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THE SCHRIER

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF WEST PASCO
Home of Congregation Beth Tefillah

HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET INFORMATION

Services will be in-person and available on Zoom.

Tickets are:

Members: \$50.00 (includes break-the-fast)

Non-members: \$65.00 (includes break-the-fast)

Children 12 and under: Free

The following is for those who **ONLY** wish to attend the break-the-fast (no services):

Members: \$20.00 (break-the-fast ONLY)

Non-members: \$25.00 (break-the fast ONLY)

Children 12 and under: Free

For Zoom participants, Selichot pamphlets and High Holy Day Prayer books are available for pickup at the JCC.

Please return these after the holidays.

Most major credit cards accepted. Make checks payable to:
JCC West Pasco

Tickets must be reserved and paid for by September 15, 2024.

For more information call the office at (727) 847-3814

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- * Monday, 9/2 Labor Day
- * Monday, 9/9 7 pm JCC Board Meeting
- * Sunday, 9/22 First day of Autumn
- * Page 6 for complete schedule of High Holy Day services
- * Monday, 10/14 7 pm JCC Board Meeting

Shabbat Services
Conducted by **RON BECKER, PERRY WERBEL**
and **ELLIOT SHAPIRO**

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Eileen Hochstadt

Ariella Berglas is a weekly contributor to Aish.com and when reading about *Parsha Pinchas* I came across this inspiring piece that I thought I would share with you.

Why did G-d pick Joshua to be the next leader?

Moses prays to G-d to appoint a new leader over the nation and he appoints Joshua.

There are plenty of people who were eligible for this position.

Why did Moses choose Joshua as his successor?

What made Joshua so special?

If you have a pot of water on the stove and you are waiting for it to boil but every few moments you remove the pot from the stove, the water will never boil. It doesn't even matter how big the flame is, since each time it is removed and returned, the boiling process starts over from scratch.

It is only the continuous process of heating which causes it to boil. The flame could be small and it may take longer to heat up but as long as it is consistent, it will eventually begin bubbling.

The Torah says about Joshua "A lad who did not part within the tent." Already from his youth, Joshua gave up every comfort to be in the tent of Torah. He was consistent, never removing his pot from the flame. Whatever it took, he made sure he was always there. He started out with a flame no bigger than anyone else, but it was his power of consistency that made him stronger than everyone else!

The sacrifices that were done (although we do not do them any longer) in the Tent affected the Jewish People enormously. It atoned for the sins of the Jewish People. The reason it managed this is because it was consistent. Every single day it was brought to the Tent without fail.

It does not matter how big the project we are faced with, what matters is how you do it. Better it to take something small that you can be sure to do every day and it will then be just a matter of time before you begin bubbling!

May we merit the strength and clarity to be able to emulate the ways of Joshua.

Have an amazing month!

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen M Hochstadt

BREAK-THE-FAST KUGEL COOK-OFF

We will have our annual break-the-fast meal at the conclusion of Yom Kippur services on Saturday, October 12th.

We will hold a **kugel cook-off** for all kugels brought to the JCC.

(Don't get too excited...it's a nominal prize, but you do get bragging rights!)

If you would like to bring your special-recipe kugel (**DAIRY or PAREVE**), they would be most appreciated and enjoyed!

Contact Wendy Seldin to let her know you are bringing a kugel.

Please bring your kugel in a non-descript, aluminum 'lasagna-type' pan.

A Message From Ron Becker

Dear friends, it seems like the very eventful year of 5784 has flown by, a year that witnessed the dreadful attack on Israel on October 7th and the start of a horrific war which threatens to escalate further. However, 5784 also brought hope for our community and progress on many fronts. Just as Moses recapped the long journey from slavery to the brink of entering the Promised Land in the Book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) that we are currently in the midst of chanting and studying, I too would like to recap our year and help prepare us for the new year of 5785.

We began the new year with our well attended High Holy Day services. Once again, our esteemed president Eileen Hochstadt led us in our responsive prayers in the English language with her usual heartfelt enthusiasm. Her dedication and hard work have kept us going during a time of attrition and our "aging" as a congregation. Perry Werbel added his beautiful voice to the High Holy Day davening and Danielle Merkel did the same for Kol Nidre. And Sarah Sekeres wowed us once again with her magnificent Shofar blowing. We had a beautiful sunny day for Tashlich at the Cotee River and our adult B'Nai Mitzvah quartet of Ana Calderon, Barbara D. Johnson, Barbara E. Johnson and Art Simon celebrated the fourth anniversary of that important life-cycle day by chanting the Shabbat Shuva Haftorah and inviting us to a beautiful Kiddush luncheon following that inspirational service. We held our first in-person break-fast since before the Covid restrictions following Yom Kippur. Then it was on to Sukkot. Many of us decorated our synagogue's Sukkah and participated in the spirit of the holiday from the first days of taking the lulav and etrog to the observance of Hoshanah Rabba and Shmini Atzeret to the celebration and pageantry of Simchat Torah. And throughout the year, we enjoyed semi-monthly Shabbat dinners and programs.

Tragedy befell us on October 7th and reverberated throughout our world. Our sanctuary was filled to capacity as our Interfaith community including the Christian, Islamic, Baha'i, Buddhist, and Native American faiths joined us for two memorial services and we pledged to stand together to help blot out evil wherever it appears. We met at Temple Beth David for a Thanksgiving service that likewise included our entire communities of faith. Through the Interfaith Lifeline, the Nature Coast Interfaith Coalition, Live Tampa Bay, and other efforts, we have continued to work with our brothers and sisters of all religions to set a shining example of how we can coexist and understand and respect each other's beliefs. During the spring, we filled the Spigelman Room as we hosted the Baha'i Naw Ruz, the celebration of the new year for that faith, and enjoyed the music, devotional speeches, food, and wonderful company as we shared that joyous event.

We continued to serve our larger community with much enthusiasm, volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries during the winter holiday season and monthly throughout the year. Our congregants and bingo players donate food and other necessities to Metropolitan Ministries regularly.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

<p>9/2 Bingo 11 am Labor Day</p> <p>9/6 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/7 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>9/8 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>9/9 JCC Board Meeting 7 pm Bingo 11 am</p> <p>9/11 Patriot Day</p> <p>9/13 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/14 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>9/15 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>9/16 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>9/20 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/21 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>9/22 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>9/23 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>9/27 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/28 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm Selichos-social hour 6:30 pm Selichos-services 7:30 pm</p> <p>9/29 Cemetery visitation Beit Olam 10:30am Grace Memorial 12:30 pm Bushnell 2 pm</p> <p>9/29 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>9/30 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>10/2 Erev Rosh Hashanah 5 pm Dinner to follow</p> <p>10/3 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am</p> <p>10/3 Tashlich 3 pm</p> <p>10/3 Rosh Hashanah 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10/4 Rosh Hashanah 9:30 am</p> <p>10/4 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/5 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>10/6 Decorate the Sukkah 10 am Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>10/7 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>10/11 Erev Yom Kippur 6 pm</p> <p>10/12 Yom Kippur morning 9:30 am Yom Kippur Mincha 5:30 pm Yom Kippur Yizkor 6:15 pm Yom Kippur Ma'ariv 6:45 pm</p> <p>10/13 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>10/14 Bingo 11 am JCC Board Meeting 7 pm</p> <p>10/16 Erev Sukkot 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/17 Sukkot 9:30 am</p> <p>10/18 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/19 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>10/20 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>10/21 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>10/23 Hoshanah Rabbah 9:30 am</p> <p>10/24 Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor 9:30 am</p> <p>10/24 Simchat Torah social hour 6:30 pm Simchat Torah services 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/25 Religious Services 7:30 pm</p> <p>10/26 Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm</p> <p>10/27 Bingo 1:30 pm</p> <p>10/28 Bingo 11 am</p> <p>10/31 Trick or Treat!</p>
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Candle Lighting Times



September 6	7:28 pm
September 13	7:19 pm
September 20	7:11 pm
September 27	7:03 pm
October 4	6:55 pm
October 11	6:47 pm
October 18	6:40 pm
October 25	6:33 pm

We share the sorrow of the passing of:
Shirley Cohen
We Send our Deepest Condolences to Her Family




In loving memory of
Shirley Cohen

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On the Sunday of Hanukkah week, we visited an assisted living center, lit candles, sang traditional tunes and enjoyed our time together with the residents many of whom were not aware that they had many Jewish neighbors! On Purim Day prior to our hosting the annual party and Megillah reading, we traveled to Hudson High School to volunteer at a huge Metropolitan Ministries event where we distributed fresh and packaged food to hundreds of recipients.

We celebrated Passover with our first in-person communal Seder since before Covid and enjoyed the enthusiastic reading of the Haggadah, a wonderful meal, and each other's company. It was great to have the resource of Zoom so we could have our Seders "almost together" on the screen during those dark Covid years, but what a wonderful experience to get back in the same room to celebrate the holiday. For the first time in many years, we observed Shavuot festival with an evening study session organized by our friends at Beth David with participants from as far away as Sweden! Both Eileen and I were honored to lead two of the sessions, all of which lasted well into the night thus fulfilling the ritual obligation to study (Tikkun Leil Shavuot) on this holiday which celebrates the receiving of the Torah.

Sadly, in 5784 we suffered the loss of dear congregants and friends beginning with our beloved Rabbi Alan Goldberg and continuing with dear friends and longtime active members Sid Gordon and Shirley Cohen. May their memories always be for a blessing as they live on in our hearts. On the morning of September 29th, when we participate in our annual month of Elul cemetery visitations, we will dedicate the memorial stone for Rabbi Al and Sandy Goldberg at Beit Olam Cemetery in Trinity.

So, we begin the year 5785 with our memories much to be thankful for and with hope that Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world will take precedence over strife and hunger. We will continue our enthusiastic interfaith activities and hopefully, continue to grow our community with joy and renewed commitment.

l'shanah tovah tikatevu ve techatemu
 (לשנה טובה תכתבו ותתחמו)

May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a good year!
 Ron Becker, Spiritual Leader

ROSH HASHANAH DINNER

After the first night of Rosh Hashanah services, we will have a vegetable lasagna dinner! Services start at 5 pm on October 2nd and dinner will follow. The cost for this dinner is \$18.00 (ח"י) for members and \$25.00 for non-members. This cost is NOT INCLUDED with your High Holy Day tickets. Please have your RSVP and monies into the office by September 15th.

An American Jew was shopping on Piccadilly Street in London and entered the posh gourmet food store, Fortnum & Mason.

A salesman in a morning coat - with tie and tails - approached him and asked, "May I be of service to you, sir?"
 "Yes," replied the customer, "I'd like a pound of lox."
 "Sorry, sir," answered the cultured salesman, "Do you mean 'smoked salmon'?"
 "Okay, a pound of smoked salmon."
 "Anything else?"
 "Yes, a dozen blintzes."
 "I believe you mean crepes."
 "Okay, a dozen crepes."
 "Anything else?"
 "Yes. A pound of chopped liver."
 "You are probably referring to pate."
 "Okay," said the customer, "a pound of pate, and could you deliver this Saturday?"
 "Sorry, sir," said the salesman, "We don't schlep chazzerai on Shabbos!"

YOUR JCC IS GOING GREEN

Beginning with the January/February 2025 edition of *The Schrier*, it will be delivered electronically to your email inbox. For those of you without email access, your copy of *The Schrier* will still be delivered in the mail.

The yearly JCC Journal will now be available on-line. If you need a hardcopy version, there will be a nominal \$5.00 charge to cover printing and postage. New members will be given a hardcopy edition. Address changes and new member information are contained in *The Schrier* which will allow you to keep your Journal up to date. Please contact Marie in the office for an electronic version of the JCC Journal.

Save paper
Save trees

Farewell, Barbara E. Johnson

On May 25th, many members gathered to wish Barbara E. Johnson a fond farewell as she moved to Virginia.

Safe travels, Barbara.
See you on Zoom!



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jccwestpasco.com

(our easy-to-remember site!)

Find us on Facebook, too
(and don't forget to 'like us').

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We had a wonderful time at Jewish
Community Day at Tropicana Field
today and the Rays even won the game (2-1)!

High Holy Days Services 2024 (5785)

Selichot	Saturday, September 28	Light bite Service	6:30 PM 7:30 PM
Cemetery Visitation	Sunday, September 29	Trinity Memorial Grace Memorial Bushnell	10:30 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday, October 2		5:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Tashlich Mincha/Ma'Ariv	Thursday, October 3 Thursday, October 3 Thursday, October 3		9:30 AM 3:00 PM * 6:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Friday, October 4		9:30 AM
Shabbat Shuva Shabbat Shuva	Friday, October 4 Saturday, October 5		7:30 PM 9:30 AM
Sukkah Decoration	Sunday, October 6		10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Ma'Ariv	Friday, October 11 Friday, October 11		6:00 PM 6:45 PM
Yom Kippur Mincha Yizkor Neilah Break-the-fast	Saturday, October 12 Saturday, October 12 Saturday, October 12 Saturday, October 12 Saturday, October 12		9:30 AM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM to follow
Sukkot Erev Sukkot	Wednesday, October 16		7:30 PM
Sukkot	Thursday, October 17		9:30 AM
Hoshanah Rabbah	Wednesday, October 23		9:30 AM
Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor	Thursday, October 24		9:30 AM
Simchat Torah	Thursday, October 24	Ice Cream Social Services	6:30 PM 7:30 PM

* We will meet at the pavilion on the Cotee River across from Chris and Ron's home

HOLOCAUST TORAHS

On Sunday, November 11th at 3 pm there will be a state-wide march of all Holocaust Torahs. This will be held at the JCC in Sarasota. We hope a large contingent of our members can accompany our Holocaust Torah in this march. We need to get an approximate number of attendees so that the Sarasota JCC can accommodate everyone. If you think you might attend (we will carpool), please call Marie in the office by September 1.




September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Bingo 11 am	3 Rosh Chodesh 1	4 Rosh Chodesh 2	5	6 Religious Services 7:30 pm	7 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Shofetim</i> Bingo 5 pm
8 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm Grandparents Day	9 Bingo 11 am JCC Board Meeting 7 pm	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Religious Services 7:30 pm	14 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Ki Tetze</i> Bingo 5 pm
15 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm	16 Bingo 11 am	17	18	19	20 Religious Services 5:00 pm	21 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Ki tavo</i> Bingo 5 pm
22 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm First day of Autumn	23 Bingo 11 am	24	25	26	27 Religious Services 7:30 pm	28 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Nitsavim + Yayeleh</i> Selechos 6:30pm Bingo 5 pm
29 Cemetery Visits (See page 9) Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm	30 Bingo 11 am					



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 88 6:57 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 5 pm Dinner to follow	3 88 after 7:49pm Rosh Hashanah Services 9:30 am Tashlich 3 pm Rosh Hashanah Services 6:30 pm	4 88 6:55 pm Rosh Hashanah Services 9:30 am Religious Services 7:30 pm	5 Religious Services 9:30 am Shabbat Shuvah <i>Ha'azinu</i> Bingo 5 pm
6 Sukkah Decoration 10 am Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm Fast of Gedaliah	7 Bingo 11 am	8	9	10	11 88 6:47 pm Erev Yom Kippur Services 6 pm	12 Yom Kippur serv. 9:30 am Yom Kippur serv. 5:30 pm
13 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm	14 Bingo 11 am JCC Board Meeting 7 pm	15	16 88 6:42 pm Erev Sukkot services 7:30 pm	17 88 after 7:34 pm Sukkot Services 9:30 am Sukkot 1	18 88 6:40 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm Sukkot 2	19 Religious Services 9:30 am Sukkot 3 Bingo 5 pm
20 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm Sukkot 4	21 Bingo 11 am Sukkot 5	22 Sukkot 6	23 88 6:35 pm Hoshanah Rabbah Services 9:30 am Sukkot 7	24 88 after 7:28 pm Shemini Atzeret/ Yizkor 9:30 am Simchat Torah Social 6:30 pm Services 7:30 pm	25 88 6:33 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm Simchat Torah	26 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Bereshit</i> Bingo 5 pm
27 Show Me the \$\$\$ Bingo 1:30 pm	28 Bingo 11 am	29	30	31  Happy Halloween		