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Through Iris' Eyes

I believe in prayers, but I especially believe in wishes and miracles. Those who really know me (family and friends that go way back) probably remember that I make wishes to the first evening star. Been doing that since I heard of “Tinker Bell”!

When I was 5 years old, my Polish Orthodox Zaide taught me this quote:

“**Just** as the world cannot exist without livelihood, so it cannot be without miracles and **wonders.**”

Shocher Tov (Midrash Tehillim)

Zaide probably knew that this “**quote**” **didn’t** have the depth at age 5 that it would as I continued to mature. And like him, I never forgot it, and hold it in my heart till this day.

There have been very challenging times in my life, so prayers, wishes, and miracles were how I managed to maintain. When my 42 year old son was 17, he was diagnosed with cancer and had two weeks to live. Sure, we saw a doctor immediately, who began chemo, surgery and other treatments; i.e. diet, counseling, etc. But I went into prayer, wishes, and miracles mode. To this day, I believe that my mode was at least 50% of the cure. Because without faith, how can we move forward?

And you cannot tell me that the birth of your child, grandchild, and your great-grandchild is not a miracle!

So, at this point, you probably figured out that I do not make New **Year’s** resolutions. Maybe they are too pragmatic, maybe meant to be broken, which survey results often reveal. Whereas, prayers, wishes, and miracles create a sense of wonder and hope beyond **one’s** self.

Where am I going with this message, you ask?

I’m about to develop a “**Temple Shalom Wish List.**” When I was the Executive Director of a social service agency, I remember creating “**Wish Lists**” to encourage donors to give much needed items, as budgets were extremely limited.

The “**Wish List**” at Temple Shalom is a different model than government-funded entities. **It’s** about wants and needs that can truly happen with faith and the collective mindset of wishing and envisioning miracles.

Here’s my Wish List:

The First Rabbi at Temple Shalom by June 2017

Expansion, to include a roomier choir loft, office space, classrooms, and a social hall

Additional support staff; i.e., financial and administrative

A hearing loop for those who need this device

Special window shades that do not hide the beautiful stained glass but will block out the sun

New prayer books

Continued health, energy, and love in this wonderful congregation

At this point, I can hear some of the founders expressing their concern for my mental stability! But bear in mind **folks...miracles** are possible.

And I challenge all of you to develop your own **“Wish List.”** After you do, please email me your prayers, wishes, and miracles for a brighter and better Temple Shalom.

See you in Shul,

Iris

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Events and Meetings

Note: you can view the Shaloms, in color and enlarge the photos by going to tscfl.org and clicking on the PDF

1st Monday	Sisterhood Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
3rd Monday	Brotherhood Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
Every Tuesday	Bereavement Support: 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays	Texas Hold 'Em: 6:30 p.m.
Every Thursday	Group Counseling: 10:00 a.m.
Last Saturday	Shabbat Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sundays Monthly	Rosh Hodesh: 2:00 p.m.

February 1	Beginning Hebrew Class – 15 weeks – 2-3:15 pm
February 1 (<i>See flyer</i>)	Israel Solidarity Committee features Dr. Rachel Schonberger: 6:30 p.m.
February 6	Faith Club Reading Theatre: 7:00 p.m.
February 11 (<i>See flyer</i>)	A Salute to Kander & Ebb: 7:00 p.m.
February 13 (<i>See flyer</i>)	Basketfest: 11:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
February 14 & 28	Texas Hold 'Em: 6:30 pm
February 18 (<i>See flyer</i>)	Casino Night @ La Hacienda: 7:00 p.m.
February 19	Rosh Chodesh: 2:00 p.m.
February 25 (<i>See flyer</i>)	Seeds of Hope Concert: 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - Barbara Glick, MS, Psychiatric Social Work, conducts the group. It focuses on coping with difficult problems that arise as we get older. The group meets every Thursday at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Temple. Come and explore new choices to be made.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - If you have lost a loved one within the last year and are interested in joining a Bereavement Group at the Temple, we meet from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Tuesday in the Sisterhood/ Brotherhood Room. For information. Contact Leah Frederick at 352-751-1808 or leahcohen@thevillages.net.

MITZVAH COMMITTEE - Sisterhood women are here to assist you with your Shiva or memorial arrangements. For assistance, or if you wish to call others, please call Carol Pozen 352-391-9329, Lydia Greene 352-233-9133, Sandy Mele 352-259-1728, or Barbara Fieldman 352-350-2950.

BRICKS - at the front entrance - contact Sandy Ballot 352-259-1451

LEAVES - Tree of Life in foyer - contact Evie Brauer 352-205-8997

PLAQUES - Yahrzeit Plaque - contact Evie Brauer 352-205-8997

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SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB - If you have not tried it yet and you like to read, the Sisterhood Book Club is the place for you. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Buffalo Crossings from 4:00-5:45 pm. Give us a try. For information, please contact Debbie Dessert at debbiteach01@gmail.com or 352-259-8773.

GIFT CARDS

Shopping made easy by shopping with us. Everyone loves a gift card!

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Your gift card coordinators,

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TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop offers a full line of Judaica that will allow you to find that special gift for that special someone.

Whether expressing a "Thank You" to a neighbor or wishing a relative well, say it best with Judaica products from the Sisterhood Gift Shop! Open Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday until noon. Call Toby 352-753-2622, Reva 352-793-3431 or Derick, our Office Manager, 748-1800.

The **PROMISED LANDscape project** is at a standstill. Although donations have been coming in, the pace has been slow. The next phase of Temple Shalom's landscape beautification is delayed due to a funding shortfall. With so many worthy temple endeavors to support, the landscape fund can be easily forgotten when making discretionary contributions. So please remember us when making your future donations. We need your green to green-up our grounds!

ISRAEL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

The Temple Shalom Committee that enhances education and awareness of Israel, the land and its people. Contact Marsha Riefs for more info: marshariefs@yahoo.com

TEN MINUTES OF TORAH (<http://www.templeshalomcentralfl.org/>)

To learn more about the history of Jews in America, Mishnah, Jewish Ethics, and Hebrew. Be inspired to delve more deeply into the weekly portion and prayer (t'filah). And recharge your connection with Israel by hearing from experts on the front line.

We Welcome Our Newest Members

David & Jean Bailey

Village of: Piedmont

Michael & Victoria Smith

From: Boynton Beach

Village of: Liberty Park

John & Cathy Tighe

From: Miami Beach

Village of: Osceola Hills at Soaring Eagle

Sisterhood: Strong Women Working for a Strong Temple

Sisterhood – Where It's Happening

January has been a special month for our Sisterhood.

On January 9th we had its annual Installation Luncheon, which was attended by 107 Sisterhood members and honored guests. After welcoming remarks and an invocation by Miriam Jersky, we were serenaded by The Villages Charter Middle School Chorus. Then Presidents Miriam Jersky, Bonnie Klepner, Eleanor Neff and Lynn Sindoris led an inspirational ceremony, thanking the 2016 Sisterhood Board and inducting the 2017 Board. The meeting ended with **a delicious lunch, catered by Giovanni's.**



Our 2017 Sisterhood Board: Lynn Sindoris – President, Marlene Sontz – Administrative Vice President, Sandy Solomon – Fundraising Vice President, Barbara Glick – Program Vice President, Thommie Williams – Ritual, Social and Community Vice President, Susan Chidakel – Treasurer, Sandee Horowitz – Financial Secretary, Jeanne Richter – Corresponding Secretary, Rita Montroy – Recording Secretary, Trustees – Marsha Belitz, Gloria Rodetsky, Sherry Elias, Sharna Vitale, Past President – Miriam Jersky. We wish them all mazel tov and much success.

On January 14th, **if you weren't** there, you missed something really special. An all-star cast including Linda Goldberg, Carol Greenberg, Nancy Heyman, Carolyn Hoffman, Phyllis Kalter, Bill Krone, Alexandra Rae, Sue Schuler, Syd Tenenbaum and Michele Uss thrilled a sell-out crowd with **“A Night of Jewish Music: From Shtetl to Broadway.”**

Kudos to our Concert Director, Susan Feinberg, for producing such a wonderful event.

Hopefully by now you have attended and enjoyed many of our Sisterhood activities. Our calendar for February and March is filled with some wonderful new programs as well as old favorites.

Our monthly activities include meetings the 1st Monday at 10:30am – Marsha Belitz (352) 259-6649; board meetings the 3rd Monday at 9:45am – Lynn Sindoris (352) 633-0285, The Book Club the 2nd Thursday at 4:00pm at Buffalo Crossings – Debbie Dessert (352) 259-8773; Rosh Chodesh Celebration on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00pm – Marsha Riefs (352) 399-5775.

Special events for February and March include the following:

February 11 – Concert: The Skipper Presents A Salute to Kander & Ebb. \$12 for Temple members. Call the office (352) 748-1800 for tickets.

February 13 – BasketFest from 11am-3pm. Contact Denise Rosenbaum (352) 259-8310.

March 14 – Fashion Show and Buffet – 11:00am at Harbor Hills Country Club. Fashions by Stein Mart. \$28 for Sisterhood Members. For reservations email: shalomfashionmail@gmail.com or call Ina Lidsky (973) 476-7957 or Susan Feinberg (410) 818-8510.

March 18 – Rock and Roll Show – save the date, flyer out soon

March 27 – **Women's Seder** - save the date, flyer out soon

There are so many activities. I hope you will participate by attending and/or helping out. If you have not yet joined the Sisterhood for 2017, I urge you to do so. Our fundraising supports the Temple and enables us to provide activities for you. Dues are \$25, payable at the Temple or at any monthly meeting.

Shalom.

Lynn Sindoris, Sisterhood President
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VILLAGES PHILHARMONIC CONCERTS AT TEMPLE SHALOM----*SAVE THE DATE!*
The successful Villages Philharmonic Concerts will return to Temple Shalom this spring and summer. Save the Dates of April 30 and June 25!!! More details to come.

TU B'SHEVAT (Jewish Arbor Day)

Go to Israel...plant a tree! **Or don't go to Israel ... plant a tree there anyway!** Have a Seder and feast on fruit from trees, or from the Seven Species of vegetation described in the Bible as being abundant in the land of Israel. Wish your friends and family a Happy New Year --- the New Year for trees. Or plant a tree, either in our country, or preferably in Israel. **Any of these ways to acknowledge Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat (corresponding to Feb. 11th, 2017), is proper. The word "Tu" is not really a word; it is the number 15 in Hebrew ... like the 4th of July), and the significance is the "new year" for calculating the age of trees.**

The history of this reverence for trees goes back to the Temple period before 70 CE, when farmers of fruit were taxed in the form of tithes. Tu B'Shevat was probably a day for tax collection on fruit. After the destruction of the Temple, tithing was not done, and no one knows how or if the celebrating of the age of trees was conducted. In the 17th century, Kabbalists created a ritual for the day that is similar to a Passover Seder, concentrating on the eating of the fruits of the land.

However, since the rise of Zionism and Statehood, Tu B'Shevat is primarily associated with the planting of trees. Way back in 1913, in **Palestine, the Israel Teacher's Association**, along with 1500 students traveled to the Jewish colony of Motza, about 3 miles west of Jerusalem. The students planted trees and exchanged fruits with each other. Later, Jewish Arbor Day was adopted by the Jewish National Fund in an effort to combat malaria in the swamplands of the Hula Valley. The JNF planted eucalyptus trees in order to drain the malaria infested areas, thus saving the lives of the Jewish pioneers. The most popular theme today is to acknowledge ethical obligations to care for the planet and **its inhabitants... a time for connecting to the earth.**



So, this February, it would be environmentally splendid for you to dig into your pockets, shovel some dollars from your wallet, fill out the Jewish National Fund form in *The Shalom*, and have a tree planted in Israel in your honor or that of someone you love. Some future Jewish tree huggers will be so glad that you put down roots for them. Thank "yew"!

(For Larry Wallace by Charlotte Newman)

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This is the start of a new column for sharing good news from temple members... about you or your relatives or friends. Did your son get a promotion or new job? Do you have a new grandchild? Have you taken a marvelous trip? Did you or someone in your family win accolades or an award or a new title? Let us know.....

Just send your news to Sandi Newmark, co-editor of Shalom Newsletter: snewmark@aol.com

Seeds of Hope Concert

2017 SEEDS OF HOPE SPECIAL EVENT!!

TEMPLE SHALOM HOSTS THE DIXIELAND BAND ~SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, at 7 PM

Everyone is welcomed to enjoy this lively, high-energy benefit concert with the Dixieland Band, a traditional jazz band performed in the true Mardi Gras/Roaring 20's style, starring our own talented Stan Goodman. You'll be tapping your toes to the rhythm of his drum!

Admission is nonperishable food items and/or a monetary donation to benefit the Wildwood Soup Kitchen and the Wildwood Food Pantry. A bin will be located in the Temple lobby throughout February, as well as a list of needed items, and a drawer in the office for monetary donations. Checks made out to Seeds of Hope - WSK. The public is invited and no reservations are necessary. Further information, contact Joanne Goldin at 205-7516 or the Temple office.

Ed-Jew-Cation: Coffee, Tea, or ??? Coffee!!!

Ahh, there's nothing like a hot cup of coffee on a chilly Florida day. did you ever realize how much Jewish history went into that brew? ago Ethiopians discovered the stimulating effects of chewing the berries **trees. (There's the cute legend of the goatherd who noticed that when** munched on the fruit they began frolicking happily, so the goatherd berries himself. That was the first caffeine kick in history.) The Yemenites roast and brew the coffee beans into a tasty beverage. Sweetener was added to because the drink was otherwise too bitter for taste, and soon coffee was all the rage, perhaps more as a substitute for forbidden alcohol in Islam. Religious Jews, like the religious Muslims in those lands, drank it to stay alert for nightly devotion, so states Israeli professor of history Elliott Horowitz. At the same time, coffee raised debate as to whether it was kosher (yes); should it be considered medicine (no), and what blessing should be said over it (a general blessing).



Yummy! And Centuries of native the goats tried the learned to the liquid

Most people drank the beverage hot, in coffeehouses, which first opened in Constantinople in the **1500's. In 1553 an Egyptian rabbi ruled** that Jews could drink coffee prepared by a non-Jew but advised that their coffee should be “delivered home”. Although his name is undocumented, it is known that it was a Jew who exported the concept of coffeehouses to Europe, first in Livorno, Italy in 1632. In 1650, a **Lebanese known as “Jacob the Jew” founded the first** English coffeehouse in Oxford. Recognizing a money-maker, Sephardic Jews became coffee traders and soon brought the coffeehouse to the Netherlands and France. Politically, in some countries, there was resentment of the success of coffee; **Frederick the Great of Germany proclaimed “My people must drink beer”, and attempted to restrict the** Jewish coffee trade altogether, so as not to conflict with the growing beer industry. Apparently coffee won out.

By the 19th century, coffeehouses, or cafes, were the social centers of middle Europe, especially in Vienna and Berlin, where Jewish intellectuals gathered to sip coffee, socialize, and exchange ideas. On the negative side of the fad was the growth of coffee in the new world (think the West Indies and Brazil) where slaves were imported to do the hard work of planting and reaping. Since many Jews had settled in that part of the world after they were exiled from Spain and Portugal and were heavily involved in the coffee trade, it is without doubt that there were Jewish slave holders.

In America, after the Boston Tea Party, it was unpatriotic to drink tea, causing the drinking of coffee to flourish. When the Jewish immigrant tide swept in from Europe, they brought along “a little something to go along” ---coffee cake! Bakeries, mostly Jewish owned, sprang up featuring this new confection. Out in the Wild West, Jewish peddlers and tradesmen were very influential in spreading the

popularity of the drink, as evidenced by the ubiquitous tin coffee pot being used at every campfire and in every log cabin. Meanwhile, back in New York, where competition for the commodity was fierce, a Latvian immigrant named Joseph Martinson first sold his beans from a pushcart on the Lower East Side. **He then opened a factory in lower Manhattan in 1898 and by the 1930's was a mogul, catering to hotels and restaurants, and packaging Martinson's Coffee in cans to sell retail.** A competitor, Samuel Schonbrunn, produced the Savarin brand, which was served with distinction at the Waldorf Astoria. A later entrant to this coffee klatch was William Black, a Jew, whose nut stores morphed into Chock Full o' Nuts coffee shops. **Many of these brands were bought out by larger businesses,** but the Schoenholt family, owner of Gillies Coffee, and other specialty coffee manufacturers are still very much in the coffee business. **And let's not forget the advertising coup of Maxwell House Coffee (not Jewish owned) and the Passover Haggadah,** of which over 50 million copies have been printed, in what has been called the oldest and longest running sales promotion in advertising history. The promotion was created by a man named Jacobson of one of the first Jewish-owned advertising agencies in America.

In more recent years, the ever-present Starbucks has re-invented the coffeehouse. The company was established in 1971, by three friends, one of whom was Zev Siegl. Howard Schultz (a Brooklyn Jewish guy) acquired the company in 1997 and grew it to its present prominence. He is also responsible for the design of the easily recognized Starbucks coffee cup, which is said to start coffee lovers salivating upon its sight. (Mr. Schultz is retiring from the presidency this spring, it was announced). A Jewish **Bostonian, William Rosenberg, put the donut before the coffee when he opened his "holey" homemade donut shop,** which later became, when he introduced his own brand of coffee----- **Dunkin' Donuts!**

Now then, as you are enjoying your coffee and dunking your donut, you might want to add a bit more sweetness to the cup. **Reach for the "Sweet N Low", the sweet idea of Ben Eisenstadt and his son Marvin,** who were the first to package individual portions of sugar, and who then created the saccharine based artificial sugar and its packaging. **The name "Sweet N Low" came from the song "Sweet and Low",** which Ben liked, and the package color pink was chosen so that it would stand out in a bowl of sweeteners. You might be served coffee in a green colored cup with Greek motif, particularly if you are in New York. Fifty years ago, to try to sell more paper cups to Greek-owned diners in NYC, the marketing director for the Sherri Cup Company **created the "Anthora" coffee cup. The cup's creator was Leslie Buck (born Laszlo Buch, a survivor of both Auschwitz and Buchenwald.). "For Buck, it was a long journey from "Work Makes You Free" to "We are Happy to Serve You",** which is the logo on the cup.

As for famous Jewish teas, the only newsworthy one is that of the Wissotsky Tea Company, the first tea distributor in Russia in 1849, and currently a distributor in Israel. The company produces more than 200 products (e.g. green and black teas, chais and herbal and fruit blends). Wissotsky is very popular in Israel; so much so that special machines were made for brewing tea for the soldiers while they are in their tanks. One of your favorite memories may be of your grandparents sipping hot tea (probably Sweet Touch Nee – a Russian blended tea in the red treasure chest) from a saucer, with a lump of sugar between their lips. How sweet it is!

Dear Reader: If this article is not your cup of tea, please accept my apology and a cup of cocoa.

Charlotte Newman, February 2017

ISRAEL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

Our AIPAC speaker, Jeff Dawson, brought in a full house on Jan 4th.

The Villages community is hungry for informed speakers about Israel and Temple Shalom is fulfilling this need.

As we all stood and sang the Israel National Anthem: "Hatikvah", there was a beautiful feeling of love for Israel.

May we all continue to support Israel in our own way.

Marsha Riefs



Menorahs take the Squares!

by Susan Feinberg

Sheldon and Eveleen Skurow and Temple Shalom have longed for The Villages to have a menorah in all three Villages Squares. For many years, the Temple has hosted a Villages Hanukkah Lighting at Spanish Springs. On December 24th, on the first night of Hanukkah their wish came true and the menorahs were lit in Spanish Springs, Sumter Landing and Brownwood.

Our traditional ceremony took place in Spanish Springs with more than 500 people in attendance showing that Temple members and the public like to celebrate Hanukkah. After hearing the traditional Hanukkah story and blessings, the crowd heard songs from talented members of our Choir and musicians. We had more than 100 people dancing the Hora and then line dancing to Hava Na Gila. Lynn Kaplan entertained everyone dressed as a life-sized dreidel to the delight of the crowd---what a brave woman!





Lake Sumter

The Villages purchased the new menorahs for Sumter Landing and Brownwood which shows their support and recognition of the Jewish community.

They will be installed in the Squares on an annual basis. But the Temple needed to ensure that the lights were lit every night of Hanukkah.

Thanks go to Sheldon and Eveleen Skurow, Sara Branscome, Joanne and Jerry Golden, Larry Wallace and Susan and Stuart Feinberg for making sure the traditions were kept. Butch Ballot worked with The Villages to ensure that the new menorahs were taken down and safely stored at our Temple until next year. We hope to rotate our candle lightings to all the Squares in the future.



Brownwood

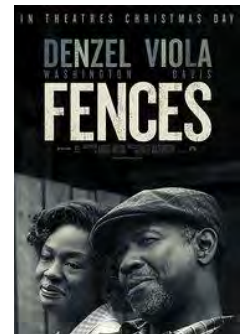
MOVIE COLUMN

A TRIBUTE TO THE BLACK EXPERIENCE
IN MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
By SANDI NEWMARK

For once there are multiple movies of such high quality playing here that I must recommend seeing all **of them as a tribute to Dr. King's memory.....the best kind of tribute.** To me, viewing these fine films to understand what black people experienced (and are still experiencing) in our generation is so much more powerful than witnessing a demonstration protest, even of the nonviolent kind Dr. King recommended. One cannot see these films and not gain more insight into why there has been violence and hatred to protest the "establishment's" treatment of minorities.

FENCES is quite simply one of the finest and most dramatic films I have ever seen, and I have seen many.

From the first words star Denzel Washington speaks, as a garbage man on the back of a truck, to the very emotional ending, I was transfixed by the character he plays, a man who has been denied many chances in life to succeed, to have even a **successful "ordinary" life.** Throughout the film, which had been a Broadway play by August Wilson, Washington's character verbalizes so effectively what his life is and has been like, and vividly shows how all his relationships with friends and family have been affected. To say it is movingly effective is such a massive understatement: it literally blew me away.



Another film, HIDDEN FIGURES, offers dramatic revelations as well, through the eyes of three brilliant black women who helped engineer the U.S. space program for NASA in the 1960s. That they have not been given any public credit until this film speaks volumes for the racism that permeated our society since then. How they were made to grovel before white supervisors and officials is embarrassingly uncomfortable and the fact that they endured such denigration and still persevered with their projects is amazing.

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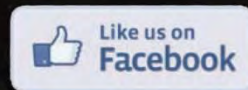


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Please send your reservation to the Temple office and confirm your table request to:
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SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL

Four Temple Couples' Valentine's Day Anniversaries

By Sandi Newmark, co-editor Shalom

Is it inherently romantic to get married on a day known for hearts and flowers and sentiment galore? Feb. 14 always conjures up a special feeling of "love is in the air."

I should know....my daughter won a bridal magazine contest to get married on Feb. 14 at the top of the Empire State Building! And now, nine years later, she still glows when telling people about it and has blissful memories and great photos. She and my son-in-law celebrate their "Valiversary" every year and have hopes of someday renewing their vows at the top of the NYC world.

Here at Temple Shalom, four member couples also tied the knot on Feb. 14....each with differing circumstances but all with a bit of romance in their hearts.

IRA AND CAROL POZEN will specially celebrate this year—it will be their golden wedding anniversary! (50 years) **They had a small wedding at Temple Beth Am in Miami, FL, on a Tuesday..." It is a good luck day for Jews," says Carol. They raised their three children there, and moved to The Villages in 2007 in February, on the day of the renowned tornado! They literally "blew into" town.** They also immediately got involved with Temple Shalom at its very opening and walked in the initial procession from the church where they had been meeting before the building opened. He is past president of Brotherhood and a former Board Parliamentarian, and considers the temple **their "second home."**

To celebrate the anniversary, they will take a summer cruise and land tour to Alaska for two weeks with their entire family: three children (from TX, GA, and Hawaii), 7 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DAVID AND CAROL COHEN will celebrate their 4th anniversary...each had been widowed and met online here in The Villages. They met at the Waterfront Inn in June, but found **it too noisy..."Let's get out of here," David said...and the rest was history.** They were married Feb. 14, 2013, on the beach at St. Thomas. **"We had the cantor from the oldest temple in the Caribbean, and a rooster as a guest!"** said Carol. She moved here from Ft. Lauderdale, and he from Lido Beach, N.Y. She had a son and three grandchildren; he has three children and four grandchildren. **"We blended well,"** she says.

ALLEN AND CYNTHIA BERNSTEIN, married 18 years, also tied the knot for the second time around. She was a widow and he was divorced. **They were fixed up by Cynthia's daughter in N.J., whose husband had had business dealings with Allen.** So, once they decided to settle in together, they had a **small ceremony at her daughter's home, with a rabbi from N.Y.** To celebrate, in the past they either dined out or went on a cruise, but nowadays they are most likely to just exchange Valentine and anniversary cards. Although they had no children together, from previous relationships, he had a daughter, and she had three children. Now they have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DAVID AND BETTY ROSEN, from Wilmington, DE, married 33 years ago on Feb. 14 in Homestead, FL, where he was stationed in the Air Force, at a community center with about 100 people attending. She had been a young widow with two children, but it was his first marriage. Now they have five **grandchildren who call him "Poppop."** And they only exchange cards and sometimes flowers for their anniversary because **"if there's something we want during the year, we go out and get it."** They dine with friends they've known for over 30 years and make it a special time.



Birthdays

Doron Bronshtein	2/11/2017	Rita Gallin	2/20/2017		
Barry Cooperstein	2/12/2017	Stephen Lowe	2/20/2017		
Howard Frucht	2/12/2017	Selma Marlin	2/20/2017	Richard Feiertag	3/2/2017
Lucy R. Lasker	2/13/2017	Heinz A Jaffe	2/22/2017	Sandy Ballot	3/3/2017
Michael Ray	2/13/2017	Ron Moore	2/22/2017	Carol Pozen	3/3/2017



Joel Keltz	2/14/2017	Ellis Levenson	2/23/2017	Linda Pistoll	3/4/2017
Hedy Bednarz	2/15/2017	Anita Caminez	2/24/2017	Jack Richman	3/4/2017
Marjorie Brunner	2/15/2017	Sylvia Elinoff	2/25/2017	Gloria Stark	3/4/2017
George Cohen	2/15/2017	Rita Meier	2/25/2017	Hedy Gerace	3/5/2017
Alan Goldberg	2/15/2017	Rodney Rickabaugh	2/25/2017	Renee Gershman	3/5/2017
Phyllis Kalter	2/15/2017	Barry Shapiro	2/25/2017	Sharon Kaplan	3/5/2017
Alvin Lemberger	2/15/2017	Richard Stone	2/25/2017	Betty P. Rosen	3/5/2017
Mary Golove	2/16/2017	Michael Kamps	2/27/2017	Julie Stein	3/6/2017
Elaine Hook	2/18/2017	Barbara Klein	2/28/2017	Teena Levy	3/7/2017
Dory Ratner	2/18/2017	Rosalind Lazar	2/28/2017	Eileen Sussman	3/8/2017
Rebecca Schwartz	2/19/2017	Rita Montroy	2/28/2017	Frances Tesser	3/8/2017
Michael Smith	2/19/2017	Joyce Pomerance	2/28/2017	Beth Zelikoff	3/8/2017
Linda Adams	2/20/2017	Sheldon Franklin	3/1/2017	Harvey Greenberg	3/10/2017
Robert Elkin	2/20/2017	Ernest Mendel	3/1/2017	Michael Levy	3/10/2017

Anniversaries



Alan & Geraldine Feingold	2/13/2017		
Allen & Cynthia Bernstein	2/14/2017	Jerry & Rebecca Schwartz	2/21/2017
David & Carol Cohen	2/14/2017	Sam & Sue Adler	2/23/2017
Ira & Carol Pozen	2/14/2017	Lawrence & Paula Gold	2/23/2017
Howard David & Betty P. Rosen	2/14/2017	Irwin & Charlotte Newman	2/25/2017
Rodney & Michele Rickabaugh	2/15/2017	Murray & Sally Cohen	2/28/2017
Stephen & Roni Greenberg	2/16/2017	Bruce & Leslie Frimet	3/1/2017
Jack & Susan Mazlin	2/17/2017	Martin & Marsha Riefs	3/1/2017
Ted Godlin & Kelley Kaufman	2/19/2017	Lonnie & Shellie Levy	3/10/2017

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December 11 – December 31, 2016

Building Donation	Donor	Reason
	Grobman, Jack & Rita	IHO Jennifer, daughter of Rita and Jack Grobman
Skurow Choir Fund	Donor	Reason
	Kuperberg, Robert	IMO Joel Kuperberg, brother of Robert Kuperberg
Jack Vitale Education Fund	Donor	Reason
	Bloom, Janice	Donation from Janice Bloom (Sharna's daughter)
Morgan Landscape Fund	Donor	Reason
	Chary, Ruth	IMO Ann Chary, mother of Ruth Chary
	Chary, Ruth	IMO Herb Chary, father of Ruth Chary
	Hankin, Stewart & Doreen	IMO William Hankin, father of Stewart Hankin
	Kramer, Alvin & Ethel	IMO Goldie Kusnit, mother of Ethel Kramer
	Phillips, Georgiana	IMO Herman Gromet, father of Georgiana Phillips
Jasper Torah Fund	Donor	Reason
	Laliberte, Raymond	Happy Hanukkah
	Ray, Michael & Susan	Michael Ray's recovery from surgery

Rittberg, Samuel & Ida
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Schachter, Richard & Kathy

IMO Pincus Goldstein, grandfather of Ida Rittberg
IMO Esther Goldstein, grandmother of Ida Rittberg
IMO Alan Schragers's sister

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Donor

Cohen, Janice
Frucht, Howard & Laura
Grant, Jennifer
Pozen, Ira & Carol
Rubenstein, Harvey & Sydney
Sussman, Elliot
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Reason

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IHO Kinzley Richmond, great granddaughter of Paula & Larry Gold
IHO Jack & Rita Grobman, parents of Jennifer Grant
IMO Sidney Byer
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Contribution
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Corenblum, Alvin
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Davidoff, Lois
Dornfeld, Gerald & Marilyn
Edelman, Linda
Glazer, Marilyn D.
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Gold, Robert H. & Brenda F.
Greenberg, Barnett & Marti
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Grossman, Steven
Harmelin, Kenneth & Karen
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Kisber, Adele
Kosa, Pearl
Krone, William & Martha
Krone, William & Martha
Lando, Marvin
Mele, Sandra
Meyer, Joy
Newman, Irwin & Charlotte
Pautz, Nathan
Pergamit, Howard & Francine
Pozen, Ira & Carol
Prezioso, Gerald & Karen

Reason

IMO Lester Perelmut, father of Sharon Adams
IMO Henry Adams, father of John Adams
IMO Tillie Pechter, mother of Adelaine Adler
IMO Harry Pechter, father of Adelaine Adler
IMO Isidore Amster, father of Marvin Amster
IMO Moe Bender, father of Richard Bender
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IMO Rae Schiller, mother of Karen Prezioso

Riefs, Martin & Marsha
Sandler, Dr. Michael
Shayne, Sheila
Sparber, Stefanie
Tischler, Kenneth & Arlene
Tropp, Rory & Shelley
Wallace, Larry & Lynn

IMO Richard Prince, nephew of Martin & Marsha Riefs
IMO J. Harold Fisher, father of Michael Sandler
IMO Louis Marks, father of Sheila Shayne
IMO Shirley Sparber, mother-in-law of Stefanie Sparber
IMO Saul Iskowitz, father of Arlene Tischler
IMO Stuart Dicker, twin brother of Shelley Tropp
IMO Alan Schragar's sister

NIGHT OF JEWISH MUSIC SHOW

A sellout crowd came out to see Temple members and selected friends perform in A Night of Jewish Music: From the Shtetl to Broadway on Saturday, January 14th.

The show was directed by Bill Krone and had nostalgic and fun performances by Linda Goldberg, Bill Krone, Carol Greenfield, Nancy Heyman, Carolyn Hoffman, Phyllis Kalter, Alexandra Rae, Sue Schuler, Syd Tenenbaum and Michele Uss. Our own John Uss, assisted by Stan Golove, revamped our sound system so that everyone could enjoy the special technical requirements for the Fiddler on the Roof segment. Here are some pictures:



What's News?

FIRST HASIDIC WOMAN JUDGE: Rachel Freier is the first woman from ultra-Orthodox Hasidic background to be elected as a judge in the United States. She won a three-way Democratic primary and the general election to become the new Brooklyn NY civil court judge. She is 51 yrs. old, a married mother of six children who didn't start college until her 30's. She says, "This is a dream; it's the American dream." It's extremely rare for an Hasidic or other ultra-Orthodox woman to hold an elected position, even in Israel. At her swearing in, she pledged her commitment to the public, her religion, and her community. She vowed to uphold the Constitution and to illuminate the Hasidic world for her new colleagues. Good luck, Judge Rachel!



CORNERSTONE HOSPICE ACCREDITED TO OFFER JEWISH SERVICES: Only about 50 hospice centers in the nation are accredited by the National Institute for Jewish Hospice to offer Jewish services to its patients. Recently Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages had its accreditation renewed at the NIJH annual conference in November. All chaplains at the Cornerstone locations are trained and have the ability to serve Jewish patients. Spiritual Care program manager, Rich Behers, of Cornerstone Hospice of Winter Haven, travels to NJ to attend the accreditation conference and learn the basics of the Jewish faith. "It's really paying attention to the patients' quality of life, and that's what hospice is about. It gives them peace at the end of life."

Community Social Groups

JEWISH WAR VETERANS - Join our expanding new Jewish War Veterans Post 352 Judith A. Resnick. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Prezioso 352-350-3455.

JEWISH SINGLES CLUB (JSC) - Meets the first Thursday every month at Churchill Street Recreation Center. For **information and/or questions about the club's meeting, coming events, and to RSVP for the meeting**, please contact the following: BEV: 631 974 5150 (TEXT ONLY) BEV.GOLDSTEIN@YAHOO.COM; HEDI: HDBED@AOL.COM; HERB: Itchsiegel@gmail.com;

BORSCHT BELT CLUB - A great place for married/interfaith couples & singles of Jewish heritage to gather and make new friendships. Our Club is open and welcomes all Village residents. For Membership info, contact Arlene Kaplan, 352-753-0482 or email borschtbeltclub@gmail.com.

We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month (except July/August) at Lake Miona Rec Center at 6:00 pm. All events are RSVP ONLY! On January 15 we will be featuring Bob Milne, a Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Piano Player. **Don't miss this unique and stimulating audio/visual concert.** Reserve now, \$10 members, \$15 guests, prepaid to Borscht Belt Club.

VILLAGES NORTH JEWISH CHAVURAH - Meets the first Saturday of the month at the Lake Miona Recreation Center. For information, contact Ted Harris 352-751-1010 or tvnorthchavurah@gmail.com. All events are RSVP ONLY.

VILLAGES SOUTH JEWISH CHAVURAH - Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Rohan Recreation Center. For information, contact 352-633-0707 or TVSchavurah@gmail.com (mailto:TVSchavurah@gmail.com) All events are RSVP ONLY.

THE VILLAGE KIBITZERS - Meets the fourth Sunday of the month at Eisenhower Rec Center. All events are RSVP only. For information, please contact Julia Roemmich, 651-398-8899 or email tvkibitzers@gmail.com

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INQUIRING REPORTER: WHY ARE YOU GLAD TO BE A JEW?

In last month's *Shalom*, in response to the question "Why are you glad to be a Jew" we listed 18 reasons, as provided by members of the congregation. The editors also received several lengthy, profound responses, which are worthy of special mention.



1. **"To** be a Jew is a privilege and a challenge. We carry a heavy burden with Islam, Christianity and Judaism, all at the foot of the mountain, taking different roads to the top. Labels are divisive, and I would rather be recognized as a believer of the Creator. We are, as Jews, religious and philosophers, as described in the Torah. I recognized creation within the context of evolution. I am proud of our contributions to society, to science, medicine, finance, psychology, and the arts. This has been documented as part of our gifts to humanity, consistent with our covenant with our Creator. We must beat a soft drum and accept humility in order to discourage envy, jealousy, and prejudice. The Creator has favored us with sorrow – to appreciate happiness. It has favored us with prejudice – to favor acceptance. It has rained on us – to appreciate sunshine. We have witnessed wars – to enjoy peace. It has given us back our historical land to enjoy all. My comments have been made within the context of reality, keeping within my heart my faith in the Creator." REMI WRONA
2. **"I** have never been asked that question before so this is a unique opportunity to express my views of what it means to me to be a Jew. The first reason I am proud of my religion is that Judaism is the basis of all religions. As the oldest religion we had and still have a responsibility to civilized society to set the example for ethical, moral, and religious equality. We are a diverse people with cultures differing from one country to the next, yet all abiding by teaching of the Torah. We are people of compassion, ready to help all others that need our help. "Tzedakah", charitable giving is the essence of caring that is what sets us apart as a unique people. Making the world a better place is our mission in many endeavors, being in medicine, law, education, and the arts. Jewish people have paved the way in research and development, business, and the humanities to serve the needs of mankind, regardless of religion or cultural differences. I am proud of who we are and who we shall be in the future. Our **"homeland"** of Israel and all that country stands for is a shining example of the strength of the Jewish people and the resilient nature that has sustained us through centuries of attempted annihilation we have endured. Yes, I am proud to be a Jew!" SHERRY ELIAS
3. **"I** guess I am glad and proud to be a Jew because from the time that I can remember we were looked upon as less than equal to others. There was a time when my family was turned back because we were Jewish. Why my parents wanted to move into a lovely development called Bud Lake we were turned down when they found out that we were Jewish. But we found a better place to live. Then, as you go through history, people tried to eliminate us, but we stood up to them. Now with the State of Israel we are respected for our ability to defend ourselves as well as for the many important things we invented and created. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE JEWISH!" AL HERBST
4. **"I** have always felt that being a Jew causes us each unique responsibilities. As a Jew, to those who **aren't**, my actions reflect on all of the members of my tribe. I feel strongly that my behavior should be superior, so as to enhance the image of Jewish people to those in the community who **aren't** of our faith. I try to remember the words my parents repeated so very often as we four daughters were growing up: 'Your name is our identity, too. Please be kind and considerate and represent us **well**.'" MARILYN BYER

Again, thank you to our congregants who shared their ideas and innermost feelings about why they are glad to be Jewish. The Editors

MLK Jr. Breakfast and Scholarships Event

Bob Gold and the MLK Committee were very pleased with the Temple Shalom participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast and Scholarship event, January 14, 2017.



Temple Shalom had three tables and was well represented!



Thanks to Susan Feinberg, Susan, Ted Williams and Bob were interviewed for The Villages TV station and should have aired by the time you receive this publication.



There was a capacity crowd at the Savannah Rec. Center. We all enjoyed the program and the food.



The video of Dr. King's letter from a Birmingham Jail was exceptional.

The students, who were awarded scholarships, were truly outstanding and deserving and we feel good about helping them in their quest for higher education.

We appreciate all of our members who participated, those who are on the MLK Committee and everyone who generously donated to this worthy cause.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Beginning Hebrew Class 2:00 pm Israel Solidarity Committee 6:30 pm	2 Choir 4:30 pm	3 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	4
5	6 Sisterhood Meeting 10:30 am Chai Mitzvah1 Mtg. (R/S) 1:00 pm Faith Club Reading Theatre 7:00 pm	7 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am BasketFest Prep. 1:00 pm	8 Beginning Hebrew Class 2:00 pm	9 Membership Com. (R/S) 1:00 pm Choir 4:30 pm	10 Erev Tu Bish'Vat Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	11 Tu Bish'Vat The Skipper presents: Kander & Ebb 7:00 pm
12 Basketfest Setup 1:30 pm	13 Basketfest 11:00 am	14 Valentine's Day Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am Brotherhood Bd. Mtg. 3:30 pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 pm	15 Meeting: Ritual (R/S) 1:30 pm Beginning Hebrew Class 2:00 pm	16 Board Meeting 3:30 pm	17 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	18 Casino Night 7:00 pm
19 Rosh Hodesh Group 2:00 pm Reserved 7:00 pm	20 President's Day Brotherhood Mtg. 9:00 am Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. 10:00 am Reserved: (R/S) 1:00 pm	21 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am	22 Beginning Hebrew Class 2:00 pm	23 Choir 4:30 pm	24 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	25 Saturday Sabbath Service 9:30 am Seeds of Hope Concert 7:00 pm
26	27	28 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 pm				

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SHABBAT SERVICES

Every Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Last Saturday of the Month 9:30 a.m.

Sheldon Skurow, Spiritual Leader

Accompanied by the Temple Shalom Choir

Michelle Uss, Music Director

Oneg Shabbat following each service