

HAVURAT YISRAEL # WEEKLY NEWS



5 Tishrei 5786 SHABBAT SHUVA / VAYELECH September 27, 2025

Shabbat Shalom!

6:28 pm Candle Lighting 6:30 pm Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv

8:45 am Mishnayot class 9:00 am Shacharit 9:45 am Latest Shema

Parasha p. 1094 Haftorah p. 1204

6:10 pm Mincha

6:40 pm Shabbat Shuva Drasha by Rabbi Algaze

7:25 pm Maariv & Havdalah

<u>Kiddush</u> is sponsored by the Arasheben Family on the occasion of the 1st Shabbat of the New Year 5786.

No Seudah Shlisheet in shul this week!

Upcoming Sponsorships

SHABBAT SHUVA DRASHA — THIS WEEK!

On Shabbat afternoon, Rabbi Algaze will deliver one of his major addresses of the year. Please be sure to attend. Mincha will take place at 6:10 pm followed by the Drasha at 6:40 pm.



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5786

G'Mar Hatima Tova!

Erev Yom Kippur — Wednesday October 1

- ♦ 6:45 am Selichot & Shacharit
- ♦ 2:00 pm Early Mincha
- ♦ 6:20 pm Candle Lighting (Shehecheyanu)
- ♦ 6:20 pm Mincha
- ♦ 6:30 pm Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur — Thursday October 2

- ♦ 8:30 am Shacharit
- ♦ 11:00 am (approx.) Yizkor
- ♦ 5:50 pm Neila
- ♦ 7:16 pm Fast Ends

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, tefilah 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.

Donors above \$500 which is less that \$2 a day will be announced. 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 G-d 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.

Join us this Sunday September 28th						
at 10:30am						
Lecture with Rabbi Menachem Penner						
Executive Vice- President of the RCA						

Executive Vice- President of the RCA Followed by a Brunch Free Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 28 / 6 Tishrei	September 29 / 7 Tishrei	September 30 / 8 Tishrei	October 1 / 9 Tishrei	October 2 / 10 Tishrei	October 3 / 11 Tishrei
7:25 am Selichot 8:00 am Shacharit 9:30 am Rabbi Algaze Para- sha Class in Spanish 10:30 am Brunch Shiur with R. Penner	6:25 am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit	6:25 am Selichot 7:00 am Shacharit	Please See Ho	oliday Schedule	7:00 am Shacharit 6:17 pm Candle Lighting 6:25 pm Mincha, Kabba- lat Shabbat

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HALACHOT AND CONCEPTS

Yom Kippur is the day when Moshe Rabbenu returned with the second Tablets thus signifying that Hashem had forgiven Am Israel for their sin of the Golden Calf. Since then, that day has been engraved in time with the traits of pardon and atonement. The service in the Temple, which we recite as the Avodah during Musaf of Yom Kippur, was majestic and awe inspiring. In our times, we can only rely on our inner feelings and the melodies of our prayers to bring us to the level of purification. Rabbi Akiva remarked about this day, "How fortunate are you Israel: See before Whom you are purifying yourselves and Who is purifying you!"

Although it is called the Day of Forgiveness, only sins committed against G-d are forgiven, but sins committed against another person are forgiven only after the aggrieved party is satisfied. Therefore, one must seek pardon from any one we may have hurt in deed or word. When someone asks forgiveness from you, one should not be cruel or harsh. Our Rabbis tell us that when one acts with rancor and refuses to accept a full and sincere apology, any punishment that would accrued to the perpetrator falls now onto the person who refused to forgive.

A central feature of the day is the Vidduy, the Confession, which is recited several times. One must confess one's sins privately and in detail in order to assure a full repentance.

The day before Yom Kippur is marked by eating in preparation for the fast. The Rabbis emphasized this as a mitzvah and therefore one should have breakfast and lunch as well as the dinner before the sunset. The last meal of the day, called the "interrupting meal" (se'udah mafseket) is a regular meal without any limitations or special blessings. Meat, wine any other delicacies may be served since we approach the day with confidence in our Loving Father. The meal should end well before the candle lighting time, this year at 6:02 pm. Candle are lit with blessings "lehadlik ner shel Shabbat veYom Hakippurim and shehecheyanu. The meal and all preparations for the day should be over a few minutes before that time, in order to add a bit of the weekday onto the holy day. (mechol al hakodesh)

On this day we avoid ostentatious jewelry, and it is customary to wearing white or light colors, in fulfilment of the promise, "If your sins be red as scarlet, (through Hashem's forgiveness) they will become white as snow." The prohibitions of the day are five. One is eating and drinking. A woman who gave birth within 30 days and people who are ill are allowed to eat. People whose doctors advised them not to fast are forbidden to fast; on the other hand, if a doctor allowed it but a person feels that he will be injured if he does not eat, we listen to the patient and he or she should eat. If a doctor says that medications must be taken without any exception, pills may be taken with minimum water. Pregnant women should observe the fast normally unless there are any complications. It is forbidden to be stringent about fasting if this could have harmful effect on the patient. The Torah says the commandments are "So that one lives by them" and therefore if one endangers his health is acting in error. Children under the age of nine years are not allowed to fast even if they want but should receive a simple meal without any delicacies. Children older than nine are slowly introduced to fasting and they should fast part of the day.

Washing is forbidden and the hands may be washed only up to the knuckles, unless they are really soiled, in which case one may wash them as needed. The other three prohibitions are anointing the body with creams or perfumes, wearing shoes made with leather and marital relations. In addition, all the prohibitions of Shabbat apply to Yom Kippur, called Shabbat Shabbaton. Fire, carrying, work and so on are all forbidden as on any Shabbat.

The day ends with the blowing of the Shofar, suggesting that we hope for the day when Israel will be redeemed in a Final and Full Redemption. *Leshana Haba'a biYrushalyim!*

FESTIVE HOLIDAY SUKKAH MEALS

- Monday October 6 7:00 pm Dinner
- Tuesday October 7th 1:00 pm Lunch
- Tuesday October 7th 7:30 pm Dinner
- Wednesday October 8 1:00 pm Lunch
- Prices Per Meal

Members: \$40

Not-Yet-Members: \$45Children 5-12 \$15

Registration Deadline: Friday October 3rd



SAVE THE DATES

- -Thursday October 9th Chinese Sukkot Dinner
- Saturday October 11th Kumzit Night at The Sukkah
- ❖ Sunday October 12th Turkey –Ladino Night At the Sukkah

Lulav and Etrog Sale

Please place your orders

Elections are important

Citizens have the privilege and right to vote, but unfortunately, some people ignore the duty to vote. This November, there will be an election for Mayor, and the candidate that wins may have a profound impact on our quality of life. The current leading candidate has expressed highly critical comments about Israel that should concern the Jewish community. The Jewish community is obligated to pay attention. For this reason, some synagogues have instituted a practice of only selling tickets for the High Holidays to those who register to vote. Although we have not made that requirement, we strongly encourage everyone who is not yet registered to immediately register to vote in the November election.

https://e-register.vote.nyc/

Refuah Shlema Alte Ester Riva bat Devorah Shifra, Yaakov ben Leah, Tzvi ben Sara, Talia Leah bat Sarah, Miriam bat Rivka, Reuben ben Malka, Baruch Chaim ben Basha, Malka bat Simcha, Hannah bat Yehudit, Binyamin Baer ben Chana, Hillel Zvi Yehuda ben Tzina, Joseph David ben Rachel, Abraham ben Devorah Shifra, Israel ben Devora Shifra, Sherry Plutzker, Chaya Sarah bat Bunye, Tuvia Moshe ben Chanah Miriam. Baruch Chaim ben Basha.