



THE SCHRIER

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

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Cheshvan/Kislev 5780
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Shabbat Dinner

**Please join us on Friday, November 8, 2019
at 6:30 pm for our next communal Shabbat dinner.**

**We will begin with Shabbat services and then proceed to a
delicious meal. The cost is only:**

Members:

\$ 15.00 per person for adults (age 13 and over)
Children under the age of 13 are free

Non-Members:

\$ 20.00 per person for adults (age 13 and over)
Children under the age of 13 are free

**We will be honoring our veterans. If you are a
JCC member and a veteran, your meal is free.
Thank you for your service and sacrifice.**

**We must have your RSVP and money into the office
by November 1, 2019**

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- * Sunday, 11/3 Change to Standard Time
- * Tuesday, 11/5 U.S. Election Day
- * Friday, 11/8 6:30 pm Shabbat services and dinner
- * Sunday, 11/9 Kristallnacht Remembrance
- * Monday, 11/11 Veterans Day
- * Monday, 11/11 7pm JCC Board Meeting
- * Thursday, 11/28 Thanksgiving (office closed)

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 Talmud to David Ben Gurion, a collection of meaningful Jewish quotes from AISH.Com.

- 1.) "Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First we make our choices. Then our choices make us." – Anne Frank. The words spoken and actions made each day of our life have formed us into the person we are today. And by making good choices today and tomorrow we gradually form ourselves into the best person that we can be. - Chaim Vegoda.
- 2.) It was said of Reb Simcha Bunem of Pershyscha that he carried two slips of paper, one in each pocket. On one he wrote: *Bishvili nivra ha-olam* "for my sake the world was created." On the other he wrote: "*V'anokhi afar v'efer*" "I am but dust and ashes." Reb Simcha would take out each slip of paper as necessary, as a reminder to himself.
- 3.) "Whoever does not see G-d everywhere does not see Him anywhere." – Kotzker Rebbe. It's not only the out-of-the-ordinary things that are miraculous. Everything about us – the very existence of the world itself – is an awesome miracle that should inspire us to thank and praise the Creator. - Yvette Miller.
- 4.) "A Jew who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist." – David Ben Gurion. For better or for worse Jewish history violates all the laws of history. What would be supernatural for any other people is natural and normal for the Jewish people. No Las Vegas bookie would give a million-to-one odds that the events predicted in the Torah would actually come true or that the Jewish people would outlast the greatest empires, reestablish their state and prosper. The improbable events of the past are a clear indication of G-d's hand in Jewish history and destiny. - Rabbi Ken Spiro
- 5.) "There is no such thing as 'a small act'; there are only 'small people.'" Even the seemingly insignificant act is significant when it is part of many cumulative acts. Great people aren't made from one great action; rather they become great via consistently good "small acts." - Rabbi Yaakov Meyer
- 6.) "A person should be willing to give up all his tomorrows for one today, so that he doesn't end up wasting all his todays on one tomorrow." –The Alter of Novardik. All too often we worry about so much about the future that we forget that what really matters is the choices that we make today. - Jonny Roodyn
- 7.) "You marry your homework." - Adrienne Gold. I love this line and quote it often. It reframes the challenges of marriage as G-d's opportunities for you to grow. It means that this person was sent to you from Heaven to help you realize your potential. I follow up and say, "You thought you were a good person before you got married. Then you got married and your spouse told you, 'You could be better.'" - Lori Palatnik
- 8.) "There are two ways to live. You can live as if nothing is a miracle. You can live as if everything is a miracle." – Albert Einstein All of life is a miracle – and we are not truly alive unless we grasp the miracle of our being. Three times a day Jews give thanks in our prayers for "Your miracles which are with us every day." Recognizing G-d's involvement in every aspect of our lives and acknowledging His benevolence in His blessings to us adds enormous meaning to life. It took me a long time to grasp that the word miracle does not simply refer to the splitting of the sea or the sun standing still; it has far greater meaning as the measuring tool of our lives and the awesomeness of every part of our existence which we far too much take for granted. That's why I don't merely believe in miracles – I live them every moment of my life. - Rabbi Benjamin Blech
- 9.) "When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves." – Viktor Frankl. In every situation in life, we can choose how to respond to our circumstances and through that choice, moment by moment, we grow and transform ourselves. - Sara Debbie Gutfreund
- 10.) "It is not incumbent on you to finish the task, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it." – Ethics of the Fathers, 2:21 G-d doesn't ask us to make things happen; He only expects us to put in our maximum effort and try our best, then He promises to take us the rest of the way. - Danielle Haas
- 11.) "Life is like riding a bicycle: to keep your balance you must keep moving." – Albert Einstein
Even if one doesn't see success, don't be disheartened and stop moving forward. Keeping peddling and you will get there. - David Rabinowitz
- 12.) "Pain is a reality, suffering is a choice." – Rabbi Asher Resnick Pain, whether it's physical or emotional hurts but it is our choices that shape how it will affect our lives. - Tuvia Levin

This article will continue in the December issue of The Schrier.
Stay tuned.

A Message From Ron Becker

Dear friends, as I write this message for the *Schrier*, we are preparing for a very active fall season at the JCC. But first, a recap of a very active month of October 2019 corresponding to Tishrei 5780.

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were well attended and hopefully provided a good spiritual experience and the framework upon which to build throughout the new year. In between our observing the High Holy Days on Shabbat Shuva, we were honored to hold the adult B'nai Mitzvot of four beloved congregants Ana Calderon, Barbara D. Johnson, Barbara E. Johnson, and Art Simon. In front of a full sanctuary, they expertly chanted the special Haftorah for that Shabbat including the words of three prophets Hosea, Micah, and Joel, and shared a beautiful Kiddush luncheon for all who attended. It was deeply meaningful experience for me and the entire congregation and exciting to meet generations of their families.

On the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (October 6th), we gathered to remember those who came before us and helped shape our lives. We chanted memorial prayers at three cemeteries, Beit Olam in Trinity, Grace Memorial in Hudson, and the national military cemetery in Bushnell at 2:30 pm. Then we further remember our loved ones at the Yizkor service on the afternoon of Yom Kippur and on the morning of Shemini Atzeret.

On the Shabbat between Yom Kippur and Sukkot, we celebrated a milestone birthday of beloved congregant Gary Brevoort with many family members and friends attending and enjoying the Kiddush luncheon that followed.

We decorated our JCC Sukkah (thanks to the volunteers!) and held services outdoors in the Sukkah on the first night of Sukkot. We held services on the holidays of Hoshana Rabba and Shemini Atzeret, and then on Simchat Torah, we enjoyed our annual "ice cream social" and then celebrated with song and dance, the completion of the reading of the Torah and immediately began anew with the book of Genesis, a year older and presumably wiser and with more life's experiences to further our understanding of the Torah.

We continued to reach out to other communities of faith as we seek to obliterate the hate and violence that has ravaged much of the world. On October 24th, we participated in an interfaith service to combat anti-Semitism at St. Theresa Church in Spring Hill, FL. I spoke at this deeply moving gathering, along with spiritual leaders from other synagogues, churches, and the Islamic community. Our member Jill Pfluke played the violin beautifully with appropriate melodies throughout the event.

Although the High Holy Days and festivals are now behind us and we are in the month of Cheshvan (the only month without holidays), we continue to build upon the momentum gathered earlier. We start off the month with our first community Shabbat dinner of the season on Friday, November 8th. As it is Veteran's Day weekend, we will honor all of our veterans. Please sign up for the dinner and service that precedes it at 6:30 pm. All veterans are encouraged to attend and if willing, to relate anything they wish to share about their military experience. One of the most moving moments for me during the High Holy Days, was the visit to the national military cemetery at Bushnell and chant memorial prayers for relatives of our congregants.

On Sunday, November 24th at 1 pm, I will be delivering the D'var Torah with the theme of why Thanksgiving is important to the Jewish faith. Then along with Professor Catherine Eskin from Florida Southern College, I will be speaking on the history of the central/west Florida Jewish community. I will focus on Pasco/Pinellas Counties while Professor Eskin covers Lakeland and Polk County.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

11/1	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/2	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm
11/3	Religious School 10 am-12 nn Boutique 10 am-12 nn Start of Standard Time
11/5	U.S. Election Day
11/7	Bingo 10 am
11/8	Religious Services 6:30 pm Followed by Shabbat Dinner
11/9	Religious Services 9:30 am Kristallnacht Remembrance Bingo 5 pm
11/11	JCC Board Meeting 7 pm Veterans Day
11/14	Bingo 10 am
11/15	Religious Services 7:30 pm

11/16	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5:30 pm
11/17	Religious School 10am-12nn Boutique 10am-12nn
11/21	Bingo 10 am
11/22	Religious Services 7:30 pm
11/23	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5:30 pm
11/28	Thanksgiving Day Rosh Chodesh
11/29	Religious Services 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh
11/30	Religious Services 9:30 am Bingo 5 pm

Candle Lighting Times



November 1	6:28 p.m.
November 8	5:23 p.m.
November 15	5:19 p.m.
November 22	5:17 p.m.
November 29	5:16 p.m.

We Salute Our Veterans

Veterans Day, November 11, 2019

“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.” —Elmer Davis



Please visit the JCC’s web page at:

jccwestpasco.com

(our new and easy-to-remember site!)

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



Reminder:

Due to Thanksgiving, there will be NO BINGO on Thursday, November 28, 2019

Election Results

The October JCC Membership Meeting was held after this issue of the Schrier was published. Election results will be reported in the next issue.

SAVE THE DATES

**Cotee Boat Parade.....December 7, 2019
JCC Chanukah Party.....December 22, 2019**

Look for more info in the December Schrier

RADIO REMINDER

Ron Becker will be interviewed on radio station 88.5 (WMNF) at 1 pm on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

★ **EXCITING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UP-DATE!** ★
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★ **We are happy to announce that starting with this school year (2019-2020), non-members will get one year of Religious School tuition free with a paid JCC membership.** ★
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A Message From Ron Becker (continued from page 3)

It should be an interesting experience and I hope that many congregants will be able to tune in either on the radio (WMNF 88.5 FM) or online at <https://www.wmnf.org/events/sunday-simcha/> (then click on “Listen on Demand”). This will be my second appearance on the show which runs from 1 until 2 pm.

Our adult education sessions will begin anew sometime in November. They will be held on Sundays at 11 am. Stay tuned for the topics and starting date and feel free to suggest topics and programs that you would like to see covered.

And as we look a little into the future, please save the date December 7th for the Holiday Boat Parade at night with Captain Jeff Hochstadt once again piloting our JCC Hannukah decorated boat down the Cotee River. We of course, need volunteers to help decorate the boat to prepare it for its voyage and then to cheer from the banks in front of my home on Grand Boulevard! And speaking of Hanukkah, please save the date Sunday, December 22nd for our JCC party complete with latkes and other treats of the season as we light the first candle to launch this joyous holiday.

As you can see, there is much activity at the JCC and as we expand our offerings, we hope that you will all take advantage of them. With wishes for a great month of November....

Ron Becker, Spiritual Leader

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 הח 6:28 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm	2 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Noah</i> Bingo 5 pm
3 Religious School 10am-12nn Boutique 10am-12nn End of Daylight Savings Time	4	5  Election Day	6	7 10 am BINGO	8 הח 5:23 pm Religious Services 6:30 pm followed by Shabbat Dinner	9 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Lekh lekha</i> Kristallnacht Remembrance Bingo 5 pm
10	11 JCC Board Meeting 7 pm Veterans Day	12	13	14 10 am BINGO	15 הח 5:19 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm	16 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Vayera</i> Bingo 5 pm
17 Religious School 10am-12nn Boutique 10am-12nn	18	19	20	21 10 am BINGO	22 הח 5:17 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm	23 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Hayei Sarah</i> Bingo 5 pm
24 Ron Becker will be on radio station 88.5 (WMNF) from 1pm to 2 pm	25	26	27	28 NO BINGO Thanksgiving Day Rosh Chodesh 	29 הח 5:16 pm Religious Services 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh	30 Religious Services 9:30 am <i>Toldot</i> Bingo 5 pm