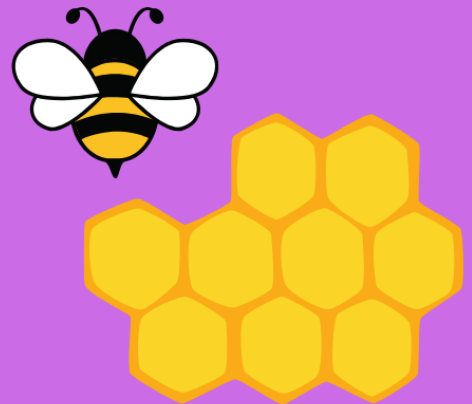
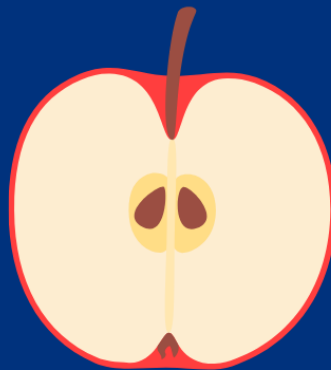
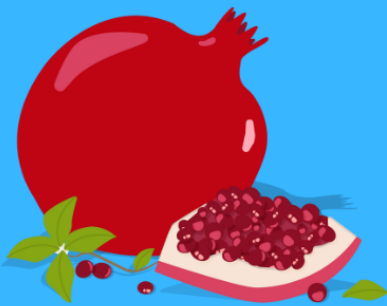


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High Holidays 5786: Holiness in Time

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The essential feature of Judaism is that we sanctify time, far more so than objects or people or places. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote:

Judaism teaches us to be attached to holiness in time, to be attached to sacred events, to learn how to consecrate sanctuaries that emerge from the magnificent stream of a year. The Sabbaths are our great cathedrals; and our Holy of Holies is a shrine that neither the Romans nor the Germans were able to burn; a shrine that even apostasy cannot easily obliterate: the Day of Atonement.

From the holy moment at Mt. Sinai until the present day, what has set us apart from other traditions is demarcating times: lighting candles at the beginning and end of Shabbat and Festivals, reciting Shema evening and morning, full-day fasts, all-night study, reading Torah on specific days, the cycles of holidays and the cycles of our lives. Our framework of months and days and hours and minutes continually calls us back to our ancient story as we spiral upward through time, revolving through one year after another, one complete circuit through the Torah after another, and each time we come around again we find ourselves older, wiser, and reinvigorated.

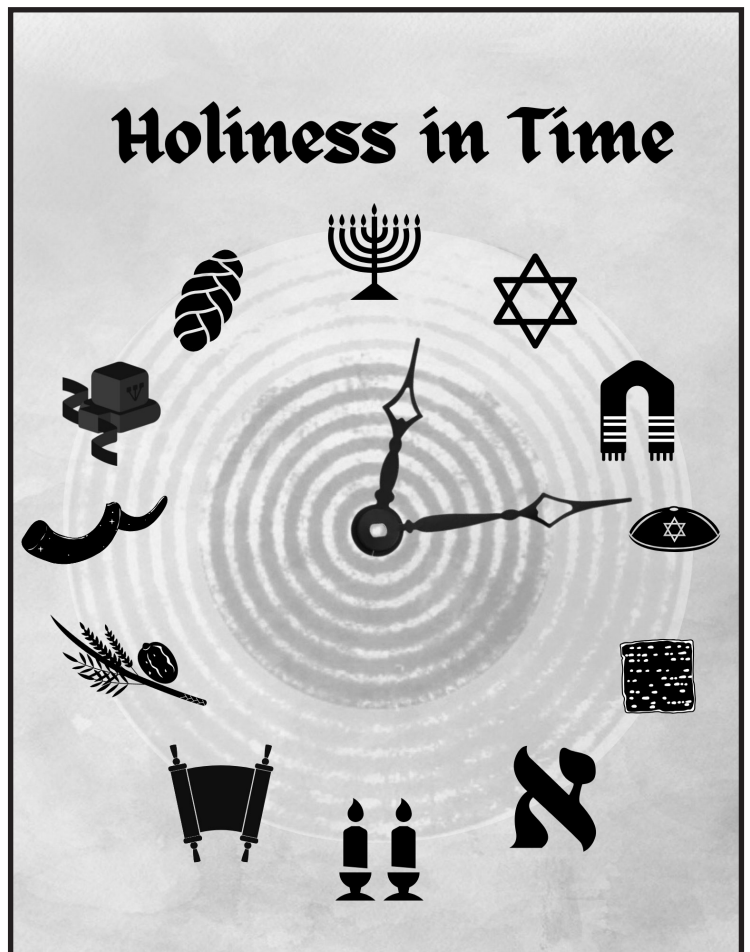
Our relationship with time continues to change. Admiral Grace Hopper, one of the early pioneers of the computer age, was famous for handing out nanosecond wires – each 11 inches long, to show how far light travels in a nanosecond – to demonstrate how much time she learned she was wasting when coding the earliest, room-filling, imbecilic thinking machines. Today, so much happens in nanoseconds that we can barely comprehend; every 11 inches is packed with techno-modernity. The mass of neurons within our skulls seems frightfully obsolete.

But we are not machines, and within the range of

human experience, time still matters. Kal vahomer, all the moreso: we need the framework of time, of Jewish time, like never before. We need prayer; we need holidays; we need to set apart the 25 hours of Shabbat, to demarcate festival days and fast days and joyous days and days of grief to beat back the relentless onslaught of the always on, ever-busy cloudsphere.

Judaism gives us the keys to unlock the doors of holy time. Over these High Holidays, we will explore the Jewish relationship to time: how it helps us be better people and improve our world; how it maintains us as Jews, guarding our story and bolstering our resilience; how it enables us to instruct our children in our ways; how it makes us different and gives us the tools to navigate contemporary life.

May 5786 be a year filled with holy moments, long, restful Shabbat days, and a deeper appreciation for the time that we have.



OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our President

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that I will get up tomorrow morning, after delaying and delaying the writing of this article, go to shul for morning minyan, and hear the first of many blasts of the shofar.

Those morning shofar blasts give me pause, providing me the opportunity to slow down and think about the approaching Days of Awe. This season is a time to stop and carve out a few moments from the hectic, non-stop pace of life and reflect on the journey of the last year – personally, as a community, and spiritually.

As we transition into 5786, I am reminded that there are many people to thank for the wonderful things that took place during the last year at Congregation Beth Shalom.

I would like to thank every one of our members who continues to choose to make Congregation Beth Shalom your spiritual home. You are the heart and soul of this community. You show up for each other in meaningful ways to share both times of sorrow and joyous celebrations. Whether you lead services, help in the office, sponsor a third meal, leyn torah, serve on the Board of Trustees, or serve on our many active committees, you make Congregation Beth Shalom a Kehillah Kedoshah, a sacred community that is spiritually vibrant.

I would also like to thank our amazing group of professionals who do everything to ensure that we have a safe, secure, and welcoming spiritual home when we come together as a community for meaningful prayer, connection, and reflection every single day of the year.

May this be a year of peace, in our homes, in our community, in Israel, and throughout the world.

May your year ahead be filled with sweetness, renewal, and good health.

I look forward to seeing you in shul.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah



This summer, thanks to the Shear Youth Lounge Fund and Steven at Chairman Upholstery, the Youth Lounge has received an incredible transformation! We can't wait to welcome you to lounge nights!



Exciting news from the USY front! Our amazing USY International President, Daphne Macedonia, alongside Marc Sender, our dedicated Director of Chapter Outreach & Initiative (and former CRUSY Director), are hard at work to elevate USY programming to new heights! We can't wait to see what they have in store for us!

A Message from our Executive Director

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As we say goodbye to 5785, I ask you to reflect on everyone, whether volunteer or employee, that works every day for the betterment of our community. Look at the inside cover as well as page 23 of this Mishpachtenu. These individuals run the day-to-day operations, including religious services, programs, activities, education, and facilities. Please take a moment when you see one of these people to thank them for their time, service, and dedication. It is hard to explain the time and energy that each, and every one of them gives for our benefit.

As we approach 5786 and our secular Thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful and grateful. We also have lots to look forward to this year. One of the major events is our "Come Together" Gala on Saturday, November 22. Everyone will be receiving their invitation in the mail within the next couple weeks. Congregation Beth Shalom has not had a gala of this magnitude in a long time, and it is the perfect time for our congregational family to gather to party and enjoy each other's company. This night is going to be memorable as we honor our senior Rabbi, Rabbi Seth Adelson, for his 10 years of dedicated leadership.

We will come together wearing our Cocktail Chic outfits, davan *minḥah* and *ma'ariv* followed by *havdalah* in the Faye Rubenstein Weiss Sanctuary, engage in a cocktail hour with special drinks and amazing hors d'oeuvres in the Palkovitz Lobby, Sissor Lobby, and the Weinberg Pavilion, and will culminate by opening the doors to our beautifully, decorated Samuel and Minnie Hyman Ballroom filled with the live music and enjoy an awesome dinner and desserts catered by Elegant Edge.

Unfortunately, we will have a limit of 350 guests as that is our maximum capacity. Please reserve your spot as early as you can as we do not want anyone to miss out.

I just touched on one event. There is so much more happening that volunteers and staff are working hard on for all our benefit. We are embarking on an extremely exciting time in the history of our congregation. Try to take part as much as you can so you can look back to know that you played a major role in our future.

By the time you read this article, you would have already received, by email and snail mail, all the holiday information. I am looking forward to joining together as we celebrate the special time of the Jewish year.

My wife, Lynn, and I wish each of every one of you a sweet, happy, safe, and prosperous new year.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah



Gemar Ḥatimah Tovah

**May you be inscribed and sealed
for a year of love, inspiration and holiness.**



OUR LEADERSHIP

A Message from Our Associate Rabbi

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Seasons

Just a few months ago, I learned something that I did not know from a wonderful Hebrew scholar named Elon Gilad: the Jews of the Bible and in rabbinic Israel did not have a calendar with four seasons. They only had two seasons, as it says in Psalm 17:17, “summer and winter you have created”. Ancient Israel had a rainy season and a dry season. They called these seasons *kayitz* and *horef* - summer and winter. It wasn't until the late 1800s that Hebrew scholars needed to invent words for modern Hebrew for the other two seasons known to the non-Jewish world, known as Fall and Spring. The word for Fall - *stav* - was taken from a line in Song of Songs that probably meant a type of rain. The word for Spring - *aviv* - was originally a word for the newly sprouted barley, which of course came in the Spring.

And of course, this raises a separate issue - our choice of a seven-day week is a choice, based on Torah. And our choice of a lunar-adjusted versus a solar calendar is a choice. And our marking of holidays on specific days is a choice. I often note that Karaite Jews and Rabbin-ite Jews (AKA 'Jews') celebrate Shavuot on different days based on our different readings of the Torah.

We mark moments in time as special because we occasionally need to look up and notice where we are and what is going on. In the days before 'Facebook memories' would send you a picture of you and your kids at the lake when they were little, Judaism gave us days and dates and seasons to stop and reflect. But there is a degree of arbitrariness to them. Why 4 seasons and not 2? Why Thursday and not 'the 458th day since the last alignment with Mars'? Why look up and notice NOW and not on a different date?

High Holidays, including Sukkot and Simchat Torah, are markers in time that God and the Jewish people placed down in hopes that it would give time to

pause and reflect. So please - remember to pause. And reflect. Seasons, months, weeks and days are all just arbitrary markers of time – unless we take a moment to recognize why those times were specially named and designated as special times for reflection in the first place.



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STARTS SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025
10:45 AM - 12 PM

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

Beth Shalom's Junior Congregation Plus
led by Hazzan Barbara Barnett

Benei Mitzvah Planning

We begin working with families of students in fourth grade, toward their becoming benei mitzvah.

Please remember that all information related to bat/bar mitzvah and so much more about the process can be found online in the Beth Shalom Benei Mitzvah Handbook, which you can download as a PDF at:

[BethShalomPgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah](https://bethshalompgh.org/lifelong-learning/benei-mitzvah).



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Growing Through the ELC

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Hello Congregants-

Beth Shalom ELC completed an adventurous summer with a theme of traveling through the U.S. Classes road tripped through the different regions, stopping along the way to explore new cities and states, all while engaging in lessons that were interactive, hands-on and multi-sensory. Administratively this summer we were excited to participate in local Farmer's and Night Markets. It was an exciting new marketing opportunity that allowed us to connect with familiar and new faces in our community.

During this year's in-service week, our educators participated in various training and professional development sessions. We were excited to also have a hands-on learning experience at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh where we learned and explored different art materials, adaptations, and team collaboration.

As we continue to increase our enrollment, we are excited to welcome 20+ new students in the ELC for the 25/26 school year. Soon all the classrooms and hallways will be full of the sounds, images, and smells of the High Holidays. Our educators do a fantastic job of creating rich Jewish experiences that reach all the children's senses and abilities. Whether the children are singing with Morah Debbey (Music Specialist), learning about "How Bees Dance?" with Morah Elaine (Science Specialist), or creating masterpieces with Morah Julie (Art Specialist) the Holidays are explored in every part of the building.

The educators and I are looking forward to another successful year in the Early Learning Center, and as always, we thank all our families, children, and community for their continued support of our program.

If you ever have a question or would like to know how you can continue to support the Early Learning Center, please call me in the ELC office at 412-421-8857.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah



ELC Calendar Sept. - Nov. 2025

Monday, September 22

Erev Rosh Hashanah - ELC closes at 1 pm

Tuesday, September 23

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - ELC Closed

Wednesday, September 24

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 - ELC Closed

Wednesday, October 1

Erev Yom Kippur - ELC closes at 1 pm

Thursday, October 2

Yom Kippur - ELC Closed

Monday, October 6

Erev Sukkot - ELC closes at 3 pm

Tuesday, October 7 & Wednesday, October 8

Sukkot - ELC closed

Monday, October 13

Erev Shemini Atzeret - ELC closes at 3 pm

Tuesday, October 14 & Wednesday, October 15

Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah - ELC closed

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day - ELC Closed

Wednesday, November 26

Day before Thanksgiving - ELC closes at 3 pm

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed

Friday, November 28

Thanksgiving Break - ELC Closed

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Learning w/ Unified Religious School

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Rosh Hashanah, along with apples and honey, features a liturgy that highlights God as a King and with that all the feelings we have about kings. (I don't have great feelings about kings.) That can make entering Rosh Hashanah very scary. On the other hand, the month before Rosh Hashanah is Elul אֱלּוּל. Long ago the rabbis taught that Elul is an acronym for "Ani l'dodi v'dodi li" (אני לדודי ודודי לי), meaning "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine," from the book Song of Songs. That seems to soften things up. All this is to say that even though we are about to appear before royalty, don't be scared. The Sovereign likes you and you like the Sovereign.

So take advantage of the month of Elul to get ready to appear before Avinu Malkeinu. Here's a chart with a whole lot of traditions and challenges you can do as a family or as individuals. This way, you'll have built that relationship to our tradition providing a warm entrance to the chamber of the Monarch on Rosh Hashanah.

Get ready for the High Holidays with this family game. The Hebrew month of Elul is the last of the year and the time to get ready for school and fall activities and Rosh Hashanah! How many of these can your family do?

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Rosh Hashanah is called the birthday of the world. To celebrate, get out into the world. How about a hike or other outdoor activity this month?	Make a Rosh Hashanah card for two people and add your wishes for them. Then send the actual card in the actual mail with an actual stamp.	Menu planning. Talk about family food traditions. Is it brisket? Apples and honey? Round challah. Pomegranates are popular for the crown at the top. (RH highlights the royalty of God.)	Learn to play the shofar. Step 1. Get a shofar from Pinskers or your synagogue Judaica shop. Step 2. Ask Rabbi Freedman to show you how. Step 3. Show off your skills during youth tefillah.
Make the world a better place! Pick an organization the whole family agrees upon that makes the world a better place. Once a week, everyone puts a small donation in a tzedakah box and sends the money in a year.	Find out when your congregation is having Tashlikh and put it on the calendar. Tashlikh is when we "throw our sins away" into a river or stream. Really fun!	Dinner Talk: On Yom Kippur we will read the Book of Jonah. Jonah was asked to do something important by God, but he ran away because he didn't want to. Have you ever run away from something you didn't want to do?	Put a picture of your family doing something to get ready for the holidays on our Instagram page. Look for jjeppgh. (New Instagram coming soon.)
Make a list of three people to whom you want to apologize. Schedule a time to do it. Everyone can do this one.	Dinner Talk: Think about some teshuva you should do for something you did last year. Don't feel bad. Mistakes happen. The important thing is to be honest and plan how <i>not</i> to do it again. Parents and children both share.	Let's red up the house. Chores aren't fun but if everyone helps, the house will be ready for Rosh Hashanah. Children, go straighten up those toys.	Shabbat Rest. Come up with a family agreement to enjoy Shabbat by doing something you can't do during the week.
Dinner Talk: Maimonides said that our character is <i>not</i> decided at birth, but we choose to be how we are. Parents, share a story of how you grew and changed over time.	Go Shopping! It is an actual tradition to get new clothes for the New Year. And, FYI, very traditional to wear white for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.	Check list for Erev Rosh Hashanah. Candles? Wine/grape juice? Good food? Round challah? Know which services are for which age group? Ready for a great new year? Check and check!	Come up with two behaviors you want to change this year. It could be about yourself (like gossip less) or about others (be kinder to strangers). Anything at all. Dig deep.

A Message from Our Derekh Coordinator

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I am writing from a cabin in Northern Minnesota overlooking one of 10,000 Lakes and reflecting on all Derekh has accomplished this year!



In April, we began a yoga series every Sunday morning where we counted the Omer between Pesach and Shavuot. Led by the Tiferet Project, we hosted approximately one dozen participants every week to combine spiritual and religious practice in a new and meaningful way. We ended on Shavuot where among other study sessions, Chris Hall along with Rabbi Adelson hosted a late-night study session.

In addition to quarterly Blood Drives, Game Day has been a tremendous success. Every Thursday from 2:00pm-4:00pm, we host up to six tables full of Bridge, Mahjonn and scrabble players. Game Day has been a great way for both shul members and community members to gather in our ballroom every week for relaxed social time.

We are also grateful to have hosted incredible Shabbat Shiur speakers on Saturdays after Kiddush. On May 3, we learned from Lee Gordon about the Hand in Hand School in Israel, where students of different faiths learn Hebrew and Arabic side by side. On May 10, Ronna Harris-Askin shared her experience in Israel seeing firsthand all the incredible projects which the Pittsburgh Jewish Community supports. For Pride month we hosted Joel Ambrose from City Theater and ate a lot of cake! City Theater does not currently apply for Federal Grants because they do not want any restrictions on their Freedom of Expression, a guiding principle they print in their lobby and Program Books. Joel and shul members discussed the vital importance in both Judaism and the arts in

speaking up for what is right. This summer we were also led in music by Ilanit Helfand and took a deep dive into Mystical Judaism with Chris Hall.

Throughout these Shabbat Shiur Kiddushim we also continued our Composting Program. For two hours during every Shabbat Kiddush, we would use compostable table ware and set up a green compost bin, which would be collected weekly by Zero Waste Wranglers. By adding composting, we saved many bins full of single use plastics from landfill. We set a leadership example for our community and the next generation and even inspired a powerful article in the Jewish Chronicle. Starting in September we will slowly grow this program and start offering a compost option for B'Nei Mitzvoth Kiddushim.

Looking forward, we are hosting a potluck musical Hod veHadar with Rabbi Adelson at the Frick Park Environmental Center. Then we dive into the High Holidays. In addition to services, Derekh has planned a study session 3:30pm-5:00pm on Yom Kippur Day, October 2, for fasters trying to stay awake, featuring Jonathan Weinkle and Rabbi Larry Freedman. Then on October 11, we will plan a Traveling Kiddush Sukkah Walk, starting at the shul and then visiting neighboring Sukkot.

Finally, we have been working hard on our Second Pittsburgh Jewish Book Festival, November 9-13. We have already lined up a great group of headlining authors to speak, including Ilan Stavans (*Sabor Judío*), Joshua Leifer (*Tablets Shattered*), Adam Sobsey (*The Jewish Appendix*), Jonathan Harananouff (*Unveiled*), and Jeremy Dauber (*Sholem Aleichem and the Words of Jewish Comedy*). We will also have a Children's book reading the morning of November 9 and a "Local Authors Bookshelf" that same day featuring authors from our deep pool of local Pittsburgh talent including Dr. Jonathan Zissok, Dr. Richard Weisberg, Ilene Winn-Lederer, Audrey Glickman, and Chris Hall.

In this politically divisive time, please join our upcoming programs which aim to focus on Jewish culture, values, and a positive path forward.

Beth Shalom Youth Zone

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With summer 2025 now behind us, it's time to dive back into another exciting year of youth programs at Beth Shalom. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer—whether at camp, traveling, or simply enjoying time with family and friends.

The High Holidays are right around the corner, and we couldn't be more energized. This season gives us a chance to pause, reflect on the past year, and look ahead with renewed purpose. It's a perfect opportunity to reconnect with our community, rejuvenate our spirits, and step into the year with fresh energy.

For our youth department, this moment is about building on last year's experiences and setting new goals for the year ahead. We are committed to creating spaces where our teens and children can explore their Judaism, grow in their identities, and strengthen their connections with one another and our community.

The themes of the High Holidays—renewal, reflection, and hope—guide us as we enter this new chapter together. They remind us to take stock of where we've been and to chart a meaningful path forward, both personally and as a community.

Your support makes all the difference in helping our youth feel connected and engaged. Whether through volunteering, attending programs, or even just sharing our flyers, every bit of involvement strengthens our work and our community.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at Beth Shalom, ready to learn, grow, and celebrate. Together, let's make 5786 a year filled with meaningful experiences, joyful moments, and lasting connections.

L'shanah Tovah

Mazal Tov to all our benei mitzvahs from November 2025 to March 2026!

Maya Zelda Newman is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Newman and granddaughter of Fred and Linda Newman of Pittsburgh and Darrell Harden of Frostburg, Maryland.



She is in the seventh grade at Community Day School. She loves reading, drawing, role-playing games, and exploring new music and musicals. Her favorite cryptid is Mothman. Maya's benei mitzvah project is collecting new and gently used books for B Is For Books, a free bookstore for kids, their families, and teachers located in Homestead.

Bat Mitzvah: 11/1/2025

Nitzan Adira Helfand is the daughter of Ilanit Helfand and Alex Helfand and sister of Meital Helfand. She is the granddaughter of Dina Shtull and Steve Leber of Ann Arbor, MI, and Harriet and Bill Helfand of Towson, MD.



Nitzan is a 7th grader at Community Day School. She enjoys participating in the school play, doing gymnastics, reading, fashion, singing, and art. She enjoys nature and spends her summers at Camp Young Judaea Midwest.

Bat Mitzvah: 12/6/2025

Karen Elhassid is the daughter of Rebecca and Dror Elhassid and sister to Eitan and Sophie Elhassid. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Audrey Corson and Daniel Kazzaz, of Bethesda, Maryland and Tsipora and Meir Elhassid of Rehovot, Israel.



Karen attends Community Day School and plays the flute. She loves soccer, running, cooking and reading.

Bat Mitzvah: 12/13/2025

Caroline Millicent Feiner is the daughter of Maggie Whelan and Drew Feiner and is a big sister to Penny and Leo and the granddaughter of Margaret and Frederick Whelan and Charlene and Richard Feiner, both of Pittsburgh.



Caroline is a student at Community Day School where she enjoys science fair, the soccer team, and her wonderful group of friends. She plays even more soccer outside of school and somehow finds time to play the violin, and spend quality time with her younger siblings.

Bat Mitzvah: 1/17/2026

Matan Taylor Love is the son of Suzanne Pritzker and Andrew Love and the brother of Mori Love. Proud grandparents are David and Charlene Pritzker and Alison and George Love. A recent transplant from Houston, Texas, Matan finds a great deal of joy in the abundant nature and photography opportunities in his new Pittsburgh home.



Matan is a 7th grader at Colfax, and loves playing games (video and physical), reading, helping others in any way he can, spending time with his family (sometimes even including Mori), and summers at Ramah in the Rockies.

Bar Mitzvah: 1/24/2026

Mori Daniel Love is the son of Suzanne Pritzker and Andrew Love and the brother of Matan Love. Proud grandparents are David and Charlene Pritzker and Alison and George Love.



Mori is a 7th grader at Colfax and loves attending camp in the mountains at Ramah in the Rockies. Having recently moved to Pittsburgh from Houston, Texas, Mori is grateful to now live in a city with so many libraries. He enjoys hanging out with friends, reading, writing creative works, playing Dungeons and Dragons, hiking, and spending time with his family.

Bar Mitzvah: 1/24/2026

Jonah Ryan Albert is the son of Rachel and Steven Albert and proud grandparents are Cookie Elbling and Julian Elbling and Ann and Bob Albert. Jonah has a younger sister, Olivia who always looks up to him.



Jonah is in 7th grade at Community Day School where he plays basketball and ultimate frisbee. His main passion is baseball, he plays for Squirrel Hill and 14th Ward. Jonah is a devoted and loyal fan of all Pittsburgh sports - the Steelers, Penguins, Pirates and Pitt Panthers.

Bar Mitzvah: 2/21/2026

Arbel Wolf Friedman is the son of Shiri and Josh Friedman, brother to Niv and Lital, grandson of Rabbi Stephen and Lisa Steindel of Pittsburgh and Vita and the late Michael Friedman of Surfside Beach, SC.



In seventh grade at Community Day School, Arbel loves to make diving stops in the soccer goal, throw strikes on the baseball diamond, block shots on the basketball court, play the violin, build airport models and cuddle with dogs (any dog will do). He spends his summers at Camp Ramah.

Bat Mitzvah: 2/28/2026

Leike Weissman-Howe is the daughter of Sarah Weissman and Rush Howe and sister to Rush Weissman-Howe and Isaac Weissman-Markovitz. Leike is the granddaughter of Merrille Weissman and Harvey Weissman and Barbara and Rush Howe.



Leike attends Community Day School. She holds a black belt in Tang Su Do, is a member of the Killer Whales swim team and runs cross-country and participates in running club at school. She loves creating art, reading fantasy and spending time with her friends. She attends Camp Ramah in Canada in the summer.

Bat Mitzvah: 3/7/2026

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The Sisterhood Says

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The very rainy, hot summer is past and we now look forward to renewed activities and the Holidays. Sisterhood opens the season right before Rosh Hashanah with our annual Potluck Supper on Wednesday, September 17, 6:30pm at my house. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a dairy or parve side dish or dessert. As usual, I will prepare dairy lasagna for the main course. If you need more information or to RSVP, email me at jayekob18@gmail.com or call 412-725-5566. This is an opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and share ideas. At this time, Sisterhood will be delighted to announce Sabina Robinson as our new co-president. It is our pleasure to welcome her once again to Sisterhood leadership.

This Fall, Beth Shalom Sisterhood continues to offer weekly Latin Cardio Classes with Connie Pollack as well as an active Book Club. Our Judaica Shop is open on special occasions and we are happy to open conveniently by appointment. Merchandise is competitively priced with an attractive, wide selection of goods.

Once again, Sisterhood continues to coordinate with Men's Club, to support Mishloach Manot, Purim Carnival, Latekapalooza, and Book Fair. Sisterhood also supports congregation concerts, speakers, and other youth activities.

I look forward to seeing you at the Potluck on September 17. All my best wishes from me and my family for a happy, healthy 5786.

Judy Kornblith Kobell
Sisterhood President

Sisterhood Schedule 2025 - 2026

Potluck Supper
Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Sisterhood Hanukkah Brunch
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Sisterhood Shabbat
Saturday, March 14, 2026

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL
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The Men's Club

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As I sit here writing this on a beautiful summer day, it's hard to believe that fall and winter events are just around the corner. Yet, planning for the year ahead is a must, even when it's months away. Some events are tied to specific holidays with dates already set in stone, while others require us to look ahead and figure out what will fit into our members' schedules.

The Men's Club works hard every year to plan interesting, meaningful, and time focused programs. I am not going to list our entire year of programs, but wish to highlight a few upcoming events.

- Congregational Dinner in the Sukkah, Friday, October 10, 2025
- Pizza in the Hut, Sunday, October 12, 2025
- Scotch in the Sukkah, Sunday, October 12, 2025

We continue to work very closely with Sisterhood to sponsor Holiday meals, Shabbat meals in the shul that bring various "interest" groups to the table.

We do have to thank ALL of our supporters and sponsors for their continued support! Without you we would not be able to:

- Serve close to 500 at our sports lunch each year
- Work with the youth department to sponsor so many of their events and programs
- Sponsor the annual come together events at Beth Shalom.

Please consider the purchase of a Sweepstakes ticket. \$50.00 per ticket. You can win 16 times over Hanukkah! Only 250 tickets sold.

Thank you to everyone who sponsors our Yellow Candle program. Together we remember the Holocaust!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who quietly help us run our program! Thank you to the office and maintenance staff for getting the job done!

Happy and Healthy 5786!



Men's Club 2025 Hanukkah Gelt

Our Sweepstakes Fundraiser has a new format!

Tickets are **ONLY** \$50 each!

No meal included.

Win multiple times.



16 drawings over Hanukkah with the PA Lottery drawings plus two winners each week through November.

Monies raised help the Men's Club help and support Beth Shalom.



Buy a ticket or two now to WIN!

Must be paid to win. Call Ira Frank or Dale Caprara to pay for a ticket. Questions? Contact Ira Frank at 412-849-2937 or natfabira@juno.com

Rosh Hashanah Blessings

Candle Lighting

This year the first day of Rosh Hashanah does not fall on Shabbat. We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset. It is traditional to light a minimum of two candles, although some light more, corresponding to the number of people in one's family. After lighting the candles, we customarily cover our eyes while reciting the following *berakhot*. On the second night, light after dark from an existing flame.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who sanctified us with Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the Yom Tov light.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this season.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melekh ha-olam, asher
kiddeshanu bemitzvotav
vetzivvanu lehadlik ner shel/
yom tov.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melekh ha-olam, shehehe-
yanu vekiyyemanu vehig-
giyanu la-zeman ha-zeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם אשר קדשנו
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר
של יום טוב:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך
העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו
והגיענו לזמן הזה:



Kiddush for the Evening

With the assent of my friends:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who chose us from among all people, and exalted us above all (tongues) languages, and sanctified us with Your commandments. And [You] gave us Adonai, our God, in love this Day of Remembrance a day for the shofar sound, a day of holy assembly commemorating the exodus from Egypt. For us have You chosen and for us have You sanctified from among all peoples; and Your word is true and enduring forever. Blessed are You Adonai, Sovereign over all the earth, Sanctifier of Israel, and the Day of Remembrance.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Who has kept us alive and sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Savri *haverai*:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, borei peri hagafen.

Barukh atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melekh haolam, asher bahar banu mikol am, veromemanu mikol lashon, vekiddeshanu bemitzvotav. Vatiten lanu Adonai Eloheinu, be'ahavah et yom hazikaron hazeh, yom teruah mikrah kodesh, zekher litzi' at Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vaharta, ve'otanu kiddashta, mikol ha'amim, udvarkhah emet vekayam la'ad. Barukh atah, Adonai, Melekh al kol ha'aretz, mekadesh Yisrael veyom hazikaron.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, shehehyanu vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu lazeman hazeh.

סְבִרֵי חֲבֵרֵי:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל-עַם
וְרִמְּמָנוּ מִכָּל לָשׁוֹן, וְקִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו. וַתִּתֵּן לָנוּ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
בְּאַהֲבָה אֶת-יוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן הַזֶּה,
יוֹם תְּרוּעָה מְקַרֵּא קֹדֶשׁ זִכְרֹ
לִיצִיאַת מִצְרַיִם. כִּי בָנוּ בְּחֵרָתְךָ
וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים.
וּבְדִבְרֶךְ אֱמֶת וְקִיָּם לְעַד: בָּרוּךְ
אַתָּה יי מֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ
מְקַדֵּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וְיוֹם הַזִּכְרוֹן:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

Kiddush for the Afternoon

Before the midday meal, we recite the following:

Moses declared to the Israelites the sacred occasions of God.

Sound the shofar on our feast day, on the new moon, when it is hidden. For it is Israel's law, a decree of the God of Jacob.

With the assent of my friends:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Va-y'dabbeir moshe et
mo'adei Adonai el b'nei yisrael.
Tik'u va-hodesh shofar ba-keseh
l'yom haggeinu. Ki *hok* l'yisrael
hu mishpat leilohei ya'akov.

Savri *haverai*:

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, borei peri hagafen.

וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶת מוֹעֲדֵי יי אֵל
בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
תִּקְעוּ בַּחֲדָשׁ שׁוֹפָר בְּכֶסֶה
לְיוֹם חֲגֻגְנוּ. כִּי חֹק לְיִשְׂרָאֵל
הוּא מִשְׁפָּט לֵאלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב:
סְבִרֵי חֲבֵרֵי:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן:

Handwashing

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has made us holy through the commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of hands.

Barukh atah Adonai,
eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
asher kiddeshanu
bemitzvotav vetzivvanu al
netilat yadayim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ עַל נְטִילַת יָדַיִם:

Hamotzi (recited before eating bread)

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Who brings bread from the earth.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu
melech ha-olam ha-motzi
lehem min ha-aretz.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ:

Prayer for a Sweet Year

We recite the following over an apple dipped in honey. If you have already recited Hamotzi, do not say the first passage.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God,
Sovereign of the universe, Who
creates the fruit of the tree.

Barukh atah Adonai,
eloheinu melek ha-olam,
borei peri ha-etz.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הָעֵץ:

May it be Your will, Adonai our
God, and God of our
ancestors, to renew for us a
new, sweet, and good year.

Yehi ratzon milfanekha Adonai
eloheinu veilohei avoteinu ve-
immoteinu she-tehaddesh
aleinu shanah tovah umetukah.

יְהִי רָצוֹן מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ שֶׁתַּחַדֵּשׁ
עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה וּמְתוּקָה:

Yom Kippur

Kapparot

The ritual of Kapparot symbolizes the transfer of sins from the sinner to some other object or being. In this respect, it is like the ritual of Tashlikh on Rosh Hashanah, or the ancient Yom Kippur ceremony of the scape-goat (Leviticus 16). Whereas this ceremony has been performed using a chicken — later eaten at the meal — today it is appropriate to use a small sum of money, placed in an envelope and circled over the head of the individual three times as the words of the ritual are recited. The money is then contributed to tzedakah, in fulfillment of the ancient promise that acts of charity can save us from the severity of any decree against us.

This is in my stead. May this be my
substitute; may this be my atonement.
This money will go to tzedakah, that I
may enter the path to a good, long
life, and to peace.

Zeh halifati, zeh temurati, zeh
kapparati. Zeh hakesef yelekh
li tzedakah, va-ani elekh ve-ekkanes
lehayyim tovim arukkim ulshalom.

זֶה חֲלִיפָתִי, זֶה תְּמוּרָתִי, זֶה כַּפָּרָתִי.
זֶה הַכֶּסֶף יֵלֶךְ לְצִדְקָה, וְאֲנִי אֵלֶךְ
וְאֶכְנֶס לַחַיִּים טוֹבִים אֲרוּכִים וּלְשָׁלוֹם.

Candle Lighting

We light candles eighteen minutes before sunset, as on Shabbat. It is traditional to light a minimum of two candles, although some light more, corresponding to the number of people in one's family. After lighting the candles, we customarily cover our eyes while reciting the following two *berakhot*.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God,
Sovereign of the Universe, Who
sanctified us with His command-
ments and commanded us to
kindle the light of the Day of
Atonement.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melek ha-olam, asher
kiddeshanu bemitzvotav
vetzivvanu lehadlik ner shel yom
hakippurim.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר
שֶׁל יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים:

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God,
Sovereign of the Universe, Who has
kept us alive and sustained us, and
brought us to this season.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu
melek ha-olam, shehehyanu
vekiyyemanu vehiggiyanu la-
zeman ha-zeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהֵחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמָּנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה:

Tashlikh

Observed in 5786 on Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Before the bread is cast into the water, the following may be recited:

Is there any divinity save You who forgives the sins and pardons the transgressions of the remnant, Your people? You do not maintain anger forever, for You delight in love. You will return to us compassionately, overcoming the consequences of our sin, hurling our sins into the depths of the sea. You will keep faith with Jacob, showing enduring love to Abraham, as You promised our ancestors in days of old. Micah 7:18-20

The following may be added:

In my trouble I called to ADONAI, who answered me; from the belly of Sheol I cried out, and You heard my voice. You cast me into the depths, into the heart of the sea, the floods engulfed me; all Your breakers and billows swept over me. I thought I was driven away out of Your sight: Would I ever gaze again upon Your holy Temple? The waters closed in over me, the deep engulfed me. Weeds twined around my head. I sank to the base of the mountains; the bars of the earth closed upon me forever. Yet You brought my life up from the pit, O my God ADONAI! When my life was ebbing away, I called ADONAI to mind; and my prayer came before You, into Your holy Temple. Jonah 2:3-8

After the bread is cast into the water, one of the following may be recited:

א

None shall hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the love of ADONAI shall fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

ב

For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for just as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more flood the earth; so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains may move and the hills shake; but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace be taken away—says ADONAI, who has taken you back in love. Isaiah 54:9-10

Tashlikh is a ceremony performed near a body of water, preferably one that flows into a larger body of water. It takes place on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, except when the first day falls on Shabbat, in which case it takes place on the second day. The origin of Tashlikh is shrouded in mystery. The first direct mention can be found in the halakhic work of Rabbi Jacob Moelin (Maharil, 15th century), who approved of the custom of going to the water to recite particular biblical verses and prayers on Rosh Hashanah, but specified that it is inappropriate to throw bread in the water to represent the sins that are being cast away. Clearly, both the custom and the bread-throwing preceded him, but we do not know when this tradition began.

The ceremony of Tashlikh survived and grew in popularity, despite significant rabbinic opposition. Some rabbis opposed Tashlikh because it makes the complex process of separating sin from our lives seem too facile, as if it is simply a matter

Before the bread is cast into the water, the following may be recited:

מִי־אֵל כְּמוֹךָ נִשְׂא עוֹן וְעֵבֶר עַל־פֶּשַׁע לְשֹׂאֲרֵית נַחֲלָתוֹ, לֹא הֶחֱזִיק לְעַד אָפוּ כִּי חָפֵץ חֶסֶד הוּא. יָשׁוּב יִרְחַמְנוּ יִכְבֹּשׁ עֲוֹנֵתֵינוּ וְתִשְׁלִיךְ בְּמַצְלוֹת יָם כָּל־חַטָּאתָם. תֵּתֵן אֲמֶת לִיעֲקֹב חֶסֶד לְאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לְאַבּוֹתֵינוּ מִיָּמֵי קֶדֶם. מִיכָה ז יח-כ

The following may be added:

קִרְאתִי מִצָּרָה לִי אֶל־יְהוָה וַיַּעֲנֵנִי מִבֶּטֶן שְׂאוּל שׁוֹעֲתִי שָׁמַעְתָּ קוֹלִי. וְתִשְׁלִיכֵנִי מִצּוֹלָה בְּלִבֵּב יָמִים וְנָהָר יִסְבְּבֵנִי כָל־מִשְׁבָּרֶיךָ וְגִלְיָךְ עָלַי עֲבֹרוּ. וְאַנִּי אֲמַרְתִּי נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנְּגִד עֵינַיךְ אֵן אוֹסִיף לְהִבִּיט אֶל־הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ. אֶפְפוּנִי מִיָּם עַד־נֶפֶשׁ תַּהוֹם יִסְבְּבֵנִי סוֹף חֲבוּשׁ לְרֹאשִׁי. לְקַצְבֵּי הָרִים יִרְדְּתִי הָאָרֶץ בְּרַחֲיָה בְּעֵדֵי לְעוֹלָם וְתַעַל מִשְׁחַת חַיִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי. בְּהִתְעַטֵּף עָלַי נֶפְשִׁי אֶת־יְהוָה זָכַרְתִּי וַתָּבוֹא אֵלַי תְּפִלָּתִי אֶל־הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ. יוֹנָה ב ג-ח

After the bread is cast into the water, one of the following may be recited:

א

לֹא־יִרְעוּ וְלֹא־יִשְׁחִיתוּ בְּכָל־הָרַקְדָּשִׁי כִּי־מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ דָּעָה אֶת־יְהוָה כָּמִים לִיָּם מְכֻסִּים. יִשְׁעִיָה יא ט

ב

כִּי־יָמִי נָח זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מֵעַבְר מִי־נָח עוֹד עַל־הָאָרֶץ כֵּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקֶּצֶף עָלֶיךָ וּמִגְעָרֶֿכָּה. כִּי הָהָרִים יִמּוּשׁוּ וְהַגְּבָעוֹת תִּמּוּטִינָה וְחִסְדִּי מֵאֲתָךְ לֹא־יִמּוּשׁ וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תִמּוּט אָמַר מְרַחֵמְךָ יְהוָה. יִשְׁעִיָה נד ט-י

of casting bread from our hands. But Tashlikh survived because it fulfilled a popular need. Most of what we do on Rosh Hashanah depends on verbal expression or on listening. Tashlikh, the symbolic casting away of our sins, constitutes one of the few active rituals of the day.

Tashlikh has been understood in a variety of ways. Throwing bread into the water can be understood as a symbolic casting away of our sins, marking the purification that takes place on these days. Moreover, just as fish eat our bread and what is cast away becomes nourishment, so we pray that even our sins will eventually be turned to good effect in the world. Lastly, just as the waters of the sea go around the world, so too can we, at this moment, become conscious of how we are connected to all that is around us.

Mahzor Lev Shalem

High Holiday Services 5786

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 22, 2025

Candle Lighting: 7:01 p.m.

6:00 p.m. *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. Morning Service

4:30 p.m. Meet in front of Beth
Shalom to walk to
Chatham Pond

5:00 p.m. *Tashlikh*: Casting away
our sins at Chatham
Pond. Rain or shine

5:30 p.m. Return

6:00 p.m. *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

After 7:59 p.m. Candle Lighting from
an existing flame

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

9:00 a.m. Morning Service

7:15 p.m. *Minhah/Ma'ariv*

7:57 p.m. *Havdalah*

EREV YOM KIPPUR, KOL NIDREI

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Candle Lighting: 6:46 p.m.

6:15 p.m. *Minhah*

6:30 p.m. *Kol Nidrei*

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Thursday, October 2, 2025

9:00 a.m. Morning Service

Approx. 11:00 a.m. .. Yizkor

Approx. 2:30 p.m. Break/Avodah/Eilleh
*Ezkerah with Rabbi
Adelson*

3:30-5:00 p.m. Derekh Discussions

5:10 p.m. *Minhah*

6:35 p.m. *Ne'ilah*

7:34 p.m. *Ma'ariv*

7:44 p.m. *Havdalah/Shofar
Break Fast*



**Join us for Selihot on the evening
of September 13.**

7:15 p.m. - *Minhah*

7:45 p.m. - *Ma'ariv* and *Havdalah*

8:00 p.m. - Program

9:15 p.m. - Selihot Service

Selihot

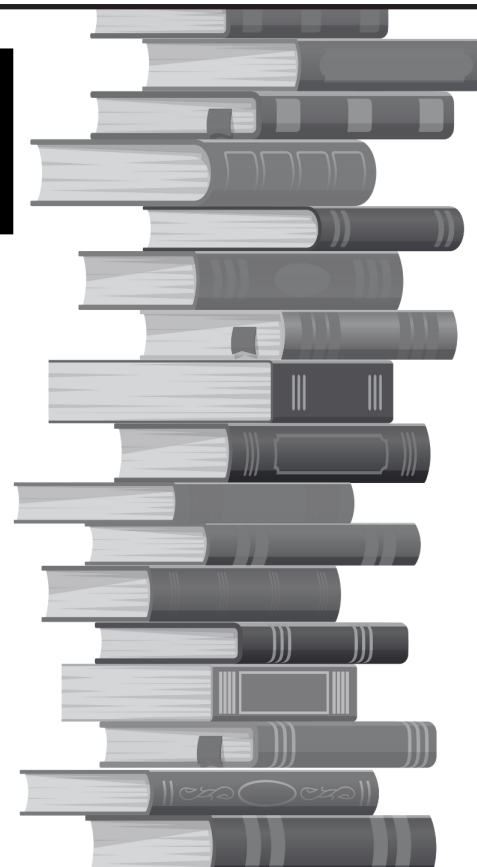


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Navigating the Services

Once a year we come together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The holiday services can be long and confusing; here are a few things which might help.

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the New Year; it is a time of renewal when we consider the choices we have made throughout the year. It is also the time when we hear the shofar blown and crown God as our Ruler. The holiday is celebrated over two days, both here and in Israel. Throughout the holiday, the prayer leader leads the congregation in the distinctive tunes, called *nusah*, that are particular to the High Holiday services. You might notice the broad range and lofty nature of the *nusah*, this encourages us to imagine divine power. The pattern of the two days is, fortunately, the same.

The evening services are relatively brief. The service starts with the *Shema* and its associated blessings. The *Shema* is the central declaration of Judaism when we proclaim the oneness of God. We say it while sitting down and covering our eyes. The second major section of prayer is the special Rosh Hashanah *Amidah* which is recited standing and in silence, as is the practice for the *Amidah* in all services.

The morning service is the focus of Rosh Hashanah. The service begins with opening prayers and the *Amidah*. After this, we rise to recite *Avinu Malkeinu* in which we ask that our sins be forgiven. The Torah reading consists of the passages leading up to and including the *Akedah*, the story of the binding of Isaac. After the Torah reading, the shofar, a ram's horn, is blown, a key practice of Rosh Hashanah. The shofar blasts are meant to stir our hearts to sincere repentance and atonement.

The rabbi's sermon follows, and then we enter *Musaf*, the additional service reserved for Shabbat and holidays. The *Musaf Amidah* includes a number of poems that heighten the intensity of the day.

The most famous is the *Untaneh Tokef*, asking the challenging question, who shall live and who shall die? Three sections follow, representing the focal points of Rosh Hashanah, each punctuated by shofar blasts: the *Malkhuyot*, crowning God as our Sovereign and Creator, the *Zikhronot*,

asking God to remember us in God's judgment, and *Shofarot*, announcing the awesome holiness of the day and the revelation of Torah.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, the major fast of the year, lasts for 25 hours, from the start of sunset to the beginning of complete darkness the next day. For this period we refrain from eating or drinking so long as we do not endanger our health. As well, we refrain from wearing leather as a way of denying ourselves luxuries. Some people choose to wear white on this day to reflect outwardly the desire for cleansing our souls. Yom Kippur is a holiday of repentance and forgiveness - a chance to atone for our sins.

A focal point of the holiday is the opening moments, when, in the evening, we chant *Kol Nidrei*, the dissolution of vows. Before we can ask God to forgive our sins, we ask that any vows we made be canceled. Then, after an evening *Amidah*, we chant prayers for forgiveness (*Selichot*) and confession (*Vidui*). It is customary to lean forward slightly and strike your heart while chanting the confessional prayers to reinforce our feelings of atonement.

The daytime service parallels the Rosh Hashanah service, including opening prayers, the *Amidah*, and Torah reading. The service continues as we remember those we know who have died, called *Yizkor*, enabling those who have lost loved ones to pledge service and charity in their name. Some, whose parents are living, have the custom of leaving before the *Yizkor* prayer, but all are encouraged to remain. Following *Yizkor* we continue with the *Musaf*, again chanting the *Amidah* and more prayers for forgiveness (*Selichot*) and confession (*Vidui*).

As the sun goes down in the West, the day concludes with the *Ne'ilah* service. This service represents the closing of the book, the time when the decisions of life for the year to come are made and one is given a final chance for repentance. We mark the end of the holiday with a long blast from the shofarot of the congregation.



FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT 5786/2025

EREV SUKKOT

Monday, October 6	Erev Sukkot Evening Service*	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Candle lighting at 6:37 p.m.</i>	

SUKKOT DAY I

Tuesday, October 7	Early Morning Sukkot Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	<i>Have your Lulav & Etrog ready!</i>	
	Sukkot Evening Service*	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:35 p.m.</i>	

SUKKOT DAY II

Wednesday, October 8	Early Morning Sukkot Service	6:30 a.m.
	Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	<i>Have your Lulav & Etrog ready!</i>	
	Evening Service*	6:50 p.m.
	<i>Havdalah at 7:32 p.m.</i>	

SHABBAT HOL HAMOED

Friday, October 10	Shabbat/Sukkot Evening Service*	6:00 p.m.
	Followed by Congregational Shabbat/Sukkot Dinner (by RSVP only)	
	<i>Candle lighting at 6:31 p.m.</i>	

Saturday, October 11	Early Shabbat/Sukkot Morning Service	6:30 a.m.
	Shabbat/Sukkot Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	Evening Service*	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Havdalah at 7:27 p.m.</i>	

Sunday, October 12	Morning Service	8:00 a.m.
	Pizza in the Hut	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Service*	7:00 p.m.
	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:30 p.m.

HOSHANA RABBA

Monday, October 13	Morning Service	7:30 a.m.
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EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

	Erev Shemini Atzeret Evening Service*	6:00 p.m.
	<i>Candle lighting at 6:28 p.m.</i>	

SHEMINI ATZERET

Tuesday, October 14	Early Morning Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor	6:00 a.m.
	Shemini Atzeret Morning Service with Yizkor (Yizkor at approximately 10:30 a.m.)	9:00 a.m.

EREV SIMḤAT TORAH

	Simḥat Torah Evening Service*	6:00 p.m.
	Family celebration: hakafot, dancing, and singing with Sifrei Torah	6:30 p.m.
	<i>Candle lighting from existing flame after 7:26 p.m.</i>	

SIMḤAT TORAH

Wednesday, October 15	Early Morning Simḥat Torah Service	6:30 a.m.
	Simḥat Torah Morning Service	9:00 a.m.
	Family Hakafot	10:00 a.m.
	Evening Service*	6:45 p.m.
	<i>Havdalah at 7:21 p.m.</i>	

**Evening service includes Minhah and Ma'ariv.*



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