



JANUARY, 2021

SENIOR GIFT BAG DELIVERIES

Andy Rosen suggested this idea back before the High Holidays, as a way to help our seniors feel remembered, and not forgotten. It takes so little effort on our part and brings so much joy to them.

This is a joint venture between Men's Club and Sisterhood. 8 to 10 Men's Club & Sisterhood volunteers delivered 55 gift bags in September, for the High Holidays and 90 gift bags on December 6, for Hanukkah.

The goal is to deliver gift bags to any senior over 80 years of age and/or living in a facility. According to Andy, delivering these gift bags personally is a nice opportunity to see some members of our shul that we either may have never met or just haven't seen in a long time. There are two options for delivering the gift bags: the driver calls ahead to notify the recipient of the delivery, or just shows up, wanting it to be a surprise. In either case, the seniors really do appreciate it.

The bags are simple in content, but the meaning is significant. For Hanukkah, the bags contained a puzzle book, some gelt, a dreidel, some cookies and a couple of small pastries. We also include a letter from the Rabbi or Cantor and a small note from Men's Club/Sisterhood.

The plan is to attempt to do this mitzvah 3 or 4 times per year, the next time being for Purim.

Andy Rosen contributed to the writing of this article.

SAVE THE DATE

Men's Club Shabbat – **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. Torah readings will be in the sanctuary and the rest of the service will be virtual on Livestream. More details to follow.

UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2021
AT 8:30 AM COS
PEDALERS BIKE
RIDE

AFTERNOON AT
LEU GARDENS -
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 24,
2021 11:00 AM -
5:00 PM MEN'S
CLUB &
SISTERHOOD

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 31,
2021 AT 8:30 AM
COS PEDALERS
BIKE RIDE

FOLLOW US ON
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MEN'S CLUB

COS Men's Club Super Bowl Fundraiser

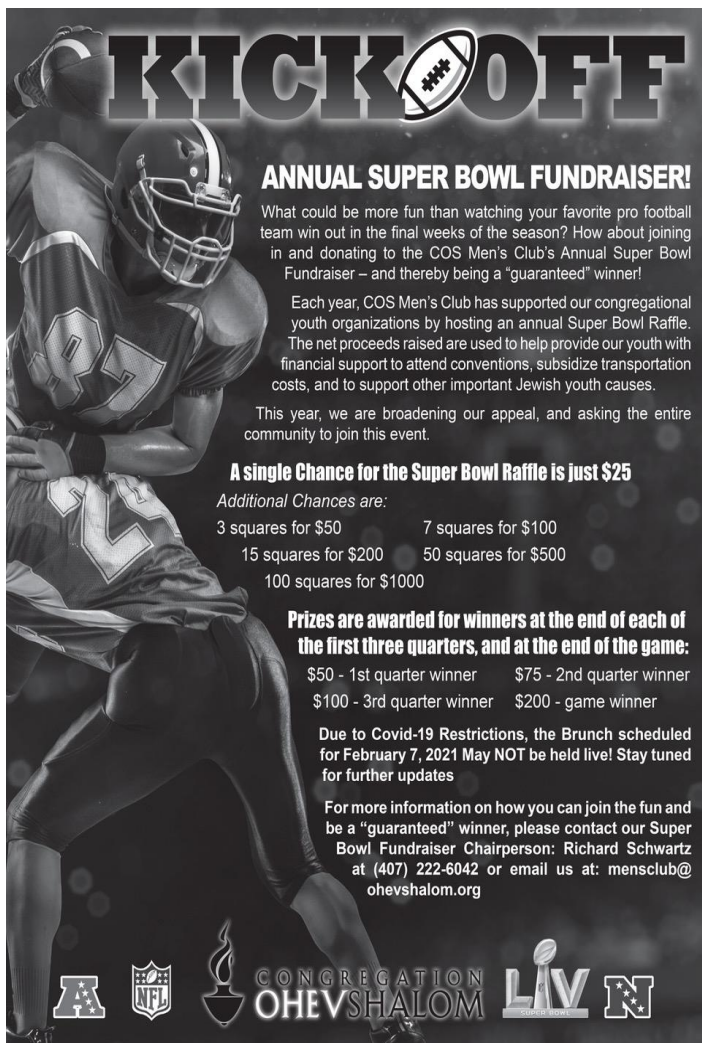
I am not sure how this event got its start? I believe that it was due to the effort of Eric Schwartz over 10 years ago. He asked me to assist him sometime thereafter and that is how I got involved.

The Superbowl event raises money for the COS Youth Foundation, which provides scholarships and transportation for the children of our congregation to attend a variety of events during the year.

This event is held on Superbowl Sunday, which this year is February 7, 2021. Traditionally, it is tied to the World Wide Wrap and at its conclusion, Men's Club hosts a Brunch offered at no cost to anyone who wishes to attend. This year due to the Pandemic, we will most likely forgo the Brunch.

Participants donate money to COS Men's Club for this fundraiser and in return they are randomly assigned squares on a grid that ultimately are tied to the final score at the end of each quarter of the game. This produces numerous and random winners! At the conclusion of the game on Sunday night, Andy Rosen notifies the lucky winners via email.

Richard Schwartz



KICKOFF

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER!

What could be more fun than watching your favorite pro football team win out in the final weeks of the season? How about joining in and donating to the COS Men's Club's Annual Super Bowl Fundraiser – and thereby being a "guaranteed" winner!

Each year, COS Men's Club has supported our congregational youth organizations by hosting an annual Super Bowl Raffle. The net proceeds raised are used to help provide our youth with financial support to attend conventions, subsidize transportation costs, and to support other important Jewish youth causes.

This year, we are broadening our appeal, and asking the entire community to join this event.

A single Chance for the Super Bowl Raffle is just \$25

Additional Chances are:

3 squares for \$50	7 squares for \$100
15 squares for \$200	50 squares for \$500
100 squares for \$1000	

Prizes are awarded for winners at the end of each of the first three quarters, and at the end of the game:

\$50 - 1st quarter winner	\$75 - 2nd quarter winner
\$100 - 3rd quarter winner	\$200 - game winner

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, the Brunch scheduled for February 7, 2021 May NOT be held live! Stay tuned for further updates

For more information on how you can join the fun and be a "guaranteed" winner, please contact our Super Bowl Fundraiser Chairperson: Richard Schwartz at (407) 222-6042 or email us at: mensclub@ohevshalom.org

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COS Men's Club Super Bowl Fundraiser Instruction Sheet

Donor Information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- 1 Square (\$25)
- 3 Squares (\$50)
- 7 Squares (\$100)
- 15 Squares (\$200)
- 50 Squares (\$500)
- 100 Squares (\$1,000)

DONATION TOTAL: \$

SOLD BY:

Make your check payable to: "COS Men's Club" and hand-deliver or mail it with this form to:

**Super Bowl Fundraiser
c/o Congregation Ohev Shalom Men's Club
613 Concourse Parkway South
Maitland, FL 32751**

Join the COS Men's Club and Sisterhood on Sunday, January 24, 2021 for a breath of fresh air



The CDC says that outdoor events are a safer way for people to reconnect. So, join us as we wander through the beautiful Harry P. Leu Gardens. We'll get some fresh air, enjoy the gardens and catch up on what's been happening since we all began our COVID-19 quarantines. Please wear a mask and maintain six feet of social distance. Leu Gardens will supply a guide and an area for us to have lunch so bring a picnic lunch!!

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2021

Time: 11am – 5pm

Location: Leu Gardens - 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando www.LeuGardens.org

Cost: \$12/adult and \$4/child – We will purchase the tickets for all who RSVP by the deadline

RSVP: By Monday, January 18, 2021

E-mail: Jerry Leibman at jerryleibman@yahoo.com **Call:** (407) 694-0546



COS Men's Club and the World Wide Wrap

The annual World Wide Wrap is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2021, starting at 9:00 am. As of now, it will be held virtually. Early in the month of February of each year, men and women in Conservative/Masorti communities around the world gather together to pray. The mitzvah of wrapping tefillin will be shared, encouraged and taught. For many years Rabbi Kay and Cantor Robuck have illustrated the history of tefillin and the proper (and often unique) ways of putting on tefillin, including the appropriate prayers, at the morning minyan. Plans are being discussed to have a program with a virtual speaker from the sports world to follow the World Wide Wrap.

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Andy Rosen – COS Men's Club Treasurer



Things you may not know about me.

- I was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for over 20 years, which is the reason why I fight so much for our efforts towards our youth. 2 of my 3 sons attained the rank of Eagle Scout.
- I converted to Judaism almost 40 years ago in a shul in Seattle, WA, under the supervision of Rabbi Ira Stone. I didn't really have any religion before that and thought the traditions found in Judaism were fascinating and so was my Jewish girlfriend (soon to be wife), Marla.
- My dad was in the Navy and traveled all over the East Coast and Spain. Before starting high school, I never went to the same school 2 years in a row, which is the reason why I never followed in his footsteps, for my children's sake.
- Marla and I like to travel and have been to Italy, Greece, Norway, Hawaii, Alaska and several other destinations. We hope to be back doing that soon. Trips, in the near future, would include a river cruise down the Rhine and a trip to Israel.
- We have 3 sons, each one giving us a grandchild. One lives outside Detroit, one in South Florida and one in Winter Park.

Editor's questions:

Your involvement in the Men's Club and the synagogue is a true example of volunteerism. What motivates you to give so much of your free time to COS?

Leaving Scouts left me with a void that needed to be filled. I left the Scouts because of the politics and found that, in most cases, volunteering at the shul is non-political. Acting as a door usher or organizing bingo for our seniors is something I enjoy doing and it makes people happy. I love the smile I get when I greet someone at the door or talk to someone at bingo. I like feeling needed and providing a service that is useful.

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You have been on the Men's Night Out (In) committee since its inception. What factors contribute to making this event an annual success?

For an event to be a success, you have to provide what people want, at a cost they are willing to pay. We chose to use well known comedians as our entertainment and top shelf booze and prime rib as the food. How can this formula go wrong? We keep the price low – the last live event was only \$118. Where else can you get prime rib, drinks and a live comedian for that price? The fact that it involves 4 other shuls and the Jewish Federation and is “non partisan” is also a big selling point. We have GREAT sponsors who keep coming back because they see the value in what we provide. Our mission is to have a classy event with ample time for networking – the great food and entertainment is just icing on the cake!!!



Genie & Neil Blaher's son, Noah, is making Aliyah to Israel and he has shared his perspective of the reasons for this important decision. Noah is an honorary member of the COS Men's Club and designated as the Club's official Representative in the State of Israel.

Shalom.

Ever since I moved to Israel, I have become a totally different person. Israel is a place every Jew should visit and/or make Aliyah.

My experience in Israel so far is unlike any other. In Israel, a total stranger will invite you in for a Shabbat meal or will host you if you need a place to stay. Also, I have made so many friendships that will last a lifetime. On the 28th of December I will fulfill my dream of protecting the land of Israel. I cannot tell you what my position will be in the army, but I can tell you that it will be the best time of my life.

Noah Blaher

Keeping Busy during the COVID Quarantine

2020 is a year everyone wants to forget. However, despite the fact that the majority of our time was spent in a “shut down mode”, there seemed to be a resurgence of activities that occupied our free time. Jigsaw puzzles, board and card games, baking bread and cooking new and old recipes, just to name a few. And with the use of ZOOM, online poker & mahjong and visits with family & friends. Here are some photos of “Keeping Busy during the COVID Quarantine”.



Sandy & Steve Herman and their new granddaughter Rebecca.



Judy & Bart Neuman's dog, Sammie, gave birth to 7 puppies. 9 hours. No video instructions. No vet in attendance. No epidurals. Amazing. This is her first litter & she knew what to do.



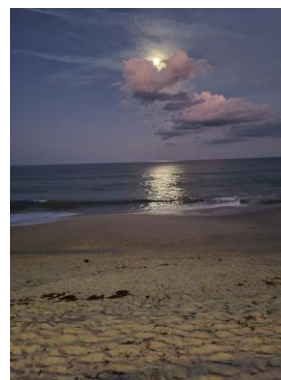
Andy Rosen loading Hanukkah gift bags to deliver to Seniors.



Judy Kahan-Davis & Elliott Davis baking bread & bagels



COS Pedalers monthly ride, wearing masks and enjoying the outdoors



Lila & Jim Tinkoff enjoying a relaxing time in Vero Beach

COS Men's Club Leadership 2020-2021

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