We had a wonderful High Holy Days – 3 weeks of spiritual meetings from Rosh Hashanah through to Simcha Torah. I will not include it all here, but for starters:

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and the Biblical Feast of Trumpets announced the start of the High Holy Days and sent forth the warning that Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement was only 10 days away. We blew the shofars close to 100 times during Rosh Hashanah.

On the day of Rosh Hashanah it is a Jewish tradition to go down to a body of water and cast (tashlik) bread into water symbolizing the casting away of our sins into the depths of the sea as the Bible says. On this tashlik the entire St. Petersburg Beth-El Shalom congregation went down to the Tampa Bay and cast bread into the water, but also Jacob was immersed symbolizing his casting the sinful man into the depths of the grave and coming forth in newness of life. (in the pictures below you will see the floatable dock started to submerge because of the people on it and the dark clouds that dumped tons of rain and lightning just prior to and just after our time outside).

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