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# The Menorah

## From the Rabbi.....

The greeting L'Shanna Tova can actually be understood in more than one way. The Hebrew word Shanna which means year is spelled Shin nun hay in Hebrew, the word Shoneh which means change is spelled the same.

I think it is important to remember that we mark the passage of time by the changes in our world, in ourselves, and in the people we surround ourselves with. We know that change is inevitable, if not always welcomed. We often struggle with the changes that we don't like, entire industries have been established to help a slow down or turn back the physical changes that confront each of us in the mirror every day, but without change there is no life.

Temple Emanuel and the Lakeland Jewish community has changed what it was and while some miss the familiarity of the past we need to accept the inexorable march of time and choose to concentrate on the good that these changes bring. This year, like every year, will bring more changes and I hope that we will find more good than bad to focus on. I invite you to be a part of the process as we look towards a future filled with hope and great possibilities.

I am looking forward to growing with Temple Emanuel and hopefully seeing all of you soon.  
May this be a good year and may we choose to make the changes that make this community better, closer, and more welcoming than ever before.

L'Shanna Tova Tikatevu,  
Rabbi David Goldstein

## And Your Board President....

The summer has been very busy around the Temple with a full schedule of programming for our members and guests. Shabbat and Festival services, monthly Shabbat dinners, classes, Mah Jong, Book Club and Movie Night. We recently held a planning meeting that was well attended and the group discussed a few action items that we will be working towards: Reorganizing a youth group, holding monthly family events, organizing an ongoing challah fundraiser, and more adult education classes.

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## L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEVU!

### Selichot

Saturday 9/16/17

Rosh Hashanah  
Wednesday 9/20/17—Friday  
9/22/17

Shabbat Shuvah                      Friday  
9/22/17

Kever Avot Sunday 9/24/17

Kol Nidrei  
Friday 9/29/17

Yom Kippur  
Saturday 9/30/17

Succoth  
Wednesday 10/4/17– Friday  
10/6/17

Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah  
Wednesday 10/11/17 – Friday  
10/13/17

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## Future's So Bright....

The Eskin-Barickman Family would like to invite our Temple family to join us for Manny's Bar Mitzvah. Manny will be called to the Torah on 24 Tishrei 5778 (14 October 2017).

Please enjoy the festivities on Friday evening and Saturday morning—including, but not limited to: raucous singing, wine-drinking, dessert-eating, lunch-enjoying, speech-making and general merry-making with moments of bitter sweetening.

Manny's mitzvah project (much indebted to the research and

guidance of Dr. Brian Renz) is off-the-grid lighting for the entrance to the synagogue. He has created a plan and figured a budget to provide solar-powered lights which will beautify the entryway. Donations are gratefully accepted. T-shirts will also be available for purchase in the very near future—all proceeds will go to the project.

Manny and his family would like to thank everyone who has been a part of his Jewish life, especially those who have been a part of the *minyan* each week. We love our Southern *shtetl*!

## Check Your Emergency Brake....

About the Archives by Cat. Eskin

Years ago there was a synagogue, planted on a hill above a beautiful lake. The stately brick mansion, poised below a field of grass and in among orange groves, was also the scene of a pile-up. Or at least, an adjacent home was: "back in the day a couple of cars rolled into whoever's property was [west of the lot] because of the hill." Emergency brakes have come a long way since then, so don't let fear stop you from coming to services and parking behind the education building!

I have had the privilege of reading through some completed transcripts over the last few months and as we head into the Jewish New Year, I thought I'd share a few holiday stories from an interview I conducted with Joan Greenbaum in August of 2015. Her memories of that mansion are few, though she remembers the services as well-attended and lively. She recalls with more clarity the current sanctuary, which expanded the synagogue's capacity. "I think it expanded to the hundreds when they built [the current] building .... For High Holidays they'd open the wood doors that go to Berkowitz Hall and they had chairs going [all the way to the] back, because of the people. There were sometimes some people standing; it was like 'standing room only.' It was always crowded and during the High Holy Days it was packed."

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Joan's parents attended services regularly. Lillian Greenbaum, who was born in Russia and moved to the US when she was 10 or 11, ran Lillian's Bargain Store in North Lakeland after she moved here around 1951. Herman Greenbaum, who was born in Germany and escaped to British Mandate Palestine illegally during the 1930s, worked at jobs related to his agriculture degree from UF. The Greenbaums kept a kosher home and while they tried to keep some traditions—walking to synagogue from their home near Lake Bonny on the High Holidays, for example—their children often respectfully went “modern”—while the elder Greenbaums walked, older sister Korina drove with her siblings to shul. (If you didn't already know, Korina Masters and Joan are sisters.)

While Joan had a scandalous story about fried chicken in the parking lot during Yom Kippur (she was not yet of fasting age and hey, a kid's got to eat!), she also talked about her insistence on observing the holidays. She remembers being frustrated by the Polk County School policy which did not allow Jewish children to achieve perfect attendance if they missed days for religious reasons. Sadly, those rules are still problematic for Polk County school-children today.

Still, like most of her co-congregants, Joan has always insisted on observing her religion. This last story is from when she was an adult. “I had a problem with one of my first jobs because of [the holidays]. When I was working for Polk County Social Services [as a social worker], I came in to ask off for the High Holidays. My boss said, ‘Well, you know in the colleges they're not allowing that off now...’ or something along those lines. And I said, ‘Well, you know what? If you don't agree to let me take the time off, then I'm just not going to be here. It'll just be time lost; I've never worked those days and I don't plan on starting to work now. So I won't be here.’” Joan made her point and, thankfully, did not lose her job in the process.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is a Wednesday evening this year, so if you need to request a day off for Thursday ... get on that.

Happy New Year!



## SAVE THE DATE

Live Artfully: A  
Taste of Spain is  
scheduled for Feb-  
ruary 17, 2018!



## 2017 High Holiday Service Schedule

### SELICHOT

Saturday, September 16, 2017

6:00 PM Mincha Service  
7:30 pm Movies followed by  
Ice Cream Social  
9:30 PM Selichot Service

### ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

7:00 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service  
Rosh Hashanah Reception following  
services

### ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Service  
9:15 AM to 1:00 Babysitting – Library  
9:30 AM Torah Service  
9:45 AM Children's Service - Library

6:30 PM Tashlich – Meet in Berkovitz  
Hall

7:00 PM Afternoon/Evening Service

### ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY

Friday, September 22, 2017

8:30 AM Rosh Hashanah Service  
9:30 AM Torah Service

### SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 22, 2017

7:00 PM Mincha  
7:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 23, 2017

9:30 AM Shabbat Shuvah Service

### Kever Avot

Sunday, September 24, 2017

11 AM Kever Avot  
Temple Emanuel Cemetery

### KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 29, 2017

6:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

### YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 30, 2017

9:00 AM Yom Kippur Service

9:45 AM – Babysitting -Library

10:00 AM Torah Service with Yizkor

10:15 AM Children's Service - Library

5:30 PM Mincha and Neilah Service

Followed by Yom Kippur Break the Fast

[http://templeemanuellakeland.com/  
news](http://templeemanuellakeland.com/news)

Adults \$18.00 – Children under 12

\$12.00 Family Max. \$60.00

Approximately 8:00 PM

### SUCCOT SERVICE

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

6:00 PM Pizza in the Hut

[http://templeemanuellakeland.com/  
news](http://templeemanuellakeland.com/news)

Adults \$ 12.00 - Children under 12

\$6.00

Family Max. \$ 36.00

Succoth Service following dinner

Thursday, October 5, 2017

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Rabbi

10 AM Services

Complimentary Breakfast

### SUCCOT SHABBAT

Friday, October 6, 2017

7:30 PM Service

### SHEMINI ATZERET/Simchat Torah

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

6 PM Service

Parade with the Torahs

Ice Cream Social following Service

### SHEMINI ATZERET/Yizkor

Thursday, October 12, 2017

10 AM Service and Yizkor

### Shabbat

Friday, October 13, 2017

7:30 PM Service



## Sunday School & Hebrew School – A New Year by Lori Dougherty, School Administrator

We are excited to get started with Sunday School!

This year's Sunday School teachers are:

Tilly Barickman, preschool

Myrna Garbo, 1st grade

Jodi Snyder, 3rd grade;

Sam Beller, 5th grade

Hebrew School Teachers are:

Lizandra Izsak - Sundays

Libby Lazaros - Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

Rabbi Goldstein is preparing some programs and we are going to have an exciting year.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 4th, to decorate and enjoy pizza in the Sukkah.



## Lakeland - Charlottesville - Signer Link

We have all seen the news coming out of Charlottesville, Va., and we have seen Mayor Michael Signer. Mike has been eloquent in his remarks about the unfortunate happenings. Mike's grandfather, Herbert Signer, and my husband, Allan Signer, were first cousins.

A bit about the family: Herbert was from the Bronx and served in Europe during WWII. He worked for the New York Times. Mike's father, Robert, is from Arlington, Va., and is a newspaper assignment editor. His mother, Marjorie Signer, is active in feminist causes. Our branch of the family always considered that branch of the family to be "interesting," highly educated, activists and a bit bohemian.

Mike is an articulate, well-educated public servant. He is an author, advocate, political theorist and attorney. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton, has a PhD in political science from the

University of California, Berkeley. His J.D. is from the University of Virginia, where he teaches an advanced undergraduate seminar "Leadership, Statesmanship and Democracy" and a seminar titled "Race, Policy and the Past."

A voting rights attorney, he chaired the Pro Bono Committee of the Young Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar. He has served on Virginia's Board of Medicine and worked with John Podesta on Barack Obama's State Department Transition Team. His publications, including non-fiction books, are too numerous to list. He and his wife, Emily Blout, have twin sons.

So often we see people caught up in events and have no idea where they are coming from and what shaped their actions. I hope this helps you understand Mayor Michael Signer of Charlottesville, Va.

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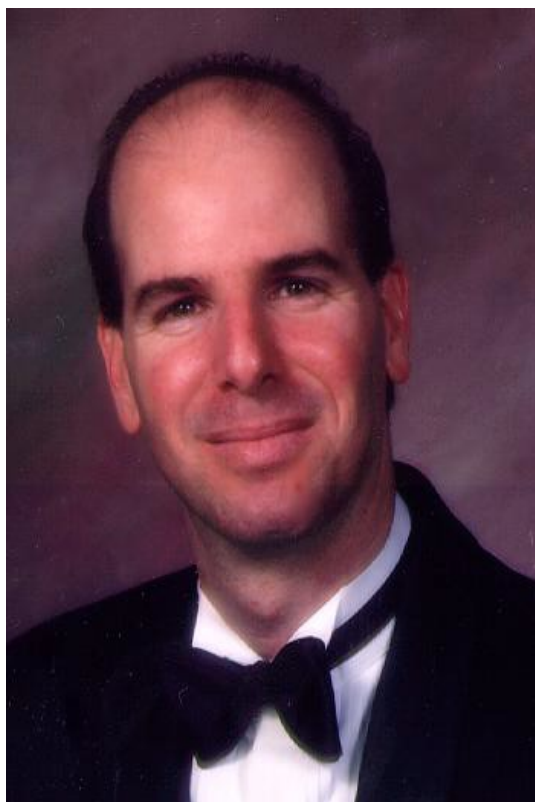
We were also faced with several things out of the usual course of Temple operations. Our gigantic chestnut tree in the parking lot fell, Cindy our Office Administrator moved back up north, and working with Monarch school to get their school permitting inspections completed.

As part of the inspections requirements we had a fire inspection from the Lakeland Fire Department. During the inspection, a few deficiencies were found. All were corrected except for one. We are now required to install a fire suppression system in the main kitchen. The quotes received to date give an estimate of around twenty-five thousand dollars to install the new system. As part of the agreement we had to move the stove out of the kitchen and cannot use it until the fire suppression system is installed.

Then we were faced with Hurricane Irma this past week. Berkovitz Hall and the Sanctuary had some water leaks that we are working to get estimates and repairs made. Because of the Hurricane, we are having to reschedule the Selichot Dinner to honor Marvin Wyman.

As we approach the High Holy Days we are given an opportunity to put aside the everyday stresses of life and to reflect and refresh our souls.

Kathy and I wish our Temple family and friends a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!  
Allen Shane, President



## **WELCOME CANTOR GOLDSTEIN!**

Temple Emanuel is pleased to welcome Cantor Paul Goldstein as guest cantor for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Cantor Goldstein is not related to our Rabbi David Goldstein. What a great coincidence!

Currently, Hazzan Goldstein is the B'nai Mitzvah Program Director at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Florida. He has served as the Cantor at synagogues across the State of Florida. He is a graduate of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America from which he received a Master's Degree in Sacred Music and a degree in Hazzanut. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. Deeply rooted in traditional Hazzanut, Hazzan Goldstein brings a very modern approach to the Cantorate.

Hazzan Goldstein was born and raised in North Miami Beach. He has been married to Cynthia Chiefa, a Miami Bankruptcy attorney, for 21 years and they have a 19 year old son, Jason.