

The Shofar's Voice



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Rabbi Sam Waidenbaum

From the Rabbi's Desk

As we approach the High Holydays, (the Yamim Noraim), many thoughts and issues are on our minds.

Some of those pertain to our personal circumstances, and some pertain to Jewish concerns. For us, the world we live in and the lives we lead, seem to be more challenging and complex, almost every year.

The Jewish season that we are in, helps to both address the reality of our lives, and to look with hope to a better future. Our tradition instructs us, that the month of Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah, is a time for Cheshbon HaNefesh, (stocktaking). We even blow the Shofar the entire month of Elul, in order to make exactly that point,

We are supposed to review the past year, our accomplishments and our disappointments, and make amends for those errors for which we can, and plan to do better in the coming year. For many of us, this means reviewing our personal relationships, both family and friends, and seeking forgiveness for all shortcomings. There are some Jews, who take this process so seriously, that they make lists of people whom they have offended! Our tradition also teaches that we cannot expect G-d to forgive our misdeeds, until we have granted forgiveness to our fellow human beings!

There is a link between our relationship with G-d and our relationships with others! Unfortunately, it appears that no matter what we Jews may do, there will always be those who have no use for us! In its most extreme forms, anti-Semitism will always be a challenge, both in America and with The State of Israel. Just think back at the attacks on our Synagogues this past year, and those that were killed. There is little that we can do to eliminate anti-Semitism entirely, but we must work tirelessly to mitigate its effects!

Closer to home, we may be concerned about the future of our Jewish community, at B'nai Israel. It is no secret that our membership is aging and is not being replaced by younger families moving into our area. It is impossible to manufacture Jews; we need to develop new approaches to making our congregation and community more vibrant and attractive, to Jews not in our immediate vicinity.

The most critical element, to me, of this season, is the real possibility for change.

We humans are not all-powerful, but we are not powerless. G-d has given us amazing gifts of intellect and heart, and we can use these gifts and our talents to shape our future. Just look at what we have accomplished this year: the selling of soups, improved attendance at services, our outstanding concert and most recently our second conversion class joining our congregation.

As has been stated - The past is history, the future is a mystery, but today is a gift – that's why it is called The Present.

May our actions toward our family, friends, coworkers and colleagues, create better relationships, and may our concerns for our community near and far, give us hope for stronger bonds, and greater safety and security.

Shana Tova from Susan and myself, wishes for a healthy, happy, and a peaceful New Year.

With much affection,
Rabbi Sam



President's Message, September 2019

To My Fellow Congregants:

The memories of the 120th Anniversary Concert resonated with significant donations received during August from synagogue alumni, the Emmer Foundation, Vigodsky and the Kichler families in recognition of the widely acclaimed community event.

For B'nai Israel congregation, the passing of the solemn rituals of the Ninth of Av were followed by two events signifying renewal and growth.

The first was Mitzvah day on August 18th that saw an outpouring of synagogue members and friends, current and past leaders led by Kate Lollar, Faye Rosenbaum, Marci and Ross Goodman and Rabbi Waidenbaum to clean the shul of excess materials, straighten out the library, collect aged liturgical books and materials for burial in our cemetery. More than 20 people lent their time and effort to accomplish this enormous task in the matter of a few hours. Special thanks are due to Gene and Joe Rosenbaum of Southern Scrap who donated a dumpster for the collection and removal of waste material and scrap that had accumulated. Excess instructional materials and supplies were set aside for donation to local area pre-school programs.

The second 'mitzvah' was the completion on August 25th of conversion by four new members of B'nai Israel at the Montgomery, Alabama Beth Din Mikveh. Mazal tov to Elizabeth Cahela, Angela and Eric Koury and Antonio Martin, as well as Rabbi Waidenbaum for direction of the eight-month program. Their entry into the minyan was honored with Aliyot on the first shabbat after going to the mikvah.

The month of Elul 5779 culminates in Rosh Hashanah, Tishrei 5780 in the Jewish Calendar. It begins a period of reflection, renewal and introspection of one's deeds during the past year. On September 21st, a special Slichot ceremony will be held at the synagogue as we prepare for the High Holidays. Erev Rosh Hashanah begins on September 29, followed by services on September 30th and October 1st. The synagogue is offering kosher lunches for those interested on the two days of Rosh Hashanah. Please contact the synagogue office to sign up.

Sunday, September 22nd, a special congregation meeting will be held at 10:00 am concerned with synagogue security. We anticipate receiving word shortly following the Labor Day holiday on the possible award of a FEMA non-profit security grant that was filed on May 3rd. Notwithstanding, and in view of recent events, both in Pensacola and nationally, we deemed it appropriate to hold a training and information program before the onset of the High Holy Days. The proposed content will be presented and discussed at the board meeting on September 10th. As a special inducement, a bagel and lox brunch will be served to attendees at the special meeting on September 22nd.

Karen Feirman, chair of the Ritual Committee and Rabbi Waidenbaum, have prepared a package of information on the schedule of services and Aliyot available for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Also available are entries in the Yizkor memorial booklet honoring departed parents, relatives and loved ones. That information will be in the mail for your review and response to solicitations following the Labor Day holiday.

We are also including in the package a special appeal for a new additional memorial board for the sanctuary. We have run out of space, and urgently require an additional memorial board. The estimated cost of the additional memorial board, inclusive of installation cost, is approximately \$12,000. Given responses from synagogue alumni during the 120th Anniversary weekend, we anticipate including those individuals and families in the appeal solicitation.

Finally, in preparation for the High Holy Days, the board is undertaking several projects that will brighten both the vestibule in the main entrance on Ninth Avenue, facilities and the Sanctuary.

My Thanks to the Congregation. See you in shul.

Jerry Gordon
President

A Message from Kate Lollar

Shalom y'all,

Mitzvah Day was a huge success! We had 25 people helping to clean our synagogue in preparation for the High Holidays. A big thanks to all of you!

Speaking of High Holidays, I have planned the menus out for both days of Rosh Hashanah lunches. Still needs a little fine tweaking. I'll post both menus on our Facebook page and you will also be getting an email. You will also be getting a menu for our holiday challahs. We're making round challahs and traditional challahs. Of course, we'll have raisin challah but we will also be making apple cinnamon challahs too. The order forms should be coming out soon.

I know a lot of you are wondering when I'm going to start posting recipes. Well today's your lucky day.

BEST EVER CHICKEN SALAD

INGREDIENTS

4 lbs chicken parts (bone-in, skin-on thighs and breasts work well) (You'll need about 4 cups)
2 tbsp olive oil
1 cup seedless grapes, halved (red and green varieties are great)
1 cup almonds, thinly sliced
2 celery ribs, chopped
3 scallions, thinly sliced (white and green parts)
2 tbsp fresh dill, chopped
1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1 tsp Kosher salt (start with 1/2 teaspoon, then add more, to taste)
Freshly ground pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 350°F
Rub the olive oil all over the chicken pieces and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, or until internal temp reaches 165°F using an instant-read thermometer.
Remove the chicken from the oven and let cool. Remove the skin then pull the meat from the bones and roughly chop.
In a large bowl, mix together the chicken, grapes, almonds, celery, scallions, dill, & parsley.
In a small-medium bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, lemon, mustard, salt and pepper.
Add the mayo/mustard mixture to the chicken mixture and gently stir until well mixed.
Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least an hour.
Serve on a bed of greens with sliced tomatoes and avocado. Or, serve on bread with green leaf lettuce. Add more toppings to your taste! I've made this salad several times with rave reviews.

So as I come to close, let me leave you with an old Jewish proverb;
They tried to kill us, we won, let's eat!

Shalom and see you at the gogue!

Kate



Mitzvah Day

Mitzvah Day, Sunday August 18th was a huge success! Because of the large turnout we were able to accomplish more than we ever dreamed of doing in one day let alone two hours! We thank each and every one of you who volunteered your time and labor to make this a productive and memorable occasion! Hearty thanks for a job well done go to:

Karen Feirman and Kate Lollar for arranging the event

Rabbi Sam

Jerry Gordon

Drs. Barry & Lori Ripps and Lori's Mother, Molly

Dr. Scott Rickoff

Jerri Mobley

Robin & Nathan Lew (Karen Feirman's parents)

Alan Shemaria

Josie & Norman Roberts

Marci & Ross Goodman

Pat Langnau

Ron Miller

Phyllis Bearman

Shelly Landau

Paul Unterweger

and last, but not least, Gene, Faye & Joe Rosenbaum as individuals and through their business, Southern Scrap, for providing a large capacity dumpster for us to use. THANK YOU!



B'nai Israel High Challahdays

Help support the B'nai Israel Kosher Kitchen and order your Challahs for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



L'Shana Tovah



Rosh Hashanah: Challahs are available to be picked up on Friday, September 27 between 10am and 1pm and Sunday, September 29 between 10am and 12pm.

Yom Kippur: Challahs are available to be picked up on Monday, October 7 between 10am and 1pm and Tuesday, October 8 between 10am and 12pm.

Prices:

Round Challah-\$12 Plain, Raisin, or Apple Cinnamon

Traditional Braided Challah-\$10

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Rosh Hashanah Order:

Round Challahs: _____ x \$12 = _____ Total

Plain # _____ Raisin # _____ Apple Cinnamon # _____

Traditional Challah: _____ x \$10 = _____ Total

Pick-up date Rosh Hashanah: _____

Yom Kippur Order:

Round Challahs: _____ x \$12 = _____ Total

Plain # _____ Raisin # _____ Apple Cinnamon # _____

Traditional Challah: _____ x \$10 = _____ Total

Pick-up date Yom Kippur: _____

Please drop off your order form to the B'nai Israel office or call the synagogue to place your order 850.433.7311.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2019

B'nai Israel invites you to join us for the High Holiday Season 2019/5780. More details can be found on our [website](#). Our annual High Holiday letter will be in your mailbox soon. Please be on the lookout for more High Holiday information.

Aliyot for the High Holidays

It is an honor to participate in any service, but especially to have an Aliyah during the High Holidays. What is an Aliyah you might ask? An Aliyah, simply translated, an honor to be called upon. We will have several opportunities throughout the holidays for you to have an Aliyah or to give an Aliyah to someone as an honor. More information on aliyot will be included in our annual High Holiday letter mentioned above; however, it is not too soon to begin thinking about aliyot and ways to honor and giveback to the shul in appreciation of aliyot.

Interested in Helping

Please consider volunteering to help make our Challahdays fundraiser a huge success. If you are interested in helping bake or cook for the holidays, please reach out to Kate Lollar, lollar@aol.com

High Holiday Food Drive

B'nai Israel will be sponsoring a High Holiday Food Drive during the 2019 High Holiday Season. We will have a box for your food donations located in the lobby as you enter the main sanctuary. Please bring your donations Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur, or during the week.

Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

Join your B'nai Israel family for a wonderful luncheon following services on September 30 and October 1. This is our third year of offering the opportunity to have lunch with the Rabbi and the rest of the congregation. If the luncheon is anything like the Seder, you are in for a fantastic menu that is delicious. The cost of lunch each day is \$35 per person and free for active duty military. Please contact the synagogue office to make your reservations by September 15, 2019.

B'nai Israel Shofar Blowing Auditions: Are you our next Shofar Blower?

Have you ever wanted to blow the Shofar? Do you have a talent you have not shared? We are looking for a Shofar blower for the High Holiday Services and throughout the month of Elul. Please contact the Rabbi, help@bnaisraelpensacola.org to share your interest and schedule your audition.

2019 High Holidays Service Schedule

All services will be held in the Main Sanctuary other than Shabbat

S'lichot

Sat Sep 21	7:23 pm	Shabbat ends
	7:25 pm	Havdalah Service
	7:30 pm	S'lichot (Forgiveness)

Rosh Hashanah

Sun Sep 29	6:25 pm	Lighting candles in the Synagogue
	6:30 pm	1 st night Erev Rosh Hashanah

Mon Sep 30	9:00 am	1 st Day Rosh Hashanah
	11:00 am	Shofar Blowing
	11:15 am	Rabbi's Sermon
		Luncheon after services conclude
	6:30 pm	2 nd night Rosh Hashanah

Tue Oct 1	9:00 am	2 nd Day Rosh Hashanah
	11:00 am	Shofar Blowing
	11:15 am	Rabbi's Sermon
		Luncheon after services conclude

Shabbat / Kever Avot / Tashlich

Fri Oct 4	6:13 pm	Candle lighting time
	7:00 pm	Friday night Services

Sat Oct 5	9:30 am	Shabbat Shuva (Shabbat of Return)
	7:05 pm	Shabbat ends

Sun Oct 6	10:00 am	Kever Avot (visiting our loved ones) at B'nai Israel Cemetery and the burial of the Shaymot (old & frayed Holy books)
	11:00 am	Tashlich at Bayview Park

Yom Kippur

Tue Oct 8	5:30 pm	Erev Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre
Wed Oct 9	9:00 am	Yom Kippur Shacharit
	11:00 am	Rabbi's Sermon
	11:15 am	Yizkor
	Break 1:30 pm – 4:55 pm	
	5:00 pm	Yom Kippur Mincha
	6:00 pm	N'ilah
	7:00 pm	End of Yom Kippur & Break the Fast

Shabbat

Fri Oct 11	6:04 pm	Candle lighting time
	7:00 pm	Friday night services

Sat Oct 12	9:30 am	Shabbat services
	6:57 pm	Shabbat ends

Sukkot

Sun Oct 13	6:00 pm	1 st Night Erev Sukkot
Mon Oct 14	9:30 am	1 st Day Sukkot (Hallel, Lulav & Etrog)
	6:00 pm	2 nd Night Sukkot
Tue Oct 15	9:30 am	2 nd Day Sukkot (Hallel, Lulav & Etrog)

Shabbat

Fri Oct 18	5:57 pm	Candle lighting time
	7:00 pm	Friday night services

Sat Oct 19	9:30 am	Shabbat services
	6:50 pm	Shabbat ends

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Sun Oct 20	6:00 pm	Erev Shemini Atzeret
Mon Oct 21	9:30 am	Shemini Atzeret
	11:00 am	Rabbi's Sermon
	11:15 am	Yizkor
	6:30 pm	Simchat Torah Hakafot (Dancing with the Torah)
Tue Oct 22	9:30 am	Simchat Torah
	6:47 pm	Festival of Sukkot ends



September 2019 Birthdays

- 1 Lori Ripps
- 2 Jerry Gordon
- 3 Chuck Dandeleit
- 7 Erik Lollar
- 8 Hannah Ripps
- 12 Maytal Baurberg
- 23 Mitch Goldstein
- 27 Micha Rosenbaum



September 2019 Anniversaries

- 2 Carol & Roy Masters

Yahrzeits

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now a part of us; as we remember them.

September 2019 Yahrzeits

- Sep 8 / 8 Elul Rose Lefkowitz Levin
- Sep 11 / 11 Elul Jenice Glatt
- Sep 16 / 16 Elul David Jacob Feinberg
- Sep 17 / 17 Elul Bracha Baurberg
- Sep 18 / 18 Elul Dorothy Bearman
- Sep 18 / 18 Elul Stacy Swartz
- Sep 18 / 18 Elul Estelle Kapner
- Sep 26 / 26 Elul Gertrude Feinberg

Zichronam livracha- May their memories be for a blessing. Amen.

DONATIONS FROM THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE
THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS!

Donations in Memory of Beverly & Marvin Kaiman

Barbara & Phil Immer
Dr. Scott & Faye Rickoff
Anonymous
Jay and David Kaiman

Donation in Memory of Elizabeth Lain

Josie & Norman Roberts

Donations to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Mitch Goldstein in memory of his beloved Father, Arthur Goldstein, z'l
Jerri Mobley in memory of her beloved Mother, Elizabeth Lain, z'l
Capt. Mark Robinson
Delores Livingston

Donation to the Building Maintenance Fund

Dr. Charles & Shirley Kraselsky in memory of Evelyn Goodman, z'l

Donation to the Oneg/Kiddush Fund

Robin & Nathan Lew

Donations to the General Fund

Adrian Kichler
Keith Stimmell

Candle Lighting Times for Pensacola, Florida

Calendar of Events: September 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rosh Chodesh Elul	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6 6:48p Candle Lighting 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	7 Shoftim 9:30a Shacharit 7:55p Havdalah
8	9	10	11	12	13 6:39p Candle Lighting 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	14 Ki Teitzei 9:30a Shacharit 7:46p Havdalah
15	16	17	18	19	20 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	21 Ki Tavo 9:30a Shacharit 7:37p Havdalah
22	23	24	25	26	27 6:21p Candle Lighting 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	28 Nitzavim 9:30a Shacharit 7:28p Havdalah
29 Erev Rosh Hashana 6:19p Candle Lighting	30 Rosh Hashana Tashlich 7:18p Candle Lighting	1 Rosh Hashana 7:24p Havdalah	2 Fast of Gedalia	3	4 6:13p Candle Lighting 7:00p Mincha/Maariv	5 Shabbat Shuva Vayeilech 9:30a Shacharit 7:20p Havdalah
						6 Tishrei 6

Monthly Announcements:

- We encourage everyone to join, like and follow the B’Nai Israel Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/BnaisraelPensacola/>
- Oneg and Kiddush sponsorships are available for September and October, please call the office if you are interested in sponsoring a Kiddush or Oneg.
- If you have not attended Friday night or Shabbat morning services recently, you are missing out. Please join us every Shabbat for a wonderful Shabbos experience.
- It is time to place your order for your Lulav and Etrog. More information on ordering will be emailed out soon.

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