

Temple Shalom

of Central FL

High Holy Day Booklet

“A Family of Friends”

5787/2026

We invite you to join us for a month filled with uplifting
Spiritual experiences, celebrations and High Holy Day Services

“May you be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life for a Good Year”



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Join us for the High Holy Days 5787

Saturday, September 5th	7:00PM	Havdalah & Selichot Service/Program
Sunday, September 6th	10:00AM	Cemetery Visitation at Hillcrest
Friday, September 11th	7:00PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service *
Saturday, September 12th	9:30AM	Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Service *
	Approx. 1:30PM	Tashlich & Shofar Service, Lake Miona
	2:30PM	Rosh Hashanah Luncheon * Glenview CC
Sunday, September 13th	9:30AM	Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service
	Following Services	PotLuck Dairy Lunch *
Sunday, September 20th	7:00PM	Kol Nidre Service, Erev Yom Kippur *
Monday, September 21st	9:30AM	Yom Kippur Morning Service *
	Approx. 1:00 - 2:00PM	Reflections with the Torah & Healing
	3:00PM	Yizkor Service, followed by:
	4:00PM	Afternoon Service & Neilah
	Break the Fast *	Immediately Following Yom Kippur Services

Services in red are open to the public. Those services with an * require tickets or reservation. Visit the Temple website at www.tscfl.org for purchase and other High Holy Day information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2026

Shalom, Temple Shalom Family!

There is a beautiful Jewish proverb that says, "*A small light dispels much darkness.*" As we approach the High Holy Days, I find myself thinking about the unique, vibrant light that only exists because we are a community.

This year, the High Holy Days feel particularly significant. We aren't just looking at a date on the calendar, we are looking at an opportunity to gather our collective strength. Whether you are joining us from your favorite chair at home or sitting side-by-side with friends in our sanctuary, **you are the heartbeat of this congregation.**

What to Expect (The Journey Ahead)

Inside this booklet, you'll find the roadmap for our sacred season. But more than dates and times, these pages represent our commitment to one another. We want this season to be a deep breath for your soul—a time to feel grounded, seen, and truly "at home."

A Legacy of Connection

I often look around and wonder at the magic created by our *mishpacha*. It's in the soulful resonance of the choir, the wisdom Rabbi Zev Sonnenstein shares with us, and the quiet, tireless devotion of our Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and care teams. You don't just "attend" Temple Shalom—you *build it* every time you show up, every time you help a neighbor, and every time you stand proud in our shared identity.

In a world that can often feel fragmented, especially as we face the complexities of global antisemitism and the challenges in Israel, our unity is our most powerful answer. Here, we don't just endure; we thrive through our togetherness and our joy.

Tending to Our Home

Our sanctuary is a place of history and memories, and like any home filled with love, it requires our care.

Keeping this "light" burning is a shared responsibility. While membership dues are the foundation of our house, they only tell half the story. The other half is written by the extraordinary generosity of our Kol Nidre appeal. Your support is quite literally what allows us to keep the doors open and the music playing.

A Blessing for the New Year

As we prepare to dip our apples in honey, my hope for you is simple: May you feel deeply connected to your roots and inspired by our future.

On behalf of the Temple Board and my family to yours, I wish you a **Shanah Tovah U'Metukah**—a sweet, healthy, and profoundly meaningful New Year.

With love, warmth, and gratitude,

Mark Ziman

RABBI'S MESSAGE 2026



The High Holy Days—Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and the Days of Awe between them—call us into a sacred space of reflection, renewal, and hope. Across the world, Jewish communities gather with family and friends, ancient and modern melodies echoing through sanctuaries and homes, their notes carrying centuries of longing, gratitude, and ambition.

The High Holy Days are a time of gathering, reminding us that we stand shoulder to shoulder, hearts and voices joined, affirming the bonds that unite us as a people and as a family. In a world that often emphasizes division, the Days of Awe remind us that we are part of something greater than ourselves.

The sense of community is not merely a comfort; it is a responsibility. Our prayers on these holy days speak not only of individual needs, but of collective hopes: for healing; for justice, for peace. We are called to see one another with compassion and to recognize the divine spark in every person. The sages teach that the world is rebuilt through deeds of lovingkindness and acts of repair.

May this year inspire us to deepen our connections, to reach across differences, to support those who struggle, to celebrate together in times of joy and to stand together in moments of challenge. The new year brings with it an opportunity to count our blessings: the gift of life, the embrace of loved ones, the privilege of community.

In the quiet, reflective moments of the High Holy Days, between the prayers and the songs, take a moment to encourage gratitude. Gratitude is more than a feeling; it is a practice. It is the mindful choice to notice the good, even in the midst of difficulty. It is the willingness to see beauty in the ordinary and to acknowledge the abundance that surrounds us. Our tradition teaches us to begin each day with words of thanks—“*Modeh ani*”—gratefully acknowledging the chance to start fresh.

May we carry this spirit of gratitude with us, not only through these holy days but throughout the months ahead. May it inspire us to live with greater joy, mindfulness, and generosity.

As we prepare to enter into 5787, may we do so with open hearts and willing spirits. Let us greet the new year as a sacred opportunity—to repair what is broken, to forgive what can be forgiven, to love more deeply, and to serve more faithfully. The journey of the High Holy Days is not always easy. It asks us to confront our mistakes, to stretch toward ideals that may sometimes feel distant. But it also offers the promise of transformation—a promise that, no matter what has been, we can shape what will be.

From my family to yours, we wish for you that this New Year 5787, be a healthy, happy, and sweet new year and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life and Blessing...

Shanah tova u'metukah - May it be a good and sweet year

Rabbi Zev Sonnenstein

High Holy Day Honors

Ritual Committee

Temple Shalom is our sanctuary - our spiritual home, our gathering place, where we socialize, celebrate and mourn together as a community. All Temples, all Synagogues, Reform, Conservative or Orthodox have some things in common, as part of their structure.

The Aron Hakodesh (the Ark), the Ner Tamid (the Eternal Light), the Torah Scrolls, the Bimah, are all symbols in our sanctuary that help to create the spirituality, the peace and the holiness you feel when you walk into Temple Shalom, especially during the High Holy Days. That is why requesting an Honor and/or being chosen for an Honor is such a special experience. It draws a blessing for the individual, the family and the Community.

When the Ark is opened, you are symbolically opening the Gates to Heaven and allowing all that holiness to shine forth. There are many other Honors such as an Aliyah, reading from the Torah, holding the Torah, reciting a Haftorah, dressing the Torah, reciting an English or Hebrew passage or lighting candles before Shabbat or Yom Tov (Holiday).

Any Honor where a person can go up to the Bimah to be closer to the Ark signifies a blessing from God

In some communities, it is a custom to give Tzedakah if you have been chosen for an Honor. Some feel that by giving Tzedakah when an Honor has been extended to you, the blessings you receive are multiplied.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there are many Honors. To help the Rabbi and the Ritual Committee ascertain how to distribute them, visit the Temple website at tscfl.org and complete the form to request one, or you can simply fill out the request form on the next page and return it to the Temple Office. Either way, you'll be able to make a Tzedakah donation, if you choose.

We wish everyone a "L'Shana Tovah" and look forward to seeing you at our many services and functions during these High Holy Days.



Honors Request for 2026

- form is required

Rabbi Sonnenstein would like you to have an honor for the High Holy Days. Please let us know if you would like to participate, whether you will be attending Services, and which Honors you would be interested in.

You may complete the form below for each Temple Shalom name & date in your household who would like to participate and must submit this form to the Temple Office. You may also give a Tzedakah donation if you choose. Todah – Thank you!

ALL REQUESTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 11TH.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

(legibly)

Name of 1st Congregant: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Services you will be attending during the High Holy Days _____

Aliyah (Torah Blessing) Please provide your Hebrew Name, if available.

Ark Opening _____ Candle Lighting _____ English Reading _____

Carrying the Torah _____ Dressing the Torah _____ Lifting the Torah _____

Haftarah Reader _____ Torah Reader _____

Name of 2nd Congregant: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Services you will be attending during the High Holy Days _____

Aliyah (Torah Blessing) Please provide your Hebrew Name, if available.

Ark Opening _____ Candle Lighting _____ English Reading _____

Carrying the Torah _____ Dressing the Torah _____ Lifting the Torah _____

Haftarah Reader _____ Torah Reader _____

If additional space is needed, please add names
for High Holy Day Honors on another page.





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**ADDITIONAL
HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS**

	Names	# Tickets	Total
Local Area Non member \$285 per ticket			
Out of Tri-County Area Immediate Family \$55 per ticket per person			
Out of Tri-County Area Family Member Virtual Access \$55 per ticket per person			
Out of Tri-County Area Member Guest \$75 per ticket			
Out of Tri-County Area NON Member Virtual Access \$175 per ticket			



No Cost: Child/Student under 20 (with ID) Active-Duty Military,
and Letter of Reciprocity Will Be Honored.

 PURCHASER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date requested: _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Please visit or call the Temple Shalom Office for additional
ticket purchase. Your ticket will be your receipt.

Tickets purchased will be available at the entrance of
the Temple.

For more information, please contact ritual@tschl.org.

Temple Letters of Reciprocity
Will Be Honored:

Name(s): _____

Temple's name: _____

Attach letter: _____



 + **SELF-IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED ID** + 

Temple Shalom Holiday Card

May you be Inscribed and Sealed in the Book of Life!

This is what Rosh Hashanah is all about as we wish our fellow congregants a New Year of sweet blessings filled with abundant joy and peace!

Let us help you to extend your good wishes to everyone here at Temple Shalom!

For a \$20 donation, your name(s) will be listed on a beautiful Holiday Card that is mailed to every congregant. It's designed by our own esteemed artist, *Randi Zimmer*. If you have received these cards in the past, you know just how beautiful they are and how well they extend the blessings of the season.

Please list how you want your Family name to be printed. The final deadline for having your name on the Holiday Card is **Monday, August 17th, 2026.**

Name: _____



Temple Shalom Flower Fund

As we enter the Sanctuary for the first time on Rosh Hashanah, there is a feeling of peace and beauty. The Torah Covers have been changed to white, as are the Bimah covers. The final touches are the floral bouquets along the Bimah. Add it all up, and it creates an aura, a mood that prepares you for the prayers and throughout the holiday celebration.

Your generous contribution to the Flower Fund helps to make that happen.

Please give generously as these funds are used for beautifying the Bimah for all holidays throughout the year!

A list of Donors will be published in The Shalom.

The final deadline for these contributions is **Monday, August 17th, 2026.**

Name: _____

For questions or information, contact ritual@tscl.org

Book of Remembrance

High Holy Days 5787



The Yizkor Service is an integral part of Yom Kippur. As we remember loved ones who are no longer with us, we are reminded of memories from the past. In Judaism, there are two deaths. We pay tribute to our departed loved ones first upon their death, and when we say Yizkor four (4) times a year. The second death of their soul is when no one mentions their name. No one should ever be forgotten.

As long as we live, these names will always be a part of who we are.

By entering the names of your loved ones in this Book of Remembrance, you are not only ensuring that they will always be remembered, but as we remember them, their souls will be elevated for a blessing.

To add the names of your departed loved ones, please fill out the information below. To avoid errors, please submit a new list of names, and do not simply write, "Same as last year." Return this form by **Monday, August 17th.**

There is a minimum donation of \$18 for one name, \$36 for up to 4 names, \$54 for up to 8 names, \$72 for 9 names and above. A couple is counted as 2 names. When completing the following page **DO NOT SAY** "Same as the last year."

Please direct all questions regarding donation to the Temple Office.

Enter all names on the next page.

Submit your donation to the Temple Office utilizing the remittance page.

Book of Remembrance

High Holy Days 5787

Please list your loved ones below.

Donor name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please print your loved ones names

Please print your
relationship

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____



For Selichot,
Saturday, September 5th



BAKERS NEEDED

ANY TYPE OF FINGER FOOD DESSERT

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE YOUR DELICIOUS GOODIES,
PLEASE PICK UP A TRAY AT THE TEMPLE BY **AUGUST 25th**
FILL IT WITH YOUR DESSERTS AND RETURN IT ON **SEPTEMBER 5th**
IT WILL BE SHARED AND ENJOYED BY THE CONGREGATION
ON SELICHOT.



**SHARE YOUR COOKIES, YUMMY HONEY
CAKES, AND ANY OTHER GOODIES
YOU ARE WILLING TO BAKE.**

**LET'S MAKE THIS SELICHOT
SPECIAL FOR EVERYONE.**



Please contact Denise Rosenbaum and Vivienne Finley to pick up your tray
no later than August 25th.

You may contact them at ritual@tscfl.org



Selichot

During the month of Elul, Jewish tradition teaches us that this is the time for soul searching and reflection to prepare ourselves for the magnitude of the Days of Awe. It is during this time, we observe Selichot.

Saturday, September 5th, 7:00 PM



Please join your Temple family and friends for dessert and coffee while enjoying each other's company, making new friends, and renewing old acquaintances.

Havdalah will start at 7:45 PM followed by Selichot services. The Torah covers will be changed to white, representing purity and the wish that, through repentance, our sins will be made white as snow.



Join your Temple Shalom family as we pray together for a good and healthy New Year.

Visit the Temple Website at tscfl.org for more information regarding the High Holy Days.



Hillcrest Cemetery Visitation

Date: Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1901 County Road 25-A, Leesburg, FL 34748

It is the custom to visit the graves of one's parents, grandparents and other loved ones during the High Holy Days Season in anticipation of the New Year, which helps establish a sense of continuity between the sacred past and the unborn future, fostering a sense of oneself as the vital link between the two.

It is therefore appropriate that we do not take our ancestors for granted and this custom of visiting their graves reflects that hope. Although most of our loved ones are buried in locations far from our homes in the Tri-County area, attending a service in any location brings you spiritually closer to them.

You are invited to attend Temple Shalom's High Holy Day Graveside Service, led by Rabbi Zev Sonnenstein, at the Temple Shalom Cemetery at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg on Sunday, September 6th at 10:00 AM.



Directions to Hillcrest Cemetery Memorial Gardens:

Take Highway 27/441 south toward Leesburg,
At the split of 441 and 27, stay to the right, remaining on Route 27.
In about 2.4 miles, take a slight right onto County Road 25A.
In 1.2 miles, the cemetery is on the right.
The Temple Shalom area is toward the back on the left side
of the Memorial Gardens.

Lunch on your own is available after services

at **Ski Beach Bar & Grill**

21 Dozier Circle, Leesburg, FL 34748

Please RSVP at ritual@tscfl.org



For any questions you may contact ritual@tscfl.org

Rosh Hashanah

SERVICE TIMES

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11th

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Evening Service: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12th

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I

Morning Service: 9:30 AM

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 13th

ROSH HASHANAH DAY II

Morning Service: 9:30 AM

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TEMPLE SHALOM OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



SHOFAR & TASHLICH

Lake Miona Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
Approximately 1:30 pm
Immediately After Morning Services

The ritual of Tashlich offers us another opportunity to take stock of ourselves. Tashlich is held outside, close to nature and to God with water nearby and the heavens above.

Cast your sins into the water and hear the traditional sounding of the Shofar!

We recommend that those who attend bring bread, a chair, and water to enjoy.



DIRECTIONS: Go left from the Temple lot onto CR 101. Turn left on CR 466, then right on Buena Vista Blvd. Turn right on Rainey Trail, and the park will be on your left. Park your car in the park!



ROSH HASHANAH

1st Day Luncheon

Saturday | Sept. 12 | 2:30 PM

Glenview Country Club

3194 Glenview Road
The Villages, FL 32162

Challah, Honey & Dessert
Four Lunch Options & soft drinks.

RSVP with payment by **Aug. 15th, 2026**
Seating Limited to 90

Temple Member \$30 Non-Member \$35



If you need assistance or have questions,
please contact Marsha at ritual@tscfl.org



Temple Shalom 2026 Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 2:30 PM

GLENVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

Sit-down, plated Luncheon

Entrée Choice: Pot Roast, Fried Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Marinara Sauce, Grilled Salmon or Pasta Primavera w/ either Marinara or Olive Oil & Garlic
Served with Challah and Honey, House Salad, Vegetables, Dessert and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, including Coffee/Tea

Member Price by August 15

\$30.00

August 16 to 29 Member Price \$35.00

August 30 to Sept. 10 Member Price \$40.00

Non-Member Price by August 15

\$35.00

August 16 to 29 Non-Member Price \$40.00

August 30 to Sept. 10 Non-Member Price \$45.00

GRATUITIES INCLUDED

Table Requests of 6, 8, or 10. Payment must accompany reservations

Questions? Marsha at ritual@tscfl.org

Reservation Name	Dinner Choice	Payment
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

Additional payment to offset costs: _____

Total enclosed: _____

Temple Shalom Of Central Florida

Rosh Hashanah

2nd day Potluck

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

Immediately following
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service

\$5.00 Members \$6.00 Non-Members

Potluck Category by Last Name.
Please bring enough for 8 to share

Last Name	Category	Suggestions
A - E	Bread	Bagels, Rye, Crackers, Pumpernickel, Challah
F - K	Cheeses	Cream Cheese, Cheddar, Pepper Jack, White Cheese
L - P	Protein/Salad	Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, Smoked Salmon, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Mixed Green Salad
Q - S	Desserts	Kugel, Cookies, Pudding, Cupcakes
T - Z	Fruit	Fruit Salad, Grapes, Watermelon

**RSVP with payment and form
required by August 31st.**

Please send payment along with the completed form to
Temple Shalom, 13563 CR 101, Oxford, FL 34484.

For questions, please contact Linda Meng
at ritual@tscfl.org.

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Names: _____

Dish to share: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Yom Kippur

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

EREV YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre, Erev Yom Kippur

7:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Morning Service

9:30 AM

Reflections with the Torah & Healing 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Yizkor

3:00 PM

Afternoon Service & Ne'ilah

4:00 PM

Break Fast at Temple Shalom
RSVP required

Immediately
Following Services

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BREAK THE FAST

with your

Temple Shalom Family



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2026

immediately following Yom Kippur services at the Temple

A sumptuous dairy meal will be served family style including juice, challah, N. Y. style bagels, cream cheese, egg salad, Whitefish salad, Nova Salmon Platter, lettuce, tomato, and onion.

Assorted desserts, coffee and tea.

Member	Non-Member	
\$33 per person	\$38 per person	if payment is received by August 13th.
\$38 per person	\$43 per person	if payment is received by August 27th.
\$43 per person	\$48 per person	if payment is received after August 27th.

No refunds after September 5th

Seating closes when the maximum of 64 is reached. Register early!

Yes, I'd like to Break the Fast with members of my Temple Shalom family: (Seating of up to 8 per table.)

Please seat me with: _____

(Names) _____

_____ members @ \$ _____ plus _____ guests @ \$ _____ \$ _____

Additional contribution to help defray the cost of our meal \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Please fill out the form and make payments to the Temple Office utilizing the remittance page.

If you need assistance or have questions, please direct them to Larry at bkfast@tschl.org.



SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH



Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25th
Dinner under the stars at 5:30 PM
prepared by Rabbi Zev & John.
RSVP with optional donation.
Shabbat service following dinner
at 7:00 PM



Sukkot Day I

Saturday, September 26th
Services in the Sukkah at 9:30 AM



Sukkot Day II

Sunday, September 27th
Services in the Sukkah at 9:30 AM

Erev Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM



Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service

Saturday, October 3rd at 9:30 AM



Erev Simchat Torah Celebration Service

Saturday, October 3rd at 7:00 PM



Shabbat Service

Friday, October 9th at 7:00 PM



**ALL SUKKAH EVENTS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE,
WEATHER PERMITTING.**





Mural Art Project Design by Michelle Nicotera

Congregants are welcome to participate in embellishing the design on September 15th at 1:00 PM



Brotherhood Building the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 22nd & Wednesday, September 23rd at 9:00 AM



Ritual Committee Decorating the Sukkah

Thursday, September 24th



To prepare for Sukkot and the mitzvah of shaking the lulav & the etrog, orders will be taken for the purchase of individual lulavs & etrogs.

Further information will be available soon regarding the deadline & cost.



Simchat Torah

October 3rd at 7:00 PM

Klezmer Band created by Temple Members.





IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND EVENTS**

❖ High Holy Day Honors Requests	August 11th
❖ High Holiday Card & Flower Fund	August 17th
❖ Book of Remembrance	August 17th
❖ Selichot Bakers	August 25th
❖ Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Luncheon	August 15th - September 10th
❖ 2nd Day Potluck	August 31st
❖ Break the Fast Dinner	August 13th to August 27th
❖ Special Yom Kippur Donation	During the High Holy Days

****All the deadlines above are very firm.**

EVERY PAYMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ITEMIZED REMITTANCE FORM!!

Checks are the preferred method of payment.
MC & VISA are accepted.



Temple Shalom

Bound Together in Love and Community:
The High Holy Day Appeal – 2026

Dear Temple Shalom Family and Friends,

When the first, haunting notes of *Kol Nidre* echo through our sanctuary, something profound shifts within us. In that sacred stillness, we look around and realize a beautiful truth: we do not stand alone. We are wrapped in the warmth of a community that loves us, accepts us, and needs us. We stand together as a vibrant chain of generations, bound not just by history, but by a shared commitment to open our hearts, pursue justice, and nurture the spiritual home we are building hand in hand.

The Yom Kippur appeal began in 1916 as a compassionate response by synagogues to lift up fellow Jews in crisis during World War I. Today, we carry that very same torch. Our collective generosity is the heartbeat of Temple Shalom, because we know that we are entirely dependent on one another. This is a place where every voice matters, every story is valued, and every single soul brings a unique and beautiful gift to the table. Collectively, we are so much stronger than we could ever be alone.

I felt a deep, personal urge to share this preliminary message in our High Holy Day booklet. I want us to enter this New Year with complete clarity, deep intention, and a shared, emotional vision of what we can achieve when we lift each other up. Our needs are real, and I want to share them with you with total transparency and open arms.



With Deepest Gratitude

First, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Because of your incredible generosity during last year's appeal, we met our fundraising goals. You showed up for Temple Shalom when it mattered *most*, and your support felt like a warm, reassuring embrace. You proved that when our community faces a challenge, we meet it together.



Meeting the Moment: Our Shared Realities

In a world navigating economic uncertainty, our sacred home faces the real pressures of inflation. To keep our doors wide open, our building safe, and our community thriving, we must gently tend to several pressing physical and structural needs:

Temple Shalom

High Holiday Appeal - 2026

AREA OF FOCUS	OUR COMMUNITY NEED
 Sustaining Our Sanctuary	Tending to our aging building by replacing worn carpeting and upgrading outdated audio, financial, and communication systems. This ensures that everyone—regardless of physical ability—can fully hear, participate, and feel included in our worship.
 Securing Our Sacred Space	Protecting our families and children with enhanced security measures. In the face of rising antisemitism, we are fiercely committed to ensuring Temple Shalom remains a fearless, peaceful sanctuary where you can always feel safe and protected.
 Audacious Hospitality: Celebrating Every Voice	Rooted in the proudest traditions of the Reform Movement, we believe in <i>audacious hospitality</i> . To us, this means creating a home where everyone truly counts. We are actively expanding our programming and reaching far beyond our physical walls to enthusiastically welcome interfaith families, seekers, and young families.



A Value-Driven Choice for Accessibility

Guided by our prophetic values of inclusivity and equity, our Board made a conscious, heartfelt decision not to raise membership dues this year. We firmly believe that financial status should never dictate who belongs to God's house or who can be a part of our family. We maintain a moderate dues structure because keeping Temple Shalom accessible to all is a moral imperative.

Because we choose accessibility, we rely entirely on our *Kol Nidre Appeal*—our single most critical fundraiser of the year—to bridge the gap. The reality is simple: membership dues cover only about 50% of our annual operating expenses. The remaining half relies entirely on the generosity of hearts like yours. We don't just need your financial support; we need you.



Our Goal: \$55,000

Yes, it is an ambitious goal. But it is entirely possible when we lift the burden together. In Jewish tradition, we teach that the world is sustained by three things: Torah, worship, and deeds of loving-kindness. Your participation in this appeal is the ultimate act of loving-kindness.

Please know this: There is no contribution too small. This appeal is not about the size of a check; it is about the size of our collective heart. Whether you give a significant gift or a single dollar, your participation is a sacred statement that says, *"I belong. I care. I bring my piece to the table, and I am part of this future."* Every single gift is a holy spark that keeps our eternal light burning bright.

Thank you for walking this path of faith, warmth, and community. I am profoundly grateful for your trust, your passion, and your partnership. May we all be inscribed for a good, sweet, and deeply connected new year.

With love and gratitude,
Mark Ziman, Temple Shalom President



High Holy Days 2026 Remittance Form

Complete both sides.



Member Contact Information

Member Name:	_____
Primary Phone:	_____



1. High Holy Days Tickets & Virtual Access

Ticket / Access Type	Rate	Qty	Total
Non-member Tickets	\$285.00		\$ _____
Family (Out of Area) - Virtual	\$55.00		\$ _____
Guest (Out of Area) - Virtual	\$75.00		\$ _____
Non- member (Out of Area) - Virtual	\$175.00		\$ _____



2. Commemorations & Dedicated Funds

Fund / Item	Guidelines	Details	Total
Holiday Card	\$20.00 / card	Qty:	\$ _____
Flower Fund	Sanctuary Support	Opt-In	\$ _____
Book of Remembrance	1 name \$18 4 names \$36 8 names \$54 9+names \$72	Number of Names:	\$ _____



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High Holy Days 2026 Remittance Form

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3. Holy Day Meal Registrations & RSVP Tiers

 First Day Luncheon RSVP by 8/15	RSVP BY	TEMPLE MEMBER	GUEST
	8/15	\$30	\$35
	8/29	\$35	\$40
	9/10	\$40	\$45
 Second Day Potluck RSVP by 8/31	RSVP BY	# OF ATTENDEES	DONATION
	8/31	_____	Member \$5, Guest \$6
 Break the Fast RSVP by 8/13	RSVP BY	TEMPLE MEMBER	GUEST
	8/13	\$33	\$38
	8/27	\$38	\$43
	After 8/27	\$43	\$48

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total for Meal \$ _____



4. Special Yom Kippur Annual Appeal

Annual Appeal Donation: Vital support for operations
and community enrichment

\$ _____



5. Complete Remittance Calculation

GRAND TOTAL PAYMENT (Sections 1-4) \$ _____



Submission Requirements:

- Please double check all mathematical totals prior to final payment.
- Ensure that your matching full legal member name and active phone line are added to the identification rows on Page 1.
- Make personal checks payable to Temple Shalom and submit it along with the completed Remittance Form.



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THANK YOU!

As a Community, a Family of Friends, we strive to work together toward our common goals.

Just as the Tabernacle was in many pieces, so was this booklet. There were many people, far too many to mention **individually** who contributed much of their own time to get this High Holy Day Booklet written and to you in a timely manner. We could not have accomplished this task without everyone's help working together.

So, **WE THANK YOU.**

I particularly appreciate all the time given to me by Ivonne Whitaker, Mark Ziman, Samantha Sherman, Dennis Roth, Rabbi Sonnenstein and the entire Ritual Committee.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at all the High Holy Day Events, beginning with Selichot on September 5th and continuing until Simchat Torah in October.

As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5787, we pray that we continue to be written in The Book of Life.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Joyce Lieb, Editor



With Deepest Gratitude

Honoring the Hands and Hearts Behind Our High Holy Days

As the High Holy Days near, the sacred work of preparation at Temple Shalom is already well underway. Planning began back in April, and bringing these holy days to life remains a true community effort. We offer heartfelt thanks to the many individuals and groups giving their time, energy, creativity, and devotion.



SPIRITUAL & MUSICAL LEADERSHIP

- **Rabbi Zev Sonnenstein:** Thank you for guiding the planning and crafting each service with care, ensuring every congregant and guest experiences the season with meaning and spirit.
- **Samantha Sherman & The Temple Choir:** Thank you for the sacred song that will fill our sanctuary. Samantha's detailed musical planning with Rabbi Zev, along with the choir's dedicated rehearsal hours, will beautifully elevate our holiday prayers.



CREATIVE & EVENT COORDINATION

- **Joyce Lieb, Ivonne Whitaker, and Samantha Sherman:** Thank you for creating this year's beautiful High Holy Day book — a testament to your hard work and creative devotion.
- **Marsha Riefs & The Ritual Committee:** Thank you for organizing the traditions and events that shape this holy season, including community meals, the Book of Remembrance, Sukkot, and more.
- **Susan Feinberg:** Thank you for bringing your marketing expertise to promote Temple Shalom, helping us welcome new faces and grow our community.



THE PILLARS OF TEMPLE SHALOM

- **The Board, Office, and Custodial Staff:** Thank you for the behind-the-scenes administrative support and care for our physical space that helps the holidays unfold smoothly, safely, and seamlessly.
- **A/V Team:** Thank you for the countless hours coordinating audio, video, zoom and slides masterfully created by Marlene Zinman.
- **Brotherhood:** Thank you for your continued support, including building the Sukkah and providing parking assistance to make the season run beautifully.
- **Sisterhood:** Thank you for your warm hospitality and ongoing Oneg assistance, which brings community to every gathering.
- **Safety and Security Committee:** Thank you for your tireless efforts to keep our congregation safe, giving everyone the peace of mind to worship freely.
- **Our Volunteers:** Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to give their time and energy. Your generosity is the lifeblood of our congregation.



A COLLECTIVE THANK YOU

To everyone who has given so much of themselves these past months, and to all who will carry this holy season across the finish line: your dedication is deeply appreciated. Thank you for making this High Holy Day season beautiful, welcoming, and profoundly spiritual for the entire Temple Shalom family.

Mark Ziman

President, Temple Shalom of Central Florida



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