

Yom Kippur Learning at CSAIR

3:45 PM-4:40 PM

HIDE AND GO(D) SEEK

What are we searching for on Yom Kippur? For some of us, it is a connection with God. For others, it is something else—human connection, community, purpose, and more. Discuss Biblical, Rabbinic, Hassidic, and Modern Israeli texts that explore the themes of searching and hiddenness, and consider your own answers to this question.

At the front of the sanctuary

THE WARRIOR, THE PROPHET AND THE SERVANT: A MATTER OF FAITH

Come and learn the strange Biblical story of Na'aman (II Kings) that touches on themes relevant to the day.

In the backyard tent (parking lot behind CSAIR)

DEATH DRESS REHEARSAL: LIVING THE COMING YEAR AS IF IT IS OUR LAST

Much of the Yom Kippur liturgy focuses on living and dying. What lessons can we take from that and how do we truly live the year between now and next Yom Kippur in the face of mortality? Arielle Friedtanzer is an End-of-Life Consultant based in Los Angeles who believes we should always be having important conversations about life, death, and what matters most to us in the end.

Outside deck off the sanctuary (if cold, hot, or rain, Baum Library)

“SHPATZIR” TAKE A WALK

Take a stroll in our beautiful neighborhood on this Yom Kippur Story Walk. Enjoy some light physical movement, fresh air and reflection as we explore some short texts and prepare for Neila and the concluding hours of Yom Kippur. Designed for participants of all ages—including kids accompanied by their grownups!

Meet at Henry Hudson Parkway entrance to CSAIR (rain or shine)

RABBI BARRY DOV KATZ

RABBI ETHAN LINDEN

RABBI KATIE GREENBERG AND ARIELLE FRIEDTANZER

RABBI MIRIAM WEIDBERG AND MASON VOIT

Rabbi Chaim Pearl z”l, a rabbi emeritus of CSAIR, told the story of Franz Rosenzweig, a German Jew in the 1920’s, who was about to abandon Judaism but, before he did, attended a synagogue on Yom Kippur. He was so moved that he recommitted to Judaism and became a great Jewish philosopher and leader. Because of this, Rabbi Pearl believed that the synagogue should be open all day on Yom Kippur so that no matter when someone arrives, they have the opportunity to experience Judaism through prayer, community, or learning. In this spirit, we offer several options for learning and getting to know one another at CSAIR on Yom Kippur afternoon.