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From The Rabbi

Chag Sameach! Even if I don't know exactly what day you will read this, chances are another holiday will be happening or around the corner. That's the way the month of Tishrei thrills us. Yet this year, with all of the health precautions, I know many of you will be unable to attend in person. We had a lovely showing in person throughout Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur and everyone respected our policies and practices to minimize any risk. Looking at our livestream feeds, however, I know that hundreds of people were watching the services from home.

As a rabbi, I am, of course, of two minds on this. In an ideal world with no health crisis or other stressors in life, I would encourage and expect everyone to be in a pew, shoulder to shoulder, drawing strength from being among so many dedicated to the ways of our faith and people. This physical reminder of the community is incredibly powerful and always inspires me. Watching services from a distance lacks this beautiful aspect.

However, we do not live in an ideal world and we face new stressors of family needs, employment worries and more in addition to health concerns. Thank God we have the technology, and the community wisdom to invest in it, to provide better access to those who cannot be physically in the building as much as they want.

Although I would never say home participation is better than being there in person if you have that option, I have been struck in my conversations with congregants at how effective it has been at maintaining a sense of community and fellowship. As Jews we have always believed we have a bond to our brothers and sisters around the world. This has inspired movements to free Soviet Jews, rescue Ethiopian Jews, defend Israeli Jews and to give tzedakah to Jews everywhere. This care for others has made the use of this technology much easier for us than it would be for others. If you found yourself tuning in and feeling a bond, do not be surprised; this is your heritage working its miracle on you. May we keep that bond through every channel at our disposal through the holidays, shabbats and other sacred moments to come.

L'Shalom
Rabbi Joshua Neely



From Your Education VP

Greetings Temple Israel Family!

Shana Tova! I'm so happy to report some of the exciting things going on at our beloved MAGAL School. As we head into the 5th year at the Meitin Alliance for Growth and Learning we are blessed to be led by the dynamic duo of Rabbi Joshua Neely and Cantor Kim Singer who continue to lead our kids at our collaborative school. As some may know, last year we were joined by kids from Congregation Beth Am, and several have returned again for 2020-2021. Recently the Heritage published an article extolling the innovative techniques Rabbi Neely & Cantor Kim are using "for their hybrid model". To read the article in full click this link www.heritagefl.com/home/customer_files/special_sections/issue_08-07-20.pdf It was fantastic to be able to share with the Central Florida Jewish Community how amazing our school is! The older children can attend in person or virtually on Wednesdays and the rooms have been reconfigured for social distancing for safety. Sundays all grades attend virtual Zoom classes. I heard from at least one parent that their child really enjoys being able to interact with their MAGAL friends again. Not only do we continue to educate the kids in Hebrew and prayer but also a variety of electives to keep things fun as well as educational. And speaking of electives, if you have a special skill you want to share in a half hour class let us know! We would love to have you and the kids would love to learn! Right now the focus is on Sukkot and our 1st graders have already created amazing Sukkah photo frames, just one of many amazing projects. See an example pictured on page 5.

We are lucky to have a new Youth Chair, Joseph Berrios, who is leading our Kadima and USYers. If your child hasn't joined yet or you would like to be a part of the Youth Commission (USY PTA) let us know, the more the merrier. Although virtual, there are lots of fun things to do together.

No one could have anticipated a year quite like this, but at MAGAL and in TI Youth we're still learning and having fun!

Fondly,

Mollie Savage, Education VP



High Holiday Pledge

Thank you to our Temple family for your High Holiday pledge.

Your pledge is representative of so much more than your donation. As we take stock of our lives, our thoughts naturally turn to the legacy we will pass on to future generations. Your pledge represents your commitment to make certain Temple Israel and its traditions are handed down not only to those who are with us today, but also to those who will come after us.

Now more than ever, due to the challenges of Covid-19 and consequently losing two of our tenants, your donations sustain our programming and physical campus. Also due to these circumstances we are updating our web site to improve communication with our membership and the community.

As you are making your donation, know that we have begun to use the 2019 FEMA Security Grant to install new video and sound systems to enhance your experience and safety on campus in the Rein Sanctuary, Savage Family Chapel, Roth Social Hall and Harriett's Kitchen, and on livestream. You will also see the Grant being utilized to harden our office and side entries, add a new exterior lock system including fobs, new alarm system, new security cameras inside and out and secondary door at the office entrance for package delivery and extra surveillance.

Any type of donation makes all the difference! Please email us, go directly to the web site, www.tiflorida.org/high-holiday-pledges/ or call the office with your pledge.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu v'teichateimu!

"A good year, and may you be inscribed and sealed (for blessing in the Book of Life)."

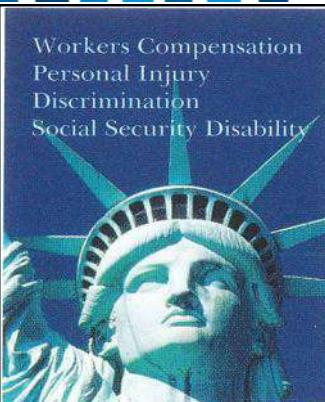


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Sneakers That Fit

Dear Friends,

As you know, dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic is a constant challenge. This challenge is a test of our flexibility and willingness to accept change. For this year's **Sneakers That Fit** fundraiser in memory of Dr. Barry Levin, there are changes we must accommodate as well. This year, more than ever, we need to make a concerted effort to provide the shoes and socks for our recipients. Many parents are out of work. Putting food on the table and paying the rent is taking precedence over buying a pair of shoes that fit a child's growing feet. As we have heard repeatedly from the schools and organizations served, Sneakers That Fit fills a most basic, necessary need. Many of our recipients are victims of homelessness and other difficult living situations, receive food support, and are in basic survival mode most of the time. Once a year, members of Temple Israel, CRJ, Congregation Beth Am, and Temple Shir Shalom graciously donate money or new shoes, the shoes are delivered, we have made the holidays more special for those in need, and the project is finished until next year. But the need goes on.

This year, the Sneakers That Fit program is facing its own challenge. Due to the Covid-19 situation, we will NOT be encouraging anyone to go into a store and shop. We are NOT encouraging the collection and sorting of shoes that have been handled. We are also NOT going to be able to collect and deliver during the normal time frame as the school year calendar may be shifted in order to keep students, staff, and families healthy and safe. But we are NOT giving in to this challenge! The project will go on, and we will reach our goal!

How will we do this? This year we are beginning the **Sneakers That Fit** project immediately! In lieu of shoe and sock donations from you, we will only be able to accept cash, check, or credit card donations.

Our goal is to raise approximately \$7,000 to fulfill the need for 300-350 pairs of shoes. Every monetary donation is used exclusively for purchasing new sneakers and socks. We have no other expenses. Business and corporate sponsorships of \$200 or more are welcome. We hope to reach our goal no later than October 31, 2020. Every dollar counts.

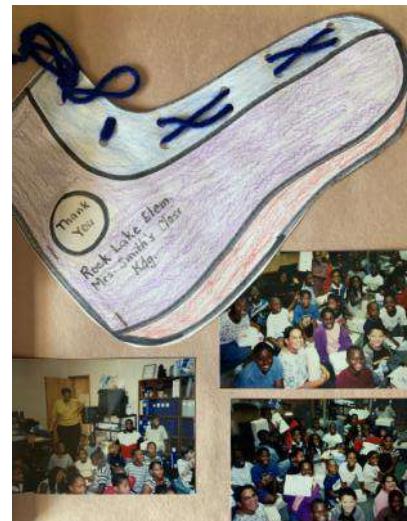
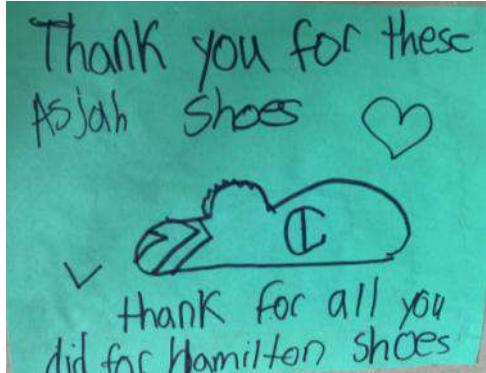
Donations can be made directly at www.crjorlando.org/payment.php by selecting Sneakers That Fit Fund under the "Type" dropdown menu or by writing a check made payable to SNEAKERS THAT FIT and mailing it directly to:

Congregation of Reform Judaism
928 Malone Drive
Orlando, FL 32810

With gratitude and appreciation,
Pamela Levin, Sneakers That Fit Chairperson
Emily Raij, Temple Israel Ma'asim Tovim Chair



Check out this video about the program <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn9yEQbKuEI&feature=youtu.be>.



MAGAL 2020-21 NEWS!

- * MAGAL 2020-2021 Registration is available now!
tiflorida.org/magal-online-registration-form/
- * The Little Free Library needs supply donations.
October: Books and dry goods.
place donations in plastic container in the LFL.



Google Slides grades 4-5 works on with Ms. Eliana



Mitzvah wheel and Sukkah photo frame
grades K-1 with Ms. Tricia.

Upcoming Adult Education Programs

- * 10/16 @ 6pm: "Whose Holy Land?: Archaeology Meets Geopolitics in Today's Middle East" Presented by Dr Ken Hanson in Zoom
- * 10/18 @10 am: Introduction to State & Religion in Israel within the Masorti Movement
- * 11/22: Rabbi Andrew Sacks - Head of the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel and Rabbi Peretz Rodman the head of the Conversion Beit Din in Israel

Zoom invitations will be sent out following registration for events.

Contact Natan Brener for more details natanbrener@gmail.com



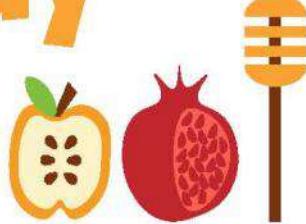
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High Holiday Hope Drive



September 1 - October 15, 2020

Shana Tova! Join us in celebrating the Jewish New Year by **raising hope through tzedakah** (acts of charity). During the COVID-19 pandemic, families across Greater Orlando are in need of hope now more than ever. Your donation to JFS Orlando will support hope-giving programs that **provide relief to families** during these difficult times, like the Pearlman Emergency Food Pantry where

\$50 feeds a family for a week!

To donate, visit www.JFSorlando.org/HHhopedrive or mail to
Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc.

The George & Madeline Wolly Center
2100 Lee Road, Winter Park, FL 32789

For our community...for a good year.



Jews In the Land of Disney: The Share family volunteerism passed down l'dor v'dor

July 31, 2020



Adrian and Geanne Share

"It's a clean diesel electric train, with beautiful interiors, with great comfort and amenities, and obsessive attention to the customer experience. Entering our stations is similar to the experience of entering the lobby of a luxury hotel," Adrian said. He is now commuting to Las Vegas every week as his attention has shifted to bringing a high-speed line from Southern California to Las Vegas. Juggling his time last year between work and synagogue, Adrian is the past-president of Temple Israel, Winter Springs.

Volunteerism is a powerful thing. Winston Churchill once said, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." There are many benefits to volunteering and Geanne's parents understood this. They taught their children to give of themselves, and they recognized that giving is a way to act from empathy. They knew that by giving back you not only enrich other's lives, but it's also a powerful way to enrich your life as well.

The essence of volunteering incorporates solidarity, reciprocity, mutual trust, belonging and empowerment. And the Shares will attest that their work has contributed to the quality of their lives.

Geanne grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts. "My parents met during World War II at Ft. Riley, Kansas. My father was head of U.S. Army Criminal Intelligence and my mother was his secretary. My mother spoke five languages, which was useful working in the intelligence agency, but who knew? They fell in love. She was Catholic, born in Tacoma, Washington, and my father, who was Jewish, was born in Boston. My mother's family had immigrated from Northern Italy and my father's family from Lithuania. They had a civil wedding but eventually my mother, who was a very spiritual person, converted prior to my parents starting a family. I'm the youngest. I have two older brothers - Robert and Paul Snyder."

Adrian and Geanne Share came to the Orlando area in 1998. "My husband's an engineer whose passion is to see high-speed rail built in the U.S., and we came to Florida for that purpose. He's spent 20 years on different attempts to bring high-speed passenger service between Miami and Orlando. He led the engineering for the system that is being built between Orlando and Miami by Brightline, and oversaw the construction of the first phase between Miami and West Palm Beach that is temporarily shut down due to Covid-19," Geanne said.

The train from Orlando to Miami will travel up to 125 mph, it will take approximately three hours to get from Orlando to Miami. The cost will be between driving and flying.

Geanne's father was a meat broker and invested in real estate in the Boston area. Both her mother and father had a tremendous influence in her life as it relates to making a difference in a community through volunteerism. Her parents were very philanthropic and she takes after them.

"My parents were involved in everything. I remember times when people like Henry 'Scoop' Jackson, Sarah Caldwell, Joan Sutherland, Arthur Fiedler, Leo Alexander, and many rabbis and priests came to the house for dinner or coffee."

Geanne's parents helped found The Association of Performing Arts - Boston. Her mother is also a lifetime president and founder of the Hull Chapter of Hadassah. "They made me who I am today. This is one of the reasons I volunteer. L'dor, V'dor - from generation to generation. I'm very much like my parents."

Geanne certainly stays busy. She has been actively involved in Temple Israel, Winter Springs for over two decades. She is the comptroller, serves on the board of directors, is involved in the Security, Budget/Finance, and the Ritual committee.

In addition to her roles at Temple Israel, she is past president of Kinneret Apartments and Kinneret Council on Aging. Kinneret Apartments is an affordable 300-unit apartment for seniors and offers amenities and social activities that enhance the life of its residents. "My mother was a resident, and during that time over 10 years ago, I was asked to be on the board. My family has been actively involved and my daughter, Olivia, is serving on the board today. The Kinneret Council on Aging does the programming for the residents."

Geanne also serves on the board for the Jewish Pavilion. The Jewish Pavilion enhances the life of residents living in over 70 independent, assisted-living and skilled-nursing facilities throughout Central Florida. Geanne helps with visitation, Shabbat services, musicales, educational courses and other programs that help make seniors live enriched, fuller lives. Their purpose, "To see smiles on the faces of seniors!" Again, her family, including her mother, have been actively involved.

Making it a family affair, Geanne serves on the board of directors of the Jewish Federation representing the Jewish Pavilion and her daughter is on the board representing Kinneret Apartments.

Geanne is actively involved on the JCRC, as stated on their website: The Jewish Community Relations Council, a part of the Jewish Federation, is the leading advocate for the Greater Orlando Jewish community, engaging in important policy discussions and ensuring that our voices are amplified. JCRC is one of 125 in the nation that form the grassroots of the national umbrella organization, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

In addition to Jewish organizations Geanne has been actively involved in The Morning Star School. For 15 years she headed the volunteers for the annual fashion show. She has also been actively involved in the Orlando Ballet and served on its board for 13 years. And is currently vice-chair of the Timuqua Arts Foundation of Orlando.

What motivates someone to give of themselves in this way? Perhaps it's a desire to fulfill tikun olam, repairing the world, or perhaps committing oneself for the betterment of others is fulfilling unto itself. Geanne's parents set an example of what's important in life. She not only has made her parents proud, but she's taught her children - Angela, Ben and Olivia - what her parents taught her. As a cancer survivor, Geanne knows that doing things for others is the best thing one can do for themselves.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

If you find yourself sheltering in place with extra time on your hands, we would love to hear from you! Temple Israel is always looking for volunteers and you don't have to leave home to make a difference.

Contact Bonnie in the office for the many ways you can help your Temple Israel family.
Email manager@tiflorida.org or call (407) 647-3055

A Special High Holiday Thank You

High Holidays Ushers: Gary Berg, Joseph Berrios, Natan Brener, Judi Chisdes, Michelle Gil, Eric Hoffman, Bernie Kahn, Hugh Rosenblum, Steve Sesit & Geanne Share

Carol Albert for donating and making Break Fast Goodie bags

Judi Chisdes & Charlene Neely for cleaning and polishing our silver

High Holidays Service Leaders: Will Berg, Susan Bernstein, Judi Chisdes, Bernie Kahn, Bob Kaplan, Debbie Meitin

Our Shofar Corps: Larry Gutter & Harry Rein

Bimah Flowers Chair & Committee: Emely Katz and Jan Suberman

Laurence Morrell & The Cemetery Committee for the donation and planting of new plants in front of our building.

A special thank you to everyone involved in making our High Holidays happen. It takes countless people to make our holiday successful in a normal year. Under these extraordinary circumstances our Temple Israel family came together and stepped up to make sure we had a safe and meaningful Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you did not see your name listed specifically, please know you are still appreciated.

October Birthdays

1	Aryana Rosenblum	10	Harry Rein	23	Horace Dawson
1	Fayge Cohen	12	Judith Cope	25	Stephanie Shapiro
1	Sydney Adelman	14	Emely Katz	26	Harold Plessner
1	Jim Clark	16	Sara Conway	26	Arlene Van De Rijn
2	Andrew Feinberg	17	Pamela Foxman	27	Alma Korshak
4	Jackson Buchberg	18	Sima Feldberg	29	Steven Sesit
6	Ruth Donenfeld	19	David Share	30	Lori Pearson-Wise
6	Trippe Kauffman	20	Lynn Fenster	30	Laurence Morrell
7	Scott Michaud	21	Rebecca Kauffman	31	Phyllis Bell
9	Rosalyn Sitron	23	Chester Herman	31	Gail Coverman

October Anniversaries

16	Dr. Robert & Fabienne Kaplan	29	Rabbi Joshua & Penelope Neely
23	Jerry & Susan Roth	30	Bernard & Rosalind Weinstein
26	Dr. Richard Knapp & Susan Lackman		

August 2020 Donations

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Welcome to Our Sanctuary

Rules of Attendance

We need everyone to do their part of this mitzvah of protecting one another from possible exposure. No one is exempt. Please do not choose for yourself if the rules apply; they do. If you cannot comply with the policies, please continue to join us through our live streaming on the Temple Israel website. www.tiflorida.org

- If you have had symptoms or been near someone with symptoms, please stay home and seek treatment as necessary.
- If you are immunocompromised, please stay home as well.
- Everyone must properly wear a mask covering their nose and mouth at all times while at Temple Israel.
- Everyone will have their temperature checked at the door.
- Please maintain social distance at all times.
- If you use the bathroom, please use a paper towel to touch any fixtures.
- Please take a kippah from the labeled container and return to the second one.
- Pews are marked for the different days of services.
- Only sit in a pew for that day.
- Only those who live at the same address may sit in the same pew together.
- Only use books from that pew and return them there as well.
- Please refrain from shaking hands, hugging each other or other contact.
- Those called to the bimah must use sanitizer before going up and after coming down.
- Please follow all additional instructions when on the bimah.
- We will not be having oneg or kiddush meals.
- Please be patient as we implement these policies and continue to adapt to the situation.

It will be wonderful to be together again and to fill our sanctuary with the sound of prayer, Torah and community. Please work with us so we can keep our doors as open as our hearts.

Shabbat Shalom
Rabbi Joshua Neely