

# The Hourglass

## BULLETIN OF THE HEBREW CONGREGATION OF ST THOMAS

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**Services planned to be live, in person and also streamed;  
vaccination required for physical attendance  
for all those who are eligible;  
children always welcome as well.**

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# Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe)

The High Holy Days and Fall Festivals 2021/5782

The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas (The St Thomas Synagogue)

Live, in person and also streamed. Zoom Info for almost all services:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>, or use Mtg ID: 340 774 4312

Vaccination  
required  
for those  
eligible

## Selichot: A Mystical Service of Spiritual Preparation:

**Saturday evening, August 28, 2021,**

Selichot Program/Film, 8:00 PM, Candle-lit Service, 10 PM



## Rosh HaShanah

**Erev Rosh HaShanah: Monday, September 6**

Evening Service, 6:00 PM; Dinner follows the service

RSVP needed by August 26 to [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) or 340-774-4312



**Rosh Hashanah Day: Tuesday, September 7**

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:00 AM

Family Service and Story, Magens Bay Beach, 3:30 PM

Tashlich, Magens Bay Beach, 4:00 PM



**Second Day Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, September 8**

Rosh Hashanah Brunch and Chat

at the home of Mark and Dorothy Isaacs, 10:30 AM



## Yom Kippur

**Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday evening, September 15**

Kol Nidrei Service, 8:00 PM

**Yom Kippur: Thursday, September 16**

Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:00 AM

Family Service, 3:30 PM; Afternoon Service, 4:15 PM

Yizkor Memorial and Ne'ilah Services follow the Afternoon Service

Community Break Fast follows Nei'lah at approximately 7:00 PM

Fish/Dairy Pot Luck; RSVP by Sept.10 to [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) or 340-774-4312



## Sukkot

**Erev Sukkot: Monday evening, September 20**

Erev Sukkot Service, 6:00 PM

**First Day of Sukkot: Tuesday, September 21**

Sukkot Festival Morning Service, 8:30 AM



## Simchat Torah

**Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret: Tuesday, September 28 (Reform)**

Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service, 8:30 AM



The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas, 2116 Crystal Gade (Synagogue Hill), St. Thomas, VI 00802;

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# YAMIM NORA'IM (DAYS OF AWE) 5782/2021 THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

conducted by Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach and Student Cantor Laynie Zell,  
with accompanist Gylchris Sprauve

Vaccination required for in person attendance for all those eligible

## SELICHOT .....Saturday, August 28, 8:00 PM

The climax of the Hebrew month of Elul comes during the service of Selichot, an exercise in spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. Traditionally held at midnight on the Saturday night/Sunday before Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world gather together for what is, truly, the first of the High Holy Day services, a brief but intense experience during which the music and liturgy of the season are used for the first time. The service is filled with drama and awe, as in the dark of the night we begin to bare our souls, and plead for forgiveness.

At the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, we begin our observance of Selichot this year with the Israeli film *Footnote*. Nominated for Best Foreign Language film in 2012, this is not an "action" film in the classic sense -- it is about integrity, loyalty, academic and family rivalries, the balance between self-knowledge and public perception, and, perhaps, the meaning of love and truth.



Following the film, **we enter the Sanctuary at 10:00 PM** to the background melodies of the season, where our youth will lead us in Havdalah (the ceremony marking the end of Shabbat) and then, in candlelight and to the call of the Shofar, the actual service of Selichot begins.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312.

## Ways to "come together" this High Holy Day Season

- Join us live, in person, following whatever rules the territory has at the time.
- On Zoom, using <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312
- On Facebook Live, on our Facebook Page, at <https://www.facebook.com/synagoguevi>
- On YouTube Live. Go to YouTube.com, search "Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas," or go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPdDxaz1fZxOogurLkjii6g>

**More information on parking options and possible Shuttle service  
for the High Holy Days coming soon**



# ROSH HASHANAH

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH .....Monday, September 6**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah Service.....6:00 PM**

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The Jewish calendar year turns with the setting of the sun on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We welcome the new year of 5782 with hope and prayer at this time of challenge and change.

Rabbi Feshbach will speak on being "Together, Again?"

**Congregational Rosh Hashanah Family Dinner, Lilienfeld House follows the service.**

Free and open to all (**donations welcome and appreciated**); RSVP needed by August 26 to [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) or 340-774-4312.

**ROSH HASHANAH .....Tuesday, September 7**

**Congregational Morning Service.....10:00 AM**

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Rabbi Feshbach will speak on "Shades of Gray."

**Rosh Hashanah Family Service.....3:30 PM**

**in person at Magens Bay Beach, Shed 3 and livestreamed (we hope) using**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

We come together for a Family Experience, with story and song, in an upbeat spirit, the sound of the shofar, and the taste of apples and honey. The Family Service will be led by Rabbi Feshbach and Student Cantor Laynie Zell, with guitar accompaniment led by Steve Richman.

**Tashlich: Symbolic Casting Away of Sin.....4:00 PM**

**Magens Bay Beach, Shed 3**

The ancient rite of Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our sins into a body of water. The ceremony is probably 20 minutes long at the most. But BYOB (bring your own bread or breadcrumbs).

**SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH.....Wednesday, September 8**

**Brunch and Discussion, at the home of Mark and Dorothy Isaacs.....10:30 AM**

**Children at services at HCST: Always welcome, but options available**

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary at all services. We also are aware that some of our youngest children may be happier in a play-oriented and supervised environment than they would be at a Sanctuary service. Childcare is available by advance request at Erev (evening) services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, all daytime services for Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur, as well as for the Yom Kippur Afternoon and Concluding Services. Please contact the synagogue by September 3 with any requests.



# SHABBAT SHUVAH (The Sabbath of Repentance)

*Parashat Vayeilech* (Deuteronomy 31:1-30)

The Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is one of the most significant occasions in Jewish life: the liturgy contains references to and wording from the High Holy Days in a way which is unique to this Shabbat.

**EREV SHABBAT.....Friday, September 10**

**Erev Shabbat Service.....6:30 PM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

Story: "Ten Days to Change the World."

**SHABBAT MORNING.....Saturday, September 11**

**Shabbat Morning Svc: Special Memorial for 9/11, Lilienfeld House.....10:00 AM**

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## KEVER AVOT Graveside Memorial Service

**Kever Avot Service.....Sunday, September 12**

**Savan Cemetery.....9:30 AM**

**Altona Cemetery.....10:00 AM**

It is customary to visit graves of loved ones in the period leading up to or in between the High Holy Days – or to visit a cemetery in the community in which you live, as a catalyst for remembering those buried far away. We offer such memorial services at both of our historical cemeteries.





**EREV YOM KIPPUR.....Wednesday, September 15**

**Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service.....8:00 PM**

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The lights are dim, the candles are lit, and the haunting sound of Kol Nidrei echoes in the (Virtual) Sanctuary. Once more, Atonement Day has come. We come together and we face ourselves in a way which only this day can evoke.

Rabbi Feshbach will speak on "Words That Work."

**YOM KIPPUR DAY.....Thursday, September 16**

**Congregational Morning Service.....10:00 AM**

**Zoom Link** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

Rabbi Feshbach will speak on "Facts and Faith, Truth and Consequences."

**Personal and Guided Study.....1:00 PM**

One tradition in the observance of Yom Kippur is to remain in the synagogue throughout the entire day. For those who wish to do so, there will be texts available for self-study and exploration at Lilienfeld House throughout the morning, and especially following the Morning service.

**Texts That Talk: Study with the Clergy.....1:30 PM**

Details To Be Determined

**Yom Kippur Mid-Day Opportunities.....2:00 PM**

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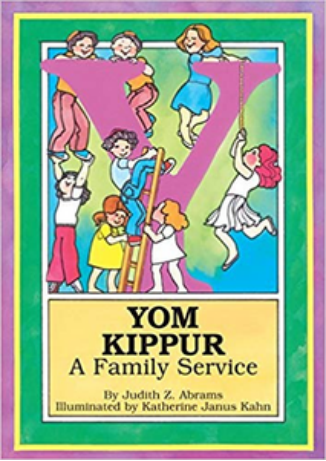
Possible topics or sessions include:

- Journeys: Sharing Stories and Spiritual Paths
- Building Bridges: Interfaith Dialog in Theory and Practice
- Prayers in Practice: Words to Action

**Yom Kippur Family Service.....3:30 PM**

**Zoom Link** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>

or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312. We focus on the themes of the Day of Atonement through music and liturgy appropriate for young children. Led by Rabbi Feshbach and Student Cantor Laynie Zell, with guitar accompaniment by Steve Richman.





**Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, Yizkor and Ne'ilah .....4:15 PM**

**Zoom Link** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

We gather in the Sanctuary for a revised Yom Kippur Afternoon Service. This unique service includes reading the ethical heart of the Holiness Code from the Torah, telling the tale of Jonah as the Haftarah the Grand Aleinu, a poetic reconstruction of the history of our people, aspects of the traditional Avodah service (the moment when the High Priest of old sought atonement for the entire people), and the *Eleh Ezkerah* martyrology. In our new machzor (High Holy Day prayerbook), this service is also the most "different" in tone and content from what we have seen in prayerbooks in the past.

Childcare provided by advance request.

The **Yizkor Memorial Service** (at which we distribute our annual *Book of Remembrance*) begins immediately upon the completion of the Afternoon service, with no defined break. We estimate that Yizkor might begin at approximately 5:30 PM.

The **Ne'ilah Concluding Service** begins immediately upon the completion of the *Yizkor* prayers. *Please remain in the Sanctuary through the conclusion of Ne'ilah.*

The final sounding of the shofar will take place sometime before 7 PM. Anyone wishing to blow the shofar should bring one to the sanctuary for the final Tekiah Gedolah. All children will be called forward to participate in a brief ceremony of Havdalah.

**Communal Break Fast.....following Ne'ilah**

Our congregation has a long-standing tradition of coming together for the final moments of Yom Kippur and breaking the fast together. This is a dairy/vegetarian Pot Luck meal. Join us, again or for the first time, at this festive occasion.





# SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

**SUKKAH BUILDING.....Saturday, September 18**

**Sukkah Building Family Experiential Education Program.....10:00 AM**

We come together for a brief Shabbat Morning Service on the *Mirpeset* (Balcony) of the Feshbach-Novick home, overlooking the Atlantic, followed by a Sukkah building program during which we will learn how to quickly and easily assemble a beautiful wood-framed Sukkah. Pot Luck Drinks and Dairy Lunch.



**EREV SUKKOT..... Monday, September 20**

**Snack and Schmoozing, Lilienfeld House.....5:45 PM**

**Outdoor Family-Style Erev Sukkot Service, Lilienfeld House.....6:00 PM**

**Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**

Bring your lulav and etrog, or shake ours during Kiddush.

**Sushi and Saki Under the Sukkah.....6:45 PM**

A festive combination of cultures as we celebrate Sukkot in style.

Free and open to all. **(Donations welcome and appreciated.)**

**FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT.....Tuesday, September 21**

**Sukkot Festival Morning Service (in the Sanctuary).....8:30 AM**

**Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**



**Sukkah Suppers: "Hosted" Meals Under the Synagogue Sukkah**

**Tuesday, September 21.....6:30 PM**

**Wednesday, September 22.....6:30 PM**

We have a tradition of "hosted" meals under the Sukkah in Lilienfeld House. If you would like to host such a meal, please contact us at 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)

**Sukkot Social: Roti and Rum, Pate and Punch – A Caribbean Sukkah Experience!**

**Thursday, September 23.....6:30 PM**

Location TBD; call 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) to RSVP and for exact directions.



**SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT (The Shabbat in the Middle of Sukkot)**

**EREV SHABBAT CHOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT ..... Friday, September 24**

**Erev Shabbat Family Style Service Under the Sukkah.....6:00 PM**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**

**Picnic Pot Luck Under the Sukkah.....6:45 PM**

We provide Challah and Wine and Dessert; bring your own kosher-style dinner with a little extra to share. (Meat/fish/parve meal; call 340-774-4312 with any questions.)

**SHABBAT MORNING CHOL HAMO'ED SUKKOT..... Saturday, September 25**

**Shabbat Morning Service (in the Sanctuary).....10:00 AM**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**

**Kiddush Under the Sukkah (Lilienfeld House).....11:00 AM**

**Torah Study of the Chol HaMoed reading (Lilienfeld House).....11:15 AM**



**EREV SIMCHAT TORAH.....Monday, September 27 (Reform)**

**Erev Simchat Torah Service.....6:00 PM**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**

**Light Meal and Israeli Folkdancing.....7:00 PM**

The end touches the beginning; the ancient words are new again. Come celebrate the cycle of Torah as we unroll the scroll, we hear the very last and the very first verses of the Torah, we march with flags and we dance with the scrolls throughout the synagogue. **New here for**

**this year: *L'dor vaDor: From Generation to Generation* - special gifts for the two youngest people present!**

**SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH.....Tuesday, September 28 (Reform)**

**Simchat Torah Festival and Yizkor Memorial Service.....8:30 AM**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312> Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**

The unique joy of Simchat Torah and festive celebration of the season, along with the remembrance of the past, through the traditional memorial prayers of Yizkor.



# Full List of Services, Late August - October

## **Parashat Ki Tavo (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8)**

- 27 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days  
**Special Oneg: Meet Student Cantor Laynie Zell**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

- 28 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## **Selichot**

- 28 Selichot Program: Footnote, 8:00 PM  
Sat Selichot Service, 10:00 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## **Parashat Nitzavim (Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20)**

- 3 Erev Shabbat Family Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
Story: The King's Diamond  
**Oneg Shabbat: Courtyard**

- 4 Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00 AM  
Sat Torah Study, 10:30 AM  
Online, by Zoom, or Location TBD  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## **Rosh Hashanah**

- 6 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 6:00 PM  
Mon <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Rosh Hashanah Dinner, follows the service  
RSVP by August 26**

- 7 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:00 AM  
Tue <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

Rosh Hashanah Family Service,  
Magens Bay Beach, Shed 3, 3:30 PM.  
Tashlich, Magens Bay Shed 3, 4:00 PM  
BYOB (Bring Your Own Bread to throw)

- 8 Second Day Rosh Hashanah  
Wed **Brunch and Discussion, 10:30 AM  
at the home of Mark and Dorothy Isaacs**

## **Shabbat Shuvah (The Shabbat of Repentance) Parashat Vayeilech (Deuteronomy 31:1-30) Special Haftarah: Hosea 14:2-10;**

**Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27**

- 10 Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312; **Oneg Shabbat (LH)**

- 11 Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service, LH, 10:00 AM  
Sat Special Service in Commemoration of 9/11  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## **Kever Avot Graveside Memorial Services**

- 12 Savan Cemetery; 9:30 AM  
Sun Altona Cemetery, 10:00 AM

## **Yom Kippur**

- 15 Erev Yom Kippur Candle Lit Service  
Wed including Kol Nidrei, 8:00 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

- 16 Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:00 AM  
Thu <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312, for all svc, all day  
Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Sessions, 1:00 PM  
Yom Kippur Family Service, 3:30 PM  
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, 4:15 PM  
Yizkor Memorial Service, 5:30 PM (approximate)  
Ne'ilah Concluding Svc, 6:15 PM (approximate)  
**Community Break Fast, 7:00 PM (approximate)  
Fish/Dairy Potluck; RSVP by September 10**

## **Parashat Ha'azinu (Deuteronomy 32:1-52)**

- 17 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312: **Oneg: Courtyard**

- 18 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat Zoom Only, no in person service this Shabbat  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

# Full List of Services, Late August - October (continued)

## Sukkot

- 20 Erev Sukkot Family Service, 6:00 PM  
Mon <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Sushi Under the Sukkah, 6:45 PM**
- 21 Sukkot Festival Morning Service, 8:30 AM  
Tue <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312
- 21, 22 **Hosted Dinners Under the Sukkah**  
Tue, Wed contact us for more information
- 23 **Roti and Rum, Pate and Punch:** Caribbean  
Thu Social Sukkot Experience, Location TBD,  
contact us for more info at 340-774-4312

## Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot (Exodus 33:12-34:26)

- 24 Erev Shabbat and Sukkot Chol HaMoed  
Fri Family Service, 6:00 PM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Pot Luck Dinner under the Sukkah, 6:45 PM**
- 25 Shabbat Morning Worship & Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat Special Portion for Chol HaMoed Sukkot  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
Location TBD

## Simchat Torah

- 27 Erev Simchat Torah Svc (Reform), 6:00 PM  
Mon <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Light Meal** and Israeli Folk Dancing, 7:00 PM
- 28 Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret (Reform),  
Tue Festival Morn/Yizkor Memorial Svc, 8:30 AM  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

## October

### Parashat Bereishit (Genesis 1:1-6:8)

- 1 Erev Shabbat Family Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Oneg Shabbat follows (LH)**

## Parashat Bereshit (continued)

- 2 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat Zoom Only; no in person service this Shabbat  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

### Parashat Noach (Genesis 6:9-11:32)

- 8 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Oneg Shabbat follows (LH)**
- 9 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat Zoom Only; no in person service this Shabbat  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

### Parashat Lech Lecha (Genesis 12:1-17:27)

- 15 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312  
**Oneg Shabbat follows (LH)**

- 16 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

### Parashat Vayera (Genesis 18:1-22:24)

- 22 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
**Oneg Shabbat follows (LH)**

- 23 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312

### Parashat Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

- 29 Erev Shabbat Service, 6:30 PM  
Fri <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
**Oneg Shabbat follows (LH)**

- 30 Shabbat Morning Worship and Study, 10:00 AM  
Sat Location TBD; also streamed at  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>  
Meeting ID: 340 774 4312



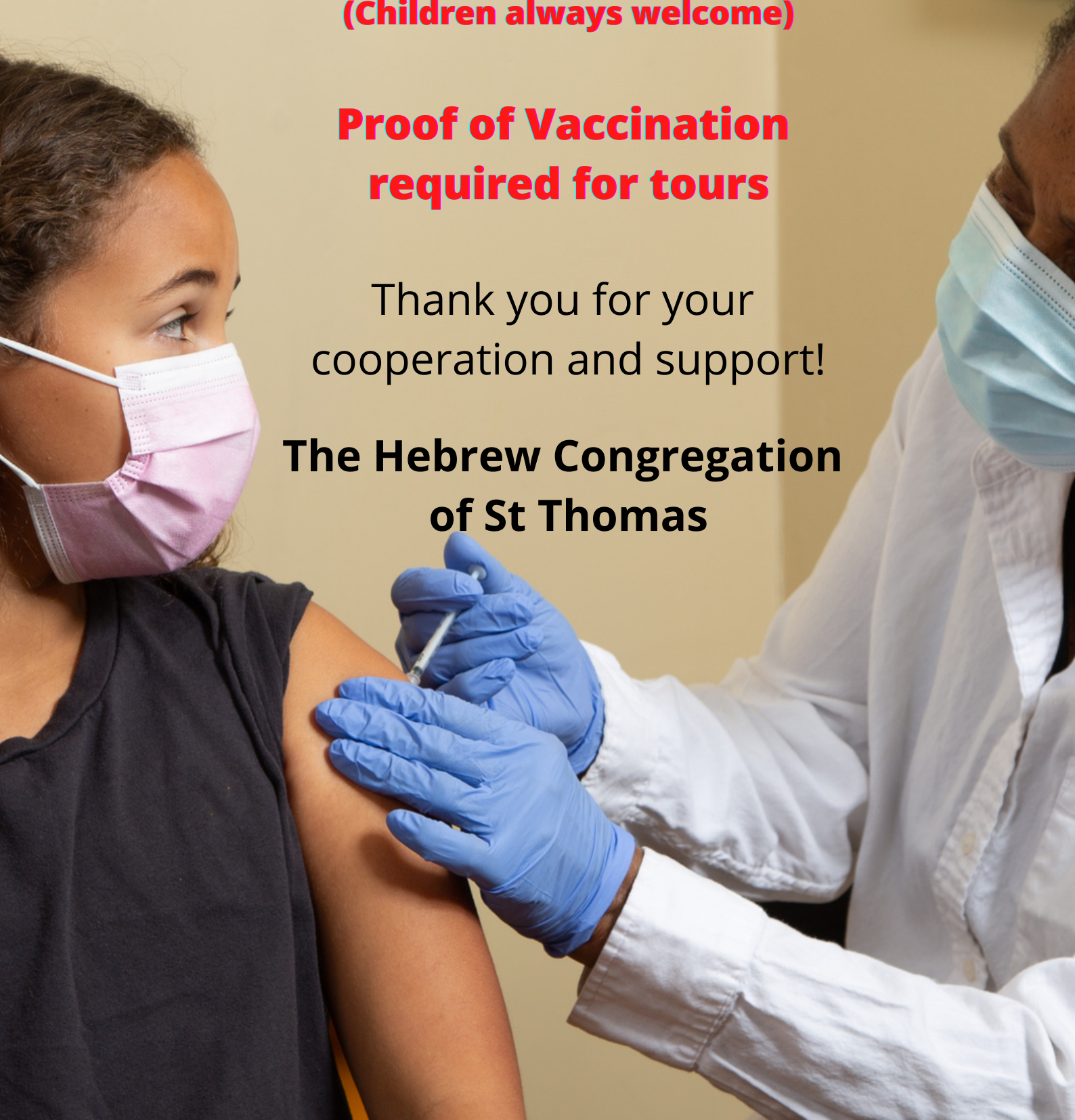
# **Visitors welcome**

**Vaccination required  
for physical attendance  
for all those eligible  
(Children always welcome)**

**Proof of Vaccination  
required for tours**

Thank you for your  
cooperation and support!

**The Hebrew Congregation  
of St Thomas**



# Who Are We?

## Right and Wrong and Me and You

Message from  
Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach



Well, I was wondering what it was (other than an election and insurrection) which could come along and knock the pandemic from the top of the news, even if temporarily. Now I know.

Perhaps my most prophetic sentence, ever, was in April of 2001. It was then, just after the destruction of the 1500-year old Buddhist statues in Bamyán, Afghanistan that I wrote “this Yom Kippur, think about the Taliban.” Of course, even then I could not imagine what was yet to unfold, in September of that year. But one thing was clear: extremism was on the rise, and violence was not far behind.

Twenty years have passed since that time – twenty years of having to shield young children from the evening news, twenty years of war and conflict and turmoil. And now, here we are, eyes on Afghanistan again, talking about the Taliban again, haunted, some of us, by images of Saigon as well.

The high holy day prayerbook is called, in Jewish tradition, a “machzor.” It is not a siddur – the usual word for a prayerbook, which is related to “seder,” meaning “order.” Rather, “machzor” comes from “Ch.Z.R.,” which means “to return.” It carries the sense of coming back, of circles and cycles and seasons, of standing, once again, where we were before.

The “return” I wanted to focus on this year, of course, was a physical one. It was to be about space, and place.

We are watching the Delta variant closely, and we will be able to pivot and make changes if we must – but as of this writing and from the rest of this issue of our High Holy Day bulletin you can see that we are still planning for a physical return (for those who are vaccinated, if eligible; children under 12 are still and always welcome).

But with images of a swift and stunning Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, with moral obligations to those who have helped us pulling at our hearts, for me the questions of the season include: here we are again. Who are we, and what is next? What do we owe ourselves, and what do we owe to others.

In 2001 I had just arrived at my congregation in Maryland. I remember saying something about Taliban practices to my Confirmation students that year, and hearing many of them respond that I should not criticize them, because it’s just their culture. And any belief and opinion and practice was equally valid.





Really? Intolerance to the point of blowing up centuries-old statues, destroying a cultural heritage? Or, more to the point, not letting girls learn to read? Are we really so afraid of being called out for imperialism or accused of being judgmental that we cannot say that we think there is such a thing as right and wrong in the world?

And yes, this does “circle back” to COVID, in its own way. I was on the ferry a few months ago, speaking with a group of folks I knew from elsewhere on the island. One woman said she was not vaccinated, because she just did not want to do it. She was just opposed to the idea. Her friend put her arm around her and said “and that’s perfectly okay.”

So let’s be clear. None of us are God, and nothing is guaranteed, and there are times in history when a strong consensus has turned out to be incorrect.

But in my world, and with all the evidence I see, what I wanted to say is “no, it’s not perfectly okay.” You are a danger... to yourself and to others. And in terms of our tradition I would say that: getting vaccinated, standing up for equality, fighting against intolerance... these are not “options.” These are not “personal choices.” They are, each of them, *mitzvot*. They are commandments. To act, for life and truth and right... these are obligations.

So here we are again. What calls us, and what draws us? To what are we committed, and to what are we bound? How are we tied to one another? And, at the end of the day, and the beginning of the year – who are we, and what are we called upon to do?

May it be a better year, a healthier one, a good one... for you, for your family and friends, and for the world.

Julie joins me in wishing, for all of you, a good new year of 5782.



# Message from Student Cantor Laynie Zell



First year Cantorial Students at the Hebrew Union College Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, along with Reform rabbinical students and those studying for degrees in Jewish education, spend our first year in Israel. But in the Spring of 2020, all of us had to cut that year of study short, and return home, due to the crisis of COVID.

I had first interviewed for the position of your student cantor while in Jerusalem. I was looking forward to meeting all of you in person! But shortly after returning from Israel, I got the additional heartbreaking news that I would not be able to travel to St. Thomas to be your cantor. Instead, I sang to you through the internet from my parents' basement in Virginia. There were green screens, iPads, special microphones, people on call to wrangle barking dogs. It was a full-scale production. The Rabbi and I agonized over the technology and the broadcast details up until the very last second.

This year, it's my immense joy (and relief) to be with you all in person. Though there will probably be no less agonizing on the part of myself and the Rabbi, the thought of seeing all of you and praying the way we were meant to has been getting me through a lot of the stress of the past year and a half.

The clean slate provided by Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is exactly what we need right now. Even if we are still wearing masks (a decision which has yet to be made), still, I can't wait to sing *with* you this time! See everyone soon!

*L'shanah tovah!*  
Laynie Zell



# The Challenge of the Season

Message from the President  
Marilyn Blackhall



It is hard to believe that a year has almost passed since I wrote “Words of Comfort for the New Year” in the September 2020 bulletin, wishing everyone a *Shanah Tova Umetukah* (A good and sweet year).

At that time, I felt that repentance would be more complicated and difficult because of all we had been through since the start of the pandemic. But I had hopes that we could find a way of bringing peace and some form of repentance into our lives. I thought that praying to be inscribed in the book of life might be substituted for prayers that would combat and eradicate this pandemic and bring it to an end soon. And for a while I truly believed our prayers were being answered. Vaccines had been developed and new cases were diminishing rapidly.

But as the months have been passing, we seem to have gone into a complete reversal with new variants, more cases, more deaths, and most significantly, people refusing vaccinations believing they could be harmful. I find myself feeling frustrated and angry at those who refuse vaccinations. I waiver between blaming them for what is happening to our country and wanting to help by coaxing, cajoling and even offering money to be vaccinated.

So what are my thoughts for this New Year: Those of you who are vaccinated, please find the wisdom to help the un-vaccinated see the value to themselves and to our society of getting the vaccine. Help whomever you can develop the insight that will lead them to make the right decision so that the world can move on. And help those like me, who are angry and frustrated at the unvaccinated, gain the insight to find solutions.

Most significantly, though true repentance may be even more difficult than it was last year, let each of us try with every ounce of our inner strength to understand and atone for our own wrong doings, despite all we have been through this year. And let us become better people so we may be inscribed in the Book of Life for the New Year

Finally, thank you to our extraordinary Rabbi and staff and the support of our members and Chai Members for the creation of a vibrant online Synagogue community during these many months and for recently opening in person services. We also feel gratitude for the new relationships we have fostered -- especially with the St. Croix Jewish community and their Rabbi as well as other stateside Jewish communities, some with whom we have even shared online services.

Together, both in person and on-line, may our Congregation, our Synagogue, our services, and our devoted members and supporters not only survive, but flourish in the New Year to come!

## Message from Administrator Stella Minion

Even though I recently relocated back to the mainland, I am continuing my role as Administration of our Congregation, keeping the connections between us as vibrant as ever. Whether listening to the happy news of your simchas, helping you through sad times or simply listening to the everyday things - I enjoy being able to remain in touch - no matter where we may physically be located.

Wishing you and your families L'Shana Tovah for 5782.

Quick note from  
Rabbi Feshbach:

The amount of work that Stella Minion, Agi Rampino, Michelle Barnes, Michael Feurtes and others (including Brook Robin) do for the congregation, especially at this season, is astonishing, and should be known and appreciated!

## From Gift Shop Manager/Docent Agnes Rampino

With the High Holidays quickly approaching, I once again realize the importance of looking inward. As I do this I am particularly aware of the value of gratitude and charity. While I thank God every day for all I have, I notice that what I am grateful for has become very minimal. In other words, I am grateful for having the basics in my life, as I grow more aware of how many people are not as fortunate as I have been.

This past year has been a roller-coaster ride for all of us, and we are ready to get off the ride. Keeping this in mind, helping the less fortunate, being kind in our interactions with one another, has become more important than ever. As our synagogue Gift Shop Manager and Docent, I am fortunate to be able to interact with visitors because it has given me a very strong insight into how important our "house" is to so many. Our visitors bring different perspectives from around the world and what I notice is that, even in our isolation, we are so connected in our faith. We are fortunate and blessed to celebrate together the coming of the New Year; knowing that my Jewish community will all be observing in a reflective spirit is comforting.

Let us all try to find a way, through group and personal prayer, to bring hope and joy! *Shanah Tovah* and an easy fast to all! Let us acknowledge the importance of the High Holiday season and be sure to express your good wishes to one another.



## Gift Shop Corner

### *L'shanah Tovah* from the Gift Shop

High Holiday greetings and good wishes to all for a happy and healthy New Year, ending the Holidays with an easy and meaningful fast.

As we find ourselves staying at home most of the time these days, I hope you will all take the time to order any last minute holiday needs from our online Judaica Shop. I am always getting new merchandise in, so please check back frequently; call(340-774-4312)or email me (shop@synagogue.vi) if you don't see what you are looking for; I will make sure to fulfill your wishes.

Perhaps a new honey dish or challah cover? Maybe a doorway in the home is in need of a mezuzah? We have many to choose from. This one is from Lily Art of Israel. Even if your loved ones can't get together for the holidays this season, a gift is always a way to show you are thinking of them.

Of course there are a number of items we have custom made for our historic Synagogue, such as our silk screen prints, tee shirts, DVD's, mezuzahs, and lots more!



This is a trying time for all of us, both spiritually and financially.

Please remember, when you shop from the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, you are supporting a cultural national treasure.

May it be a good year -- a better year for all of us.

Agnes (Agi) Rampino  
Docent and Gift Shop Manager

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Vaccination required for those eligible

**Saturday, August 28, 2021,**

**Lilienfeld Community House, Crystal Gade, 8 PM**

The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas presents an island-screening of "*Footnote*," a multiple-award winning exploration of integrity, loyalty, rivalry and truth in the arcane world of academic research. The film is especially appropriate for teachers, students or anyone who has ever been part of a family!

The film will be followed by our powerful service of Selichot, a haunting, candle-lit introspective experience of preparation for the Jewish High Holy Days, in the sanctuary of the St Thomas Synagogue, at 10:00 PM

With questions or for more information contact us at  
340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)



The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas  
(The St Thomas Synagogue) invites you to

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# Service of Selichot

Saturday, August 28, 2021

("Selichot" means "forgiveness")

# FORGIVE

We come together at **Lilienfeld Community House at 8:00 PM** for a screening of the amazing Israeli film *Footnote*, about family, integrity, loyalty and identity.

Following refreshments and a brief discussion we then enter into the....

**Sanctuary of the Synagogue at 10:00 PM**, as our teens lead us in the Havdalah ceremony marking the end of the Sabbath, bring the now white-robed Torah scrolls in to the Sanctuary, and we continue with the Service of Selichot. The service ends at around 11:15 PM with the final sound of the Shofar.

**Vaccination required for those eligible**

With questions or for more information: 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)  
The 10 PM service will be streamed on Zoom using Meeting ID 340 774 4312





**The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas  
Community Dinner for Rosh Hashanah  
Monday, September 6, 2021  
following our Erev Rosh Hashanah Service**

Services begin in the Sanctuary  
of the St Thomas Synagogue at 6:00 PM  
Dinner at Lilienfeld Community House  
follows immediately afterwards

After an unprecedented time of being apart,  
join us for a communal coming together!

RSVP needed by Thursday, August 26  
to 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi).

No charge, but contributions and donations  
welcome and appreciated!

Vaccination required for those eligible





# **Special Shabbat and Memorial Service: The 20th Anniversary of 9/11**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**Lilienfeld Community House, 10:00 AM**

A special service for Shabbat Shuvah,  
the Sabbath of Repentance,  
and in commemoration of the 20th anniversary  
of the September 11 attacks

Vaccination required for those eligible

**In person, but also live streamed:**

**Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3407744312>**

**or Meeting ID: 340 774 4312**



# Community Break Fast

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**following the Concluding Yom Kippur Service  
of Ne'ilah, approximately 7:00 PM**



**This is our traditional pot-luck  
Fish/Dairy  
Yom Kippur Break Fast.**

**Looking forward to seeing you!  
Need ideas about what to bring?  
We can help! Call us!**

**Please RSVP by September 10  
to 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)  
to let us know that you can come,  
and what you can bring!!**

**Vaccination required for those eligible**



# High Holy Day Hunger Drive

## Message from the Social Action Committee

Dear friends:

Each High Holy Days, we intensify our ongoing effort to support Virgin Islands Community Organizations and helping agencies. These organizations provide aid and services to families and members of our community.

Due to the ongoing pandemic we are, for a second year in a row, asking for monetary donations only at this time. Separate and apart from our other drives, our High Holy Day appeal, and the need to support the synagogue itself, we also welcome your help in directing assistance to our neighbors in need.

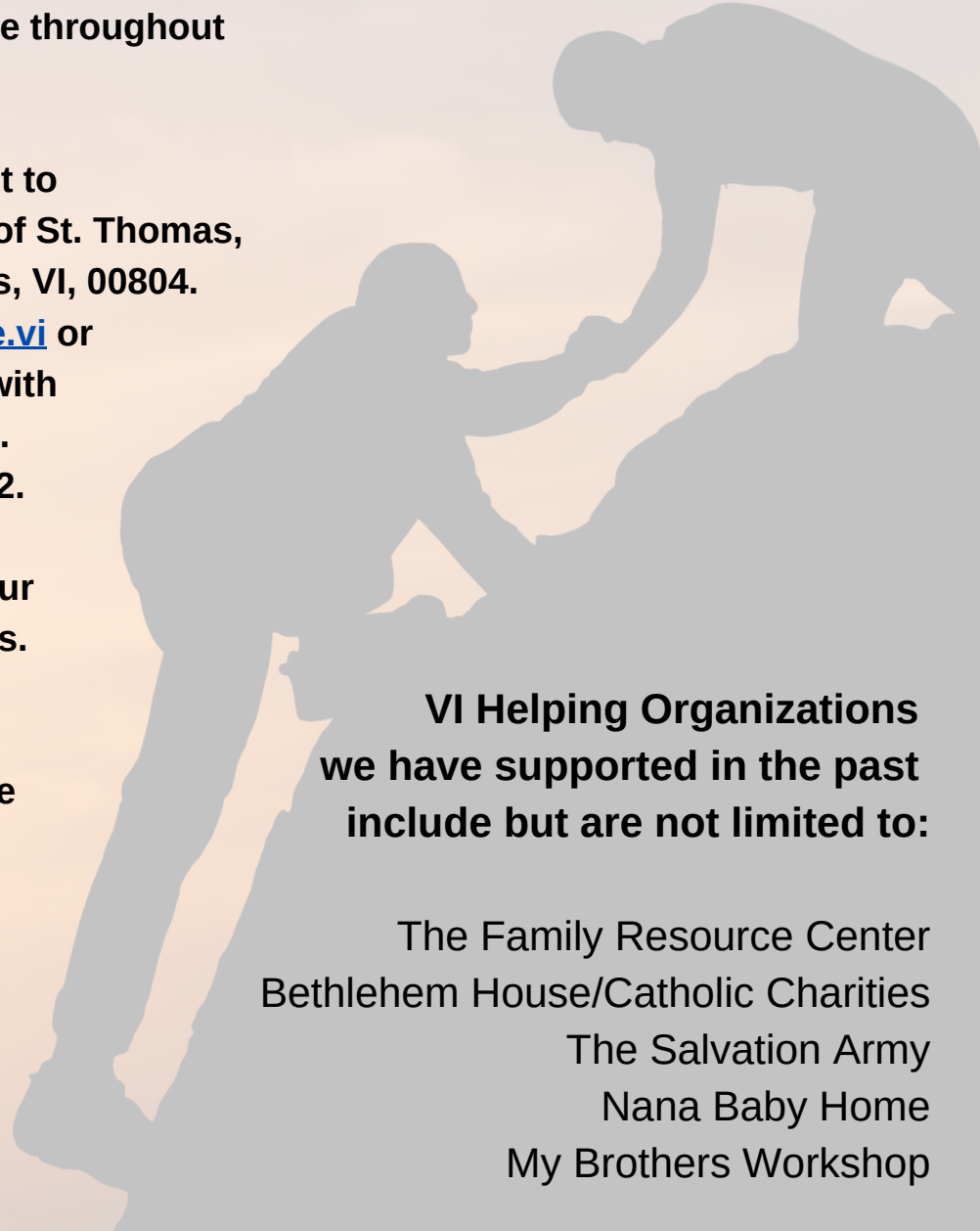
In any of the methods mentioned below, you may indicate if there are particular needs or specific organizations you would like to support.

Your donations may be made throughout these High Holy Days by:

- Personal check made out to Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, PO Box 266, St Thomas, VI, 00804.
- Email [Stella@synagogue.vi](mailto:Stella@synagogue.vi) or [Office@synagogue.vi](mailto:Office@synagogue.vi) with credit card information.
- By phone at 340.774.4312.

Thank you very much for your kindness and thoughtfulness. Stay safe and be well.

The Social Action Committee

A large, light-colored silhouette of a group of people is positioned on the right side of the page. It depicts several individuals in various poses of assistance: one person is standing and leaning over to help another who is sitting or kneeling, and another person is standing nearby. The background behind the silhouettes is a soft, warm gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

**VI Helping Organizations  
we have supported in the past  
include but are not limited to:**

The Family Resource Center  
Bethlehem House/Catholic Charities  
The Salvation Army  
Nana Baby Home  
My Brothers Workshop



# Holiday Resources

## Fun Videos from The Fountainheads and others



Rosh Hashanah:  
[Dip Your Apple](#)



Rosh Hashanah:  
[Don't Let Go](#)



Yom Kippur:  
[I'll Be Incribed](#)



Sukkot:  
[Living in A Booth](#)



Simchat Torah: [Roar](#)

## Holiday Recipes

High Holy Day Recipes: [Epicurious](#)

Rosh Hashanah Recipes: [All Recipes](#)

Our Best Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur  
Recipes: [New York Times](#)

How to Make a Round Challah:  
[Video](#) and [Print](#)

## Recommended Reading

General Jewish interest, not necessarily  
focused on the High Holy Days  
(updated for 2020)

- Yehuda Kurtzer and Claire E. Sufrin, [The New Jewish Canon: Ideas and Debates 1980-2013](#)
- Kari Tuling, [Thinking About God: Jewish Views](#)
- Sarah Hurwitz, [Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality and a Deeper Connection to Life in Judaism](#)
- Micah Goodman, [The Wondering Jew: Israel and The Search for Jewish Identity](#) (forthcoming)
- Michael W. Twitty, [Kosher Soul](#) (forthcoming, on being black, Jewish, Orthodox, and an expert in Southern cooking)



# Holiday Resources for Families

Services on computer screens. Everyone staying at home for long stretches of time. Kids going wild and parents going crazy. You are not supposed to qualify an absolute, but this may be the "most unique" holiday observance of our lives.

To face these unprecedented times, there are also tools and techniques, tried and true or new for this year, online resources for families to help with activities, education and observance. Below are just a few such references:

The PJL [2020 Quick Guide to Celebrating RH with Kids](#)  
[Nine Jewish Activities To Try When Cooped Up with Kids](#)  
["Homeshuling" Under Quarantine: Fun Jewish Videos](#) for  
for Virtual Learning

Ten Activities for [Meaningful High Holy Days With Kids](#)  
Bim Bam's Shaboom Videos for Young Kids, including  
episodes about [Rosh Hashanah](#) and [Yom Kippur](#)

As indicated, these are just a few of many resources available online. If you would like additional recommendations, or something for your own family circumstances, please contact Rabbi Michael Feshbach at [michael.feshbach@gmail.com](mailto:michael.feshbach@gmail.com).



# Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Coming just days after Yom Kippur, when many North American Jews have had "enough" "Jewish time" already, the week-long Fall Festival of Sukkot, and the semi-linked, semi-independent observance of Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah are often "lost" or "forgotten" on our calendars and in our personal observance. But these are major Jewish holidays nevertheless.

To mark Sukkot and Simchat Torah this year  
we come together for

## Sukkah Building Family Experience

**Saturday, September 18, 10:00 AM**

at the home of Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Julie Novick  
7730 Misgunst, across from the "Mafolie Church"  
Pot Luck Drinks and Dairy Lunch



## Erev Sukkot

**Monday, September 20, 2021**

Snacks and Schmoozing, 5:45 PM  
Family Service Under the Sukkah,  
Lilienfeld House, 6:00 PM  
Sushi Dinner, 6:45 PM  
RSVP for the dinner  
by September 17

## First Day of Sukkot

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

Festival Morning Service (Sanctuary), 8:30 AM

## "Hosted" Dinners Under the Sukkah

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30 PM  
at Lilienfeld Community House

Welcoming guests to break bread in a Sukkah  
is one of the primary ways to celebrate this holiday.  
To host such a meal, please contact us  
at 340-774-4312 or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)

## Roti and Rum, Pate and Punch Caribbean Style Sukkah Social

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:30 PM**

Location TBD; call 340-774-4312  
or [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi) to RSVP  
and for exact directions

## Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot (The Intermediate Shabbat of Sukkot)

**Friday, September 24, 2021**

Early Erev Shabbat Service, 6:00 PM  
Pot Luck Picnic Dinner Under the Sukkah, 6:45 PM

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

Shabbat Morning Service (Sanctuary), 10:30 AM  
Kiddush Under the Sukkah, 11:00 AM  
Torah Study, Special Rdgs for Chol HaMoed Sukkot.  
(Lilienfeld House), 11:15 AM

## Erev Simchat Torah (Reform)

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

Erev Simchat Torah Service (Sanctuary),  
including dancing with the scrolls, 6:00 PM

***L'dor vaDor: From Generation to  
Generation - special gifts for the two  
youngest people present!***

Light Dinner and Israeli Dancing  
(Lilienfeld House), 7:00 PM

## Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret (Reform)

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

Simchat Torah Festival Morning  
and Yizkor Memorial Service  
(Sanctuary), 8:30 AM



For Jewish teens, ages 12-18

# **Shabbat Splash, Pizza Dinner and Havdalah Under the Sukkah**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021,  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

**At the home of Rabbi Michael Feshbach  
and Julie Novick**

7730 Misgunst (13B Misgunst)  
across from "the Mafolie Church"  
RSVP to 340-774-4312 or  
info@synagogue.vi by September 22



## Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism

An introduction to philosophical ideas in Jewish peoplehood, practice, faith, and ethics based on Hartman Torah from the past four decades.

The Hebrew Congregation of St Thomas  
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### An Introduction to Judaism

using a cutting-edge new curriculum from  
the teachers and thinkers at The Shalom Hartman Institute

**Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**By Zoom; possible physical location TBD**

**October 5:** Being and Becoming (PEOPLEHOOD I)

**October 12:** Multiple Paths (PEOPLEHOOD II)

**October 19:** Pathways to Faith (FAITH I)

**October 26:** Trust and Risk (FAITH II)

**November 2:** Choice and Commandment (PRACTICE I)

**November 9:** Creation and Covenant (ETHICS I)

**Taught by Rabbi Michael Feshbach**

**Cost: \$36/members of the congregation; \$54 all others**

**Minimum advanced registration of ten (10) participants required  
by September 30, 2021 to offer this class.**

For more information or to  
register, contact us by phone  
at 340-774-4312 or email at  
[info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi)



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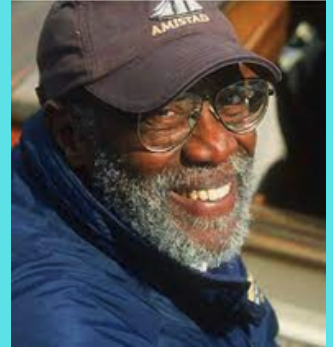


# Mazal Tov to our Chai Member Captain Bill Pinkney



FIRST BLACK MAN OF ANY NATION TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD ALONE  
VIA CAPE HORN TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME

Captain William “Bill” Pinkney, a Chicago native living in Fajardo, Puerto Rico will be inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island on October 16, 2021.



The announcement was made today by the President of the National Sailing Hall of Fame Museum that in addition to the induction Pinkney will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award which has only been awarded a few times. Captain Bill will join such notables as America’s Cup winners as Ted Turner and Dennis Conners along with Joshua Slocum the first man to sail around the world solo.

In addition to his many accomplishments are a Peabody Award winning documentary about his sail and he has written a children’s book used nationwide as a basal reader for first graders, as well as an autobiography that Maya Angelou called: “....a travel book of the first order.” As expedition leader of the Middle Passage Institute’s “Voyages Home” project he took teachers to Brazil and West Africa to create a five part video series distributed by Great Plains National, a division of the University of Nebraska. As the first Master of the Freedom Schooner AMISTAD, he has traveled the East and Gulf coasts, England, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Cuba telling the story of the revolt of African captives that sparked the first Human Rights case in the U.S Supreme Court.

This induction will bring diversity to the upper level of organized sailing and a broader view of African-Americans at sea both recreational and professional over the course of the history of America as a maritime nation.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## September Anniversaries

Marc and Marianne Blazar - 9/1  
Gary Rosenthal and Judee Slosky - 9/28

## September Birthdays

Donald Pomeranz - 9/1  
Stella Minion - 9/1  
Alan Hammerschlag - 9/4  
Marilu Burnett Stern - 9/5  
James Tunick - 9/6  
Natalie Lo Ronen - 9/8  
Archie Ogden - 9/10  
Ethan Eilon - 9/12  
Gregory Blackhall - 9/15  
Harrison Eilon - 9/16  
Jake Eilon - 9/16  
Abe Tarapani - 9/16  
Richard Friedman - 9/18  
Harvey Werbel - 9/20  
Jessica Rosenberg - 9/22  
Arielle Ebenholtz - 9/24  
Marc Blazar - 9/25  
Carolyn Pomeranz - 9/25  
Jeffrey Silverman - 9/25  
Evelyn Woods - 9/30

## October Anniversaries

Elissa and Jerry Runyon - 10/2  
Nathan Sell and Michael Morley - 10/7  
Alan and Cristina Friedman - 10/17

## October Birthdays

John Klein - 10/1  
Jackie Jeffries - 10/2  
Terry Buder - 10/4  
George Rosenberg - 10/7  
Dr. Matthew Krefetz - 10/8  
Benjamin Feshbach - 10/10  
Jason Ackerman - 10/17  
Daniel Maisler - 10/20  
Wendy Tarapani - 10/23



# רפואה שלימה

A complete  
recovery to:



Robin Adler  
Laurie Allen  
Charles Arthur  
Pauline Balsam  
Alex Botros  
Amiel Cohen  
Alfred Convissar  
Quinn Copps  
Damali Barnes-David  
Elliot "Mac" Davis  
Dave Edwards  
Yigal Ehrlich  
Gina Talia Farahnick  
Hank Feuerzeig  
Neamah Fils  
Marci Finkelstein  
Paula Finkelstein  
Julie Friedman  
Dwight Gilbert  
Suzi Grbinich  
Marilyn Grishman  
Elijah James  
Amanda Bari Johnson  
Violet Adelaide Johnson  
Jay Kranitz  
Don Kreke  
Helen Leneman  
Sheri Levin

Linda Lewenshohn  
Sara Lovinger  
Steven Markowitz  
Siobhan McCourt  
Tom McCoy  
Catherine Lockhart Mills  
Raymond Newton  
James Nicholson  
Maria Grace Nicholson  
Emmanuelle Petillon  
Rosa Pupko  
Dorothy Ring  
Steve Rockstein  
Sandra Roland  
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Mary Sanchez  
John Schenkel  
Ruth Schloss  
Maxine Shayna Stark  
Bill Stein  
Steve Steinberg  
Robert Tunick  
Rachel Wallace  
Andrea Weibel  
Mitch Weinberger  
Rona Wolfson  
David Alan Yoskowitz  
Rayna Sandra Zaner

Please be in touch with us to let us know of any updates. Hopefully we will hear from you with good news, of recovery and a return to health for you or your loved ones. You can write us at [info@synagogue.vi](mailto:info@synagogue.vi).

# זכרונם לברכה

May they be  
remembered for  
blessing...

**We remember former members  
and those who are dear to our members.**

## **Week of September 1-9**

Abraham Bachrach, Abraham Bachrach, Jr., Alan Bachrach, Sr., Dimitri Berman, Leslie A. Cooper, Murray Goodman Alexander Gruber, William Krefetz, Morris Leland, John Steven Maguire, Gloria Minkoff, Louis A. Peirez, Gerald Prosterman, Hirsz Pupko, Phillip Redelheim, Joseph Rosov, Tema Schuster, Nettie Werbel

## **Week of September 10-16**

Elie Avigdor, Sol Barry, Benjamin Shalom Del Valle, Rose Ginsberg, Oliver Jacob Isenberg, Jay Allan Kallman William Koff, Robert Jay Leibowitz, Herbert S. LeVine, Miriam Machover, Alexandra Manson, Selma Bachrach Schafer

## **Week of September 17-23**

Everett B. Birch, Nathan Camhi, Hannah Goldman, Helen Gruber, Irving M. Hershkowitz, Philip Mallin, Carol Fisher Moch, Paul Riise Paiewonsky, Morris Portner, Mathilde Antonette Trepuk

## **Week of September 24-30**

Lawrence I. Birch, George Blackhall, Betsy Davis, Sue Golden, Margaret (Marge) Kalik, Emanuel Kezner Diane Libman, Bertha Marcus, Lawrence Peirez, Marc A. Reckseit, Stuart M. Reckseit, Jacob Redan Joseph Rom, MD, Richard Lewis Schafer, Hana Steiner

## **Week of October 1-14**

Paul B. Berkowsky, Sarah Berman, Herbert Cohen, Leslie Cooper, Moses Davis, Jacques Farahnick Rita Feldman, Jacob Ginsberg, Hannah Goldman, Ruth Goodman, Ruth Grossman Davis, Irwin Kalik Bruce E. Kimelman, Ann Klein, M.L. Krasnick, Shirley Lichstein, Else Leah Levin Siggelkow Chana "Hank" Simons, David Yolleck, Bertha Zenchoff

## **Week of October 15-21**

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**Week of September 10-16**

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Bertha Rudo, Sidney Samuels, Michael Schaftel, Sender Schwartz, Rosamond Sigal, Marton Simonowits  
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Goldie Amoroso, Sal Amoroso, Robert Arbacher, Irwin Baker, Irving Barcan, Lillian Beck, Sabina Blankenstein  
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