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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Congregants of the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue,

As the High Holidays near, please join me in reflecting on how fortunate we are as a community to have our great Shul at the forefront of, which has become far more than a place of prayer. Our Shul is a place of constant Torah learning, Hesed, Hinuch and tradition.

With Hashem's help and under the auspices of our leader, Rabbi Galimidi, we continue to expand our Minyaneem and we have increased Torah learning with morning and evening classes, guest Rabbis, and women's learning programs. Our children, boys and girls, teens and younger ages, attend daily events, programs and Torah classes suitable for every age group. We express our gratitude to Rabbis Azancot, Bonan and Adjmi for their commitment and tireless efforts in inculcating our traditions and Torah values into our future community leaders. Thanks to Morah Orly, our Bat Mitzvah program continues into its second year providing our daughters with essential insight and generating a love for hesed, community and tradition. In addition, we recognize the volunteers of the Bikur Holim program for their continuous dedication for our Community.

Our Kollel rabbinical scholars are learning at a high level and imparting their Torah learning to community members daily and nightly. Many of our members have benefited from learning programs taught by the Kollel Rabbis which specifically focus on practical Halacha.

This Elul we will have a special weekly lecture series from Rosh Hashana until Yom Kippur. This lecture series will be given by visiting Rabbis such as Rabbi Eli Mansour and other highly sought-after speakers. These community-wide events will surely make the High Holidays meaningful.

Construction is underway on our new waterfront social hall. We expect that it will be fully operational and in use in upcoming months, along with several other building improvements that are in the works.

These wonderful programs and developments have all been made possibly because of the dedication and commitment of our Rabbis, Hazaneem, teachers, mesadereem, board members, volunteers, shul staff and generous Kahal.

On behalf of our Board, I wish you all a healthy, happy New Year. May it be Hashem's will that the upcoming year be filled with semahot, berachot, prosperity and good health for our entire community.

Shana Toba!

Ivor Braka, Co-President Ely Levy, Co-President David Zonana, Vice President

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

Dear Kahal Kadosh,

It is our wish that everyone is doing well, healthy, and safe wherever you may be at this time.

This past year we experienced as a nation and as a community some unfortunate events, in addition to the growth of antisemitism in America and worldwide. Unprecedented rise in the cost of living, gasoline, mortgage rates etc. Without any doubts, it has been excessively challenging for everyone at every level; personal, familiar, community, and so much more.

Despite all the above situations, we learned how to value what we have, and cherish our families, health, community life and especially our Synagogues & places of Torah studies.

B"H we have seen a tremendous growth during these challenging times. We have a huge variety of programs, literally targeting every segment of the Community, our very own "Bat Mitzvah Program" now going into the second cycle, as well as our Kollel Scholars who are exceling in their studies and surpassing all expectations of excellent test results, locally and in Israel, as they progress in their studies towards the Rabbinate.

Additionally, we launched an incredibly special program for young mothers and wives in various life related topics, as well as highly popular "Guest Lecture Series."

Furthermore, we are celebrating the Second Year of "Ohr Hatorah Yeshiva High School," a high caliber high school, investing heavily for the continued growth and development of our Youth, the future of our community.

The above accomplishments are the results of a great team effort; therefore I would like to express our gratitude to all the Rabbinical staff, Hazzanim, the Rabbinical Scholars of the Kollel, Morah Orly and her assistants, our various Torah teachers, our super dedicated Volunteers of the "Bikur Holim Program" and specially our dedicated office staff that works non-stop for the continuous growth of our Community.

A special thanks goes to the Board of Directors with Mr. Ely Levy as co-president with Mr. Ivor Braka and Vice-President David Zonana whom started out at such challenging times in the world and the Synagogue itself. The amount of dedication they are giving throughout the year, goes far beyond anyone's imagination.

We would like to remember the life and legacy of Mrs. Lily Safra, A"H a staunch supporter of our congregation and someone who was immensely proud of having our Synagogue named after her late husband, Mr. Edmond J. Safra, A" H. May their memory be a source of blessing and inspiration for everyone.

In the first night of Rosh Hashanah at the end of the song of Ahot Ketana we say: Tich'leh Shana Ve'Kileloteha, let the year with his hardship come to an end, Tahel Shana Ubirkoteha, let the new year begin with all its blessings" ...

Shana Toba U'Metuka, Tizku LeShaneem Rabbot!!

Rabbi & Mrs. Yosef Galimidi



ROSH HASHANAH

THIS YEAR ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Rosh Hashanah is the day on which G-d completed the creation of the world by creating Adam, the first man. Adam proclaimed the Al-mighty as King of the Universe. He called upon all creatures, "Come, let us worship, bow down and kneel before G-d, our Maker." Each Rosh Hashanah, we too proclaim the Kingship of G-d and reaffirm our commitment to serve Him. Just as on the original Rosh Hashanah G-d created the world for the first time, so each Rosh Hashanah, He reconsiders and reevaluates the quality of our relationship with Him and creates our world anew.



INSCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE



On the first evening of Rosh Hashanah, after services, we exchange the traditional blessing, "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." Our Sages explain that on Rosh Hashanah we all stand in judgment before G-d, "like a flock of sheep before the shepherd." If we are worthy, we are inscribed in the Book of Life. Ten days later, on Yom Kippur, the Book is sealed. Through repentance, prayer and charity, we can sweeten the decree and merit G-d's blessings for health, wellbeing and prosperity for the coming year.

POINTS TO PONDER...

EVENTS THAT OCCURED ON ROSH HASHANAH

- Adam and Hava were created on this day
- Abraham, Yitzhak and Yaacob were born on this date (according to Rabbi Eliezer)
- A'kedat Yitzchak occurred
- Sarah and Rahel Imenu were granted children
- Yosef HaTzadik was freed from the Egyptian prison
- The slavery in Mitzrayim ceased and the redemption began
- Hana conceived the Prophet Shemuel





SPECIAL FOODS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

It is customary to do the following "Seder" on both nights of Rosh Hashana:

KIDDUSH: Special Yom Tov Kiddush

HAMOSI: We dip the bread in salt and honey or sugar.

APPLE DIPPED IN HONEY: תפוח בדבש - May we have a Sweet Year...

(It is appropriate to make a Beracha and eat some fruit on which we say Ha'adama, such as banana, and have in mind all the vegetables to be eaten during the special Seder of Rosh Hashanah.)

LEEK: כרתי May our enemies be decimated...

SWISS CHARD or LEAF BEET: סלקא May our enemies be removed...

DATES: (Ha'ess) תמר May our enemies cease to exist...

SQUASH / PUMPKIN: קרא May H-shem tear up the negative edict of our judgment, and may our merits be declared before You...

LUBIA / BLACK EYED PEAS: רזניא May our merits increase like the Rub'ya...

POMEGRANATE: רמון May our merits be plentiful as the seeds of the pomegranate...

HEAD OF LAMB or FISH: דג/ראש כבש May we be the head and not the tail...



If you make the Seder before Hamosi, you must say all the appropriate Berachot. We taste some of each item and we say the corresponding Yehi Ratzon ("May it be your will...")

**PLEASE REFER TO YOUR MAHZOR FOR THE PROPER PROCEDURE
AS THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT CUSTOMS REGARDING THIS "SEDER"**



THE SHOFAR

On Rosh Hashanah day we must hear the sounds of the Shofar (at least the first 30 of the 101 prescribed blasts). The blowing of the Shofar, the oldest and most soulful of wind instruments, has many meanings:



- It proclaims the Coronation of G-d as King of the Universe.
- It awakens us to repent and return to G-d.
- It reminds us of the Shofar heard at Mount Sinai.
- It represents the simple, crying out of the soul.
- It evokes the call of the Great Shofar that G-d will sound with the coming of Mashiah, who will lead us out of exile and into our Holy Land, speedily, in our days. Amen.

TASHLICH

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah following the afternoon prayer, we visit a body of water or pond containing live fish and recite the Tashlich prayers in which we “cast away” our sins. As fish depend upon water, so do we depend upon G-d’s Providence. The same way a fish’s eyes never close, so too G-d’s unceasing watchfulness over us never stops.



MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



**AT ALL TIMES AVOID GETTING ANGRY
ESPECIALLY ON ROSH HASHANAH
AS WE ARE BEING JUDGED ON THIS DAY!**



TEN DAYS OF TESHUBA

The first ten days of Tishre are an auspicious time to rectify our shortcomings and draw closer to G-d. They are therefore known as the “Ten Days of Teshuba.” Teshuba, frequently translated as repentance, actually means returning. Judaism emphasizes that our essential nature, the Divine spark of the soul, is good. True repentance is best achieved not through harsh self-condemnation, but through the realization that our deepest desire is to do good, in accordance with the Will of G-d.

THE FAST OF GEDALIAH

THIS YEAR THE FAST OF GEDALIAH IS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

The Fast begins at 6:03 am and ends at 7:32 pm.

This fast day commemorates the tragic assassination of the Jewish leader, Gedaliah, during the Babylonian exile.



HOW TO OBSERVE THE FAST DAY

1. Men (13 & up) and women (12 & up) must fast from dawn until nightfall. One is allowed to eat before dawn, provided that he made a condition the night before stating that if he woke up early enough, he would eat prior to the fast day. If one is not able to fast due to health reasons, one must ask the Rabbi.
2. Tzedaka should be given equal to the amount of the cost of the three meals not being eaten. This is to stress that we are not fasting in order to save money.
3. Extra prayers are recited.

SHABBAT SHUBA

The seven days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are an opportunity to do Teshuba for each of the seven days of the week i.e., on the Monday, we can make amends for whatever wrongs we may have done on all the Mondays of the previous year, etc. "Shabbat Shuba," is so referred after the Prophetic reading for that day, "Return, O Israel..."

FOR KAPPAROT PLEASE REFER TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE GUIDE.
FOR ANY HALACHA QUESTION ABOUT YOM KIPPUR
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EREB YOM KIPPUR

THIS YEAR YOM KIPPUR BEGINS ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4, 2022

Kaparot, which one may fulfill with money or live chickens, should preferably be done the night before Yom Kippur. Before the fast starts, we eat a festive meal to demonstrate our faith and confidence in G-d's mercy. Men should go to the Mikveh. Another beautiful custom for this day is that parents bless their children with the Birkat Cohanim, "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." Women light candles (see schedule for candle lighting times).

Yom Kippur atones for sins against G-d, but not for wrongdoings between man and man. It is therefore important, on the day before Yom Kippur, to apologize and seek forgiveness from friends, relatives and acquaintances, to heal any ill feelings which may have arisen.

WHAT IS YOM KIPPUR?

AN ETERNAL BOND

Though these Days of Awe are solemn, they are not sad. In fact, Yom Kippur is considered one of the happiest days of the year, for on Yom Kippur we receive one of G-d's most sublime gift: His forgiveness. When one person forgives another, it is because of a deep sense of friendship



and love that reverses the effect of whatever wrong was done. Similarly, G-d's forgiveness is an expression of His eternal, unconditional love. Though we may have transgressed His will, our essence - our soul - remains G-dly, and pure.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year, is the time when G-d reveals His true essence of mercy to the Jewish People as a whole. The more we demonstrate unity by acting with love and friendship amongst ourselves, the more G-d's love will be revealed to us.

FOR YOM KIPPUR TIMES KINDLY REFER TO THE SCHEDULE.

FIVE PROHIBITIONS

In addition to the prohibition of work, as on the Shabbat, there are five activities prohibited on Yom Kippur:

1. Eating and drinking
2. Anointing with perfumes or lotions
3. Marital relations
4. Washing (for pleasure)
5. Wearing leather shoes



YOM KIPPUR SERVICE

A DAY OF PRAYER

On Yom Kippur we are freed from all material concerns and can devote the day to prayer. We begin the evening service with the chanting of Kal Nidrei, which absolves us of any vows we may make in the coming year. During each main prayer throughout Yom Kippur we recite the Viduy (confession), enumerating all the sins we may have committed and asking for G-d's forgiveness.

One of the most moving parts of the Yom Kippur prayers is the recounting of the Service of the Cohen Gadol - the High Priest. On this holiest day of the year, the holiest man in the world would enter the holiest place on earth - the Kodosh HaKodashim in the Temple in Jerusalem - to pray on behalf of his people.

The final prayer of the day, as our judgment for the coming year is being sealed, is called Neila'h. Neila'h is the only service of the entire year during which the doors of the Ark remain open from beginning to end. This signifies that the gates of prayer in heaven are wide open to us at this time. Neila'h culminates with the Shema Yisrael and other verses said in unison and the final blowing of the Shofar.

SUKKOT

THIS YEAR SUKKOT BEGINS ON SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Immediately following the awesome days of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, we prepare for the joyous exuberance of Sukkot - the "Season of our Rejoicing." After leaving Egypt, during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, the Jewish people were surrounded by protective Clouds of Glory. In commemoration, and to enhance our awareness of G-d's all-embracing love and protection, we are commanded, "In Sukkot (booths) you shall dwell, seven days" (Leviticus 23:42).



A UNIQUE MISVAH

Eating festive meals and spending time in the outdoor Sukkah is a delightful and unique religious experience. Some have the custom of decorating the Sukkah with elaborate ornaments; others prefer to preserve its unadorned simplicity. But whatever one's style, the Sukkah is the only Misvah in which we are completely surrounded, from head to toe, by the Misvah itself -- enveloped, as it were, by the Divine Presence.



THE SUKKAH



During the entire seven days of the Festival, all meals are eaten in the Sukkah, unless it rains. When partaking of a meal containing at least two ounces of bread, we say the blessing "Le-shev Ba-Suk-kah."

Synagogue's Sukkot meals program will be forthcoming.

THE FOUR SPECIES

*Please remember to order your Lulab Set –
See back of this guide for more information.*

Another special mitzvah of Sukkot is the shaking of the Four Species. Each of the Four Species symbolizes a different part of the body.

Etrog (citron) – Heart

Lulab (palm branch) – Spine

Two Arabot (willow branches) – Lips

Three Hadassim (myrtle branches) – Eyes



We shake the Four Species during the daytime each day of Sukkot (EXCEPT SHABBAT). We hold the Lulab, Hadassim, and Arabot in the right hand (with the Lulab's spine facing you), and say the appropriate blessing(s). We then take the Etrog in the left hand, the point, or "pitom," facing up, and bring it together with the other species to shake.

One explanation, among many, is that each of the four items represents a different type of Jew. The fact that the Mitzvah requires all four species symbolizes our oneness as a People - we all need one another. The Four Species are waved in all directions signifying that G-d is everywhere.



HOL HAMO'ED

INTERMEDIATE DAYS OF SUKKOT

The third through the seventh days of Sukkot are called Hol Hamo'ed, the intermediate days. Only very necessary work should be done. Throughout the seven days of the Festival, we continue our celebration in the Sukkah, with much joy. Just as the seven solemn days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are served to make amends for each week of the previous year, so too will the seven joyous days of Sukkot will bring us happiness in all the weeks of the year to come.

**No Tefilin on Hol Hamo'ed, complete Hallel, Sefer Torah & Musaf.
No haircuts or shaving.**

HOSHA'ANA RABBAH

The seventh day of Sukkot is called Hosha'ana Rabbah. It is customary to stay awake the night before and recite portions of Torah and Tehillim after midnight. Part of the morning prayers includes circling the Tebah (platform) seven times, Lulav and Etrog in hand. Then we recite special prayers, called Hosha'anot. At the culmination of the Hosha'anot, we beat five willow branches on the floor. This symbolically sweetens G-d's Judgment.



SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

THIS YEAR SHEMINI ATZERET AND SIMCHAT TORAH ARE ON OCTOBER 17th-18th

The Talmud teaches us that on the day of Shemini Atzeret we begin praying for rain. Before Musaf, we recite a special prayer, requesting that the rain should bring us blessings, peace, plenty of food and a healthy life. From this day forward, starting with the Tefilah of Musaf, we say "Mashib Haru'ah U'morid Hageshem" (Who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall). Our sages explain this verse as follows: *Mashib Haru'ah* - when a Jew returns and does *Teshuba*, *Morid Hageshem* - H-shem reciprocates by sending financial blessings.

Simhat Simhat Torah is the pinnacle of a month filled with holiness. We have stood in awe before the King of the Universe on Rosh Hashana. Our wrongdoings have been forgiven by His mercy on Yom Kippur. We united as brothers under the Sukkah to fulfill Hashem's beautiful commandments. Now, we rejoice with His Torah. We take the sacred scrolls in our arms and dance together like brothers. During the dancing, the scroll remains in its cover, for this is not a time for study. The joy of Simhat Torah is far greater than any delight we may derive from intellectual understanding.

On the evening of Simhat Torah, we make seven Hakafot (circles) around the Tebah, singing and dancing with the Torah scrolls. On the morning of Simhat Torah, the final portion of the Torah is read, completing the annual cycle. Then, we immediately start reading Beresheet. Thus, the weekly Torah cycle begins again, the eternal force that has bound us together and sustained us for more than 3,300 years.

It is a custom for all men to receive an Aliyah to the Torah on Simhat Torah.





DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

In the name of the Rabbis, Hazzanim, Mesaderim and Board Members
of the Edmond J. Safra Synagogue,

We would like to extend to the entire
Kahal Kadosh and Families

Our most sincere wishes for a very happy, healthy and sweet year!
May everyone be written in the Book of Life and be blessed with health and success!



Executive Committee Members
Rabbi Yosef Galimidi & Family
Hazzan Yonatan Hen & Family
Rabbi Abraham Azancot & Family
Rabbi Ariel Bonan & Family
Hazzan David Tsaliah & Family
Rabbi Moshe Adjmi & Family



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO

All the Mesadrim
Morah Orly (Teen Girls)
Raquel Zonana, Regine Barda & Natalie gamal (Young Girls)
The Ladies of Bikur Holim
The Bitachon Team
All the Morim of the Midrash Learning Program
All the Faculty and Students of the Kollel
Netanel Hen - Ariel Ioffe
Jaime Mizrahi - Natan Tsaliah
and all the young Hazzanim of the teen Minyan
The Office and Maintenance Staff
And all the people who dedicated their time, efforts
and resources for the continued growth of the Kahal!

MAY H-SHEM BLESS US WITH LOVE, HARMONY AND SUCCESS.

TIZKU LE'SHANIM RABBOT!



KAPPAROT

סדר כפרות עם כסף

When using money for Kapparot it is the custom to give money in multiples of "18" (the numeric value of the word חי, life) per person, in any form of currency (example: \$18, \$36, \$54); but no less than the cost of a chicken.

The following prayer should be recited entirely through. While holding the money in hand, waving it in a circle each time you read the word **זה** in bold red. Repeat the paragraph twice more, for a total of three (3) recitations. Finally, place the money in the tzedakah box.

This is my exchange,
this is my substitute;
this is my expiation.

This money shall go to charity, and
I will go on to a good life and peace.

זֶה חֲלִיפָתִי.
זֶה תַּמּוּרָתִי. זֶה כִּפָּרָתִי.
זֶה הַכֶּסֶף יֵלֵךְ לְצֶדֶקָה. וְאֲנִי אֵלֵךְ
לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים אֲרוּכִים וּלְשָׁלוֹם:

Zeh Halifati, **Zeh** Temurati, **Zeh** Kaparti

Zeh kesef ye'lech li'tzedakah, va'ani e'le'ch l'chai'im tov'im aruch'im ul'shalom.

For those who would like, Rabbi Galimidi would be happy to say the special prayer for you. Please provide us with the names of your loved ones in Hebrew with their **mother's names**.

This Form can be found and filled out by visiting the homepage of our website www.ejsfl.com

All Kapparot will be processed online only. Paper forms will not be accepted for the Kapparot this year.

Names must be received by October 3, 2022.

Etrog & Lulab

ORDER INFORMATION



Due to the current situation orders and payments for Lulab and Etrog will be taken online ONLY by visiting the homepage of our website www.ejsfl.com.

For more accuracy, please note in the description the type and how many you will need.

Orders must be received no later than by September 15, 2021 12:00 pm.

PICK UP HOURS

Friday, October 7th	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday, October 9th	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We will not be responsible for any orders after October 9th at 12:00 PM

PRICE LIST

Standard set	\$52.00
Deluxe set	\$75.00
Premium set	\$101.00