

Temple Hatikvah



Av/Elul/Tishrei 5776 - 5777

Aug/Sept/Oct 2016

Message from the Rabbi

Dr. Jack L. Sparks

My, how the years fly past. The calendar reminds us that the High Holy Days are yet around the corner again; but they are late this year. Although I'm convinced this has to be from rabbinic text, apparently it only is from French lore: "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose." You know that phrase in English as: the more things change, the more they stay the same.

So again we face the Jewish New Year, as we have scores of times before, and we know the admonition to improve ourselves, become the best we can be, and do our best to improve the world according to G-d's plan. What is new, and what has changed? Let me tell you how your Temple is doing in that regard.

Our Board this past year has been very busy. As you know they meet monthly in a properly run (Robert's Rules) Board Meeting. But in between each monthly meeting there is much to be done, almost on a daily basis. The house committee: Steve Haber and Mitch Rabin are involved in many projects - new A/C units throughout the building, patched roof, electrical and plumbing updates, alarm and security camera improvements, and ongoing cleaning to keep our building pristine. Carol has taken the presidency to an almost fulltime position, working closely with rental tenants, opening and closing the building daily for those trades folks who need access, and dealing with matters of policy and administration. Judy Creque, our unsung hero who handles all financial matters, dedicates hours each week to produce reports, balance sheets, profit and loss statements, paying bills, invoicing members, bank deposits,

etc. If we had to pay someone for the professional services she provides we would undoubtedly have to hire a 15+ hour per week bookkeeper, if not more. She has given of herself for 25 years, and we pray for another 25 more.

So how are we doing in our 65 year old building a year later since last Rosh Hashana 2015? We are doing quite fine, thank you, due to the efforts of our Board. Our Oneg Shabbat Committee stays active, and let's not forget the Ladies of our Sisterhood? There is always a need for more help, as these volunteer Board Members have much to do. We have come a long way in the last year, but in essence, things are still very much the

same. Our membership is warm and inviting; our cantor enhances our services with her musical skills, our frequent dinners and pot lucks are lavish, and our Onegs (reception after services) are grand.

A year later, thank G-d we are alive and well and still on Campbell Drive, but it needs you to maintain and sustain us. May we live to see another year, in good health, with those we love. See you in September at Shabbat Services, and then again in October as we usher in the New Year.

Shana tova

Dr. Jack L. Sparks, Rabbi

We've got a lot going on!

HEBREW YEAR 5776 - 5777

AUGUST 2016

5th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service
13th	Saturday	8:00 PM	Bet Shira hosts community-wide Tisha B'Av Service
19th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service

SEPTEMBER 2016

9th	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service
23rd	Friday	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service

OCTOBER 2016

2nd	Sunday	7:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashana
3rd	Monday	10:00 AM	Rosh Hashana
11th	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Kol Nidre
12th	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Yom Kippur Service
		6:00 PM	N'eilah & Break the Fast
22nd	Saturday	5:00 PM	Sukkot celebration (subject to change)

Message from our President

Carol Silver

“Tradition! Tradition! Tradition!” So goes the famous song from "Fiddler on the Roof". In the song, Tevye explains that traditions help us keep our balance and because of our traditions we've kept our balance for many, many years. Traditions dictate how we lead our lives and how we make our lives better. Here at Temple Hatikvah, we have quite a few traditions that have been passed on since the beginning of the Homestead Jewish Center. There is the tradition of attending services on Friday nights. There's the tradition of remembering our dear departed. There's the tradition of supporting our synagogue financially. And there's the tradition of celebrating happy occasions.

As the High Holy Days approach, we follow tradition by attending Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and by remembering loved ones who are no longer with us in our annual Book of Remembrance which is now in production. Please see the notice elsewhere in

this bulletin for information on how to arrange a loving and dignified memorial for your families, friends, or those who have given their lives in the pursuit of religious freedom. Remember, you can also ask friends and business associates to place ads in the Book of Remembrance.

Another way of supporting our Temple is the beautiful “Tree of Life” in the Darryl Silver Memorial Social Hall. We see this every time we walk into the Temple and yet, contrary to past traditions, very few people are celebrating their happy events on the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life is for special occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, new babies, friendships, etc. It used to be common for people to celebrate their happy events by adding a leaf or two to the Tree. But, no one does that anymore! It's kind of sad to look at the tree and see leaves from 20-40 years ago and only a handful from recent years! This is one of our oldest fundraising projects and it's sad to see it fade

away. There are a lot of blank leaves available to be personalized. The cost is very affordable - \$54.00 per leaf – and if you feel REALLY good about something, the rocks are available starting at \$150.00.

An additional tradition that I failed to mention in the beginning is the tradition of serving on the Board of Directors and helping to keep our Temple going, both financially and physically. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve as part of the new board for 2017. We hold our annual election at the Hanukkah party in December. Also, if you would like to attend a board meeting at any time, let me know and I'll give you the time and place. We welcome new faces and new ideas.

I hope this reminder of traditions has made an impression on all of you. Remember, as Tevye says, "Without traditions, our lives would be as shaky as.... a fiddler on the roof!"

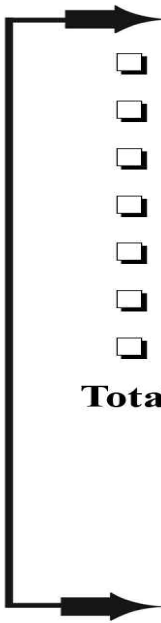
See you in Temple!
Carol Silver

DONATIONS

“All Israel is responsible for one another”
Talmud Shavout 39a

Temple Hatikvah, Homestead Jewish Center is an I.R.S. designated “501(c)(3)” Charitable Organization, chartered as a Florida Non-Profit Corporation. As such, your donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE. As with any good synagogue/temple, donations are the mainstay of the temple.

Donation	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree of Life Rock - \$150 small; \$300 medium; \$500 large	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree of Life Leaf	\$ \$54.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Memorial.....	\$ \$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Yahrzeit Plaque	
<input type="checkbox"/> Seats in the Sanctuary.....	\$ \$54.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Chai (General Fund).....	\$ \$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Book Fund.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Fund.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>General Fund</i>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Adopt-A-Bill Fund</i>	\$ _____
Total Donation	\$ _____



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Please complete the above and return this page with your check made payable to: Temple Hatikvah. All donations are acknowledged in the following month's Newsletter.



High Holy Days Services

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

EREV ROSH HASHANAH:

Sunday, October 2 at 7:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH AND SHOFAR SERVICE:

Monday, October 3 at 10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR:

Kol Nidre Service:

Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR AND YISKOR SERVICE:

Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 AM

N'EILAH SERVICE:

Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 PM

Break the Fast 7:15 PM (Sponsored by the Temple.)

No cost for members. Non-members \$54 per service

Guest of members: \$25 for each service or \$100 for all services

Memorial Book

We invite you to place an ad in our Memorial Book for this year's High Holy Days. If you placed an ad last year, you may simply request the same ad or, if you wish, you may change it. The annual Memorial Book is presented in a beautiful and respectful format and is available for the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

If you are unable to attend the Yizkor service, a copy will be mailed to you.

AD PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$40 - Quarter page
(approx. size 4 1/2" x 1 7/8")
maximum four names

\$75 - Half page
(approx. size 4 1/2" x 3 5/8")

\$145 - Full page
(approx. size 4 1/2" x 7 1/4")



We can help design and format the ad, if needed. The **deadline** for submission is **September 26 2016**. You are encouraged to approach businesses and friends and ask for advertisement in the form of a business or memorial ad to help defray the cost of the book.

For questions, please contact Eilat Schmalbach or email her at eeschmalbach@bellsouth.net

Kay Belth can be reached at kbelth@artsmarketing.net



Tisha b'Av

A Time to Mourn - A Time for Hope

A reflective evening to commemorate the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people throughout history.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY TISHA B'AV SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016

**8:00 P.M. *HAVDALAH*
FOLLOWED BY CANDLE-LIT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

AT BET SHIRA CONGREGATION

7500 SW 120 ST, MIAMI

*Beth David Congregation Temple Beth Am Temple Beth Sholom
Temple Beth Tov/Ahavat Shalom Temple Emanu-el Temple Hatikvah
Temple Israel Temple Judea Temple Sinai*

Our Mission Statement

Eilat Schmalbach

Any respectable educational or public institution usually has a vision of its purpose, its goals and its values. It also often includes the vision of the relationships within this institution.

On our website, Temple Hatikvah invites the visitors with this statement: "Discover our liberal congregation, serving the Jewish communities of Homestead, Perrine, Palmetto Bay, The Redland, Cutler Ridge, Upper Keys and Northern Monroe County. Celebrating 60+ years of continuous service, our synagogue was founded as a Jewish Community Center to build a spiritual hub for Jewish residents deep in South Miami-Dade and the upper Keys. **Temple Hatikvah** means *The Temple of Hope* and we invite you to share in our hopes, prayers, and devotion to Jewish life."

This short introduction contains part of our mission. We strive to create a Jewish home for those who seek it in our area. We offer our services with warmth and positive outlook, and we welcome everyone who wants to be with us. Unfortunately, we can only afford to meet twice a month; we can only afford to have a part time Rabbi; yet we offer quite a few of the usual services a synagogue may offer. Whatever we do, we do with all our heart, with conviction, and with the focus towards our members. Where else would you find a part time Rabbi who constantly

communicates with the members, sometimes daily, to help run the Temple and resolve personal or community issues? The president and the board spend hours of their time to fix and advance the physical and financial status of the Temple, as well as communicating with members. We have created a miracle - a Jewish institution which is still open and active, even though the membership is slow to grow.

We try to offer more social opportunities, such as a movie night at the Temple or a theater night out, a service for our pets, healing services and learning sessions, all within the twice a month meetings. We celebrate most of the holidays and offer lifecycle events, such as the latest child naming combined with the Shavuoth celebration. We are here for you, as much as can be done within our limitations. We need you here with us - helping, volunteering, leading and sponsoring. Our relationship is one of co-existence and cooperation.

I say this in light of the recent closure of one of the large and special synagogues in South Miami-Dade. Another temple is closing its doors. More members who lost their spiritual home and are now looking to find a new one. More people who lost their jobs, and need to find another. Beautiful Torah scrolls and other Jewish relics which are being fostered by new places. The Temple which closed was lucky enough to find a loving community all around. This is the strength of a community - one which is open to help those who need help.

Temple Hatikvah is part of the South Miami community, but we are far in the south, far from the masses. Our hope is that we can still continue to offer a warm Jewish home to those who are willing to be involved, willing to drive the distance, and happy to be Jewish.

I wish all our members and friends a restful and healthy summer.

