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# THE SCHRIER

**THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF WEST PASCO**  
**Home of Congregation Beth Tefillah**

## ELECTION UPDATE

As of the October 12th cutoff, all Officers and Board members who were up for re-election were unopposed. Therefore, the following people were re-elected:

### Officers:

President—E. Hochstadt  
1st Vice President/House Chairman—J. Hochstadt  
2nd Vice President—J. Landsberg  
Treasurer—P. Land

### Directors:

L. Bernas  
D. Merkle  
W. Seldin

We welcome B. Cohen to the Board of Directors.

We thank the Officers and Directors for all of their efforts on behalf of the JCC. Their tireless work for the betterment of the JCC is deeply appreciated.

## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Sunday, 11/6 Change to Standard Time
- \* Tuesday, 11/8 U.S. Election Day
- \* Wednesday, 11/9 Kristallnacht Remembrance
- \* Friday, 11/11 Veterans Day
- \* Monday, 11/14 7 pm JCC Board Meeting
- \* Thursday, 11/24 Thanksgiving (office closed)
- \* Thursday/Friday, 11/24 11/25 Rosh Chodesh

## Shabbat Services

**Conducted by Ron Becker and Elliot Shapiro**

**EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT 7:30 PM**  
**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM**

**Alan Goldberg, Rabbi Emeritus**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**-by Eileen Hochstadt

From the Gulf Coast JFCS

### **WHAT IS CHAT?**

Companionship, Help & Access by Telephone for Seniors is a Gulf Coast JFCS program that matches seniors with a volunteer caller so they can enjoy a weekly telephone chat.

### **HOW CHATS CAN HELP**

Everyone needs social connections to survive and thrive. But as people age, they often find themselves spending more time alone. Studies show that loneliness and social isolation are associated with higher rates of depression.

With the world's senior adult population expected to nearly double between 2015 and 2050, from roughly 12% to 22%, this poses a significant problem in this demographic. Seniors experience unique physical and mental health difficulties that must be addressed.

The CHATS program is a vital source of communication and uniquely suited to address the issue of isolation. Why CHATS?

- 1) We match volunteers with participants based on similar interest, hobbies, etc.
- 2) We make connection that develop into friendships
- 3) We train volunteers to identify needs as they arise and access support
- 4) We make you smile

### **OUR SUCCESS**

Our participants and volunteers continue to grow.

- 1) Current active participants 57, total program 76 and we are on track to surpass our goal of 75 active
- 2) Current volunteers 44, total program 56 and will likely reach 50 active by the end of the year

Results of our bi-yearly surveys

- 1) Participants have reported feeling less isolated, more engaged with increased motivation and increased companionship
- 2) Volunteers have reported feelings of fulfillment, sense of duty and feel connection with participants

For more information or to volunteer, can call Cindy Minetti at JFCS at 727-282-0391

### **We Salute Our Veterans**

#### **Veterans Day, November 11, 2022**

"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause." —

**Ronald Reagan**



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**[jccwestpasco.com](http://jccwestpasco.com)**

(our easy-to-remember site!)

Find us on Facebook, too  
(and don't forget to 'like us').

Visit Our  
Website

## A Message From Ron Becker

Dear friends, I would like to thank everyone who made all of our High Holy Day events so meaningful. It was good to see so many old and new friends at our services and events both in-person and virtually! So, first of all, thanks to all who participated by attending one or more event and/or religious service. And kudos to those who made it all possible: Elliot Shapiro for his magnificent davening; Sarah Sekeres for her melodic shofar blowing; Danielle Merkle for chanting Kol Nidre and for the emphatic Tekiah Gedolah which concluded our Yom Kippur day; Arlene Corby for the beautiful rendition of the Mishabeyrach prayer; Jerry Landsberg and Jeff Hochstadt for keeping the building in proper shape and making sure everything is always working; Barbara D. Johnson for managing our Zoom so that many could attend virtually; and of course, our beloved President, Eileen Hochstadt for her insightful D'var Torahs, for chanting the beautiful Haftorah (the story of Hannah) on the first morning of Rosh Hashanah, for leading us in responsive prayers, and for all she does, so much of which is "behind the scenes" but critical for the survival of our shul. And for our Bar/Bat Mitzvah anniversary team of Ana Calderon, Barbara D and Barbara E Johnson, and Art Simon for the beautiful Haftorah at our Shabbat Shuva service; to our team of Sukkah decorators (Janet Applefield, Chris Becker, Natalie Cohen, Eileen Hochstadt, Barbara D. Johnson, Jerry Landsberg, Danielle Merkle, and Debbi Robinson) whose work on the Sukkah added so much to our Sukkot observance; and to Aileen who once again has provided us with food and cheer at our annual Selichot and Simchat Torah social hours!

As is evident, it takes an entire community of volunteers for us to fulfil our mission of service to our members, to the Jewish community in our region, and to the community at large. In addition to all who volunteered during our holiday season, we have dedicated Board members who assist us in daily operations and planning for the future, bingo volunteers, and others. Aileen has edited the *Schrier* for many years providing us updated information for us all; Arlene and Charles Colby have been visiting our matriarch Mary Gaines on a regular basis providing her with much cheer and a continuous connection with our synagogue and Jewish community; Barry Cohen represents us and the entire county of Pasco as a Board member of the Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast, and he and his wife Paula have long run the renowned Pasco Association for Challenged Kids Camp. And JCC members have volunteered at Metropolitan Ministries dispensing food, and personal necessities throughout the year and especially at the upcoming fall and winter season holidays. As you can see, the opportunities for all to serve our synagogue and our community are almost endless. Now that the Holy Days and festivals are temporarily behind us, please consider adding your name to those who volunteer with as little or as much time as you can spare. The Hebrew month of Cheshvan is the only one in the Jewish calendar without any holidays or festivals, the perfect time to make time to serve without the distractions of Yom Tov preparations. Let's make 5783, a year of service!

Chris and I are looking forward to another great year of activities in our shul! With best wishes always,

Ron Becker, Spiritual Leader

## DATES TO REMEMBER

11/4	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/5	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm
11/6	Change to Standard Time
11/7	Bingo 11 am
11/8	US Election Day
11/9	Kristallnacht Remembrance
11/11	Veterans Day
11/11	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/12	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm
11/14	Bingo 11 am
11/14	JCC Board Meeting 7 pm
11/18	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/19	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm

11/21	Bingo 11 am
11/24	Thanksgiving
11/24	Rosh Chodesh
11/25	Rosh Chodesh
11/25	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/26	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm
11/28	Bingo 11 am

## Candle Lighting Times



<b>November 4</b>	<b>6:26 p.m.</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>5:21 p.m.</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>5:18 p.m.</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>5:17 p.m.</b>





## SHABBAT SHUVAH 5783

(L to R)

Barbara D. Johnson  
Art Simon  
Ana Calderon  
Barbara E. Johnson

on the bima celebrating  
the anniversary of their  
B'nai Mitzvah.

Photo by Eileen Hochstadt



## SUKKOT 5783

Photos by Danielle Merkle







We've just finished the High Holy Day Season (through Yom Kippur) and have spent many hours in prayer and spiritual renewal. Many people spent countless hours preparing for this Season so that all of the services proceeded smoothly as we all had to deal with the continuing effects of COVID-19. They deserve our thanks and gratitude.

Thank you to Ron Becker and Elliot Shapiro for leading the services and providing insight into the Torah and Haftarah portions which were read over the holiday season and for their incredible stamina. Thank you to Eileen Hochstadt who conducted the English portion of the services and who provided the apples and honey, challah and delicious honey cake.

Thank you to Ron for his explanations of the Torah portions that were read and for the eloquent reading of the Torah portions.

Thank you to Eileen, Ron, Elliot and Ana Calderon, Barbara D. Johnson, Barbara E. Johnson and Art Simon for their moving Haftarah readings.

Thank you to Chris and Ron Becker who again hosted Tashlich services on the Cotee River and then invited us all in for an afternoon of good company, good food and good conversation.

Thank you to Sarah Sekeres and Danielle Merkle who provided the clarion call in their powerful Shofar blowing.

Thank you to Danielle Merkle who chanted the inspirational Kol Nidre prayer.

Thank you to Eileen who gave a poignant and eloquent Yom Kippur appeal speech reminding us of our past and looking forward to the future for our Jewish Community Center.

Thank you to Marie Abrams who printed the tickets and took care of their sale and distribution as well as the seating chart and made sure that all of the I's were dotted and the T's were crossed.

Thank you to Jeff Hochstadt and Jerry Landsberg who took care of the building maintenance and provided security.

Thank you to Barbara D. Johnson who had the monumental task of monitoring the Zoom access and provided all of the tech support.

And thank you to the congregation who came together in prayer whether at home or at the synagogue.

We are an organization of volunteers and these special volunteers gave of themselves to make the High Holy Days meaningful and significant.





## TASHLICH 5783

On a warm, breezy, pre-hurricane afternoon, JCC friends and family met at the Cotee River to symbolically cast off our sins. Afterward, we were all invited to Chris and Ron's home for a relaxing afternoon.

Photos by Arlene Corby



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 48 Religious Services 7:30 pm	5 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Lekh lekha</i>  Bingo 5 pm
6  End of Daylight Saving Time	7 Bingo 11 am	8  Election Day	9 Kristallnacht Remembrance	10	11 48 Religious Services 7:30 pm 	12 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Vayera</i>  Bingo 5 pm
13	14 Bingo 11 am  JCC Board Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17	18 48 Religious Services 7:30 pm	19 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Hayyei sarah</i>  Bingo 5 pm
20	21 Bingo 11 am	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day  Rosh Chodesh	25 48 Religious Services 7:30 pm	26 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Toledot</i>  Bingo 5 pm
27	28 Bingo 11 am	29	30			