# SHALOM Newsletter Temple Shalom of Central Florida

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#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

When you first become a member of Temple Shalom, what is important to you? A certainty is that you want to feel that you are a part of the congregation. This feeling, that you, as a person, are essential to the well-being of the entire assembly, is the strength of Temple Shalom.

How do we make sure this happens, especially when we, as individuals, come from different parts of the country or world, when we have varied backgrounds and

cultures, and when we all have diverse stories to tell? It's so easy to do. Just by having a friendly conversation with fellow congregants that you don't know, you will be amazed to learn what our members have accomplished in their lives, how and where they have lived, what their beliefs are, and what you have in common. By talking-- and listening-- you bring something positive to the people around you.

The next time you are at services, or an event at Temple Shalom, make an effort to meet someone new to you. Introduce yourself to the person sitting next to you, or down the aisle. Ask that person to sit at a table with you. Include that person in your conversation with your other friends. Find out the person's interests and suggest groups that would be good to join. It's all about "Getting to Know You".

Psychologists tell us that the feeling of belonging is critical to our psyche. So when we walk in the door at Temple Shalom, and like "Cheers", everybody knows your name, you KNOW you are a true member not only of a congregation but a very special family.

Your friend,

Sandy Solomon Temple Shalom President



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Paul Elias Lynn Sindoris **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.

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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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Karen & Gerry Prezioso 352-350-3455

Hours: Wednesday: 9:30-12:30, Thursday: 12:30-2:30, Friday before the Shabbat Service from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

#### TEMPLE SHALOM SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop offers a full line of Judaica so you'll 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 am to 3:30 pm and Friday till noon. Call Toby (352) 753-2622, Reva (352) 793-3431 or Derick (352) 748-1800

THE PROMISED LANDscape donations have had a slow but steady increase thanks to your generosity. At this rate, we should hopefully be able to continue the landscape beautification project in the Spring or early Summer. Those are great planting seasons so the timing would be perfect. Keep our Temple green...by sending your green contributions to the Morgan Landscape Fund! Thank you.

#### ISRAEL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE

The Temple Shalom Committee that enhances education and awareness of Israel, the land and its people. Contact Charlene Unitan for more info: charlene.unitan@gmail.com.

#### SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Temple Shalom Committee that promotes information and education to address issues pertaining to diversity and tolerance. Jean Gaull at jeanigaull@gmail.com.

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING: Events and Meetings**

1st Monday Sisterhood Meeting: 10:00 a.m. 3rd Monday Brotherhood Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Thursdays Golden Hands Needlework: 11:00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Board Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

June 9 (Sat) Philharmonic Concert: 7:00 p.m.

June 22 (Fri) Brotherhood Pasta Shabbat Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

# Brotherhood Plans for Guest Speaker and Annual Pasta Night

Coming events at Brotherhood

June 18th at 5:30 pm: The brotherhood is proud to have Dr. Donald Wyman as our guest speaker. Dr. Wyman is a former CIA agent and his one hour presentation on "CIA Museum: A Private Tour" should be very interesting. The museum is located at CIA headquarters in Langley, VA and it is not open to the public. Their motto is "The greatest Museum you will never see".

The Brotherhood would like to invite all Temple members to this free event. We will be serving finger sandwiches and drinks after the presentation. We ask only to RSVP if you plan on attending so we can judge how much to prepare. RSVP paulelias 27@gmail.com

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm will be our annual Pasta Night. Last year it was a great success and this year we aim to improve on it. Look for the flyer in the lobby or on line in the weekly blasts.

Do not forget our annual JULY 4th BBQ

Look forward to see all of you at these events. We Always Have a Place For You.

Paul Elias President of Brotherhood paulelias27@gmail.com 352.633.2413

# Sisterhood V.P. Vacancies Need Filling

#### HELP NEEDED

At this time we have two important vacancies that need to be filled: **Fundraising Vice President** and **Gift Shop Chairman**. **Fundraising Vice President** oversees all of the Sisterhood fundraising events. She is the liaison to the Board and supports the Chairs of the various established fundraising committees. **Gift Shop Chairman** is in charge of the Gift Shop. She is responsible for the ordering, **displaying and selling of** materials. Please consider stepping forward to take one of these important positions. We will train and support you. Call me – we need your help!

#### **Events Sponsored By Sisterhood**

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Sisterhood Book Club had a special meeting at The Alonzo A. Young Enrichment & Historical Center, where Beverly Steele spoke to the group about the history of Royal, which is one of the oldest African American communities in Florida. Following Beverly, Bettye Stevens Coney read portions of her book, <u>My Soul Speaks the Truth: Poetic Communications</u> and spoke about her journey as a black woman in America.





Left to right: Scoring Table: Ina Lidsky, Fran Cimino, Susan Chidakel, Debbie Dessert, Sandee Horowitz (standing), Carole Taylor, Ruby Weinstein, Carolyn Cass (not pictured)

Chaired by Reva Ceader, on April 30<sup>th</sup> Sisterhood ran another successful Mah Jongg Tournament. Reva and her army of volunteers prepared for and fed, registered, scored and assisted in a variety of ways 144 women participate in the Mah Jongg Tournament.



Women playing Mah Jongg

On May 5<sup>th</sup> the Women's Torah Study group met at Carol Pozen's home. An interesting and lively discussion was led by Charlotte Rosenberg on the parsha Emor. The discussion centered around the meaning of Emor (say) and the fixed times (holidays).

On May 7<sup>th</sup> Sisterhood had its final springtime monthly meeting. (Meetings will resume in September.) Over sixty women were fascinated by the life story of Francine Lazarus, author of <u>A Hidden Jewish Child from Belgium.</u> Francine told about being neglected and abused as a young child and how she emigrated to Australia and emerged as an intelligent, loving woman who is now telling her story of survival to groups across the United States.



Francine Lazarus, Author and Presenter



Buying autographed book

Our final event in May was our New Members' Reception on May 15<sup>th</sup> led by Sherry Elias, Membership Vice President, and her talented committee. Twelve women learned about each other, Sisterhood and the Temple. Many ideas were shared for possible future activities and programs and, as always happens when Jews come together, commonalities were found in interests, locations, and even anniversaries. We embrace these new members and look forward to getting to know each one as a valued Sisterhood member.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday)
June 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)
June 18<sup>th</sup>, (Monday)
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY: Joy Meyer: 330-931-7294 GOLDEN HANDS: Sharon Roth: 954-609-6860 BOOK CLUB: Debbie Dessert: 259-8773

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING: 9:30am

**GOLDEN HANDS** 

July 7th (Saturday)
July 9th (Monday)
July 12th (Thursday)

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING BOOK CLUB

In Sisterhood Solidarity & Shalom, Lynn Sindoris, Sisterhood President Lynnsindoris@icloud.com 352-633-0285

# Israel Solidarity Committee Honors Israel's 70th Anniversary

#### What Led up to the Declaration of Israel? PART 2 OF 2

#### Have you ever wondered what is in Israel's Declaration of Independence? See below the unabridged version:

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books.

After being forcibly exiled from their land, the people kept faith with it throughout their Dispersion and never ceased to pray and hope for their return to it and for the restoration in it of their political freedom.

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in their masses. Pioneers, ma'pilim [(Hebrew) - immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation] and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards independent nationhood.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and re-affirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave international sanction to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the massacre of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust in Europe, as well as Jews from other parts of the world, continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.

In the Second World War, the Jewish community of this country contributed its full share to the struggle of the freedom- and peace-loving nations against the forces of Nazi wickedness and, by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On the 29th November, 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz-Israel; the General Assembly required the inhabitants of Eretz-Israel to take such steps as were necessary on their part for the implementation of that resolution. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE BASIS OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), until the establishment of the elected, regular authorities of the State in accordance with the Constitution which shall be adopted by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the

1st October 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the People's Administration, shall be the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel".

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in implementing the resolution of the General Assembly of the 29th November, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union of the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to receive the State of Israel into the comity of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the up-building of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions.

WE EXTEND our hand to all neighbouring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness, and appeal to them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the tasks of immigration and upbuilding and to stand by them in the great struggle for the realization of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel.

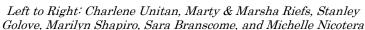
PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE "ROCK OF ISRAEL", WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY,1948)

Courtesy of israelnn.com

Respectfully submitted by Charlene Unitan Chair of the Israel Solidarity Committee

ISC sponsored the Oneg and participated in the Israel Independence Day Celebration Shabbat service on April 20, 2018. Everyone enjoyed the service.







# Simchas to Share: from our family to yours



Cindy Roberts, Christine Roberts, Pat Roberts, Syd Tenenbaum & Dr. Richard Roberts celebrate Pat Robert's 85th birthday



The "Patty Wagon", a favorite on Bingo nights, was the full of sweets for sale.



Pat Roberts and daughter-in-law Cindy light the Sabbath lights in honor of Pat's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday



Rachael Marquis, granddaughter of **BEA SILVERMAN**, graduated from the University of New Mexico, May 12, 2018 with a BA in Psychology and a minor in English.



Sylvia & Ken Elinoff sponsored the Kiddush luncheon on Feb. 24, 2018 at the temple in honor of Silvia's 70th birthday.

Sylvia read the Torah
Parsha directly from the
Torah that morning, and
her son Jason Elinoff,
daughter-in-law Lora
Elinoff and grandchildren
Braden, Jonah and Olivia
came in from Silver
Spring, MD for the
special occasion.
So much nachas!!

This 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 charlnew2@aol.com or office@tscfl.org

# **Our June Member Spotlights**

Greetings from your membership committee. We are committed to retaining current members and obtaining new ones. Reminder, all of us are part of the membership committee!

Please welcome our newest members to Temple Shalom: JILL AND MICHAEL KORNFELD from Pennsylvania. We are happy to be adding them to the Temple family.

This month we would like to recognize as our long-time member SHERRY ELIAS. Sherry has done so much for Temple Shalom. Currently she is the Membership Vice President for the Sisterhood, actively participates in leading Shabbat services, reads from the Torah and even gives sermons. These are just a few of the "hats" that she wears at Temple Shalom. We are so grateful for her warmth and grace and the depth of her commitment to our Temple.

For our new member, we shine our spotlight on MERYL SIMON. Meryl is a delight. She is part of our Shabbat Choir and has taken on the chair of Adult Education. Temple Shalom is so fortunate that this lovely lady has become so involved in the success of our Congregation.

On May 11, 2018, the Membership Committee hosted an Oneg Shabbat in honor of our Temple "Greeters". They give their time to welcome newcomers and guests at Shabbat Services. We cannot thank them enough. We are always looking for additional greeters. If you think you could join this group, please contact us. You will be on a team which does the greeting about 6 times a year.

Plans are already in the works for a pre-Shabbat pot luck dinner on September 28, 2018. Watch your Emails for details.

If there is something you would like us to undertake, please contact us.

Cordially,

Evie Brauer and Susie Ferkel Co-Memberships chairs

**Note:** you can view the past and current SHALOMs, <u>in color</u> and enlarge the photos by going to **tscfl.org** and clicking on the PDF on the home page.

# **New Committee Formed for Adult Education**



Dear Congregants,

The newly formed Adult Education Committee is looking for more members to help plan exciting programs for our congregation. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please email Meryl Simon at penguinmds@gmail.com.

We'd also like to know your thoughts about what type of programs you would like us to consider. If you have a particular area of expertise and could lead a program, please get in touch with me as well.

ADULT EDUCATON Save room on your calendar for the upcoming "Aleph is Not Enough", a beginning Hebrew class which will begin on **September 5<sup>th</sup>**. A flyer will follow soon. There are also plans for one day seminars which will focus on High Holiday prayers - the meaning behind the words. These will take place at the end of August, so stay tuned.

Meryl Simon Committee Chair

#### **SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT RABBI IS ON!**

Please be part of the team working to attract great candidates to be our Reform Rabbi!

The Job Announcement (below) contains important information about how to apply. Please share it with Rabbis you may have worked with before. Send it to family members and friends around the country who may know of potential candidates. We all have a common interest in the successful outcome of our search so... join the team! Thank you.

Contact Phil Rosenberg: philrosenberg@earthlink.net

#### TEMPLE SHALOM OF CENTRAL FLORIDA SEEKS A GREAT REFORM RABBI!!

Temple Shalom is Central Florida's premier Reform Temple. Its roughly 600 members are drawn primarily from The Villages, FL, one of America's fastest growing communities, with a population of 160,000, overwhelmingly consisting of active retirees over age fifty-five. Members are also drawn from three surrounding county areas. The location is about an hour northwest of the Orlando International Airport. The Temple was founded sixteen years ago and is housed in a beautiful modern facility, providing a comfortable and safe venue for thoughtful worship.

The Temple seeks a long-term, positive relationship with an extraordinary Reform Rabbi. That Rabbi could be you, if you are someone looking for a wonderful opportunity to serve God through service to a thriving Jewish community.

Our Rabbi will be a person of high ethical standards – a male or female "Mensch," a deliverer of thoughtful and inspirational messages about God, the Jewish faith and practices, its history, philosophy and challenges. A seasoned sense of humor, compassion, and appreciation of how music can add to our spirituality are qualities we seek. We look forward eagerly to a Rabbi working well and harmoniously with a caring Board of Directors to develop the full potential of the Temple and the wider Jewish community.

Temple Shalom is a "family of friends," respectful of the power of worship, along with the joyfulness of music. You could make a defining difference in the Temple's history if you have the qualities fitting well with what Temple Shalom is all about, as described above.

The Temple seeks a Rabbi who will be readily accessible to members of the Congregation, in their times of great joy and great sadness, who is an accomplished scholar, speaker, counselor and educator.

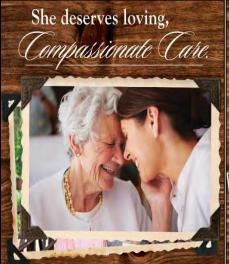
If you have the skills and passion we seek, contact Phil Rosenberg, Chair of the Search Committee for an initial confidential discussion. Start with an email to Phil, at <a href="mailto:philosenberg@earthlink.net">philosenberg@earthlink.net</a>. He will follow up by phone, if not also by FaceTime or in person. We expect the search for a new Rabbi to conclude successfully within ninety days, with our new Rabbi starting very soon thereafter. The Temple, however, reserves the right to end our search at any time when a hiring decision is made.

The salary and benefits will be attractive and competitive aimed at establishing a very positive and long-term relationship. The chance to make a huge difference in our Temple and our community awaits our new Rabbi!

Contact Phil prior to June 15, 2018.

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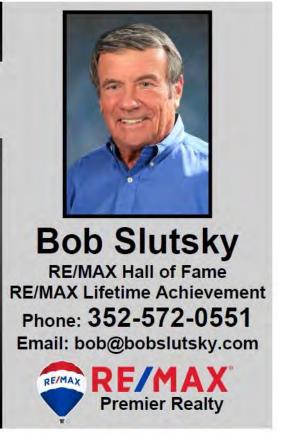
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# **ED-JEW-CATION: I DO, I DO: JEWISH WEDDING TRADITIONS**

June is traditionally the month for weddings. Traditionally there are many traditions which are part of weddings. And why do we perform these acts? Because it's TRADITION! In a Jewish wedding, at least three things are mandatory: the chuppah, the exchange of rings, and the breaking of the glass.

The chuppah, or canopy, over the bride and groom, symbolizes the home they will build together. It also represents, going back to biblical times, the open tent of Abraham, welcoming all into his home. The new home being formed should also be open and welcoming. As for the ring exchange, in the very ancient times, it was actually a coin of any worth that was given to the



Photo by Unknown Author

bride. It was the Egyptians who started the custom of presenting a ring. In the Jewish tradition the engagement ring can be ornate, but the wedding ring must be a simple, unadorned gold band, portending an untroubled life, the circlet representing hope for an everlasting marriage. Once that ring is on her finger, you are definitely married, as of that moment. And the smashing of the glass, we all know, reminds us of the destruction of the Temple, which is remembered even in times of extreme happiness. Some people believe that the tradition also symbolizes that love and relationships are fragile and the new couple must be careful that the relationship is not broken.

After the ceremony comes the fun stuff. Dancing, traditionally, is part of the wedding event. The dance known as the hora originated in Romania, which, in turn, stemmed from dances of ancient Greece (think Zorba). The current form of the hora was established by Baruch Agradati, a folk dancer and filmmaker in the 1930's. And what comes with the hora? The chair dance! There is no story on the evolution of that traditional merry-making, which is now done at bar/bat mitzvahs as well. Some say that the chairs symbolize royal thrones because the bride and groom are the king and queen of the occasion. Dancing before the bride, to entertain her, is a must in the more orthodox weddings. The Talmud tells how various sages would dance before brides with myrtle branches, torches, and other accessories. Today, some wedding dancing includes silly hats, and other nonsense known as "wedding schtick".

Interestingly, bridesmaids and groomsmen are not necessary for a Jewish wedding. The history of the best man is quite extraordinary, dating back to medieval times. It was his duty to make sure the bride didn't escape during the ceremony. Sometimes he was even asked to kidnap her, if the bride's father rejected the groom. This man was the "best" because he had to be the strongest and most capable in using a sword or weapon to fight off enemies and rival attackers during the ceremony. The inclusion of bridesmaids goes back to Roman times, when the ladies would line up to form a protective shield while walking the bride to the groom's village. They were all dressed the same to confuse former vengeful swains and to outsmart evil spirits. Plus, they were expected to intervene if any one tried to hurt the bride or steal her dowry. Modern day attendants just have to host the pre-wedding parties and be part of the festivities. A much more pleasant duty.

A white dress is a rather new idea in the scheme of weddings. There is no Jewish law stipulating that the bride wear white. Before the 1800's they quite often wore red – as do many women from India and Asia today. White, even in biblical times, was associated with purity, so it's thought of as the traditional color for virgin brides. The wearing of white really started around 1840 when Queen Victoria was married to Prince Albert. Victoria, a determined young queen, wanted a white, lacy dress, even though that color, at the time, represented wealth as opposed to purity. Clearly it was a popular choice for brides thereafter. And the bridal bouquet? The ancient Greek brides would carry clusters of herbs and spices, to ward off evil spirits; flowers came much later. Less romantic people would tell you that flowers were carried to cover body odor of the unwashed guests. Interesting thought and probably true.

The playing of "Here Comes the Bride" would not be the best choice of music for a Jewish wedding, since the composer of the opus from which it is taken, Richard Wagner, was a notorious anti-semite! There's the Mendelsohn Wedding March, but that composer decided he didn't want to be Jewish and converted. Couples nowadays just pick their favorite song. Good idea.

Of course some brides and grooms would rather skip all the traditions and just run off and tie the knot. In

folklore, "tying a knot" symbolized an unbreakable pledge. Since the 13<sup>th</sup> century, knots were used in marriage ceremonies, tying the wrists of the bride and groom with twine. The custom continues today, where sashes are placed over the wrists, denoting the tie or bond of wedlock.

So Happy Anniversary to all our June brides and grooms.

Best wishes for many more. L'Chayim!!!

Charlotte Newman, Editor

# ISRAELI SCOUTS Tuesday - June 12<sup>th</sup>- 5pm Savannah Center

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# **Ritual Committee Reports Choir Members Wanted**

#### Ritual Committee

Ritual Committee had another successful holiday celebration. On May 19 over 70 people attended a Havdalah service followed by Shavuot - Torah, Blintzes and Song. This was the third very successful and joyous celebration following Purim and the Passover Seder.

The Havdalah service led by Michele Nicotera was beautiful ending to Shabbat. Members of the Ritual Committee led the congregants in a study of Shavuot, "The Festival of Weeks", which takes place seven weeks after Passover, resulting in the giving of the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites. The discussion also went into the agricultural pilgrimages also associated with Shavuot when fruit and wheat offerings were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem. Michelle Nicotera led the congregants in songs and Michele Uss and Marlene Goldberg led the congregation in dances associated with the holiday.

Following a Pot Luck Dairy Dinner that included blintzes the congregation was then led into a discussion of the Book of Ruth and her significance. See pictures from the celebration on the Temples website <a href="http://templeshalomcentralfl.org">http://templeshalomcentralfl.org</a>

Even though the search for a new Rabbi has begun the Ritual Committee is looking for additional congregants who can read the Torah, have past experience leading a Service, or would like to give a Shabbat Sermon. If anyone is interested please contact Stan Golove at <a href="Sgolove001@Yahoo.Com">Sgolove001@Yahoo.Com</a> or 917-574-6086.

#### Music Committee

The Choir continues to deliver joyous Shabbat prayers and songs to bring the Service to life. Led by Choir Director Laurie Duquette and Music Director Michele Uss, the Choir has been practicing new songs and prayers. Due to illness and the loss of some of our singers, who returned North, there are several openings on the Choir. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir should contact Stan Golove at Sgolove001@Yahoo.Com or 917-574-6086. Warning: There are required weekly practices as we prepare for the High Holidays.

Respectfully Submitted Stanley H. Golove Ritual Chair



# Temple Shalom Announces Third Summer Concert Series

The Villages Philharmonic Orchestra will present its third Summer Concert Series at Temple Shalom. Concert Committee Chairman Susan Feinberg believes the spirit of cooperation between the two organizations will make a great program while generating charity funds for both groups.

Maestro Pasquale Valerio likes the intimate setting at Temple Shalom and our high ceilings are perfect for making beautiful music. This year he has organized three beautiful concerts for on June 9, July 14 and August 25.

Tickets are on sale for \$18 Temple Member and \$20 Guests and the Public.

Call the office at 352-748-1800

A special table will be set up to Welcome the Friends of the Philharmonic to the Temple.

# JEWISH GEOGRAPHY: MICANOPY, FLORIDA

Just a few miles away from Ocala, in our own back yard, is a bit of obscure Jewish history. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Florida was still pretty much open territory (yes, that was way before The Villages was created).



A wealthy Moroccan Sephardic businessman, feeling Jewish guilt about making so much money as an exporter of lumber in his adopted country, bought 53,000 acres in North Central Florida, with the help of the Spanish government. His goal was to create a safe haven for Jews of Europe and his native country, who were then being persecuted. He had the idea to offer free community schooling to Jewish settlers in math, science, literature, and agriculture. The settlers were to cultivate the land, and he was going to cultivate the settlers.

So, in 1822, Moses Levy bought the land which became Micanopy, Florida (named for a Seminole chief). He established the Pilgrimage Plantation, and recruited Jewish settlers through advertisements in papers, as far north as New York. He even traveled to London to help raise funds, writing while he was there an abolitionist treatise.

Unfortunately, either because the advertising wasn't so good, or the wilds of Florida didn't sound inviting, few Jews responded to his idea. As far as historians can tell, there were maybe 35-40 takers. To add to the failure of the idea, the Second Seminole War took place in that area, and his plantation was destroyed. However, later, Levy's son David Levy Yulee, of Florida, became the first Jewish senator in the United States.

There is nothing of Micanopy's Jewish heritage remaining. In fact, the owner of the land where Levy's plantation once stood has a nasty reputation of telling archeologists to get off his lawn. One of the old homes is owned by a Jewish businessman from Miami, who sells antiques, and he is happy to talk about the history of the first American kibbutz. It's a fun little town to visit.

Charlotte Newman, Editor

# **Members Celebrate Anniversaries**

Robert & Susan Konig	6/11	7712
Ira & Violet Glickstein	6/14	5339
Joe & Marfie Harvest	6/15	
Steven & Doris Field	6/16	Martin & Claire Koshar 6/24
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Sheldon & Eveleen Skurow	6/16	Norman & Nancy Heyman 6/27
Joel & Sydell Brenner	6/17	Leonard & Carolyn Wolfson 6/28
Jerry & Joan Singer	6/17	Russell & Georgine Gaull 6/29
Kenneth & Karen Harmelin	6/18	Ira & Betty Goldblatt 6/29
Edward & Carolyn Margolis	6/18	Phil & Charlotte Rosenberg 6/29
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Dr. Richard & Frances Tesser	6/20	Edward & Barbara Morris 6/30
Butch & Sandy Ballot	6/21	Michael & Carole Starr 7/3
James & Rona Eimer	6/22	George & Bonnie Cohen 7/4
Stanley & Mary Golove	6/23	Stanley & Miriam Jersky 7/4
Michael & Jill Kamps	6/23	David & Francine Kaplan 7/4

# **Birthday Greetings**

Elaine Blecker	6/11	Rosalind Peters	6/21		
Jerry Gallin	6/11	Phil Seidenberg	6/21		
Iris Holtz	6/11	Ira Friedman	6/22	Doreen Hankin	7/3
Bruce Frimet	6/12	Marilyn Lehman	6/22	Marvin Lando	7/3
Marylen Lazear	6/12	Kenneth Elinoff	6/24	Sally Benney	7/4
Dr. Michael Sandler	6/12	Sheila Feinstein	6/24	Marilyn Dornfeld	7/4
Susan Jaman	6/14	Jeanne Halberg	6/25	Irene Holton	7/6
Evelyn June Kaplan	6/14	Harold Posner	6/25	Gail Braman	7/7
Carole Taylor	6/14	Greta Holman	6/27	Alan Korman	7/7

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Barbara Nemec	6/15	Diane Kaufman	6/28	Howard Leeser	7/8
Susan C. Nerenberg	6/15	Estelle Brauer	6/30	Karen Willner	7/8
Judith Bashaway	6/16	Sharon Solomon	6/30	Robert Clark	7/9
Elvira Bates	6/17	Norman Shurak	7/1	Marcia Gelber	7/9
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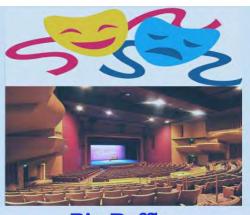
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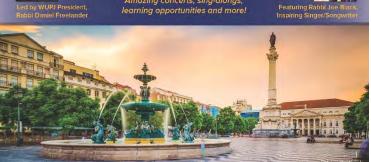
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