



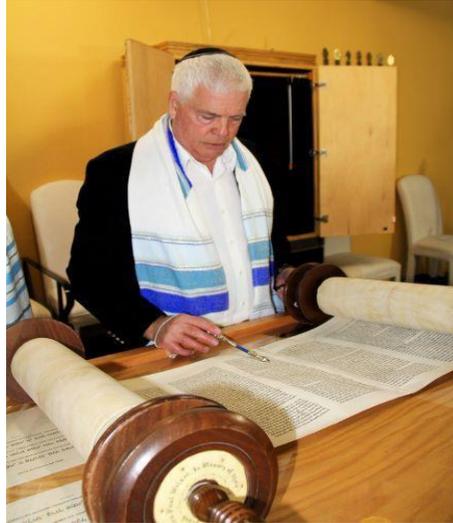
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# Midnight at the Masquerade

**A Masquerade Murder Mystery**

**January 25, 2025**



## From the Bimah

Fascinating how a few months can change everything. Just this past summer, things looked distressing in Israel. There did not seem to be any clear path forward toward an end to the hostilities with Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran and the Houthis. The administration in the USA was pressing the Israeli government to follow a path that did not appear to bring security to their people. Thankfully the Israelis chose their own path and my, how different things are now. Hezbollah had stated that they would continue hostilities as long as the situation in Gaza was ongoing. Hezbollah is now asking for a ceasefire as most of its command people have been eliminated. Their military ability is also very much less formidable. Non-Hezbollah citizens of Lebanon are distressed with the Israeli military activity in their country caused by Hezbollah's actions and they are pressing Hezbollah to negotiate a ceasefire. Hamas is severely militarily degraded and does not pose a threat to Israelis at this time. Israel is continuing military action in Gaza and will stop only when they feel that Hamas will have no ability to regroup and pose any future threat. Hamas, which was unwilling to negotiate any hostage returns is now rethinking things as the incoming American president has threatened "hell to pay" if the hostages are not released by January 20. Some weeks ago, Israel conducted air attacks in Iran which rendered Iran's air defenses all but useless. Beginning January 20, sanctions will almost surely be reimposed by the USA on Iran which will make it just about impossible for Iran to continue financing proxies to attack Israel. Syria is no longer available as a land bridge for Iran to supply Hezbollah. The only entity still lobbing missiles at Israel is the Houthis in Yemen. I shall now be prophetic. Israel will not continue to tolerate the Houthi activity for long. There will be a severe military reaction that will render them all but powerless. To all of the above we say Baruch Hashem. We thank God for empowering Israel to properly defend itself and maintain a homeland for our people. It's a great Chanukah story.

Joe & Robin



## President's Message January 2025

HAPPY HANUKKAH AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Another year has gone by, and it feels like it just started.

December began with the Sisterhood cruise on Virgin Voyages. We had 22 people in our group, and all had a great time. The food, service, and entertainment were outstanding. We hope that even more of you can join us for future cruises. It was a fundraiser, and Bev donated \$1,550 to the Sisterhood. Thank you, Bev!

We had the congregation's Hanukkah night on December 27<sup>th</sup>, with the annual lighting of Hanukkiahs, Latkes by Pete and Lew, and Darlene Hornstein reciting her Bat Mitzvah reading.

We have a wedding coming up! Trisha and Ben will be married on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the temple. We are happy to have it in our building and look forward to seeing many of you. Best of luck to Trisha and Ben!

January 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Murder Mystery event at the Puryear Building in downtown Groveland, right across from Lake David Park. There's still time to purchase tickets.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season.

Just one joke...

**It's Saturday morning. In the middle of the Torah reading, Der Teyvl, Satan, appears on the bimah.**

**All the congregants stampede out of the shul, running and screaming. All except for this one alte kocher sitting in the back row.**

**Satan approaches him and asks, "Why aren't you running like everyone else?"**

**The old man says: "What's the big deal already? Why should I run?"**

**Satan replies: "But aren't you afraid of me?"**

**The man says: "So nu? Pish tosh! Why should I be afraid of you? I'm married to your sister for over 50 years!"**

Have a great month!

Lou



## **Sisterhood Our President Bev Chern**

Our big event for 2025 is our Murder Mystery Evening, "Midnight at the Masquerade" which starts at 6 pm. We are having a professional company come in to host this event so we know it will be good. If you would like to come dressed up for the Masquerade, please do. If you don't want to get dressed up, you don't have to, but we hope you will come for a fun filled evening with friends, food, and fun. We will supply lite bites and desserts while you supply the fun with your friends. We will have baskets and a 50/50

raffle. Maybe you'll be the lucky one. This is open to everyone, spouses, friends, co-workers, neighbors, your community, your social clubs etc. Please see the flyer for more details. Deadline to pay is January 10, 2025. We hope to see you there.



Last month, Sisterhood had many things going on. As you know, if you weren't on the Virgin Voyages Cruise with us, "what happens on the ship, stays on the ship". Here's a sneak peak of our wonderful group of friends that went on the cruise. If you're not included in our picture, come join us on our next Sisterhood Fund raising Cruise.



In December, we also had our Hanukkah Party. We had a great turnout and were thrilled to have Chef Pete cooking our delicious latkes for us. Thank you, Pete. 2025 promises to be a great year with a lot of fun events. Thank you for your continued support and I'm looking forward to seeing you at them.



## **MEN'S CLUB**

### **President Pierre Haskelson**

Normal Men's Club meeting Jan 5 at restaurant 10 AM.

Men's Club presentation of Basic metal working at Temple  
Thursday Jan.23 at 7 PM. by Pierre.

Men's Club presentation of new Auto Technology at Temple  
Thursday Feb. 6 at 7 PM by Ben.





## **Book Club Roz Haskelson**

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year. Hope all of you are doing well.

Our next meeting will be at the Olive Garden on Thursday January 9th at 11.45.  
Spouses, friends are all invited.  
Think about any good books you have read recently that you would like to share with us.

Our next book club discussion will be 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 multiple copies at the library.  
Any questions call me. Everybody is welcome to both events.

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## Happy New Year Birthdays

Basha Schlazer	January 07
Vicki Dingee	January 12
Rosalyn Haskelson	January 13
Carole Lovitz	January 15
Ellen Rosen	January 15
Phyllis Klafter	January 16
Walter Friedman	January 20
Karen Mandel	January 23
Mort Hess	January 26

## Happy New Year Anniversaries

Names	Anniversary
Scott & Helen Miller	January 02
Roger & Gail Steinberg	January 08
Walter and Bunnie Friedman	January 30

# Top Ten Senior Pickup Lines

10. Come here often? If so, could you tell me where I am?

9. Do you have an oxygen tank? Because you took my breath away.

8. Like to come by and see my medicine cabinet?

7. Make like a compression sock and give me a squeeze!

6. Ever had a lap dance in a wheel chair before?

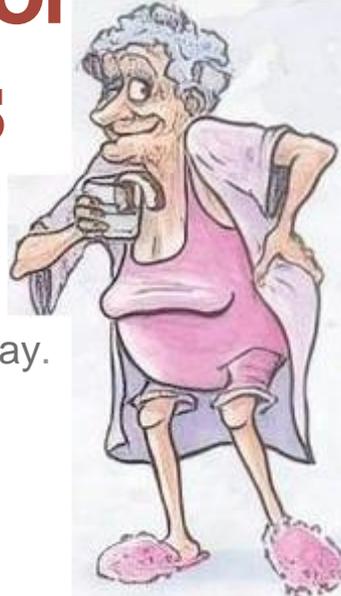
5. Do you play bingo, because I swear I've seen you B4.

4. Hey, baby. Wanna help me test my new hip replacement?

3. That pretty smile of yours **would** sure look good in a glass on my nightstand!

2. You're not dead yet either? We have so much in common!

1. Your heating pad or mine?





## Yahrzeit Contributions

### Donor

Vicki Dingee

12/8/24

Harold & Carole Lovitz

Joe & Trudy Burger

12/15/24

Gwen Levy

### Loved One

Anita Lowitz

Bernie Lowitz

Linda Kerzner

Anne L Burger

Melvyn Levy

Sheila Goldman

## TRIBUTES

### Happy Birthday



Michele Sobel

Wendy and Alan Payne

Lynn and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miler

Rocky Coleman

Lynn and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Darlene Hornstein

Lynn and Rick Hornstein

Gwen Levy

Sandy Gartner

Lynn and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Evan Cronson

Lynn and Rick Vincent

Gwen Levy

Karen Miller

Ellen Hess

Gwen Levy

Alan Morgenstern

Gwen Levy

## GET WELL



Jack Gartner

Pierre Haskelson

Dale Blass

Vicki Dingee

Rick and Lynn Vincent

Karen Miller

Gwen Levy

Sisterhood

Thank You



Gwen Levy

Michele Sobel

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 	2	3 Healing Service 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	4 Torah Study in Temple Brunch at 10:00-12 AM
5 Sunday School 10:00 Men's Club 10:00 at Rainbow.	6 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM Beginning Hebrew 7:00	7 Up to you???? Topic for tonight... How is Israel doing?	8 Torah Study online	9 CS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Temple Book Club: 11:45, Olive Garden	10 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM	11 Torah Study online 10:00-11:30
12 School 10:00 Wedding of Ben and Trisha Ruiz	13 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM Beginning Hebrew 7:00	14 ???????	15 Torah Study Online Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 AM	16	17 Shabbat Shalom Services at 7:00 PM	18 Torah Study online 10:00-11:30
19 no Religious School	20 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM Beginning Hebrew 7:00	21 ???????	22 Torah Study Online	23 Sisterhood Mtg 12:00 Men's Club Basic Metalworking 7pm	24 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM	25 Torah Study online 10 am MYSTERY THEATER 6:00 pm
26 Religious School	27 Advanced Translation Hebrew 7:00 PM Beginning Hebrew 7:00	28 ???????????	29 Torah Study Online	30	31 Shabbat Shalom Services 7:00PM	1 Torah Study online 10:00- 11:30