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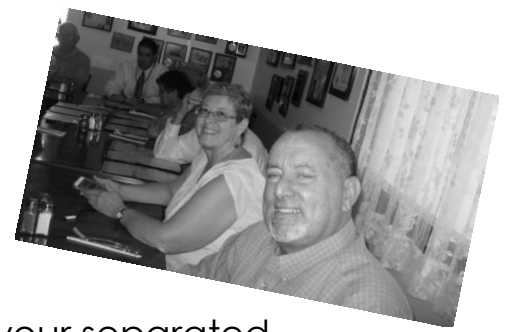
Welcome New Members – Anne Savy and Debbie & Art Lewin

November Havdalah

Saturday November 7, 2015 - 5:30

SPECIAL HAVDALAH SPONSORED AND HOSTED BY
KAY ROSS IN "CELEBRATION OF 78 YEARS OF LIFE'S BLESSINGS"

Sun Lakes
South Clubhouse



We are resuming RECYCLING. Please bring your separated cans and bottles (no caps) to temple events.

President's



First of all, I want to warmly welcome all new members to Shalom Bayit and welcome back returning members. Your support of the local Jewish Community is greatly appreciated, and I find it personally heart-warming. We welcome members of all faiths to participate in and enjoy our services, and even bring guests.

I hope you enjoyed the High Holy Day Services led so beautifully by Rabbi Milhander. Each time he blows the shofar, the music makes is breathtaking. Thanks to each of you who provided logistical assistance (manual labor), especially Steve, Cathy, Joan, and Randy.

Thanks to Steve, Ed, and Barry for honoring us by carrying the Torah, as well as to Art Sobel, Ed, Ken, and Paul for their blessings before and after Torah readings, and to Fred for the calls prior to the shofar being blown. Everyone who read did a great job, as were Carol's efforts in matching members to readers. Many thanks to any new and potential members who 'stepped up to the bima' to fill in for absentees.

Kudos to Carol for coordinating with the Rabbi and arranging the two great meals we enjoyed. Everything (well, almost everything) went as smooth as silk.

Thanks to Diana for editing and printing the Book of Remembrance.

Many thanks to all of you who help with the setting up and/or cleaning up of any of our services. It is all gratefully appreciated. Without your help, we could not survive. Special thanks to Bracha who always manages to provide some tempting morsel for dessert.

Thanks to Cathy and Steve for their help at the Dedication/Joint Service and to all those who supported the congregation by attending the service. Special thanks to Joan, Art, Anne, and Bill Bell for their musical contribution.

Please let Rabbi Ken know as soon as you decide you might like to join us on the Shalom Bayit trip to Israel. Remember, all deposits are full refundable.

I'm looking forward to see you all at the November 7 Havdalah, sponsored by Kay Ross and held at the South Clubhouse, Sun Lakes Country Club.
Hannah

From the Rabbi

November 2015



Shalom Chaverim,

Recently, one of the 2016 presidential candidates created controversy (so what else is new?) by insinuating, if not outright stating, that Islam and democracy are incompatible. Later he “clarified” his remarks by saying that he would not support any candidate whose religion or religious views conflicted with the US Constitution. So, naturally, that got me thinking. Are there elements of Judaism and Christianity that are incompatible with freedom, democracy, and the US Constitution?

On one hand, it is a bit of an anachronism to view ancient texts through a modern lens and to apply modern values to societies that have long past. On the other hand, we do that every single day and rabbis and ministers do it all the time as they apply their ancient texts to contemporary life in weekly sermons. On the one hand, the verse “proclaim liberty throughout the land” which is from the Book of Deuteronomy is carved into our Liberty Bell. On the other hand, the bible also contains many verses that we would consider unpalatable today. On the one hand, Moses is considered the great law-giver and his image along with many other ancients is engraved upon many buildings including the Supreme Court. On the other hand, if Moses were alive today, he would certainly not recognize or understand our system of government, not to mention our political system.

So is Judaism compatible with freedom, democracy, and the US Constitution? The answer is: it depends. It depends on which verses you wish to emphasize and elevate. It depends on which teachings from the Talmud and Jewish tradition you wish to focus on and which teachings you wish to de-emphasize and hide. It depends on your approach to our ancient texts, whether you see them as guidance or governance. It depends on many, many other factors. And this is true for every religious tradition and every person of faith.

The events surrounding the clerk in Kentucky who refused to issue same-sex marriage licenses and the recent visit of the Pope to the United States brought to the forefront the convergence of religion and politics. It used to be said that those two topics should never be discussed among family members or friends. But today it seems as though religion and politics and the convergence of those two topics cannot be ignored and are almost constantly at the forefront of media attention and focus.

Jews have been part of the fabric of American life since before the founding of our nation. Early Jewish settlers were quick to proclaim their allegiance to the New World and when the United States declared its independence, Jews were equally desirous of showing their loyalty. Later waves of Jewish immigrants and succeeding generations did the same and always emphasized those aspects of their religion that proved compatibility with American values, ideals, and way of life.

For our Havdalah on November 7th, I will further explore this idea of Judaism and Freedom. Clearly, Abraham, Moses, and Rabbi Hillel were not capitalists, nor could they conceive of a society rooted in individual liberty and democracy. Yet there is much in Judaism that laid the groundwork for our system of government and that inspired the Founding Fathers when they created the Constitution and Bill of Rights. I hope you will join me for this interesting topic and as we celebrate Kay Ross’s birthday.

Lech L’shalom – May you go in peace,
Rabbi Kenneth Milhander



Sisterhood

Sisterhood meets monthly at the Sun Lakes Atrium. Our business meeting is extremely brief and is followed by a nice lunch with a lively discussion of a variety of issues. Our Sisterhood year officially started September 1; however, we didn't meet September 22 because of Erev Yom Kippur. We did meet October 20 at the Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium room.

If you would like to purchase a leaf for the Tree of Life, please see Cathy Colt.

Cathy Colt
President, CSB Sisterhood



Yahrzeits

Fred Watkins
Nettie Goldstein
Alexander Smith
Elaine Krupsaw
Leonard Smith
Abraham Katz
Dora Chamowitz
Rose Zwick

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Mother of
Uncle of
Wife of
Father of
Stepfather of
Grandmother of
Mother of

Joan Frost
Paul Goldstein
Ilene Kaplan
Ken Krupsaw
Anne Savy
Claudia Schwartz
Carol Sherman
Bill Zwick

Birthdays

Kay Ross Nov. 12
Talia Beckerman Nov. 16
Lloyd Margolis Nov. 27

Anniversaries

Bill & Sandy Zwick Nov. 6

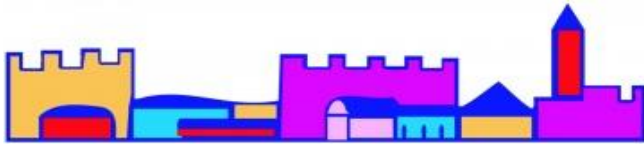
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Hannah Riceberg in Tribute to
Kay Ross's Birthday

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Cathy Colt in memory of the father Frank Colt
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