

October 2024 E-BULLETIN

Elul-Tishrei - 5784-5785



Welcome to Congregation Beth Am A vibrant Reform community!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to deepen your connection with Judaism with us. Our congregation welcomes families and individuals of diverse backgrounds to share in religious and life cycle events.

Our community is where you can feel at home and connect with others on your spiritual journey. We offer a variety of programs and events that cater to all ages and interests, so there's something for everyone. Whether you're new to the area or looking to reconnect with your Jewish roots, we invite you to join us in our warm and welcoming community.



Get ready to celebrate the High Holidays with your Congregation Beth Am family!
Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with joy, reflection, and community spirit.
Don't miss out on this special time to come together and create lasting memories!

2024 High Holiday Service Times

October 2, 2024 7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Services
October 3, 2024 10:00 am 11:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Services Junior Congregation (ages 7-11) Tashlich following Services Children's Services (ages 0-7)
October 4, 2024 7:00 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat/Meditation Service
October 6, 2024 10:00 am	Kever Avot @ both Hillisboro Memorial Gardens & Gan Shalom Cemeteries
October 11, 2024 7:00 pm	Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Services
October 12, 2024	

10:00 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Yom Kippur Services Junior Congregation (ages 7-11) Yizkor Immediately following services Children's Services (ages 0-7) Discussion Group Afternoon Service, Neila & Final Shofar Break the Fast -following final shofar
October 16, 2024 6:00/7:00 pm	Potluck/Erev Sukkot
October 23, 2024 6:00/7:00 pm	Potluck/Simchat Torah/Consecration
October 24, 2024 8:00 pm	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor (Zoom only)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

This year, as in the past, we are following the traditional practice of printing a **Book of Remembrance** for the **Yom Kippur Yizkor Service**. It is a **tradition in Judaism** that we keep alive the precious memory of our departed loved ones.

Please consider adding a friend or family member to Congregation Beth Am's Book of Remembrance this year. Note that the **Book of Remembrance** will automatically include the names of our congregational family members who have died in the past year and those names listed on the Memorial Plaque in the back of the sanctuary.

Contributions are very much a part of our Jewish tradition when given to recall and honor the memory of loved ones. This booklet is a dignified and fitting way of remembering the departed. **We suggest a donation of \$10 per name.**

We are asking that all forms be returned by **Monday, October 7.**

Please use the following link for the [BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE](#) form.



A message from our president

Our CBA community is what it is because our volunteers and supporters give so freely of their time. Thanks to all who attended the postcarding events organized by Katie Habgood and the Social Action committee. Our Shabbat Pre-Negs, hosted by Bob and Cathy Friedman, are a true highlight of the month, and we're delighted that they have made their triumphant post-COVID return.

Zahav has been flourishing lately thanks to Marty Greengrass. Sisterhood continues to wow with a full slate of activities under Jill Hekkanen and the Men's Club is always adding to the calendar, all building a busy fall calendar for our membership.

While the Florida thermometer might disagree that it's really autumn, our holiest days are fast approaching. The Yamim Nora'im - the Days of Awe - are an annual touchstone for the Jewish people, and this year's High Holidays hold even greater significance.

On October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks struck Israel and shocked the world. Suddenly, the liturgical themes of reflection, repentance, and renewal resonate more deeply than ever.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur encourage introspection and connection. The liturgy reminds us to seek forgiveness, not just from Gd but from one another, as we strive to heal broken relationships and unite in common purpose.

This year, after the loss and fear that so many have experienced, the call for teshuvah (repentance) is not only personal, but truly communal.

These sacred days offer a chance to reaffirm our values of justice, peace, and compassion. They remind us that, even in the face of terror, we must stand together in resilience and hope.

The blast of the shofar awakens us to the challenges of our time, and urges us to respond with courage and faith.

Let us enter this season of renewal with our hearts open to healing and our eyes focused on a future of peace. Through our prayers, actions, and continued support of one another, we can emerge stronger and more united as a community.

G'mar chatimah tovah — May each of us be sealed in the Book of Life.

Kol tuv,

-Deborah S. Bowen

President



Friday, October 6

7 pm [Kabbalat Shabbat Service](#)

Please volunteer to help:

Kabbalat Shabbat Greeter:

Oneg Set up/Clean up:

Camera crew:

Saturday, October 7

8:30 AM [Shabbat Morning Meditation](#)

9 AM [Shabbat Services](#)

10 AM [Torah Study](#)

**Saturday Morning
Shabbat**



Sunday Snapshot

This month, we observe the holiest days in the Jewish calendar, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. It is a time for us to reflect on our actions during the past year and think about how we can be better people in the year to come. It is a time to think about how our actions may have hurt others and to apologize to them. It is one of my favorite things about this time of year. Of course, it is never easy to think about all the ways we have missed the mark, all the ways we could have made better choices. And it is a humbling experience to apologize to those we have hurt over the past year. But as a parent, and as an educator, I love the message of our New Year's traditions. I love that we teach our kids that everyone makes mistakes. Everyone—parents, teachers, kids, adults—everyone. And I love that our tradition emphasizes meaningful, sincere apologies to those we have harmed. Our children inherently understand this, perhaps better than adults, because we teach them from an early age that this is how we treat others. If you hurt someone's feelings, you apologize and try not to do it again. Our job, as Jewish educators, is to help our students understand how this is an integral part of our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur observance and a chain of Jewish tradition going back thousands of years. We at the CBA Religious School are privileged to pass these traditions on to our students—thank you for trusting us with this sacred obligation.

[Hillary Rosenberg](#)

Religious School Director

Sunday, October 20, 11 am – 1 pm at Congregation Beth Am

We'll come together again to handwrite postcards for two RAC campaigns:



Every Voice, Every Vote Florida's Amendment 4.

Please invite any interested friends, Beth Am or not, Jewish or not! We'll have lots of postcards, stamps, markers, and snacks!

If you'd like to order postcards for yourself or other groups, go here for Amendment 4 (<https://rac.org/.../guidelines-writing-postcards...>) and here for

Save the Date

The Bobbe Karpay Women of Distinction Program

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Congregation Beth Am's is proud to announce

Sarah Phillips

as our honoree for the 2024 Woman of Distinction

Location:

Congregation Schaarai Zedek

3303 West Swann Avenue

Tampa 33609

More details to come



Shabbat isn't the same without you!

Come make a difference in your Shabbat by taking on a volunteer position. Tap the link below to see how you can enhance your experience and that of others by performing an easy mitzvah! Training/advice will be provided if requested. [Contact Sheryl Bowman](#)
[Volunteer/Oneg Signup Sheet](#)

Men's Club Up-Date

Sunday 10/13 9:30-11 am

- Sukkah set up - volunteers needed! Sukkot is coming soon! Crew needed to set up the CBA sukkah (and to donate palm fronds for the roof if you have them). Bring your cordless drill!

Sunday 10/20 12:30 pm

- Men's Club Hot Dog Sale - volunteers needed for grillin', sellin' and cleanin' up at our ongoing Religious School fundraiser! Contact Adam Shoemaker if you can join us!
- **1:45 pm Officers' Meeting**

Tuesday 10/22 7 pm - Todah Rabah Tuesday Men's Meet Up

- Magnanimous Brewing (formerly 7th Son) 6809 N. Nebraska Ave. (Nebraska & Sligh)

Sunday 10/27 9:30-11 am

- Sukkah Take-Down - volunteers and their drills needed to de-construct and put



away the sukkah frame!

Men's Club: mensclub@bethamtampa.org or adamyshoe@yahoo.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bethammensclubtampa>

Please email [Adam Shoemaker](#)

Sisterhood Events for October 2024

Saturday, October 12 Sisterhood is sponsoring Break the Fast at Beth Am

Immediately after the final shofar. All out invited to join your Beth Am family for a traditional buffet of bagels, lox spread, kugel, a variety of salads, homemade challah, and desserts created by our talented Sisterhood bakers.

[Break the Fast at Beth Am Flyer](#)



Thursday, October 24 Noon Ladies' Day Out

Come join in the Ladies' Day Out at the Whistle Stop Gardens Tea Room. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and browse the quaint Whistle Stop Depot Boutique, General Store, and Garden Shop. Location: 100 4th Ave NW, Lutz. Contact [Jill Hekkanen](#) or call 813-625-4183 for reservations.

Michael Gruenbaum will be called to the Torah on October 19, 2024, at Congregation Beth Am.

His parents are Kory and Beth Gruenbaum. Michael is in the Grade 8th grade at CES Academy. Michael's Tikkun Olam project is an awareness campaign to promote understanding about Neurodiversity and Autism. He is developing a presentation and a resource/handout to give to students in the Religious School to help them understand what Neurodiversity and Autism are and how they may support people who are neurodiverse. He will be sure to leave extra handouts for our community to have as well so everyone can support his awareness campaign. If you see Michael around, he will be happy to talk to you about the topic or answer any questions you have. Michael's hobbies include technology, reading, and video games. He has been in Religious School at CBA since he was in kindergarten. Michael appreciates how everyone has always been inclusive and made him feel a part of the community. Michael is excited to have his grandparents, uncles, aunts, and first cousins coming in from out of town for his Simcha. He is looking forward to celebrating with everyone!





All of Congregation Beth Am is invited to attend Micah Solomon's becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2, 2024

Micah Solomon considers all the members of Congregation Beth Am his family and hopes you will attend his Bar Mitzvah and luncheon on November 2, 2024, at 10:30 AM. He is a long-term participant at CBA, having been in frequent attendance at services or religious school nearly his entire life. Micah is beginning 8th grade at the Learning Gate Community School. Along with school, he enjoys playing football and BMX and lives with the Schmitt family and his hamster "Bear" in Lutz.

For his Tikkun Olam project, Micah has been helping the CBA House Committee with a diverse array of tasks including chair and table setup, room cleanouts, and minor repairs. He also works outdoors, spending hours watering and installing landscape plants, blowing debris from the breezeway, and raking and bagging leaves, typically in hot and humid weather. About four years ago, he assisted his older brother David with his Tikkun Olam project, which consisted of removing and disposing of invasive species from the west side of the pond to provide space for an outdoor classroom.

Micah has an excellent eye for detail and frequently points out issues with the building and grounds that no one else notices, such as a colony of wasps building a nest on the bench next to the entry door. No job is too difficult or intimidating to Micah, and he never complains about anything he is assigned. Micah has also volunteered for other events, including the Men's Club hot dog sales, the Buddy Run, and the Purim Carnival. He enjoyed his time in religious school as well as Camp Coleman and the JCC Summer Camp and wishes to thank everyone who made these experiences possible for him.

Please join the Simcha and support Micah! RSVP to Micah's Bar Mitzvah for the Celebration Luncheon at CathyRFriedman@gmail.com / 813.344.1110

Talmud Study with Rabbi Rosenberg.

Thursdays at 9:30 am

In-person at Congregation Beth Am and on [ZOOM](#)

For more information, email [Rabbi Rosenberg](#) or call

813-968-8511.



Weekday Torah Study with Rabbi Rosenberg.

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm [Zoom Only](#)

Come check out our great learning community as we walk through the Torah and see what our sages have taught us through the centuries. Don't worry if you can't make it every week—drop-ins are always welcome.

The Buddy Run is getting close!!!! The 14th annual event will be held at Lake Park in Lutz on Sunday, November 3. Be a part of Beth Am's largest outside fundraising event. Register to run, volunteer or donate at buddyrun5k.org. Use the coupon code **BETHAM** for \$10 off the 5K. Net proceeds benefit Beth Am and Buddy Baseball. Thanks for your support!



[Jim Corning](#) - Race Director, Buddy Run 5K

781 856-7047

www.buddyrun5k.org

Mazel Tov:

Carol Bakwin has been accepted as a member of the Tampa's Master Chorale



On the engagement of Rabbis Micah Friedman & Talia Laster



THANK YOU!

To our members and friends, for the
CONTRIBUTIONS and **GENEROSITY** for the
month of October

Caring Fund

Janice and Jerry Nepon-Sixt
a speedy recovery for Deborah Bowen
a speedy recovery for Victoria Cain

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

David and Rudina Richter
in memory of Jack Honig, father of Rudina Richter
in memory of Julius Honig, grandfather of Rudina Richter
in memory of Rabbi Karl Richter, father of David Richter
in memory of Josephene Richter, grandmother of David Richter

October 2024 Anniversaries

Adam Shoemaker and Amy Rothman
Jeffrey and Linda Crollick
Sheryl and David Bowman

October 2024 Birthdays

Alexander (Alex) Linick Alexandra Takagishi Aviva Rigberg Barrett Harber Benjamin Grossman Bill Brehm Christine Bubley Dana Hansen Debbie Conley Debra Meister Debra Wolfe Denise Selsky Donald Meister Doris Baer Elaine Gross Ethan Frenden Gabriel Rosenberg Gregory Miller Hannah Goldman Harris Feinstein Jack Saturno Jeffrey Linn Jennifer Takagishi Jim Corning
Marci Hollie Marshall Linn Maxine Gourse Noah Hollie Patti Rinner
Rabbi Jason Rosenberg Rabbi Jean E. Eglinton Robert Winokur
Stephen Wittenberg Susan Keller Susan Sand Suzanne Peikin

Yahrzeit List

October 1 - October 31, 2024

If you would like to donate in memory of your loved one,
please use our [PayPal link here](#).



The following names will be read during services on Friday, October 4

Linda Dunmire, mother of Benjamin Dunmire
Ruthe Liebling Nepon, mother of Janice Nepon-Sixt
Anna Pure, mother of Katherine Saslow

The following names will be read during services on Friday, October 11

Lilyan Auspitz, mother of Ken Young
Estelle Bandler Krohn, great-grandmother of Geoffrey Gross
Benjamin Lieberman, grandfather of Rudina Richter
Robert Rosenberg, husband of Diane Rosenberg, father of Rabbi Jason Rosenberg
Helene Silverman, mother of Deborah Bowen

The following names will be read during services on Friday, October 18

Maxine Bakwin, aunt of Carol Bakwin
Kenneth Chapin, father of Donna Rothchild
Jeff Fisk, cousin of Vikki Silverman
*Lillian Goodman, mother of Sherry Wolbarst
Ida Hammer, great-grandmother of Bob Wise
Dr. Edith Jagendorf, great-aunt of Geoffrey Gross
*Betty Kaufmann, mother of Barry Kaufmann
Faye Simel, Cousin of Bob Friedman
Alma Fritz Wise, grandmother of Bob Wise
*Esther Wortman, grandmother of Hope Buksbaum

The following names will be read during services on Friday, October 25

Jack Barash, father of Steve Barash
Clara May, grandmother of David Richter
Irvin Poiley, father of Joel Poiley
Barbara Rottenberg, a dear friend of Geoffrey Gross

*An asterisk * indicates that the name has a memorial plaque on the memorial board in the temple sanctuary.*

Refuah Sheleima

The Congregation extends wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Madison Allan, Barbara Baker, Rayland Bowman, Marie Crescenzi,
Lincoln DeLuna, Steve Emmerman, Ross Fischler, Arthur Friedman,
Alvin Goldman, Beth Goldman, Adelle Golub, Marilyn Grossman, Esther Rose
Honig, Cory & Kelly Johnson, Peggy Kerzner, Jennifer Kurzer, Barry & Rolene
Magid, Ivelisse Maya, Jessica Clark-Miller, Terry Mohn, James Payne,
Neal Phillips, Susan Razin, Shana Resnick, John Roberts, Carol Rubler,
Reggie Russell, Jill Schlessinger, Lauren Schwartzberg, Linda Sherman,
Steven Shepard, Suzanna Smith, Barbara Trompeter, Taliesin Weber, Elizabeth
Weiss, Michael Weiss, Stephen & Audrey Wittenberg, Lenny Zuriff

The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
cordially invites you to join us in

BEARING WITNESS

**Kristallnacht Commemoration
AND
60th Anniversary
Memorial Scrolls Trust Gathering**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • 3PM
The Ora • 578 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota

Among the group of 1,564 scrolls collected by the Jewish Community in Prague during the Nazi occupation, the 98 scrolls being kept in the State of Florida represent the vibrant cultural and religious life of Czech Jewry that once existed. On this day, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Memorial Scrolls Trust who has entrusted us to safeguard these scrolls that bore witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust.

— FEATURED SPEAKERS —

Jeffrey Ohrenstein
Memorial Scrolls Trust Trustee and Chairman
London, England

Lois Roman
Memorial Scrolls Trust Trustee
New Jersey, USA

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Torah Scrolls will be on display
in the ballroom directly after the program.

RSVP to [JFEDSRQ.org/Events](https://jfedsrq.org/Events)

For further information please contact:
Bette Zaret, Holocaust Education Initiative
Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee
bzaret@jfedsrq.org • 941-228-3676

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