

TABLET BRIEFS

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Wishing You a Sweet New Year **by Barbara Pollack, VP of Ritual**

This year, Erev Rosh HaShanah begins on Erev Shabbat. So do I greet people by saying *Shabbat Shalom* or *Shanah Tovah* (good year)? What about *L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu* (may you be inscribed for a good year)? All are appropriate and convey a sense of caring and hope.

As we greet each other during these High Holy Days, I hope we each find renewed spirit and an enhanced sense of community.

This Month's Featured Articles

- *We Return Again* by Chazzan Cliff Abramson
- High Holy Day message from President Alan Chaflin

WE RETURN AGAIN



We return again to the time of year when many familiar questions resurface. What makes this year so special? Isn't this holiday an annual occurrence? Why do we observe two holidays, and why does Rosh HaShanah carry such reverence? These questions, though seemingly childlike, can be timeless inquiries throughout our unique journey.

What makes *this* year special is that *we* are special. We evolve with each year and similarly, our thoughts and the prayers in our services take on new meaning and resonance. The High Holy Days invite us to examine our lives, confront our shortcomings, and embrace the potential for change. Perhaps, this year, you'll find new ways to navigate life compared with past years, all while the High Holy Days provide a moment for contemplation.

Let us remember that aspiring to be a better version of ourselves in the coming year does not signify failure in the preceding one. Perhaps this is the year you endeavor to be more compassionate, generous, or forgiving. Yet, it begins with understanding the fragility of time and the value of these transformations, no matter how small.

The journey, from the initial questions we ask to the transformations we effect, lends new meaning to our Holy Days each year. This may indeed be a challenging time but rest assured; having made a choice to create a better year for yourself in the months to come will bestow blessings upon all those whose lives you touch.

L'shanah tovah,
Chazzan Cliff Abramson

LETTER FROM THE

President



Dear Friends,

As summer fades and anticipation grows, the sacred time of the High Holy Days draws near. These days of reflection, repentance, and renewal offer a chance to connect with our spirituality and synagogue community. Preparing the synagogue involves creating a sacred space that fosters introspection, which becomes a canvas for personal growth.

The High Holy Days, from Rosh HaShanah to Yom Kippur, encourage self-reflection and *cheshbon hanefesh* (an accounting of the soul). To aid us in this introspective journey, Chazzan Abramson and our guest clergy will utilize resources like our *Mishkan HaNefesh* prayer books and guided meditations to help lead us toward accountability and personal growth.

These days also bring spiritual renewal through *teshuvah* (repentance) and returning to one's true self. Discussions on forgiveness and personal betterment help us find a renewed sense of purpose. Inclusivity is vital as we build a diverse synagogue community and design outreach programs to welcome newcomers, celebrate together, foster unity and offer mutual support.

Beyond the synagogue, acts of *tzedakah* (charity) and social justice reflect our values and commitment. Collecting nonperishables for our High Holy Day food drive and contributing to charitable causes demonstrates our dedication to helping others. Special services with traditional prayers, modern interpretations, and Chazzan Abramson's beautiful music enhance the spiritual experience and help immerse us in the liturgy's meanings.

In conclusion, preparing for the High Holy Days is a comprehensive journey touching every aspect of our lives, stimulating personal growth, community bonds and a deeper connection to our faith while setting the stage for an inspiring High Holy Days experience.

With gratitude to those who dedicated time and effort to this year's High Holy Days services, I'd like to offer special thanks to Chazzan Abramson, Rabbi Huntting, Bethany Leinweber, Barbara Pollack and the Ritual Committee for their time and dedication.

L'shanah tovah,
Alan Chalfin, President

Board of Trustees

MEETING SUMMARY

July 19, 2023

Board meetings are open to all Temple Sinai members.

Please register so we know how many people to expect and please note you must be logged in Shulcloud to register.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Adopt the New JQuest Fee Schedule: Sherry Thomas President-Elect
Sherry presented JQuest membership structure including revamped tiered dues and religious school fees for JQuest families. A motion was made and the vote passed. Bethany Leinweber will be sending out an email to the families outlining the new structure and families will need to resubmit their membership renewals based on their new selected fee.

Open Grant Bids: Chester "Pearl" Perlinski, VP of Facilities

Pearl provided an update on the Federal Grant we received to upgrade safety and security on our campus. Pearl obtained multiple bids for the work that needs to be completed and is analyzing with his committee which bid to accept.

Air Conditioner Update: Chester "Pearl" Perlinski, VP of Facilities

Pearl reported that two new AC units were installed in the Social Hall on July 12, in Social Halls B and C. The unit in Social Hall C was not working properly and will be repaired once the needed part is received.

Bridge Repair: Chester "Pearl" Perlinski, VP of Facilities

Pearl reported that the bridge in the parking lot near the school entrance is in disrepair. Two bids for the repair are being considered. Since we are also now looking to decrease spending at Sinai, it was suggested to have a fundraiser and make 120 planks available to be sponsored by members or Gan families and make it a unity bridge between all the different facets of the synagogue.

Board of Trustees

MEETING SUMMARY

(CONTINUED)

Discuss Board Members Attending Staff Meetings: Alan Chalfin, President

Alan shared that he recommended having a board member attend every staff meeting to improve communication between the staff and the board. After discussion, it was decided that one board member would attend the monthly staff meeting, not the weekly senior staff meetings.

Monthly Shabbat Dinners: Sherry Thomas, President-Elect

Sherry spoke regarding bringing people back together for Shabbat dinners once monthly. The first one was July 28 and August's took place the evening of the Welcome Back BBQ. We will skip September and plan for it again in October. We hope to get 50 people at each dinner and will need volunteers to set up and clean up.

New Volunteer Coordinator: Sherry Thomas President-Elect

Sherry reported that Gillian Perlinski will be the new volunteer coordinator on campus. Gillian will organize volunteers for specific events.

Membership Renewal: Amy Drachman, Financial Secretary

Amy requested that board members help her and Daryl Worobow, VP of Membership, by contacting members via phone who have yet to renew to increase outreach efforts.

Alternate Revenue Streams: Chazzan Cliff Abramson

Chazzan Abramson challenged the board to think outside the box and brainstorm ways to utilize spaces and resources in the synagogue that might provide an additional revenue stream. Suggestions welcome.

Additionally, Chazzan Abramson asked that if anyone knows someone who is ill or needs pastoral care, please let Tina know so she can immediately contact him for a visit or a phone call.

High Holy Days 2023

DATE	SERVICE/PROGRAM	TIME
Sept 9	Selichot	7:00pm
Sept 15	Erev Rosh HaShanah*	7:30pm
Sept 16	Rosh HaShanah morning service 1*	10:30am
	Family Rosh HaShanah Experience (at Phillippi Estate Park)	4:00pm
	Tashlich Together (at Phillippi Estate Park)	5:00pm
Sept 17	Rosh HaShanah morning service 2	10:30am
Sept 24	Kol Nidre*	7:30pm
Sept 25	Yom Kippur morning service*	10:30am
	Family Yom Kippur Experience	1:30pm
	Yom Kippur Afternoon service	4:30pm
	Yom Kippur Yizkor service	5:00pm
	N'ilah and Havdalah	5:30pm
	Break the Fast	6:30pm
Sept 29	Erev Shabbat and Erev Sukkot service	6:00pm
Sept 30	Sukkot morning service (Sinai Men's Club and Women of Sinai participation)	10:30am
	Sukkot kiddush luncheon sponsored by Sinai Men's Club and Women of Sinai	12:00pm
Oct 7	Shemini Atzeret Yizkor service	10:30am
	Consecration service and Simchat Torah Celebration	5:30pm

**These services require tickets to attend in person and are also available on
livestream.*



Upcoming Featured EVENTS

Synagogue-wide
**High Holy Days
Food Drive**

Monday, September 25

Receive an empty shopping bag on Rosh HaShanah and bring it back filled with non-perishable foods on Yom Kippur

Your donations will benefit
ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK

Questions? Contact:
Judy Feldman,
judyfeldmantx@comcast.net or
Patty Schreiber,
pattyschreiber@comcast.net



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**Selichot
SERVICE
and Program**

SARASOTA
JEWISH
THEATRE
Stimulating the Heart and Mind

Saturday
September 9
7:00pm - 9:30pm



Inspirational Selichot service followed by a rehearsed reading of "The Rest of the Story" by the Sarasota Jewish Theater. Discussion led by Rabbi Emeritus Geoff Hunting.

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**SINAI
SOLOS
ROSH HASHANAH
LUNCHEON** at

TEMPLE SINAI

MARINA JACK
2 Marina Plaza
Sarasota



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 1:30PM

EMAIL GAIL GLICKMAN TO RSVP:
GLICKMANDANCE@GMAIL.COM

TEMPLE SINAI PRESENTS
**FAMILY ROSH
HASHANAH
EXPERIENCE**

For ALL AGES!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16

PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK
5500 S TAMiami TRAIL, SARASOTA

4:00PM - 5:00PM

FREE FAMILY FUN!

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Upcoming Featured EVENTS

TASHLICH 2023

Saturday, September 16
5:00pm - 7:30pm

Traditional Tashlich ceremony at Phillippi Estate Park
5500 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

FREE!

FOOD TRUCKS | CRAFTS | TASHLICH | SHOFAR BLOW AND MORE
B.Y.O.S.
(Bring Your Own Shofar)

Bring folding chairs or blanket and a shofar if you have one!

Free and open to the community thanks to our generous sponsors

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It's Better to be Better

A Yom Kippur Family Experience

Yom Kippur 2023/5784

September 25
1:30pm - 2:00pm
4631 S Lockwood Ridge Road
Sarasota

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N'ILAH, HAVDALAH AND BREAK THE FAST

Monday, Sept 25 beginning at 5:30pm

BREAK THE FAST BUFFET WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SERVICES

Break the Fast generously sponsored by Sammy Hyde in memory of Dr. Herman Finkelstein, Bess Finkelstein and Sheila Mallow Finkelstein.

TEMPLE SINAI - 4631 S. LOCKWOOD RIDGE RD.

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Rosh Chodesh Elul

September

Thursday 28 11:00am - 12:00pm

A TIME FOR RENEWAL!
Come and learn Jewish-inspired yoga taught by Claudia Cleary. Join us to celebrate and learn together. Bethany Leinweber will begin and end the program with us.

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Anniversary: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl'
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Anniversary: Gillian and Chester 'Pearl'
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THANK YOU

CONDOLENCES AND YAHREZEITS

WE REMEMBER THEM

Roberta Bachenheimer on the death of her husband Frank Bachenheimer, who passed away on August 1, 2023.

Jean Andriesse in memory of Judy Maggie Andriesse.

Marilyn and Paul Blankman in memory of Morris Naselow.

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Gail and Ronald Schimel in memory of Louis Schimel and Sam Springer.

Paula Spitalny in memory of Carol Brock.

Janet Tolbert in memory of Jack Tolbert.

Zichronam Livracha
May their memories be for a blessing.

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