The Shofar



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> June 2021 SIVAN / TAMMUZ 5781

Please Note:

We have re-opened for Friday night services and we are looking forward to a service on Saturday, June 12th

From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

As summer approaches, and Shavuot has just concluded,

the circle rolls again. The "circle" has many names: the Great Mandela, Ma'agal Chozer, the Circle without end, many others. The wedding bands we wear are visible examples of a circle without end. film makers of recent memory have called it, "Groundhog day"...

We are just coming out of a world where each day is eerily similar to the last one, checking the calendar multiple times each day to see what day it really is and what's on the list: more zoom, a day OFF from Zoom...



Our lives have been changed, our thinking modulated. But with all that, is the amazing ability to create change and

newness. So it is, as we head into summer this year, let us resolve to create "new".. We are all members by choice of a Jewish family.. Look at this issue of the Shofar for a detailed schedule of adult education offerings.... Try one out - you'll get hooked.

See if you can find a couple of hours a week, or a month that you can help with tasks, either fairly small or moderately large, depending on your schedule. Connect to our family. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. There are many things to do to help us grow.

As the High Holiday season begins VERY early this year, (Slichot is Saturday evening AUGUST 28!! Which means Erev Rosh Hashanah is Monday night September 6...

We are planning to greatly increase our offerings to the congregation in many ways and look forward to your attending and participating in as many of these as possible.

There will be a list coming of involvement possibilities for each of you to join in on. Pick one, make it a habit, become an active part of something bigger....

It is time to imagine how we, as individuals as well as we, as a community, can change.

So – step into the Circle - the circle with no beginning and no end....You'll feel good. We look forward to seeing you as well, as we have begun to slowly reopen the temple to Friday night services, we're going to try a Saturday morning service June 12....

Do KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN for the notices.. We're looking at some exciting changes....

Until then, be well, be safe, be strong.

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As we move forward and return to what we used to consider our normal, everyday lives, we are also moving forward at TBEI.

ביחד

Our sale of the school building is moving along and hopefully will be finalized very soon.

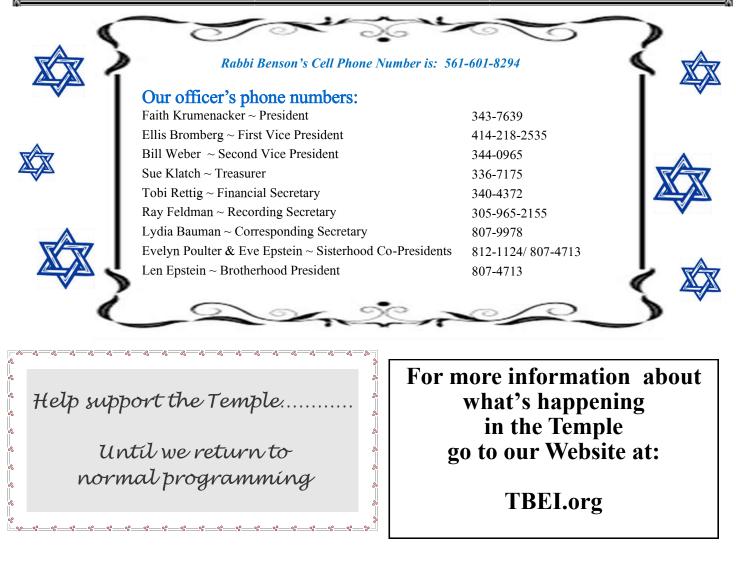
Now is the time to plan for our future events, activities and fundraisers. We're in the process of putting together committees and invite everyone to be part of our Temple life and efforts.

This Friday, June 4th, we will be celebrating Rabbi Benson's Birthday at our oneg and on Friday, June 11th we will have an oneg honoring Alan Bornstein as he is leaving Port St Lucie for his new home in Massachusetts.

And on Saturday, June 12th we will have our first Saturday morning service since last March. Join us and be a part of our Temple family.

Hope to see you soon.....

Faith



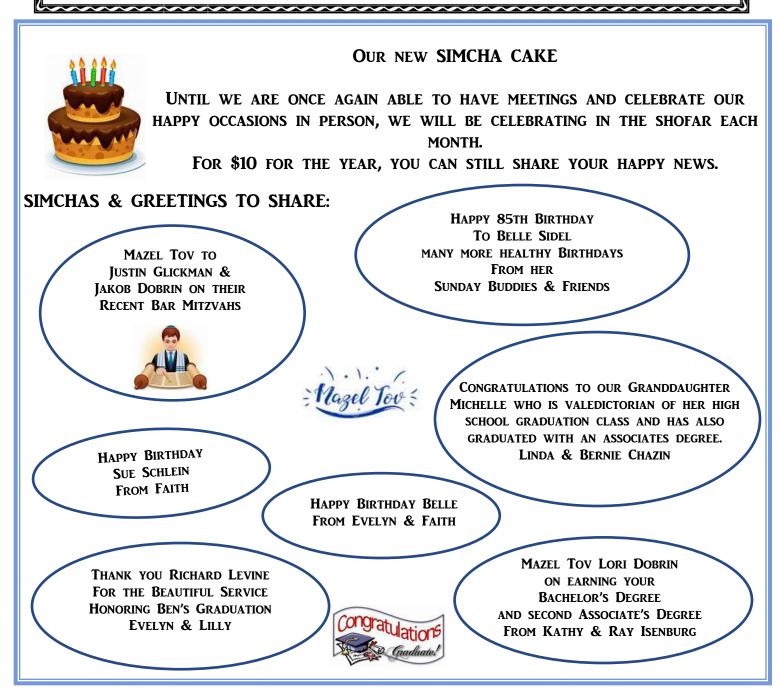
SISTERHOOD NEWS

Dear Sisterhood Ladies, It was a pleasure to be together at our first oneg after being closed for so long.

Please contact Evelyn if you would like to sponsor an oneg on a Friday night for a nominal fee. We look forward to getting back to a more normal routine in the near future.

See the flyer in this issue for our first Mah Jongg/Card Party/Luncheon since we have been closed. Proof of COVID vaccination is required.

Evelyn Poulter & Eve Epstein ~ Sisterhood Co-Presidents



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Dear Friends,

It seems like only yesterday my fifth term as Brotherhood President started.

I would like to thank my board for all they did this past year. I am sure the incoming President Jeff Kreiss is up to the tasks ahead.

Friday and Saturday services will resume the weekend of June 11th and 12th, and I look forward to seeing you there.

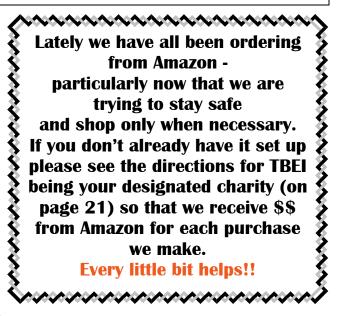
Leonard Epstein Brotherhood President



Zooming on Saturdays

As we begin Saturday morning services in the Temple, our Saturday Zoom schedule will change. We are considering having Haftorah study on Thursday mornings. More details to follow....





This past month:









The Dobrin's at Jakob's Bar Mitzvah

We are so proud of our students who have diligently studied and prepared for their Bar Mitzvahs - under such difficult and extenuating circumstances this past year. Congratulations to all!!

The Glickmans at Justin's Bar Mitzvah



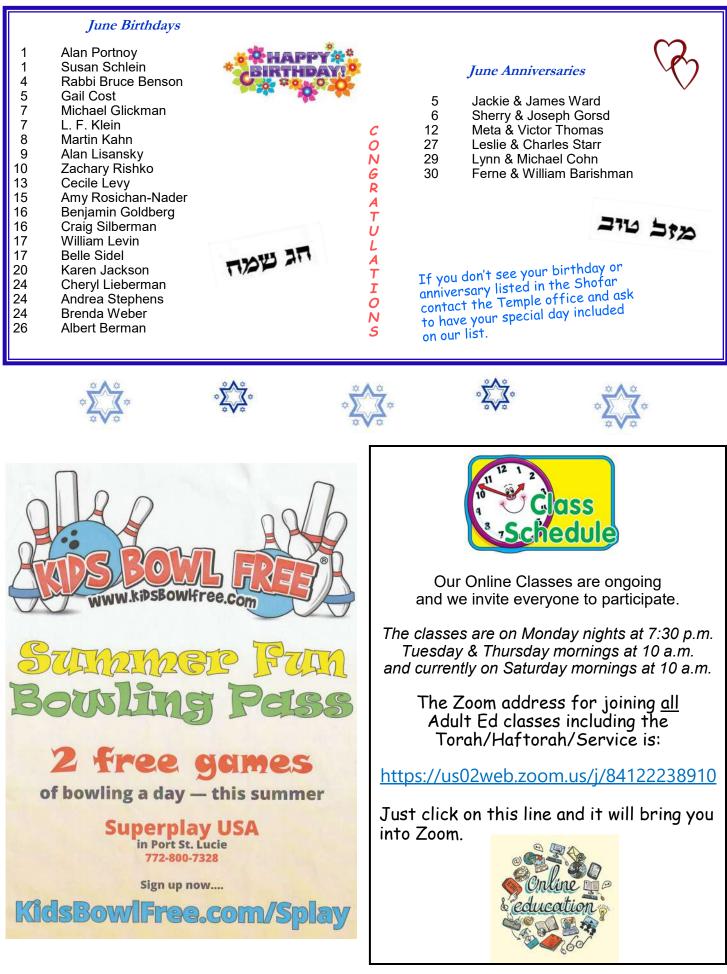
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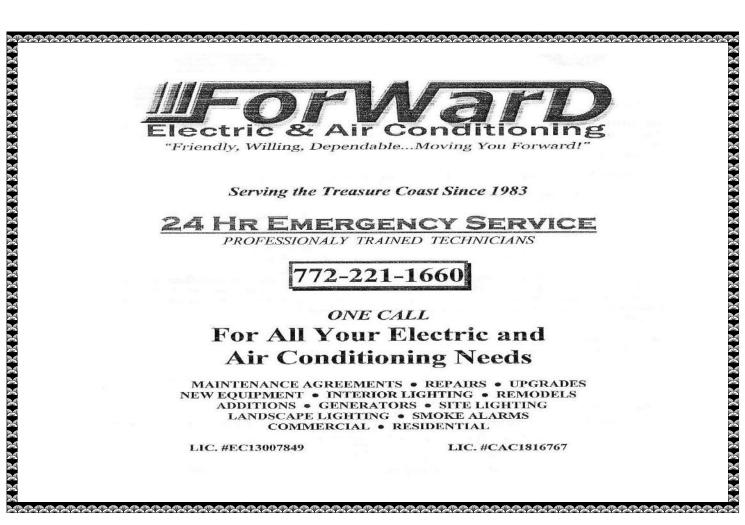
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THE STAMP CORNER by Ellis Bromberg



This month's stamp is a 1988 issue from Israel that features Anne Frank and the house in Amsterdam where she and her family hid from the Nazis during World War II. Today we remember Anne Frank, who would have been 92 years old this June 12. The Diary of a Young Girl, one of the world's best-known books, documents Anne's life from 1942-1944 during the German occupation of the Netherlands. In August 1944, after the Franks' secret hiding place was discovered, Anne and her family were deported, first to the Westerbrook concentration camp in Holland, and later to Auschwitz; finally, Anne and her sister Margot were transferred to Bergen-Belsen in Germany where Anne died of typhoid fever in February or March 1945, not yet 16 years old. Only her father, Otto Frank, survived the camps; upon returning to Amsterdam, he discovered Anne's diary and had it printed about two years after her death. Through her diary, Anne became a symbol of all innocent victims of racial and religious prejudice, not just during World War II, but for all time. It has been published in more than 50 languages and made into a play and a film. The Anne Frank House depicted on the stamp is now a museum whose purpose is to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust and to fight and denounce intolerance, racism, and anti-Semitism wherever and whenever they appear. At least five countries have issued postage stamps of Anne Frank; the Israeli stamp here shows four portraits of her with her signature on the tab at the bottom.

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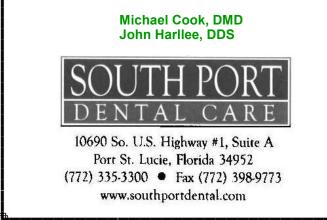
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Sometimes we read something about the Civil War that interests us, but up until this month I have never seen a book which is only about the Jews of the Confederacy. For you history buffs, our library has a book just for you. It is <u>The Jewish Confederates</u> by Robert Rosen. It is a wonderful, large assortment of facts and illustrations (including great photographs, sketches, maps, and illustrations of all kinds). Together with the text, we are given a detailed look into the Jews that lived in the Confederacy- their eve-

ryday lives, their wartime activities, and their religious practices. There is really so much in this book, I can only try to give you an idea of what items it contains.

Before writing this book, the author wanted to tell the stories of African Americans, the Irish, and the Jews while discussing the war. But he started to realize while the old Jewish families had supported the Confederacy, he was shocked to see the depths of their support to the cause. He wondered why. How could Jews, who every Passover celebrated the Exodus from their own enslavement in Egypt be really committed to the Confederate cause. How Ironic! (Of course, we Jews living in 2021, can now understand that any strange and unexpected things can occur). Then it became more complex. The author discovered that most of the Confederate Jews were not "old families", but were German, Polish, Russian, and Hungarian Jews, and one-third of them lived in the state of Louisiana around 1861. There were Jews living in other parts of the South, but Louisiana was tops - also having a U.S. Senator, and a Lieutenant-Governor during the Civil War, and a Speaker of the Louisiana House who then became a Confederate District Judge. The Jews of the South supported the Confederacy - their new "fatherland" - because of their appreciation of the freedom they enjoyed there. Yes, there was some anti-Semitism in the South, but not within the armies of the Confederacy. nor in Jefferson Davis' executive offices. In contrast, we do find anti-Semitic orders and proclamations in the armies of the North. How different are the ideas of today's Jews who think the opposite was true! Why wasn't much written about the Jews of the Confederacy? Devastation after the Civil War, and with a small Jewish population, they failed to write much about their own history. Besides, there were bigger issues people were concerned with - immigration, politics, later economic success, and the large centers of the Jewish population in New York and the Northeast, What about political correctness? No-one wanted Confederate Jews to be known as "disloyal" as were people in the Revolution or future radicals. The author, therefore, feels he wanted to bring this "lost Southern World" back to life, without apologies. Yes, some Jews owned slaves, and yes, they took part in the slave trade and of course, this makes many of us uncomfortable. It's interesting to note that few Confederate soldiers owned slaves. These soldiers were poor. In private, perhaps they opposed slavery and therefore during the war, they did not feel like they were fighting for it. As African American soldiers fought for the Army to prove they were equals, Southern Jews fought to prove they were worthy citizens.

<u>The Jewish Confederates</u> starts with a Prologue and after that, contains four parts with eight chapters in all, then finally ends with an Epilogue. I'll give you an idea of what is in the book by list-ing these parts and chapters including a brief description of each.

<u>1. Prologue</u> - The book opens with a description of one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the U.S. and its dedication in Charleston in 1841. The entire community was invited, and this synagogue was welcomed by people of all faiths.

2. Part 1 - "This Happy Land, Our Palestine" Chapter 1 - "The Free Air of Dixie"

In this chapter, we see how many Ashkenazi immigrants left Bavaria, Prussia, Hungary, Germany and other places in the 1840's and 1850's to flee their anti-Semitic armies. Thousands were young men. We read about the construction of synagogues throughout the South, and the dislike between Sephardic Jewish families and the German Jewish immigrants. There are detailed accounts of many Jewish families. Population numbers are discussed as are the types of changes in the various communities. Accounts of Jewish soldiers are obtained through letters, memoirs, and obituaries which include the chief reasons about why the Confederate Jews wanted to fight - "to do their duty, to protect their homeland, to protect Southern rights and liberty and, once the war began, loyalty to their comrades in arms." The list of reasons continues: "hatred for the Yankees; social peer pressure; to see the world; for adventure; pay; excitement; and to prove that Jews would fight."

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3. Part 1, Chapter 2 - "Two Sephardic Senators"

This chapter talks about Judah Philip Benjamin and David Levy Yulee - two Sephardic Jews born in the West Indies and raised in the South. Right before the Civil War, they were both U.S. Senators. Both played a role in secession. Benjamin became a Confederate Cabinet officer. One had advantages, the other did not. Their lives changed over the course of the war, and this chapter is great for filling you in about the directions their lives took.

What anti-Semitism did Jewish Confederate soldiers face?

How enthusiastic were Jews about joining the Confederate armed forces?

How did the southern Jews suffer after the war?

What other impressive things does this book include?

Because of the details and length of this article, I decided to divide it into two parts - the second one to be included in next month's *Shofar*. The above four questions will be answered at that time. Stay tuned!

TO BE CONTINUED.....

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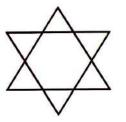
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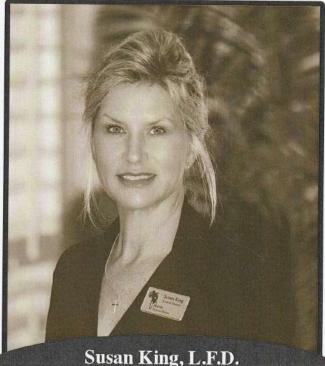
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