

# 5786

## Rosh Hashanah

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### What Do We Do When the World Is On Fire?

*There was a man who was traveling from place to place and he came across a palace in flames. He wondered, "Is it possible that the palace lacks an owner?" The owner of the palace looked out and said, "I am the בעל הבירה, the owner of the palace." So too, אברהם said, "Is it possible that the world lacks a ruler?" Hashem looked out and said to him, "I am the ruler, the בעל הבירה, the creator of the universe."*

*(Midrash Rabba: Lech Lecha)*

This מדרש is a fascinating account of the beginning of our faith, and indeed, the faith of billions of human beings throughout the millennia. It's noteworthy that it bears the description of a city that's on fire. What city was it? What was the fire that was burning which caused אברהם in this parable to turn towards God and seek Him out in a profound way? The answer it seems is that אברהם lived in a society that was truly on fire. It was a culture of corruption, of intolerance, of unfettered hedonism and of amoral lawlessness that verged on anarchy. Not only was this the case, but they also persecuted and singled out those who didn't share in their belief system.

אברהם looked out at this world and correctly ascertained that it was on fire, that it was consuming itself into oblivion. It was this recognition that marked the beginning of his journey as the father of monotheism, as the progenitor of Abrahamic faith, and as the originator of a moral and just code of conduct - the Torah - that founded the very principles of conscience and community, and of connection to God and to humanity that endures to this very day. It's frightening to point out that this מדרש sounds eerily prescient, mirroring our day and age - for our world, our society, is on fire.

The fires of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment are raging everywhere we turn around the globe. The fires of sectarianism, of intolerance and hatred for the other are wreaking havoc, here in the US and on university campuses and in cities and capitals all throughout the world.

Where will this lead? We don't know. Will it burn down and consume the very institutions and foundations that have nurtured us and grounded us throughout the past hundreds of years? Is our society doomed to fall into irreparable disrepair as Abraham's was so many years ago? Will the Jewish people and the Jewish state survive this frightening onslaught of hate that we haven't seen since the 1930's and 40's? These are all questions that haunt us as we head into ראש השנה and the High Holidays of 5786.

*Yet, with all this said, there is a way forward.*

Abraham showed us the way because the underlying message in the מדרש is that when we have the awareness that the world is on fire, it is imperative upon us to turn from a world that is destroying itself and build a new.

Avraham heeded the message of לך לך as he left his decrepit society to build something profound, special, and new in the land of Israel. Here too, at the Young Israel of Scarsdale, during this time of rupture and upheaval, when the world as we know it is "on fire," we've looked at the troubling scene around us and have sought to find the בעל הבירה, the owner, the Creator of this universe that we find ourselves in. We have turned inward towards our God and His תורה, towards our People and our Land. **And we've resolved strongly - to build.**

Our Shul is bustling and growing with a vibrancy that gives pride to all. It is noted by veteran members who have been here for decades and remember what it was like when the Shul consisted of just a few dozen families davening in the current social hall. And this same feeling resonates with those who have just come within our midst, as well as those who come as visitors and see the life and feel the energy on שבת and Chagim. They marvel at seeing a Modern Orthodox Jewish community thrive while, sadly, so many other congregations throughout the US are on the decline.

**This is the response**, the correct response, to the fires raging all around us. This is what should give us hope as we embark on another year with so much at stake in our world, because instead of standing around and waiting for the fire to consume - we are building, we are pushing forward, and we are growing - in our love and connection to עם ישראל, תורת ישראל, and to מדינת ישראל.

*Am Yisrael Chai is not a slogan here at YIS; it is a way of life!*

*All you have to do is come to the Young Israel of Scarsdale to see it and be inspired by it.*

**Wishing everyone a שנה טובה, a year filled with good health, happiness, fulfillment, redemption and return for our Holy Hostages and Chayalim. And a year that is filled with pride in our Kehillah and our People.**

*Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and Family*



# 5786 Rosh Hashanah

## יָמֵים נִזְכָּרִים || HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

### Monday, 9/22 | Erev Rosh Hashanah

- 6:40am • Shacharit/Hatarat Nedarim
- 7:20am • Selichot Z'chor Brit
- 8:00am • Shacharit/Hatarat Nedarim
- 6:34pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:35pm • Mincha/Maariv - *Main Shul Only* ♦

### Tuesday, 9/23 | 1st Day Rosh Hashanah - Tashlich

- 8:15am • Shacharit - *Main Shul/JCC\**
- 8:30am • Shacharit - *Social Hall / Sephardic*
- 10:15am • Shofar Blowing
- 10:15am • UnTraditional Service
- 5:30pm • Tashlich
- 6:35pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 7:32pm • Candle Lighting ♦

### Wednesday, 9/24 | 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

- 8:15am • Shacharit - *Main Shul/JCC\**
- 8:30am • Shacharit - *Social Hall / Sephardic*
- 10:15am • Shofar Blowing
- 6:35pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 7:31pm • Havdalah ♦♦

### Thursday, 9/25 | Fast of Gedalia

- 5:33am • Fast Begins
- 6:40am | 7:40am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 6:20pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 7:18pm • Fast Ends

### Friday, 9/26 | Selichot

- 6:40am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 7:40am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 6:27pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:35pm • Mincha/Maariv

### Shabbat, 9/27 | Shabbat Shuva

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Main Shul*
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Sephardic Minyan*
- 11:00am • Shabbat Shuvah  
Derasha w/ RJM
- 6:25pm • Mincha
- 7:25pm • Havdalah

### Sunday, 9/28 | Selichot

- 6:45am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 8:15am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 6:25pm • Mincha/Maariv

### Monday, 9/28 - Tuesday, 9/30 | Selichot

- 6:40am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 7:40am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 6:25pm • Mincha/Maariv

### Wednesday, 10/1 | Erev Yom Kippur

- 6:45am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 7:45am • Selichot/Shacharit
- 2:30pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 4:00pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 6:19pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:20pm • Kol Nidrei
- 6:36pm • Fast Begins

### Thursday, 10/2 | Yom Kippur - Yizkor

- 8:30am • Shacharit - *all Minyanim*
- 10:30am • Yizkor
- 10:30am • UnTraditional Service
- 4:50pm • Mincha
- 6:00pm • Neilah
- 7:17pm • Fast Ends/Havdalah

*Halachic Notes:*  
♦ From Existing Flame  
♦♦ Wine Only  
*davening Note on 9/22:*  
♦ Main Shul Only -  
No Service @ JCC

*Men's Mikvah Times*

Erev Rosh Hashanah - 9/22  
7:45am - 5:00pm

Erev Yom Kippur - 10/1  
7:45am - 4:30pm\*  
\*Open during Mincha

### \*JCC Attendees:

Please use the side entrance of the JCC (not the front entrance facing the Golden Horseshoe Shopping Center). A security guard at the desk inside will buzz you in.

*Save the Date*  
Monday, 9/28 | 8:00pm  
Preparing for Yom Kippur:  
An evening of Inspiration  
w/ Rav Shay Schachter  
See Page 20 for Details

## A Message from Our Associate Rabbi: Nuriel Klinger

Dear Friends,

One of the most powerful tefillot of the Aseret Yemei Teshuva, the 10 days of repentance, is Avinu Malkeinu. In it, we say: Avinu Malkeinu, nah al teshivenu reikam milfanecha – “Our Father, our King, please do not turn us from before You empty-handed.” That short line captures what we want from the Yamim Noraim. After Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we don’t want to leave the same. We want to walk away with meaning, direction, and inspiration to carry into the new year.

One way we make sure not to leave empty is by committing during this time to turning our hearts outward. Just as we ask Hashem not to leave us empty, we are called not to leave others empty in their moments of need. That can mean offering a listening ear to a friend, a word of encouragement to someone who feels unnoticed, or practical help to someone struggling. It can mean paying closer attention at home—showing extra patience with family, or expressing gratitude more often. And it certainly includes standing with Am Yisrael, holding in our tefillot the hostages and their families, the chayalim and their families and finding real and meaningful ways to support Israel. When we live with that kind of awareness, we create a life of connection. We fill others—and in doing so, we discover that our own lives are fuller as well.

If we use this time of year to strengthen both our connection to God and our connection to the people in our lives, then we truly leave these days full. Full of purpose, full of love, and full of blessing to share in the year ahead.

**Ketiva v’Chatima Tova,**  
*Rabbi Klinger*

## A Message from Our Rabbinic Program Director: Ariel Schneider

Rav Nosson Tzvi Finkel of Slobadka once asked a student why he was always coming late to Davening. The student answered, “I’m not an angel, I’m only human at the end of the day.” Rav Nosson Tzvi replied, “It is true, we are not like angels. But, we are better than angels! Angels cannot become better or worse. They are stuck in place and can never change. A human on the other hand can always move. A person can always, with immense effort, change and become better!”

The Pasuk in Zecharia (3:7) says

כֹּה-אָמַר ה' צְבָאוֹת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-מִשְׁמְרֹתַי תִּשְׁמֹר וְגַם-אַתָּה תִּדְּרִין אֶת-בֵּיתִי וְגַם תִּשְׁמֹר אֶת-חֻצְרֵי וְנִתְּתִי לָךְ מִהֲלָכִים בֵּין הָעֹמְדִים הָאֵלֶּה

If we follow Hashem’s ways, He will allow us to “move among those who are standing.” Who are these Omdim? Who are the ones just standing around? Rashi says it is talking about the angels. They are standing, stuck in place with no way to change. They stay the same from the time they were created and on. We on the other hand can move! We have the ability to work and change ourselves for the better as long as we put in the effort to do so.

Going into the New Year, let us remember that we have the power to move. Thank G-d, we are not angels! Hashem gave us the ability to move. We have the opportunity to change for the better. May we continue, with Hashem’s help, to move forward and create meaningful moments through Torah and Mitzvot.

**Shana Tova,**  
*R' Ariel Schneider*

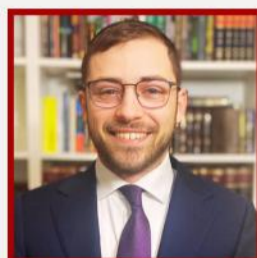
## Who's Who on Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur



Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern



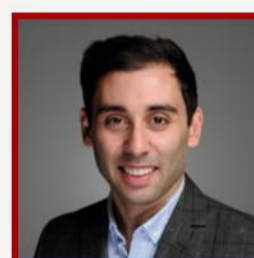
Rabbi Nuriel Klinger



R' Ariel Schneider



Simon Morgenstern



Noey Jacobson



Chazzan Mordy Weinstein



Chazzan Johnny Schlagbaum

We also look forward to be led once again by our talented in-house Baalei Tefillah throughout all of the various Minyanim at YIS & the JCC, as well as, our dedicated cadre of gabbaim, torah readers & Baalei Tokea.

*Thank you to all for your devoted service to our Kehillah*

## A Message from Our Chair of the Board & President

As we enter the season of Rosh Hashanah, we reflect on the central theme of teshuvah. Teshuvah is not only about repentance — it is a profound opportunity to evaluate and deepen our relationships: with Hashem, with those closest to us, and with the broader community that surrounds us.

This introspection extends beyond our personal lives. It invites us to consider the strength and unity of our communal bonds. In this spirit, we feel truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant, warm, and caring kehillah. The YIS community is defined not only by its membership list, but also by the deep sense of connection we share with the broader Jewish community — locally, nationally, and in Eretz Yisrael.

Over the past year, we have celebrated many joyous smachot, hosted inspiring speakers, and stood proudly with our brothers and sisters in Israel. Our community continues to thrive, and the impact of that unity can be seen in both our day-to-day experiences and in the milestones we reach together.

We also find ourselves in the midst of an exciting and ambitious capital campaign. We are truly humbled and grateful for the remarkable response from our community. With each passing day, we move closer to our fundraising goal and closer to breaking ground, turning our vision into a reality.

Our future building is a reflection of our values and aspirations. A new Beit Midrash, where the sounds of tefillah and Torah will echo through our halls. An expanded social hall, where we will continue to gather for smachot and build meaningful connections.

A Youth Pavilion, where our children will cultivate a love for Yiddishkeit and grow into the next generation of Jewish leaders. A new women's mikvah, which will replace the first mikvah ever built in Westchester. And the first and only men's mikvah in Westchester, which will further strengthen our spiritual offerings.

Even as we build and strengthen our own community here in Scarsdale, we remain deeply committed to our brothers and sisters in Israel. Part of our vision includes supporting the rebuilding of vital institutions in both the north and south of Israel.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we are excited to offer robust programming that reflects the spirit and identity of our kehillah. And, B'ezrat Hashem, we look forward to breaking ground on our new shul.

As we approach the Yamim Noraim, we wish you and your loved ones a Shana Tova U'Metuka — a year filled with simcha, bracha, mazal, and above all, shalom al Yisrael.

Melissa Schwechter Ariel Weinberger  
Chair of the Board President

בס"ד

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## WANT TO BE INSPIRED?

Join us for a warm, inspiring & accessible service for Jews of all backgrounds & levels of Jewish learning; especially for those unaffiliated with any Temple or Synagogue in Westchester

1ST DAY OF  
**ROSH HASHANAH**  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD



Noey Jacobson,  
Founding member  
of the Maccabeats

10:15AM - 12:00PM  
Morning Meditation,  
Tefillah, Shofar  
& Inspiration

Led by Noey Jacobson  
Chazzan, Ayden Morgenstern



Ayden Morgenstern

**YOM KIPPUR**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

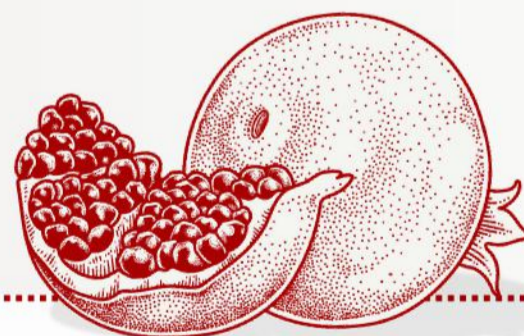
10:30AM - 12:30PM  
Morning Meditation,  
Tefillah, Torah  
& Inspiration

Led by our own David Noble  
Chazzan, Ayden Morgenstern



David Noble

5:30PM  
Tashlich Service @  
Carpenter's Pond



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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHESSED THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING YOM TOV SEASON

With the High Holidays almost upon us, it affords us the opportunity to think about others who, perhaps, can't fully participate in its Mitzvot and festivities.

Here's two ways you can help in spreading the joy of these days to all:

- 1) If there is anyone that you know of (whether it is you, a family member or a neighbor) who will not be able to make it to shul (due to illness or some other issue) and would like to have someone come over and blow Shofar for you (or them) - please email the shul office at [ras@yisny.org](mailto:ras@yisny.org) - and we will arrange for someone to come to the house to blow Shofar for you or them.
- 2) If there is anyone you know who may be alone over the Holidays (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or Sukkot/Simchat Torah) and would appreciate a meal invitation - or, if you would like to host people at your Yom Tov table throughout the Holidays - please email the shul office at [ras@yisny.org](mailto:ras@yisny.org).



Dear Friends,

As the High Holidays are once again upon us, we continue to face unprecedented challenges at home and in Israel. It is moments like these that the strength and support of our community become more important than ever. At the Young Israel of Scarsdale, our shul is so much more than a building or just a place to daven; it's an extension of our homes where we find comfort and resilience, spirituality and insights, learning and inspiration. It is where we instill Jewish values in our children, stand in solidarity with Israel and develop life-long relationships with friends and neighbors.

Alongside the challenges we face today, we are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity that has propelled our ambitious expansion forward. Yet while we are building for the future, our commitment to the present remains just as urgent.

**The Kol Nidre Appeal is a critical revenue driver for the Shul's annual operating budget.** The thriving heartbeat of our community – our youth and Shabbat programs, our devoted Rabbinic team and our Israeli shlichim, our educational offerings for all ages, and the care we extend to one another through every lifecycle moment – depends on your continued support.

As you consider your Kol Nidre contribution this year, **we hope you will continue to stand with us in sustaining the present as strongly as you have in the past.** As in past years, a Roll of Honor will be displayed in our Shul lobby identifying participants and anonymous contributions will be respected as such.

You may pledge online by clicking the button below or by check/donor-advised fund.

We appreciate your commitment to our community and your partnership. May the Yamim Noraim bring reflection, renewal, and peace to you and your loved ones.

**Kol Nidre Appeal Committee**

*Sara Aeder, Danny Berger, Ali Bernstein, Jordan Bryk(co-chair),  
Danny Essner, Davida Fried, Ali Goldberger, Sam Grauer, Eitan  
Hoffman, David Rivkin, Bill Schrag, Tommy Weinberger,  
Rebecca Zimilover (co-chair) & Stu Zisholtz*

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YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE

# 5786 *High Holidays*

## High Holiday Announcements

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YIS & WRT ANNUAL  
**TASHLICH**  
PROGRAM 5786

**Tuesday, September 23rd**

**ROSH HASHANAH | 5:30PM**

**@ CARPENTER'S POND**

RUBENSTEIN MEMORIAL WALKWAY



PLUS...

**FAMILY SHOFAR  
BLOWING & MITZVAH  
TREATS FOR THE KIDS**

Young Israel  
of Scarsdale  
*Living Inspired. Growing Together.*



**wrt** Westchester  
Reform Temple



Young Israel of Scarsdale Family,

As the sun sets on 5785 and we prepare to welcome the new year of 5786, the Young Israel of Scarsdale Sisterhood extend warm wishes to you and your families for a **Shanah Tovah U'Metukah**—a good and sweet new year.

Rosh Hashanah calls upon each of us to pause, reflect, and renew. It is a sacred time to reconnect with Hashem, with our loved ones, and with our community. As stewards of the Sisterhood, we are continuously inspired by the strength, warmth, and passion that radiate from our incredible women—and the broader YIS community we proudly serve. Over the past year, the Sisterhood has been blessed to support the spiritual and social life of our shul—from preparing for holidays and hosting events to acts of kindness that often go unseen but are deeply felt. We are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the vibrancy and unity of the Young Israel of Scarsdale.

We thank each of you who has volunteered your time, supported our efforts, or simply shared a kind word. Your involvement helps ensure that our synagogue remains a place of Torah, tefillah, chesed, and togetherness. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rifkie Goldberger for three years of service as our Sisterhood Co-President and congratulate her as she transitions into the Sisterhood Secretary role. We welcome Micole Weitzman as our incoming Sisterhood Co-President, where she is already bringing passion and creativity to next year's planning efforts.

As we enter the Yamim Noraim, may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year filled with **good health, peace, growth, and blessing**. May our prayers be heard, our relationships deepened, and our commitment to one another strengthened.

**WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES FOR  
A MEANINGFUL AND UPLIFTING HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON,**

*Lauren Ganz & Micole Weitzman*  
Co-Sisterhood Presidents

# 5786 *High Holidays*

## Youth Announcements

### YIS YOUTH CHAGEI TISHREI 5786/2025

**9/21**  
Sunday

#### Seder Rosh Hashana for children

4:30 - 5:30pm | Social Hall

**9/23-24**

Tuesday -  
Wednesday -  
Rosh Hashana

#### Special Rosh Hashana Activity in Groups

9:00am - 12:30pm | Youth Classrooms

**9/23**

Tuesday,  
1st day of  
Rosh Hashana

#### "The Silent Shofar" - RH Puppet show

11:15am | Youth Lounge

**10/2**

Thursday,  
Yom Kippur

#### Special Yom Kippur Activity in Groups

9:00am - 1:00pm | Youth Classrooms

**10/6**

Monday,  
Erev Sukkot

#### Sukkot Decoration Workshop

10:00 - 11:00am | Social Hall

**10/7-8**

Tuesday -  
Wednesday,  
Chag HaSukkot

#### Special Sukkot Activity in Groups

9:00 - 11:30am | Youth Classrooms

**10/8**

Wednesday,  
Chag HaSukkot

#### Special Family Hoshanot/Children's Lulav & Etrog Parade

11:00am (following Mussaf)  
Main Shul

**10/11**

Shabbat Chol  
Hamoed,

#### Sukkah Hop

4:00 - 5:30pm | 1st grade - 5th grade  
In the neighborhood

**10/9**

Thursday

#### "Sleepunder" Movie Night in the Sukkah

7:45 - 9:45pm | YIS Sukkah  
3rd - 5th Grade

**10/14**

Tuesday,  
Erev Simchat  
Torah

#### Simchat Torah Children's Dinner & Hakafot Followed By Community-Wide Yom Tov Meal

Beginning at 5:30pm | Main Shul

**10/15**

Wednesday,  
Simchat Torah

#### Special Simchat Torah Program & Kol HaNearim Experience

9:00 - 11:30am | Main shul

**10/19**

Sunday

#### Parshat Noach Animal Show

3:30 - 5:15pm | Social Hall

\* All events are suitable for ages 3 years through 5th grade, unless otherwise noted \*

**Youth Announcements Continued**

**ROSH HASHANAH  
YOUTH SCHEDULE**



**1st day, Tuesday, 9/23**

9:30am:

**Breakfast @ YIS - In The Chapel**

**Free play - In the Youth Room**



10:30am:

**1 – 3 years old:**

Tot Rosh Hashana  
with Mini-Rosh Hashana Seder

**4 years old – Kindergarten:**

Tefillat Yeladim followed by  
Mini-Rosh Hashana Seder

**1st – 3rd Grade:**

Tefilla followed by  
Mini-Rosh Hashana Seder

**4th – 5rd Grade:**

Tween Minyan followed by  
Apple treat Decoration

**Shofar Blowing for Children**



11:30am:

**"The Silent Shofar " - RH  
Puppet show - In The Chapel**

12:30pm:

**Apple treat decoration and ice cream -  
In the back parking lot**

**2nd day, Wednesday, 9/24**

9:30am:

**Breakfast @ YIS - In The Chapel**

**Free play - In the Youth Room**



10:30am:

**1 – 3 years old:**

Tot Rosh Hashana

**4 years – Kindergarten:**

Tefillat Yeladim followed by  
Rosh Hashana activity

**1st – 3rd Grade:**

Tefilla followed by  
Rosh Hashana Activities

**4th – 5rd Grade:**

Tween Minyan followed by  
Rosh Hashana Activities

**Shofar Blowing for Children**



11:30am:

**Big Rosh Hashanah  
Competition -  
In The Chapel**

12:30pm:

**Cupcakes decoration and ice cream  
- Back Parking Lot**



Youth Announcements Continued

YOM KIPPUR  
YOUTH SCHEDULE

Thursday | 10/2 | 10th of Tishrei

9:30am:

**Breakfast @ YIS** - In Room #1

**Free play** - In the Youth Room

10:00am:

**1 – 3 years old:**

Babysitting Services

**3 years old – Kindergarten:**

Tefillat Yeladim followed by 'The Story of Yonah'

& Yom Kippur activity w/ Adiel

Babysitting Services

10:30am:

**1st – 3rd Grade boys:**

Tefilla followed by 'The Story of Yonah' &

Yom Kippur activity w/ Adiel

**1st – 3rd Grade girls:**

Tefilla followed by 'The Story of Yonah' &

Yom Kippur activity w/ Dovrat

11:45am:

**Lunch @ YIS** - In the Back parking lot

**Free play outside** - In the Back parking lot

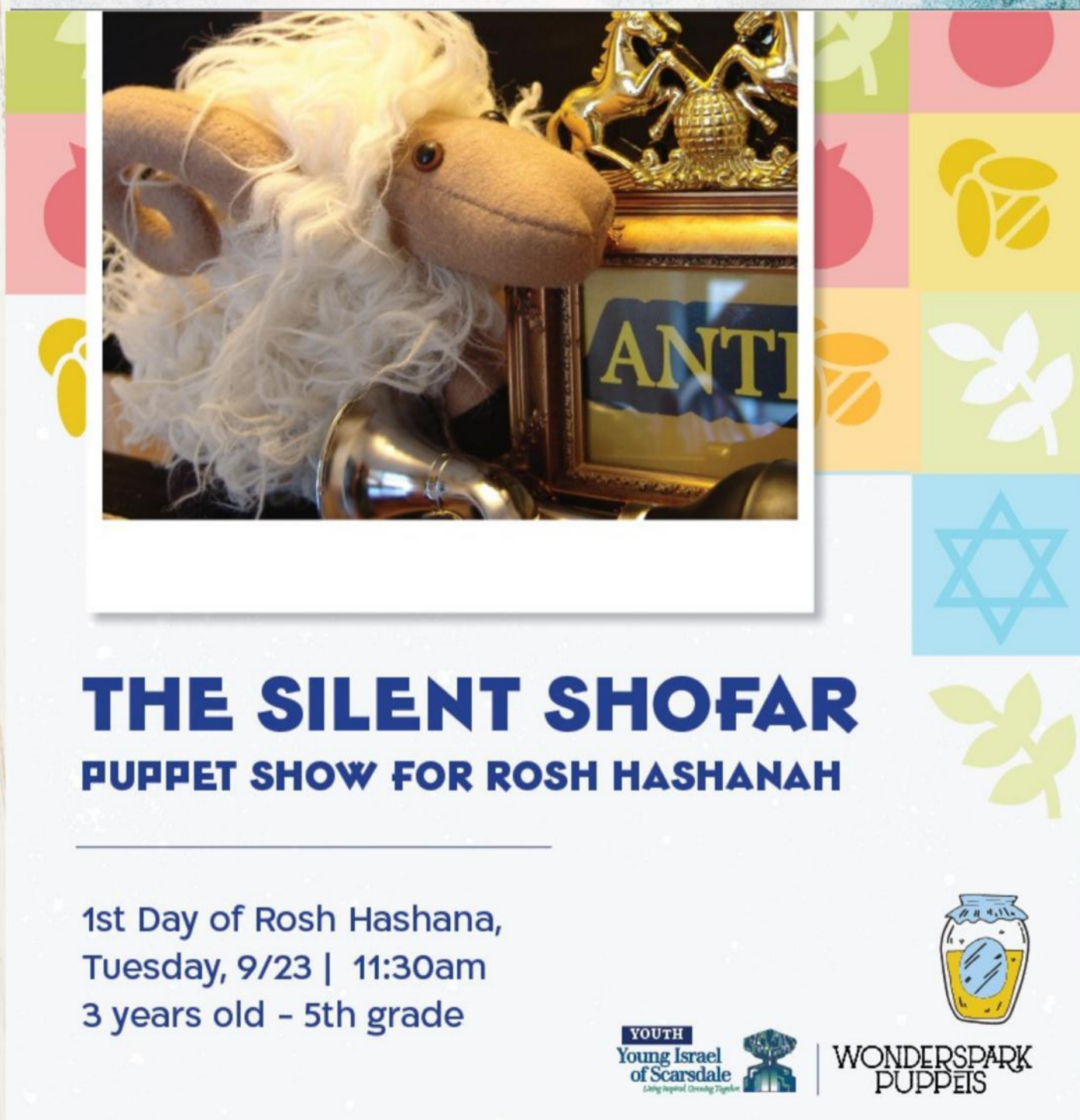

\* Lunch includes pasta,  
chicken nuggets and vegetables

לְנִשְׁנָה  
שׁוּבָה  
הַתְּכַתְּבוּ  
וְתַחֲתָמוּ



# ROSH HASHANA SENDE & CARD MAKING

Sunday, 9/21/2025  
4:30 - 5:30 🍎 Social hall  
3 years old - 5th grade

# THE SILENT SHOFAR PUPPET SHOW FOR ROSH HASHANAH

1st Day of Rosh Hashana,  
Tuesday, 9/23 | 11:30am  
3 years old - 5th grade

YOUTH  
Young Israel  
of Scarsdale  
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PUPPETS

# SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET, SIMCHAT TORAH SCHEDULE

## Monday, 10/6 | Erev Sukkot

- 6:45am • Shacharit
- 8:00am • Shacharit
- 6:11pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:15pm • Mincha/Maariv

## Tuesday, 10/7 | Sukkot - 1st Day

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Main Shul*
- 9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
- 9:45am • Teen Minyan
- 11:00am • 10/7 Commemoration  
*after Mussaf*
- 6:15pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 7:08pm • Candle Lighting\*

## Wednesday, 10/8 | Sukkot - 2nd Day

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Main Shul*
- 9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
- 9:30am • Family Minyan
- 9:45am • Teen Minyan
- 6:15pm • Mincha
- 7:07pm • Havdalah\*\*

## Thursday, 10/9 | Chol HaMoed Sukkot

- 6:45am • Shacharit
- 8:00am • Shacharit
- 6:15pm • Mincha/Maariv

## Friday, 10/10 | Chol Hamoed Sukkot

- 6:45am • Shacharit
- 8:00am • Shacharit
- 6:04pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:10pm • Mincha

## Shabbat, 10/11 | Chol Hamoed Sukkot Kohelet

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Main Shul*
- 9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
- 9:45am • Teen Minyan
- 6:05pm • Mincha
- 7:03pm • Havdalah

## Sunday, 10/12 - Chol Hamoed Sukkot

- 6:45am • Shacharit
- 8:30am • Shacharit
- 6:05pm • Mincha/Maariv

## Monday, 10/13 | Hoshana Raba

- 6:30am • Shacharit
- 8:30pm • Shacharit
- 6:00pm • Candle Lighting
- 6:05pm • Mincha/Maariv

## Tuesday, 10/14 | Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor

- 8:15am • Hashkama Minyan
- 9:00am • Shacharit - *Main Shul*
- 9:00am • Sephardic Minyan
- 10:15am • Yizkor
- 6:05pm • Mincha
- 6:20pm • Hakaftot/Communal Seudah
- 6:57pm • Candle Lighting\*

*Leil Simchat Torah*

## Wednesday, 10/15 | Simchat Torah

- 8:30am • Communal Shacharit
- 6:05pm • Mincha/Maariv
- 6:56pm • Havdalah\*\*

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Hoshanot take place in Shacharit immediately following Hallel. Please plan your timing accordingly

*10/7 Commemoration*  
10/7 Community Wide Event @ YIS

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*Communal Simchat Torah*  
See Event flyer on Page 19

**OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**COMMEMORATION**

*Tuesday, 10/7 | 1st Day of Sukkot*  
*Main Sanctuary | 11:00am - After Mussaf*

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**WEDNESDAY, 10/8 - SUKKOT - 2ND DAY | 9:30AM**

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*Community Kiddush following services.*

Questions? Contact Alex Goldberger - Alexgoldberger1@gmail.com



**Sukkot Youth Announcements**

# SUKKOT DECORATION WORKSHOP

Come decorate the  
Shul's Sukkah with us,  
and make beautiful  
decorations to take  
home for your own  
sukkah!

Monday, 10/6/2025  
10:00am - 11:00am 🌿 Social Hall  
3 years old - 5th grade

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# "SLEEPUNDER"

Movie Night in the Sukkah

Thursday | 10/9/2025 | 5:00 - 7:00pm  
YIS Sukkah | 3rd - 5th Grade

Pizza and popcorn will be served

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# YIS YOUTH SUKKAH HOP

Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot  
October 11th 2025, 4:00 – 5:00pm

**1st – 2nd Grade / With Adiel and Youth Leader**

**4:00pm Meeting Point: Wilmot woods pond**  
Winchel – 14 Baraud Road South  
Luxenberg – 15 Pilgrim Rd  
Weitzman – 139 Wilmot Circle  
**5:00pm End point: Davis school playground**

**3rd – 4th Grade / With Achinoam and Youth Leader**

**4:00pm Meeting Point: Wilmot woods pond**  
Rosenberg – 51 Pilgrim Rd  
Wolf – 66 Donnybrook  
Weitzman – 34 Mohegan Place  
**5:00pm End point: Davis school playground**

**5th – 6th Grade / With Aviya and Youth Leader**

**4:00pm Meeting Point: YIS Shul**  
Goldgrab – 1 Schoen Lane  
Kessler – 59 Kewanee  
Miller – 75 Donnybrook  
**5:00pm End point: Davis school playground**

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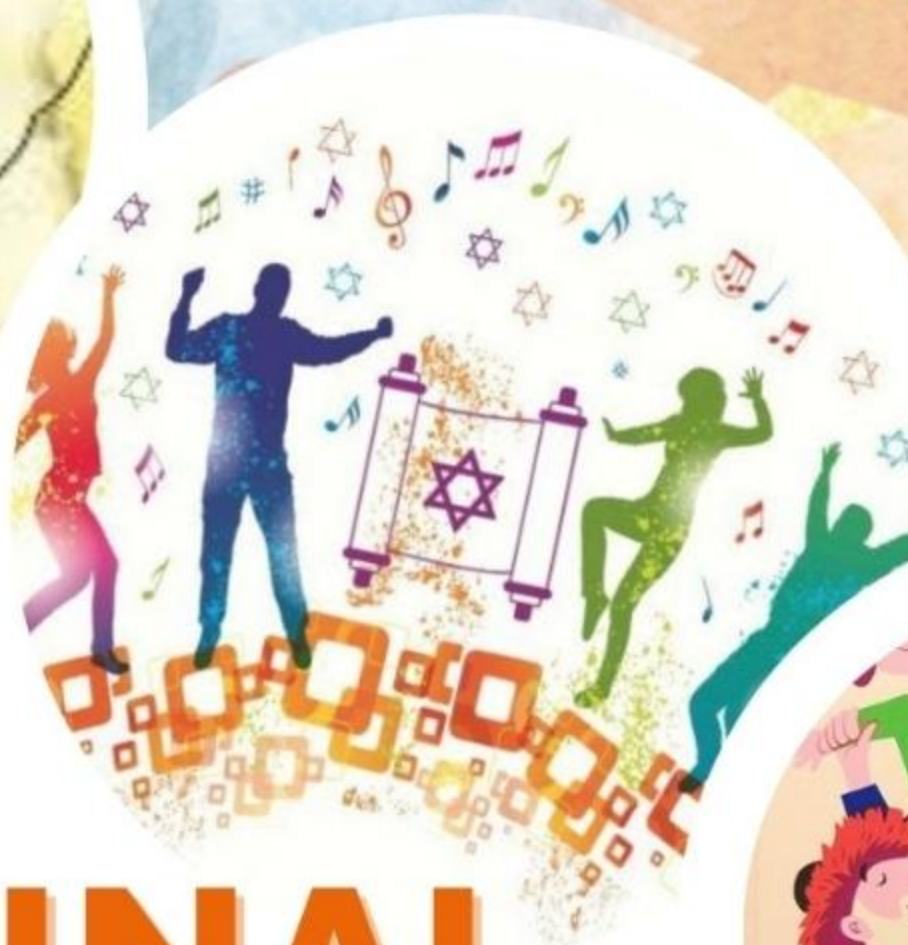
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- 5:30 PM Children's Dinner & Program
- 6:05 PM Mincha
- 6:20 PM Maariv | Hakafot 1-4 | Dancing & Raffles
- 6:57 PM Candle lighting\*\*
- 7:00 PM Kiddush/Communal Seudah
- 7:35 PM Hakafot 5-7
- 8:00 PM Keriat HaTorah | Kumzitz
- 8:05 PM Adon Olam | HaTikvah

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*Ilana Wilner teaches Judaic Studies at the Ramaz Upper School. She holds a master's degree in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation from Yeshiva University and was part of the inaugural cohort of the Ohr Torah Stone International Halakhic Scholars Program.*

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# 5786 High Holidays

## Laws & Customs

**A High Holiday Halachic Compendium from Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein z"l**

### ELUL

Elul marks a season of re-creation through introspection, repentance and reconciliation. One critically examines past behavior and actively works to improve oneself and move closer to G-d. "Elul" has been interpreted as an acronym, with the Hebrew letters "Aleph," "Lamed," "Vav," "Lamed" representing the words "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li" I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me. (Song of Songs: 6,3); my "Beloved" being G-d, and "I" the Jewish People.

### THE SHOFAR

During Elul it is the custom, that following morning services, to sound the shofar with a Teki'yah, a single blast, a Shevarim, a series of three short blasts, and a Teru'ah, a series of short, staccato blasts, and a final Teki'yah blast.

### PSALM 27 - L'Dovid Hashem

From the beginning of Elul until Simchat Torah, Psalm 27 is recited following morning and evening services. Among the reasons this prayer is accentuated is as B'Rabbi Chanina said: If a person sees that he prayed and was not answered, let him pray again, as it is written (Tehillim 27:14), "Look to G-d; be strong and of good courage, and look to G-d." (Talmud Berakhot 32b)

### SELICHOT

Selichot, which literally means forgiveness, are prayers of penitence recited in preparation for the profound process of spiritual examination and repentance required for the High Holidays. Selichot are recited daily, beginning the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and continuing through Yom Kippur. Sephardim have the custom of reciting Selichot the entire month of Elul.

### HATARAT NEDARIM

Hatarat Nedarim, the absolution of vows is an age old ceremonial custom conducted on Erev Rosh Hashanah before a Bet Din which consists of three people. In this ceremony an individual expresses regret for unfulfilled promises and vows expressed in moments of anxiety and negligence. The aim is to come to prayer and enter a New Year with pure intentions and refined perspective.

### ERUV TAVSHILIN

**(Not Applicable this High Holiday Season)**

The Jewish laws of labor and preparations for a holiday's food require that we only prepare for that day's immediate use. When Yom Tov precedes a Shabbat we may prepare food on the holiday for use on the Sabbath only if the preparation began before the holiday. We essentially mingle the preparation for multiple days. This is known as Eruv Tavshilin, or the "mingling of cooked foods."

Traditionally one takes a matza and any cooked food, (some use fish or a hard boiled egg) on Erev Yom Tov before the onset of the holiday: We recite the following blessing. Ba-ruch A-ta Adonai Elo-heinu Me-lech Ha-o-lam Asher Kid'shanu B'mitz-votav V'tzi-vanu Al Mitzvat Eruv.

Immediately after saying this blessing, we declare the following:

*"Through this eruv may we be permitted to bake, cook, insulate, kindle flame, prepare, and do anything necessary on the Festival for the sake of the Sabbath, for us and all who dwell in this community."*

### CANDLE LIGHTING

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam, Asher Kiddishanu Be'mitzvotav Ve'tzivanu, Le'hadlik Ner Shel (Shabbat) V' yom tov.

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha'olam, She-he-chiyanu, Ve'kiy'manu, Ve'higianu La'zman Hazeh.

### HIGH HOLIDAY CHALLAH

Round Challahs are the traditional mark of the Holiday season. One reason is that a round challah symbolizes a crown, a reminder of the kingship of G-d, the holiday's prominent theme. Another explanation is that the round shape is a symbol of the circle of life and our hope that our lives will continue without end.

Some bake the challah with dough shaped as a ladder on top as a reminder that G-d decides who will ascend and descend the ladder of life. Some have been known to have dough shaped into two hands in the extended manner of the Priestly blessing. And of course, the raisins in the challah add to hope for a sweet year.

### SIMANIM

**Apples, Honey & Ceremonial Trigger Foods**

In the Jewish tradition, symbols and signs are often used to call to mind important beliefs and focuses our attention on prominent goals. Rosh Hashanah and the holidays of the season are rife with a rich collection of such symbolism; especially at the table at which we dine. Throughout history various foods have been examined and blessed at the High Holiday table as symbols of Jewish aspirations.

The dipping of apples into honey is one of the more popular foods eaten during Rosh Hashanah. But many also use dates, fenugreek, pumpkins and leeks because of linguistic links between the Hebrew names of these foods and requests for the year to come. Carrots are very popular and among Ashkenazim cooked in a *Tzimmes*, (meaning mixture), with cinnamon, yams, prunes and honey. The carrots are traditionally cut in the shape of coins, another symbol of wealth and prosperity for the New Year.

Sephardic households often begin their holiday meal with a whole fish, including the head, as a wish for prosperity, fertility and good luck in the coming year.

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## **SIMANIM**

(Continued)

Some Sephardic Jews serve covered baskets of fruit so nobody knows what is inside, just as nobody knows what the New Year will bring.

Generally, each food item has a special recitation to underscore the symbolic message. For example, when eating apples and honey one recites, "May it be your will, O Lord our G-d, and G-d of our fathers, to renew for us a happy and sweet year."

## **NEW FRUITS**

The beautiful blessing of Shehechyanu, thanking G-d for sustaining us up to this very day, is appropriate for the New Year. With Rosh Hashanah being two days, it is customary on the second night of Rosh Hashanah to obtain new or unique fruits and recite the Shehechyanu. Why not try figs, kumquats, persimmon, kiwi, Asian pear, pomegranates, or papaya?

## **TASHLICH**

*Casting Off*

On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah - and when it is the Shabbat the second day - it is customary to perform a ritual known as Tashlich, which means to cast off. Tashlich is preferably recited alongside a body of water containing fish, to remind us that just as fish swim freely and can suddenly be caught, so too can we be caught for our actions. Just as fish are protected by the water in which they live, so too do we pray to be protected by G-d. Just as the eyes of fish are always open, so too do we pray that G-d will forever watch over us.

The prayer is accompanied by the symbolic act emptying of one's pockets representing the casting-off of our sins, which are carried away by the water. Contrary to prevalent public practice one ought not to toss bread into a pond where there are fish. Many reasons are offered in our tradition for this ceremony. The famous Shai Agnon presents a beautiful message in the name of the Sefer Ha-Hayyim. Tashlich presents us with an illusion - for the waters which we see are not where they were before we saw them nor will they be afterwards. So is it with life.

## **TEN DAYS OF REPENTANCE**

*The Days of Awe*

The days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as Aseret Yemei Teshuvah - the Ten Days of Repentance. These are days of heightened spiritual activity, study, prayer, charity and acts of kindness. These are days which are most opportune for resolving differences and reconciling conflicts and seeking the forgiveness of others.

## **FAST OF GEDALIAH**

The third day of Tishrei, immediately after Rosh Hashanah, is the Fast of Gedaliah which commemorates the assassination of Gedaliah, the last governor of Judea following the destruction of the first Temple in 586 B.C. His death marked the end of Jewish rule and led to the Babylonian exile of the Jewish people. It is one of four fast days relating to the destruction of the Temple.

## **SHABBAT SHUVAH**

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah - the Sabbath of Return. Some call it Shabbos Shuva, relying on the first words of the Haftora read that day while others call it Shabbat Teshuva, because it falls during the Ten Days of Penitence. This is a Shabbat that embraces a spirit of repentance and resolution that the tranquility of Shabbat affords. It is a Shabbat that invites all to the synagogue for accentuating the spirit of repentance and for a special lecture in matters that deal with the penitential theme of the season.

## **KAPPAROT**

Kapparot meaning atonement is a ceremony emanating from folk custom conducted the day before Yom Kippur. A live fowl is taken and is swung around the person who says: "This is my atonement, this is in exchange for me, this is my substitute." The fowl is then slaughtered and it or its value is given to the poor.

Many great authoritative Rabbis opposed the custom, yet the custom ultimately prevailed with rabbinic acceptance with many suggesting that at least a monetary substitution for the fowl be made.

## **MINCHA EREV YOM KIPPUR**

The Mincha Service on the eve of Yom Kippur is most profound as it requires the inclusion of Vidui, the confession which is recited on Yom Kippur.

## **YIZKOR CANDLES**

Just prior to lighting the festival candles it is customary in anticipation of Yizkor to light Yahrtzeit memorial candles in memory of loved ones.

## **SEUDAH MAFSEKET**

It is considered a mitzvah to eat plentifully the day before Yom Kippur. The purpose of fasting is not to make us suffer, but rather to help us focus on spiritual rather than physical pursuits. The final meal is a festive one and at the conclusion of the meal, the children are blessed by their parents.

## **CANDLE LIGHTING EREV YOM KIPPUR**

On erev Yom Kippur, many light candles having in mind not to begin the holiday or the fast with the act of lighting, so that they may then drive to synagogue for Kol Nidre.

*Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam, Asher Kid-shanu B'mitzvotav, V'tzivanu L'hadlik Neyr Shel (Shabbat V'shel) yom Ha-Kipurim.*

*Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech Ha-Olam Sheh - heh - chey - yanu, B'kiy'manu, V'higi-anu Las-z'man Ha-zeh.*

## **BLESSING THE CHILDREN**

Another beautiful custom is that of parents blessing their children with the Priestly Benediction: "May G-d bless you and guard you... May G-d shine His countenance upon you and be gracious to you... May G-d turn His face toward you, and grant you peace. Some prayer books contain a special blessing and prayer to the children. The blessing contains, among others, the following phrases: "May your eyes always look at matters correctly... may your mouth speak in wisdom... may your heart resound with reverence... may you be blessed with righteous children... may your livelihood be derived honestly and serenely... may you be spared having to come on to the aid of other humans... and may you be inscribed in the book of good and long life... you be spared having to come on to the aid of other humans... and may you be inscribed in the book of good and long life..."

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## PROHIBITIONS

There are five things forbidden on Yom Kippur:

1. Eating and drinking
2. Washing
3. Anointing oneself with oils, cosmetics or fragrances
4. Wearing leather shoes
5. Intimate relations

## VIDUI

The Vidui (confession) prayer is said aloud a number of times on Yom Kippur. Ashamnu and Al Chet are the two best-known prayers in the Vidui. In saying the Vidui aloud, we pray as individuals and as a community for forgiveness.

## THE AVODAH

During the repetition of the Amidah the Avodah is chanted. The Avodah relates the role of the kohen in the Temple. The climax of this part of the service is the prayer for atonement recited by the High Priest. While reciting this section of the Avodah, the congregation falls on their knees four times in an expression of total submission to the name and glory of G-d. When we fall to the ground, we lie our heads on top of our hands.

## SOME IDEAS TO MAKE THE SERVICES MEANINGFUL

Prepare for the day. You made an important decision to attend.

Don't blame the service, cantor, the rabbi or the prayer book. You are not there to be entertained. You are there to accomplish something on a spiritual level - to come closer to the Almighty, to introspect, to set yourself on a better path in life.

Make the best use of your time. Prepare yourself in advance - read the machzor to understand the ideas and the words. Bring text material, or an inspiring Jewish book, that will enhance your understanding of the service and inspire positive thoughts for the New Year.

There are perhaps things that you want to say to G-d. Compose your thoughts and say them.

Think of ways to improve things in life for you and yours in the coming year and commit to concrete steps that will bring your sincere thoughts and intentions into reality.

*B' Hatzlacha!*

Good luck in this potentially life altering experience called the Yamim Noraim.



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