

Temple Sinai

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September, 2018
October, 2018

Elul 5778/Tishrei 5779
Tishrei/Cheshvan 5779



REGULAR FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2018 ELUL 5778/TISHREI 5779

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

6PM

TORAH: **Nitzavim**: Deut. 29:9–30:20

HAFTARAH: Isa. 61:10–63:9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

6 PM *Shabbat Shuvah*

TORAH: **Vayeilech**: Deut. 31:1–30

HAFT: Hos. 14:2–10, Mic. 7:18–20, Joel 2:15–27

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Ha'azinu**: Deut. 32:1–52

HAFTARAH: II Sam. 22:1–51

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot**: Ex. 33:12–34:26

HAFT: Eze. 38:18–39:7 (39:16)/Ecclesiastes

OCTOBER 2018 TISHREI/CHESHVAN 5779

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **B'reishit**: Gen. 1:1–6:8

HAFTARAH: Isa. 42:5–43:10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Noach**: Gen. 6:9–11:32

HAFTARAH: Isa. 54:1–55:5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Lech L'cha**: Gen. 12:1–17:27

HAFTARAH: Isa. 40:27–41:16

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

6 PM

TORAH: **Vayeira**: Gen. 18:1–22:24

HAFTARAH: II Kings 4:1–37

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2018 HIGH HOLY DAYS

5778/5779

Saturday, September 1

8 PM

S'lichot Service – Service Leader: George Bodin

Sunday, September 9

8 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

Monday, September 10

10 AM

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

2:30 PM

Memorial Prayers, At Hebrew Rest (weather permitting) –

Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

3:30 PM

Tashlich Service, on the seawall near 911 Memorial (weather permitting) –

Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

Friday, September 14

6 PM

Shabbat Shuvah – Service Leader: George Bodin

Tuesday, September 18

8 PM

Kol Nidre – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

Wednesday, September 19

10 AM

Yom Kippur Morning Service – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

3:30

Spirituality Conversation – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

4 PM

Yom Kippur Afternoon & Reflective Services – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

5 PM

Yizkor & Neilah Services – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

6 PM

BREAK THE FAST!

Friday, September 28

6 PM

Sukkot, in Courtyard (weather permitting) – Service Leader: Rabbi Barry Weinstein

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE LEADERS

September 7th – Chris Blevins
September 14th – George Bodin
September 21st – Sandy Desadier
September 28th – Rabbi Weinstein

October 5th – Rabbi Weinstein
October 12th – Charles St. Dizier
October 19th – ISJL Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky
October 26th – George



SPECIAL EVENT

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM SERIES

The three great monotheistic religions in our world today, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, descend from the special relationship that existed between God and Abraham. While all three religions exhibit great diversity, it is important not to let that diversity turn into divisiveness, hate, and racism. Society stands to lose everything if that kind of fear takes over. The first step in overcoming this fear is religious literacy and finding the common denominators among us along the way.

Three educational presentations will be given on successive Tuesday evenings in October 2018 at the Central Public Library on Ernest Street. All presentations will begin at 5:30pm and conclude at 7:00pm. The public is invited.

- Presentation on Islam—October 9
- Presentation on Judaism—October 16
- Presentation on Christianity—October 23

Talk to the President...

If any member of Temple Sinai in good standing has questions, comments, or concerns that you would like me to address, or if it is something that a committee should take under consideration, please send them to me in writing by letter or by email. Good or bad, your thoughtful insight will be greatly appreciated.

George Bodin
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Temple Sinai

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Message from the Rabbi:

The Most Beautiful Thing

Forgiveness.

Throughout the approaching High Holy Days one of the most prevalent themes is our prayer to be inscribed in the Safer Chayim, The Book of Life, for the New Year.

Alongside these precious and beautiful words, this most memorable Metaphor, are our petitions for Teshuvah, Forgiveness.

When a rabbi taught that we ought to repent one day before our death, a student asked: "But rabbi, how will we know which is the day before we die?"

The rabbi replied: "Then repent today!"

I have always tried my best when I lie my head on my pillow to sleep to reflect on the day now ending. Whom might I have hurt in some manner by word or deed? Which words did I say in haste, without thinking? Did I choose words that heal in place of words that hurt? What ought I have done, even in some small way, that might have made our world better?

As I write these words I am just in the middle of Elul, the month preceding Tishri, whose first day is Rosh Hashanah. Elul urges us to begin our "Cheshbon HaNefesh" at least one month before Yuntif.

The reason?

I believe that for most of us it takes at least a month to seriously review our past eleven months and so many days, giving as much consideration as possible to this "Personal Accounting" of ourselves in the year soon to conclude.

Of course, as we approach the Ten Days of Repentance we will be focusing on Forgiveness: seeking out those whom we wronged and begging their forgiveness, turning toward the Source of Life and Goodness for Divine Forgiveness of our sins.

Together with all this, I believe we are to turn toward ourselves, forgiving ourselves for those times when we did not live up to the best of our ideals.

Long ago Rabbi Eleazar ben Judah of Worms (ca. 1165-1238) taught: "The most beautiful thing that one can do is to forgive a wrong." (Mishkan HaNefesh: Machzor for the Days of Awe, CCAR Press, 2015, p. 4)

If you, like me, have ever been asked by family or friend to grant forgiveness for some offense committed against you, and G-d Willing you did forgive, then you surely agree with Rabbi Eleazar.

Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018
Monday, Sept. 10, 2018
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018
Friday, Sept. 28, 2018
Friday, Oct. 5, 2018

I imagine that each of us can think about a way in which our feelings were hurt, or our sense of self was injured by others. And yet, when we consider that “we are to number our days and get us a heart of wisdom, “wisdom seems to me to teach us to let go of those offenses and to express our forgiveness.

While Elul might be just a little “early” to do so, I agree with the Rabbinic teaching that we are to repent one day before we die. And to hold a grudge or a grievance is a real sin, and can be so self-damaging, self-defeating.

As you read these words we shall be just a few days from our beautiful congregational worship for the New Year. In my mind's eye I envision the beauty of our Sanctuary, the regathering once again with members and friends of our precious temple, and the beautiful tones of the unique music and melodies of Yuntif. As I envision my personal return to the Bimah of Temple Sinai for High Holy Days 5779, I praise G-d for the absolutely miraculous incredible blessing of restoring me to life now over two years ago so that I can so very gratefully begin my ninth year of service to our congregation!

Ever since that Friday the 13th of May 2016, when I was so severely critically ill, life, my life, has become all the more precious and all the more meaningful to me. And I have come to believe in my heart and my Neshama that H'S reached down and saved me through my skilled surgeons and nurses, my loving family, and the many, many prayers and good wishes of each of you in our temple. Even more, I believe that G-d kept me alive through such a complex surgery and recovery so that I could continue to help my family, serve our temple and fill in as needed for Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, and above all to bless me “Yom Yom,” One Day At A Time.

I am certain that those of us who have had a similar near-death experience share these very deep, personal feelings. And, whether we have had such illness or crises in our lives, we still recognize that each and every day is a gift from the Source of Life, Love, and Goodness.

This is why I am so very grateful to be Jewish: To affirm the existence of a Loving G-d, a Merciful Creator Who Awaits Us Always with Forgiveness, a G-d of Compassion, Mercy, and Lovingkindness. And this is why we are so blessed once again to have Teshuvah in all its many meanings: Return to our Better Selves, Return to those we have wronged and ask their forgiveness, Return to Forgiveness, Return to G-d.

L'Shanah Tova Tikatevu Everyone: May each of you in our Beloved Temple Sinai be blessed with a Sweet, Healthy, Joyous New Year.

Rabbi Barry Weinstein

RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: TESHUVAH

Teshuvah: Repentance

Teshuvah literally is "Return."

However, this very potent Hebrew word has come to have the much deeper and potent meaning of Repentance. "Repentance," Edith Samuel teaches in her most helpful *Your Jewish Lexicon* "is a profound Jewish concept. Genuine Teshuvah, in the Jewish sense, is an active, soul-searching process, involving far more than a casual 'I'm sorry.' When a serious wrong has been committed, the offender must acknowledge responsibility, make amends or compensation to the injured party, and secure that person's forgiveness. The offender must resolve never to repeat the wrong; and finally, the offender must return to the good - the ways of G-d.

Teshuvah...is a conscious process, a turning away from evil and a returning to G-d. In the Jewish tradition, G-d will not accept the prayers for forgiveness made by penitents on Yom Kippur unless they have first obtained the forgiveness of those whom they have wronged."

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz in *Teshuvah: A Guide for The Newly Observant Jew*, writes: "Teshuvah occupies a central place in Judaism and has many facets. As individuals differ from one another, so too do their modes of teshuvah, in both motive and form of expression. Broadly defined, teshuvah is more than just repentance from sin; it is a spiritual reawakening, a desire to strengthen the connection between oneself and the sacred. The effectiveness of teshuvah is thus frequently a function of one's sense of distance from the sacred. The greater the distance, the greater the potential movement toward renewed connectedness. As one Jewish sage put it, A rope that is cut and retied is double strong at the point where it was severed. ...All forms of teshuva, however diverse and complex, have a common core: the belief that human beings have it in their Power to effect inward change."

In the words of our High Holy Days prayer book, we are reminded in the Meditation before Kol Nidre: "Kol Nidre is also a confession: we are all transgressors, all exiled from the Highest we know, all in need of the healing of forgiveness and reconciliation. For what we have done, for what we may yet do, we ask pardon; for rash words, broken pledges, insincere assurances, and foolish promises, may we find forgiveness." (*Gates of Repentance*, p. 250)

As Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fast approach, I hope these descriptions will help bring deeper meaning, faith, understanding and inspiration to your personal worship, prayers, and meditations on these High Holy Days. Then as we approach The Holy One, our G-d of

Forgiveness, we shall be able to recite together: "V'al Kulam, Eh'lo'ha S'lee'chot, S'lach La'nu, M'chal La'nu, Kah'per La'nu! For all these (sins), O G-d of mercy, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement!" (Gates of Repentance, p. 272)

With Loving Blessings,

Rabbi Barry

Sources:

1. Your Jewish Lexicon by Edith Samuel, Union of American Hebrew Congregations New York, 1982, p. 116.
2. Teshuvah: A Guide for The Newly Observant Jew, Adin Steinsalz, The Free Press, 1982, pp. 3-4.
3. Gates of Repentance, Central Conference of American Rabbis, New York, 1978, p. 250, 272.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

L'Shanah Tovah!

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by and that the High Holidays are upon us once again. For me, it has been an eventful year, and I am grateful for the chance to have served in such an important role in temple life. My sincere wish for everyone in our congregation, and for our extended family also, is a fruitful year filled with many wonders and blessings. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life, and may those pages be filled with love, peace, music, laughter, art, chutzpah, the good company of friends, and every other thing that make our hearts sing! L'chayim! L'shalom!

George Bodin



RABBI AARON ROZOVSKY

Rabbi Aaron Rozovsky was ordained in 2018 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the seminary of the Reform movement. Prior to beginning his rabbinical studies, he also completed a Master's degree in International Studies with a concentration in Latin America at Central Connecticut State University, and a Bachelor's degree in History with a Spanish minor at Providence College in Rhode Island.

"This is my dream job," Rozovsky says of his new role with the ISJL. "To serve small Jewish communities throughout the South who have added so much to the American fabric and our understanding of what it means to be Jewish is the opportunity of a lifetime."

The experience he brings to the position is relevant and extensive. As a student rabbi, he served in an array of positions, primarily in small communities: teaching at Kulanu Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School, working at the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, advising students at the Hillel at Miami University of Ohio, and holding student pulpits at United Hebrew Congregation in Terra Haute, IN, and Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey, MI.

Rozovsky also has a special commitment to this nation's armed forces. He has served as a military chaplain in multiple settings, and as a fellow at the Jewish War Veterans of America (JWV) Cincinnati-Dayton chapter, Cincinnati, OH; and he has worked for twelve years with the Rhode Island Army National Guard. He also spent a year as a Liaison Officer for the US Army-Israel Defense Forces, in Jerusalem.

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See the article on Rabbi Rozovsky in *Shalom Y'all*

<http://www.isjl.org/shalom-yall.html>

THANK YOU FROM OUR CAMPERS:

Dear Temple,

Thank you so much for the camp scholarship! It means so much for me to be able to go to camp and see all my friends and make amazing bonds and memories in my last year as a camper. Being able to go to camp as a Jewish girl means a lot because there are not many Jewish people where I live, so to be able to meet up and be around other Jews is such a great experience everyone should have. Thank you so much!

-Maddy O'Quain

Dear Temple Sinai, I appreciate that ya'll help send us to Henry S. Jacobs. Jacobs is a place I can b'dik'hah and atsuv. when I need to. Camp is another home but there I can be myself with others like me. I have had some of my best memories here. I have had two best friends for 6 years. We keep going back because we love it. I thank you so much!!!

♡-Skylar

Temple Birthdays:

September

5	David Reinauer
8	Earl Barton
10	Sam Steirman
10	Gregory Michel
13	Lesley Kushner
13	Jonathan Fuerst
14	William Levy
16	Emily Bachrack Makuch
16	Madyson O'Quain
18	Joel Davidson
18	Nathan Dondis
21	Leah Fuerst Raley
21	Tim Blevins
22	Diane McCarthy
22	Kai Reinauer
27	Brian Goldman
27	John Loftin

October

4	Carol St Dizier
4	Wendy Parsons Yates
4	Hector Garcia
5	Ben Castoriano
7	Chloe Yates
12	Daniel Castoriano
14	Steven Levy
15	Tootsie Helman Fournet
19	Simone Levy
20	Jennifer Wygoda Israel
25	Mark Congiundi
26	Rebekah Goldman Maag
29	Robert Landry
29	Anita Fields-Gold

Hey, Temple Sinai

I really had fun at camp there was a lot of new stuff including people. They got a trampoline in the lake. Also Anna and Nevada are so nice they make camp so much fun. My counselors were so AWESOME i wish it was longer. I am definitely going to HSJ next year. I cant thank y'all enough for donating money to us. If i did not get the experience of HSJ jewish camp then i would not have jewish friends also i would be very bored at home. Thanks to y'all i had the best time of my life.

Taylee Lacombe

Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

September 7, 2018

Florence W. Goldsmith
Donald Seamons
Sarah Lindenberg
Abraham Goldman
Ceil Milstein
Morris C. Kleiman

September 14, 2018

Samuel Hudson
Adam Cormier, Sr.
Lilian Bachrack
Bessie Katz
Alma Little
Isadore Horn
Dora Madson
Dotty Sander
Sam Goldsmith
Ezrael Kushner

September 21, 2018

Sydell Schoolsky Little
Stanley Rosen
Harry Chosen
David Job Toerner
Sol Katz
Abe Gold
Frank Gordon
Jack Sandler

September 28, 2018

Ethel Berwin
Dera Bates
Dan Wise
Sylvia Rich Kay
John F. Wiegman
Edward Hoffman

October 5, 2018

Henry Austin
Joe Davidson
Carrie Frank
Ruth Reinaur Hoffman

September & October Anniversaries

September 8	Anita Fields & Maurice Gold
October 1	Lisa & Josh Green
October 7	Hydee & Ryan Kagan
October 13	Pattie & Marc Davidson
October 25	Mary Katherine & Aaron Ginsburgh



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Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

October 5, 2018

Alfred Levin
Tyler Riff Ferguson
Albert Gordon

October 12, 2018

Marx M. Levy
Rebecca Kleiman
Goldie Goldsmith Ruskin
Florence Fuerst
Frank Harry Kleinman
Joseph Szell
Tena Davidson
Sol Riff
Lyllian Weill

October 19, 2018

Cecil Alexander Berman
Ann Jeanette Cohen
Abraham Donn
Ples McManus
Bernard G. Winner
Sol Spector
Simon Wise
Rae Packman

October 26, 2018

Florence Pearl Kushner
Carolyn Bess (Betsy) Ecker
Abraham Green
Marvin Greenberg
David Helman
Irene B. Winner
Jennie Greenberg
Ken Lewitter
Rose Unger

November 2, 2018

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