

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES 2019/5780

Temple Sinai invites you to share the High Holy Days with us this year. We don't require tickets and all are welcome. Our service combines Hebrew and English readings and songs, traditional chants and popular songs, as well as time for personal prayer and reflection. Our music is accompanied by a variety of instruments and our choir and cantorial soloist sing some of the high points of Jewish music. Our egalitarian, participatory service is in the best traditions of Reform Judaism.

SELICHOT / TESHUVAH WORKSHOP

Saturday Night, Sept 21—7:00pm

Selichot, “songs of forgiveness”, marks the beginning of the High Holy Days. We will consider where we have “missed the mark” of living up to our ideals, considering how we can suffer less, live more joyously, and connect more fully with others and with God. This service of ancient and modern prayers has been a focus of Jewish music, its beautiful melodies balanced with quiet moments of reflection.

ROSH HASHANAH

Celebrate the spiritual New Year of the Jewish people. Our services will be participatory, full of music and collective singing, joyful at the goodness of creation, sensitive to the ache of the human heart, and mindful of the myriad ways that we as individuals and a community could be more just, accepting and kind.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH – CELEBRATE THE WORLD’S BIRTHDAY

Sunday Night, Sept. 29—6:30pm

Rosh Hashanah is called “*The Birthday of the World*,” and this year, our service will be more upbeat and fun than usual to celebrate the fragile world around us and our spiritual connection to it. We'll sing traditional Hebrew chants of the Holy Days, but also fun songs in English. We will begin the High Holy Day period of reflection and repentance by valuing the gift of life and the miracle of the world that sustains us.

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING CHILDREN’S SERVICE

Monday Morning, Sept. 30—9:00am

The key parts of Rosh HaShanah reimagined for little Jews, from kazoo shofars to a scroll all their own. Songs, stories, and key ideas of the New Year.

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICES

Monday Morning, Sept. 30, 10:00am

A more traditional service than the evening of Rosh Hashanah, filled with the beauty of “classic” Hebrew chants and melodies, and with the blast of the Shofar and the reading of the Torah.

NEW YEAR BY THE LAKE—*with Ohavi Zedek*

Monday Afternoon, Sept. 30—3:00pm
at the Leahy Echo Lake Center

An alternative service filled with song, story-telling, meaningful texts, and the blast of the shofar! A great option for families with younger children, this service is fun and participatory- a great way to start the New Year.

TASHLICH—*with Ohavi Zedek*

Monday Afternoon, Sept. 30—4:30 pm
at Leahy Echo Lake Center

SHABBAT SHUVA

SHABBAT SHUVA—CHANT & MEDITATION SERVICE

Friday Night, Oct. 4—6:30pm

With a focus on *teshuvah*, or spiritual renewal, this service is meant to open us up to the sacred and remember the divine spark within. We will chant short Hebrew and English kirtan-style call-and-response chants paired with short visualizations from the *Mussar* ethical tradition of Judaism. This intimate Shabbat, with music from harmonium and drum, is a great option for people who might not connect spiritually with a more traditional service.

SHABBAT SHUVA SHACHARIT

Saturday Morning, Oct. 5—9:30am

Our one-hour Shacharit service is rooted in the traditional chanting of prayers, but includes English readings and song as well so that all can participate. (*This service will not include a Torah service.*)

SHABBAT SHUVA TORAH STUDY

Saturday Morning, Oct. 5—10:30am- noon.

At this High Holy Day Torah Study, we will look together at the key texts of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our Torah study is participatory, reflective, and includes both traditional commentaries and modern scholarship. You don't need to know Hebrew and be familiar with the texts to enjoy this opportunity to deepen your connection with these ancient texts.

PATCHEN ROAD CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday Morning, Oct. 6, 10:00am

As is traditional during the High Holy Days, we gather to show our respects in this service of poems and psalms.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur is a time of reflection, confession, and atonement, but it is also a time of spiritual cleansing and renewal. The ability to admit when we are wrong is crucial to growth and integrity, and Yom Kippur is set aside for us to jumpstart that process.

KOL NIDRE and YOM KIPPUR EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday Night, Oct. 8—6:30pm

We all sometimes fall short of being the people we want to be, breaking promises to ourselves that inevitably impact others, and little by little veering off the right path for our lives. This Kol Nidre, our bimah will be in the center, “Sephardic style” and we will circle in the sanctuary to let the words and the melodies, ancient and modern, of this service open our hearts to God.

YOM KIPPUR MORNING CHILDREN’S SERVICE

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 9—9:00am

Using story-telling, dance, and songs to convey key Yom Kippur values like forgiveness, kindness, and honesty to the youngest members of our community.

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 9—10:00am

Yom Kippur calls to us in the voice of our ancestors, reminding us of the importance of humility, honesty and empathy in the face of a culture torn by polarization, consumption and egoism.

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON

Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 9—2:00-3:30pm

***Who by Famine and Who by Thirst?* Immigration, Climate Change and Social Justice Pablo S. Bose, Ph.D**

Every Yom Kippur, we read the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer that asks who will die by famine and by thirst in the coming year. As we face global climate change, the persecution of minority groups, and continuing corruption in governments, the number of people who will be displaced in the coming years will grow, demanding moral courage, commitment and planning. We are very fortunate to have **Pablo S. Bose, Ph.D**, Associate Professor of Geography; Director of the Global and Regional Studies Program; and Chair of the Diversity Curriculum Review Committee at the University of Vermont. Dr. Bose is an expert on migration and refugee crises across the globe. Temple Sinai is part of a campaign to raise money for legal help for those at our borders, but also to raise awareness about the larger issues of climate, refugees, and what we can do. Please join us for a presentation and discussion about this crucial issue, as we make sure *Tikkun Olam* is integral to our reflections on Yom Kippur.

YOM KIPPUR MINCHAH AND TORAH STUDY

Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 9—4:00pm

On Yom Kippur, it is traditional to read the Book of Jonah. We will begin with chanting parts of Jonah in its special melody, and then we will discuss it, and some other texts, using ancient commentary, modern scholarship, and our own spiritual journeys. This is a participatory, discussion focused Torah study where all levels of knowledge and all civil points of view are welcome.

YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR

Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 9—5:30pm

The annual service to honor and remember our family members that have died, as well as our martyrs through the ages who have died because they were Jewish. We are their family, and we remember them with *El Maleh Rachamim* and *Kaddish*.

YOM KIPPUR NEILAH—The Closing of the Gates

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 9—6:00pm

Prayers of forgiveness change into songs of gratitude and celebration for starting the new year afresh. We will include traditional Ashkenazi as well as some Sephardic melodies, and might have an English pop song or two in the mix! The day culminates in the final *T’kiah G’dola* blast of the shofar as the sun sets over the Green Mountains.

BREAK FAST

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 9—7:00pm

Join us for a festive meal to break our fast, and to celebrate being together in this new year.