

HIGH HOLY DAYS

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Shanah Tovah שנה טובה

Dear Temple Emanu-El Family,

Thousands of years ago, a person felt an overwhelming urge to express gratitude for their bounty and their blessings. They took something that was precious... a goat, a dove, a huge bundle of barley... something that meant life and blessing, and they didn't consume it. Instead, they offered it up to the Divine Mystery in humble gratitude. Thousands of years ago, a person felt an overwhelming sense that their life was heading in a bad direction, on a path they did not want to walk. They had made mistakes and they felt remorse, and so they took something that was precious... a goat, a dove, a huge bundle of barley... something that meant life and blessing, and they didn't consume it. Instead they offered it up to the Divine Mystery in humble grief. And with these two acts of innovation, a form of prayer was invented that our people observed and practiced for thousands of years. I cannot imagine how strange, different, and uncomfortable it felt when an Israelite found themselves in need of prayer and could not make a sacrifice. Maybe the Temple had been destroyed. Maybe they were on a ship somewhere in the middle of the Mediterranean. Maybe they had been carted off to the farthest, coldest reaches of the Roman Empire as a slave. And autumn came, and the moon went dark, and it was time to welcome the New Year and they had no priests, and they had no temple, and they had no goat, no dove, no giant bundle of barley, and they cried out a psalm in frustration, in despair, maybe even in hope and in some precious moment, the act of praying with our words, from our hearts was born. This year everything will be new and strange. We will be online. We will connect electronically, we will strive for closeness even across the distance. And this year, everything will be as it has always been in Judaism. We will meet the challenges of this moment and this year with grit, with determination, with creativity, with innovation, with adaptation, and with a commitment to walk Judaism forward into her next iteration. Because it doesn't matter where we sit. Because it doesn't matter what we are wearing. What matters is where our hearts sit – with our people, with our community, with our synagogue, with our TEE family. What matters is what we are wearing – an attitude of gratitude, a smile from the phone call we made to wish our friends Shanah Tovah before services start, accessorized by a prayer book in our hand, and the latest trend, a screen that connects us authentically to each other. Abraham and Sarah didn't observe Yom Kippur in a room filled with all their neighbors, friends, family, and community members. The generations of Jewish refugees didn't observe Rosh Hashanah from the comfort of familiar homes, spaces and places. And yet, in spite of all the upheavals, all the changes, all the new newness, our ancestors brought their Torah, their hurts, and their hopes, and did what we have always done – they made the old into the new and they made the new into the sacred. May we be enriched this year as we recognize our own strength and resiliency as we gather together, in the ways that we can, with determination, innovation, and intentional joyfulness. And may this new year be one of goodness and sweetness for us, for our neighbors, and for the world.

Rabbi Devorah Marcus



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High Holy Days Schedule • 5781 - 2020

S'LICHOT • LIVESTREAM

סליחות

Saturday, September 12
Selichot Service 7 pm

ROSH HASHANAH • LIVESTREAM

ראש השנה

Friday, September 18
Erev Rosh Hashanah Light Service 6 pm
a brief family service for preschool-grade 2
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7 pm

Saturday, September 19
Rosh Hashanah Boker Tov Service 9 am
a brief family service with puppet show for all ages
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10 am
Family Service 1:30 pm
Tashlich Ceremony 3 pm
Rabbi Devorah & Rabbi Benj will lead a service from an undisclosed location which will be streamed live on FaceBook

Sunday, September 20
The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl 10 am
A zoom conversation with author, Marra B. Gad

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE • ZOOM

יזכור

Sunday, September 27 10 am
Rabb Devorah and other San Diego rabbis will lead a community Kever Avot service. Zoom Link to be sent out via email.

YOM KIPPUR • LIVESTREAM

יום כפור

Sunday, September 27
Erev Yom Kippur Light Service 6 pm
a brief family service for preschool-grade 2
Erev Yom Kippur—Kol Nidre Service 7 pm

Monday, September 28
Yom Kippur Boker Tov Service 9 am
a brief family service with puppet show for all ages
Yom Kippur Morning Service 10 am
Yom Kippur Limmud 12:30 pm
Limmud Breakout Sessions 1:45 pm
Afternoon Service 3:30 pm
Yizkor Memorial Service 4:45 pm
Neilah & Havdallah 5:15 pm

S'lichot 7 pm

Saturday, September 12

In Hebrew, selichot translates to “forgiveness,” and indeed there is an emphasis in these prayers on the merciful attributes with which God is said to govern the world. In many ways, the prayers which make up the Selichot service mirror what we find on the Day of Atonement which follows soon after. The language of these qualities should sound familiar to anyone who has recited the liturgy throughout Yom Kippur when we speak about God’s ability to forgive “transgression, iniquity, and sin.” We begin and end the season of repentance with the same words, calling out to the compassionate God who we hope will accept our prayers.

Tashlich 3 pm

Saturday, September 19

Cast away from yourselves all your transgressions, and create within yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

Ezekiel 18:31

Follow Rabbi Devorah and Rabbi Benj on Facebook Live or celebrate a DIY Tashlich Ceremony.

Prayer booklets will be provided.



SUKKOT

סוכות

Friday, October 2	5 pm
Erev Sukkot Service • Livestreamed from the Sukkah	
Saturday, October 3	
Torah Study	9 am
Sukkot Festival Service	10:30 am
Drive-through Sukkah Experience	6 pm

ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

תורה

Friday, October 9	
Drive-through Simchat Torah Experience	5 pm
and Consecration of all new Torah School students	
Zoom Erev Simchat Torah Service	6 pm
Saturday, October 10	
Torah Study	9 am
Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival Service	10:30 am
<i>Yizkor Memorial Prayers</i>	

High Holy Day Food Drive

The pandemic makes it unsafe for us to gather for in-person services this year, but the Social Action Committee is still seeking your help in a time that need is greater than ever.

We will not have a truck on premises to gather food this year, but we have several alternatives help alleviate hunger in our community. Here are ways you can help:

Mail your check for any amount, to the Temple, Attn: Social Action Committee, and earmark it for this year's High Holy Day Food Drive. You might prefer to buy a gift card for a local grocery and mail that card to the Social Action Committee. Or, you may donate on line to the Social Action Fund through the Temple's website, with the notation that the money be used toward this year's High Holy Day Food Drive. If you prefer to donate directly, these are three non-profit organizations we have vetted and are recommending:

- Jewish Family Service (jfssd.org)
- Feeding San Diego (feedingsandiego.org)
- Rancho Coastal Humane Society (rchumanesociety.org)

Yom Kippur Limmud

This year, during our Limmud session you will have a choice of study sessions. A livestreamed panel will discuss the issue of Criminal Justice Reform as the first option and Rabbi Dean Shapiro of Temple Emanu-El of Tempe will conduct a study session of a sacred text.

After the formal Limmud session, there will be choices of "break-out room" activities for those who are interested including:

- A continuation of the Limmud conversation for those who want to dig deeper
- A gentle yoga session
- Mindfulness and Meditation -This talk will review two significant components of mindfulness and provide simple instructions for an evidence based practice that is practical, portable, has no toxic side effects and no cost
- Family Activity Hour with a craft project, a story and music
- A livestreamed Klezmer concert featuring Phyllis Irwin and Merryl Goldberg

More details and registration information will be available in coming weeks.

Aliyot

If you or your family would like the honor of a virtual Aliyah, please email your name(s), your preferred service, and a photograph to donna@teesd.org. We will print out the photo and hold it up to the camera as we acknowledge you and chant the Torah blessings in your name.

Rosh Hashanah Morning

Saturday, September 19

Yom Kippur Morning

Monday, September 28

Yom Kippur Afternoon

Monday, September 28



High Holy Days Calendar

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2020 • ELUL - TISHREI 5780 - 5781

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEPT 6 • 17 ELUL	SEPT 7 • 18 ELUL	SEPT 8 • 19 ELUL	SEPT 9 • 20 ELUL	SEPT 10 • 21 ELUL	SEPT 11 • 22 ELUL	SEPT 12 • 23 ELUL
	LABOR DAY Temple Office Closed				Shabbat Service 6 pm	Torah Study 9 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am S'lichot Service 7 pm
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