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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

September 13th



לשנה טובה
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**L'SHANAH TOVAH
U'METUKAH**



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



Dear friends,

The month of Elul is upon us and the High Holidays are quickly approaching. It is time to put behind us the awful year that was 5780 (2019-2020) and look forward optimistically to a better year in 5781. Due to the pandemic, many people have become distant from public religious worship and from communal involvement. I am hopeful that that unfortunate reality will change in the weeks ahead as people reengage with the synagogue and the Jewish community.

It is our goal at Congregation Anshe Sholom to serve the needs of our members and to maximize participation. To this end, on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we will conduct services both inside in the Sanctuary and outside in the parking lot. There will be an open-sided tent in the parking lot to provide shade and protection from inclement weather.

I want to thank David Reitberger, David Tantleff, Michael Berkowitz, Josh Jay, and Chaim Greenberg for volunteering their services in leading the davening and blowing shofar. This year's High Holiday services will be considerably shorter than usual. We will be skipping the non-statutory piyyutim. We have adopted this strategy in part for health reasons -- to reduce the amount of time people are congregated; but, also, because it would be difficult to wear a mask for such a long stretch of time. We expect to start davening on Rosh Hashanah at 8AM and conclude by 11:30AM. On Yom Kippur, we expect to start at 8AM and conclude Musaf by 12:30PM. For those who typically arrive late at services, please keep in mind the earlier expected ending time.

Several health precautions and decorum protocols will be in place during the High Holidays.

- 1) Everyone will be assigned a specific seat. It is strongly urged that you remain in your assigned seat. Please do not switch from the indoor to the outdoor service or vice versa.
- 2) Everyone will be given a Machzor.
Please do not share books.
- 3) Do not attend services if you are sick.
- 4) Everyone must wear a mask that covers both their mouth and nose. If you do not comply, you will be asked politely to do so. If you continue not to comply, you will be asked much less politely to do so.
- 5) The non-pew seats are spaced apart for the purpose of social distancing. Please do not move the seats. Those who want to sit together as a family have the option of doing so in the pew seats.

- 6) The shofar blower will stand at a considerable distance away from the congregation and the shofar will be covered with a mask.
- 7) Children will not be permitted to roam freely around the shul. Any child in attendance must remain with his or her parent.

To accommodate those who will not be attending services in-person, I will recite Kol Nidre and Yizkor via Zoom at 6PM on Erev Kippur. There will also be a Zoom Yizkor on Hoshana Rabbah in advance of Shemini Atzeret. For those who miss shofar blowing, there will be an extra shofar blowing at Tashlich in Hudson Park at 5PM on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. If anyone who plans on staying home is in need of a Machzor, please let me know and I will gladly deliver one to your home.

In the spirit of Jewish New Year's resolutions, I implore you to reconnect with Anshe Sholom and our wonderful Kehillah.

Sari, Eli, and Elana join me in wishing the entire Anshe Sholom family a sweet New Year of health, happiness, peace, and a return to normalcy.

Shanah Tovah,

Rabbi Evan Hoffman



Congregation Anshe Sholom Annual Congregational Meeting— via ZOOM

September 13th at 7:30PM

CLICK ON THE LINK TO JOIN
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2355977962>

Hope to See Everyone There!



THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Friends,

Here we are again, at the cusp of a new year—but it seems so different—and did we just miss Summer? Pretty much all of our typical activities have been drastically affected since the pandemic spread to our area and then the rest of America. The stress of these changes and the uncertainties of the upcoming months continues to be difficult to endure. I am very proud of our community at Anshe Sholom, and I am reassured by our ability to come together to maintain our religious obligations and our social network. It has taken significant effort from all of us, and the pressure over time is causing distress in many of us. I hope that we can all look for opportunities to be flexible, understanding, deferential, and create something special and positive out of our situation.

The High Holidays at Anshe Sholom will look very different this year. We plan to hold services both inside and outside to accommodate the needs and concerns of everyone. Face masks and distancing are essential and required. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed throughout the building. Anyone who is feeling ill should not come to Shul. There will be a large canopy set up in the parking area behind the Shul, and the Sukkah will be smaller than usual. Details regarding times of the services will be posted. We should feel blessed that we will be able to pray as required, and come together to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot.

Membership forms have been sent via regular mail, and I'm sure you will note the increase in dues. It is a modest increase, and I believe that the value of membership remains excellent. The Board of Trustees continues to work to keep our costs controlled, maintain our building and meet our financial obligations. The annual **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM on September 13th via Zoom teleconference.** It is essential that all members participate for review of the Shul finances, election of Board members and discussion of concerns related to Synagogue activity. **CLICK ON THE ZOOM LINK IN THE AD ON PAGE 2 TO JOIN.**

Finally, the spirit of the season is to look inward, at our behavior in relation to God and our fellow man. We are to look critically at our own shortcomings, acknowledge them, and take concrete steps to improve ourselves—Teshuva. If we do this correctly, there should be a strengthening of our community and our relationships. Focusing on the shortcomings of others tends to have the opposite effect. Our traditions also tells us that Tzedakah helps us to achieve redemption. Please consider a generous gift of charity to our beloved Anshe Sholom.

Sincerely,
Tom Grimaldi
 Co-President



Connect with Anshe Sholom via Zoom

KOL NIDRE @ YIZKOR via ZOOM

Sunday, September 27th 6:00 PM

[BEFORE YOM TOV BEGINS]

<https://zoom.us/j/331761896?pwd=NjYvSGp3VHhsK2JyWDRLVVZqN0xnZz09>



SHACHARIT Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/331761896?pwd=NjYvSGp3VHhsK2JyWDRLVVZqN0xnZz09>

SHACHARIT

Sundays 8:00 AM • Mon-Fri 7:30 AM



JOIN OUR ZOOM JEWISH EDUCATION MEETINGS

<https://zoom.us/j/807751748?pwd=ODZHUnJCZCsrd3YzbnNhVE9ENEdqZz09>

HISTORY OF ZIONISM W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Monday 7:00 PM (use link above)

TALMUD CLASS W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Thursdays 8:15 PM (use link above)

DAF YOMI W/RABBI HOFFMAN

Sun-Fri 4:00 PM (use link above)



PARSHAH CLASS W/RABBI KRACKO

Wednesdays 7:00 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5912236352?pwd=d205ZXh4N3B6VzRPdFh0SHhnSjJlUQT09>

A MESSAGE FROM SISTERHOOD



Dear friends,

The *Yamim Noraim* — Days of Awe and Judgement — are fast approaching, and the days of repentance and return preceding them, are upon us. We look into ourselves, review the past year, and see where we can make improvements to our own behavior.

Sisterhood has been doing our own *cheshbon hanefesh* (soul-searching inventory). Because the pandemic has caused upheaval to our usual plans, we have explored other ways to support the congregation, to make connections and offer our help to some who may be struggling. As always, we are reaching out to comfort the bereaved, as well as to offer our congratulations on the (thank G-d) many simchas in our community.

This is not a year for Honey Jars, as that project alternates years. We do send out cards of condolence, prayers for recovery, and joyous *mazal tov*, on behalf of members, and continue to offer gift cards for many stores, which helps support Sisterhood, and makes shopping and gift-giving easier.

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

B'Shalom,
Joanne Wiesner-Steiner
Sisterhood President



SUNSHINE CARDS

To Ruth Grayson, Mazal tov on the naming of your great-grandson, Yardeni Simcha, from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi and Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.

To Esther Reitberger, Mazal tov on your special birthday! To 120!, from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Florence and David Simhon, Mazal tov on the marriage of your daughter Rose to Brian Zisler, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, Ruth Grayson, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To AnnBeth Cohen, Thank you so much for your acts of kindness to our shul members and to our New Rochelle first responders. You are a true woman of valor, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Beth, Ari and Rivka Hirsh, Mazal tov on the birth and bris of baby Shmuel/Sam!, from: Fany and Shlomo Dubi, Joanne Wiesner-Steiner, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Lee Katz, Mazal tov on the engagement of your grandson Daniel Katz to Lindsay Trause, from: Ruth Grayson, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Ellie Schogel, Refuah shleimah, from: Joanne Wiesner-Steiner and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Sona Bernfeld, Refuah shleimah, from: Ruth Grayson and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Chaim and Laurie Greenberg (nee Kracko), Mazal tov on your recent wedding, from: Lee Katz, Shoshana Fayon, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Max Fetman, Mazal Tov on your Bar Mitzvah, from: Claire and Sam Krumper.

To Marlene & Armand Lerner, Mazal tov on the birth of your grandson, from: Ruth Grayson, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, Fany & Shlomo Dubi, and Joanne Wiesner-Steiner.



MEMORIAL CARDS

To Rabbi Dr. Philip Weinberger, on the 16th yahrzeit of his wife Chana, from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi

To Albert Burchman and Family, Our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Sarah, from: Charlotte & Jerry Lovich and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Fran Kabnick: Our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved father, Max Jacobowitz from: Fany & Shlomo Dubi, Charlotte & Jerry Lovich, and the Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Rabbi Ely J Rosensveig and Family, Our deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother Helen Rosensveig, from: Ruth Grayson, Bobby Mehler, Diane Steinfink, and The Anshe Sholom Sisterhood.

To Rebbetzin Sari Hoffman, on the loss of your beloved grandmother Lea, from: Marlene & Armand Lerner and Charlotte & Jerry Lovich

Sisterhood New Year Greetings 5781



*Greetings to all of our
Anshe Sholom family, for a happy, healthy 5781!*

AnnBeth Cohen & Joel Givertz
Fany & Shlomo Dubi
Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Dubi and family
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Glassman and family
Gertrude Goldstein and family
Ruth Grayson and family
Laurie & Chaim Greenberg
Barbara and Jeffrey Kelman
Ellen & Elliot Kracko
Rabbi Moshe & Zahava Kracko and family
Lee Katz and family
Marlene & Armand Lerner
Constance Levi
Susanna Levin
Charlotte & Jerry Lovich
Marilyn Mandelbaum
Estelle Marshak & Elihu Massel
Bobby Mehler and family
Honey & Sol Neier and family
Helen Siegel
Sam Solomon
Diane Steinfink
Janet & Gary Waller and family
Joanne Wiesner-Steiner

A TORAH MINUTE

There are three things that help to nullify the decree whenever troubles come to a person. They are fasting, voice (prayer) and charity. These are not reserved exclusively for *Yom Kippur*, but are important at any time. In truth, people today are not able to fast like they did in previous generations, but a fast is considered like bringing a sacrifice in the *Beit HaMikdash* (Temple).

Concerning 'voice', it says "the voice is the voice of Jacob", and it is what helps the Jewish people in their times of trouble. There are two kinds of "voices". One is the voice of Torah and the other is the voice of prayer and supplication.

The voice of Torah is when one is involved in the study of Torah. It is said that reading the book of *Tehillim* with intent and subjugation, especially with 10 people, is a powerful remedy to save someone from trouble. In fact, if an entire city is affected, it is good to read the *Tehillim* which begin with the letters of the name of the city. Of course, one must pour one's soul out to G-d while doing so.

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David Evan Hirsch Library ...

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EACH**



HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

JOIN OUR CLERGY

Rabbi Evan Hoffman
Rabbi Moshe Kracko

SELICHOT: SAT. EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12th

Pre-Selichot Lecture by Rabbi Evan Hoffman — “What about when you aren’t sorry?” 9:30 PM
Selichot Service 10:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH: FRI., SEPT. 18th – SUN., SEPT. 20th

Friday Evening, September 18th

Mincha Service 6:45 PM
Candle Lighting 6:23 PM

Saturday, September 19th

Shacharit (Inside - Rabbi Kracko; Outside - Rabbi Hoffman) 8:00 AM
Musaf (Inside - Rabbi Hoffman; Outside - David Reitberger) ... 10:00 AM
Mincha 6:30 PM
Candle Lighting After 7:44PM

Sunday, September 20th

Shacharit (Inside - Rabbi Kracko; Outside - Rabbi Hoffman) 8:00 AM
Shofar Sounding 9:45 AM
Musaf (Inside - Rabbi Hoffman; Outside - David Reitberger) ... 10:00 AM
Tashlich at Hudson Park 5:30 PM
Mincha 6:30 PM
Havdalah 7:43 PM

FAST OF GEDALYA: MON., SEPT. 21st

Fast Begins 5:21 AM
Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM
Mincha 6:30 PM
Fast Ends 7:35 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH: SAT., SEPT. 26th

Shacharit 9:00 AM
Shabbat Shuvah D'rashah “Do not scare people!” 5:30 PM
Mincha 6:20 PM
Havdalah 7:32 PM

YOM KIPPUR: SUN., SEPT. 27th & MON., SEPT. 28th

Sunday Evening, September 27th

Mincha 3:00 PM
Zoom Kol Nidre and Yizkor (see link on page 3) 6:00 PM
Candlelighting 6:25 PM
Kol Nidre (Inside - Rabbi Kracko; Outside - Rabbi Hoffman) 6:20 PM

Monday, September 28th

Shacharit (Inside - Rabbi Kracko; Outside - Josh Jay) 8:00 AM
Yizkor 10:15 AM
Musaf (Inside - Rabbi Hoffman; Outside - David Reitberger) ... 10:30 AM
Mincha (Inside - Michael Berkowitz; Outside - David Tantleff) ... 5:15 PM
Ne'ilah (Inside - Rabbi Hoffman; Outside - David Reitberger) 6:15 PM
Fast Ends 7:27 PM

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[September 18th]**

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Friday, October 2nd
8 AM-4 PM**



SUKKOT

**Begins the evening of
Friday, October 2nd**



SIMCHAT TORAH

**Children's Celebration
October 11th @ 10AM**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Please check the
October Calendar for exact
candlelighting times
& davening schedule**



To My Golden Group-ies:

I've missed meeting with you all these many months
because of the crazy, trying times we're going through.

I look forward to and await the day
we can resume meeting in person and
I can present the programs I had planned for the spring.

Hoping you've all held up well, and as Rosh Hashana
and the subsequent holidays come upon us,
I want to wish for each and every one of you

A year of health,
a loving family,
good friends,
personal peace,
a secure world to enjoy them in
and a little bit of mazel thrown in!

Don't give up hoping and praying for things
you may think will never be —
look at me, a first time grandmother last week
well into my 80's!

Fondly,
Marlene

צום גדליה

Fast of Gedaliah

The Seal of Gedaliah was found in 1935 in excavations at Lakhish (Lachish). It was found in a layer of ashes left behind from Nebuchadnezzar's fire.



Inscribed on the seal are the words, "Belonging to Gedaliah, who is over the House." Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governed the people of Judah after the destruction of the First Temple.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylonia, appointed Gedaliah ben Ahikam ben Shafan as governor of Judah following the dissolution of the Hebrew commonwealth and the destruction of the Holy Temple in 586 BCE (II Kings 25:22). Though a significant percentage of the Judahite population was killed, exiled, or fled during the conflict, the Babylonians intentionally left behind some of the poorer elements of society to serve as vinedressers and field hands, so that tax-generating agricultural production would not cease. Many Jews who had fled to nearby Ammon, Moab, and Edom returned to Judah upon hearing the good news that the Babylonians had granted some autonomy under a Jewish governor. Stability was temporarily restored to Judah, and the grape and fig harvests were quite bountiful **ויאספו** (Jeremiah 40:11-12).

Some of the leading Jewish warriors converged on Gedaliah's headquarters at Mitzpeh. Gedaliah swore to the nationalist fighters that all would be well if they simply returned to civilian life **ויטב לכם** (II Kings 25:24). Yochanan ben Kareach warned Gedaliah that Yishmael ben Netanya was an agent of the Ammonite king Baalis, and harbored malevolent intentions toward him. Gedaliah dismissed the warning as an unfounded accusation. Shortly thereafter, Yishmael and his associates assassinated Gedaliah and massacred all Jewish and Chaldean witnesses. Yishmael committed another atrocity just days later, killing a group of eighty Jewish pilgrims on their way to offer sacrifices at the house of God. Yishmael forcibly deported the remaining Jews to Ammon. Eventually, Yochanan ben Kareach rescued the Jews and took them to Egypt, where he assumed they would be safe and beyond the reach of a wrathful Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 41:18).

During the Babylonian captivity (586-515 BCE), Jewish exiles commemorated the destruction of the Holy Temple and

the First Commonwealth with a series of four fasts. Scripture does not specify what particular aspect of Judah's downfall was commemorated by each such fast. The text also omits their precise calendrical dates; we know only in which months the fasts were held (Zechariah 8:19). The nature of these fasts was permanently obscured by their inoperative status throughout the six centuries during which the Second Temple stood. The one thing we can infer from the text is that the fast of the fifth month, Av, was considered most important, and followed in rank by the fast of the seventh month, Tishri (7:5).

In the second century CE, during the turbulent reign of the Roman Emperor Hadrian, Rabbi Akiba applied his exegetical skills to Zechariah 8:19 and reinstituted commemorative fast days (Tosefta Sotah 6:10). The fast of the seventh month was declared to be on the third day of the month, the anniversary of the assassination of Gedaliah. The philosophical and theological justification for instituting a fast in memory of a single person was that the death of a righteous man is as devastating as the burning of the Holy Temple **שקולה מיתתן של צדיקים כשריפת בית אלוקינו** (Rosh Hashanah 18b). This explanation fits the rabbinic worldview. But it is highly doubtful that sixth century BCE Jewish thinkers would have embraced it.

Furthermore, the Talmudic era sages were, indeed, divided concerning the matter of Gedaliah's righteousness. Jeremiah 41:9 can be read as implicating Gedaliah in the atrocities committed by Yishmael. The Talmud explains that Gedaliah bears some guilt for the bloodshed because he should have listened to the warning about Yishmael's plot. Gedaliah's failure to act prudently made him partly responsible for the subsequent carnage **מתוך שהיה לו לחוש לעצת יוחנן ולא חש מעלה עליו הכתוב כאילו הרגן** (Niddah 61a).

The assertion that the assassination occurred on 3 Tishri is, similarly, unsupported by the text. Jeremiah 41:1 records that the murder took place in the seventh month **ויהי בחדש השביעי** but is not more specific. 41:4 states that on the day after the assassination the facts were still unknown to the public. One could infer that such information was widely disseminated on the third day; however, this would be conjecture. The standard rabbinic approach is to interpret any verse that records an event occurring in a particular month but does not identify the exact date as referring to the New Moon, i.e., the first day of the month. [See, for example, the Talmudic reconstruction of the Sinaitic Revelation based upon the chronology supplied in Exodus 19 (Shabbat 86b).] Accordingly, we might understand Rabbi Akiba as claiming that public awareness of Gedaliah's death, and the associated feelings of despair, occurred on 3 Tishri.

The medieval commentators, however, theorized that the scheduling of the fast on 3 Tishri was not attributable to delay in public awareness of the tragedy. The anniversary of the assassination itself would have been observed as a fast day, they argued, except that the murder occurred on Rosh Hashanah, when fasting is prohibited **בראש השנה נהרג ונדרחה תעניתו ליום חול** (Bet Yosef, Orach Chaim 549). This explanation takes for granted that Rosh Hashanah is observed for two days, Tishri 1 & 2. That was indeed the case in Eretz Yisrael during the Tannaitic period in all locations beyond the immediate vicinity of the High Court (Bezah 4b).

The Karaites rejected Rabbi Akiba's understanding of "the fast of the seventh." They observed the fast on the 24th of Tishri, citing Nehemiah 9:1, which mentions a fast observed on that date during Ezra's tenure. The Karaite proof-text is, however, easily refuted (Ibn Ezra, Zechariah 8:18). That fast was not an annual commemoration of an historic tragedy. It was a one-time observance dedicated to repentance and religious revival. Ezra's public reading of the Torah on Rosh Hashanah had caused such strong feelings of distress and remorse that the people wailed and mourned. Instructed by the leadership that Rosh Hashanah is a day for feasting and gladness (Nehemiah 8:9-12), not for mourning, the people postponed their fast to the 24th, following the joyous celebration of Sukkot.

Maimonides posited a different reason for Jews to observe the Fast of Gedaliah. It has nothing to do with the man or his level of righteousness. Rather, in the Rambam's view, Gedaliah's death triggered a chain of events that led to the extinguishment of Jewish national life in Israel, and further exacerbated the travails of exile **נכבית גחלת ישראל הנשארה וסיבב להם גלותן** (Hilkhos Ta'anios 5:2). This explanation fits well with the plain reading of II Kings and Jeremiah. Certainly, it would be preferable for the Jewish state to enjoy full independence in its own sovereign land. But, in the absence of that ideal scenario,

nominal political autonomy in the Holy Land, combined with economic stability and religious freedom under foreign overlordship, was to be preferred over deportation and wretched existence in distant lands of dispersion. [For much of the Second Temple period, from the days of Cyrus until Antiochus Epiphanes, the Jews of Judea lived under the very conditions that Gedaliah's governorship would have made possible.]

Modern Bible scholars see the Gedaliah passage as an appendage to the Book of Kings and composed by exilic writers trying to impress upon Jewry the lesson that extremism and violent nationalism – as displayed by Yishmael ben Netanya and his band of assassins -- will not solve their problems. The only hope for Jewry was to adapt to the political realities of a changing world. This message conforms to Jeremiah's exhortation that Judahite exiles seek and pray for the peace of the lands of their dispersion (29:7).

The irony is that Rabbi Akiba was a zealous nationalist who believed the messianic pretensions of Bar Kokhba (Yerushalmi Ta'anit 68d). Given his politics, one would have expected him to consider Gedaliah a quisling. Instead, Akiba instituted a public fast in Gedaliah's memory. [This ideological inconsistency necessitates a rethinking of Rabbi Akiba's true political attitude. In his biography of Akiba, Louis Finkelstein posits that the great sage was a latecomer and reluctant supporter of the Bar Kokhba insurrection.]

The Fast of Gedaliah often fails to attract the attention of modern Jews because it is inconveniently situated between the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The tale of Gedaliah's death and the theological underpinnings of the fast are not widely known. But our generation has a special responsibility to remember the horrific butchering of a Judean governor some 2,600 years ago.





















There is no place for Jew on Jew violence as a means of settling public policy disputes. The awful memory of Saturday night, November 4, 1995, when Prime Minister Rabin was murdered, will forever haunt and scar us. Let us pray never to experience anything remotely like that again.



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SEPTEMBER 2020

ELUL/TISHREI 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Daily ZOOM Services • SEPTEMBER Sundays 8:00AM Mondays–Fridays 7:30AM</p>		1 12 Elul Shacharit 7:30 AM	2 13 Elul  <p>Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	3 14 Elul  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman Talmud 8:15PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	4 15 Elul  <p>7:04 PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM Mincha 7:00 PM</p>	5 16 Elul KI TAVO Shacharit 9:00 AM Mincha 7:00 PM Havdalah 8:07 PM
6 17 Elul Shacharit 8:00 AM	7 18 Elul  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman History 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	8 19 Elul Shacharit 7:30 AM	9 20 Elul  <p>Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	10 21 Elul  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman Talmud 8:15PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	11 22 Elul  <p>6:52 PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM Mincha 6:55 PM</p>	12 23 Elul NITZAVIM First Selichot 10:00 PM Shacharit 9:00 AM Mincha 6:50 PM Havdalah 7:57 PM
13 24 Elul ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 7:30PM Via ZOOM Shacharit 8:00 AM	14 25 Elul  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman History 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM</p>	15 26 Elul Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM	16 27 Elul  <p>Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM</p>	17 28 Elul  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman Talmud 8:15PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM</p>	18 29 Elul  <p>6:41 PM</p> <p>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM Mincha 6:45 PM</p>	19 1 Tishrei  <p>After 7:44 PM</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p> <p>Shacharit 8:00 AM Mincha 6:30 PM</p>
20 2 Tishrei ROSH HASHANAH Shacharit 8:00 AM Shofar 9:45 AM Musaf 10:00 AM Tashlich 5:30 PM Mincha 6:30 PM Havdalah 7:43 PM	21 3 Tishrei TZOM GEDALYAH  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman History 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM Fast Begins 5:21 AM Mincha 6:30 PM Fast Ends 7:35 PM</p>	22 4 Tishrei Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM	23 5 Tishrei  <p>Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM</p>	24 6 Tishrei  <p>Class w/R. Hoffman Talmud 8:15PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM</p>	25 7 Tishrei  <p>6:29 PM</p> <p>Shacharit/Selichot 7:00 AM Mincha 6:30 PM</p>	26 8 Tishrei HA'AZINU SHABBAT SHUVAH LECTURE 5:30 "Do not scare people!" Shacharit 9:00 AM Mincha 6:20 PM Havdalah 7:32 PM
27 9 Tishrei  <p>6:25 PM</p> <p>Erev Yom Kippur</p> <p>Shacharit 8:00 AM Mincha 3:00 PM Zoom Kol Nidre/Yizkor 6:00 PM Kol Nidre 6:20 PM</p>	28 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Shacharit 8:00 AM Yizkor 10:15 AM Musaf 10:30 AM Mincha 5:15 PM Ne'ilah 6:15 PM Fast Ends 7:27 PM	29 11 Tishrei Shacharit 7:30 AM	30 12 Tishrei  <p>Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM</p> <p>Shacharit 7:30 AM</p>	 <p>DAF YOMI via ZOOM Sundays – Friday 4:00PM</p>		

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11 23 Tishrei SIMCHAT TORAH Children's Celebration [10AM] Shacharit 9:00 AM Mincha 6:00 PM Havdalah 7:08 PM	12 24 Tishrei  Class w/R. Hoffman History 7:00PM Shacharit 7:30 AM	13 25 Tishrei Shacharit 7:30 AM	14 26 Tishrei  Parshah Class w/R. Kracko 7:00PM Shacharit 7:30 AM	15 27 Tishrei  Class w/R. Hoffman Talmud 8:15PM Shacharit 7:30 AM	16 28 Tishrei  5:55 PM Shacharit 7:30 AM Mincha 6:00 PM	17 29 Tishrei BREISHEET Shacharit 9:00 AM Mincha 5:50 PM Havdalah 6:58 PM
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