from the South Bronx, NY and Trisha is from Baltimore, MD. They met online through the *Silver Singles* website, exchanging messages for 3 months until they finally exchanged phone numbers, calling each other throughout each day numerous times! Ben came into Judaism when he was 46 years old after he noticed that his ancestors were Sephardic Jews. Trish was raised Catholic and converted to Judaism a year ago. They looked for a synagogue when they moved to our area and fell in love with Congregation Sinai where they feel they can grow in their faith. Ben is retired from Chrysler and enjoys learning Torah and Hebrew. He was an instructor and taught automotive skills. He now is working with Pierre in learning metal working. Trisha was in the financial business, securing loans for homes. She enjoys gardening, being outdoors, crime shows and the Hallmark channel...and chocolate, especially chocolate donuts!



They both love spoiling their dog, Nana.

Trisha and Ben, we are glad you joined us!

*Men's Club, President Pierre Haskelson*



The next Men's Club meeting will be on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> .

See Pierre for more details.





### **Our Sisterhood President Bev Chern**

I would like to thank everyone that came out to our marvelous Midnight at the Masquerade murder mystery night on January 25th. We had a great turn out at this SOLD OUT event. Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoyed it and had a good time. Of course, a big thank you to everyone that donated baskets to be raffled and to all the people that graciously brought and bought the lite bites and desserts. It is because of YOU, our members and their friends that made this evening a success. A special thank you goes to Ava McKean who was in charge of the lite bites and desserts and Karen Miller who was in charge of the baskets. Also thank you to Lou Chern, David McKean, Harley Weiss, Bradley Sprinkle, and Ben Ruiz who set up and took down all the tables and chairs. Again, THANK YOU to the others who helped out with the raffles. We couldn't have done any of this without all your help. We have wonderful Congregation Sinai members that Lou and I call family, so again thank you to all my family who participated in the wonderful event.

Enjoy a few pictures from the event...






It's hard to top that, so for our February Sisterhood meeting, I won't even try. We will be showing a movie or Broadway Show in addition to providing a pizza lunch as a "Thank You" to all our sisters who help make our Murder Mystery a success,



For our outreach programs - with the colder weather coming, we are collecting hoodies and toiletries to donate to the children living in the woods. We're also collecting non-perishable foods (not outdated) for the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Of course, we can't forget about our furry friends as we are donating unopened bags and cans (not outdated) food for dogs in addition to sheets and blankets.

We hope you will join us for our Sisterhood fundraising cruise over New Year's on the Sky Princess roundtrip from Port Canaveral so we can celebrate New Years together. Remember - what happens on the ship, STAYS on the ship. See the flyer below for details.




Please Join  
**CONGREGATION  
SINAI  
SISTERHOOD**

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.



***Book Club President Roz Haskelson***

We will be having our next meeting on February 6th at 1:00 at the Cooper Memorial Library. The book presented by Michele Sobel will be *-The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles. There are many copies at the Library....

Please come with ideas about future meetings - books, movies, luncheons, any thoughts or ideas...New members are always welcome.

Roz Haskelson  
352 241 6664

***Happy February Birthdays***



Harold Lovitz, February 4

Stuart Milchman, February 18

Alberto Behar, February 6

Stephanie Morgenstern, February 22

Marv Cohen, February 18

Lynn Vincent, February 23

## **Happy February Anniversary**



David and Susan Mandell, February 22



***Yahrzeit Contributions***

*January 2025*

*Donor*

Constance Lawrason

Andrew & Ilene Feldman

Michael & Judith Goldsmith

Harold & Carole Lovitz

Darlene Hornstein

Ann & Michael Sail

Ann & Michael Sail

Gwen Levy

Joel & Karen Mandel

Connie Lawrason

Ava & David McKean

Phil & Janet Bloom

Russell & Toby Koskie

*Loved One*

Paul W. Lawrason, Jr

Natalie Shoenfeld

Barnet Goldsmith

Anne Lovitz

Joseph Kaufman

Hilde Sail

Eva Granger

Alice Lieber

Samuel Levy

Dorothy Mandel

Ethel Lawrason

Anna Cohen

Margaret Weinberg

Samual Bloom

Sidney Cohen

Sylvia Nipon

Mark Koskie

Helen Skrobacky



## Tributes

**To:**

**From:**

### *Mazel Tov*

Darlene Hornstein

Marsha and Lee Norden

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Ben and Trish Ruiz

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Karen Miller

Barbara and Evan Cronson

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### *Birthday*

Karen Mandell

Wendy and Allen Payne

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

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Wendy Payne

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

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Susan Chern

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

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Roz Haskelson

Lynne and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Ruth Borsky

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Basha Schlazer

Gwen Levy

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### *Get Well*

Rick Vincent

Lynne Vincent

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Phil Bloom

Marsha and Lee Norden

Joan Mager

Rocky Coleman

Ava and David McKean

Bev and Lou Chern

Barbara and Even Cronson

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Jack Gartner

Rick and Lynne Vincent

Gwen Levy

Ava and David McKean

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Dave Bonnett

Rick and Lynne Vincent

Karen Miller

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Marsha Norden

Barbara and Evan Cronson

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Dale Blass

Joan Mager

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Torah study in Temple, Brunch- 10-12noon  Bo
2  Religious School, 10am  Men's Club Rainbow Restaurant 10am	3  Beginner and Advanced Hebrew 7pm, 8pm	4  Discussion, 7pm	5  Online Torah study, 7pm	6	7  Healing Service 6:30 PM  Kabbalat Shabbat 7pm	8  Torah Study Online 10am  Beshalach
9  Religious School, 10am	10  Beginner and Advanced Hebrew 7pm, 8pm	11  Discussion, 7pm	12  Sisterhood Board Meeting, 10am Online Torah study, 7pm	13  Congregation Sinai Board Meeting, 7pm	14  Kabbalat Shabbat 7pm	15  Torah study Online 10am  Yitro
16  <b>No religious school</b>	17  Beginner and Advanced Hebrew 7pm, 8pm  <b>President's Dav</b>	18  Discussion, 7pm	19  Online Torah study, 7pm	20  Sisterhood general meeting, 12pm at Temple	21  Kabbalat Shabbat 7pm	22  Torah study Online 10 am  Mishpatim
23  Religious School, 10am	24  Beginner and Advanced Hebrew 7pm, 8pm	25  Discussion, 7pm	26  Online Torah study, 7 pm	27	28  Kabbalat Shabbat 7pm	

