



September 2019

The Menorah

Temple Emanuel ~ 600 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland FL 33803 ~ 863-682-8616



Rabbi's Message

The summer is ending and the high holidays are fast approaching.

Throughout the summer, services have been well attended with increased numbers, especially at the Saturday morning services. The repairs on our building have started and we are beginning to

see some light at the end of the tunnel.

On October 6th, the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will be hosting an AIPAC event with our Congressman Ross Spano who will speak about his recent trip to Israel.

Israel continues to face some very hard times, with the threat of war looming on a daily basis. I want to reflect a little bit on the American Jewish perceptions and support for the state of Israel.

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the High Holy Days, and summer is almost over. The summer is usually a time for the pace to slow down, a time for rest and rejuvenation and enjoying family vacations and getaways. This summer

has been quite the opposite here at the Temple. It has been a very busy time for the board and our various committees. I would like to update you on our progress.

At the congregation meeting in June, I spoke of forming a Capital Fundraising Committee to help raise funds for needed repairs to restore our beautiful sanctuary and facility. I would like to thank the following congregants who agreed to serve on the committee: Shelley Robinson, Michael Riskin, Marilyn Signer, Beverly Stephens, Robin Sussingham, Jane Renz and Rabbi Goldstein. This committee has been meeting bi-weekly throughout the summer to plan for a successful fund drive. We plan to kick off the Capital Campaign on Yom Kippur with hopes for 100% participation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mah Jongg

Most Mondays @ 1 pm

Student Shabbat

9/13 6:30pm

Trivia Fun

9/22 4pm

Rep. Spanos

10/6 6pm

Pizza in the Hut

10/13 6 pm

Book Club

10/29 11 am

Visit our [website calendar](#)
& our [Facebook page](#) for

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Some generous congregants have made advanced donations and pledges which allows us to commence repair work on the Temple. The first step in securing the exterior of the building requires caulking and sealing all of our windows. This work has begun.

We have had many quotes for roofing repairs and roofing systems. They vary tremendously with respect to costs and type of roofs. Following a recommendation that the board hire a roofing consultant, we have engaged the services of William T. Stanley of WTS Construction Consultants, to provide needed expertise and guidance. Tom has over 40 years of experience in Florida construction, roofing, walls and windows and holds numerous accreditations. Both Tom and Tarheel Roofing Company (a large roofing and waterproofing contractor from St. Petersburg, FL) performed a thorough inspection of our roof. Both agreed that our current roof was a high quality roof when it was installed, and that with required maintenance and repairs it can be fully functional for a period (conservative estimate) of 5-7 years. During this 5-7 year time period, Tom recommends that the Temple budget for a newer, more modern roofing system (with a 20-25 year warranty) that would more appropriately serve our building and the Florida environment. The board felt this was the most fiscally responsible approach and, in the near term, would free up capital funds to be used towards asbestos abatement and sanctuary repairs. The board therefore voted to approve a contract with Tarheel Roofing to proceed with the needed repairs and maintenance. This work will begin as soon as possible. We are currently scheduled for early September and hope that Hurricane Dorian will not alter this plan.

Our current litigation against our insurance carrier continues and is not anticipated to go to trial before September 2020.

A FEMA representative contacted us in June and advised that they are reviewing our file and their previous denial. Since June I have met with FEMA representatives at the Temple and via phone and provided additional maintenance documentation as requested. Even though they are giving our claim a second review there is no guarantee the previous determination will be overturned. This will be a lengthy process and all reviews sections of FEMA would have to agree to a re-determination.

I am extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of the Board of Trustees and Temple committees. They all work very diligently and give unselfishly of their time and talents to better our Temple.

I would like to recognize the hard work of the Ritual Committee for preparing for our upcoming High Holiday Services which will once again be held in Berkovitz Hall. There are many tasks to be accomplished and they are working to ensure that our services will be enjoyed by all. We look forward to welcoming back Cantor Paul Goldstein, his wife Cynthia, and son Jason to celebrate the High Holy Days with our Temple family.

Irma Cole and her committee have been hard at work planning for our Book Sale on September 8. All monies raised will go towards our efforts to restore the sanctuary and other hurricane damaged areas in the Temple building.

I want to wish all our congregants and families a very happy, healthy and sweet 5780.
L'Shanah Tovah,

Allen Shane President Temple Emanuel

YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

Connect ... Engage ... Make a Difference

Join us to make Temple Emanuel the best it can be. With your time, talent and skills, we can provide fun, fellowship, events and activities. There is something for everyone!

Won't you help us? Please send your response by email to: office@templeemanuellakeland.com

Committees:

- ☐ **Ways and Means** - oversee and coordinate fundraising activities; solicit special donations when needed; explore possibilities for increasing income.
- ☐ **Marketing** – help publicize events and programs at Temple Emanuel. Work on our website and Facebook page. Create items for the weekly update and publish the quarterly Menorah newsletter.
- ☐ **Membership** - identify and recruit new congregants; welcome newcomers and non-affiliated members of the community and acquaint them with various aspects of the synagogue.
- ☐ **Planning – Socials and Events** - help plan, publicize and execute various programs and events for the congregation.
- ☐ **Sunshine / Visitation** - reach out to our congregants during stressful times in the hospital or at home.
- ☐ **House & Grounds** - help monitor and assist with synagogue maintenance and upkeep; make recommendations for improvements/repairs and identify long-range capital needs.
- ☐ **Telephone** - coordinate the phone tree for special events to call and recruit participation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

From School Administrator Lori Dougherty

Sunday School started on August 25th!

This year our teachers are:

- ♦ Myrna Garbow teaching the kindergartners
- ♦ Sheri Hewson teaching our 2nd graders and teaching our 5th graders Hebrew
- ♦ Jodie Snyder teaching our 5th graders
- ♦ Rabbi Goldstein teaching our 7th graders.
- ♦ Daniel Boston teaching our 7th graders Hebrew.
- ♦ Lizandra Izsak tutoring and teaching Hebrew to some of our students.

Our school is planning on a workshop with the Rabbi in October. We are looking forward to that and to having a successful, fun year that the kids will remember.

Privilege and Prejudice: Jewish History in the American South OR

What I Did On My Summer Vacation

About the Archives by Cat. Eskin

I suppose I already knew that I was a lucky person. Accidents of birth, family and physical health notwithstanding, I have been blessed with an amazing husband, loving children (who are, of course, above average) and a supportive academic and Jewish community. I have had the honor of founding and building a synagogue archive. Still, I have been sadly under-informed about the context of the Jewish history I am recording. That situation may not be completely rectified, but I am well on my way.

This spring I applied for a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute taking place at the College of Charleston (CofC) centered on the ways Jews were both insiders (white) and outsiders (not Christian) in the American South. I was lucky enough to be accepted. The schedule was packed with walking tours, field trips (Kahol Kadosh/Beth Elohim or KKBE, the brand new Reconstruction National Monument in Beaufort, SC—Michael Allen, at right, talks to the group at the synagogue in Beaufort—and more), lectures (from Jewish history luminaries like Jonathan Sarna and Jenna Weissman Joselit), thought-provoking discussions with the wide array of participants who converged on Charleston from around the country (we had two people from the Dakotas!), and did I mention the food? The generous program was an opportunity for me to read the seminal texts in the field and to consider a wealth of traditional and non-traditional materials. We considered the experience of Jews from the colonial period to the present day through a kaleidoscope of academic, cultural and personal lenses.



I applied to the program in order to bolster my historic knowledge and give me more confidence as I teach the topic. I already had experience teaching courses in creative non-fiction that recorded the voices of the Jews of Lakeland; those courses used the Southern Jewish experience as both a means of creative expression and a service learning opportunity. I tried to situate the oral histories which the students recorded by providing a taste of American Jewish history and (admittedly) surface-level theological information. The courses I taught were always, foremost, advanced-level writing courses. For Fall 2019, I wanted to impact more students and do so sooner in their academic careers. The result is a course called “Writing About Southern Jewish History.” For the first-year, service-learning course, students will create on-line exhibits using ArcGIS software (StoryMaps) as they conduct primary research into the Lakeland/Polk County Jewish community.

I am not new to the spatial approach. At the National Humanities Center program I attended in 2016, I gained a theoretical grounding in Spatial Humanities (an intellectual movement that places emphasis on place and space in social science and the humanities, linking quantitative studies and other studies of society) that I turned into a literature-related assignment for my students. I attended the month-long seminar hoping to use what I learned for the Temple Emanuel Archive (TEA), but found that I just did not gain the technical know-how necessary to fully explore the ArcGIS tools. As if the directors of the NEH Institute had designed the program for me, I learned that Dr. Marni Davis (a professor of History at Georgia State University) would be conducting a workshop on using ArcGIS software with students! (See image, at right, of participants looking over a Sanborn Map and City Directories during the workshop.) Her expertise, and the other illuminating forays into the growing electronic accessibility of documents, images and ephemera gave me the tools I needed to create a course that would help my students grow.



I am lucky, too, for the generosity of spirit among the participants of the Institute and its directors (see the picture of me and my apartment-mates, Erica Andrus, left, a religion professor in Vermont and Elizabeth Johnson, right, a history PhD candidate from Tennessee). Enjoying a delicious dinner on King Street in Charleston could suddenly become an engaging tutorial in how to use your city as a classroom (shout out to Dale Rosengarten, Curator of Special Collections at CofC and Instructor Extraordinaire). Coffee with Jenna Weissman Joselit and Amy Milligan introduced me to the ways that social media and simple on-line tools could allow my students to make their own discoveries in a safe environment. I continue to marvel at the way my colleagues went out



of their way to help me understand complex points of history or theology, challenged directors and participants to reconsider entrenched attitudes and unconscious biases, and generally insisted that my experience be genuine and unique. I am using readings with my students that were provided by the Institute and a few suggested by colleagues. As a veteran teacher, I seldom have the opportunity to hear from others about teaching undergraduates. Student audiences change over time; means of instruction shift. Keeping up with the “latest” in teaching is not the benefit I gained from my NEH experience. Instead, I gained colleagues—young and not-so young—who patiently and expertly shared their know-how and their innovations. I only hope that the class I am planning will do them justice. I believe it will.

Monthly Profile: This month we feature Marc & Stephanie Rapke's exciting travels to India and Nepal! Read more member profiles at: <https://templemanuellakeland.com/member-profiles/>

"Origins" - It was Friday night January 16, 1993 when I received a call from my wife to be. 9 months prior we were supposed to meet but the meeting was delayed. Tonight she insisted this would be the night. Over in my townhouse, I was in the process of planning my trip to Kathmandu, Nepal to board the flight that flies past Mt. Everest, the earth's highest mountain in the Himalaya mountain range.

Fast forward past love and marriage and the proverbial baby carriage and Stephanie and I are planning to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. To get closure on my long forgotten visit to the highest spot on earth, we agreed on visiting India and Nepal.

"October, 2018"- Our flights and tours are set. We are to take a 24 hour journey to New Delhi and visit the Golden Triangle. Near the end of our two weeks is the early morning sightseeing flight on Buddha Airlines and circling past Sagarmatha, the Nepalese name for Mt. Everest. A British geologist, George Everest, who was in charge of measuring the mountain, was given the honor of the naming rights in 1865.

Our trip began in New Delhi in central India and proceeded to Jaipur, Agra and back to New Delhi: The three cities making up the Golden Triangle. Early in our packed New Delhi, India agenda is a visit to Gandhi Smriti, Mahatma Gandhi's last residence. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gandhi was the Father of modern India and he led the India Independence movement against British colonial rule and inspired nonviolent civil disobedience movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. Along the covered walkway in Gandhi's home are framed posters with numerous facts and quotations. One quotes Albert Einstein stating "Taken on the whole, I would believe that Gandhi's views, were the most enlightened of all political men in our time.... We should strive to do things in his spirit." That has timeless application.

"It's Certainly Hot Enough" - The Chand Baori is a fascinating example of man's inventiveness.



While travelling through the Indian desert region, we are taken to a stone construction built starting in the 8th century that serves as a well. 3500 steps down into the earth in all directions allow people access to potable water 13 stories below the surface. A defensive fortress is built into the well to guard against trespassers from stealing precious water reserves from local residents. A Temple dedicated to Hashat Mata, goddess of joy and happiness adjoins the Baori. Water is indispensable to human life.

"One of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World" - The most recognizable structure on our trip and perhaps the entire world is the astonishing Taj Mahal, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved Queen near the city of Agra. From a distance, its construction of translucent marble makes it appear to actually float in air. We slip on our shoe covers and wait patiently to catch a brief glimpse of the sarcophaguses containing the Shah and his wife. Its elegant white marble, encrusted with semiprecious stones, was built over a 22 year time span and completed in 1643. The plaza surrounding the Taj is adjoined by a guest house and mosque that are impressive structures, but diminished by the grandeur of the Taj Mahal. Magnificent.



“And Now Nepal” - 3 years before when our trip was still a twinkle in my eye, I heard the news about the devastating earthquakes that demolished scores of centuries old temples and monuments, particularly in Nepal’s capital city. Our visit to Durbar Square, the central gathering point in Kathmandu, showed substantial evidence of the ravages of nature. Chain link fences surrounding many of the Hindu temples and pagodas bore signs, usually in Nepalese and English, detailing the nation or organization that was repairing and rebuilding the landmarks. My response to the people of Nepal was a contribution that I made to Chabad of Kathmandu online. The earthquake served only to stall our trip until the earth’s seismic fury abated.

Our Kathmandu City tour reveals how intricately the peoples’ religious and cultural lives are connected. Among the numerous ancient buildings are the sprawling Hanuman Dhoka, ancient palace of Nepalese Royalty and the Temple of Kumari, home to Nepal’s most important living goddess. Temples, Monuments and Palaces everywhere. So are the throngs of worshippers.



Next we journey to Swayambhunath, a 2,000 year old Buddhist Stupa (shrine) celebrated as the oldest Buddhist shrine in the world with its fluttering prayer flags and lofty copper spires. Overlooking the Kathmandu Valley, the stupa is painted on four sides with the compassionate eyes of the Buddha. This highly recognizable structure is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our visit also takes us to the Monkey Temple, the Palace of Fifty-Five Windows and the Golden Temple.

“30 Seconds Over Everest”- Unlike the Allies aerial bombing response to Japan in WW2 by Capt. Jimmy Doolittle shortly after Pearl Harbor, our Buddha Air 6:20 A.M. flight was without any great risk. Our flight itinerary was a path parallel to the Himalaya Mountains as we flew through the Kathmandu Valley towards Destination Everest. Only the window seats on the plane were occupied and it was a clear day with great visibility. The flight attendants gave everyone a picture map showing the locations of the world’s highest mountain peaks (All of the ten highest above sea level are in the Himalayas). About 20 minutes into the flight, the attendants invited the passengers, one by one, to spend what seemed like 30 seconds looking through the window on the left side of the cockpit. This was our moment with high adventure. I fumbled with my phone to capture a picture knowing I was under tight time pressure. And there it was. The tiny triangular mountain peak that was topped by a wispy little cloud. See the attached picture. As we headed back to the airfield, the flight path changed and Everest and all the mountains appeared much, much larger. My guess is that passengers get a “Guaranteed” look first and then, weather permitting, get a closer view.



Our trip took us to another culture, indeed another world. We already have planned a trip to China and Tibet to gain yet one more perspective on humanity. About that 1 inch high picture I took of Sagarmatha, I need to contact Buddha Airlines customer service about enlarging my picture to at least 2 inches.

Editors Note: Thanks to Marc for sharing these highlights of their fascinating trip! If anyone else would like to offer a ‘profile’ for an upcoming issue, please contact irmacole26@gmail.com

Deadline for the next Menorah is November 30, 2019.

Please send info, articles, images, etc. to irmacole26@gmail.com

HIGH HOLIDAY PREVIEW

BY Amy Blocher



The Ritual Committee has worked hard to prepare for the High Holidays. Selichot services begin our High Holidays at 9:30 PM on Saturday, September 21st. Join us as we change the colorful Torah covers and reading table covers to the majestic white covers for the High Holidays. Erev Rosh Hashanah services begin at 7:00 PM on Sunday, September 29th, with a reception following the services.

The first day of Rosh Hashanah is the next morning, with services beginning at 8:30, and the Torah Service at 9:45. If you require babysitting, you need to call the Temple office by mid-September. Tashlich services will be held that same night at 6:15 at Lake Hollingsworth with services following at 7:00. The second day of Rosh Hashanah, October 1, services also begin at 8:30 AM and the Torah service is at 9:45.

Kol Nidre services begin Yom Kippur on Tuesday, October 8th, at 6:30 PM with the beautiful rendition of the ancient Kol Nidre prayer. Services the next morning begin at 9:00, and the Torah Service will be at 10:00. Yizkor will follow the Torah Service. Again, call ahead for babysitting. The last services, Mincha and Neilah, will begin at 5:15 and end at approximately 7:45. The annual Break the Fast will follow.

You will be receiving calls about putting names in the Book of Remembrance. If you do not receive a call and want to memorialize your family names for this coming year, please call Amy Blocher, 863-409-7219. You will also be asked about purchasing Aliyahs, English readings, Ark openings, and more for the High Holiday services. Doing this is a way to help our Temple either by doing the Aliyah, readings, or Ark openings yourself or gifting them to others. Thank you in advance.

Shortly after the High Holidays, we will be celebrating Sukkot, with Pizza in the Hut on Sunday evening, October 13th at 6:00 PM. At 9:30 the next morning, there will be our annual Breakfast with the Rabbi followed at 10:00 with Sukkot services. On October 20th, Sunday evening, at 6:00 there will be Shemini Atzeret services, including Yizkor. The next night, Monday, the 21st, is Simchas Torah, and we will have services at 6:00, followed by an ice cream social. Be sure to bring your kids to have a blast at this service!

We have much to look forward to in the coming months at Temple Emanuel. Please be sure to read the weekly "Message" for updates to keep up with all that is happening. If you want to get more involved, call the Temple office and someone will respond to your call and help make that happen!!

82 **Obituary** Jennie Litvack

Call of the ages

Jennie Litvack, high mistress of the shofar, died on June 27th, aged 55

THE CALL came, appropriately enough, while she was walking through the Old City of Jerusalem, her husband said. They had stopped at a small shop near the Roman Cardo. By the door stood a barrel of shofars. Not regular ram's horn shofars, but the long curved Yemeni instruments made from the horn of the greater kudu, an African antelope. She blew each one in turn. What emerged was a deep throaty musical summons that almost quivered, casting those who heard it back to one of the most significant moments in Judaism when God stopped Abraham from sacrificing his own son and ordered him to kill a ram instead.

In the street a crowd began to gather. They had never heard such a sound before. And then, somewhere in the barrel, she found it—the shofar that produced the perfect deep baritone, the primal call she'd long dreamed of but never made. When she blew it, the crowd fell silent. Shopkeepers, tourists, old men pushing carts: they all stopped. They knew this one was different. And so was born a new *ba'alat tokeah*, a high mistress of the horn.

It helped, of course, that she had played the trumpet since she was a child. At 14 she went up to Dizzy Gillespie after a concert at the Rising Sun jazz club in her native Montreal, and asked if she could have a go on his instrument—and a lesson. The next morning her mother dropped her at his hotel and waited patiently in the car outside. An hour passed. Then two. Then three. After four hours, her mother knocked on the door. There they were, the two of them—the father of Be Bop and the curly-haired teenager with the smiling eyes—laughing, playing backgammon, learning to twang the Jew's harp, just being friends. They remained friends for the rest of his life. He called her his god-daughter. She named her first son Benjamin Diz.

For a while she considered applying to a music conservatory after high school. When instead she chose to major in public policy at Duke University, she took her trumpet into the marching

band. She played it, too, when she went on to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to write up her research that proved that in poor countries people were better off, financially and medically, if they were asked to pay a little bit of the cost of ensuring a supply of drugs to their local pharmacy rather than if they paid nothing—and got nothing. She played the trumpet some more when working as an economist for the World Bank, in northern Cameroon, Vietnam and Morocco. And then, at 43, having just had her last son, she decided to follow what she called her still, quiet voice and be part of a movement to revitalise Jewish spiritual life in America.

She resigned from the World Bank and joined the Adas Israel synagogue in Washington, DC, where in 1876 Ulysses S. Grant became the first American president to attend a service in a synagogue. There was meditation every Tuesday night, yoga every Wednesday night, lessons in Jewish mindfulness all through the week. But it was when she held aloft the shofar that she really found her voice.

After every morning service through the month of Elul, then through Rosh Hashanah—Jewish new year—on to Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt, her friend, would call out: *Tekiyah*. She would respond with a single note, the awakening summons to Jews to focus on the year that has passed and think about the type of people they would like to be. *Shevarim*, the cry from the heart, the triptych of notes that speak of a sense of brokenness. *Teruah* for the nine staccato notes that, like an alarm clock, she would say, would summon the listener, "Wake up, wake up, wake up. Now is the time to do something." And then *Tekiyah gedolah*, the final long note, that refers to a oneness, a total unity coming together. Over 100 notes in all, more than an orchestral hornplayer would expect to sound in an evening concert, blowing the shofar at Rosh Hashanah is a challenge that takes knowledge of the tradition, technique and spiritual engagement.

The shofar is usually men's business. As a woman, she had to be twice as good. She had help, she said—a perfect shofar, carved to fit her mouth exactly by a man called Shimon who lived on the Golan Heights and knew just enough English to tell her: "Blow!" There was also, she believed, divine assistance. At home when she took her deepest breath for the *Tekiyah gedolah*, she could manage only 40 seconds. But in the synagogue she managed to stretch that out to nearly a minute. Her son had timed her. And then there was how people responded to her call: the women who told her how welcoming her blowing made the Rosh Hashanah service for them, the National Public Radio listeners who heard her speak of her passion for her instrument and her encounter with Gillespie, the Justice on Israel's Supreme Court—an Orthodox Jew no less—who invited her to blow the shofar at the court itself, the joggers in Central Park who slowed down and then stopped to watch when she accompanied Alicia Svigals on the klezmer violin, playing "Amazing Grace".

Every thing that hath breath

Along with the birth of her sons, she liked to say that blowing the shofar brought her closer to God than anything else in her life. Even after her metastasising cancer meant the removal of a large part of both her lungs, she would take up her instrument with *kavanah*, "intention", close her eyes, shut out the world and concentrate on her breath, her shofar, her soul.

In the Old Testament the Book of Genesis says that God formed man out of dust from the ground when He blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The Hebrew word for soul, *neshama*, is intimately connected to the word for breath. Her breath had shushed her boys to sleep in their crib, it whooshed out of her whenever she jumped naked, as she liked to do, into a Canadian mountain lake, and it transported Adas Israel's congregation to Mount Sinai when it blew air into her shofar. That breath may have been stilled, but like Abraham's horn it lives on. At the start of her funeral, the shofar was sounded by her three sons. ■

You are cordially invited to
TEA & Memories
With the Temple Emanuel Archive

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 10:00 am

Please join us at Temple Emanuel, 600 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL

Bring your pictures, yearbooks, confirmation certificates, and more. We will scan and add them to the Temple's growing collection. Bring a flash drive and we can give you the digital copy before you leave. Most importantly, bring your eyes and your memories as we look through pictures from the 1940s-2010s to identify individuals.

Kindly **RSVP** to the Temple Office
863/682.8616 or
office@templeemanuellakeland.com



Who Am I? (1966)

*If you cannot attend in September, look for our next event on **Sunday, 3 November!***



Who are these Macabees from 1981?

2019 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SELIHOT Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:30 PM Selichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 29, 2019 7:00 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Rosh Hashanah Reception following services

ROSH HASHANAH FIRST DAY

Monday, September 30, 2019 8:30 AM

Rosh Hashanah Service 9:45 AM

Torah Service 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Baby Sitting in Library 6:15 PM

Tashlich – Meet in Berkovitz Hall

7:00 PM Evening Service

ROSH HASHANAH SECOND DAY

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 8:30 AM

Rosh Hashanah Service

9:45 AM Torah Service

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, October 4, 2019 7:30 PM

Erev Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:30 AM Shabbat Shuvah Service

7:30 PM Havdalah & Dessert

KEVER AVOT Sunday, October

6, 2019 11 AM Temple

Emanuel Cemetery

YOM KIPPUR – KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

6:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, October 9, 2019 9:00

AM Yom Kippur Service 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Baby Sitting in Library 10:00 AM Torah Service

with Yizkor 5:15 PM Mincha and Neilah Service

Followed by Yom Kippur Break the Fast

Approximately 7:45 PM Break the Fast

No charge RSVP are due by Wednesday,

October 2, 2019 by email at

office@templeemanuellakeland.com or phone

at (863) 682-8616

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 13, 2019 6:00 PM Pizza in the Hut Erev

Sukkot Service following dinner Adults \$ 12.00 -

Children under 12 \$6.00 Family Max. \$ 36.00 RSVP

are due by Thursday, October 10, 2019

RSVP and pay online at

<https://templeemanuellakeland.com/events/sukkot-pizza-in-the-hut/> or by phone at (863) 682-8616

SUKKOT – FIRST DAY

Monday, October 14, 2019 9:30 AM Breakfast

with the Rabbi Complimentary Breakfast 10 AM

Services

SUKKOT & NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

Friday, October 18, 2019

Dinner 6:15 pm 7:30 PM Service

Adults \$ 14.00 - Children under 12 \$7.00 Family Max

\$42.00 RSVPs are due by Thursday, October 10, 2019

RSVP and pay online at

<https://templeemanuellakeland.com/events/sukkot-shabbat-dinner/> or by phone at (863) 682-8616

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:30 AM Service

SHEMINI ATZERET/YIZKOR

Sunday, October 20, 2019 6 PM

Service / Yizkor

SIMCHAT TORAH Monday,

October 21, 2019 6:00 PM

Simchat Torah Service Ice

Cream Social following

Services



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It is easy to love and support Israel in good times, but it is so much more difficult to do so in hard times. Most Jews took great pride in Israel's victory in 1967, in the remarkable rescue at Entebbe, and when Israelis are honored with Nobel prizes for peace and literature. The Jewish community in America marveled and cheered at the successful settlement of half a million Jews from the former Soviet Union, the preservation of the remnant of Ethiopian Jewry, and the discrete rescue of the last 4000 Jews remaining in Syria, all of whom now reside safely in Israel.

We have watched Israel be among the first responders on almost every international stage where tragedy has occurred. Israel has established better relations with the Arab World, and over the last 10 to 15 years more and more normalization of relations with other countries has taken place.

Unfortunately, many of these achievements are far enough in the past that many in the Jewish community in America have forgotten the danger and the cost of these achievements, some have bought into the false history that is promulgated by the Palestinian authority and have chosen to protest against the state of Israel.

It is true that Israel has many things to still work out. A complex political system that invites corruption and coalition skullduggery, a Chief Rabbinate that dates back to Ottoman times and vests all Jewish religious authority exclusively with the Orthodox. A population so diverse clashes between Ashkenazi-Sephardic, religious-secular, Jew-Arab are common place.

Yet despite these problems and many others, Israel still deserves our admiration and our support. It is easy to criticize a nation that is still struggling to find a path toward Peace with its neighbors, especially when the news is often slanted against Israel, and coverage of violence is one sided. We need to be better informed and more understanding of the tremendous problems that the average Israeli faces.

We need to remember that the Jews of Israel are part of our family, and while we may object to some of the policies of the Israeli government, we must continue to stand by Israel's right to exist and prosper.

I hope you will use the opportunity afforded by this meeting on Sunday, October 6th to attend and become better informed and that in doing so you'll also come to be more supportive of Israel and her people.

I hope that this coming year will be a better one for Israel, the Palestinians, and all the people of the Middle East. May you be inscribed in the book of life through your actions and your faith.

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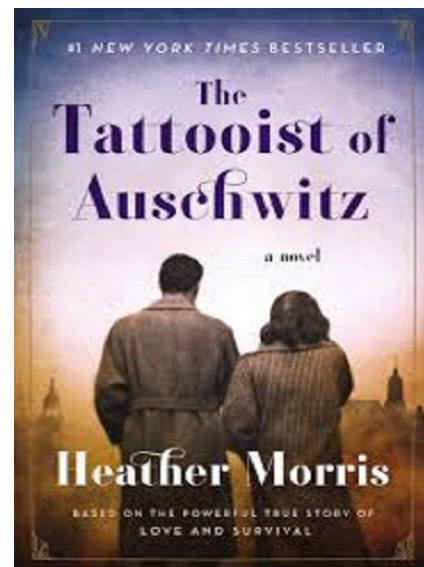
BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club will be held on Tuesday, October 29 from 11 am-12 pm. An optional lunch out will follow. We meet in the library of the main building.

Our selection is "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris. It is available in paperback, hard cover and on Kindle.

Here is a link to purchase it: <https://smile.amazon.com/Tattooist-Auschwitz-Novel-Heather-Morris-ebook/dp/B0756DZ4C1>

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Upcoming Events:

Temple Emanuel Sunday School and Hebrew School are planning three times when students will be participating in Friday night Shabbat services:

- ♦ September 13
- ♦ December 13,
- ♦ March 13

There will be a Shabbat Dinner for the students, families and congregation on those nights. 6:30 pm dinner and 7:30 pm services. Please come to meet and support our students!

\$14 for adults

\$7 for children under 12

\$42 Family Max

There are sponsors for the religious school families and teacher's meals.

Others may pay here:

<https://templeemanuellakeland.com/events/shabbat-dinner-with-students-9-13-11-13-3-13/>

Other Religious School Shabbats are scheduled for November 8, January 10, February 21, April 17, and May 8. Service at 7:30 pm with a kid friendly Oneg.

US Representative Ross Spanos and Members of AIPAC will be speaking at Temple Emanuel on Sunday, 10.6.19 at 6 pm in Berkovitz Hall.

Don't miss Pizza in the Hut—Sunday, October 13, 2019, 6:00 PM
Erev Sukkot Service will follow dinner.

There will be a New Member Shabbat on Sukkot Shabbat, Friday, October 18, 2019. There will be a dinner and service to welcome our new members.

See page 9 of this issue of The Menorah for payment and reservation details for these two events.

On Friday night November 1st Temple Emanuel will be having a Pet Shabbat. We will celebrate our furry companions and everyone is encouraged to bring their dogs or cats to the service at 7:30 pm.

Special treats for them will be provided at their own Oneg!

A Message from the Marketing Committee

Huge thanks to all who have donated books, time, and money to help with our Book Sale Fundraiser. This has indeed been a group effort! We are happy to also announce the sale of books the Rabbi culled from our own Temple Library to a Jewish Library being formed in Tampa.

In addition, we are very pleased with the sale of the old desks and file cabinets from the Ed Bldg. that were no longer being used. All monies raised are going to our Hurricane Relief Fund.



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The Jewish Museum of Greece in Athens was established in 1977 by Nicholas Stavroulakis to preserve material culture of Greek Jews. The museum was opened in 1988 and houses historical attire, religious objects, as well as some artifacts that the Nazis took from Jewish people. Our thanks to Bonnie and Marvin Odro for sharing these images!

