

Rosh Hashanah at TBH

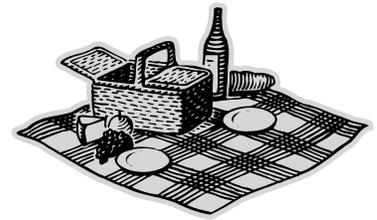
In addition to the regular service at 9:30 a.m. on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, here are some other community events to celebrate the new year!

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

MEDITATION: Meditation on the themes of the High Holidays will be held prior to the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services at 8:45 a.m. in room 205.

During Rosh Hashanah

ONEG: After the Erev Rosh Hashanah service, all are invited to share in apples and honey and other treats in the Social Hall.



COMMUNITY LUNCH: On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, all are invited after morning services to gather in the TBH Social Hall for an informal lunch. This is a nice opportunity to meet new people and schmooze in a relaxed environment. Please bring a brown bag (dairy/vegetarian) lunch. (You may bring your lunch in the morning when you come for services and leave it in the kitchen until lunch time.)



TASHLIKH: Always a highlight, *tashlikh* (Hebrew for “cast off”) is when we symbolically cast off our sins by throwing bread crumbs into the water. We’ll meet outside TBH on Monday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m. for the walk down to Percival Landing/Port Plaza (by the docks and tower near the Port of Olympia and Farmers’ Market). If you don’t want to walk, feel free to meet us there at about 4:30 p.m. (the walk is probably about 20 minutes). Bring your bread crumbs. Rain or Shine!

ROSH HASHANAH—DAY 2: As is our custom, we will offer an alternative observance on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, October 1. At 10:45 a.m. we will meet at Priest Point Park, Shelter #1 (Rose Garden) for a walk in the woods (Ellis Cove Trail) to the beach. We’ll spend some time on the beach in reflection followed by shofar blowing. At 12:15 p.m. we will meet again at the shelter for lunch and text study on the themes and Torah reading of Rosh Hashanah. You may come to the hike, the study or both (note the two different start times to make your planning easier.) Please note the Ellis Cove Trail can be strenuous at times.



WELCOMING AND BLESSING THE CHILDREN: On Rosh Hashanah we celebrate new life and new beginnings. So it is only fitting that we welcome the new children who joined the life of the community as well as bless all of our young ones. First, anyone who has welcomed a new child into their family this year (as parents, grandparents, etc.) will be invited to join in the English reading of the Haftarah (prophetic reading) on Rosh Hashanah morning (text will be provided). Then, following that reading, we will invite all of the children to come to the *bimah* to stand under a *tallit* as a symbol of love and support as we bless them on their life’s journey!



Yom Kippur at TBH

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COMMUNAL AL CHEYT: The *Al Cheyt* (“For the sin of...”) is the part of the Yom Kippur liturgy in which we recite a litany of sins and missteps for which we atone. While the liturgical list is wide-ranging and comprehensive, we will also **create our own communal *Al Cheyt*** by anonymously filling out cards with our own personal or communal transgressions. Cards will be available beginning on Rosh Hashanah and be available throughout Yom Kippur, feel free to fill out as many as you like. We will read the *Al Cheyt* at the Neilah (concluding) service on Yom Kippur.

YIZKOR: Following the Yom Kippur morning service we will hold our annual Yizkor (“Memorial”) service. This is an opportunity to **remember all of our loved ones** who have died, either in the past year or in years past. For those who wish, you may enter your loved one’s name into our annual Yizkor Book. (Please see separate insert for details.)

YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS: For those wishing to stay at the synagogue between services, TBH will host several concurrent **study sessions—ranging from the cerebral to the experiential.** These will be held following the Yizkor service (approximately 2:30 p.m.) at various places around the synagogue. Topics will be announced closer to the holiday.

HEALING SERVICE: Yom Kippur is a time of deep reflection when we seek the strength to renew ourselves. For many of us, this involves seeking **healing**, whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual. On Yom Kippur afternoon we will hold a healing service at 4:00 p.m. in room 201-202 to create a community of support for all those who seek healing in however way you may define it.

JONAH BIBLIODRAMA: The biblical Book of Jonah is traditionally read on the afternoon of Yom Kippur during the *mincha* service. This year we will have the opportunity to explore the famous story of Jonah and the whale in a new way with an experiential **bibliodrama.**

HAVDALAH/COMMUNAL POT-LUCK BREAK FAST: *Havdalah*, the ceremony of separation, ends Yom Kippur. This is a special time to be together as one community, sharing in the holiness of the moment and breaking the fast together. Please see the separate insert for information on the break fast.