

# HAVURAT YISRAEL WEEKLY NEWS

1 Tishrei 5784

ROSH HASHANAH

September 16, 2023

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784

L'Shana Tova!

Welcome Hazanim Simcha Helfgot & Shlomo Agatstein

### Friday September 15— Erev Rosh Hashanah

- ◆ 6:00 am Selichot & Shacharit
- ◆ 6:45 pm Candle Lighting—Shehecheyanu
- ◆ 6:45 pm Mincha / Maariv
- ◆ 8:00 pm Dinner (reservations required)

### Saturday September 16 — Rosh Hashanah

- ◆ 8:00 am Shacharit
- ◆ 1:00 pm Kiddush sponsored by Mehran Arasheben celebrating the new year 5784
- ◆ 1:30 pm Lunch (reservations required)
- ◆ 6:30 pm Mincha  
No Seudah Shlisheet in shul this week!
- ◆ 7:44 pm Candle Lighting — Shehecheyanu /Pre-existing flame
- ◆ 7:45 pm Maariv

### Sunday September 17 — Rosh Hashanah

- ◆ 8:00 am Shacharit
- ◆ 1:00 pm Kiddush sponsored by Jennifer & Jerry Revich in memory of his grandfather Alexandr ben Benyamin ztl.
- ◆ 1:30pm Lunch (reservations required)
- ◆ 6:40 pm Mincha/ Tashlich
- ◆ 7:35 pm Maariv & Havdalah

### Monday September 18 — Tzom Gedalya

- ◆ 5:25 am Fast begins
- ◆ 6:25 am Selichot, Shacharit
- ◆ 6:40 pm Mincha, Maariv
- ◆ 7:35 pm Fast Ends

### Upcoming Sponsorships

September 23: Ruth Jimenez & Sarah Atencia  
 September 30: The Hispanic Group  
 October 7: Mehran Arasheben  
 November 4: Sheryl & Todd Hausman  
 November 11: Daniel Cohen

### Mazal Tov on becoming part of Am Yisrael!

- ☆ Ruth Nehama Jimenez
- ☆ Sara Miriam Atencia

## NOTES FOR ROSH HASHANAH

- ☆ 1st Day: Remember to add all the mentions of Shabbat in the prayers.
- ☆ 2nd (Saturday) night:
  - ☆ Place a new fruit on the table or wear something new when reciting Shehecheyanu at candle lighting and Kiddush.
  - ☆ Do not use a Havdalah candle. Make the bracha *bore meore ha'esh* over the Yom Tov candles.
- ☆ Both days: there will be a short break after the Torah reading with a light Kiddush. The full Kiddush will be after services.
- ☆ Tashlich should be said on the 2nd day (Sunday).

**Tickets are available for Yom Kippur! Please contact the office.**

## SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA — NEXT WEEK!

Next Shabbat, Rabbi Algaze will deliver one of his major addresses of the year: ***"What does G-d wants from me?"***. Please be sure to attend. Mincha will take place at 6:20 pm followed by the Drasha at 6:45 pm.

## WHY TZEDAKAH?

### THE KOL NIDRE CAMPAIGN — *THINK GENEROUSLY!*

This time of reflection requires three basic elements: teshuva, tefilla and tzedakah. Teshuva means an examination of where we find ourselves, what kind of people we want to be and to determine our path ahead. Tefillah, prayer, means that this month we must dedicate more time to pray more slowly, to deepen our thoughts on the words we recite and to study the meaning of our siddur. However, the third element in this triad, Tzedakah may be the most telling. It is our ability to transcend our narrow selves and think of the needs of others and the needs of the community that determine most forcefully our desire to do what is right in the eyes of Hashem. When we think generously and contribute with joy we show that we can step away from this self-absorption and are able to think outside of ourselves. When we contemplate how our synagogue can function best and give with a joyous heart we come close to what Hashem intended us to be and thus we come close to Him too.

The order: teshuvah, tefillah and tzedakah is thus phrased in ascending order. First, we reflect on our path and that it is not what Hashem wished for us. Then, we turn to prayer, asking Hashem to illuminate us and guide us. And finally, we reach the highest level, of being able to step away from ourselves, to think of others, of the community, and act by donating generously and without regret. Thus, tzedakah is the culmination of the process and the clearest sign that we have gone a step higher in our lives.

Soon, in this space, we will publish the names of all donors above \$500 which is less than \$2 a day. We hope that there will be many others who can afford more and will give according to their means. Each person has a duty to give according to the gifts that Hashem gave them, as the Torah prescribes, "according to the blessing that Hashem your God has given you." Think of this when planning your contribution to our synagogue and open your hearts to come closer to Him and to your truest self.

SUNDAY Sep. 17 / 2 Tishrei ROSH HASHANAH	MONDAY Sep. 18 / 2 Tishrei EAST OF GEDALYA	TUESDAY Sep. 19 / 3 Tishrei	WEDNESDAY Sep. 20 / 4 Tishrei	THURSDAY Sep. 21 / 5 Tishrei	FRIDAY Sep. 22 / 6 Tishrei
<i>See holiday schedule above</i>		6:15am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit  7:00 pm Class with Rabbi Levitt	6:15 am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit  6:35 pm Candle Lighting 6:40 pm Mincha

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## SYMBOLS EATEN AT THE ROSH HASHANA DINNER

After Hamotzi we take these foods that symbolize ideas for the coming year.

### **Apple in honey**

Take an apple and dip it in honey and say: *Baruch Ata Ad-nay Elo-henu Melech Ha'olam bore peri ha'etz*

After eating a piece, say this meditation "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that You renew for us a good and sweet year"

All other fruits, the meditation is said **before** eating them:

**Carrots-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that our merits increase"

**Beets-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that our enemies be removed"

**Dates-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that our enemies be consumed"

**Pomegranates-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that our merits increase in number"

**Leek or cabbage-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that our adversaries be destroyed"

**Fish-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that we be fruitful and multiply like fish"

**The head of a sheep or fish-** "May it be your will Hashem, our God and God of our forefathers that we be as the head and not as the tail"

Order your **Lulavim and Etrogim** from Havurat Yisrael.

- ◆ **Basic \$ 40**
- ◆ **Muvchar \$ 60**
- ◆ **Mehudar \$ 75**



### Mazal Tov!

Rahel & Pinhas Contreras who were married on September 3 in East Hampton. Rabbi Algaze officiated the lovely outdoor ceremony. The kallah was beautiful and the chatan was beaming. It was a joyous day for the happy couple and their family and friends who were there to join in the celebration.



**L'Shana Tova!** Greetings from Ephraim Grossbein and thank-you to everyone who has assisted in his Aliyah.

### **New Class Thursdays at 7 pm Ignite the Spark**



Come to Rabbi Avi Levitt's new Thursday Night class, a series of three sessions for the High Holidays to learn the prayers and sing the songs. We will be taking selections from the text of the High Holiday Services, learning what they mean, and singing them in order to prepare for the services. Light refreshments will be served.

You are invited to

## **FESTIVE MEALS at the HAVURAT YISRAEL SUKKAH**



Friday, Sept. 29 – 7:00 PM DINNER  
Saturday, Sept. 30 – 1:00 PM LUNCH  
Saturday, Sept. 30 – 7:30 PM DINNER  
Sunday, Oct. 1 – 1:00 PM LUNCH

Price Per Meal:  
Members \$35 Not-Yet Members \$45 Children 5-12 \$15

Absolute Reservation Deadlines – Wednesday, September 27, noon

Please call or email the office to reserve.

## **MEXICAN FIESTA SUKKAH CELEBRATIONS**

JOIN US FOR A  
FABULOUS SUKKAH PROGRAM

AUTHENTIC DINNER, DRINKS,  
TRADITIONAL MUSIC



### **"LIVE MARIACHI"**

**Wednesday October 7 AT 7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS: \$35, NON-MEMBERS: \$45**

**Please Reserve: 718-261-5500**

**OR EMAIL: [hyoffice18@yahoo.com](mailto:hyoffice18@yahoo.com)**

**Refuah Shlema** Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra (Eileen Alter), Batya bat Rachel (Betty Feit), Zeev Zelig ben Sarah Tish (Tom Hamori), Zalman Mordechai Yitzchak Halevy ben Alta Chana (Stuart Greenberg), Chava Naomi bat Doba Chana, Yaakov ben Leah, Tzvi Ben Sara, Chavah Bat Rivka, Moshe Elimelech haLevi ben Bashe, Gloria bat Sarah, Talia Leah bat Sarah, Yeoshua David HaCohen ben Ariella Dinah (Rabbi's grandson), Gabriela bat Sarah (Tamara's mother), Roiza bat Yitta Faiga (Rosalie Tenzer).