



# Carnegie Shul Chatter

## February 28, 2019



Light Candles 5:53pm

Shabbat Services 9:20am

## Remember the Sabbath

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.” Commandment number four of the Ten Commandments.

Some people observe this commandment to its fullest. They do not work, they do not drive, they do not turn on a light, they do not carry. They are shomer Shabbos, guardians of the Sabbath.

But not all Jews are as observant when it comes to observing the Sabbath. Some go to Shul on Sabbath, some don't. Some

## A True Hero

There are many people who are acclaimed as heroes and sometimes I think the term is used a little too loosely.

I think that when a person enlists in the military or decides on a career in law enforcement, he is doing something very admirable. But is he automatically a hero?

Is the guy who is assigned a job as an army purchasing agent in the Pentagon as much of a hero as a guy who falls on a grenade to save his fellow soldiers, or a guy who charges a machine gun nest?

I guess it's a matter of opinion.

This week, however, I had the honor of meeting a genuine hero. I met him at the Pirates game in Florida on Monday, and he is not a ballplayer. His name is Daniel Mead, and he threw out the first ball that day and received a prolonged standing ovation from the crowd.

Who is Daniel Mead? He is police officer Daniel Mead, who, along with his partner was the first officer on the scene at Tree of Life in October. When he arrived, Officer Mead told

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treat Sabbath as a special day, some don't. I am not here to judge or tell anyone how to observe the Sabbath. That is for each individual person to decide, and I myself am not shomer Shabbos, so I certainly am in no position to judge others.

Yet, Sabbath is a special day to me. I try to attend Shul regularly, especially the Carnegie Shul, and I try to do something that is at least a little different than what I do every other day of the week.

One thing that I absolutely try to do as often as possible is to have a special Shabbos dinner on Friday evening. Ellen lights Shabbos candles and makes a special blessing. Then we say Kiddush and Motzi, and dinner is often matzoh ball soup, and brisket or roasted chicken.

Our street in Lakewood Ranch, on the west coast of Florida, has approximately 185 condo units. There are a few Jews, but we are by far the minority. It's not at all like Boca Raton, on the east coast of Florida, that has many, many Jews. This week we decided that it would be nice to share our Shabbos experience with a couple of other Jewish families, so we invited them to our place to share our Shabbos meal. It will be special to share a Shabbos dinner with some of our Jewish neighbors. It might not fulfill all of the obligations of the Commandment, but at least it recognizes that Shabbos is not just another day.

What do you do to make Shabbos special in your life?

me, he did not hear any gunfire, but a congregant pointed at the building and Officer Mead and his partner did not hesitate. He did not wait for backup. He did not wait for Swat. Innocent lives were at stake, so Officer Mead moved boldly to enter the building, only to have a barrage of gunfire come his way. And only minutes after arriving at the scene, Officer Mead found himself being transported to the hospital, having had a bullet enter his wrist and come out on the other side, shattering the bone, and requiring multiple surgeries. Even now, Officer Mead still has bandages on the wrist.

When I told him that he was a true hero, Officer Mead said to me, "Any officer would have done exactly what I did."

Well, unfortunately, that is not exactly true. Remember the Parkland school shooting where a deputy took cover and did not enter the building?

I admire Officer Mead's humility, but even more so I admire his courage in attempting to enter that building with a gunman firing through the door at him.

Officer Daniel Mead is a true hero.

## Honor Your Loved Ones

Commemorate a loved one by **dedicating a yahrzeit plaque** in his or her memory at the Carnegie Shul. These beautiful plaques, mounted on the sanctuary walls, are lit on the loved one's yahrzeit, Yom Kippur, and days when Yizkor is recited. The names are also read aloud from the Bimah during services on the Sabbath of the yahrzeit and on Yom Kippur.



Or **sponsor a kiddush** in honor or in memory of a loved one; your sponsorship will be announced from the bimah and in the weekly Chatter. **To purchase a plaque, for only \$175 or sponsor a kiddush for only \$36**, please email Mike Roteman at [mrmike7777@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmike7777@yahoo.com).

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