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## HIGH HOLY DAYS

Begin at Sundown September 12, 2009  
(See Inside for Services & Events)

### Rosh Hashanah

“The New Year”  
Tishrei 1-2, 5770  
September 18 & 19, 2009



### Yom Kippur

“Atonement & Holiness”  
Tishrei 10, 5770  
September 27 & 28, 2009



### Sukkot

“Unity & Joy”  
Tishrei 15-21, 5770  
October 2-9 2009

### Simchat Torah

“Celebrating the Torah”  
Tishrei 22-23, 5770  
October 9-11, 2009

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The mission of the Federation is to support and further the common interest of the Jewish Community through Jewish Education, Social Services and Support of Israel.

# President's Report

Chag Sameach. As we enter the High Holy Day season, I wish each of you a good year and may you be written into the Book of Life. As often is the case, this Labor Day Sue and I watched the MDA telethon. We were gratified to see the American people respond to the needs of those with MD and to the need for research to end these terrible diseases. No matter how difficult you may have it, there is always someone worse off that you can help.

Unfortunately for many this has been a very difficult year. We thank each of you who have donated to the Federation this year, and ask each of you who have delayed making a pledge or paying your pledge to see if you can dig deep and help us during the remainder of this calendar year. We see no let-up in the need for the remainder of this year.

This year the Federation and the synagogues will once again be participating in Abraham's Harvest. You may pick-up your Abraham Harvest bag at the Federation or any synagogue before Rosh Hashanah, drop off the full bag at your point of pick-up and we will gather the bags and distribute them as needed. Food should be canned or boxed, not fresh. If you prefer, purchase a food gift card at your favorite grocery store and they will be distributed to Jewish needy families.

We also thank you for your support of the PJ Library and the First Annual PJ Library Casino Night presented by the Jewish Federation. Our commitment to PJ Library for this summer's sign-ups is \$2400. We raised almost \$2700 at the Casino Night. We expect the extra \$300 will be used for sign-ups in the last quarter of the year. My thanks to Casino Chairman Scott Seigel, PJ Library Chairwoman Debbie Woodard, Executive Assistant Lisa Pietruszewicz, Decoration and Food chairwoman, Art Chairwoman Jessica Lauer, and Prize Chairwoman Shari Daniels. Of course, all of the Board was helpful, selling tickets, obtaining prizes and dealing at the event. Please see the article elsewhere in the Connection.

Our BBYO continues to grow. The Chapter held an end of school ice cream social at the beach just before school started. It was attended by some 15 local teenagers and some of the BBYO Regional Officers from Orlando. I have it on good authority that a good time was had by all.

L'Shnah Tova.  
Howard Rothman

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Connection Coordinator: Lindy Barnett

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should be sent to  
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# Synagogues

## BREVARD COUNTY

### **Congregation Match Chaim**

A Reform Congregation  
Rabbi: Fred Natkin  
Address: 415 Riviera Dr.  
Palm Bay, FL  
(Riviera United Church of Christ building)  
Telephone: 768-6722  
Services: Second and Fourth Fridays at 7:30p.m.

### **Temple Israel**

Affiliation: Union of Reform Judaism  
Spiritual Leader:  
Cantor Patricia Ernest Hickman  
Address: 7350 Lake Andrew Drive  
Viera, FL 32940  
Telephone: 631-9494  
Fax: 321-631-9495  
Email: tiadmin@earthlink.net  
Services: Family Service First Friday 6:30 p.m. all other Fridays 7:30 p.m..  
Torah & Tefillah every Saturday 9 a.m.

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Affiliation: Chabad Lubavitch  
Rabbi: Zvi Konikov  
Address: 1190 Highway A1A  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937  
Telephone: 777-2770  
Email: contact@jewishbrevard.com  
Services: Fridays - 15 minutes before sunset  
Saturdays - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
Rabbi's Torah message  
12:30 PM Kiddush  
Rabbi's Kabbalah class Tuesdays - 7:30 PM  
Website: jewishbrevard.com

### **Temple Beth Shalom**

Affiliation: Conservative  
Rabbi: Richard J. Margolis  
Address: 5995 N. Wickham Road,  
Melbourne, FL 32940  
Telephone: 254-6333  
Fax: 254-0607  
Minyan Services: Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m.  
Services: Friday 6 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
Web Site: www.tbsbrevard.org

### **Congregation Beth-El**

Affiliation: Conservative  
Spiritual Leaders: Craig Frank, Richard Frank, and Eric Smitt.  
Cantor: Richard Frank  
Address: 2185 Meadowlane Ave.,  
West Melbourne, FL 32902-1144  
Telephone: (321-779-0740)  
Services: First and Third Fridays at 8 p.m.  
Second and Fourth Saturday at 9:30

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

### **Temple Beth Shalom**

Affiliation: Reform  
365 43rd Avenue,  
Vero Beach FL, 32968  
Telephone: (772) 569-4700  
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***Please send any information or stories that you would like us to consider placing in the Connection to [Connection@Bellsouth.net](mailto:Connection@Bellsouth.net)***

***The deadline for the next issue is November 15, 2009. All decisions remain subject to discretion of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties.***

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# The Community Mourns the Loss of Mitch Rosenfeld

Mitchell A. Rosenfeld, 80, formerly a journalist and congressional administrative assistant, died Aug. 24 at home in Melbourne Beach, Florida.

Mr. Rosenfeld graduated from Darby High School and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Temple University. During the Korean War, he served in the Army in Alaska. After his discharge, he was a reporter at the Chester Times, the Philadelphia Daily News, and the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, then was director of public information for Montgomery County.

From 1969 to 1985, Mr. Rosenfeld was administrative assistant to Rep. R. Lawrence Coughlin, who represented Montgomery County and Northwest Philadelphia in Congress.

For four years before retiring in 1989, Mr. Rosenfeld was deputy administrator for operations, research, and special programs for the U.S. Department of Transportation

Since the early 1990s, he and his wife, Emma Louise Rosenfeld, lived in Florida, where he was newsletter editor for Jewish War Veterans Post 639. He was an avid fisherman.

In addition to his wife of 53 years and daughter, Mr. Rosenfeld is survived by sons Eric and Steven; a brother; and three grandchildren

Mitch will be inurned in Philadelphia PA. A joint memorial service between the JWV and Congregation Beth El has been tentatively set for Friday Oct. 2nd at Congregation Beth El at 8 PM, to take place during the Friday night Shabbat service.

Our sincere sympathies go out to the entire Rosenfeld family.



## Abraham's Harvest

### *A Real Mitzvah*

The Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties is sponsoring its 7<sup>th</sup> annual food drive in conjunction with the Temples, Synagogues, and other Jewish Organizations in our community. This food drive is called "Abraham's Harvest" and occurs between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

This is how Abraham's Harvest works:

Publix Supermarkets has supplied the Federation with paper grocery bags. These bags will be available in the local temples and at the federation office throughout the High Holy Days. Please take a bag (or two) home from Rosh Hashanah services.

Fill the bag(s) with non-perishable food items, paper goods, personal hygiene products, and/or household supplies.

Return the filled bag(s) to your Temple/Synagogue at Yom Kippur services, or to the Federation office during normal business hours.

The Federation holds all donated grocery store gift certificates for distribution to needy local Jewish families. The food and other items collected will be held at the Federation office for Jewish needy families for two weeks and then redistributed to other food pantries in the area to assist those in need.

The Jewish Federation of Brevard & Indian River Counties and those that are in need within our community are grateful to each and every one of you who fulfills this Mitzvah.

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[www.myjewishfederation.org](http://www.myjewishfederation.org)**

# “Jewish Community is non-existent in Brevard County”

Submitted by Scott Seigel

One would think moving 12 years ago to a small Jewish Community from a larger one, that there would be a larger cohesiveness among a smaller Jewish community. Obviously people have their differences, however shouldn't we all just get along. I belong to the larger conservative temple which is in the midst of a financial mess supposedly caused by 5 years of mismanagement. I am on the Federation Board which is also reeling from years of financial mismanagement. It seems that most of our Jewish Service Organizations (JSO's) are having problems these days. These organizations should survive however the question is how did we, as Jews, allow these things to happen? Perhaps not enough checks and balances or not enough foresight or too much invested with Bernie Madoff. People sometimes do what they want to do regardless of the consequences. Well everything is not OK. I believe deep down it is the general apathy of the supposed Brevard Jewish Community. Perhaps it's a belief that everything will be OK regardless. The culture and the "community" is what I question.

There are many Jews that care, participate, and do a wonderful job volunteering, however there just doesn't seem to be enough of us. Dare I say... there are too many JSO's in Brevard County needing Jewish volunteers, which exhaust all the available volunteers? For the most part, the same Jews volunteer at B'nai B'rith, the Temples, Federation, Women's/Men's Clubs, Hadassah, Jewish War Veterans, etc. It was not intentional that I missed your organization however it just exasperates the issue. But which one do we close? It's like a mother being asked which child she must chose or a spouse being asked whether to take the other off life support. I was informed that one Rabbi stated to close one of the Temple Men's clubs. Does the Rabbi have the authority? Does the Rabbi pick the child or pull the plug?

I hereby question the purpose of all the local Temples and many of the Jewish Service Organizations (JSO) as they, as a whole, seems to be dividing us, not pulling us together. This includes the Federation. What is the mission statement of your organization/Temple? If it hasn't changed in the last 10 years your JSO is already out of date. If you haven't looked at it in the last 2 years, look at it this year. You could provide me the standard definition of a Synagogue or what your organization performs. Jewish War Veterans does an outstanding job at the VA and with PAFB, as well as the Chabad does an outstanding job with their prolific e-mail system, however, what do the Post & Chabad do to help bring the Brevard Jewish Community together as a whole? What has B'nai B'rith done? Hadassah raised significant amounts for a hospital in Israel which is highly commendable, however what did they do for a Brevard Jewish Community? What have you done? I have no clue as most other people have no clue. Every JSO is concerned about their own organizational goals and not for the goal of a community. If all the Temples and JSO worked together we can all work less and probably raise more money. I believe the Christian organizations have their act together locally far more than the group of JSO's. When was the last time a JSO organized an Israel Rally? Wait, that seems to be the responsibility of the Federation.

The Federation is supposed to act as an umbrella organization with support of all the other Jewish Service Organizations (JSO) and vice-versa yet my perception is little or no respect is provided the Federation by any of the Temples and many of the JSO's. Yet many of the JSO's may think the same. This perception goes back to previous Federation administrations from which the current Federation Board has to carry the burden. Most of those people are gone yet I have to carry the burden of past problems when attempting to improve things within our supposed community. The Federation has reached out yet now no one reaches back. Nothing will ever change in Brevard County until people want a Jewish Community. Jewish Community Volunteer Service apathy abounds in America

I was informed that the BJCS Board felt the August 2009 and 2010 Federation Casino Nights will impact their 2010 March Masquerade Ball & Casino Night. BJCS should know there were two (2) other Casino events occurring the exact same evening as ours! Perhaps we should've gotten a gang together and crashed those parties! Rough those charities up a bit... who's with me? We reserved that night first! I wonder if the BJCS would help us by calling those organizations to give them an earful. Should I also pick on Temple Israel for having a Fall golf tournament when the Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club also has a Spring golf tournament? Doesn't this complaining sound ridiculous?

While in the service, my Chief Petty Officer told me "quit your bitchin' unless you're going to do something about it" No Jew or JSO is better than another. Are you ready to become a Jewish Community or are you going to stay in your little Fiefdoms? Our enemy surrounds us getting stronger and all you seem to want to protect is your home instead of your community. You must do what is right, not what is popular.

Please do show up at the next Federation meeting or maybe just maybe designate someone from your organization as a Federation representative to show up every month at our Federation meeting. As a group of Jewish Services Organizations we are strong. As individual organizations we are all weak. Every JSO has a seat and a vote. Maybe you should exercise that vote? Elections are coming up and we need a new Federation President as Howard Rothman is not seeking reelection unless of course...it is forced upon him by your apathy.

# High Holy Days - Schedule of Services

## Congregation Beth El

2185 Meadowlane Street  
West Melbourne FL 32904

Eruv Rosh Hashanah Dinner Friday Sept 18, 6 PM - 7:30  
Eruv Rosh Hashanah Service Friday Sept 18, 7:30 PM - 10 PM  
Rosh Hashanah Service Day 1 Saturday Sept 19, 9:30 AM - 1 PM  
Rosh Hashanah Service Day 2 Sunday Sept 20, 9:30 AM - 1 PM  
Kol Nidre Sunday Sept 27, 7 PM - 10:30 PM  
Yom Kippor / Yizkor Service Monday Sept 28, 9:30 AM - 1 PM  
Ne'ila Service Monday September 28, 5 PM - 7 PM  
Break Fast Monday Sept 28, 7 PM - 10 PM

### The Eruv Rosh Hashanah Dinner

\$12.00 for members and \$ 18.00 for guests

### Tickets for High Holiday Services (Guests Only)

Adults / Seniors - \$40.00 per person, \$75.00 per couple

Please send payment to:

David Conley  
4315 Barnsdale Dr  
Melbourne, FL 32935-2911  
Deadline: September 15<sup>th</sup>

The cost for our guests attending the High Holiday services is posted in the Shalom, with adult individual guests at \$ 40.00 per person and \$75.00 per couple. All students and service personnel are free.

## Congregation Match Chaim

**All Services will be held at Riviera United Church of Christ in Palm Bay**  
**Rabbi Fred Natkin will be assisted by Harriet May**

Friday, September 18, 8:00 PM -  
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 AM  
1st Day of Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 27, 8:00 PM  
Kol Nidre

Monday, September 28, 10:00 AM  
Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 28, 4:00 PM  
Yizkor and Concluding Services

Followed by the Breaking of the Fast

## Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts

Selichot	Sat eve, Sep 12	11:30 PM	Coffee Social followed by Service at: 12:00 AM
Rosh Hashana Eve	Fri eve, Sep 18	7:00 PM	Kiddush following
Rosh Hashana, First day	Sat morn, Sep 19	8:45 AM	Torah Reading & Rabbi's Sermon: 11:00 AM- Kiddush Following
	Sat eve, Sep 19	7:00 PM	Mincha & Maariv
Rosh Hashana, Second day	Sun morn, Sep 20	8:45 AM	Rabbi's Sermon & Shofar Sounding: 11:00 AM Kiddush following
	Sun eve, Sep 20	6:30 PM	Minchah followed by Tashlich @ the Beach
Kol Nidrei-Yom Kippur eve	Sun eve, Sep 27	7:00 PM	
Yom Kippur Day	Mon morn, Sep 28	8:45 AM	Rabbi's Sermon & Yizkor Memorial Service 11:30 AM
	Mon eve, Sep 28	5:00 PM	Mincha/Ne-ila Services Break-fast approx. 7:46 PM
Sukkot, First Day	Sat morn, Oct 3	9:30 AM	Kiddush in the Sukkah
Sukkot, Second day	Sun morn, Oct 4	9:30 AM	Lulav Service - Kiddush in the Sukkah
Shemini Atzeret eve	Fri eve, Oct 9	7:00 PM	Short Hakafot Dancing
Shemini Atzeret	Sat morn, Oct 10	9:30 AM	Yizkor Memorial - Kiddush following.
Simchat Torah Eve	Sat eve, Oct 10	6:45 PM	GRAND HAKAFOT DANCING – ADULTS & CHILD - Kiddush
Simchat Torah	Sun morn, Oct 11	9:30 AM	Short Hakafot – Special Children's Aliyah Cer.-Kiddush

# High Holy Days - Schedule of Services

## Temple Israel

### SELICHOT –

Saturday, September 12  
8:00 PM Selichot Social  
9:00 PM Music of Teshuvah for S'lichot  
10:00 PM Selichot Service

### EREV ROSH HASHANAH –

Friday, September 18  
7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

### ROSH HASHANAH – Saturday, September 19

8:45 AM Family Rosh Hashanah Service  
10:00 AM Rosh Hash Service  
4:00 PM Tashlich at Rotary Park in Suntree

### KOL NIDRE/EREV YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 27  
7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

### YOM KIPPUR –

Monday, September 28  
10:00 AM Yom Kippur Morning Service  
1:30 PM Family Yom Kippur Service  
3:30 PM Healing Service  
4:00 PM Torah Service  
4:30 PM Yizkor Service  
5:30 PM N'eilah Service  
6:30 PM Break the Fast

### SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE – Friday, October 2

6:30 PM Shabbat Sukkot Celebration

### Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM Shabbat Sukkot Service

### EREV AT'ZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH YIZKOR SERVICE –

Friday, October 9  
7:30 PM Shabbat/Torah Service followed by Yizkor

### SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION –

Sunday, October 11  
10:15 AM

## Temple Beth Sholom

### Selichot

(Program & Service together at Temple Israel)  
Saturday, September 12 8:00 P.M. Coffee Reception  
9:00 P.M. Selichot Evening Program  
10:00 P.M. Traditional Selichot Service

### Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18, 7:00 P.M.- Family Service  
Saturday, September 19  
9:00 A.M. Preliminary Service - 1st Day  
9:15 A.M. Shacharit Service, 10:15 A.M. Torah Service  
11:15 A.M. President's Message, 11:30 A.M. Musaf Service  
12:00 P.M. Rabbi Margolis' Message  
1:30 P.M. Concluding Benediction  
Saturday, September 19, 7:00 P.M. - Evening Service  
Sunday, September 20  
9:00 A.M. Preliminary Service - 2nd Day  
9:15 A.M. Shacharit Service, 10:15 A.M. Torah Service  
11:00 A.M. Shofar Service, 11:30 A.M. Musaf Service  
12:00 P.M. Rabbi Margolis' Message  
1:15 P.M. Children's Sounding of the Shofar  
1:30 P.M. Concluding Benediction  
6:00 P.M. Tashlich Service at the edge of the Indian River

### High Holyday Cemetery Service

Sunday, September 27  
1:00 P.M. Fountainhead Memorial  
2:00 P.M. Florida Memorial

### Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 25, 6:00 P.M. Erev Shabbat Service  
Saturday, September 26, 9:30 A.M. Shabbat Morning Service

### Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27, 6:45 P.M. Kol Nidre Service  
Monday, September 28, 9:30 A.M. Preliminary Service  
10:00 A.M. Shacharit Service, 11:15 A.M. Torah Service  
12:15 P.M. Musaf Service, 1:00 P.M. Rabbi Margolis' Message  
1:30 P.M. Yizkor Memorial Service  
3:15 P.M. Yom Kippur Forum  
4:15 P.M. Yom Kippur Family Service  
5:15 P.M. Mincha Service, 6:30 P.M. Neila Service  
7:40 P.M. Maariv Service  
7:50 P.M. Havdalah and Concluding Shofar  
A light Break-the-Fast, sponsored by Sisterhood, will follow  
Yom Kippur Services

# Touchdown with G-d!

Kol Nidrei Eve, September 27: 7:00 pm  
Yom Kippur Day: September 28: 11:00 am

Join us for an inspirational and unforgettable Yom Kippur experience, as Former NFL offensive lineman Alan Veingrad will share his life experience from a young Jewish boy in Brooklyn to NFL Super Bowl Champ at the Chabad Jewish Community Center in Satellite Beach.

If you have no High Holiday plans...this is for you! Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts is working tirelessly to inspire the unaffiliated in our community and to make the High Holidays an uplifting experience for even the uninvolved Jew.

For more information visit [jewishbrevard.com](http://jewishbrevard.com).

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# Jewish Festival 2010



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# BJCS Preparing for High Holy Days

Submitted by Bertrice Vasconi, Director

Students at Brevard Jewish Community School are busy preparing for the High Holy days which are now upon us. Many joyous celebrations are planned along with the customary preparations for Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year.

In celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the students partook with honey and apples in wishing for a sweet New Year for 5770. With the joyful anticipation of Sukkot, each child will make his own sukkah out of edible candies. Discussion will be shared on how the sukkah is the one mitzvah that encompasses us and symbolizes the "cloud of glory" which protected the Jewish people during the forty years after they left Egypt. The learning will continue with Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah culminating the days of rejoicing. By rejoicing, studying, and dancing emphasis is placed on the Torah reiterating that it is the inheritance of all the Jewish people.

Leading up to report cards being issued in late October, academic challenges will continue to take place in all subject areas with a strong emphasis in science, math and computer technology. With this in mind, we anticipate an interesting and challenging "Math Night" for the Academy students, preparation and excitement for the Spring Science Fair, and enhancement of our computer technology program. Additional activities will abound in September and October with field trips planned to the King Center, the Kennedy Space Center, and an upcoming historical trip to St. Augustine. Also, the students will be screened for vision and hearing, and anxiously await "School Portrait Day"!

As in previous years, we are collecting toiletry items for the Hacienda Girls Ranch in Melbourne, Box Tops for Education labels, and used ink cartridges and cell phones for rebates back to BJCS and your participation would be greatly appreciated!

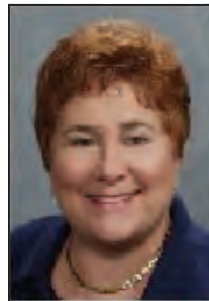
In closing, everyone at BJCS wishes you a very blessed, healthy and peaceful High Holy day season. Also, please feel free to stop by the school for a visit or tour of our exceptional education facilities.

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# Congregation Mateh Chaim

by Marilyn Schiff

To all of you within our Brevard & Indian River Counties, let me wish you a L'Shana Tova Tikatavu. May your homes be filled with the love and warmth of loving family and friends this New Year and comfort during your Days of Attonement High Holy Day Services are planned and anticipation is growing within our family at Mateh Chaim. Once again Rabbi Natkin and Harriet May will guide our congregation through the spiritual days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. All services will be held at the Riviera United Church of Christ in Palm Bay.

As is our tradition, guests are welcome to attend all our High Holy Day services (by reservation) at no charge for tickets, but of course donations are greatly appreciated. For information and reservations please contact Ritual Chair, Marilyn Schiff, 723-7266 and leave a message or email [madela48@bellsouth.net](mailto:madela48@bellsouth.net). Full schedule of High Holy Day Services are listed within this newsletter.

As is our tradition, a delicious Oneg Shabbat Yom Tov will be served following Erev Rosh Hashanah services catered by the lovely members of Sisterhood. All are in for a delightful tasting of a variety of sweet apple desserts. Following the conclusion of Yom Kippur Services a fabulous Breaking the Fast meal is provided by all attendees and sisterhood. Thanks to Marian Chiaiese for chairing this Oneg and Break of the Fast.

Sisterhood will hold its Kick off event in October so look for your invitations in the mail soon. We welcome all Jewish women age 18 and up to join our social club with exciting guest speakers, cooking with Harriet, dinners, game nights, Hanukkah and Passover events and of course our labor of love, baking for the Jewish Festival. For information about sisterhood or how you can join, call Marian Chiaiese 768-2716 and leave a message.

Shabbat Services are held the 2nd and 4th Friday each month and held at the Riviera United Church of Christ in Palm Bay, beginning at 7:30pm. Rabbi Fred Natkin and lay leader Harriet May lead the congregation in prayer during the year. Services are open to all Jews throughout the counties so come and visit us. For information about attending a service, joining our temple or general information call Helene Simon 725-1882.

## MFTY and Jr. Youth Group

MFTY and Jr. Youth Group are currently accepting members. MFTY is for students grades 9-12 and Jr Youth Group is for students grades 6-8. We welcome all students to the groups. Our activities include hosting Shabbat services to just going bowling or hanging out. Please check out our website [tiofbrevard.com/mfty](http://tiofbrevard.com/mfty) or [tiofbrevard.com/jyg](http://tiofbrevard.com/jyg).

## Mahjong on Mondays

Anyone interested in playing Mahjong on Mondays from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, kindly call Kathy Stern at 773-1550.

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# What's Happening at Temple Israel

Our Religious School is back in session and we're off to another great year. If you have been considering enrolling your children in Religious school give us a call and we'll be happy to give you a tour.

On, Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, Cantor Hickman will hold a Memorial Service at Mt. Hebron located in Florida Memorial Gardens.

**Torah & Tefillah** will resume on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM here at Temple Israel. We have been studying Torah the past 4 ½ years starting with the very beginning of Bereshit. Commentary from every source is used and everyone brings their own interpretations to this weekly study. Study is surrounded by Shabbat Prayers and blessings and of course, Kiddush and bagels. Come join us!!!

**Friday Night Live!** A Contemporary style service of music, dance and reflections, Friday Night Live is a warm and inviting way to spend Shabbat. The service includes the Temple's Band and Choir and is held the third Friday of every month at 7:30 pm. The concept is simple – our prayers are music and dance. The music is a patchwork quilt of our new and old melodies. As Reb Nachman of Breslov used to say, "Get into the habit of singing a tune. It will give you new life and fill you with joy.

For the first time ever, we are inviting the Jewish community to come audition for our Purim Play, the Megillah according to Disney. Adults and children of all ages are all invited to audition. This year the play will be held on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Come try out it's lots of fun!

Our resident Senior group Temple Talkers continues to meet here at Temple Israel on the third Monday of every month (except September 21, 2009.) They meet at 11:30 AM for a brown bag lunch and from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM they discuss a stimulating topic that the moderator presents. Call 726-0660 for more information.

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM we will dedicate the Debra Kaplan Young Serenity Garden. This garden is in memory of our beloved Past President Debra Kaplan Young who left us much too soon. The garden is a tribute to her made possible by the generosity of many. Please contact the Temple office if you are planning to attend.

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## Prime Time

Prime Time, a social group for seniors, meets on the second Monday of each month at One Senior Place in Viera, starting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The October program will be a presentation by Joe Morgan. Cocoa Beach icon with many credits to his name, entitled "Unlocking Family Secrets." Lunch and socializing follow at noon and attendees bring their own "brown bag" lunches. Dessert & beverages are provided.

Each Prime Time program is different with an assortment of interesting topics or programs throughout the year. Meetings are open to all and all are welcome. For further information please call 636-3484

## Senior Talkers

Senior Talkers, a discussion and social group for seniors, meets on the second Monday of each month at One Senior Place in Viera starting at 12 noon. The next meeting date will be October 12<sup>th</sup>. Those attending bring "brown bag" lunches with dessert and beverages being provided. Lunch and socializing goes for half an hour with members intermingling and socializing with the previous Prime Time attendees. Then the Moderator of the day takes over and an hour of open discussions on various current events and other topics of controversial nature follow, giving stimulation to keep our minds alert.

Meetings are open to all and all are welcome. For further information please call 726-0660.

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# Women of Temple Israel

The members of Women of Temple Israel would like to extend our wishes for 5770 to all. May the year be one to bring peace, health and happiness to your and all of your families.

Women of Temple Israel is an organization of women whose purpose is several-fold. These women are interested in Judaism; they may or may not be affiliated with Temple Israel but wish to be involved in the activities with other Jewish women, both socially and for the benefit of the Temple and the Community at large. Affiliation with Temple Israel is not necessary to join this women's organization. Anyone interested is invited to contact our Membership V. P. Holly Del Valle at 459-0920 or via e-mail at [challaha1@msn.com](mailto:challaha1@msn.com)

The new schedule for WTI Board meetings starting this new season, will always be the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Temple. Board meetings are open for any WTI member to attend. We'd like to see you there. Again, our wishes for L'Shana Tovah.

## Temple Beth Sholom Sisterhood

Most of our activities for the coming year have been scheduled and planned. PLEASE mark your calendars now.

Sept. - Our yearly break the fast meal will be following services on the 28th.

Oct- Ice Cream Social to be held at the Temple. We will be serving Ice Cream with all the trimmings.

Nov- Krystallnacht- Sisterhood will once again sponsor a program remembering that terrible night.

Dec 1-6 Brings our annual Chanukah Showcase. We will have many Chanukah items for sale as well as many other Judaica items.

Dec 17 we will be having our Chanukah party and gift exchange with a *new twist*

Jan- Sisterhood Shabbot takes place at our Temple. We are also planning an evening of Maj Jongg for new and experienced players (Do not confuse this with the card party)

Feb we are planning our Paid Up Membership Luncheon and also a Special Symposium of Breast Cancer.

March brings our Card Party and Luncheon as well as the Israeli Festival

April 4 is our Passover Beach Bar B Que.

**AND WE HAVEN'T FINISHED YET** Calling all women to participate in Sisterhood, pay your dues, come to meetings and join our special events. Our first meeting will be held on August 30 2009 at 9AM, Yes, ladies we are having it the same time as the Men's Club so you can come with hubby or attend while your child is in Sunday School. Refreshments will be served.

As usual, the gift shop continues to be the premier place in the county for all your Judaica needs. We have lovely items for the upcoming New Year which include, apple trays, honey bowls either individual or in sets. Challa trays, Challa Covers (made in Israel) and Wine Cups to name a few. If you are interested in shopping or just browsing or need something special appointments can be made by calling : **Sheila Golden 779-1777, Flo Flax 409-0978 or Susan Moser at 255-4953.**



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# Congregation Beth El

Congregation Beth El congratulates David and Bev Conley on their recent marriage, and wish them well as they travel to Israel to celebrate the High Holidays. We also congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Roger Bassin on the naming of their son Samson, Shmuel Ben Mordichai Tzvi to the House of Israel. We also will be celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Eric Campbell, son of Cheryl Campbell on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Congregation Beth El welcomes the following new members: Cheryl Campbell from Vero Beach, Nomei and Barry Cohen from West Melbourne.

As part of the Chaverim efforts in Beth El, we will be setting up trips to Cocoa Village Playhouse. The ticket costs are still \$20.00 per person, and requests should be sent to Eric Smitt, 2175 Ohio Street, West Melbourne FL 32904. Make checks payable to the Cocoa Village Playhouse. Deadline dates are 2 weeks prior to each performance. This year, the Cocoa Village Playhouse is presenting:

*“Evita”* will be on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
*“Annie”* will be on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
*“Curtains”* will be on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
*“Ragtime”* will be on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
*“Man of La Mancha”* will be on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM

If you are interested in having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah for your child or grand child who has not attended a Hebrew School or Sunday School environment, we can assist. For information, please contact Eric Smitt at 321-698-8307. Congregation Beth El is not just a senior citizen congregation but we are seeking membership from members of all ages

## Brevard Chapter of Hadassah

The first meeting of the fall season will take place on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 10 AM, at the Eau Gallie Library on Pine-apple Avenue.

Fritzie Nozik will present a very informative program entitled, "Columbus's Jewish Roots". You will not want to miss this event and the opportunity to socialize with friends following the summer break. All are welcome to attend; refreshments will be served.

## Jewish Singles Social Club



Many exciting events coming up in the near future such as seeing the play "Harvey" at Surfside, a nature walk in Viera, dinners, movies, Thanksgiving party, Chanukah party, New Year's Eve party, Gambling Arcade, putt putt golf, bowling, ice skating, Melbourne Art Museum, Dolphin Cruise just to name a few things on our agenda. If you are a Jewish female or Jewish male ages 40-140, then come check us out. We are strictly a social club, no dues, and we make everyone feel at home. Don't be left out, call and join the fun!!! Kandi: (321) 432-3655 or by email [Momkandi@aol.com](mailto:Momkandi@aol.com)

# September - October 2009

## Community Calendar



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		<b>9/15</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9/18</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b> BJCS Apples & Honey Day	<b>9/19</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
<b>9/20</b> TBS Sisterhood - Israel folk Dance 12:30-3:30PM	<b>9/21</b>	<b>9/22</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>9/23</b>	<b>9/24</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>9/26</b> Torah and Tefilah study group @ TI 9:00AM
<b>9/27</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>9/28</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>9/29</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>9/30</b>	<b>10/1</b> TBS Board Mtg	<b>10/2</b> <b>Sukkot</b>	<b>10/3</b> <b>Sukkot</b>
<b>10/4</b> TBS Sisterhood - Israel folk Dance 12:30-3:30PM	<b>10/5</b> Match Chaim Board Meeting 7PM	<b>10/6</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>10/7</b> Bnai Brith Board Mtg	<b>10/8</b> TI Sisterhood Board meeting 10:30AM	<b>10/9</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b>	<b>10/10</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b>
<b>10/11</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b>	<b>10/12</b> Prime Time 11 AM SeniorTalkers 12PM - One Senior Place	<b>10/13</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>10/14</b>	<b>10/15</b> <b>JFBIRC Board            Meeting 6:30PM</b>	<b>10/16</b> Match Chaim Comm. Shabbat Services & Adult Ed at The Fountains 3 pm Friday Night Live	<b>10/17</b> Torah and Tefilah study group @ TI 9:00AM Friday Night Live 7:30 @ TI
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<b>10/25</b> TBS Sisterhood - Israel folk Dance 12:30-3:30PM TBS Men's Club Membership Meeting	<b>10/26</b> BJCS School Portrait Day	<b>10/27</b> CJCC Torah Study 7:30 PM	<b>10/28</b>	<b>10/29</b> TI Sisterhood Board meeting 10:30AM BJCS Math Night/ Academy 5:30-7:00	<b>10/30</b>	<b>10/31</b> Torah and Tefilah study group @ TI 9:00AM





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