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Congregation House of Israel

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...In the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a sabbath for you, a remembrance with shofar blasts, a holy convocation. -Leviticus 16:24

L'Shanah Tovah

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Sisterhood



“Rocky Mountain High and Oy it’s so humid, it’s like a sauna in here!”

The latter words are the lyrics of a cassette tape presented to me by Ben Klompus when he was still in high school. The group was called “Three Live Jews”.

I mention Rocky Mountain High because Mark and I just returned from several weeks of cool, clear mountain air and now we have returned to “OY” the humidity.

Well it is still humid 25 years later, however no one plays cassette tapes anymore, we ZOOM! This holiday, we will once again be in our own homes for our ZOOM services. Remember when zoom was a

word describing speed? The seasons “turn, turn, turn” and we zoom, zoom, zoom. While not ideal, we find pleasure in our weekly services, signing in and greeting the friendly faces of our congregation on the computer screen. Happily, the opportunity for creativity has been embraced by Rabbi Shelly, and we also enjoy wonderful music from around the world at the closing of each service. This holiday season our music will originate in Hawaii, our cantor’s (Ken Aronowitz) voice reaching us in our homes. Stuart and Mary’s son Ben (now in his 40’s and living in Maine), or our own children can even join on their computer or cell phone if they like. No reserved seats needed any longer. Oy! Its a crazy world!

As we venture into the New Year, our sisterhood will continue to navigate our way through the twist and turns of the Covid era. When we meet again, we will share the adventures of this past year and perhaps I’ll bring a tape player and if I still have the tape, we can shed our masks and rock the temple to the tunes of the “Three Live Jews”!

Patti

Reb Shelly's Desk



'Al Chet' for Zoom

My thanks to Rabbi Craig Mayers

- For the sin of forgetting to mute – repeatedly.
- And for the sin of eating a noisy snack or meal anyway...
- For the sin of being late to a service, even though the “commute” was 15 feet!
- And for the sin of using an annoying virtual background.
- For the sin of moving the camera all around and giving the host motion sickness
- And for the sin of “*lo shmirat ha-chayot machmad*,” failing to control our pets when on Zoom
- For the sin of having Netflix or a game running in another window
- And for the sin of thinking the Rabbi – can’t tell that you do...
- For the sin that we have committed against you by having only half our head in frame, or showing a lovely perspective of our ceiling fan.
- And for the sin that we have committed against you by picking, scratching, or adjusting anything that should not be done on camera.
- For the sin that we have committed against you by carrying on chat conversations on the side during Zoom services.
- And for the sin that we have committed against you by carrying on actual conversations out loud during Zoom services. (hopefully muted)
- For the sin that we have committed against you by using our web camera as a mirror and fixing our hair, makeup, or getting that poppy seed from lunch out of our teeth.
- And for the sin that we have committed against you by having our web camera aimed very inappropriately when we rise in prayer.
- For the sin that we committed against you by not wearing pants to Zoom services.
- And For the sin that we have committed against you by accidentally LETTING EVERYONE ELSE KNOW that we were not wearing pants to Zoom services!
- For all these sins, O God, forgive us, pardon us, grant us a stable internet connection (whoops) I mean, atonement – grant us atonement.

Celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

By Sherrill Nicolosi

The High Holidays; Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, are upon us.

The “Days of Awe” are traditionally viewed as “purely religious” holidays, days of somber reflection, forgiveness and self-examination.

Perhaps these Days should be happily celebrated. Think about how wonderful the holiday of Yom Kippur is: the year of mistakes, bad acts, acts of omission, and misdeeds will be reviewed and forgiven. We have an opportunity to make amends to those we have hurt or neglected.

The *vidui*, the confession part of the service, is said in the plural- “We are guilty...” We are a Jewish community, and we live with one another’s sins and rejoice in one another’s joys. And rejoice we should. The ten days from the first blowing of the great Shofar on Rosh Hashana, until the final blast on the sundown of Yom Kippur, are days of hope and repentance. The final decision of “Who shall live and who shall die, who shall be poor and who shall be rich...” is established, and as the Gates of Repentance close, we Jews celebrate the opportunity to enjoy another year, a year to show a willingness for a more meaningful year.

L'Shana Tova

May you be inscribed for a good year



High Holiday Service Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Monday	September 6	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service *
Tuesday	September 7	11:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service *

Yom Kippur Services

Wednesday	September 15	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre *
Thursday	September 16	11:00 a.m.	Yom Kippur Morning Service *
		5:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service *
			Yizkor Service
			Neilah Service
			Havdalah

* All Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be virtual and interactive, utilizing Zoom conferencing. On Yom Kippur afternoon, services will be continuous without breaks in between. Email invitations with complete information will be emailed out prior to services. Memorial books for Yizkor services will be mailed out via United States Postal Service well in advance of the service.



Louis and Tillie Reagler in Israel



Mimi and Hannah Reagler (and friend) at Jacob's Camp



Hannah Reagler and Westley Kleinman at Jacob's Camp

Meet Our Cantor

Ken Aronowitz



RABBI/CANTOR, TEMPLE EMANU-EL HONOLULU (URJ) 2015-2020
Created High Holiday service outlines, assisted with assigning honors, led davening for all services including leyning Torah as well as delivering sermons. Led children's services and Tashlich.

CANTOR, TEMPLE EMANU-EL HONOLULU (URJ) 2001-2014

Led davening for all services including *leyning* Torah working with Rabbis Avi Magid, Peter Schaktman, Steven Chester and Steven Foster. Participated in children's services and Tashlich.

GUEST CANTOR, CONGREGATION SOF MA'ARAV (UNITED SYNAGOGUE) 2000
Led davening for Maariv, Musaf, and Yom Kippur Mincha/N'ilah services at this uniquely special chavurah in Honolulu, Hawaii.

GUEST CANTOR, SHAAREY TZEDEK (UNITED SYNAGOGUE) 1995-1999
Led davening for Maariv, Musaf, and Yom Kippur Mincha/N'ilah at the overflow service for the congregation located in Amherst, New York. Worked with Rabbis Richard Yellin and Mitchell Parker.

GUEST CANTOR, CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL (UNITED SYNAGOGUE) 1989 - 1994
Led the davening for Maariv, Musaf and Yom Kippur Mincha/N'ilah for the overflow service at the congregation located in Dallas, Texas. Worked with Rabbis Ed Feinstein and Daniel Gordis.

TRAINING

Studied High Holiday Nusach/Trope privately with Cantor Lawrence Avery Z"L at Temple Beth El in New Rochelle, New York.

SKILLS

Tenor with Trained Voice
Ba'al Koreh and Ba'al T'kiah
Keyboard and Guitar

ARZA - World Union

"How can I bear unaided the trouble of you, and the burden, and the bickering!" Deuteronomy 1:12

Earlier this week, I was sitting with a colleague at a Jerusalem café when a man approached us and asked us for tzedakah for needy families. On the surface of it, by the man's dress and speech, we assumed that he probably was not a supporter of Reform or liberal Judaism. He likely did not agree with us on fundamental values and the application of Jewish law and life. Instead of conditioning our tzedakah on whether he supported our values, we acknowledged that we were amidst the nine days between the first of Av and the ninth of Av and that we should reach out to those beyond our circles and world outlook. A small example of a bigger issue.

Tomorrow night we begin Tishah B'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, the national day of mourning for the Jewish people. On this day we mark the destruction of the First and Second Temples and, over time, Jews added a myriad of tragedies to the events to mourn on this day – from the Spanish Inquisition to the Shoah.

As modern Reform Jews, I venture the claim that most of us are not actually distraught over the Temple's destruction. We don't yearn for the re-establishment of the Priestly caste nor a return to sacrificial rites. In fact, Reform Judaism developed as anti-Tishah B'Av. We removed mention of the Temple, messianism, sacrifices, and priestly roles from our liturgy and nomenclature. We retitled our synagogues, "Temples," and re-purposed references to the Temple in Jerusalem to be about local "Temples" and metaphoric interpretations about justice in a future universalist messianic age.

For most Jews, Tishah B'Av is not about rebuilding the ancient, destroyed structure. Rather, our sages teach that it is about a spiritual and social reckoning and self-examination of the root causes that led to the decimation of Jewish society. The classic example given by the rabbis of the Talmud for the destruction of the Second Temple is *sinat chinam* - gratuitous hatred for one another. We are taught in the Talmud (Gittin 55a-56b) that "Jerusalem was destroyed on account of *Kamtza* and *Bar Kamtza*," pointing to the famous anecdote exemplifying hatred towards one another.

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Jewish Trivia for September

- Sep 1, 1939 *Germany invades Poland, beginning World War II*
- Sep 5, 1972 *Palestinian terrorists kill eleven Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics. Five terrorists are killed. Israeli warplanes retaliate against Lebanon and Syria*
- Sep 9, 1965 *Sandy Koufax of the L.A. Dodgers pitches a perfect game against the Chicago Cubs.*
- Sep 15, 1934 *Nuremberg Laws enacted in Germany restricting Jews from a wide range of businesses and resulting in their loss of citizenship.*
- Sep 22, 1964 *Fiddler On the Roof opens on Broadway at the Imperial Theatre*
- Sep 24, 1950 *With "Operation Magic Carpet" the Israeli Air force begins airlifting the entire Jewish community of Yemen, numbering 50,000, to Israel.*
- Sep 27, 1954 *The Tonight Show makes its debut, hosted by Steve Allen*

Deceased

- Sep 2, 1989 *Irving Berlin, composer*
- Sep 8, 1997 *Zero Mostel, actor*
- Sep 4, 1986 *Hank Greenberg, baseball player*
- Sep 22, 2007 *Marcel Marceau, mime*
- Sep 22, 2001 *Isaac Stern, violinist*
- Sep 29, 2009 *Tony Curtis, actor*
- Sep 22, 2010 *Eddie Fisher, singer*
- Sep 4, 2014 *Joan Rivers, comedian*
- Sep 28, 2016 *Shimon Peres, politician*

Mazel Tov



Yossi and Kim
24 years
August 16

September Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited September 3

Bruce Staffin

Brother of Myrna Taxer

Sam Taub

Father of Betty Feir

Edward I Rephan

Grandfather of Jerry Rephan

Margie Tollefson

Mother of Sharon Waxler

Lila Raines

Mother-in-law of Steven Kirsch

Kaddish Recited September 10

Sadye Fleischer

Grandmother of Mark Fleischer

Grandmother of Stuart Fleischer

Sybil Fleischer

Aunt of Mark Fleischer

Aunt of Stuart Fleischer

Kaddish Recited September 17

Jean Gershner

Member of CHI

Kaddish Recited September 24

Arthur Williams

Brother of Dennis Williams

Iva Bernstein

Mother of Nathan (Nae) Bernstein

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

David D. and Karen Reagler Sept 13

Birthdays

Madeline Bull Sept 2

Susan Siegel Sept 4

Lynda Kass Sept 12

Cooper Bull Sept 18

Jerry Rephan Sept 27

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers for healing:

*Ken Baim
Scott Boley
Ira Brand
Missy Gallip
Bill Ginsburg
Mark Schlessinger
Jerry Chalmers
Hy Fishman
Pat McCarthy
Cheryl Cohen*

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

Remembering



Annette Baim with Mimi Reagler

Important Message



An important message from Shoshanah (Oded Grenman's granddaughter)

September Parshiot

Nitzavim

September 4, 2021

The Parshah of Nitzavim includes some of the most fundamental principles of the Jewish faith: The unity of Israel: “You stand today, all of you, before the L-rd your G-d: your heads, your tribes, your elders, your officers, and every Israelite man; your young ones, your wives, the stranger in your gate; from your wood-hewer to your water-drawer.”

The future redemption: Moses warns of the exile and desolation of the Land that will result if Israel abandons G-d’s laws, but then he prophesies that in the end, “You will return to the L-rd your G-d . . . If your outcasts shall be at the ends of the heavens, from there will the L-rd your G-d gather you . . . and bring you into the Land which your fathers have possessed.”

Vayeilech

September 11, 2021

The Parshah of Vayeilech (“And He Went”) recounts the events of Moses’ last day of earthly life. “I am one hundred and twenty years old today,” he says to the people, “and I can no longer go forth and come in.” He transfers the leadership to Joshua, and writes (or concludes writing) the Torah in a scroll which he entrusts to the Levites for safekeeping in the Ark of the Covenant.

Vayeilech concludes with the prediction that the people of Israel will turn away from their covenant with G-d, causing Him to hide His face from them, but also with the promise that the words of the Torah “shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants.”

Haazinu

September 18, 2021

The greater part of the Torah reading of Haazinu (“Listen In”) consists of a 70-line “song” delivered by Moses to the people of Israel on the last day of his earthly life.

Calling heaven and earth as witnesses, Moses exhorts the people to “Remember the days of old / Consider the years of many generations / Ask your father, and he will recount it to you / Your elders, and they will tell you” how G-d “found them in a desert land,” and made them a people.



Sukkot

September 21 - 27

The reading lists the annual Callings of Holiness -- the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the 2nd day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating

in the festival of Shavuot on the 50th day; a “remembrance of shofar blowing” on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival -- during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the “Four Kinds” -- beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the “8th day” of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).