

September / October 2025



Elul 5785 / Tishrei / Cheshvan 5786

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5786 High Holiday Schedule

All services will be held in person and virtually on Zoom

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22	Evening Service	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 23	Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Followed by Tashlich	
Wednesday, September 24	Second Day Morning Service	10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 1	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM
Thursday, October 2	Morning Service	10:00 AM
	Followed by Yizkor	(approx.) 12 Noon
	Afternoon Service and Neilah	5:00 PM

Guests are welcome. The suggested donation is \$175 per adult. Your donation will be credited toward your membership should you decide to join our Synagogue.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Al & Edie Simons, Sabrina Mizrahi, David Kaplan, Kathryn & Edward Quick, Hedy Greenfield, Linda Alster

IMPORTANT DATES (in addition to High Holidays on the cover)

SEPTEMBER

7th Judaism Class, 2:00-4:00 PM
 12th Shabbat Dinner at Church, 5:30 PM
 27th Shabbat Morning Shuvah 10:00 AM

OCTOBER

12th Sukkot Pot Luck and Lulav Service 1:00 PM
 19th Game Day 1:00-4:00 PM
 25th Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00 AM

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

9/7	Ellen Englander	10/3	Marjorie Heyman
9/13	Suzanne Vilardi	10/16	Barry Wright
9/14	Craig Erlick	10/21	Robert Treibitz
9/15	Sheldon Treibitz	10/24	Herb Siegel
9/18	Elizabeth Morrison	10/27	Ronnie-Jane Boekema
9/19	Marissa Mularsky	10/28	Sabrina Mizrahi
9/21	Selma Haimes		

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

9/2	David and Betty Chasin	10/1	Chip and Francine Rizzotto
9/17	Martin and Beverly Meyers	10/19	Helene and Jeffrey Bachmann
9/27	Sally and Frank Chletsos	10/29	John and Rosalie Scholl

DONATIONS

Enid Schibuk for sponsoring the Oneg on Friday evening, July 11.

Barbara Burton & Randy Kresley for sponsoring the Kiddush on Saturday, July 26 in celebration of Randy's birthday.

Elise Lev and Barbara Burton for co-sponsoring the Oneg for our Kabbalat service on Friday evening, August 8 in honor of the Israeli hostages still being held in Gaza.

General Donations: Elizabeth Morrison, Sheldon & Joan Treibitz, Robert & Sonia Baerga Treibitz, Michael Fruchter, Ellen Diner

Food Bank Donations: Dr. Marnell La Roe Hayes, Elise Lev
Thank you to our CBS volunteers Barry Wright and Francine Rizzotto.

Barry & Cookie Wright for donating the cost to rent additional chairs for the High Holidays.

Additional Renewal Donations: Lt. Col. Ret. Herbert Siegel, Sandra Byrne, Dr Marnell La Roe Hayes, Fern Singer, Fred & Helen Jacobs, Gary Plotkin, Gloria Blankenship, Helene & Marlene Steinberg and Susan Goodman, Melinda Hock, Linda Kost, Myra Efron

Book Fund: Chip & Francine Rizzotto, Sabrina Mizrahi, Robin Vizer



PARKING ALONGSIDE THE BUILDING IS NOW DESIGNATED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ONLY We kindly ask that those who are able park in the lot across 13th Street, allowing the spaces beside our building to remain available for members and guests with mobility needs.

NAMETAGS ARE AVAILABLE



Let everyone know who you are with a personalized name tag! Tags are just \$15 each. Simply mail your check to the synagogue along with a note indicating the name you would like printed on your tag. For more information, contact Dave Englander at 352-504-4402.

THANK YOU

Rabbi Silverman – for his monthly Judaism classes, and his weekly Torah study zoom classes; and his weekly email updates concerning Israel and Judaism matters; in addition to all of his excellent work as our spiritual leader.

Dave Englander – for arranging for sending of a bonus check and letter expressing gratitude to Rabbi Silverman for his excellent work as our Rabbi during the current fiscal year.

Linda Kost – for agreeing to help Helene Bachmann, as needed, with emails to members during Sandy Byrne's trip

Barry Wright – for arranging security for Rabbi's classes

Dave Englander – for arranging for tree / bush trimming and getting a new contractor which resulted in substantial cost savings

Francine Rizzotto – for arranging for purchase/delivery, including obtaining a cost discount, of new Mishkan Tefila books for services; and for working, along with Dave Englander, to create and apply the C.B.S. labels to the books

Dave Englander – for arranging for high holiday services ad in The Villages Daily Sun newspaper August 23 – September 27

Dave Englander – creating revisions to the Membership Form

Francine Rizzotto – for update of Oneg / Kiddush sponsorship informational email that was sent to members

Francine Rizzotto – for arranging for the venue (First Baptist Church) and working with caterer for the September 12 Shabbat Dinner that Rabbi Silverman and Lt. Col Retired Herb Siegel are sponsoring for members and their spouse/partner/friend (per emails sent to members)

Dave Englander – for contractor matters related to the HVAC leak, which has been resolved

Barry Wright / Freeda Louthan – for work/meeting with plumbing contractor to obtain repairs to resolve the men's room water leak

Melinda Hock – for doing the July 26 and August 23 services’ announcements and reading the Yahrzeits / Shloshim during Freeda Louthan’s absences due to trips; and to Dave Englander, for preparing the announcements for those services

Elise Lev – for agreeing to coordinate the October 12 Sukkot pot luck luncheon

Dave Englander – for maintaining and updating the Aliyah list

Barry Wright – for arranging for sound system improvements in the sanctuary and social hall, with a lapel mic for Rabbi Silverman and speakers in the back of the sanctuary

Melinda Hock – for her violin performance at our August 8 Kabbalat Shabbat service, and her effort in obtaining two other musicians to perform with her, resulting in an excellent musical event for our service; and for her work in the preparation of the music and in having rehearsals

Rabbi Silverman – for providing Thank You cards and gifts to Melinda Hock and the other two musicians who performed at our August 8 Kabbalat Shabbat service

Dave Englander / Francine Rizzotto and others – for obtaining next year’s Calender for 5786 from Page-Theus Funeral Home; plus attaching CBS labels.

Robin Vizer / Helene Bachmann / Andrea Kraft / Gloria Blankenship / Chip Rizzotto / Randy Kresley – for assisting with Onegs / Kiddushes

Mi Shebeirach

Director Gloria Blankenship maintains the list of the family and close friends of our members who are in need of healing. The list is presented at services. To add new names, please send them to Gloria at glostar-at-embarqmail.com (replace –at– with @) or call her at 352-750-0721. Please remember to let us know when prayers are no longer needed.

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Service August 8. 2025



Melinda Hock, Doug Moe, and Gerri Fogg provided musical accompaniment for the August 8 Kabbalat Service.

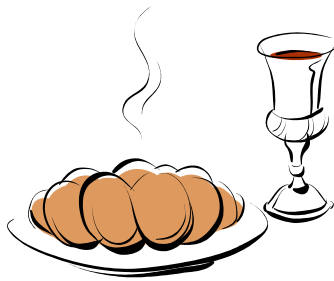
ADD YOUR LOVED ONE TO THE MEMORIAL BOARD Honoring the memory of a loved one with a permanent plaque in the sanctuary is a lasting and meaningful tribute. The cost of a plaque is \$300, or \$275 each when purchasing two or more. For more information, please contact Dave Englander at **dhenglander0618-at-gmail.com** (replace “-at-” with @) or **352-504-4402**.



SEND A CARD AND SUPPORT THE SYNAGOGUE

There are many meaningful reasons to send a card—birthdays, anniversaries, get well wishes, condolences, or congratulations. Your donation not only supports the synagogue but also lets someone know you care. Simply mail your donation to the synagogue along with your message. For more information, contact Dave Englander at **352-504-4402**. He will send the card on your behalf, and your good wishes will be shared in the *Shofar*.

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT OR KIDDUSH



There are many wonderful reasons to become a sponsor—celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion; honoring the memory of a loved one; or simply enjoying Shabbat. Of course, no reason is required beyond the willingness to take a turn. Sponsorship doesn’t have to be done alone—you can invite a friend or a group of friends to co-sponsor with you. Sponsors provide the refreshments, while the shul supplies the challah, wine, paper goods, and plasticware. To reserve your date, please contact Barbara Burton at **beburton43-at-yahoo.com** (replace “-at-” with @) or **602-603-1688**.

EXPLANATION OF DATES ON YAHRZEIT LIST We give our members the option to observe yahrzeit on the secular date (the actual date of passing) or the Hebrew date. If there is no Hebrew date next to a name, it is because their family prefers to observe yahrzeit on the secular calendar date. To add a loved one to the yahrzeit list, contact Helene Bachmann and provide the names and relationship of the congregant and relative, and the actual date of passing including the year. Please indicate whether you wish to observe yahrzeit on the secular or Jewish date. Contact Helene at [helenebachmann – at- hotmail.com](mailto:helenebachmann@hotmail.com) (replace –at– with @) or 310-490-3365

IN MEMORIAM: THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE OBSERVED

The following names will be read on September 12						
Sarah Block	Grandmother	of	Marsha Stererman	19	Elul	12-Sep
Cindy Spiro	Cousin	of	Linda Kost	19	Elul	12-Sep
Hyman Scholl	Father	of	John Scholl			12-Sep
Bessie Resnick Haimes	Mother	of	Marshall Haimes			15-Sep
Freda Lev	Mother-in-law	of	Elise Lev			17-Sep
Stanley Levin	Member	of	The Congregation	25	Elul	18-Sep
Marilyn Azriel	Cousin	of	Judy Hague	27	Elul	20-Sep
Rita Byrne	Mother-in-law	of	Sandra Byrne			20-Sep
The following names will be read on Rosh Hashannah						
Priscilla Reisinger	Benefactor	of	The Congregation	29	Elul	22-Sep
Bette Lowengrub	Mother	of	Elise Lev			23-Sep
The following names will be read on September 27						
Ruth Myra King	Mother	of	Robert King			27-Sep
Jay Vizer	Father	of	Robin Vizer			28-Sep
Mollie Scholl	Mother	of	John Scholl			30-Sep
The following names will be read on Yom Kippur						
Jeanette Wagner	Mother	of	Karen Salvat	3	Tishrei	5-Oct
Clarence Frankford	Stepmother	of	Robin Vizer			9-Oct
Irwin Treibitz	Brother	of	Sheldon & Robert Treibitz			9-Oct
Bessie Libovitz	Sister	of	David Litwack	10	Tishrei	12-Oct
Ben Donnerstein	Uncle	of	Herb Siegel			12-Oct
George Altshul	Father-in-law	of	Stephen Berger			15-Oct
Sarah Fellner	Mother	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	14	Tishrei	16-Oct
Hannah Janosi	Mother	of	Cookie Wright	15	Tishrei	17-Oct
Aaron Herman	Father	of	Eileen Hirschfeld	17	Tishrei	19-Oct
Liz Shen	Member	of	The Congregation	17	Tishrei	19-Oct
Tobey LaRoe	Cousin	of	Dr. Marnell LaRoe Hayes and Sally Rosenberg			23-Oct
Bunny Sheppard Higginbotham	Mother	of	Gloria Blankenship's son-in-law			23-Oct
The following names will be read on October 25						
Martin Weistrop	Father	of	Alisa Jacoby	24	Tishrei	26-Oct
Sol Fox	Uncle	of	Phylis Berger (on wall)	28	Tishrei	30-Oct
Toby Schenerman	Member	of	The Congregation	29	Tishrei	31-Oct
Mildred Selsky	Mother	of	Gloria Blankenship			1-Nov
Joel Sternberg	Father	of	Nan Rosenthal	1	Cheshvan	2-Nov
Lee Vizer	Stepmother	of	Robin Vizer			2-Nov
Sid Sager	Father	of	Roz Wenrich			3-Nov
	and	Grandfather	of	Matthew Cullen		
Amy Cullen	Daughter	of	Roz Wenrich			5-Nov
	and	Sister	of	Matthew Cullen		
Frances Smith	Mother	of	Francine Rizzotto	7	Cheshvan	8-Nov
Morris Friedman	Grandfather	of	Barbara Burton	8	Cheshvan	9-Nov
Judith Fruchter	Mother	of	Michael Fruchter			13-Nov
Nathan Lev	Father-in-law	of	Elise Lev			13-Nov

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