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A Message from the Rabbi:

Boruch Hashem

The most important day of (this) year

By [Shlomo Yaffe](#)

Question: Which is the most important day of this year's High Holiday Season?

Answer: October 23rd

Before you run to choose in which of the 86 Jewish calendars you have received from various worthy charities you want to look this day up, relax -- I'll tell you which holiday falls on this day. None. This year, October 23rd is the day *after* Simchat Torah (the last -- and most joyous -- holiday of this packed, 23-day flood of special days). It is also the most important day of this year.

Picture the launch of a space vehicle being sent to explore some distant reach of the universe on a journey never before attempted. The countdown is over, a button is pressed, and -- hopefully -- away it goes, to where silicon has never gone before. Countless thousands of top-quality man-hours have been invested in this project by people who are, indeed, rocket scientists. Yet, if when the button is pressed, the rocket explodes or otherwise malfunctions, all that genius is for naught. The button does not require an engineer to press it -- it is such a simple task even a politician can do it. Yet, that very pressing of the button is the purpose of all those expert hours. If that single event does not occur as it should, then something has gone very wrong in all those preparations, and the mission is a failure.

Spiritually speaking, during the Tishrei festivals we are in the position of the "rocket scientist", a savant of Jewish life. We focus on our soul-life more than at any other time of year. We find ourselves praying more intensely and more often. We are more careful in the way we treat others and more generous in our charitable donations. The Shofar inspires us, Yom Kippur uplifts us, and we find meaningful joy in our families and communities on Sukkot. We are on a high level and doing great things.

However, the day after the holidays are over, we go back to our ordinary workaday world. When we get up that morning, is the spirit of closeness to G-d we experienced during the High Holidays in our prayers? Do we rise to a high standard of integrity, a standard easily imagined in the synagogue but challenged by the prevailing norms as we get back to our careers? When we leave the "laboratory" of the Holy Days, do our resolutions work on the "launch pad" -- in the real world where our commitments are challenged at every turn?

If we did our equations properly in this laboratory, they will work in the real world. But if we do not live our workaday lives differently, then all the drama of the holidays is impressive, but they miss their entire goal: that we lead our everyday lives as a journey to G-dliness and integrity that takes us this year to places we have never been before.



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Edith Epstein
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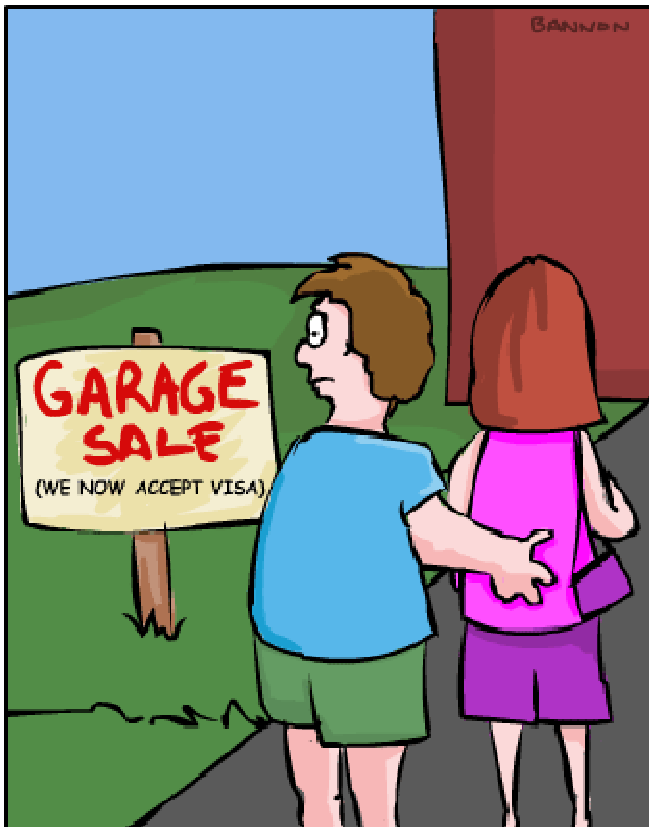
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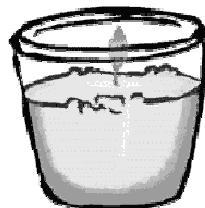


We Remember Yahrzeits

Elul

1 Elul – September 1
Henry London
2 Elul – September 2
Fannie Kaplan
Abraham Parnes
Lillian Rose Rome
3 Elul – September 3
Max Veroff
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10 Elul – September 10
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Molly Karotkin
11 Elul – September 11
Abraham Kaprove
12 Elul – September 12
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Irvin Cohn

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Sadie Dunn Shapiro
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Dr. Jacques D. Soifer
Minnie Epstein
Lena Siegel
Harry Gerl
Dr. Samuel Donner
15 Elul – September 15
Mandel Weiner
17 Elul – September 17
Samuel Chernov
Sadie Kaplan
18 Elul – September 18
Daniel Rudin
19 Elul – September 19
Benjamin Goldsmith
Esther Clymer
20 Elul – September 20
Morris M. Fichman
Celia Ger Rudy
22 Elul – September 22
Lena Katz
Bertha Dickstein
23 Elul – September 23
David Budgar
Lillian Sussman
24 Elul – September 24
Fanny Goodman
25 Elul – September 25
Manuel Shear
26 Elul – September 26
Julius Ofshay
Morris Jamchill
27 Elul – September 27
Morris Epstein
Fannie Oken
29 Elul – September 29
Nathan Birnbaum
Benjamin Horn
Samuel Bass



Tishrei

1 Tishrei – September 30
Sara Lewinski Shainfarber
Shaindel Shainfarber
Gershen and Zipporah Jakubowicz
Rebecca Stieglitz
Goldsher Family
Miriam Spalter Nachfolger
2 Tishrei – October 1
Davis Soifer
Norman Spector
Edith Reiner
Henech Menkes
Ida Roskind
Anna Levy
3 Tishrei – October 2
Jacob Seinfeld
Abraham Levitz
Irving Milstein
Fannie Nirnstein
Naomi Block
4 Tishrei – October 5
Sadie Kroopneck
Florence Beck
5 Tishrei – October 6
Henry Rosenholtz
Norma R. Stricker
6 Tishrei – October 7
Dora Perry
Nathan Kleinman
Robert M. Landerman
Morris Golden
7 Tishrei – October 8
Meyer Stein
Casil Weiss
Esther Tulman
Irving "Manny" Manekofsky
Simon Honiberg
8 Tishrei – October 9
Ethel Cramer
9 Tishrei – October 10
Bessie Manekofsky
Irene Bernstein
10 Tishrei – October 11
Frank B. Hellman
Hayat Family
Jacob Weiner and Family
Simon Weiner and Family
Mary Huf
11 Tishrei – October 12
Mary Kleinman
Bessie Levitz
Lena Landerman
13 Tishrei – October 14
Anna Sadie Bland

Pauline Fish
14 Tishrei – October 15
Chaia Sarah Weinstein
Jenny Epstein
Alfred E. Rowe
Rebecca Hershman
15 Tishrei – October 16
Isadore Rosenthal
Doris Sockut Levine
16 Tishrei – October 17
Herbert Dickstein
Rose Fox
17 Tishrei – October 18
Anna Beck
David Samuel Lieberman
Jacob A. Altschoeler
18 Tishrei – October 19
Mark Goldstein
19 Tishrei – October 20
Riva Michaelson
Meyer Gillespie
20 Tishrei – October 21
Rose White Gold
22 Tishrei – October 23
Isaak Baran
Solomon Altschuler
23 Tishrei – October 24
Lillian S. Corr
24 Tishrei – October 25
Rachel Mandell
Lena Veroff
Harry Fox
Lena Weinstock
Lena Sigal
25 Tishrei – October 26
Rebecca Bleeker
Joseph Stricker
Rhoda Seer
26 Tishrei – October 27
Harry W. Guberman
Sophie Cohn
27 Tishrei – October 28
Jack Weinberg
Chaim Siegel
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Norman Sigal
29 Tishrei – October 30
Zisel Barth
Max Spalter
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30 Tishrei – October 31
Simon Katzalsky
Harry Sigal

Holiday Times and Services

Selichot

Joint Program

Young Israel 2240 Albany Ave.

Saturday Night 9/27/08

Refreshments &

Discussion begins: 9PM

First Selichot: 11PM

Second Selichot: 12:45AM at Chabad House,
2352 Albany Ave.

Selichot Morning Services

6:15 9/22-9/26

6:00 9/29

Sunday 9/28/08

Memorial Services At the Agudas Achim
Cemeteries

Zion Hill Cemetery 10:30 AM

Tower Avenue Cemetery 11:30 AM

Rosh Hashana:

Rosh Hashanah Eve - 9/29/08

Minchah – Maariv 6:15

Candle Lighting 6:17

First Day - 9/30/08

Shacharit – 8:00 AM

Sermon/Shofar-10:00AM

Musaf –10:30AM

Minchah 5:50

Tashlich 6:00

Maariv 6:45

Candle lighting no earlier than 7:21PM and
from pre-existing flame

Second Day - 10/1/08

Shacharit – 8:00AM

Sermon/Shofar 10 AM

Musaf 10:30AM

Minchah Maariv 6:10PM

End of Yom Tov 7:20PM

Tzom Gedalia 10/2/08

Fast begins 5:07 AM

Shacharit 6:30AM

Minchah Maariv 6:00PM

Fast Ends 7:12

10/4/08—Shabbat Parshat Vayelech

Shacharit 9:30AM

Candlelighting 6:11 PM

Friday night services 6:10
PM

Minchah Maariv 6PM

Shabbat ends 7:16PM



Yom Kippur—10/8-10/9/08

Yom Kippur Eve 10/8/08

Minchah 2:30PM

Candle Lighting 6:02PM

Kol Nidrei 6:10PM

Fast Begins 6:15 PM

Yom Kippur / 10/9/08

Shacharit 8AM

Torah Reading 10:30AM

Yizkor/Sermon 11:15 AM

Musaf 12PM

Break 2:30PM

Minchah 3:30PM

Ne'ilah 5:30PM

Fast ends 7:07 PM

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Holiday Times and Services continued

Sukkot

Sukkot Eve 10/13/08
Candle lighting 5:54PM
Minchah -Maariv 5:55PM
First Day 10/14/08
Shacharit 9:30AM
Minchah Maariv 5:55PM
Candle lighting, no earlier than 6:57PM
and from pre-existing flame
Second Day 10/15/08
Shacharit 9:30 AM
Minchah Maariv 5:55PM
Yom Tov Ends 6:56PM

Chol Hamoed Sukkot 10/16-10/17/08
Shacharit 6:15 AM
Minchah Maariv 5:50PM

Shabbat 10/17-10/18/08—Intermediate
day of Sukkot
Shacharit 9:30AM
Minchah Maariv 5:45PM
Shabbat Ends 6:53PM

10/19

Shacharit 8:30AM
Mincha/Maariv 5:45PM

Hoshanah Rabbah, Shemini Atzeret Eve- 10/20/08

Shacharit 6AM
Candle lighting 5:43 PM
Minchah –Maariv 5:45 PM

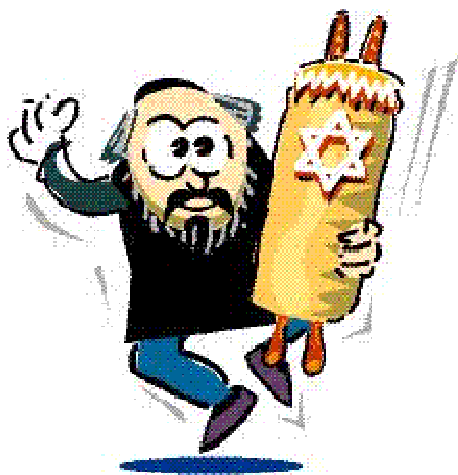
Shemini Atzeret- 10/21/08

Shacharit 9AM
Yizkor 10:45PM
Minchah Maariv 5:40PM
Candle lighting no earlier than
6:48PM and from pre-existing flame
Hakafot 6:30PM

Simchat Torah - 10/22/08

Shacharit and Hakafot 9:30AM
Minchah Maariv 5:40PM
Yom Tov Ends 6:47PM

Shabbat 10/24/08—Parshat Bereishit
Shacharit 9:30AM
Minchah Maariv 5:35PM
Shabbat ends 6:42PM





HIGH HOLIDAYS: CUSTOMS AND LAWS

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Elul—Beginning on September 1

- The Shofar is sounded every weekday morning, except the day before Rosh Hashanah.
- Chapter 27 of the Book of Psalms is added to the daily morning and afternoon prayers.
- During the last week before Rosh Hashanah, Slichot prayers are recited, the first night at midnight, the following days in the early morning.
- Additional charity is given every day.
- Beginning with the first day of Elul and continuing until the day before Yom Kippur, it is also customary to say three Psalms every day, consecutively, starting from the beginning of the book. On Yom Kippur the remaining thirty-six Psalms are recited thus concluding the entire Book of Psalms.
- It is appropriate to learn more Torah, with special emphasis on the laws concerning repentance.

Rosh Hashanah—September 29-October 1 2008

Traditional Foods:

It is customary to eat foods which symbolize sweetness, blessings and abundance. We dip the challah (traditional Shabbat and holiday bread) in honey. A head (of fish or fowl) is served.

We eat carrots (in Yiddish carrots are called "mern" which means to multiply).

On the first evening of Rosh Hashanah after eating the first piece of Challah, we dip a piece of apple in honey. We say the following blessing, over the apple:

Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.
Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Bore Pri Ha-etz.

And then add:

"May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year."
Yehi Ratzon She-te-chadesh Alenu Shana Tovah Ume-tukah.

On the second evening, after Kiddush, we eat a fruit which we have not yet eaten in the past year, and say the following blessings:

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.
Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Bore Pri Ha-etz.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Hear The Shofar:

It is customary to sound the Shofar at the coronation of a King. Similarly, on Rosh Hashanah we "coronate" G-d by sounding the Shofar. The shofar serves also as a wake up call to repent and return to G-d. On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 30-October 1, hear at least 30 shofar blasts.

Cast Away Your Sins:

On Tuesday, September 30, after the afternoon Mincha prayer, we go to a lake, river or to the sea and recite the Tashlich prayers, where we symbolically cast our sins into the water and leave our old shortcomings behind us, thus starting the new year with a clean slate.

If one is unable to perform this ceremony on Rosh Hashanah, one may do it until the last day of Sukkot.

Services in brief Evening Service:

The evening service consists of the Half-Kaddish, the Shema, the Amidah and the concluding prayers.

Morning Service:

The morning service consists of the following: the morning



prayers, the Shema, the Amidah, the reading of the Torah, the Shofar blowing (when Rosh Hashanah falls on Shabbat, the Shofar is not blown), the Musaf service, the priestly blessing.

Torah Readings:

First Day:

The birth of Isaac is the theme of the first day of Rosh Hashanah. We learn the lesson of Divine Providence and Omnipotence. Sarah at the age of ninety, gives birth to Isaac, her first and only child, while Abraham is one hundred years old himself. Isaac is entered into the Covenant of our father Abraham at the age of eight days.

Second Day:

The binding of Isaac is the theme of the reading of the Torah, which follows the portion read the previous day.

The "Binding of Isaac" has come to represent the ultimate in the Jew's devotion to G-d. Every morning, we preface our prayers by reading the Torah's account of the Akeidah. On Rosh Hashanah, when the world trembles in judgment before G-d, we evoke the Binding of Isaac by sounding the horn of a ram (reminiscent of the ram which replaced Isaac as an offering) as if to say: If we have no other merit, remember Abraham's deed. Remember how the first Jew bound all succeeding generations of Jews in a covenant of self-sacrifice to You.

Haftorahs

First Day:

We read about the birth of Samuel. Both Sarah and Hannah had been childless and barren, but G-d eventually blessed them each with a son. Both Isaac and Samuel were

consecrated to the service of G-d: Isaac through the binding and Samuel as a prophet.

Second Day:

We read about the final rebuilding of the Holy Temple and the redemption of Israel.

The Fast of Gedaliah - October 2, 2008

This holiday takes place on the third of the Ten Days of Repentance.

During the Ten Days of Repentance it is appropriate to increase acts of charity, good deeds, and prayer.

Today is a fast day commemorating the slaying of Gedaliah, the governor of Israel under Babylonian rule.

We do not eat or drink anything from approximately 5:07 AM until 7:12 PM when the fast ends.

Selichot for the Fast of Gedaliah are recited during the morning service. If you have significant difficulty fasting, you do not have to fast. Please contact Rabbi Yaffe with questions.

Before



Yom Kippur Eve October 8, 2008

Kaparot:

The Kaparot (atonement) service is performed early morning with a live chicken (or alternatively with

money) which is then donated to charity.

Mikvah:

One is obliged to immerse in the mikvah on this day.

Festive Meal:

It is a mitzvah to eat and drink before the eve of Yom Kippur.

Afternoon Prayers:

During the afternoon prayers, the Al Chet confession prayer is recited before the conclusion of the Amidah prayer.

Take Honey Cake:

There is an age-old Jewish custom to "bet'n lekach" or "ask for honey cake" before Yom Kippur.

In addition to the blessing for a sweet year represented by the honey's sweetness, our Rabbis explain that in case it was decreed upon us to need the kindness of others during the upcoming year, we pray that we need ask for nothing more than the honey cake we receive from a relative, friend or acquaintance.

Eat the Final Meal:

One should eat only light foods such as plain cooked chicken and chicken soup. One should not drink intoxicating beverages, for were one to become drunk, one's prayers would be an abomination. It is also customary not to eat fish at this meal. When reciting the Grace After Meals, have in mind that you will drink until the onset of the fast.

Bless the Kids:

It is customary to bless one's children after the meal. Although there is no required formula for this blessing, it is customary to say:

May G-d make you like Efrayim and Menashe [for a son]; or, May G-d make you like Sarah, Rivkah,

Rachel, and Leah [for a daughter].

Change Your Shoes:

On Yom Kippur we do not wear leather shoe. Change your shoes to plastic or canvas shoes or slippers.

Light Candles:

Girls and all women who are in the house (or if there isn't a woman in the house, the man), should light candles 18 minutes before sunset, and recite the following blessings:

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur light.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam

Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Hakipurim.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lohei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh
Now that Yom Kippur has been ushered in, we go to the synagogue to attend the Kol Nidrei and evening services.

On Yom Kippur October 9, 2008:

Fasting:

On Yom Kippur, women over 12 years old and men over 13, must fast.

In addition, the biblical commandment to "afflict" ourselves during Yom Kippur includes abstention from the following: eating & drinking, bathing,

wearing of leather shoes, marital relations and personal "anointing" (use of body lotions etc.). If unable to fast for health reasons, consult your Rabbi.



Clothing and Jewelry:

Many communities have a custom of wearing white clothes on Yom Kippur, as on this day we are compared to angels.

It is also customary not to wear gold jewelry, as gold is reminiscent of the sin of the Golden Calf, and on the Day of Judgment, we do not want to "remind" the Prosecutor of our past sins.

Services:

We usher Yom Kippur in with the Kol Nidrei evening service followed by Evening services. Morning services on Yom Kippur day (October 4, 2008), include the Torah readings, the Yizkor memorial service, the Musaf service and the Priestly blessing.

Afternoon services include the Torah reading and the Haftarah reading of Jonah. And finally the closing Neilah

prayers are followed by the Shofar blast and Evening services.

End of Fast:

After evening services, perform the Havdalah ceremony, then break fast.

Yom Kippur Eve

Kol Nidrei:

The Kol Nidrei service consists of the opening of the Ark and taking out the Torah scrolls, reciting the Kol Nidrei and returning the Torah scrolls to the Ark.

Kol Nidrei, the prayer which ushers in the holy day of Yom Kippur, is perhaps the most famous one in our liturgy.

Ironically, it is not really a prayer at all, but rather a statement. A statement that deals with promises, vows and other sorts of verbal commitments commonly made in the course of the year. The Torah places strict demands on keeping one's word, and not fulfilling a vow is considered a serious misdeed.

Kol Nidrei, which means "all vows," nullifies the binding nature of such promises in advance. One declares all future vows and promises invalid, by declaring that all vows are: "absolved, remitted, cancelled, declared null and void, not in force or in effect."

On Yom Kippur when the essence of the soul is fully revealed, we express our real attitude towards the imperfections which might slip into our behavior, in the coming year. They are thus denied and declared insignificant.

Evening Service

In Brief: The evening service consists of the Half-Kaddish, the Shema, the Amidah and the concluding prayers.

Yom Kippur Day

Morning Service:

The morning service consists of the following: the morning prayers, the Shema, the Amidah, the reading of the Torah, the Yizkor service, the Musaf service, the priestly blessing.

Torah Reading:

The reading of the Torah is about the solemn service in the Holy Temple on the Day of Atonement, conducted by the High Priest himself. This was the only day of the year on which the High Priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies to offer incense and pray on behalf of the Jewish people.

Yizkor Service:

The Yizkor service is recited by those who have lost either one or both of their parents. Others leave the synagogue until the completion of the Yizkor service; the reason for this is to advocate long life for the living parents. The Yizkor is more than a service of remembrance; it is a time for the relatives of the departed to connect with the souls of their loved ones on a deeper level. Tradition has it that during the Yizkor service, the souls of the departed descend from heaven and are joined with those who are close to them.

Musaf Service:

The Musaf service consists of the Musaf Amidah, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah, the avodah - a recounting of the

Yom Kippur service in the Holy Temple and the priestly blessing. Priestly Blessing

The priests, or kohanim, direct descendants of Aaron, the High Priest, are commanded to bless the Jewish people with a three-fold blessing. It is customary to perform this duty during the Musaf service on festival days. In preparation for the blessing, the priests remove their shoes and the Levites ritually wash their hands. They then gather at the front or by the eastern wall of the synagogue.

During the blessing, one must not gaze at the Priests directly as the Divine Presence rests upon them. It is customary for men to cover their eyes with their prayer shawls, and for women to gaze into their prayer books.

After the blessing, it is customary to thank the Priests with the words, Yishar Koach.

Afternoon:

The afternoon service consists of the Torah reading, the amidah prayer, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah, the recital of Avinu Malkenu (Our Father, Our King).

Torah Reading:

The Torah reading speaks of the purity of Jewish life. The Torah warns us not to follow in the immoral ways of Egyptians and native Canaanites, "that the land spew you not out also, when you defile it, as it spewed out the nations that were before you."

The Haftorah:

We read the entire Book of Jonah. It contains a timely message on the importance of repentance and prayer. If sinfulness can cause the land to vomit its inhabitants, repentance can cause the fish to deposit Jonah back to dry land and return him to life. One should never despair, prayer and repentance lead from darkness to light, from the shadow of death to a new life.

Night:

Neilah, the Concluding Service. The concluding service consists of the Opening prayers, the Amidah prayer, the cantor's repetition of the Amidah, Avinu Malkenu (Our Father, Our King), Declaration of our faith and the sounding of the Shofar and the closing prayers.

Neilah means "closing the gate". As the awesome day of Yom Kippur comes to a close, and our future is being sealed, we turn to G-d to accept our sincere repentance and new resolutions, and that He seal us in the Book of Life, granting us a new year replete with goodness and happiness. The Ark remains open for the entire Neilah service, signifying that the Gates of Heaven are wide open to our prayers and entreaties.



Closing Prayers:

The apex of the service, the emotional peak, is when we pronounce the verses proclaiming G-d as our G-d, all together. It is written that when we recite the first of the three verses, the Shema, every Jew should have the intention of giving up their soul for the sanctification of G-d's name, this intention will be considered as if we had indeed withstood the test to sanctify the Divine Name.

Sukkot

October 13 - 20, 2008

It is customary to bind the Lulav on the day before Sukkot, preferably inside a Sukkah.



Light Candles:

Women and girls light candles tonight to usher in the holiday

Blessings

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Holiday.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-

lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.

Eat In The Sukkah:

The holiday of Sukkot commemorates G-d's kindness to the Jewish people while in the desert at the time of the Exodus. We mark this kindness by eating in a Sukkah, a hut covered with branches, on the first night of Sukkot, and by blessing the "Four Kinds." All other meals are eaten in the Sukkah as well.

The mitzvah of dwelling, eating and spending time in the Sukkah is unique in that the entire person is involved in a mitzvah. The mitzvah of Sukkah encompasses every part of the body. Every limb and cell of the person is completely submerged, surrounded and encompassed by the Sukkah.

When partaking of a meal in the Sukkah, containing at least two ounces of bread or cake, we say the following blessing Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to sit in the Sukkah.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Kideshanu Bemitzvotav Vetzivanu Leshev Basukkah.

The Four Kinds:

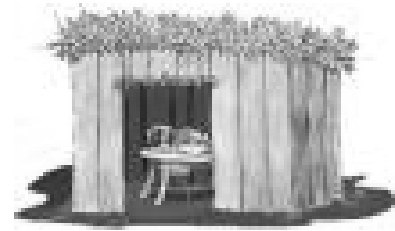
One of the special mitzvahs of Sukkot is to recite a blessing on the "The Four Kinds," a citron, a palm branch, three myrtle twigs and two willow branches. We hold them close together, we recite a blessing over them and, as is customary, wave them to all the four winds and upward and downward.

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to hold the lulav. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvotav Ve-tzvi-vanu Al Netilat Lulav.

Recite the following blessing the first time only.

2) Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.



Shemini Atzeret and
Simchat Torah
October 21 - 22 2008

Eve of Shemini Atzeret:

Light Candles:

Girls and women (or if there isn't a woman in the house, a man), should light candles 18 minutes before sunset.

Blessings for the first night:

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to light the candle of the Holiday. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvo-tav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

2) Blessed are You, L-rd our G-d, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam She-heche-ya-nu Ve-ki-yi-ma-nu Ve-higi-a-nu Liz-man Ha-zeh.



Eve of Simchat Torah:

Light Candles:

Light candles from an existing flame (such as from a pilot flame), after dark, as on the holiday one may not create a fire. Recite the following blessing.

1) Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to

light the candle of the Holiday. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshanu Be-mitzvo-tav Ve-tzvi-vanu Le-hadlik Ner shel Yom Tov.

Rejoice:

We celebrate the completion of the year round cycle of reading of the Torah. All the Torah scrolls are taken from the Ark and carried in a parade around the synagogue seven times. We rejoice, sing and dance with the Torahs, for the re-establishment of our covenant with the Torah as a groom rejoices with his bride. For the Torah is betrothed to Israel as a wife is to her husband.

Children are given gifts of candy and fruit because it is stated that the "commandments of the L-rd are sweeter than honey." The joyful dancing takes place the preceding evening.

Torah Readings:

We conclude the reading of the Torah by reading the last portion of Deuteronomy and then immediately begin reading once again from Genesis. Every male is called to the Torah on Simchat Torah, including boys under the age of 13.



Watch for
Upcoming
Future events

- Living-room limud on thought provoking Israeli movie
- Special speaker on Judaism and the environment
- Special talk on Judaism, Memory and the Brain
- Evenings of Israeli food and sing-alongs
- Yearly Hannukka party





DAVENING AND CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



Week of: Parsha	Evening Service Fri- day/Yom Tov	Candle Lighting Time	Shabbat & Yom Tov Mincha	<u>Week Day Shacharit</u> 6:45 A.M. weekdays 8:30 A.M. Sundays	Shabbat/ Yom Tov Ends
9/5-9/6/08 Parshat Shoftim	*6:00 P.M. Friday	6:59 P.M.	6:55 P.M.	<u>Rosh Chodesh</u>	7:58 P.M.
9/12-9/13/08 Parshat Ki Tetzei	6:45PM	6:47PM	6:40PM	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan is: Wednesday, October 29 Thursday, October 30 Shacharit is 6:30 A.M.	7:52PM
9/19-9/20/08 Parshat Ki Tavo	6:35PM	6:35PM	6:30PM	<u>Holiday Reminder</u>	7:40PM
9/26-9/27/08 Parshat Nitzavim	6:25PM	6:23PM	6:20PM	Rosh Hashana September 30—October 1 Erev Yom Kippur October 8 Yom Kippur October 9 Sukkot October 13– 19 Hashanah Rabbah October 20 Shemini Atzeret October 21 Yizkor Simchat Torah October 22	7:28PM
9/29-10/1/08 Rosh Hashanah	6:15PM	6:17PM	5:50 Tashlich 6PM		Candle- lighting — 7:21PM
9/30-10/1/08 Rosh Hashanah 2nd	N/A	N/A	6:10PM		7:20PM
10/3-10/4/08 Parshat Vayelech	6:10PM	6:11PM	6PM		7:16PM
10/8-10/9/08 Yom Kippur	2:30PM	6:02PM	3:30PM		7:07PM
10/10-10/11/08 Parshat Ha'Azinu	6:00PM	5:59AM	5:50PM		7:04PM
10/17-10/18/08— Shabbat Sukkot	5:50PM	5:48PM	5:45PM		6:53PM
10/20/08 Hashanah Rabbah	5:45PM	5:43PM	N/A	Shabbat Shacharit 9:30 A.M. followed by Kiddush **Unless otherwise noted	N/A
10/21/08 Shemini Atzeret	N/A	N/A	5:40PM	* First Friday of every month davening is earlier for our Monthly Shabbat Dinners.	6:48 PM candle- lighting
10/22/08 Simchat Torah	N/A	N/A	5:35PM		6:47PM
10/24-10/25/08 Parshat Bereshit	5:35PM	5:37	5:30PM	** <u>no earlier than and from pre-existing flame</u> # <u>no later than and from pre-existing</u>	6:42PM
10/31-11/1/08 Parshat Noach	5:28PM	5:28PM	5:25PM		6:33 PM

President's Message

Well, the summer is over and we are gearing up once again for the holidays. This has been a very active year at Agudas and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

Some of the activities are listed in the summary of our annual meeting. Please note our annual meetings are short (about 1 hour) and are a great opportunity to get an update on what is happening at the shul (as well as schmooze and eat a good breakfast!).

In addition, our administrative assistant, Malka Oginskis “left us” to marry Daniel Hayman of Los Angeles. Mazal Tov, Malka! We appreciate the time and effort you devoted to our community and wish you and your family health, wealth and happiness! We will miss you!

If you can, pick up the phone or drop into the office and welcome our new administrative assistant, Alexis Maislen. She is experienced, quite sweet and highly qualified. Alexis all the best in your new position and welcome to the Agudas family!

Wishing you and your family a Sweet and Healthy New Year!

Etan

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Summary of Agudas Achim Annual Meeting June 15th 2008 (Father's Day)

1. D'var Torah by Etan Markus on respecting fathers and mothers.
2. Rabbi's report: Rabbi Yaffe was absent due to his daughter Rivke's graduation; Etan read a message from the Rabbi thanking past and present active members, and wishing well the new officers/board members
3. Review of 2007 annual minutes—approved by members
4. Etan and Renana Kadden – reviewed some of the main events over the past year:
 - A. There were a long series of speakers, including Ron Sheps a Connecticut native and a Humanitarian Officer for the IDF; Eleonora Shifrin, an Israeli politician and activist as part of our Israel@60 activities; Robert Kim Bingham author, and son of American diplomat Hiram Bingham IV, who risked his State Department career to rescue Jews during the Holocaust; Dr. Stuart Miller Professor of Hebrew, History, and Judaic Studies University of Connecticut at Storrs.
 - B. There were also a number of other programs including the monthly Friday dinners, a Sukkah Hop, Purim/Persian and Hannukah programs, the Yiddish Club, Living Room Limud (including films, “With All Your Soul: the Story of Roi Klein”; “Walk on Water”), and hosting Bes Rivka's Shabbaton.
 - C. Renana Kadden and Sylvia Francus were thanked for their help with organizing programs throughout the year. Ellie Young, Esia Friedman and Abby Perlsweig were acknowledged for their help with preparing Kiddushes during Shabbat. The Belzers were thanked for cooking/setting up programming refreshments/dinners. Bob Birnbaum was thanked for his efforts at bolstering all the minyans. Gary Sigal was thanked for his work throughout the year.
 - D. Gary Bykoff donated \$4,000 for the new upstairs children's room: “Agudas Children's Room in memory of Harry and Sylvia Bykoff”
 - E. Harry and Eva Pick donated \$10,000. The money will be used to help support participation by our youth in the March of the Living program every other year

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Don't forget about our monthly Shabbat dinners, the first Friday night of every month



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President's message Continued

- F. Sam Kaprove z"l donated \$5,000. It will be put into a CD and the interest used to support speaker programs.
- G. Ms. Lynn Talit, Mrs. Jean Chameides together with Malka are preparing a master cemetery spreadsheet. This should facilitate record keeping and organization of the data.
- H The High School plans to leave at the end of this year or next. Gil Fried is looking into other possible leasers for Agudas building, including University of New Haven. Additional tenants besides Ms. Lisa's dance studio are being investigated.
- I. 120th anniversary of the Schule will be celebrated with a luncheon in September, 2008
5. Gary Sigal - Treasurer overview of the financial status of the synagogue: Agudas Achim lost (\$10,000); last year, 2007, the Property Improvements included. driveway, electrical, painting at 2 Old Field Road and partition and electrical at Agudas.
6. Renana Kadden presented the 2008-2009 slate from the nominating committee (other members Gil Fried & Rick Sirvint), and they were approved:
Officers – President, Etan Markus; 1st Vice President, Gil Fried; 2nd Vice President, Ira Feigenbaum; Treasurer, Gary Sigal; Secretary, George Levine.
Board: 1 year term - Leon Chameides, Bob Koorse, Jennifer Wolpaw; 2 year term - Sheldon Agdens, Leonard Holtz, Renana Kadden; 3 year term - Larry Cooper, Irina Margulis, Lenny Margulis.

Etan thanked the nominating committee for their hard work putting together the slate. Thank you also to our dedicated members who agreed to serve (or continue to serve) our Agudas community.