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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At Temple Shalom, outreach to our community is very important to us. Once our building was complete, at the beginning of 2007, we opened it up to the community with an "Open House". Tours were offered to explain Judaism. In the succeeding years, during more "open houses", we brought in Jewish music and dance, a "Taste of Shalom", offering food samples of 5 different holidays, tours of what our sanctuary housed, and even opened the Torah to show its relevance to us. It was always very well received.

The Inter-Faith Thanksgiving service is an opportunity to share a holiday that we all celebrate and give thanks. Programs of Inter-Faith Seders, and learning from other faiths helps us to understand each other. We participate at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast, donating to that cause where they offer funds to worthy students graduating high school, towards their future education, and other worthy causes in the area.

Our annual Holocaust Remembrance program is a wonderful way to educate others. We even were successful in bringing Holocaust education into the secondary and high schools in Sumter County.

Many of our members reach out to "assisted living facilities" throughout the year with programs explaining our holidays.

Our Hanukkah celebration on the square in The Villages, is enlightening and exciting to participate in.

Temple Shalom does not sit on the sidelines, but recognizes that sharing our faith and who we are, is of utmost importance. I'm proud that Temple Shalom is well respected.

Shalom,

Sandy Solomon
Temple Shalom President
president@tscfl.org



Temple Shalom
A Family of Friends

WHAT'S HAPPENING: Events and Meetings

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| 1 st Monday | Sisterhood Meeting: 10:00 am |
| 1 st Saturday | Women's Torah Study: 10:00 am |
| 3 rd Monday | Brotherhood Meeting: 9:00 am |
| 1 st & 3 rd Thursday | Golden Hands Needlework: 11:00 am |
| 3 rd Thursday | Board Meeting: 2:30 pm |
| Tuesdays | Bereavement Support: 10:00 am |
| Dec 2 (Mon) | Sisterhood Monthly Meeting: 10:00 am |
| Dec 6 (Fri) | Birthday Shabbat: 7:00 pm |
| Dec 7 (Sat) | Woman's Torah Study: 10:00 am |
| Dec 10 (Tues) | Texas Hold 'Em in the lobby - 6:30 pm |
| Dec 4, 18, 25 | Taste of Torah with Rabbi Zev: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm |
| Dec 15 (Sun) | Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh: 2:30 pm |
| Dec 18 (Wed) | Sisterhood Book Club at Buffalo Crossing: 4:30 pm |
| Dec 22 (Sun) | Candle Lighting Lake Sumter: 3:00 pm |
| Dec 24 (Tues) | Texas Hold 'Em in the lobby - 6:30 pm |
| Dec 27 (Fri) | Membership Pre Shabbat Dinner: 5:00 pm |

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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RABBI ZEV'S REFLECTIONS



Miracles...

At this time of year, one can't help but wonder if miracles really happened as told throughout Torah, and if so...why aren't they happening now? We take a look at the world today, and we see hunger, wars, homelessness, bigotry, hatred..., just to name a few, and ask where the miracles are now? Doesn't God see that we need them now? That is the question that has been asked for many years, many times, by many people.

I remember a few years back, I was at a flea market, when I saw something so touching, I must share it. A mother and child (no older than 5) were walking down one of the aisles; the mother holding the child's hand and the child eating a big lollipop smiling and enjoying it. Across the aisle was a child (maybe 7 or 8) in one of the booths with her mother, also with a lollipop, but unopened. The younger of the children dropped his lollipop and began to cry; his mother told him to stop, it was only a lollipop and next week he can get another if he was good. The little girl took her lollipop and handed it to the little boy and said, "don't cry" and went back to her mother. Her mother praised her for being so thoughtful and caring; in the meantime, the other mother said nothing and continued to walk the aisle with her son.

What does this have to do with miracles you may ask...a whole lot. We were given free will by God, and what we do with it is where I am going with this. We need to make our own miracles happen, to be the miracle. We can't just see a problem such as hunger or bigotry and expect God to make it end...after all we are partners with God and need to do our part to complete the task/miracle. That's not to say that there aren't miracles happening every day that we just take for granted, such as the birth of a baby, the blossoming of a flower, the rising of the sun. True, it may not be the miracle of the Chanukah Oil, but a miracle none the less. At this Chanukah season, let's try to help make miracles happen...help bring the lights of Chanukah to someone who might otherwise not be so blessed.



From my family to yours have a joyous Chanukah season and a Healthy and Happy 2020!

Chag Sameach...Happy Chanukah
B'y'didut- In Friendship

Rabbi Zev
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Our Temple members responded to the request to the bring suitcases to help the abused and battered with many suitcases donations.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Now that the High Holy day season is behind us, I want to publicly thank everyone in the choir, Michelle, Ritual, John and Stan, the Board and everyone who helped make this, my first High Holy days here a success.

I am specifically so proud of the choir and all they accomplished and all the hours of hard work that they put in learning new music and harmonies to enhance our services. The first year is always a year of learning and growing. The Temple Shalom choir and Michelle put in many hours of rehearsal for Shabbat, Holidays and special events to help ensure the musical element of that event is top notch.

I look forward to continuing to grow with them and bringing new and old music to life.

Thank you again for all your diligent work.

Rabbi Zev

Ritual Calendar~December 2019

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| 12/04 | 11:30 | Taste of Torah – Rabbi Zev |
| 12/06 | 7:00 | Birthdays Shabbat Services – Rabbi Zev Oneg IHO December Birthdays, Susan Mazlin's birthday and Sheri Silverman celebrating friendships |
| 12/07 | 10:00 | Sisterhood's Women's Torah Study <i>reservations required (at private homes)</i> |
| 12/11 | 11:30 | Taste of Torah cancelled – Rabbi Zev at URJ Biennial Convention |
| 12/13 | 7:00 | Shabbat Services – Larry Wallace Service Leader; Rabbi at URJ Biennial Convention |
| 12/15 | 2:30 | Sisterhood's Rosh Chodesh Celebration <i>reservations required</i> |
| 12/18 | 11:30 | Taste of Torah – Rabbi Zev |
| 12/20 | 7:00 | Shabbat Services – Rabbi Zev |
| 12/22 | 3:00 | Menorah Lighting Event at Lake Sumter Landing |
| 12/25 | 11:30 | Taste of Torah – Rabbi Zev |
| 12/27 | 5:00 | Membership Pot-Luck Chanukah dinner |
| | 7:00 | Shabbat Services – Rabbi Zev Oneg IHO baby-naming of Alexander Mason Knipp, grandson of Lynn and Art Sindoris |
| 12/28 | 9:30 | Saturday Shabbat Services and Lunch |

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

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 – Temple Shalom men and 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, Marlene Sontz 540-241-8496, Geri Rittberg 352-751-4720, 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

SISTERHOOD DONATION CARDS -The card for all occasions! A picture of Temple Shalom on the front, lined inside for your personal message. A convenient way to show you care. Just \$5 for a package of 4 cards w/envelopes. Contact: Barbara Klein: 352-430-3933 or Barklein3@aol.com

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 third Wednesday of every month at the Buffalo Crossings at 4:30 pm. Give us a try. For information, please contact Debbie Dessert at 352-259-8773 debbiteach01@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY – 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly location to be announced.

ONEG – Interested in sponsoring an Oneg please contact Rosalind Gantz at 352-751-3976

GIFT CARDS

We have cards available for clothing, electronics, fast foods, restaurants and many others. Your children, grandchildren, the postman, or newspaper carrier will appreciate receiving this gift.

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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday till noon and before Friday night services. Call Sharon (954) 609-6860 or Derick (352) 748-1800 (Sharon is at Temple Thursdays 11-2)

The PROMISED LANDscape - The stately row of 12 Sabal Palms known as the “**Trees of the Tribes**” has been re-invigorated with a replacement of one tree that did not survive the original installation. The other 11 trees appear to be thriving and growing out new canopies. When more funds accumulate in the landscape account, another project can be considered. Your on-going donations are vital to the Morgan Landscape Fund. They allow us to continually improve the visual appeal and functionality of our spiritual home. Thank you for your meaningful and essential contributions.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Temple Shalom Committee that promotes information and education to address issues pertaining to diversity and tolerance.

***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 AT THE BROTHERHOOD

Sisterhood had a very successful and fun Yard Sale on Sunday, November 3rd and Brotherhood had a great time selling hot dogs, chips, donuts, muffins, soda and coffee. Seems that everyone loves hot dogs, looking at the amount we sold! I guess we never grow too old to love hot dogs! Special thanks to all of our 'cooks, parking and clean-up crew, which included Julian Timoner, Steve Rosen, Paul Burger, Bob Clark, Stan Golove, Ken Elinoff, Larry Wallace, Stan Faigin, George Cohen and Michael Ray. I'm sure I left out a few names so please identify yourselves to me and I will certainly acknowledge you next month.

Then on Monday, November 18, Brotherhood held another successful dinner event with entertainment. Stu Sachs, Mr. TV Nostalgia, entertained with his infamous TV Nostalgia videos with a "Jewish Twist". Spouses, friends, etc., were invited to attend. We feasted on pizza, salad and Stu's famous "1950's" desserts such as Hostess Cup Cakes, Ring Dings and the like. Again, it seems that everyone loves pizza and Ring Dings as much as hot dogs. For additional information contact Steve Rosen 443-397-0436.

December will be a holiday month with Brotherhood and Sisterhood sharing a great Chanukkah party including the latke's as a Pre-Shabbat extravaganza on Friday evening December 20 before services. Details will follow soon.

Don't forget to buy raffle tickets to win your own personalized Reserved Parking Space in the Temple parking lot for the entire 2020 year. Brotherhood sponsors this fund raising event every year. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20. Winner will be picked at the Chanukkah Pre-Shabbat party on December 20. Contact Marty Riefs to purchase your raffle tickets @ 352-399-5775.

The Brotherhood Super Bowl pool has a total payoff of \$750 and costs \$15 per box. When you read this there still might be some boxes left, so if you are interested please call Alan Feingold at 610-256-3695.

As our calendar develops we will keep you informed of happenings at the Brotherhood. Any questions can be directed to me, and I will get you answers which include membership, meetings, events, etc. Reach me by phone at 352-205-1444 or email drubin2007@me.com.

David Rubin
Temple Shalom Brotherhood President
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NOURISH CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION



Susan Clark spoke about Spiritual points and **Linda Goldsmith** spoke about the Mind aspects during the Nourish Conference put on by the Florida Department of Aging.



The event took place at Fairway Christian Church. **Sandy Solomon** and **Ann Jasper** handled our table and addressed questions. (Not pictured)

INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS



My name is Hannah Jane Campbell and my Hebrew name is Channah Na'ama bat Chava Ruth. I have been told that I am one of the youngest members of the congregation, as I am going to be twelve years old on March 6th. Currently I am working with Rabbi Zev and he has asked me to introduce myself to everyone through this newsletter. I am in 6th grade, at the Villages Charter Middle School and I live in Leesburg with my mom half the time and my dad the other half of the time. At my dad's house it is my dad and I and my older sister, Katie. My family at my mom's house is a little bigger, consisting of my sister and I, my mom and then my step father, Mike and my brother Gavin.

My family tells me that some of the sweetest things about me is how kind and caring I am and that I am creative and (my mother says) very articulate. One of my best attributes, in my opinion, is that I am smart and I try very hard at school. One of my favorite ways to spend time is to curl up in my bed with a good book and listening to music. The things I enjoy and spend time doing, besides listening to music and reading are drawing, and working on art projects. A lot of my time right now is spent on a different type of project, my community mitzvah project, where I am volunteering at the Lake County no-kill humane society in Umatilla. I have always loved animals and was trying to figure out a way I could donate my time while helping animals. Other than that, most of my spare time is spent doing homework and playing with my pets (I have two large dogs, Mabel and Roxy and my three cats).



DOWN MEMORY LANE...

December 18, 1998, members of the then Jewish community, held a service lighting the Town Square Menorah...

Please Join us
~ December 22, 2019
~ 3:00 pm
~ Lake Sumter Square
as we celebrate the
lighting of the
Menorah!

Lighting of the Town Square Menorah 12-18-98



Members of the Jewish community in The Villages held a service for the first night of Hanukkah in Town Square last Sunday. More than 40 people gathered around the Menorah set up in Town Square for the first time this holiday season. Using the shamas or center candle that is used to light the others, candles are lit one by one during the eight days of Hanukkah. The candle lighting symbolizes the miracle of one night's portion of oil lasting eight nights prior to a great victory for the Jewish army in ancient times. The Jewish community expressed gratitude to the Schwartz and Morse families for the Menorah that will now be on Town Square every holiday season. (Photo provided)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS MEMBERS

Greetings from the Membership Committee.

This month the Membership Committee shines the spotlight on our amazing Friday Shabbat Greeters. The importance of our Greeters cannot be understated. They are the first people to put a “positive face” on Shabbat at Temple Shalom. They represent us in the very best way.

Our Greeters are:

Erv Margulis, Gloria Rodetsky, Carol Pozen, David Rubin, Sharon Borovay, Steve Rosen, Sylvia and Ken Elinoff, Bruce Levin, Sally Benny, Hedy Gerace, Gail Braman, Estelle Brauer, Lana Rosenberg, Paul Silver and Marlene Sontz, Esther and Sam Root, Susan Chidakel, Davida Brachfeld and Gil Fudin, Renee Gershman, Barbara and Ed Morris, Karen Wilner, Alan and Jeri Feingold, Lynn and Art Sindoris, Rosalie Plotkin, Gloria Stark, Marcia Cohen Robins, Melanie Dolan. ***YOU ARE FABULOUS AND WE SO APPRECIATE YOU ALL!!!!!!***

We are always looking for new Greeters who greet once every 10 Shabbats. If you want to join our teams, please contact us.

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

As always, if there is something you would like us to undertake or if you have any suggestions, please contact us.

Cordially,

Evie Brauer and Susie Ferkel
Co-Chairs Membership

FINANCE CORNER

Planning Makes A Difference

Our growing Temple needs an effective strategic plan to identify the important goals that will move us into the future. It is a practical way to achieve our mission to become a center of Judaism for the Tri-county area.

While our Temple currently offers many activities, we recognize that there are areas where improvements are possible. In a Strategic Plan, we can agree what prospective new activities should be pursued to further support our current members as well as attract new members. We need to be a dynamic, inclusive Temple that provides a broad range of religious, educational and social services for all members.

We should consider that this new planning initiative be undertaken by a new Strategic Planning Committee. To be successful, it would be composed of a diverse group of members and supported by strong, transparent and effective Congregational communication.

The results and recommendations of such a committee will be the principal driver of future program development efforts as well as facility investments. A financial plan should support the strategic initiatives proposed and approved. This important initiative should be considered beginning as soon as 2020.

As always, as supporters of our special community, your support and participation will be much appreciated.

Dennis Roth
Chair, Finance Committee
Board Liaison: Safety and Security

SISTERHOOD NEWS



On Friday night, October 25th we celebrated our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Beginning with a pre-neg at 6:00pm we served wine, cheese and other hors d'oeuvres. Representatives from Sisterhood led spiritual readings and poems from a special Siddur created by Michelle Nicotera and Lynn Sindoris. Lynn delivered a sermon which connected the Parasha, Bereshit (the creation of the world) with women, as well as gave a brief history of our Temple Sisterhood and the founding of Sisterhood in the Reform movement. We ended with a celebratory Oneg

following the service.

Our first ever Challah Bake was held on October 30th. Ladies kneaded, talked and laughed while preparing the challah. A special thank you goes to our co-chairs, Jacci King and Phyllis Tess.



Challah Bake

On November 4th ninety women attended our monthly meeting where Ellie Chapman taught us about Enneagrams and our personality type. We took a short quiz then sat with our like personality numbers.

For some of us it was no surprise who ended up at our tables. A request for handbags filled with personal hygiene items was this month's women's project. Our Sisterhood members did not disappoint and they were delivered to Haven House.



A Trunk Full Of Handbags Filled With Personal Hygiene Items Donated To Haven House

On November 13th, we held our final Mah Jongg Tournament for 2019.

A special thank you to Chair Reva Ceader who led the charge with her brigade of helpers to make this another successful tournament.



Mah Jongg Tournament

On Nov 17th, 35 women attended a very special Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Celebration. After a brief service to celebrate the new month of Kislev, we enjoyed a presentation by Michele Uss “Sing Unto God,” the music and life of Debbie Friedman.

We listened, learned and sang with Michele and members of the choir. It was a moving and wonderful afternoon.



Michele Uss and Choir members leading the songs of Debbie Friedman



Lauren Kerness leading Mi Shebeirach

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

DECEMBER 2019

- 2nd (Mon.) Sisterhood AGM - Election and Paid Up Membership Celebration “Argentina Tango and Beyond” at 10am
- 7th (Sat.) Women’s Torah Study at 10am
- 15th (Sun.) Rosh Chodesh Celebration at 2:30pm “Easy Art Project” where each participant will bring home their own acrylic painting of a Chanukah Menorah on canvas. Reservation only – limited number of participants
- 16th (Mon.) Sisterhood Board Meeting at 9:30am
- 18th (Wed.) Book Club at 4:30pm (Buffalo Crossing Assisted Living Facility)

JANUARY 2020

- 4th (Sat.) Women’s Torah Study
- 5th (Sun.) Aladdin at Straz
- 6th (Mon.) Sisterhood Installation
- 8th (Wed.) Mah Jongg Tournament
- 9th (Thurs) “Shalom – A Jewish Festival” Concert in Eustis
- 15th (Wed.) Book Club
- 19th (Sun.) Rosh Chodesh Celebration
- 20th (Mon.) Sisterhood Board Meeting

In Sisterhood Solidarity & Shalom,

Lynn Sindoris,

Sisterhood President

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ED-JEW-CATION: The Presence of Presents

'Tis the season of Hanukah, a minor religious holiday celebrated commercially with major gift giving! Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes, there really is a connection between gift giving and Hanukah ...goes back to the time of the Maccabees and The Temple, and you will be surprised to know why.

According to the original story in the 1st and 2nd books of the Maccabees, sacrifices were the gifts offered to God on the Temple altar. The Greeks, under King Antiochus, were in power in Palestine at that time, and they decreed that there would be no more sacrificial worship – only pagan Greek worship. To make sure this would occur, the Temple was defiled, and theoretically destroyed by the Greeks. This really upset the Jews, especially Judah Maccabee, a Hebrew Rambo, who gathered an army to overthrow the Greek rulers. Well, you know the story ... the ragtag Maccabean army shockingly won the rebellion, and the Temple and its altar were restored; thus, the festival of Hanukah, which means “Rededication” (of the Temple). Sacrifices were resumed, the tiny bit of pure oil to light the lamps lasted for eight days until more could be readied, yada, yada, yada – so we celebrate for eight days -- eat, drink, and be very merry. (There was a war, we won, let's eat oily things!!)

Oh yeah, but what about the gifts? Well, it is known that Hebrew chieftains celebrated the victory by bringing replacement presents for the sacrificial altar to the Tabernacle, such as physical items used in facilitating sacrifice--- silver bowls, basins, ladles, etc. Ergo, a Hanukah gift was meant as a gift which enabled us to worship God. Finally, when the Temple was totally destroyed in 70 C.E., there was no holy altar, no sacrifices, and worshipping God shifted to study and prayer. Also, the rabbis took a different slant on the holiday and centered the significance of Hanukah onto the miracle of the oil and laws surrounding the lighting of the menorah. Forget the gifts!

Ah, but starting in the 18th century, the tradition of giving Hanukah gelt (money) started. An historian, Eliezer Segal, suggests that families gave gelt to the Hebrew and Talmud teachers

during Hanukah Torah study, because the teachers were not otherwise

allowed to accept money for teaching Torah. It is conjectured that parents gave the money to the kids to give to the teacher. Who knows? We weren't there –maybe the kids thought they should get the money themselves for putting up with their teachers and studying so hard! Anyway, we then had the connection between kids and gifts.

And so now you ask, why the particular gift of money? Well, going back to the original Hanukah celebration of the winning back of The Temple, the common war practice of the victors was to take booty from the vanquished ... weapons, horses, and especially coins. The leader would distribute these coins to his soldiers, the widows and orphans of the dead fighters, as well (if there was enough left over) to the general population, and especially the children. The coin was very symbolic -- the victory over the Greeks enabled the Judeans to print their own coins, with their own values and depictions put on them. This was a freedom long denied them under foreign domination, and the Hasmoneans were quick to mint their own national coins. It is interesting to note that in 1958, the Bank of Israel issued commemorative coins for use as Hanukah gelt, which bore the image of the same menorah that appeared on the Maccabean coins 2000 years ago.

Which brings us to chocolate gelt, the traditional sweet we give to children at Hanukah time. Well, this supposedly started in Belgium, in the early 1900's, when Jews were involved in the making of chocolate. Geld (or gold) was given as part of the St. Nicolas holiday, and gentile children were gifted with the chocolate coins. The Jewish families went along with that idea for their own holiday.

In America, the Loft Candy Co. first produced chocolate gelt in the 1920's. The coins were



wrapped in gold or silver foil and placed in mesh pouches that resembled money bags. That has not changed much, except now most coins are manufactured in Israel. In our modern day, the giving of gelt is supposedly more to symbolize the tradition of giving charity to commemorate the Great Miracle of Light. Other kinds of presents, like toys and clothing, are more to go along with the spirit of Christmas, which, we know, is celebrated at approximately the same time of year as Hanukah and is traditionally a time of gift giving. And yes, Virginia, there is a “Chanaclaus” in many Jewish American homes.

So, if your family usually celebrates the festival of Hanukah with the presence of presents, make it easy on yourself and just give the traditional gift of gelt. A great way to teach our grandchildren about the true spirit of charity is to go with them, give them gelt and let them buy a toy or gift to give to a less fortunate child. Or better yet, buy gift cards from Temple Shalom and make everybody happy!!!



LATKES OF CHEERY WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR A LIGHT, BRIGHT HOLIDAY!

HAPPY FESTIVUS!

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Charlotte Newman,
November 2019



The Annual Chanukah Dilemma

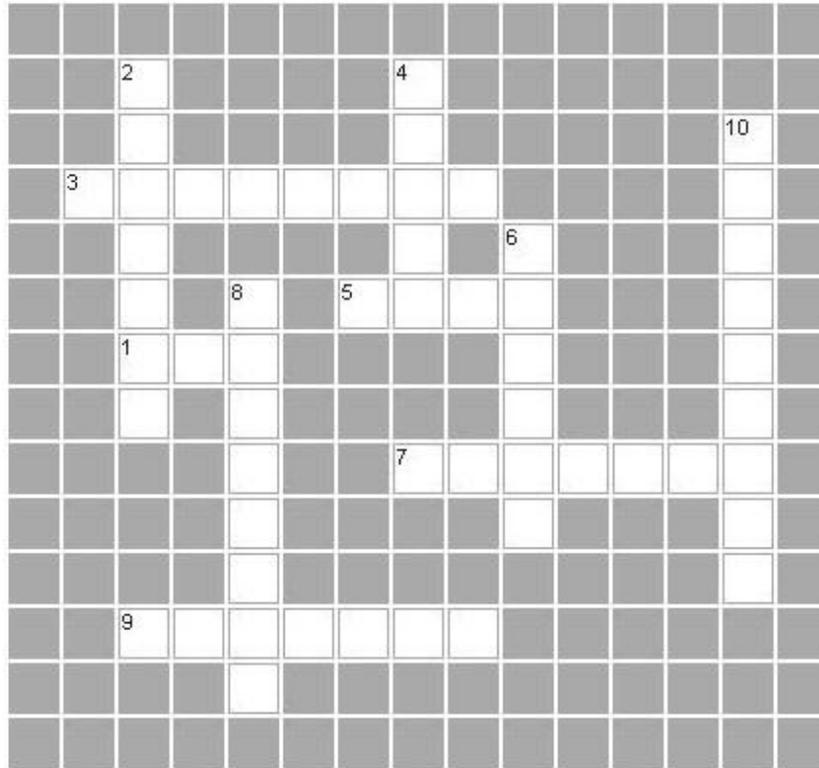
FROM THE JEWISH SIDE



Hanukkah Crossword Puzzle

Instructions:
Complete the crossword puzzle by filling in the Hanukkah words that fit the clues.

For answers see page 24



Across

1. Liquid from petroleum
3. A time of religious celebration marked by feasting
5. Fixed luminous point in the sky at night
7. A four-sided top
9. Nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah

Down

2. The state of being at liberty rather than confinement
4. A rich, abundant meal
6. A spiritual communication
8. Approval or good wishes
10. Capital of Israel

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YARD SALE HIGHLIGHTS





A NEW FACE ON AN OLD PLACE

After - Before

All done!



Sharon Roth and Eve Long added a special touch to the gift shop to showcase the items better.

Over two full days, taking their whole inventory out, and placing a new background in; *they put a new face on an old place.*

ED-JEW-CATION: LET'S TALK TURKEY

Lately we are doing a lot of talking about turkey about still eating turkey



leftovers from Thanksgiving, about having to think about ordering a turkey for Chanukah/Christmas dinner, or about those politicians in Washington who are all turkeys, or about the land of Turkey being involved in a war in the mid-east. For whatever reason, Turkey is a popular word. But why talk about it in "The Shalom", a Reform Jewish newsletter in Central Florida? Because there is an incredible history of Turkey and Jews, over many centuries.

The history of the Jews in Turkey covers almost 2400 years. There have been communities in Anatolia since at least the 5th century BCE...mostly in the city of Sardis. According to the Hebrew Bible, Noah's Ark landed on the top of Mt. Ararat, which is in eastern Anatolia, near the present-day borders of Turkey, Armenia, and Iran. Josephus, the Jewish historian of the 1st century noted Jewish origins for many of the cities in Anatolia, and even the New Testament mentions Jewish populations and synagogues in Iconium and Ephesus. There is historical mention of Emperor Justinian trying to convert the Jews of Anatolia to Christianity, even though the attempts met with very little success.

The first synagogue linked to Ottoman rule is "Tree of Life" in Bursa (think of Pittsburgh's synagogue's name!) which passed to Ottoman authority in 1324. It is still in use today, although the population of Bursa has shrunk to about 140 people. In the times of the Ottoman Empire, the whims of the current sultan determined the fate of the Jews. The first major event in Jewish history under Turkish rule took place after the Ottoman Empire gained control over Constantinople. Mehmed the Conqueror wanted to revitalize the capital city of Constantinople. To accomplish this, he ordered Muslims, Christians and Jews from all over his empire to resettle there. The Empire's Romaniote

Jews from the Balkans and Anatolia were then concentrated in the capital where they made up 10% of the city's population.

Soon this group grew, largely by Ashkenazi Jews migrating to the Ottoman Empire between 1421 and 1453 when the Chief Rabbi of Edirne invited European Jewry to settle there, telling them "Turkey is a land wherein nothing is lacking. Is it not better for you to live under Muslims than under Christians?" The greatest influx, of course, was after the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, Portugal, Naples and Sicily. The Sultan issued a formal invitation, and in 1492 more than 40,000 Spanish Jews, fleeing the Spanish Inquisition, came to Constantinople and Thessaloniki. It was a good merger... the Muslim Turks weren't interested in business enterprises and left commercial occupations to minority religions. They also distrusted the Christian subjects (memories of the Crusaders probably the cause), so they preferred Jewish subjects. The Sephardi Jews settled in the wealthier cities of the empire and in the Mediterranean coastal regions such as Jerusalem, Safed, Damascus, and Egypt. In fact, the Jewish population in Jerusalem increased from 70 families to 1500 families at the beginning of the 16th century. Safed increased from 300 to 2000 families, and Damascus had a Sephardic congregation of 500 families. Constantinople had a Jewish community of 30,000 individuals and 44 synagogues.

It is evident that Jews enjoyed tolerance under the Ottoman Empire. There were no restrictions on professions, although there were some restrictions on places where they could live, and taxes (like for all non-Muslims). From 1300-1600 the Jews enjoyed prosperity. They were the predominant power in commerce and trade, in diplomacy and other high offices. There was, however, a problem which occurred among the ethnic divisions... coming from different lands, they brought with them their own customs and opinions, and had founded separate congregations. There was a big upheaval when Sabbatai Zevi proclaimed he was the Messiah. When caught by the Ottoman authorities and given the choice between death and conversion,

he opted for the latter. His disciples converted to Islam, too, and their descendants are known today as Donmeh.

In the 18th and 19th century, the history of the Jews is one of decline in influence and loss of commercial power to the Greeks. As borders changed, the Jews came under the rule of different countries of Christian rule. The Jewish population of the Ottoman Empire had reached nearly 200,000 at the start of the 20th century, but with the territories lost to the new Christian Balkan states, the number lowered dramatically.

Turkey was a haven for European Jews fleeing Nazi persecution during the 1930s and 1940s. Turkey, which remained neutral during WW2 (until its symbolic declaration of war on Germany in 1945), did forbid granting visas to German Jews, although there was an exception when about 38 German Jewish scientists were given sanctuary from the Nazi regime. Turkish diplomats worked hard to save many refugees. It is estimated that they accepted 35,000 Jews from France and Eastern Europe. (However, there was an incident called the Struma disaster in which nearly 781 Jewish refugees and 10 in crew were killed when passengers were not allowed to disembark in Turkey). When Israel became a state, many Turkish Jews immigrated, driven primarily by economic factors, such as a capital

tax in 1942 which significantly affected Jewish businesses. The migration was voluntary and is the second largest mass emigration wave out of Turkey. All things considered, the Turkish government, over the centuries, treated the Jews better than the other non-Muslim communities. For example, in 1915-18 there was a horrific Armenian genocide in Turkey in which over 1.5 million Armenians were exported or killed. Greek Orthodox communities were exiled also in later years. Jews left mainly because of personal reasons.

Turkey is among the first countries to formally recognize the State of Israel. The two countries have cooperated militarily and economically. The present Jewish community in Turkey was estimated at 26,000, with the largest population in Istanbul, 96% of whom are Sephardi. At this time, there is a good relationship between Israel and Turkey. In recent years, several hundred Turkish Jews, who have been able to prove that they are descended from Jews expelled from Portugal in 1497, have immigrated to Portugal and acquired Portuguese citizenship. In America there is a Sephardic Bikur Holim Synagogue in Seattle, Washington, formed by Turkish Jews, which strives to preserve their unique traditions.

Shalom from "Turkey-Lurkey" aka Charlotte Newman, Dec. 2019

COMMEMORATIVE AWARDS BREAKFAST

Dear Friends,

The 17th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Awards Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. at The Savannah Center.

Last year \$36,000 in scholarships were awarded to outstanding college bound seniors in Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties. Temple Shalom was part of that success, with over 50 Temple members in attendance.

The winners are introduced at the breakfast, where they have an opportunity to share their plans and aspirations with us. We would be honored for you to attend and help recognize these students, some of whom would not otherwise be able to continue their education.

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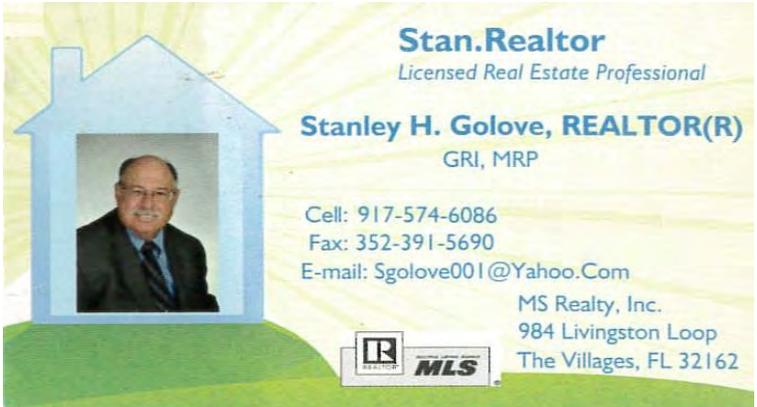
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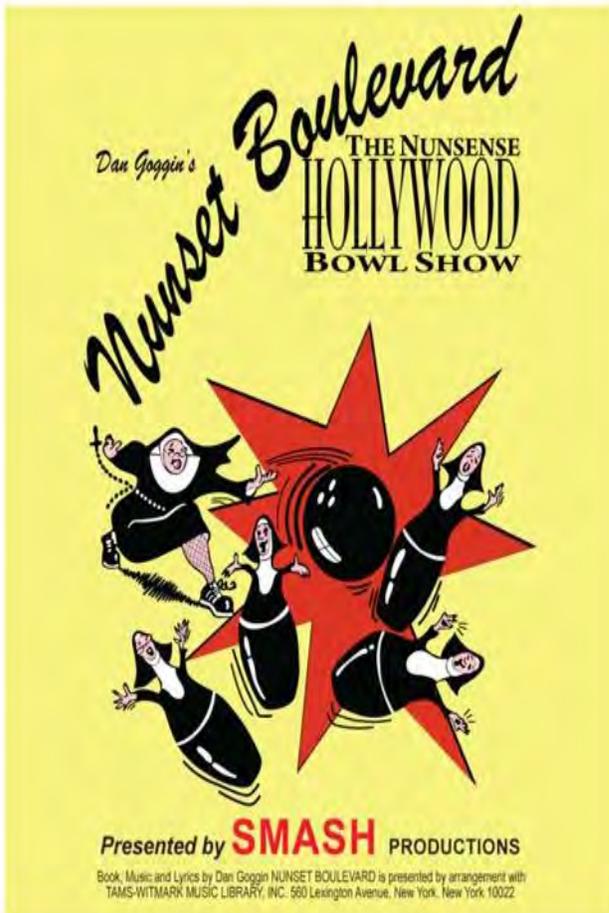
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WOMAN'S TORAH STUDY

After being away all summer, I have just attended my first Women's Torah Study of the "new season." We started at the Beginning with Bereshit. About 15 women attended, with lunch following at Lopez. It is amazing to me how many rabbinic "slants" on the creation story we come across, in addition to our own interpretations. We are all scholars! It is also fun, if one is not familiar or is new to Torah Study, to just sit back and listen to what everyone has to say. We discuss, we listen, we learn. It's ALL good!!

Looking forward to our next Women's Torah Study in December! Be on the lookout!
Shalom, Sue Clark

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| Sanford & Jaclyn King | 12/20 | Robert & Ruby Weinstein | 12/27 |
| David & Ann Eagle | 12/22 | Mike & Victoria Smith | 12/29 |
| Raymond & Andrea Hellin | 12/23 | Kyle & Sally Mishne | 1/1 |
| William & Joyce Witlin | 12/24 | Dick & Marlyn Smith | 1/2 |
| Robert & Fern Slutsky | 12/25 | John & Toby Holmes | 1/4 |
| Leonard & Wendy Sudberg | 12/26 | Tony & Carol Underwood | 1/6 |

MEMBERS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS



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| Joan Singer | 12/11 | William Krone | 12/25 | | |
| Florann Greenberg | 12/12 | Joyce Rosenblatt | 12/26 | | |
| Richard Schachter | 12/12 | Norman Schuster | 12/26 | | |
| Leah Frederick | 12/13 | Carla Shoap | 12/26 | David Lazar | 1/1 |
| Stephen Greenberg | 12/13 | Audrey Sterkin | 12/26 | William Clark | 1/3 |
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| Kathy Bronshtein | 12/15 | Stephen Fish | 12/27 | Betty Goldblatt | 1/4 |
| Robert Konig | 12/15 | Caren Hartvik | 12/28 | Jill Kamps | 1/4 |
| Julio Brener | 12/17 | Richard Bloom | 12/29 | Sally Cohen | 1/5 |
| Joy Meyer | 12/18 | Bonnie Klepner | 12/29 | Alan Gold | 1/8 |
| Stuart Feinberg | 12/20 | Harvey Sklaver | 12/29 | Andrea Hellin | 1/8 |
| Holly Schwartztol | 12/20 | Teresa Wohlner | 12/31 | Lynn Wallace | 1/9 |
| Joe Harvest | 12/21 | Sheryl Cohen | 1/1 | Nancy Schuster | 1/10 |
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| Corenblum, Alvin | IMO Gladys Levin, mother-in-law of Alvin Corenblum |

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RITUALLY SPEAKING

After a very successful High Holy Days season, the Ritual Committee assisted with Temple Shalom's hosting of the Annual Thanksgiving Inter-faith Celebration on November 21. This year 10 houses of worship were involved, with many of their spiritual leaders and choirs participating.



We are now looking forward to Chanukah with the Annual Community-wide Menorah Lighting program on Sunday December 22 at 3:00 at Lake Sumter Landing Market Square as well as a Shabbat Dinner in conjunction with the Membership Committee on Friday, December 27.

Larry Wallace
 Ritual Committee Chairman



AMAZING NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Contributed by Eric Leibowitz

What Israel has accomplished in its 71 years is a miracle for itself, we Jews and mankind as a whole. I only wish its neighbors and the Palestinians would recognize and appreciate that fact.



Israelis do not make islands full of palm trees or high rise buildings, or expensive hotels, and neither do its leaders drive in cars with silver chassis (Dubai and Arab Emirates). Many are working to help its people so that soon all humanity can benefit from those innovations.

1. Tel Aviv University is close to achieving a nasal vaccine that would protect people from both Alzheimer's and cerebrovascular accidents. The experiments are very encouraging.
2. Technion, dedicated to medical research, has developed a simple blood test capable of detecting different types of cancer.
3. Tel Aviv's Ichilov Center has isolated a protein that will make a colonoscopy unnecessary to detect colon cancer; a simple blood test will be sufficient and maybe save 500,000 people with colon cancer each year.
4. Although acne does not kill anyone, it does generate great anxiety among thousands of people. The "Curelight Lab" created a way to cure it by bacteria that produces acne without side effects.
5. "Given Imaging" laboratory developed miniature cameras in the form of pills that can be swallowed and which transmit thousands of photos of the digestive tract which can detect polyps, cancers, and the source of internal bleeding. They are sent to a chip that sorts them and can be downloaded to a computer for the doctor to examine. The patient expels the camera.
6. The Hebrew University developed an electric neurostimulator that works by means of batteries. It is implanted in the chest of patients with Parkinson's and works the same way as pacemakers. The emissions from this device block nerve signals that produce the tremors.
7. The simple smell of a breath of a patient can serve to detect if they have lung cancer. The "Russel Berrie Institute of Nanotechnology" created sensors capable of detecting and recording 42 biological markers that indicate the presence of lung cancer without the need for biopsies.
8. It is possible to dispense with catherizations in many cases currently used to determine the state of the coronary arteries. "Endopat" is a device that's placed on the fingertip of the index finger which can measure the state of the arteries and can predict the possibilities of having a heart attack in the next seven years.
9. At the University of Bar Ilan, they are studying a new drug to combat viruses via the blood; it's call the "vecoy trap" and it tricks the virus to destroy itself. It's very useful to combat Hepatitis as well as Ebola and Aids.
10. It is possible that Israel scientists at the Hadassah Medical Center may have cured the first case of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. It could also be called the Stephen Hawking's Disease. (The famous British physicist refused to attend a medical congress in Israel because of his admiration of the Palestinians, while in order to communicate, he used devices invented by Israel scientists.) The treatment was developed using stem cells and cured an orthodox rabbi. They are hopeful that this success can be replicated.

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**The Women of Sisterhood
invite you to join our December 7, 2019**



All members of Sisterhood are welcome to join us in lively discussion. No prior knowledge is needed. We read & discuss the parsha and then we go to lunch! It's a lovely way to spend Shabbat.

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The parsha that will be discussed is Vayitzei, 28:10 - 32:3. It talks about Jacob's dream of the angels, Rachel & Leah.

To read about the parsha, go to Temple website, www.tscfl.org, click on "Ten Minutes Of Torah Web Link" at the bottom left of the Home Page.

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| 1 Reserved: 8-1:30 | 2 Sisterhood Meeting 10:00am | 3 Bereavement Support 10:00am | 4 Taste of Torah 11:30am Ritual Meeting 2:00pm Adult Hebrew Class 2:45pm | 5 Sisterhood Holiday Outreach 10:00am Reserved 12:30pm · 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm | 6 Birthday Shabbat Service 7:00pm | 7 Women's Torah Study 10:00am |
| 8 Reserved: 8-1:30 | 9 Safety & Security Committee 3:00pm | 10 Bereavement Support 10:00am Brotherhood Board Meeting 3:00pm Texas Hold 'Em 6:30pm | 11 Taste of Torah – cancelled Adult Hebrew Class 2:45pm | 12 Reserved 12:30pm · 2:00pm Board Workshop 2:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm | 13 Shabbat Service 7:00pm | 14 |
| 15 Reserved: 8-1:30 Rosh Hodesh Group 2:30pm | 16 Sisterhood Bd. Mtg B/S/L 9:30am Finance Committee 1:30pm Brotherhood Meeting 5:30pm | 17 Bereavement Support 10:00am | 18 Taste of Torah 11:30am Adult Hebrew Class 2:45pm Sisterhood Book Club · Buffalo Crossings 4:30pm | 19 Hadassah Mtg. 10:00am Reserved 12:30pm · 2:00pm Board Meeting 2:30pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm | 20 Shabbat Service 7:00pm | 21 |
| 22 Hanukkah Begins Reserved: 8-1:30 Candle Lighting Lake Sumter 3:00pm | 23 | 24 Bereavement Support 10:00am Texas Hold 'Em 6:30pm | 25 Taste of Torah · TBD 11:30am | 26 Reserved 12:30pm · 2:00pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm | 27 Pre-Shabbat Dinner 5:00pm Shabbat Service 7:00pm | 28 Saturday Sabbath Service 9:30am |
| 29 Reserved: 8-1:30 | 30 Bylaws Committee 10:00am Review Evaluation Committee 1:30pm | 31 New Year's Eve Bereavement Support 10:00am | | | | |

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