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Through Iris' Eyes

As you all know, when I ran for President one of my goals was to repair, clean and kosher all three Torahs. This important and obvious need was brought to my attention by Past President, Skip Honigstein. I was also approached by Danny and Carol Greenberg. We all happened to witness the main Torah tear on a seam during Shabbat Services last year. We all had been on the Bimah and at services often enough to see the Torahs show their age. Sheldon was one of the founders who chose the Torahs and can attest that they are very old but have certainly held up very well. After all, we handle them with tender loving care at Temple Shalom. But like many of us, when you reach a certain age, you need a lift!

Ralph Coster, past president of Brotherhood, encouraged the guys to **make “The Guardians of the Torah”** an official Brotherhood project. Ralph spent many hours researching and organizing the first sofer on site. The scribe was present to demonstrate the actual work required to rewrite some of the faded letters and words.

Ann Jasper got involved after our beloved Marvin passed away and the official name became the **“Marvin Jasper Guardian of the Torah Fund.”** Many members donated and the project for repairing, cleaning and koshering one Torah was well on its way.

This past January, Paul Elias became Brotherhood President. He picked up where Ralph left off and lucky for Temple Shalom, an anonymous donor contributed the money necessary to complete the job which includes all three Torahs. Thank you from all of us!

Paul arranged for with the Sofer on site and the Scribe and Rabbi Salazar was at Temple Shalom on Wednesday, April 26. I was one of the fortunate donors who met the **Rabbi and held his hand while “we” wrote the word “neetzvu.”** I need to thank Sara Branscome and Rabbi Glazer for assisting me in locating the word in the Torah and understanding its meaning. Rabbi Salazar was certainly a patient and informative teacher, as well as a scribe, but my memory needed assistance.



My “word” is in the The Song of the Sea, (*Shirat HaYam*, also known as *AzYashir Moshe*) a poem that appears in Exodus 15:1–18. It is followed in verses 20 and 21 by a much shorter song sung by Miriam and the other women. The Song of the Sea was reputedly sung by the Israelites after their crossing the Red Sea in safety, celebrates the destruction of the Egyptian army during the crossing, and looks forward to the future conquest of Canaan.

Rabbi Glazer tells me that **“neetzvu”** means “stood strong;” as the Israelites stood strong. A good word to write, in my humble opinion.

The poem forms part of parshat Beshalach. It is one of only two sections of the Sefer Torah that is written with a different layout from the normal simple columns. We recite part of the poem

at most of our services when we say: “**Who** among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, **working wonders?**”

I’m obviously kvelling over this entire experience. It was a glorious moment sitting there with the Torah and the scribe. It brought me back to the Orthodox Synagogue, where my Bubbe Bashka took me to help clean the kitchen, while my Zaide prayed and read Torah daily. Women and girls were not allowed near the Ark. My Bubbe is kvelling now from Heaven. To know that her maidala actually held the hand of the sofer and not only was up close and personal, but had the opportunity to assist in writing on the scroll. An amazing day at Temple Shalom. My friend Elaine Morris felt the very same sense of wonder. As young Orthodox girls, who knew this would have been possible?

Thank you, Brotherhood!
See you in Shul,
Iris

Rabbi Mel Glazer officially starts July 1st, but this is his first monthly column.

Lessons Learned Along the Way



Shalom to all my new Temple Shalom of Central Florida friends!

I am honored to be your very first Rabbi. It is a tribute to your commitment to deepening your Jewish life that you have been so eager to engage a Rabbi, and I am delighted that you have chosen me.

I want to thank Alan Matisoff and his Search Committee, which has devoted so much time and energy finding a Rabbi. He told me recently that the Rabbi Search Committee is now defunct, and **I couldn’t be happier!** In addition, Iris Holtz has been a wonderful resource to me, and we have become good friends in the process. Thanks, Iris, for all of your Presidential help and encouragement. I could not have found a better partner, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Our **tradition speaks of “Tzorchey Tzibbur,” the needs of the community. This means that it is our** task to deepen our understanding of Jewish life, history, symbols, Shabbat and holy days, and to apply that understanding to our own lives. We can all add to our repertoire of Jewish responses. It is my challenge and honor as your Rabbi to help you do that.

I will teach you from our sources, I will visit you when you are in physical or emotional pain, and rejoice with you at your simchas. For me, the definition of a Rabbi is one who stands by your side **when you need me; to listen, to talk, to hold your hand, and sometimes just to “be there” with you.** It is all about creating relations between you and me. And we will be partners in discovering what Jewish tradition has to say about our own contemporary lives. All this we will do with joy and celebration, as our God demands.

More next time. Ellen and I are grateful that we can be part of a community so devoted to Jewish life. We are excited about **meeting you all personally, and helping you to continue to build “Your Jewish Home in Central Florida.”**

Shalom and Blessings,
Rabbi **Mel Glazer** (call me “Rabbi Mel”)

Note: you can view the past and current Shaloms, [in color](#) and enlarge the photos by going to tscfl.org and clicking on the PDF on the home page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Events and Meetings

1 st Monday	Sisterhood Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
3 rd Monday	Brotherhood Meeting: 9:00 a.m.
1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	Golden Hands Needlework: 11:00 a.m.
3 rd Thursday	Board Meeting: 3:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday	Bereavement Support: 10:00 a.m.
2 nd & 4 th 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.
June 1	Yizkor Service: 10:00 a.m.
June 25	Philharmonic 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

PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL - order forms are available at the Temple office 352-748-1800

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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 352-259-88773 debbiteach01@gmail.com.

GIFT CARDS

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Your gift card coordinators, Karen & Gerry
Gerry- (917) 538-1893 cell / Karen-(718) 614-2161 cell

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, Office Manager, 352-748-1800.

The **PROMISED LANDscape** donations toward our beautification project are coming in at a slower pace than anticipated. Therefore, the next phase of Temple landscaping needs to be delayed for a while longer. We are about one-third of the way to our goal so we need your green to green-up our grounds! Please consider the Morgan Landscape Fund when making your future contributions to our congregation.

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

Sisterhood: Where it's Happening

May has indeed been an interesting and varied month. We had our bi-monthly Golden Hands Club, and monthly Book Club Meeting and Rosh Chodesh Celebration. Below are a few other highlights for May and June:

On May 1st at our Sisterhood Meeting, Mike Broverman and Marlene Sontz presented a slide show of their introduction to the eighth grade Holocaust Unit. The goal of the slide show was to give the students some historical background knowledge about the rise of Nazism and the propaganda machine that led to the annihilation of the Jews. The presentation ended with interesting questions and anecdotes. Thanks to Leslie Waldbaum and Sharna Vitale for being responsible for one of the most interesting and educational presentations ever.

On May 5th, Sisterhood sponsored the Friday night Oneg by honoring our largest committee of 41 members, Community Outreach. Sylvia Elinoff, Chair, read the Torah and gave a sermon relating outreach to the Parsha. As she spoke, pictures of the committee in action were projected on the screen. Each of the committee members who were present did a communal Aliyah. It was a wonderful tribute to a hard-working group.

Shalom.

Lynn Sindoris
Sisterhood President
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Sisterhood Community Outreach Committee

Brotherhood: Let us Remember The Six Day War

June 5th marks the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War. Here are some accounts of events leading up to the war:

In the spring of 1967, following close to a decade of relative calm, Israel found itself poised for war against four of its Arab neighbors.

According to all the military analysts and pundits, it was to be a lopsided match. The Israel Defense Forces consisted of 275,000 troops, compared to the 456,000 soldiers of the combined Iraqi, Syrian, Jordanian and Egyptian armies. The united Arab forces also had a decided edge with regards to weaponry and military equipment: they boasted more than double the amount of tanks, and close to four times the amount of combat aircraft. The three-week period preceding the Six Day War was one of dread, shock and fright for the residents of the Holy Land.

With close to 2.5 million Jews living in the tiny country, it had the highest concentration of Jews since pre-Holocaust Eastern Europe. So pessimistic was the outlook that the nation's cemeteries and national parks were marked to become grave sites for the many who would surely perish in the course of the war.

Despite all the prognostications, by the time the war ended the territory under Israel's control had tripled in size. Jews returned to sites where their ancestors had lived for thousands of years, sites from which waves of terror had been launched against them for so many years. The casualties and losses were painful, but minimal in comparison to all projections. The Jewish nation was miraculously victorious in the face of unbelievable odds.

Jews across the globe thanked G-D for the great miracles that happened. An incredible sense of pride and spiritual awakening gripped the Jewish people worldwide.

Let's all take a moment to remember those who did what they had to do at a time of great need.

Paul Elias
Brotherhood President
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The May 15th Brotherhood
Spousal Appreciation
Breakfast had good food,
laughs and great conversations.

The highlight of the
morning was a very
entertaining magic show by
magician Wally Libenson.



SIMCHAS TO SHARE

MIKE NEWMARK: *Sandi Newmark's son Michael has been active at the Orlando JCC for over 25 years. This article is from their staff listing.*
Camp J Program Director

This will be Michael's 26th summer at Camp J, and he is looking forward to working with everyone and helping to make the upcoming summer a memorable one. Michael has served many roles at Camp J from a head counselor to sports specialist. Michael earned **his Master's Degree in Education this past September.** During the school year, Michael is a teacher in Polk County. Michael thinks of the Orlando JCC as family and appreciates how much it has been a part of his life.



Photos from Hawaii!

KATRINA AND DAN HOLTZ, daughter-in-law and son of Iris Holtz just married at Waikiki Beach, Hawaii on May 12th. They live in Malletts Bay, VT.



OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT IRIS HOLTZ, with DON KATZ, at the wedding of her son at Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. (They subsequently took a cruise around Hawaii.)



TED WILLIAMS ELECTED PRESIDENT: On July 1st, Ted Williams, congregant of Temple Shalom, will become president of the Golden Triangle Rotary Club of Eustis, Mt. Dora and Tavares. Rotary is an international service organization whose purpose is to provide humanitarian services and to promote peace and goodwill around the world. Rotary played a major role in the eradication of polio and continues to provide vital services to under-served populations globally. As president, Ted, who is the System Director Diagnostic Imaging/Neurology Central Florida Health, will represent the health system that supports Rotary. Mazel tov!!

Also a mazel tov to Tommie and Ted Williams on the arrival of a great-granddaughter! Temple Shalom wishes the baby – and her family -- a long, healthy, and happy life.

MAX BONDA ELECTED CAPTAIN OF TEAM: The grandson of Dory and Fred Ratner, Max Bonda was chosen by his teammates to be senior and varsity football team captain **of the "Wildcats,"** Mount Si High School, Snoqualmie, Washington, 2016-17. Max has been playing football since the third grade and has been on the varsity team since his sophomore year. **"I was voted captain this year by my teammates which is a complete honor," he said.** He added, "Football translates into the real world completely, because of leadership skills and communication skills." **Max will be going on to a college** in Washington where he hopes to have football in his life. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful college career.

This new column is 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

Ed-Jew-Cation: IF I WERE A RICH MAN

“If I were a rich man, daidle deedle daidle daidle daidle deedle daedle dum”, so intones Tevya in “Fiddler on the Roof.” Let’s suppose he were a rich man.... would that change him as a father, husband, man, philanthropist, or Jew? Hard to say. We should ask someone who would know... a rich man-- like, for instance, Larry Ellison, the CEO of Oracle (database technology).



Mr. Ellison, age 72, was listed by *Forbes Magazine* in March '17, as the 5th wealthiest person in America, and the 7th richest in the world, with a worth of \$55 billion! Larry is the son of an unwed Jewish mother and an Italian USAF pilot. His mother gave him up for adoption to her aunt and uncle, who raised him Jewish. **He said he couldn't believe** in the Jewish principles and thus remains a religious skeptic. His main attachment to Israel is for the innovative spirit of the Israelis and their technology savvy. He has been married and divorced 4 times (so much for good husband) and is the father of two children who are producers for one of his companies. He gave \$10 million to Friends of Israel Defense Forces **because, “In my mind there is no greater honor than supporting some of the bravest people in the world. These men and women come together with indefatigable purpose, to defend Israel and strive to co-exist in peace.”** Has money changed him? Of course. For the better??????

Or we could ask Mark Zuckerberg, a founder of *Facebook*. Here is a young (32 years old) Jewish man, married to Priscilla Chan, and the father of a baby girl and another one on the way. How about him? **He certainly is rich ... his net worth in March '17 was valued at \$58.6 billion, the 5th richest person in the world.** He was raised in a Jewish home, a Bar Mitzvah boy, but later identified himself as an atheist. Then in 2016 he said, **“I was raised Jewish and then I went through a period where I questioned things, but now I believe religion is very important.”** His name tops the annual list of the 50 most generous Americans, giving \$1 billion to charitable causes, with a promise to eventually give 99% of *Facebook* shares to the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Has money changed him? Probably yes. For the better? He seems to be on the right track.

If you want to know if being a rich man makes for a bigger philanthropist, the person to ask is Michael Bloomberg. Raised in Massachusetts in a Jewish family, he must have learned well the ideals of being charitable. It is estimated that Mr. Bloomberg has recently donated over \$1 billion to more than 850 charities. In 2013 he was chosen as Laureate of Genesis prizewinner -- \$1 million dollars presented annually for the person with the highest Jewish values. He invested it in the Genesis Generation Challenge – to help young adults with big ideas to make the world a better place. Michael, mayor of NYC for three terms and CEO of Bloomberg L.P. Global Financial Services, etc., is listed as 10th richest man in the world with a worth of \$47.5 billion. But is he a good Jew? Well, he makes it to High Holy Day services and a family Seder, although his ex-wife and present significant other are not of the faith and his daughters are not practicing Jews. He does visit Israel frequently and is committed to investing in projects to make the world free of bigotry. Has money changed him? Probably not ... **he** has always had it and now he just has more. But he certainly deserves credit for his charitable ways.

Maybe the best man to ask would be Sheldon Adelson, 83, head of Las Vegas Sands, the largest casino company in America, and owner of an Israeli newspaper. Coming from a poor Jewish family, as a child he slept on the floor of a Boston tenement. He started his career at age 12, when he borrowed \$10 to start selling newspapers. He worked hard and smart to get where he is. With his former wife Sandra he raised three adopted children. His second marriage in 1991 was to Miriam Farstein Ochshorn, a brilliant Israeli medical scientist and doctor, daughter of Polish refugees. Since 2007 the Adelson Family Foundation has given \$140 million to Birthright Israel to encourage sons and daughters of at least one Jewish parent to visit the land of Israel. He also gave \$5+million to the Friends of Israel Defense Forces, and many millions to Yad Vashem. *Forbes* ranks him #20, with a net worth of \$33.5 billion. Has money changed him? Undoubtedly yes, and most likely for the better.

Well then, all you wonderful male members of the congregation, if you were a rich man, what would you do? Apparently you know that answer, because you are already doing it! You are living a beautiful life, honoring your loved ones – parents, spouses or companions, children – giving charity to those less fortunate, and supporting your religious home, Temple Shalom. You are a good man, Charlie Brownstein! **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO YOU!**

Charlotte Newman, June 2017

Ed. Note: A few other American Jewish billionaires include George Soros, Michael Dell, Carl Ichan, Sergi Brin, Mark Cuban, Dustin Moskowitz, Jerry Reisdorf, Ken Grossman, and James Simons.

The By-Laws Committee

The By-Laws Committee is presently reviewing the 2017 By-Laws. Congregants are encouraged to submit proposed amendments to the current By-Laws, in writing, to either Temple office or directly to the chair, Ina Lidsky.

All proposed amendments are welcomed now, but must be received no later than October 1, 2017, to be considered for the January 2018 Annual General Meeting.

We are presently seeking one additional member to the committee. If interested, or have a suggestion, please contact Temple Office.

Temple Office: office@tscfl.org, or 352-748-1800
Ina Lidsky: iledance2@gmail.com or 352-751-4910

Israel Solidarity Committee

“TASTE OF ISRAEL” MAY 3, 2017

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
PRESENTED BY THE ISRAEL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

We all enjoyed the delicious and plentiful food catered by Amerikanos Restaurant.

We all danced the Hora and sang Israeli songs.

We all laughed together and had fun.

Kudos to the Israel Solidarity Committee chaired by Marsha and Marty Riefs.

...for the coordination of excellent entertainment by Susan Feinberg.

...for the technical skill/video coordination/ hard work by Stanley Golove.

...to our Box Office and All Around Guy: Derick Dimry.

...for the creative song writing talents of Phyllis Kalter.

...for the “Significance of Israel Independence” by Sara Branscome.

...to Sheldon Skurow for the HaMotzi.

...to our photographer, Sylvia Elinoff.

...to Michelle Uss, Debbie Dessert and Julie Stein for their much appreciated fabulous music.

...to our delightful solo singers: Linda Goldberg, Phyllis Kalter, Skipper and Linda Goldberg.

...to our chorus: Jean Bailey, Adrienne Cohen, Susan Feinberg, Evelyn Gold, Linda Goldberg, Tina Shapiro.

...to our servers, set-ups, etc.: Sara Branscome, Stuart & Susan Feinberg, Jean Gaull, Evelyn Gold, Marty Riefs, Barry & Marilyn Shapiro, Gloria Rodetsky, Cathy Tighe and Nancy Tulin.
And to all who attended and celebrated Israel Independence Day with us.

“Who Can Ask for Anything More”?



“Taste of Israel – part 1” pictures by Sylvia Elinoff



“Taste of Israel - part 2” pictures by Sylvia Elinoff



A Laugh From Israel

These are actual personal ads from Israeli newspapers:

Couch potato latke in search of the right applesauce. Let's try it for 8 days.

Who knows? POB 43.

Divorced Jewish man seeks partner to attend shul, light Shabbos candles, celebrate holidays, build Sukkah together, attend brises, bar mitzvahs -- Religion not important. POB 658.

Orthodox woman with get seeks man who got get or can get get. Get it? I'll show you mine if you show me yours. POB 72.

Sincere rabbinical student, 27, enjoys Yom Kippur, Tisha B'av, Shiva Asar b'Tammuz, etc. Seeks companion for living life in the fast lane. POB 90.

Yeshiva bochur, Torah scholar, long beard, payos. Seeks same in woman. POB 43.

Nice Jewish guy, 38, no skeletons, no baggage, no personality. POB 76.

Jewish male, 34, very successful, smart, independent, self-made, looking for girl whose father will hire me. POB 43

Female graduate student studying Kaballah, Zohar, exorcism of dybbuks, seeks mensch. No weirdos, please. POB 56.

I am a sensitive Jewish prince whom you can open your heart to, share your innermost thoughts and deepest secrets. Confide in me; I'll understand your insecurities. No fatties, please. POB 86.

Whoever said Israelis don't have a sense of humor?



A SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Flag Day, June 14th, commemorates the adoption of the American flag in 1777. The date, June 14th, was officially set by President Wilson in 1916, inspiring patriotism during the time of WWI. The American flag, has been used primarily as an identifying symbol displayed on things military--ships, camps, uniforms, territories, etc. By the declaration of a National Flag Day by Congress in 1949, the flag became more of a symbol of patriotism and national history.



Dr. Gary Zola, **historian at Hebrew Union College, notes that Jews began placing the country's flag in synagogues even before that date ... around 1898 when the Spanish American war sparked patriotic fervor.** He wrote that when Lincoln was assassinated, the American rabbis spoke of the need to unify the nation and congregations were encouraged to fly the flag in the synagogue. After WWI, returning Jewish veterans were feeling very patriotic and by 1930 the US flag displayed on the Bimah was an established tradition. However, flying the American flag on the Bimah became a political issue in many synagogues. Jonathan Sarna, professor at Brandeis University, said that many houses of worship neglected or removed this national symbol during the Vietnam conflict but brought it back after 9/11--another era of extreme nationalism. The Zionist flag later came to represent the State of Israel after its founding and **began appearing in the 1890's, mostly in Conservative buildings. Reform congregation leaders were reluctant about Zionism until the advent of the Holocaust and therefore would not display that flag.** In 1954 the Central Conference of American Rabbis declared that the Israeli flag was quite out of place in American synagogues, but that group rescinded its objection by 1977, when Reform Judaism embraced the State of Israel.

The Christian community, especially the Catholic Church, was quite adamant about not displaying the **American flag in their sanctuaries...**the reason being their belief that God is supreme, not the state, and thus should not be honored or knelt before in the chapel. The lobby of a building was considered the proper place for the flag.

Dr. Zola conjectures that minority groups like the Jews were more likely to have the flag inside the area of worship as to do so demonstrated their loyalty as American citizens. He concludes that having both American and Israeli flags inside the sanctuary is common practice today.

Whatever the religious persuasion, Americans are proud of their flag and honor Flag Day. **THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE!!**

By Charlotte Newman

Travel

In the last Shalom, you had asked to send you info if we had had other Jewish experiences in synagogues. My husband and I visited a Temple in Budapest. It was not only quite large and beautiful, but we were told it was the second largest in the world.

I asked what the first was, and told it was Temple Emanuel in New York City. Amazing to us because we grew up in Brooklyn and never went to Temple Emanuel. You can be sure, the next time we were in New York, we visited Temple Emanuel and were delighted with what we saw. Not only was it huge, but exquisite. The walls and poles were covered with detailed colorful carvings and pictures. It was a treat, and made us feel so proud.

Sandy & Paul Solomon

The House that Jack Built by Ery Margulis, Trustee

In 1993 several couples in The Villages got together to form a club. They decided to call it the Jewish Friends Club. What made it so unique was that one of the members was not Jewish. His name was Jack Vitale. Jack was married to Sharna, who was Jewish, and Jack felt a deep connection to the Jewish people.

The club was open to anyone who wanted to join. They first met at Paradise Recreation Center in The Villages, and as they grew in membership they moved to the La Hacienda Recreation Center. The club was very informal and was run by volunteers. During their meetings they discussed current events, traveling possibilities, and any other subjects of interest to the club. This was followed by lunch, local entertainment and card games. At its height they averaged 135 people in attendance and a membership of 700 people. After seven years, the person running the meetings had to retire, and the membership decided to elect a president and board of directors. Much to our surprise, for the first time, they elected Jack Vitale, a non-Jew to become their first president of a supposedly Jewish organization.

During one of the meetings, Jack asked if anyone was interested in forming a Jewish congregation. Twenty-five people responded, and the New Jewish Congregation was born. Jack formed committees, created a newsletter and did everything necessary to run an organization. Since Jack had no time to run the Jewish Friends Club, he asked me, Ery Margulis, to take over, and I became its second President. **Since we didn't have many congregants, Jack, Saul Truskin and I** were part of most of the committees. Eventually, we decided it was time to elect officers and trustees. To no one's surprise, Jack, a non-Jew, was voted first president of the New Jewish Congregation.

Our first meeting was held at the Oxford Community Center, with 47 members in attendance. Since we had no Torah, Sy Rosenblatt loaned us his miniature Torah. We finally raised enough money to send Eli Cohen and Sheldon Skurow to New York to purchase our first Torah for \$12,000. We rapidly outgrew the center and moved to Lady Lake Methodist Church, and then to Oxford Methodist Church. As the High Holidays approached, we realized the church wasn't big enough to hold our 225 membership. We approached newly built St. George's Episcopal Church, and asked if we could use their facilities. They agreed and we experienced an unforgettable holiday. Sheldon conducted an inspirational service, the choir sang with great enthusiasm, and the entire audience felt a special bonding they had never felt before. After the High Holidays, my wife and I were chosen to return to the Church and compensate them for the use of their facilities. The pastor said he could not ask us for any money because we were G-d's chosen people and he had to help us in our hour of need. Needless to say we were stunned. It was agreed that we would make a charitable donation in the church's name. Jack said to me that it was time for us Jews to stop wandering and build a temple.

I had concerns about raising enough money to break ground, but Jack said, "I promise you that

by the time we build this temple, we will have grown to 400 members, and by the end of the first year we will have reached 500 members." That statement must have gone directly to G-d's ears because that is exactly what happened.

Ernie Neff formed the facilities committee to design and direct the building, Butch Ballot purchased the land, and Mark Greenwald helped raise \$1,000,000 for groundbreaking. As the builders were framing the Temple, we received terrible news. Jack was diagnosed with incurable cancer and would not live long enough to see the Temple's completion. To honor Jack one last time, they brought him to the temple in his wheelchair, placed the Torah on his lap, and wheeled him through the door frame so that he would be the first to enter the "House that Jack Built".

Upon completion we had our Kadima Walk. With lots of fanfare, police escorts and horseback riders, we started at Oxford Methodist Church where our Torah was housed. Two members were given the Torah to carry about 100 yards each in the direction of the Temple. They handed off the Torah to another waiting couple who in turn did the same until the three-mile walk to the new Temple was completed.

High up in this sanctuary there is a large Star of David that was donated by Sharna and Jack Vitale. Every day the sun shines it brings a beautiful rainbow of colors into this sanctuary, and we know that Jack is watching over us.

Thank you Jack, Rest in Peace.

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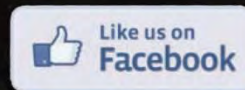


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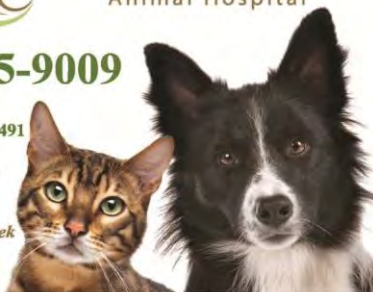


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Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Kehillah exhibit, which opens on November 12 at the Orange County Regional History Center in Downtown Orlando. Kehillah, which is Hebrew for community, will tell the vibrant story of the Jewish community's past and present in the Orlando area. Hear from Kehillah leadership and find out what it took to tell such an important story.



Birthdays

Elaine Blecker	6/11/2017	Rosalind Peters	6/21/2017		
Jerry Gallin	6/11/2017	Phil Seidenberg	6/21/2017		
Iris Holtz	6/11/2017	Ira Friedman	6/22/2017		
Bruce Frimet	6/12/2017	Marilyn Lehman	6/22/2017	Marvin Lando	7/3/2017
Marylen Lazear	6/12/2017	Albert Herbst	6/23/2017	Sally Benney	7/4/2017
Dr. Michael Sandler	6/12/2017	Kenneth Elinoff	6/24/2017	Marilyn Dornfeld	7/4/2017
Lois Bussin-Evans	6/13/2017	Sheila Feinstein	6/24/2017	Kenneth Tischler	7/4/2017
Mark Rosow	6/13/2017	Jeanne Halberg	6/25/2017	Irene Holton	7/6/2017
Susan Jaman	6/14/2017	Harold Posner	6/25/2017	Susan Isenberg	7/6/2017
Evelyn June Kaplan	6/14/2017	Greta Holman	6/27/2017	Gail Braman	7/7/2017
Carole Taylor	6/14/2017	Susan Gold	6/28/2017	Marilyn Byer	7/7/2017
Lawrence Waldbaum	6/14/2017	Diane Kaufman	6/28/2017	Alvin Korba	7/7/2017
Bernard Goldstein	6/15/2017	Estelle Brauer	6/30/2017	Alan Korman	7/7/2017
Susan C. Nerenberg	6/15/2017	Sharon Solomon	6/30/2017	Lawrence Tomack	7/7/2017
Judith Bashaway	6/16/2017	Judith Mason	7/1/2017	Janice Korba	7/8/2017
Elvira Bates	6/17/2017	Norman Shurak	7/1/2017	Howard Leeser	7/8/2017
Raymond Hellin	6/18/2017	Howard Halberg	7/2/2017	Robert Clark	7/9/2017
David Horowitz	6/18/2017	Nathan Pautz	7/2/2017	Lydia Greene	7/9/2017
Iris Copenhagen	6/21/2017	Donna Baker	7/3/2017	Joan Jordan	7/9/2017
Howard Freeman	6/21/2017	Ellen Friedman	7/3/2017	Phyllis Lowe	7/9/2017
Sam Janowitz	6/21/2017	Doreen Hankin	7/3/2017	Joan M. Lowitt	7/10/2017

Anniversaries



Robert & Susan Konig	6/11/2017		
Ira & Violet Glickstein	6/14/2017		
Greg & Marilyn Ross	6/14/2017		
Joe & Marfie Harvest	6/15/2017	Michael & Teena Levy	6/24/2017
Howard & Susan Kirschenbaum	6/15/2017	Norman & Nancy Heyman	6/27/2017
Arthur & Lynn Sindoris	6/16/2017	Jeffrey & Alice Hirsch	6/27/2017
Sheldon & Eveleen Skurow	6/16/2017	Leonard & Carolyn Wolfson	6/28/2017
Joel & Sydell Brenner	6/17/2017	Russell & Georgine Gaull	6/29/2017
Jerry & Joan Singer	6/17/2017	Ira & Betty Goldblatt	6/29/2017
Kenneth & Karen Harmelin	6/18/2017	Phil & Charlotte Rosenberg	6/29/2017
Edward & Carolyn Margolis	6/18/2017	Lawrence & Leslie Waldbaum	6/29/2017
Joel A. & Michelle S. Newman	6/18/2017	Ed & Helene Ziegler	6/29/2017
Howard & Francine Pergamit	6/19/2017	Edward & Barbara Morris	6/30/2017
Dr. Richard & Frances Tesser	6/20/2017	Michael & Carole Starr	7/3/2017
Butch & Sandy Ballot	6/21/2017	George & Bonnie Cohen	7/4/2017
Dr. Robert & Vesta Gillon	6/21/2017	Stanley & Miriam Jersky	7/4/2017
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Stanley & Mary Golove	6/23/2017	Bernard & Toby Goldstein	7/5/2017
Michael & Jill Kamps	6/23/2017	Steven & Linda Kochnover	7/5/2017
Martin & Claire Koshar	6/24/2017	Terry & Susan Sosh	7/7/2017

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April 15 to May 12, 2017

Skurow Choir Fund

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Reason

IMO Lester Bell, father of Linda Dukes
Get well for Rita Gallin
IHO Sheldon Skurow

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Rittberg, Samuel & Geri
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Stein, Irving & Schuster, Helen

Reason

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IMO Richard Coen
Speedy recovery to Sheila Shayne
Speedy recovery to Gerry Prezioso
IHO Irwin Newman's birthday

Morgan Landscape Fund

Donor

Chary, Ruth
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Nutkin, Sandy
Rosenberg, Phil & Charlotte
Sindoris, Arthur & Lynn

Reason

Get well for Gerry Prezioso
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IMO Millie Task Baker, mother of Pam Johnson
IMO Chas Chandler, father of Charlotte Rosenberg
IMO Russell Graser, friend of Laurie Duquette

Jasper Torah Fund

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Reason

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 Rosen, Stephen & Carol
 Rosow, Mark & Tulin, Nancy
 Schachter, Richard & Kathy
 Singer, Jerry & Joan
 Wallace, Larry & Lynn

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 Refreshments for 4/26 Scribe for the Torah
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 Get well for Alan Schrager
 Torah repair
 IMO Richard Coen

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Curry, Sondra
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 Goldberg, Linda
 Goldin, Jerry & Joanne
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 Jersky, Stanley & Miriam
 Laliberte, Raymond
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 Neff, Eleanor
 Pozen, Ira & Carol
 Simon, Lewis & Sherrill
 Sugarman, Burton & Sandra
 Tischler, Kenneth & Arlene
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Reason

IHO engagement of Meryl Curry & Charles Biarizzo
 Get well for Gerry Prezioso
 Get well for Alan Schrager
 IHO Irwin Newman's 90th birthday
 IMO Robert Lupowitz, son of Erv Margulis
 Speedy recovery to Jerry Presioso
 Speedy recovery to Alan Schrager
 Get well for Gerry Prezioso
 IHO Yom Hashoah
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 IMO Robert L., son of Erv Margulis
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 IHO Sheldon & Eveleen Skurow
 Get well for Alan Schrager
 Speedy recovery for Jerry Gallin
 Get well for Alan Schrager

Yahrzeit-Gen Fund

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IMO Sally Bashaway, mother of Judith Bashaway
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 IMO Stanley Singer, brother of Jerry Singer
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 IMO Gerald Iskowitz, brother of Arlene Tischler
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 IMO Saul Zelnick, father of Todd Zelnick

Community Social Groups

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JEWISH SINGLES CLUB (JSC) - Meets the first Thursday every month at Churchill Street Recreation Center. For information contact the following: BEV: 631 974 5150 (TEXT ONLY) BEV.GOLDSTEIN@YAHOO.COM; HEDI: HDBED@AOL.COM; HERB: Itchsiegel@gmail.com

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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

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4 A Night to Honor Sheldon 4:00 pm	5 Sisterhood Meeting 10:00 am	6 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am	7 Israel Solidarity Committee 6:30 pm	8 Women's Counseling 10:00 am Membership Com. 1:00 pm Choir 4:30 pm	9 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	10
11 Rehearsal: Feinberg 3:00 pm	12	13 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am Brotherhood Bd. Mtg. 3:00 pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 pm	14	15 Women's Counseling 10:00 am Golden Hands Needlework 11:00 am Board Meeting 3:30 pm	16 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	17
18 Father's Day	19 Brotherhood Mtg. 9:00 am Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. 9:45 am	20 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am	21	22 Women's Counseling 10:00 am Choir 4:30 pm	23 Shabbat Dinner 5:00 pm Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	24 Saturday Sabbath Service 9:30 am
25 Philharmonic Concert 7:00 pm	26 Hadassah 10:00 am	27 Bereavement Support (B/S/L) 10:00 am Texas Hold 'Em 6:30 pm	28	29 Women's Counseling 10:00 am	30 Shabbat Services 7:00 pm	

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