

Temple Hatikvah



Elul/Tishrei 5780

September/October 2020

Message from the Rabbi

Dr. Jack L. Sparks

Who ever expected that a pandemic that advocates physical distancing (not social distancing) would in fact, bring us together? One of the unexpected benefits of this virus is the introduction of Zoom into our lives. Few of us even knew of Zoom prior to March, and now it has become part of our daily lives. We as a congregation come together every Friday night with increasing numbers each week. We have reunited with former members who have moved to faraway places and once again, they are part of our lives every Friday afternoon at 5:30. We have made new

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We've got a lot going on!

HEBREW YEAR 5780

SEPTEMBER, 2020

4th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
11th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
18th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Rosh Hashana
19th	Saturday	10:00AM ZOOM	Rosh Hashana
27th	Sunday	5:30PM ZOOM	Kol Nidrei
28th	Monday	5:30PM ZOOM	Yom Kippur

OCTOBER, 2020

2nd	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
9th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
16th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
23rd	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services
30th	Friday	5:30PM ZOOM	Erev Shabbat Services

NOTE:

ALL Services via ZOOM – The same link each week.

Contact the Temple Office if you do not have the link or the Password.

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friends who join us each week as well. Our weekly averages are from 35-50 individuals on Zoom.

I refer you to Eilat's article in this bulletin for how the High Holy Days will be handled. You will see in her remarks that the Board has created every option available, and you decide whether to join us physically in the Sanctuary, or on-line via Zoom. Both options are available. Mix and match.

The words: "You Decide" also reflects the expression for you to decide on your Membership Renewal for 2020-2021, and sign up accordingly. The last 2 emails contained a Dues Membership Form, and all you need to do is "select your dues amount" and return the form via email. No money is due now, but we do need to know what our anticipated revenue is so we can budget accordingly. Monthly and quarterly billing options are available.

Finally, our Book of Memory is being finalized and many members have not yet renewed their previous ad. It's as simple as emailing our Cantor and asking her to "renew" last year's ad, or make any changes. This year's Book of Memory is also a tribute to the Synagogue 70th year serving the community of South Dade. PLEASE, help solicit ads from your business and household contacts so they can place a tribute ad (not just a memorial ad) in the same booklet. Every donor and advertiser will receive a Memory/Tribute Book in the mail after Yom Kippur.

We need to stay strong, resolute and positive. Join us every Friday night and let us keep our spirits strong together in song.

Shana Tova,

Dr. Jack L. Sparks, Rabbi



AVAILABLE for TEMPLE MEMBERS & RELATIVES

BURIAL PLOTS FOR SALE Palms-Woodlawn Cemetery 27100 Old Dixie Hwy, Naranja



The synagogue now owns multiple burial plots at Palms-Woodlawn
All in Section 5 (The Jewish section)
Greatly reduced from the current retail price

Palms-Woodlawn has served the Jewish Community since 1913
Originally called "South Dade Cemetery" later, "The Palms"
Today the cemetery proper name is:
Caballero Rivero Palms Woodlawn

**Please contact Mitch Rabin for pricing and information
LCNMitch@yahoo.com**

The best gift you can give your family is to make
your own final arrangements in advance.

The time of death is not the time for your loved-ones
to start cemetery or funeral shopping.

PLAN AHEAD!

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

Please join us for our uplifting and inspiring High Holiday services led by Rabbi Sparks and Eilat Schmalbach.



EREV ROSH HASHANAH:

Friday, September 18 at 5:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH AND SHOFAR SERVICE:

Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR:

Kol Nidrei Service:

Sunday, September 27 at 5:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR AND YIZKOR SERVICE:

Monday, September 28 at 10:00 AM

NEILAH SERVICE:

Monday, September 28 at 6:00 PM
Break the Fast (Sponsored by the Temple.)

NOTE: Services will be via ZOOM.
A few attendees can be in the Temple.

Pandemic

By Lynn Ungar

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love--

for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

"Out of an Abundance of Caution": A Prayer Amid a Pandemic

BY Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler

Out of an abundance of caution,
I'm staying home.

Out of an abundance of caution, I'm
washing my hands for at least 20 sec-
onds, sometimes singing the ABCs,
sometimes singing the itsy-bitsy spider,
and sometimes saying a prayer.

Out of an abundance of caution, I am
telling people how much I love them
every day, sometimes multiple times a
day. I can get annoying.

Out of an abundance of caution, I am
waving frantically to the stranger across
the street while I am out for my walk,
making eye-contact,
smiling and saying hello.

Out of an abundance of caution, I am not
using the expression "social distancing."

Physical distancing, yes;
social distancing, no way.

Out of an abundance of caution,
I have subscribed to a joke a day.

Out of abundance of caution, I am looking
out for people who might be stressed and
hungry for food and love
and giving more than I have before.

Out of an abundance of caution
I am paying attention more than ever
to the words of my prayers.

Out of an abundance of caution,
I have faith that love and kindness
are contagious, too.

Out of an abundance of caution, I am
telling you I am here for you, I care about
us, I need you, and I want everyone to
know we are all in this together.

Something New and Something Old

Eilat Schmalbach

We are entering a period which we cherish, the end of the summer vacation, returning to school and preparing for the High Holidays. We do it every year. There is nothing new about it. Except this year, it is all new. We begin everything virtually. No real school, no friends and co-workers in sight. we just sit in our best location at home, and try to connect with our students, our friends, our temple members. From a distance.

I love this song: “God is watching us, from a distance.” Is it the same process as our current way of communicating, from a distance? Once a year, we gather and meditate on our promises to ourselves, to our community and to God. We use words that are both ancient and new: Hear our voice - Shema kolenu, have mercy on us. We recall stories about devotion to Judaism and to God. Can we use these same texts this year, knowing that there is so much uncertainty in our otherwise stable lives?

We have a big challenge this year. We must bring in a new year, 5781, into a new reality of isolation and long distance relationships. And we are still going to use our old texts and music. In our temple, we are committed to keep every one safe. Our Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur will be offered via Zoom, with an option for a few members to

come to temple. We will not be able to enjoy a sweet apple dipped in honey in shul, but we can do it at home. We will be able to share readings and blessings, even hear the shofar, but we will do it differently.

Embrace yourselves, our friends, for something new and something old to brighten our Jewish celebrations, one service at a time.

Happy New Year, 5781, and many more, in good health and prosperity! Shanah Tovah Um'tukah to all.

Amen, Eilat

